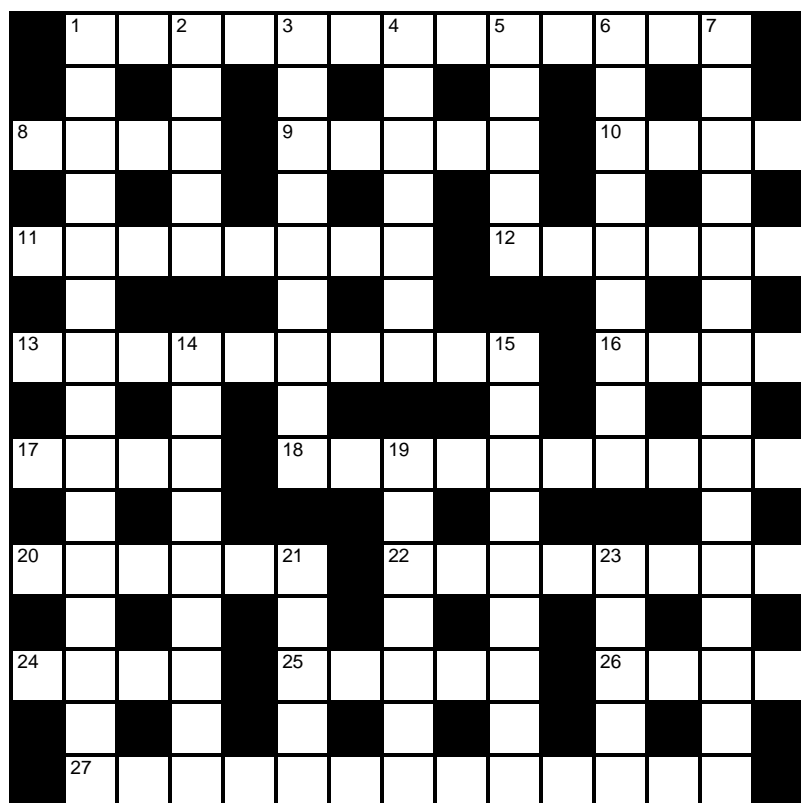


## Cryptic Crossword No. 74



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### Across

- 1 Could be a Mexican chair ornament, possibly (5,8)
- 8 Burst udder covered boss (4)
- 9 Travelled with Oscar to find 1A entertainment (5)
- 10 Strings rackets (4)
- 11 Greek then boxes (8)
- 12 Opening of waterfront involving king (6)
- 13 State capital is one's tarmac nightmare (10)
- 16 This one and that one fly to hospital (4)
- 17 Originally held in some sneaky wheeze (4)
- 18 Darling sat out battle (10)
- 20 May Edward be preserved (6)
- 22 Listener in tears hits back (4-4)
- 24 Perfect herb (4)
- 25 Tough guy featured in manifesto iconography (5)
- 26 Flair smothered by retrograde journalese (4)
- 27 Part of Australia is territory bordering part of East Anglia (7,6)

### Down

- 1 Transference to the state of Tanzania, into oil management (15)
- 2 Detection system for a dark selection (5)
- 3 Dream this strange story (4,5)
- 4 Wisconsin city cycle race (7)
- 5 Heartless mob after Greek character's diamond (5)
- 6 It's handy for carrying fish and French harridan (6,3)
- 7 Police headquarters scandal drew Tony over (3,8,4)
- 14 Cavity is extraordinarily not so rare (9)
- 15 Untangle hair clogs for Abramovich et al (9)
- 19 Cockney's curl leads to radiator blockage (3,4)
- 21 To begin with drinking is strictly controlled outside nightclub (5)
- 23 Medical procedure seamen endured internally from below (5)