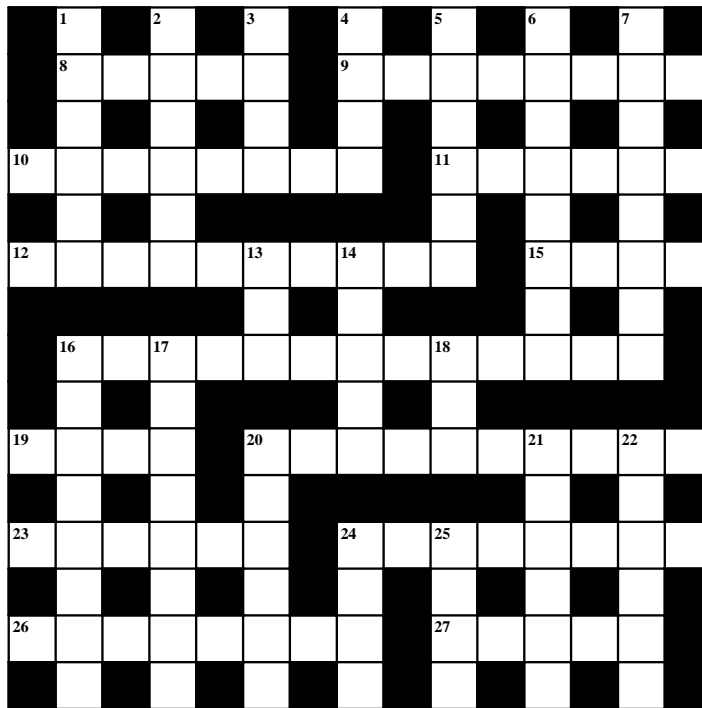


Cryptic Crossword

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Answers to this Cryptic Crossword are on page 267.

When the puzzle is completed, the perimeter, reading clockwise from the top left corner, will reveal something worth joining. (7,2,5,10)

ACROSS

8. Entrance to hospital after cut-back (5)
9. 6.50015000. That's hot! (8)
10. Nurse Pam is not a bird or a plane (8)
11. Most of a greeting is very loud and heard at the end of the line (3,3)
12. Leukemia victim sounds unwell after a fresh cup is cut short (10)
15. Prince and I turn right (4)
16. Nurse smooths within the limits of her experience (7,6)
19. A refusal from the unknown writer (4)
20. Make coloured bun this way? (6,4)
23. I might roast Greek MD (6)
24. A filter is what raises tension (8)
26. The French shout very softly at the invalids (8)
27. Intended to be nasty to model (5)

DOWN

1. Clean up tree (6)
2. Change 10-10? Right, east (6)
3. Friend holds part of each umbrella (4)
4. He was terrible but not vain (4)
5. Involve alien with time travel (6)
6. Five pipe cleaners conceal emission source (8)
7. Solver does trick. That's a rude thing to say (3,5)
13. Cry heard by duckweed (3)
14. He does not like to plough earth (5)
16. I follow beast to star (with a Greek) (8)
17. Frenchman and Spartan break up cruel devices (8)
18. ID, for example, duck (3)
20. Rubs oils into a young pitcher in a friendly way! (6)
21. Sounds like, sounds like, rain in a type of shower (6)
22. Throw out a piece of waste (6)
24. Second wood window (4)
25. Some tramps slope off (4)