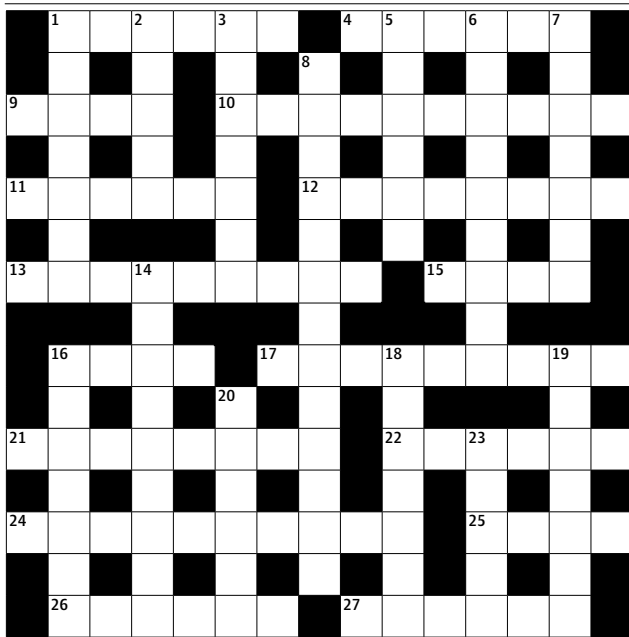


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,305 set by Brendan

Across

- 1 Film star no more, tragically (6)
- 4 A king badly hurt at the end (6)
- 9 Injure player on side (4)
- 10 It's as well flier has concealed British kind of moustache (10)
- 11 Clean house again (6)
- 12 Unusually irate, not otherwise disposed to attack (4,4)
- 13 Population of Ireland, say, is riven by malicious gossip (9)
- 15 Supporting diamonds as bridge alternative (4)
- 16 Travel, in a way, hard in wild terrain (4)
- 17 A letter or two, so to speak (6-3)
- 21 Continue singing, including one great number (8)
- 22 Men on board announced times for retirement (6)
- 24 Results from adding six one's incorrectly divided by x (10)
- 25 Arranger, oddly enough, a regular Prom contributor (4)
- 26 In front of mirror, taking advantage of reflection (6)
- 27 Driver's temperature taken by nurse, say (6)

Down

- 1 Nice houses builders produced covering island (7)
- 2 Desert, for example, in largely arid state (5)
- 3 Mated with variation, exposed without bishop and queen (7)
- 5 Again try to get male parent outside (6)
- 6 Two chaps with ecstasy, one preferring grass (9)
- 7 Put in new position, took a break around one (7)
- 8 Treat Texan who lived in the margins here, noted literary figure (6,7)
- 14 They provide pardons, for instance, covering me, initially, then you (9)
- 16 Lawyers' test to expose greatest upset (3,4)
- 18 Rely on capital from Asia to produce growth in Australia (7)
- 19 Moderate losing head with ruler on more occasions (7)
- 20 Former Labour leader slow in changing (6)
- 23 Gift from relative coming on time (5)

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