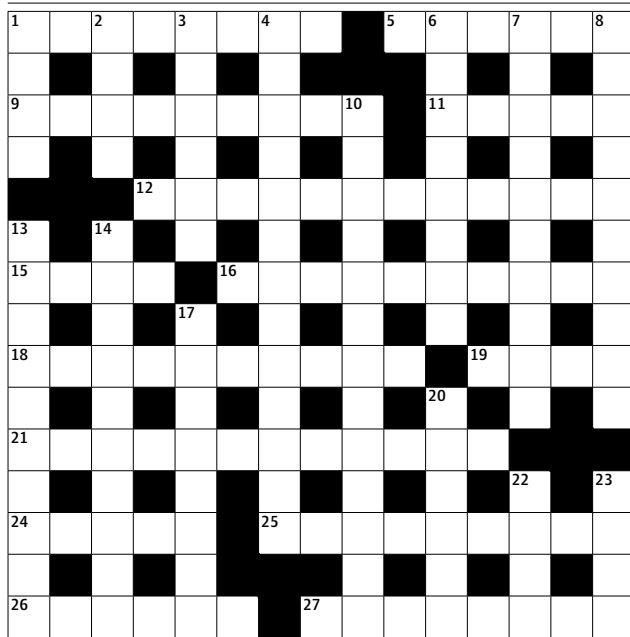


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Hunk, European, to apply rubber (8)
- 5 Protest the wrong way round? Union not spreading (2,4)
- 9 Starts to work out – hard abs form? (9)
- 11 Skinter and regular instalments for what 1 across might do (5)
- 12 Something saucy about French and Saunders with old works (5-3-4)
- 15 Noise from pen – reason it's run out? (4)
- 16 Close to this, flogging belatedly? (4-2,4)
- 18 Waxes lyrical: "incredible Zico", initially turning Italy – a name supporters embrace (10)
- 19 Set with no level of intelligence, like this? (4)
- 21 Mean one to restrain singer going after copper (5-7)
- 24 Relating to a country, not one a bit like Iran (5)
- 25 Invention of "Eco-Dyson" covering patent – initially it might feed tube through bottom? (9)
- 26 Leaving sergeant without soldier backing section (6)
- 27 Push drugs up front – ring for strong stuff (8)

Down

- 1 Cuts kinky sex – ouch! Upside-down (4)

- 2 Frame crack troops on heroin (4)
- 3 Stoop wears golfer's joints (6)
- 4 Health programme on satellite station? (5,8)
- 6 Unaided viewer's kinky 11? Ring for hooker (5,3)
- 7 Unstoppable boxer, Ali, and George Foreman ultimately in rumble (10)
- 8 Needs Durex desperately in this state? Hardly! (10)
- 10 Exchange numbers (8,5)
- 13 Idiot on top with something for bottom (5,5)
- 14 Win following one up North – both sides admitting that is more awkward (10)
- 17 Legendary Rolling Stone man is unknown power in quiet America (8)
- 20 Picks up cockney fella in spring? (6)
- 22 Chief designer (4)
- 23 This contains one bit of party politics? (4)

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