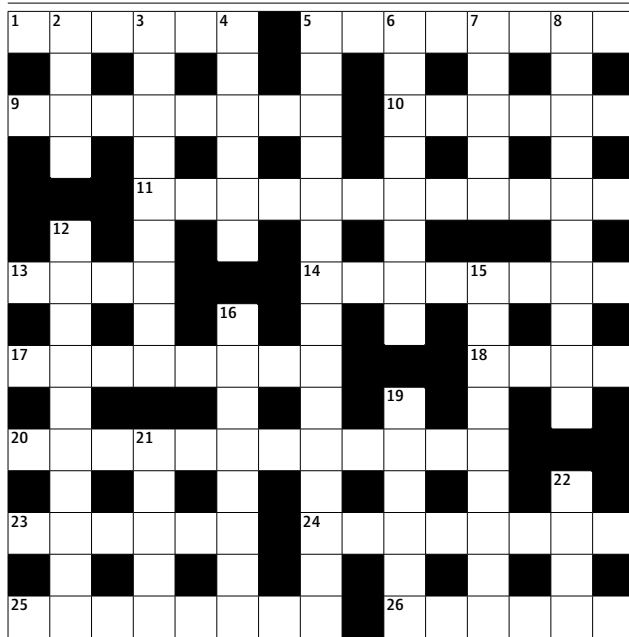


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1 Writer from United Nations penning Spanish article (6)
- 5 Appear stern in retrospect (4,4)
- 9 Measure introduced in Burma somehow gives protection (8)
- 10 Dope needs time for classes (6)
- 11 Critical business discussion in house of ill repute (8,4)
- 13 Poet wanting old penny for stake (4)
- 14 Funny bones with bit of bridle (8)
- 17 Smack dog that's left a bit of hair (4-4)
- 18 My groundhogs! (4)
- 20 Fussy car rental (4,2,6)
- 23 Woman going to Indian city for potent drug (6)
- 24 Heartless jade, say, longing for wine (8)
- 25 Foot rot for a peasant? (8)
- 26 Chicken or ... ? (6)

## Down

- 2 Patron saint of squirrel monkeys (4)
- 3 Birds, we hear, transport poet (9)
- 4 Small room, very large instruments (6)

- 5 Heavy metal, please, not heavy hymn (4,6,5)
- 6 Musician having time off with head of enclosed order (8)
- 7 In church they are pronounced as out-laws (5)
- 8 Producer of pictures getting actors into cast (10)
- 12 In a manner of speaking, carrying a sign (10)
- 15 Legal club turning lights out, say (5,4)
- 16 Car and truck manufacturer with end of candle burning (4-2-2)
- 19 Just how streaker runs (6)
- 21 Find Guardian leaders in sink (3,2)
- 22 Drive off in second and use horn unceasingly (4)

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