

ATB Cryptic #24

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Across

- 1 Fight and argue with bird (7)
- 5 Capital under shade at crack of dawn (2,5)
- 9 Interrogate journalist (5)
- 10 Sum with 100 in dependency (9)
- 11 He often rested on his laurel? (6,5)
- 12 Born saying no (3)
- 13 Appliance rotates aggressively (7)
- 15 Doctor peeled discharge from slippery fellow (7)
- 17 Rich zoo fed, to the lions, sausage (7)
- 18 Cut-off a smaller amount than infinity (7)
- 20 Sorrowful and depressed to start with? (3)
- 22 I sound contagious and prominent (3,8)
- 24 I am doing yoga etc. without time right now (9)
- 25 Man to run out of steam (5)
- 26 Gaudy theatre play that opened interspersed with love to fail (2,2,3)
- 27 Starting trading right and finished on the up (7)

Down

- 1 Help start supply harbour (7)
- 2 US citizen has love for coffee (9)
- 3 Woman heard from the cheap seats (US)? (5)
- 4 Sun, rain or storm; Spooner was a chicken in the wars? (7,8)
- 5 Secret bloke beneath your duvet? (10,5)
- 6 Need to reconsider going around tomb - it's locked! (9)
- 7 Rule 4 e.g. discussed aloud (5)
- 8 Bronx team pulls service provider in (7)
- 14 Warning on package - that particular one's final (4,3,2)
- 16 Caught in statement, tampered, I saw it coming (9)
- 17 Raid after Californian shooting (7)
- 19 Type of donut made palatable (7)
- 21 Resign from hospital, left fault (5)
- 23 Wood-chop pushes oddly (5)