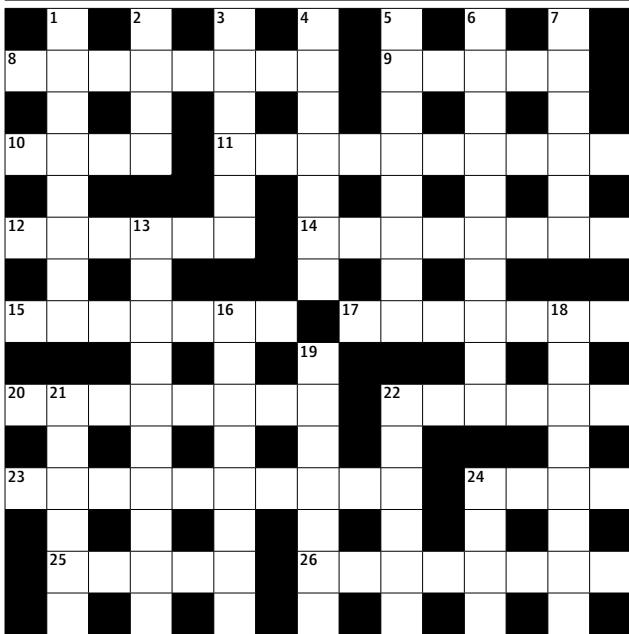


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 8 Intellectual finds bromine in food (8)
- 9 American gangster entertains union leader? That's common! (5)
- 10 Bottom of the barrel (4)
- 11 Defensive measure to tie game (10)
- 12 Partisan located outside Iraqi capital (6)
- 14 Former partners keep pamphlet of selected passages (8)
- 15 Movement formed by a poet (7)
- 17 Landing area supervisor admitting insolence (7)
- 20 Unwanted sewers start to split (8)
- 22 Nose around worker's storeroom (6)
- 23 Is this damn development random? (3-3-4)
- 24 One Italian female pursues tons of fish (4)
- 25 God has a name that has a point (5)
- 26 Employers' leader cracked, having been fitted up (8)

Down

- 1 Used loin in a stew? That's fancy! (8)

- 2 Remains quiet (4)
- 3 Turkey's dead, cooked and sold (6)
- 4 Charlie gets poorer daily (7)
- 5 Bake buns – hate cooking (8)
- 6 Thinking of motorway in disrepair (10)
- 7 Land on fire (6)
- 13 Bloomer makes game prolong (10)
- 16 Taking steps in tango lesson (8)
- 18 A way to keep one's products organised (8)
- 19 Longs for unrestrained praises (7)
- 21 Checks about a hundred Fiats (6)
- 22 Ignore youngster eating a little horse (4,2)
- 24 It's best put on Indian's head (4)

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