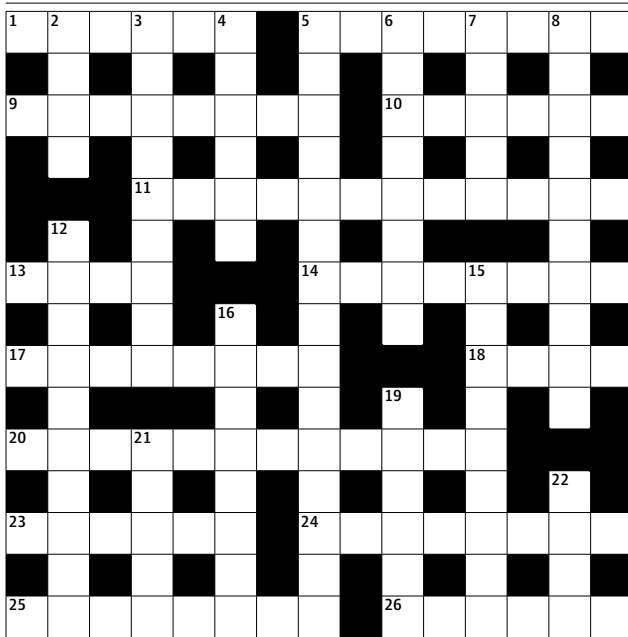


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Doctors' bills cause such outcry! (6)
- 5 "An Englishman in New York" from Elton? Non-sense! (4,4)
- 9 Captive hugging frisky sheep? It's erotic to some ... (8)
- 10 ... perhaps, holding nothing is gloomy (6)
- 11 Incredibly, an old age actor finally ran for president (6,6)
- 13 Jumper for playing golf (4)
- 14 Back in goal with utter ease, bearing number (8)
- 17 Canine, beginning to eat, still has nothing to go with hot stew (3,5)
- 18 Superheroes, followers of Ximenes' lead? (1-3)
- 20 Those in society on form (7,5)
- 23 Bad idea to restrain navy against attack (6)
- 24 Scott's companion, devouring lots of desert and biscuits (8)
- 25 When special army group is retired with new killer? (8)
- 26 Sings flowing melody on Sunday without mass (6)

Down

- 2 One addicted to American TV series (4)

- 3 Officer doubly correct to provide protection (9)
- 4 Monster's swaying hips gets knight cross (6)
- 5 India's Koh-i-noor? (5,2,3,5)
- 6 US strikes hard: Republican peacekeepers are in some trouble (4,4)
- 7 Back massage with spirit to cover the whole body (5)
- 8 Slave's uprising about iron regularly fears tropical disease (5,5)
- 12 Short of time, they run about in stadia (10)
- 15 In the US, rank and duty – it's an order by duke (4,5)
- 16 Doormen supply deliveries (8)
- 19 Very much against the pointless subject of "rickrolling" (6)
- 21 Bear a left, then a right, then reverse (5)
- 22 In Belize, a lover showing passion (4)

Solution No. 26,287

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