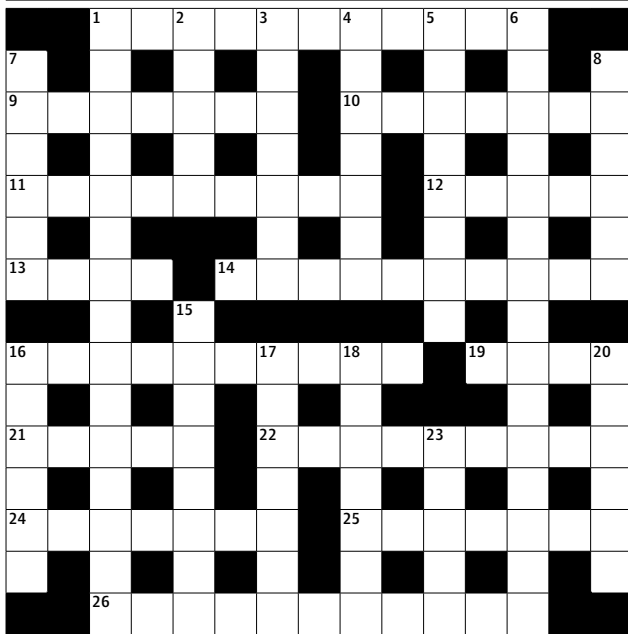


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,094 set by Pasquale

Across

- 1 Abel's murderer? It could be him (5,6)
- 9 The reverse of fat, the man's held to be a hero in Athens (7)
- 10 Way to avoid repeated note when having to in musical piece (7)
- 11 Study icon having moved away from general society (2,7)
- 12 Tried to win, sounding disagweeable (5)
- 13 Electronic publication about cricket? (4)
- 14 Work at greyhound stadium to divert from the main point (5,1,4)
- 16 Pieces can get mixed up left in that school box? (6,4)
- 19 Criticise possible achievement of East-West partnership (4)
- 21 Horse's rump given whip around third part of course (5)
- 22 Hesitation about pamphlet before editor's disowned (9)
- 24 Nuts fixed to secure centre of wheel – then I left behind tool (7)
- 25 One knew about lines – something for pupil at school once? (7)
- 26 Like employers waywardly ruling (7,4)

Down

- 1 Announcement of van's arrival by jingly tune in street play (3,6,6)
- 2 Times spinning bits of news? (5)
- 3 Give girl brief call (4,3)
- 4 Female tagger-on with philosopher, one making an effort (7)
- 5 Inexperienced male put into position, inadequate person lacking substance (5,3)
- 6 Gambling system one I try? Not at all, silly (8,7)
- 7 Looking hard, having lost a thread (6)
- 8 We hear fish'll cook (6)
- 15 Girl I had upset, keeping quiet over dumping process (8)
- 16 Answer phone in truck (4-2)
- 17 Musical arrangement leader ignored – bad upset for composer (7)
- 18 Pasquale's work environment (7)
- 20 Many inches around theologian's waist (6)
- 23 Presumably having lots of plants wonky? (5)

Solution No. 26,093

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