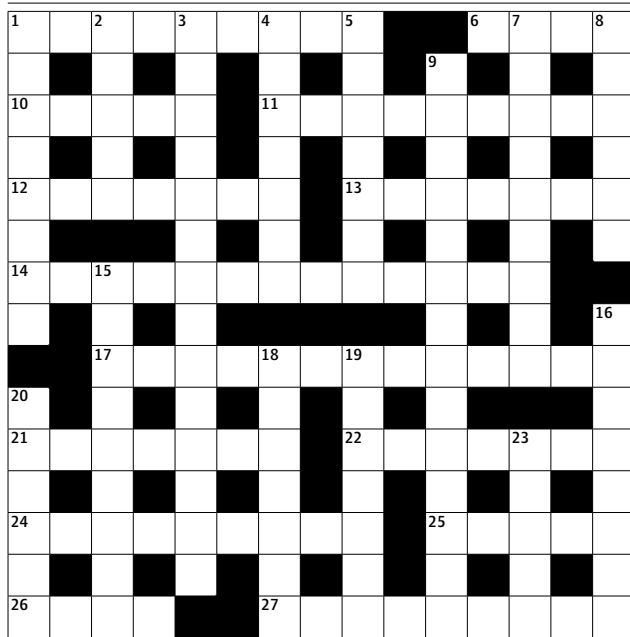


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,947 set by Philistine

Across

- 1 Half of misers' donation in doubt (9)
- 6 Temper heard by the side of the road (4)
- 10 See 26
- 11 Swimmer to cross water first to end in elegant surroundings (9)
- 12 Thin piece of material clutched by extremely shambolic granny (7)
- 13 First in the valley to shine (7)
- 14 Anti-abortion or anti-reproduction is spreading (13)
- 17 Steer tight: one way to show determination (4,4,5)
- 21 Brief reply in tough parliamentary exchanges recorded (7)
- 22 Least likely to give me an estimate, having lost one friend (7)
- 24 Home space designed to be pretentious, isn't it? (4-2,3)
- 25 Moron's tail replaced by moron's head, in a manner of speaking (5)
- 26,10 Pays less attention to face with wrinkles (9)
- 27 Shank used to position these (5-4)

Down

- 1 Wimps of a type very taken by politicians (8)
- 2 Help in finding objects on a river bed (5)

- 3 Badges almost intended to take a hundred: that's being petty (14)
- 4 Fashionable pen in outline (2,5)
- 5 State of the world (old and new) (7)
- 7 Being naughty, entice with sex (9)
- 8,16 Rupert Murdoch is old (6,3,5)
- 9 Running wild isn't held in high esteem (14)
- 15 Masterminded grandiose scheme (9)
- 16 See 8
- 18 Complex part ends up ideologically reversed (7)
- 19 Collectively providing service in a particular direction (2,5)
- 20 Appreciation of actor's rising moment has vanished (6)
- 23 Girl's correct aspiration (5)

Solution No. 25,946

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