



**Across**

- 1 A complaint about state of hotel (8,4)
- 7 I struck oil in the middle of nowhere - property of old province? (7)
- 8 Humiliated when object of desire became uninterested, ultimately (7)
- 10 Lack of enthusiasm, say, shown during birth (10)
- 11 Map of national park returned (4)
- 12 Feature of weather chart - rainbows all over the place, bar the northwest (6)
- 13 One stake about to pierce another animal (8)

- 16 6th chapter of Genesis: religious person to see Flood? (8)
- 18 Slow when road ahead joins pass (6)
- 21 Start to broadcast surrender (4)
- 22 Cook regularly bought saffron for dish (10)
- 24 Travelled westwards at speed to deliver report (7)
- 25 City's outskirts caught by isolated storm (7)
- 26 Inventor whose design's a symbol of inspiration for others (6,6)

**Down**

- 1 Lively Italian makes a contribution to football, e.g. Rossi (7)
- 2 Tried to capture the high points of Tripoli - Libya's an important region (9)
- 3 Garden of Eden resident eats remnants of forbidden food - broccoli, or another vegetable? (6)
- 4 Going to take drug - how dramatic! (8)
- 5 Disgusting breach of the rules (4)
- 6 Too corrupt to curb torture? That's a tragedy (7)
- 7 Bergman extremely keen to work with Irish playwright (6,5)
- 9 Stress of deadline

suffocating Express's leader writer (6,5)

- 14 Engages nefarious character at the back door, initially (9)
- 15 Stumped! Unqualified batsman's focus falters (8)
- 17 Discover nature resort at the beginning of holiday (7)
- 19 Perhaps they declare the abolition of church? (7)
- 20 Pressured rioting Confederates to destroy Senate building (6)
- 23 Seriously damage spy's chief objective (4)