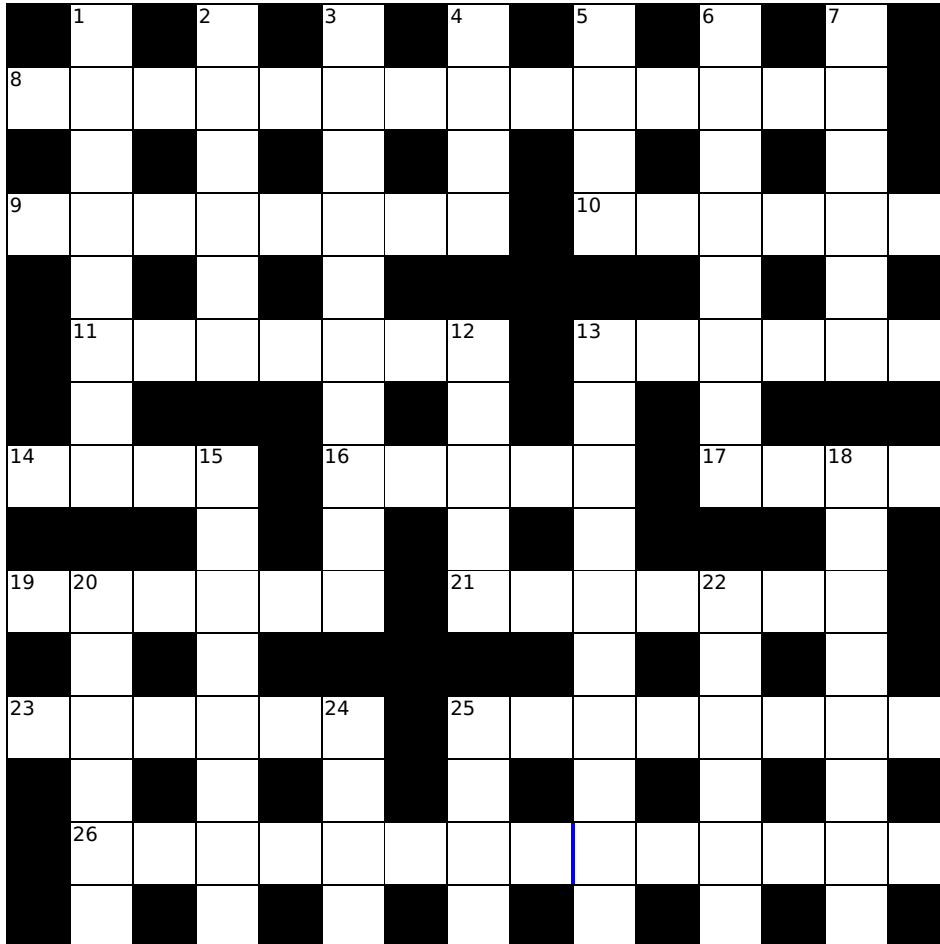


# Spitting Straight Fire: Loplop Cryptic #008 [15x]

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While constructing this puzzle, five entries proved just too hot to handle! These entries have been clued with wordplay only.



## Across

- 8** Singer has in-region lead in punk (1500000, 2 wds.)  
**9** Sandwich contains a bit of banana, avocado and nutella (100000)  
**10** Cost is adjusted for cool people (6)

- 11** Source of sugar coated urge (25000)  
**13** Southern aura hanging around Kyoto's first cherry blossom (6)  
**14** Article about stranger (4)  
**16** Bummer: taking day off for having one? (5)

- 17** In an expression of disapproval, a reprimand (4)  
**19** Type that is for a quick expedition (6)  
**21** Cost a small company (25000)  
**23** Fixed top of standing desk (6)  
**25** A plan Joe botched (2500)  
**26** Still covering a new spicy measure for five enumerations in this puzzle? (8,6)

## Down

- 1** Caribbean spread I put in a container (8)  
**2** Year very much going uphill for public figure? (6)  
**3** Oh no, tipped over sliced jelly filled pastry! Find a box for things (10)  
**4** Speak interminably about boba add-on (4)  
**5** It gives clear views of untopped valleys (4)  
**6** Toothy piece of Spanish arugula? (8)  
**7** Vendor said to be filthier (6)  
**12** German painter contributing to Western style (5)  
**13** Young artists steal biomedical engineer's coats aboard steamship (10)  
**15** Not something published digitally! (8)  
**18** Cuddling and giving bites (8)  
**20** Unintelligent kind of angle (6)  
**22** Fruit spun around and covered in tomato paste (6)  
**24** Say "time's up" (4)  
**25** Tiny amount left in jar (4)