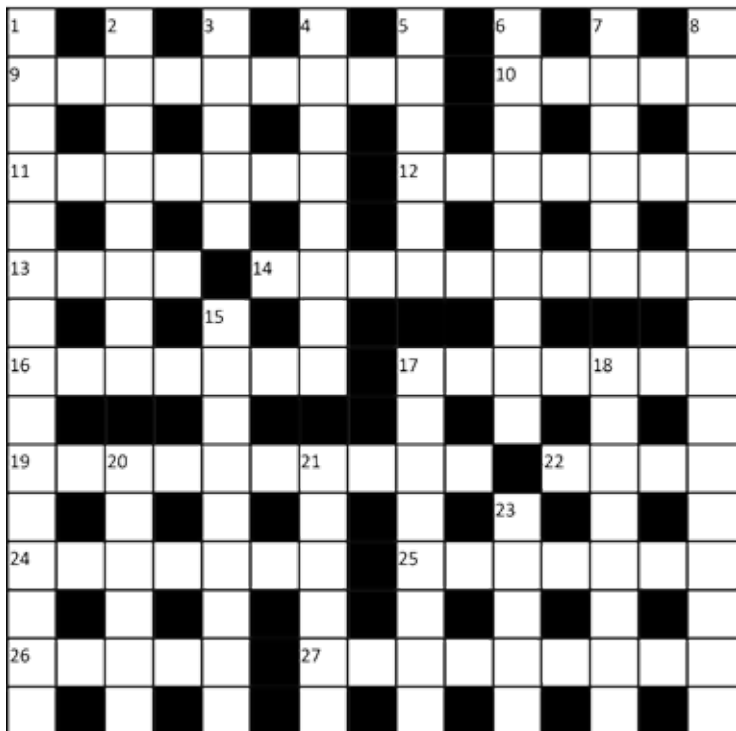


# Competition Crossword



**QUETZALCOATL**

Across

9. Xmas rose, heck of an introduction to York, see to the east (9)
10. Forbear meat even before Trump! (5)
11. Wholesome half of each tale by Lear (4)
12. The store is rented to a legless flyer (7)
13. Hunters gathering some ethics (4)
14. Communal cleansers rattle nude's composure (10)
16. Intros left little space for a breather (7)
17. Grendel slayer enmeshed in foul web (7)
19. Ironman's snacking raises tension? (4-6)
22. Endless blunder, obfuscating band (4)
24. Quarryman, skilled but noisy, curses a lot? (7)
25. Vintage member and in France an attractive woman (7)
26. Firstly, as my info goes, only he can be our pal (5)
27. Ligurian explosive show-off with limb and torso damage (9)

Down

1. Only, say, king, queen and a bishop on board, a novel layout? (5,3,2,1,4)
2. Schemers who let sport deliver (8)
3. 10X? Western resort (5)
4. Stallion's dream of protective clothes! (8)
5. Poulterer on a 'racketeer's' hillock in SW London? (6)
6. Romantic salon, or legal cockpit? (9)
7. Meatloaf's playing has let us all see (6)
8. Heroic enterprise – juggling to fit table in bar! (6,2,7)
15. Could the poor bat in invoke an assessment period? (9)
17. Riverside joker helps in releasing deposits (4,4)
18. First sea-level point on the Road to the Isles? (8)
20. The type that's inclined to emphasise (6)
21. Songster exposed through US silence (6)
23. Game of odd military clothing? (5)

Prizes to the first two correct entries drawn.

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