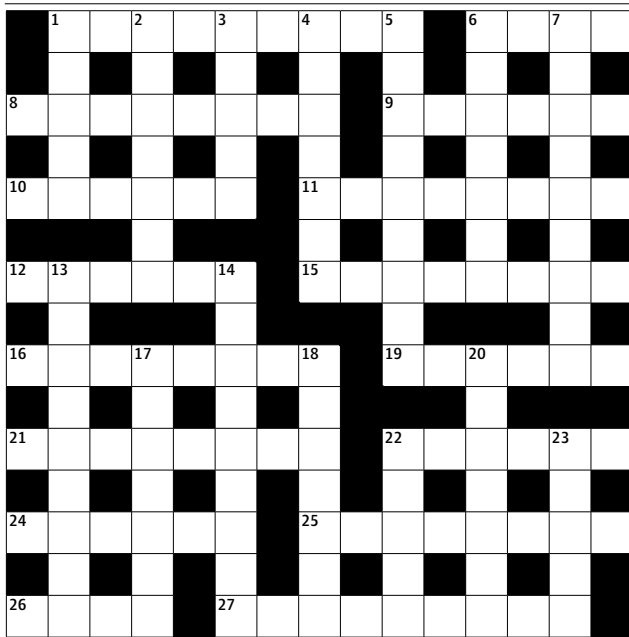


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,030 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Exact money (9)
- 6 Unfinished aircraft design (4)
- 8 Don't cheat in two forms of leisure activity (4,4)
- 9 Think in depth (6)
- 10 Aim ambitiously for praise, being wretched (6)
- 11 Gets more than one's share of froth with this measure of alcohol (8)
- 12 Saucy antics? (6)
- 15 Worker in the prairie producing fruit (8)
- 16 Censorious to a dangerous degree? (8)
- 19 Runaway affairs? (6)
- 21 Star of the Magic Circle? (8)
- 22 One takes no end of cash in, finishing with nothing (6)
- 24 Show preference for old penthouse (4-2)
- 25 Said to be celebrated (8)
- 26 Ring starts nervous reaction in the ear (4)
- 27 Workers given fish – a gesture of goodwill (9)

Down

- 1 Bottle opener and drinks in packs (5)
- 2 Amenity switched to an unspecified date (7)
- 3 A card cheat may be so described (5)
- 4 It goes up with inflation (7)

- 5 Soldier's an expert swimmer (9)
- 6 Saucepan's ready for cooking what this has killed (7)
- 7 Commercial address brings high esteem (9)
- 13 Enter game play, making contract (9)
- 14 Dismiss ministers, a sign of contrition (9)
- 17 Enormous disaster struck it (7)
- 18 It makes one wild what people do when they retire (3,4)
- 20 American detained by courts in European country (7)
- 22 Expenses legally incurred (5)
- 23 Relative found somewhere in the south of France, we hear (5)

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