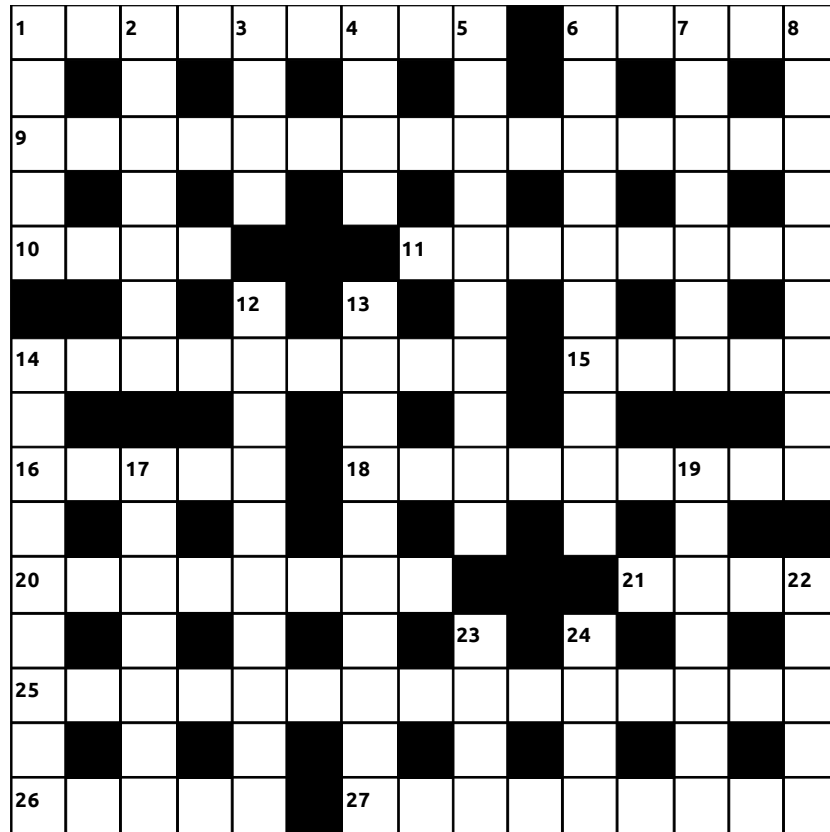


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Cryptic crossword #5

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ACROSS

- 1 She ruled the Nile before being asphalted! (9)
- 6 Mix-up surprisingly as fun (5)
- 9 Exciting space alien warms your bed (8,7)
- 10 Irrational directions to moon (4)
- 11 Show-off Georgia had empty regret after returning clothes (8)
- 14 Pell and Cohen designed communication device (4,5)
- 15 Detection system operational in both directions? (5)
- 16 *Polemonium* yields fruit (5)
- 18 Leg tangled in thread became constricted (9)
- 20 Highly strung centurion almost collapsed (8)
- 21 Polish members of expedition (4)
- 25 Like to boldly go? Divide four into 2-down (5,10)
- 26 Bradman got duck, second drop was contributor (5)
- 27 Apple's latest operating system - need it patched to be practical (9)

DOWN

- 1 Cut-rate fellow smuggling drug (5)
- 2 Faine's final RN late shift lasts forever (7)
- 3 Feel sorry for heartless devotion (4)
- 4 Cotton On model has hairpiece (4)
- 5 Johnny Depp's wife caught wild bream first (5,5)
- 6 Strutting Jagger lost his head in swing (10)
- 7 Clumsy Kiwi with no eyes housed in a hospital room? (7)
- 8 No tutu worn by Russian without formal training (9)
- 12 He prepared pitch for Warne (4,6)
- 13 Jiminy Cricket, perhaps, needed firm direction and systematic discipline (10)
- 14 Seized: crude IEDs (9)
- 17 Tearful cardinal drank vodka pre-mix (7)
- 19 iPhobe model diluted (7)
- 22 Illegally taking the forest fringes (5)
- 23 Len's initially small problem leads to speech impediment (4)
- 24 Type stock index piece (4)