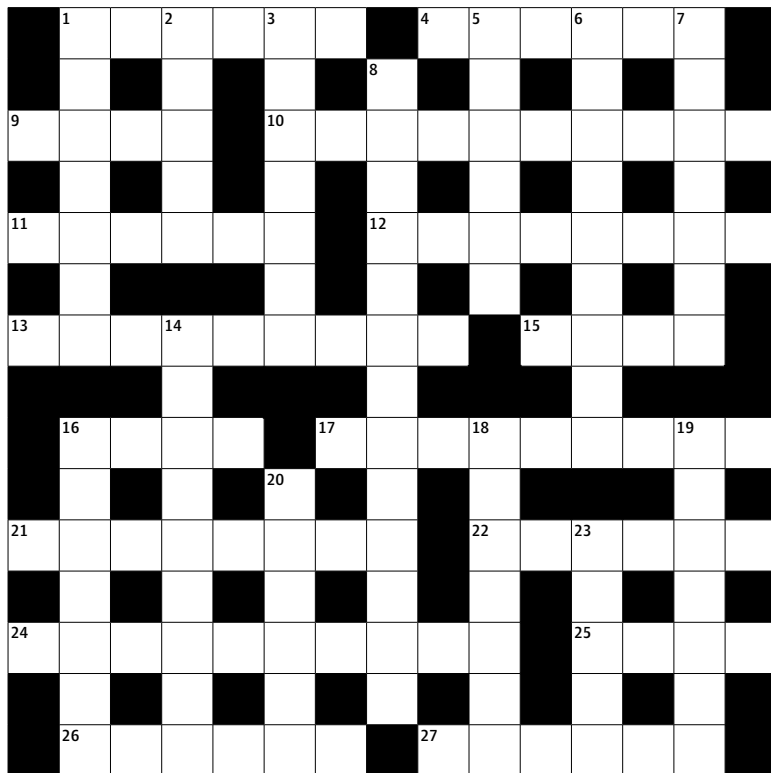


Guardian cryptic crossword No 27,692 set by Qaos



Across

- 1 Deep desire to pinch back gin cocktail (6)
- 4 Confesses to trashing stadium after United's lost (6)
- 9 Very late (4)
- 10 Standard electricity supplier: a meter's faulty without energy (10)
- 11 Queen to back bird (6)
- 12 Record R Steiger play (8)
- 13 European trade warning holds nothing over English (9)
- 15 Adult butterfly's sad and cold (4)
- 16 Meat cut from armadillo? I never! (4)
- 17 Politician rested in bed with illness (9)
- 21 Worn by Prince Charles, say, when live! (2,3,3)
- 22 Clerical work drawing over page (6)
- 24 New moon interrupts quiet – one's left with sleepiness (10)
- 25 Pointless, seething anger? (4)
- 26 Jack breaks into cars (common in Norway) (6)
- 27 Programming language that's good at compression? (6)

Down

- 1 It's child's play to bake epic turnover slice (7)
- 2 Former CEO of Polly Peck's lowest point (5)

- 3 Identity badge of Spooner's gentle horse (4,3)
- 5 Plan to put side spin on both sides of green (6)
- 6 Actor first to blow up 50 air beds? (5,4)
- 7 Tripping? As I seem to be a cat (7)
- 8 Italian philosopher squanders 10 grand on old boxer ... (8,5)
- 14 ... who does this before a fight to attack (5,4)
- 16 Tall aristocrat has no time for man in the field (4,3)
- 18 Wizard's unknown craft (7)
- 19 12 dresses last of women with a good figure (7)
- 20 Rang about rising IT company (6)
- 23 Fish's resting place (5)

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