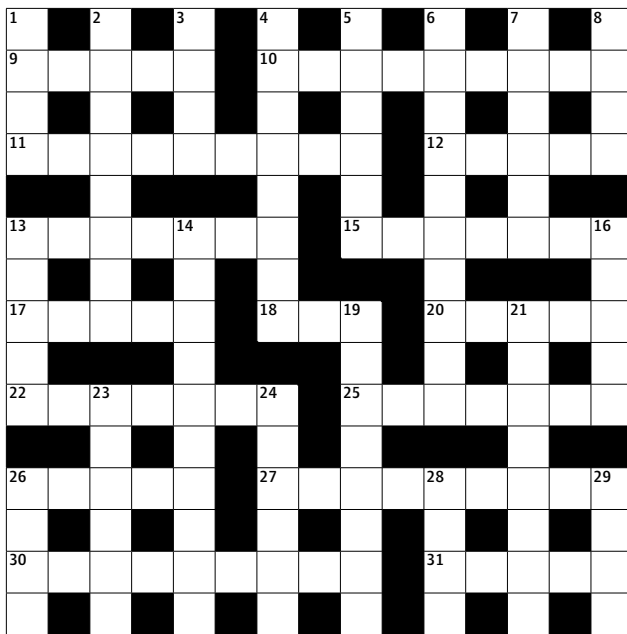


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,493 set by Brendan

Across

- 9** Passionate fellow in back of Italian car? (5)
10 Addition to letter that could come from one's cruel pen (9)
11 See 13
12 For example, drug supplier for 7, or murder investigator in ... (5)
13,11 ... 18's work that's irrelevant when it's 17 (3,4,2,3,4)
15 Calms down – in past, passed a test (7)
17 Moved cautiously to sign agreement, including opponents at table (5)
18 Author announced what precedes foxtrot (3)
20 Fish from 6 to 7 (5)
22 Unusually apt clue for "playhouse"? (7)
25 Scene of play in which fighting takes place (7)
26 He won the heart of a beauty in romantic city (5)
27 Facing early light daters saw spread around (9)
30 Sequences of film about upper-class family (9)
31 Expedition from way down South, heading West (5)

Down

- 1** Some learn of what divides houses in Italian city (4)
2 Suppresses son Mike et al (8)
3 What causes global revolution? Nothing (4)
4 Like Valentine I put in poetic form (8)

- 5** It enables entries with top cards, holding clubs and spades (6)
6 Trusted friend's name appearing in end of Act I, possibly (10)
7 Theatrical miss with little time – she was meant to go to 26 across (6)
8 Scoff at European cafe, finally, between 7 and 9 (4)
13 One century after another – that's invigorating (5)
14 Like some Spaniards having a change of land in USA (10)
16 Part in play understood in audience (5)
19 Zero on bungled subtest? That's extremely stupid (8)
21 European left-winger held up by another came back (8)
23 Annual payment for accommodating contents of 2, perhaps (6)
24 How 9 described 7 in morning paper (3,3)
26 Interrogate arrogant young man about maiden (4)
28,29 Sets composed in extra musical setting for tragic story (4,4)

Solution No. 25,492

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