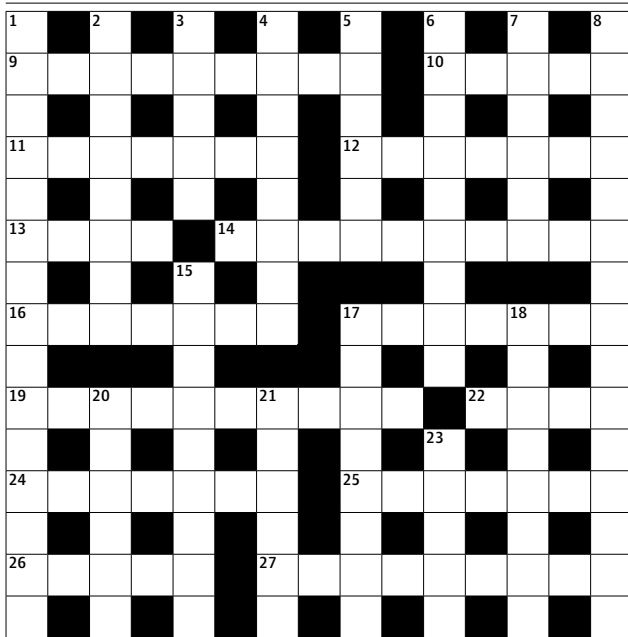


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9** Main toy is destroyed – ill feeling results (9)
10 English detective attends court ruling (5)
11 Pitt discharged from Outpatients wearing robe (7)
12 Retire around 50, then party! (7)
13 She returns in an instant (4)
14 Turn up repeatedly before noon? That's ridiculous (10)
16 Boy played with headless dog (7)
17 Drives over to workforce of women (7)
19 Posturing wildly, gripping pole below the belt (10)
22 Case held in perpetuity (4)
24 Try to catch the girl (7)
25 Queen embraces new quiz game (7)
26 City given half the capital for material (5)
27 Reticent judge about to butt in (9)

Down

- 1** Oriental leaves circuit, having chanted verses about painful outburst (7,8)
2 Plant flying bomb behind packing container (8)

- 3** Today? Forever? Never! (2,3)
4 Kindling passion prior to deal (8)
5 Other 'alf goes back into Denmark for spirit (6)
6 One changing others with first-class intervention? (9)
7 Wind-up children's characters, new out (6)
8 One holding torch trips – batteries fly out (6,2,7)
15 Instrument to chop – sharpen axes first (9)
17 After sound of bell try looking up symbolic text (8)
18 Hostile towards endless pursuit of relics (8)
20 Principal way to core fruit (6)
21 Preserver of the Ancients – salt and heart of plum? (3,3)
23 Ezra Pound's heart-broken shade (5)

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