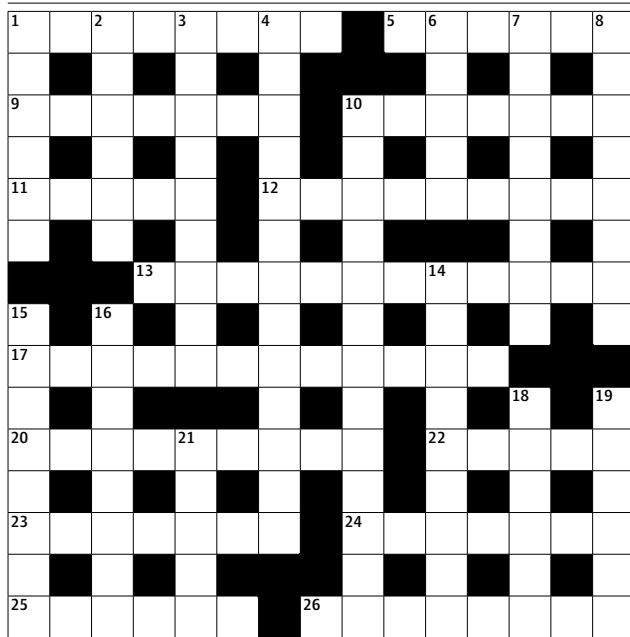


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,075 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 Story told to encourage when caught in this? (8)
- 5 Old dictator took vehicle over backwater (6)
- 9 Dictator's henchmen sorting postage (7)
- 10 Saul's blowers? (7)
- 11 Is short, they say – short of discipline (5)
- 12 Possibly last drink is more than brackish (4,5)
- 13 Perhaps 1p under fails, giving away more than intended (8,4)
- 17 Front wheelwright? (12)
- 20 It takes one to settle abnormal dressing requirements (6,3)
- 22 With love three can affect the atmosphere (5)
- 23 Creatures making a lot of tricks in a turn (7)
- 24 She's a model on the game (7)
- 25 Music produced by some person at an instrument (6)
- 26 People wearing necklace, whereon they are distressed (4,4)

Down

- 1 Leg got twisted in crosspiece (6)
- 2 Being of fashionable school? (6)
- 3 Money republic raised for a place to dine (9)
- 4 For election of members? (5,8)
- 6 Permit to be without depth and quiet? (5)
- 7 Throw over discussion, keeping student at ease (8)
- 8 Decree for others about to tear inside (8)
- 10 Carrier of cannon balls? (8,5)
- 14 Some log in prepared for a new term (9)
- 15 Lost without heroin – on Sunday smokers need them (8)
- 16 Attitude is shown up in draught (8)
- 18 Many an instrument playing in Llaregyb (6)
- 19 New arrivals heard of accommodation on board (6)
- 21 Make it lawful to bring back corporal punishment by head teacher (5)

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