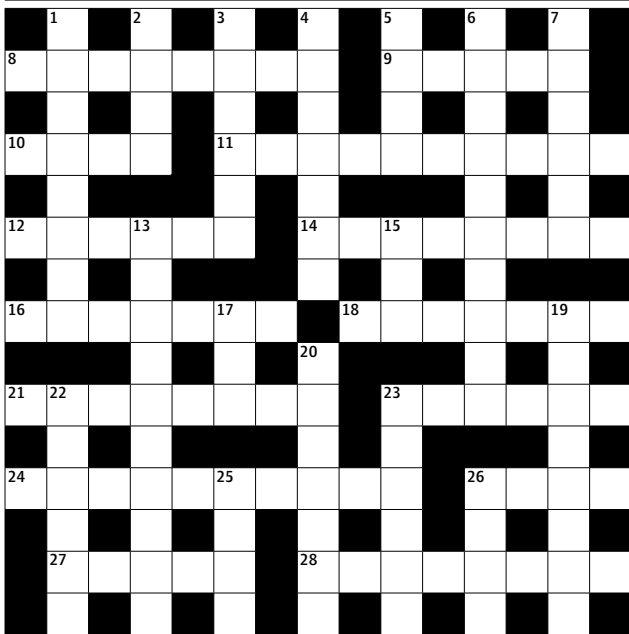


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,327 set by Nutmeg

Across

- 8 Crossword fan losing last cent in New York, not in *this* state? (8)
- 9 Hostile male's disregarded order (5)
- 10 Endless hilarity over barber's offering (4)
- 11 In time to stop case involving me and 15 more? (10)
- 12 Walton did it turning the other way (6)
- 14 Star's in danger crossing square and base independently (8)
- 16 Clarinet short of one broken key (7)
- 18 Find guilty on six counts, initially, in court (7)
- 21 Three lines cut from full English production in Chinese arrangement (4,4)
- 23 Everything seized by Asiatic invader thrown over ravine (6)
- 24 Provokes home countries hampering return of serviceman (10)
- 26 Spike Milligan finally breaks restraint (4)
- 27 Motion rifles to retreat (5)
- 28 One day bearing name of god, probably (1,4,3)

Down

- 1 Comic raconteur heading off for dance (8)
- 2 Mother's basic contribution, boundless love? I'm not sure (4)
- 3 One team's sobriquet for college bear? (6)
- 4 Enthusiastic players regularly dropped, one briefly impassive (7)
- 5 Dope somewhat backward (4)
- 6 How Italian, going back, ran into French scorer? (4,6)
- 7 Records left in high priest's possession (6)
- 13 Tailor got initial work for barrister (10)
- 15 "Deuce" likewise announced (3)
- 17 Nameless architect remains (3)
- 19 Forceful cutter, batting after tea, was out (8)
- 20 Pub's standard drink leads to trouble, ducks (7)
- 22 Boy from East enthralled by surrealist (6)
- 23 Fool's gold underpinning northern capital (6)
- 25 Surface with metal reflected in headlights (4)
- 26 Our opponents ultimately lost, old boy! (4)

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