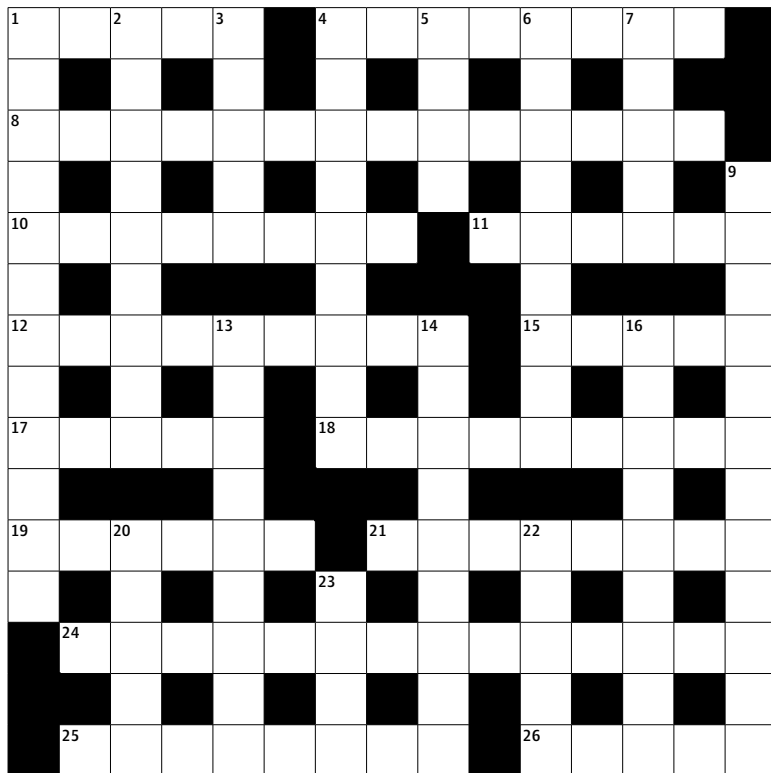


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,197 set by Qaos



Across

- 1 Snakes will increase, not decrease, say leaders (5)
- 4 Support doctor inhaling O₂ as a way out (4,4)
- 8 The art of home improvement? Si! (8,6)
- 10 Shape of unloaded trailer, one thrown into fire (8)
- 11 100 + 0 over 10, right? I'm licked (6)
- 12 One working out cries uncontrollably after river run (9)
- 15 Old cave unearthed by instant replay (5)
- 17 Teacher to express displeasure with men (5)
- 18 It joins any pets, if playful (6,3)
- 19 District gets hard capital upfront (6)
- 21 Console warrior online using this? (8)
- 24 After comic opera, villager embraces hot bird (6,8)
- 25 Reptiles get bad press biting man's head off (8)
- 26 Criminal nears noose (5)
- idiotic rich earls in tin (5)
- 4 Injured boss I'm carrying up mountain as living material (9)
- 5 Finale where nothing divides 100,500 by 1 (4)
- 6 Clashing and not crashing around space station (9)
- 7 Newspaper boy from Wales is unmarried (5)
- 9 Holy lady gets rescue dog right away – better when undressed? (2,10)
- 13 Vehicle has trouble in road reversing and parking? Cheat! (4-5)
- 14 Royal breaking free – she initially sprints, then jogs (9)
- 16 Star who's the pick of the bunch? (3,6)
- 20 Lift beams, say (5)
- 22 Britain's behind in US money (5)
- 23 Hard growth is essentially difficult (4)

Down

- 1 Card game the French see making a comeback in campaigning politician's itinerary (7-5)
- 2 Food fan: I'm tucking into split (9)
- 3 Femme fatale keeps heads of

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