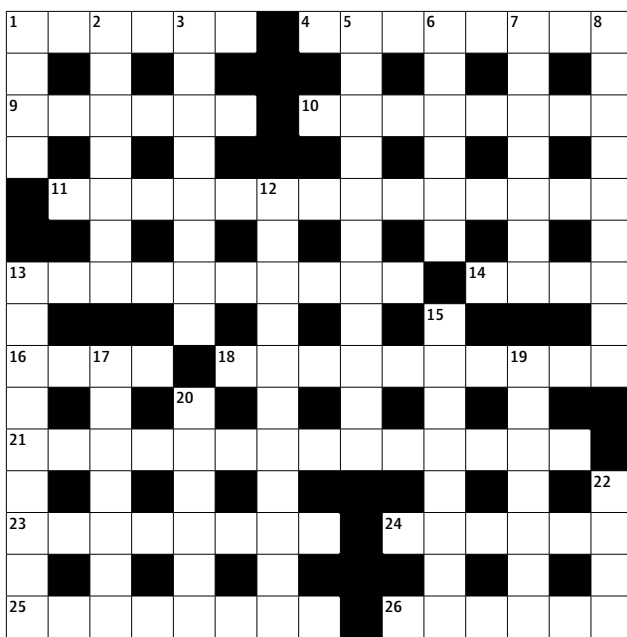


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 27,092 set by Vlad

Across

- 1** Cost of keeping a good woman (6)
4 Make clear term's known (5,3)
9 Having no drive, going under (6)
10 Look back across road – that's a fast car (8)
11 Prospect of this isn't half depressing – could be better! (9,5)
13 Appeal I made certainly gets polite response (2,8)
14 Look round three particular shows (4)
16 Planted, proved hard to avoid (4)
18 Prepared in a little yard not at this location (2,3,5)
21 Ended with a polluter changing fuel (8, 6)
23 Still time? Rushed old writer's one line short (8)
24 Bill's after that woman from EastEnders (6)
25 Lost boys set free fox? (8)
26 Make up for going on TV (6)

Down

- 1** A number of Romans on the way to boat (4)
2 Worker raised weapon outside – positive danger to trespassers (7)

- 3** Criminal hiding note in comic (8)
5 Sharing stripper? Nah, that's gross (11)
6 Scandal concerning the French envoy? (6)
7 Push out foolish doubter (7)
8 Do nothing in endeavour to start with the right people (4,5)
12 Gossip did this – her tongue's beginning to flow freely (4,3,4)
13 Capital invested in model planes (9)
15 Crooked gent reported a total loss (5-3)
17 Idiot's stolen a black jumper (7)
19 A disease one has contracted from rodents (7)
20 Spectre at the feast mentioned trouble at Lloyds (6)
22 Almost late after hold-up – I'm annoyed (4)

Solution No. 27,091

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