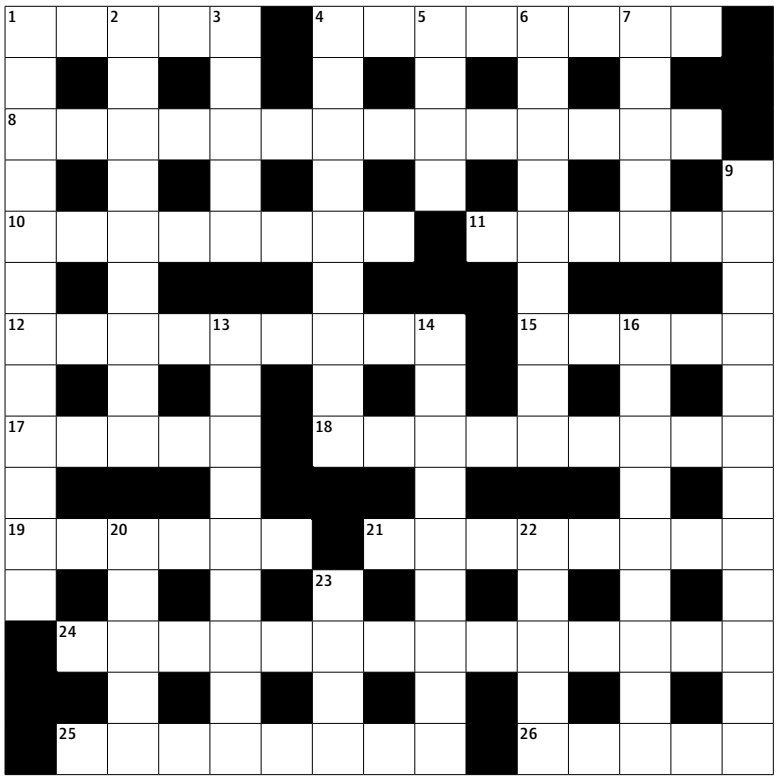
Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,092 set by Paul



Across

1 Maiden in reverse initially denting bumper? (5)
4 Italian food with taste of cheese a plebeian's thrown about (3,5)
8 Sticky stuff, something to fill squares alongside something to remove it? (6,8)
10 Elastic on equipment in racket pulled back (3-5)
11 Bait in hand? (6)
12 Prize to catch shark detailed - one taking bets (9)
15 Award unblemished? (5)
17 Sound German wheels round (5)
18 Old plane flying right to me (5,4)
19 Empty lounge behind warm fire (6)
21 Was sad about having caged a parrot? So get a perch (4,1,3)
24 Shot down, completely unacceptable (4,3,2,5)
25 With flexible back in exercise, stretch out - slight stretch? (5,3)
26 After returning, record filled in by unknown emigrant (5)

Down

1 Doing this, not going to multiply 24? (6,6)
2 Bird tough for Archer (5,4)
3 One south of flipping green district of Rome (5)
4 It's rolled over, in something to kick - and pass (3,6)
5 Opera, not entirely mirthful, ultimately uplifting (4)
6 Other toad in soup, here (2,3,4)
7 Fight to draw up, through case in scabbard - this? (5)
9 Planet in stew, for troubled - don't expect it to get better! (4,3,5)
13 Flash activated, faint shiner (9)
14 Part played by Baltic capital investing millions in bureaucracy (9)
16 Tripped, breaking item of crockery - in little pieces? (7,2)
20 Under orderly, hospital (5)
22 Little bit topped with last of chocolate, lay it on thick (5)
23 Elephant in bunk? (4)

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