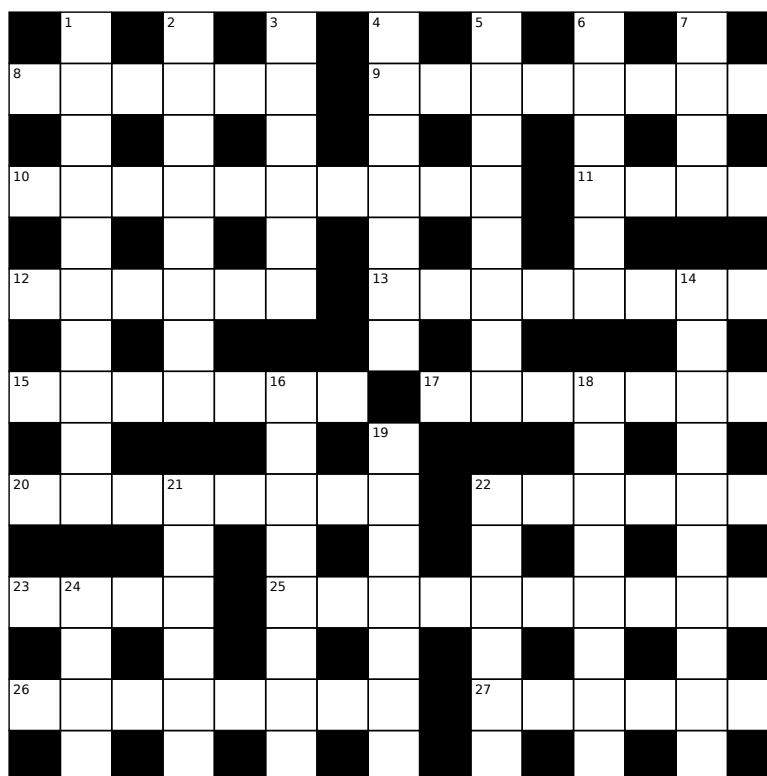


## A Puzzle by *Ballard*



### Across

- 8** Fare that's regularly cut back I'm sorry to say (6)  
**9** Approves of binary counter in computer programs (8)  
**10** Shock of hearing hard question stops recording (10)  
**11** Test of good leadership found wanting (4)  
**12** Discount on club entrance at the start (6)  
**13** No balls help him to achieve high score (8)  
**15** Crowd surrounds uneven turning area for racing cars (7)  
**17** Clothing leg in women's garments (7)  
**20** Piece of beef fillet cut to order for starters (8)  
**22** Boat race is caught in fog we're told (6)  
**23** Article about large breasts is in poor taste (4)  
**25** Get taco served with this dish? (7,3)  
**26** Inappropriate time to be more honest (8)  
**27** Shanty atmosphere pervading Blackpool (3,3)

### Down

- 1** Noisy group in Club 18-30 after climbing event for charity? (6,4)  
**2** Towards dawn tie up partner, being dominant (8)  
**3** Squire dressed in blue (6)  
**4** Liberty has a name for bedlinen (7)  
**5** Eden perhaps sounds like a place in Tuscany (8)  
**6** He rescues one lacking taste (6)  
**7** Book for Scandinavia as summer almost over (4)  
**14** Nervous distention – a painful condition (10)  
**16** Bad-tempered, having lost the original of your note (8)  
**18** Supplies all marked down here for Jordan conflict (5,3)  
**19** Red List includes a type of amphibian (7)  
**21** Decadent season in Tours with blind companion (6)  
**22** Parking: move to upper level – it's complimentary (6)  
**24** I've realised the sailor is a captain (4)