

Christmas 2013 Cryptic Crossword

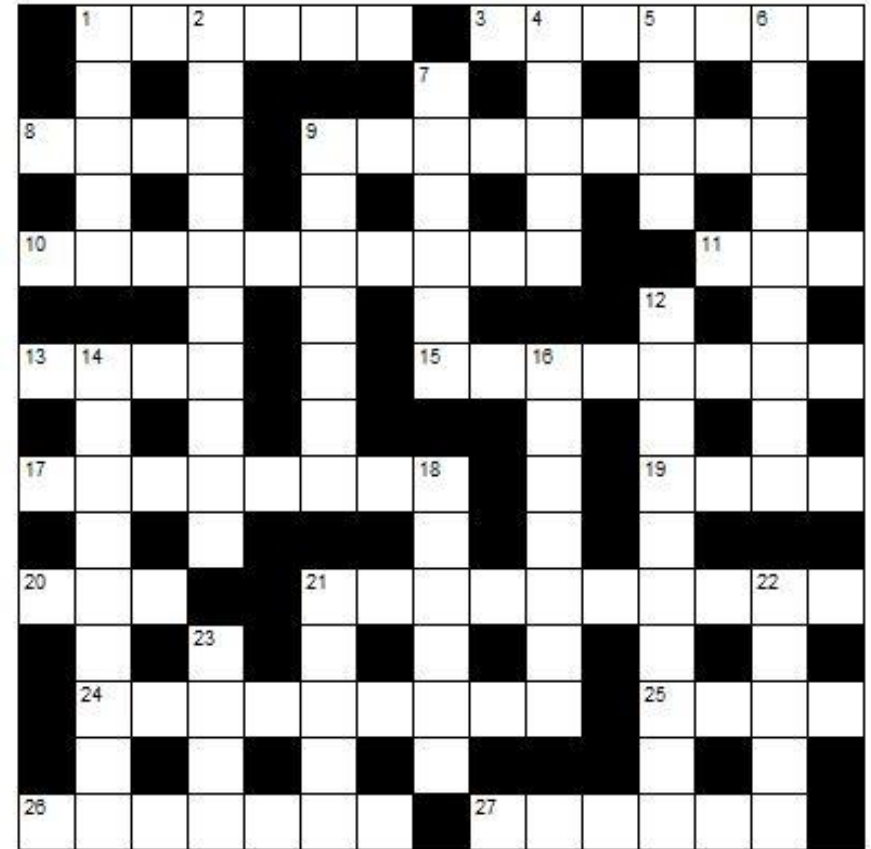
Easier Version

ACROSS

1. Punch 0 for 1 in egging mix-up (6)
3. Big wave greets unamiable insider (7)
8. Deviant for each five (4)
9. California police go door to door spreading good cheer (9)
10. Shrub brewed in its teapot (10)
11. Final chance: call off Santa's helper (3)
13. Tin, oxygen, and tungsten powder (4)
15. Pulls everyone out of broken streetcar (8)
17. Director Shyamalan packed passport in time for mass (8)
19. Sketched Nancy, for example (4)
20. Auditor studied cardinal (3)
21. Concussed trucker can ballet dance (10)
24. Wire beam (9)
25. Mediterranean city is unearthed by Santa? (4)
26. No unknown list option (7)
27. Can French salt shimmer? (6)

DOWN

1. Northern Oriole, i.e., repeated farm sounds (1, 1, 1, 1, 1)
2. Seventh Day occurrence in song wives sang off-key with nocturne (5, 5)
4. Part of proposal saved Cuban-American dance (5)
5. Christmas train in Chicago isn't running? (4)
6. Sketchy motel site indicates threat or promise, depending on the recipient (9)
7. Author is more correct, I hear (6)
9. Considering Cuban revolutionary division (7)
12. Chorus line dances around colour confections (5, 5)
14. To rein in a wild lack of apathy (2, 7)
16. Actor Oh meanders, overly coy (3, 4)
18. Leaders of the International Theatre Institute are naturally auburn (6)
21. Tangled thing may be silent (5)
22. Surpass extra-large broadcast (5)
25. Whip fifty into mist (4)



What kind of riddle are you looking at?

| Anagram | Composed | Double-Meaning | Homophone | First/Last Letter | Hidden Word |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| A10, A21, D6, D14, D16, D21 | A1, A8, A9, A13, A15, A17, A26, A27, D1, D2, D9, D12, D25 | A19, A24, A25, D5, | A20, D7, D22 | A11, D18 | A3, D4, |