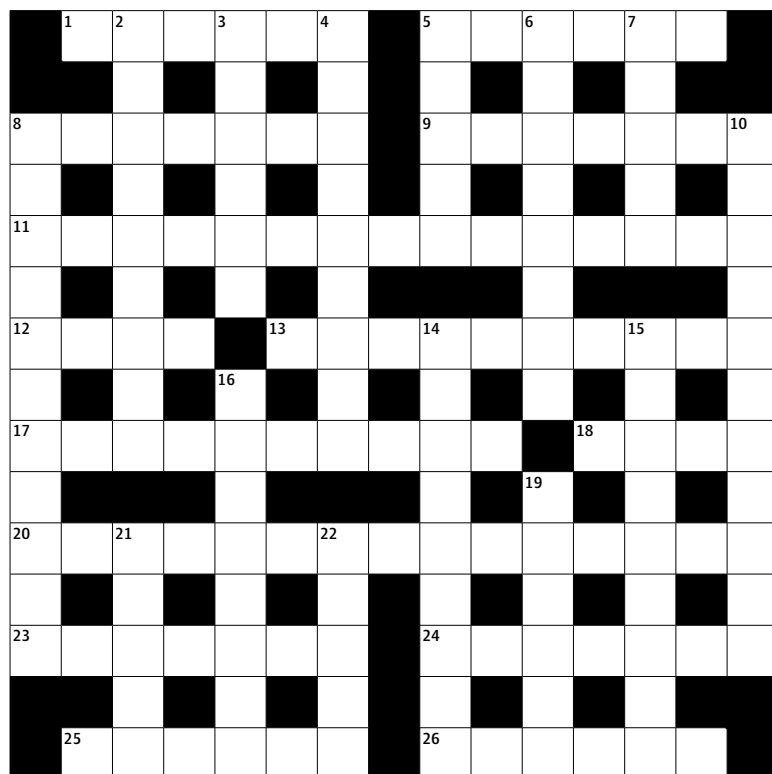


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,144 set by Pangakupu



Across

- 1 Lyrical film about regular parts of forest (6)
- 5 Comic character being nasty about R'n'B (2,4)
- 8 Roar in Italy for opera composer (7)
- 9 Grand yarn twisted in glue (7)
- 11 Excitedly recording chats about origin of Sasquatch, a creature that may not exist (12,3)
- 12 Blocks German agreement most regularly ignored (4)
- 13 Waiting to involve extra director before mostly heated attempt to secure rights (7,3)
- 17 Wartime leader the writer found occupying French elevation, covered in blood (10)
- 18 Scotch: old fool at first returned one litre (4)
- 20 Failure to notice sensitive tenant is upset (15)
- 23 Reckons French are investing in good applications (7)
- 24 Film aboard spacecraft getting cool reception? (7)
- 25 Inventor is absorbed by revolutionary point (6)
- 26 Amiable spy with beer ignored by Americans (6)

Down

- 2 Fine US city initially helps odd chap from another state (9)

- 3 Make adjustments to weaker batsmen over runs (6)
- 4 Disapproval is following involuntary response in a lot of bad behaviour (9)
- 5 Millions curious to see legendary giant (5)
- 6 Papal directive to surround Birmingham market area (8)
- 7 Temperature in a French resort almost doing for lark (5)
- 8 HQ excited with parachute action (4,7)
- 10 Experts in botany, say, are left enthralled by uncovered figures (11)
- 14 Obstructing Democrat's opening for energetic complaining (9)
- 15 Response to accusation almost completely about the French flour (9)
- 16 Say it's so wrong to involve first of these show-offs (8)
- 19 Friendly African country welcoming invasion by Gabon (6)
- 21 Sounded surprised about Australian leading (5)
- 22 March/April period in Japan is angelic (5)

Solution No. 30,143

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