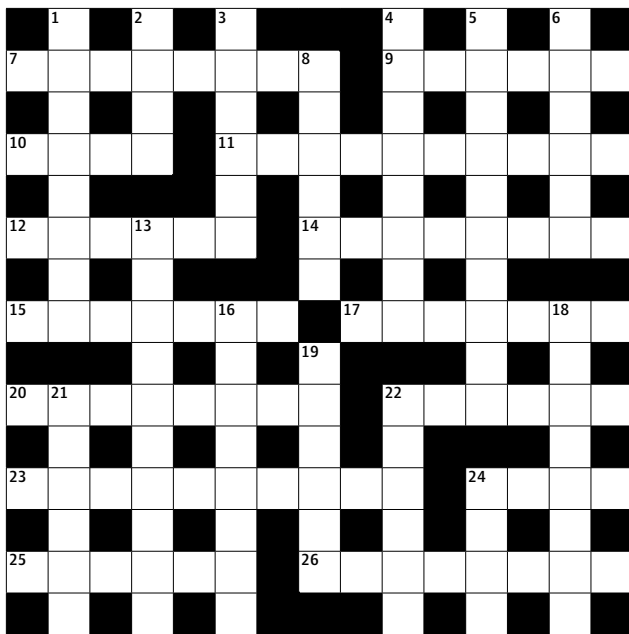


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,577 set by Qaos

### Across

- 7 Busy trophy wife regularly featured in love record ... (8)  
 9 ... leaving former partner nothing – dirt, for the most part (6)  
 10 Boy's chance to go topless (4)  
 11 I clean silver in Germany and pour on cold water (10)  
 12 Uncontrolled actor ignores book on The Origin of Method (6)  
 14 Review article is in abstract paper (8)  
 15 Man makes tea for Israelites (7)  
 17 Seeing explosion – small or big bang? (7)  
 20 Is he an insect or a great beast? (8)  
 22 Copper's exam brings forth the cleverest (6)  
 23 Twist a handle in to animate display (10)  
 24 Yank's clothing slips off hip (4)  
 25 Economical plan (6)  
 26 Words of 3 for doing words (8)

### Down

- 1 Bill Clinton's first turn – worth being faithful? (8)  
 2 Law book (4)  
 3 Do swim at sea to have the experience (6)  
 4 Rehabilitate policemen giving up cocaine for dessert (5,3)

- 5 Boxing chaps turn to a dramatic series of bouts (10)  
 6 First goal accepted by 2 special referees (6)  
 8 Diamonds with income support? – Home Secretary's alarm (6)  
 13 Perhaps chocolate's the cause of universal expansion? (4,6)  
 16 Social workers sabotaged stand supporting film director (4,4)  
 18 Mark breaks sonic barrier, emitting dreadful roar! (8)  
 19 1960s' model rejects fashion of bright pink (6)  
 21 Enigmatist's debut puzzle divided Heaven and Hell (6)  
 22 It's rumoured minister could get fired (6)  
 24 Sign card about American singer-songwriter (4)

Solution No. 26,576

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