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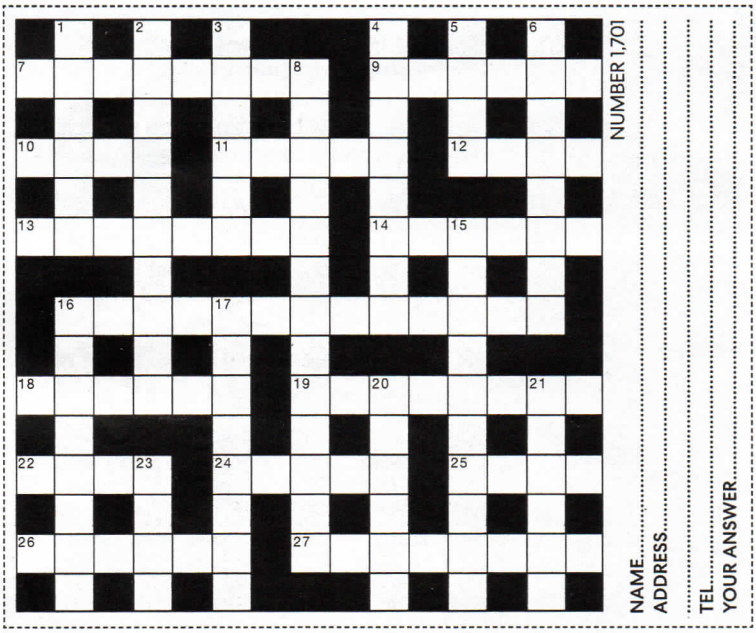
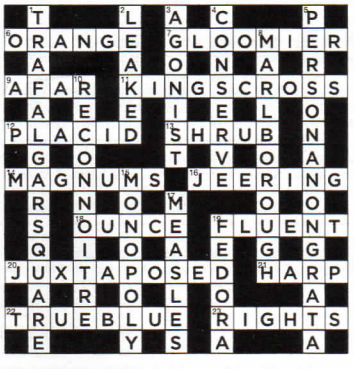


ACROSS

7 Person who deliberately commits damage for a military or political purpose (8)
9 Large fortified building with battlements (6)
10 What a **9 across** often has around it (4)
11 An open paved area beside a house (5)
12 Result in which no one wins or loses (4)
13 Indirect or subtle reference (8)
14 Pushed someone gently to get their attention (6)
16 Arrogant, pompous (4-9)
18 Jail (6)
19 Ascending (8)
22 The central tower or stronghold in a Norman **9 across** (4)
24 The third largest and most populous country in the world (5)
25 Indolent (4)
26 Speech in a church service (6)
27 Arising, developing (8)

DOWN

1 Shallow body of water separated from the open sea by a barrier (6)
2 What a **9 across** often has (10)
3 Object used in fighting (6)
4 Large sherry glass (8)
5 Second-hand (4)
6 Purest, most spotless (8)
8 Looking back on past events or situations (13)
15 What a **9 across** often has (10)
16 Screamed, yelled (8)
17 Blameless (8)
20 Likenesses, figures (6)
21 How stockings used to be known (6)
23 Feline mammal also known as a cougar (4)

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