

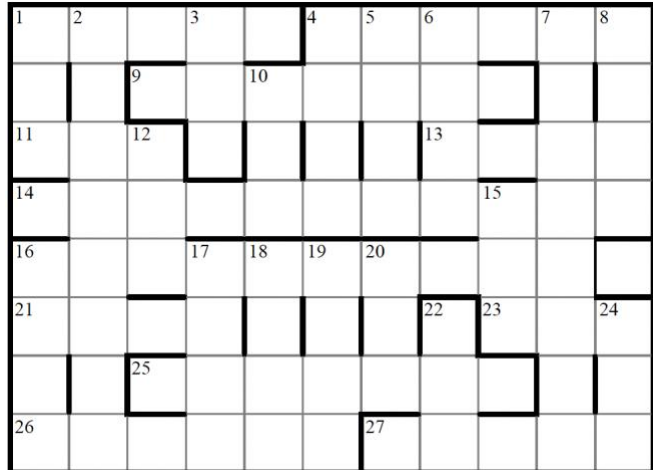
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LeXman's Cryptic Crossword Page											

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HOLLYWOOD ADAPTATION by LeXman

I asked a Hollywood producer for advice on how we can make cryptic crosswords more popular in America. “Easy,” he said. “Just add a few action sequences.” He also suggested the unclued bit of stunt casting at 14 Across.

In my next cryptic crossword, my part will be played by One Direction’s Harry Styles.



ACROSS

1. Loaf around: Rex is a drip
4. New Webber-Rice musical about a hometown boy
9. Playing bags, Dee notices
11. Nearly always just after sunset
13. A group of laborers moving out west for a piece of land
14. *See instructions*
16. In heartless espionage organization, replacing the Premier of Egypt is pivotal
21. Rector finishes early with a famous group of Swedes
23. I will — poorly
25. Working under contract, or port to port
26. A proper mouthful: I bleed badly
27. Candidate stands by party’s revolutionary fringe: a dangerous outgrowth

4. Then coordinate dividing profits
5. Foremost among cheddar cheeses
6. Primarily to save a way to get up the mountain
7. Associate with everybody by party's conclusion
8. Looks through the yeshiva
10. Very close to drum
12. Jane Austen offers a weak solution
15. Round 1: taking on black belt
16. Surrender to cold and hail
17. Car with bad fuel injector component
18. Hero’s vow to lady
19. At 5:00, I have French toast
20. You mentioned Mom at the farm
22. Buddy is injured, lacking knowledge
24. Once around, but it’s gone when you stand up

DOWN

1. Next to last place in race — it’s so long
2. Source of paper, once read aloud
3. Disturbance at a party