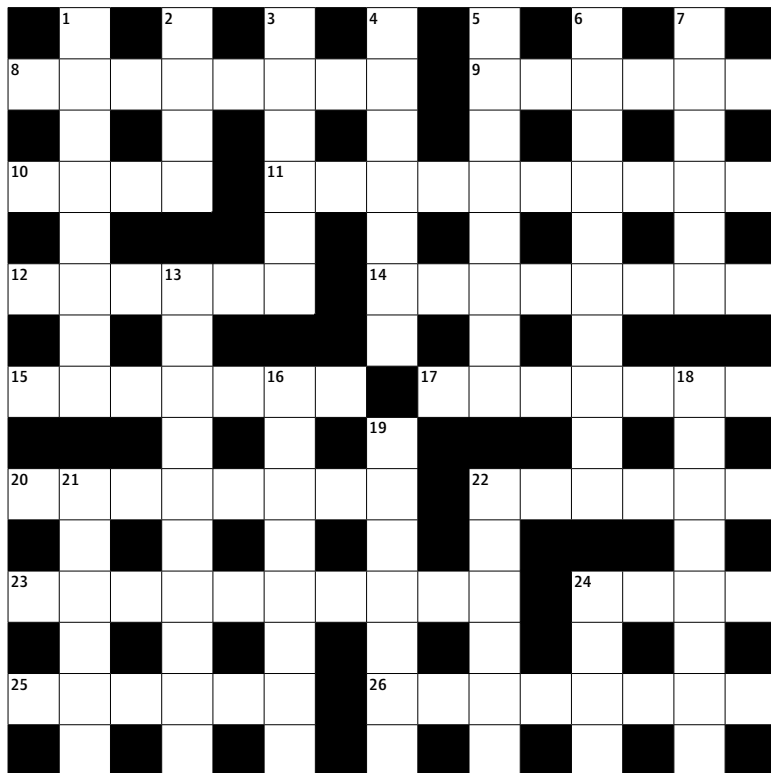


**Guardian cryptic crossword** No 28,200 set by Paul



**Across**

- 8 Rich source, fish served with last drops of sardine oil (2,6)
- 9 Stick securing old, hollowed out puppet (6)
- 10 Fish, a freak doing the backstroke? (4)
- 11 In death, evoke praise (10)
- 12 OK to put away bed and lie around? (6)
- 14 Two things smoked, queer fish (8)
- 15 My Lord has invested currency – big fish (7)
- 17 Deep, deep fish (3,4)
- 20 Fish good with two fish (8)
- 22 See 21
- 23 Croatian boxers reportedly bringing carp (5,5)
- 24 Stonefish? (4)
- 25 Fish not a sausage male's thrown back (6)
- 26 Transport used on street, most reliable (8)
- 7 Drinking litres, bum virtually drunk (6)
- 13 Ladies scantily dressed, Barbra Streisand's initials covering her topless picture (5,5)
- 16 Realisation, where I happen to change personality, ultimately (8)
- 18 Fish is covered in cream after gutting error (8)
- 19 V fishy stain under unopened receptacle (7)
- 21,22across Kipper in front, farewell forever seafood sandwiches! (3,3,6)
- 22 Come to understand thread about European Union (4,2)
- 24 Fish bleeding briefly (4)

**Down**

- 1 Fish get into difficulties (8)
- 2 Little bit of Africa to investigate, travelling north (4)
- 3 Draw spirit miles up (6)
- 4 Fish ball with different starter (7)
- 5 Contemporary scholar gathering speed (5-3)
- 6 Temporary office left, using this handle over ditch (10)

Solution No. 28,199

