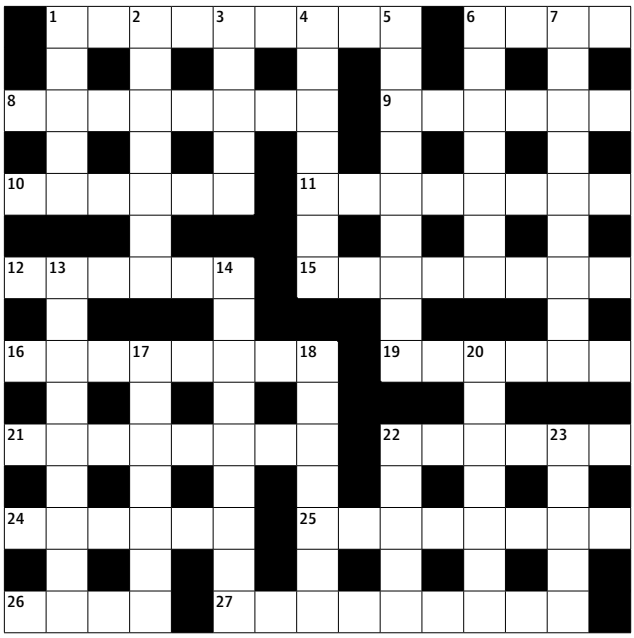
Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

1 As do commissioner, Senegalese and classic beauty? (5,4)
6 Resist male (4)
8 Cowardly old Italian PM wearing outfit the wrong way round (8)
9 Worthless slime's parting bow (2-4)
10 Unkindness in party needing sympathetic leaders (6)
11 Scold male, splitting up hunk and husband (8)
12 Bad quotes recalled, including one from Plato (6)
15 Egypt's last king inspired by old queen's home cooking ingredient (8)
16 No regret for Piaf in smearing of alto from 1 down, say? (8)
19 Cut around page, newspaper's lead story (6)
21 Coalition charlatans, by the sound of it? (8)
22 Close school during breaks (6)
24 Interior alone ultimately in British parliament (6)
25 Lead in pencil I gather erroneous – this the stuff? (8)
26 Combine equipment, including pole (4)
27 Device used by police ending in convictions – not entirely shallow then, on reflection? (5,4)

Down

1 Punch a delicate thing (5)
2 Wild flower containing nectar, primarily (7)
3 Building – criminals removing roof (5)
4 Second wind isn't always necessary then, initially (7)
5 Recognisable features, with a thousand in exaltation (9)
6 Plant, a big one that's monstrous (7)
7 Spooner's chief murder weapons (9)
13 Abhorrent jerks created like humans, say? (9)
14 Emotional relief, as Tom is obliged to admit stress-related injury (9)
17 Part water, perhaps? (7)
18 Food on Italian table, dip in way (7)
20 One starting to miss a diner (7)
22 Union member translated duck's opening quack (5)
23 Lifting positions inspiring one exercise (3-2)

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