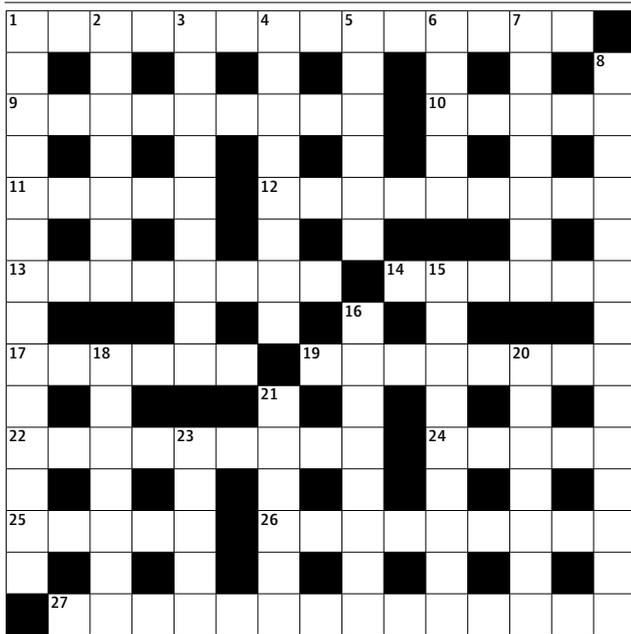


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Note added 8 September 2011. There is a spelling mistake, involving one P too many, in the solution to 9 across.

Across

- 1 SHIFT jams – almost hit OK + CANCEL for dead icon ... (7,7)
- 9 ... spread story: icon covering head in shocking Pepsi outburst (9)
- 10 There's no light here – Man United's backing supporter ... (5)
- 11 ... one supports this in United's home? (5)
- 12 A new suggestion for wager – Ascot, firm going, Dettori finally getting his starting orders? (9)
- 13 Foreign news breaking: "Union backing musical" (8)
- 14 See 17
- 17,14 Ulterior motive of Häagen-Dazs? (6,6)
- 19 He helps priest change, we hear, by holding ring (5,3)
- 22 Shell and scramble evolutionary egg time (9)
- 24 OK I admit partially backing Japanese drum (5)
- 25 Spice girl with a soprano (5)
- 26 70s' clothing sounds like Noddy Holder's cup of tea (6,3)
- 27 Without a run rate, almost leg before wicket, is possible match decider (9-5)

Down

- 1 Picking up fun guy that could make your head spin? (5,9)

- 2 Head for lavatory – is tension breaking into location of hadron collider? (7)
- 3 Philosopher unconventional to realist (9)
- 4 This stops kissers getting chaps lap dancing with Elvis (3,5)
- 5 Ford's early model passed by German manufacturer's checks (6)
- 6 Two kings turn to pawns for weapons producer (5)
- 7 Singer has straight daughter – alternatively the opposite? (7)
- 8 To insert Always, perhaps? (8,6)
- 15 Protector of plant's opening job for warder (5,4)
- 16 Set to grow weed in this? (5,3)
- 18 Bed for 20 – he needed it to check out university? (6-1)
- 20 "Bullseye ... regains it" – Sid Waddell initially going over to darts player (7)
- 21 Good to go over writing material for "Chinese Tree" (6)
- 23 In the style of Calvin Klein – sadly no longer in use (5)

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