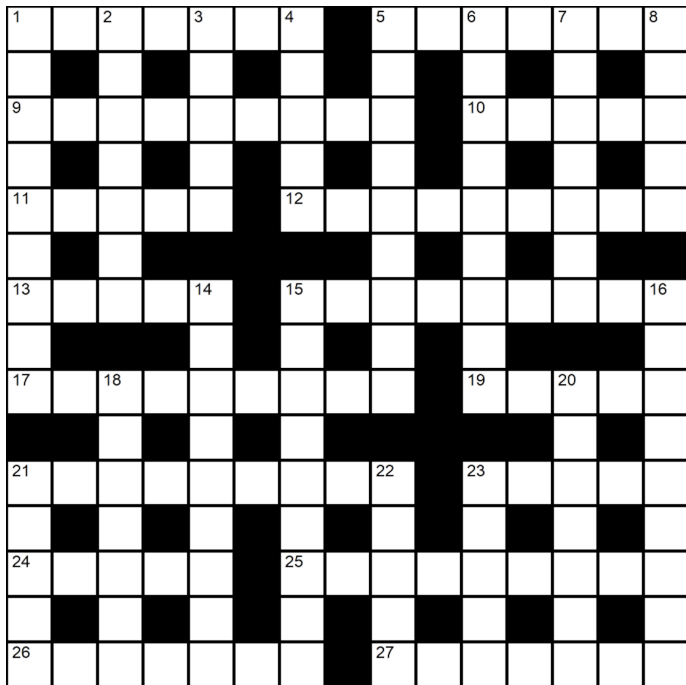


Genius No 276 Set by Pangakupu



Across

- 1 Liable to follow Bishop, is fool married in church service? (7)
- 5 Study backed market concern, eliminating European transport vehicle (7)
- 9 Ruthless Italian magistrate initially dressed in swirling toga (3-3-3)
- 10 Well-set-up Irish politician will secure one assistance (5)
- 11 Secure a million and I leave, mate (5)
- 12 Follow pale craft at sea, finding unexpected consequence? Not today (9)
- 13 Stringed instrument found in pioneering US motor library (5)
- 15 Fearing to go home? Work in City house reduced inclination (9)
- 17 Illustration omitting morning time? I have oath fluently (9)
- 19 Crashed car - mine - I see in gossip from Ireland (5)
- 21 Everyone annoyed about University backing maximal political language (9)
- 23 English author recalled including good opening character from Athens (5)
- 24 No set point to push back mountaineering aid (5)
- 25 Cram barge at sea - it's a food transporter across Bass Strait (6-3)
- 26 Study cathedral after decades displaying strain (7)
- 27 Coastal feature a disappointment when touring on holiday? Not quite (3,4)

A 'cube' is a 3x3x3 crossword, containing 12 words, with one black square on each face. Two such cubes can be derived from this grid.

Each cube is constructed from two 3x3 squares, each containing four words (a 'top' and a 'bottom'), with a 3x3 square of four corner letters completing the four verticals sandwiched between.

Both cubes use the same 'sandwich' letters and all five 3x3 blocks are in the completed grid.

In 24 clues, there is a redundant word which defines one of the entries in the cubes.

For ease of submission, solvers will enter the eight vertical cube entries in alphabetical order.

Deadline for entries is 23:59 BST on Saturday 3 December. You need to register once and then sign in to theguardian.com to enter our online competition for a £100 monthly prize.

Down

- 1 Dirty policeman, curiously garbed, with broken leg (9)
- 2 Greedy types? One getting empty, tucking into desserts (7)
- 3 Supporter I had upset over US state (5)
- 4 X support rising after the writer identifies Facebook and Instagram? (5)
- 5 Drunken scoundrel about to accept work? A difficult balancing act (9)
- 6 Gold and black – fashion suitable for a despot? (9)
- 7 Discussion in two parties about fellow Communist (7)
- 8 Go down again, heartless end in rough sea (5)
- 14 Sleigh in frame ultimately wrecked scenes, basically (2,7)
- 15 Clearly bad year, receiving limb damage (9)
- 16 Part of bridge set to include a new heavenly brown figure (9)
- 18 Strict religionist, independent, cheers hooligan cracking top of Portland Vase (7)
- 20 Way of calculating preparation of bagel, odd bits of bread roll ditched (7)
- 21 Overseas resident to hog video, upset about microblogging platform (5)
- 22 Gives up underwear, losing last of inhibition (5)
- 23 Biblical Queen's sex appeal enthralling Hebrew divan? (5)