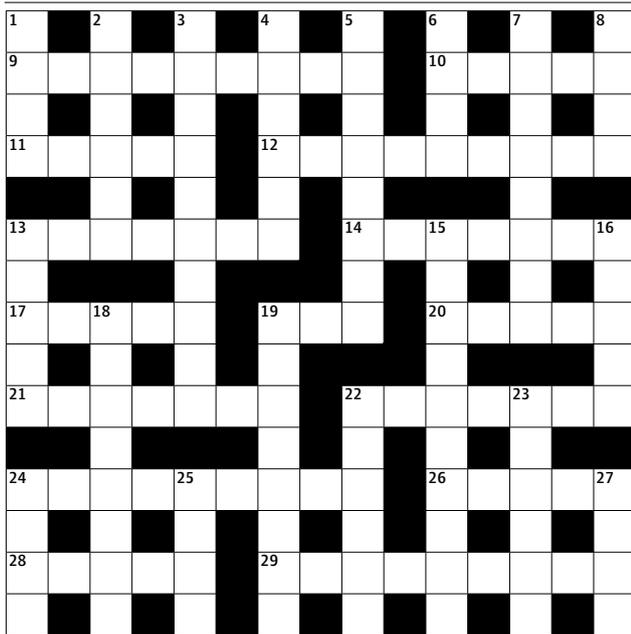


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,181 set by Paul

Across

- 9** Spiv aristo holds back, if punching cobblers (9)
10 A9 diversion brainless (5)
11 Giant taking tea, say, with bread (5)
12 Variable, get one's ID twice converted for computer (9)
13 More obvious, nurse should secure ends of ligature (7)
14 Last of sugar in drink, then half of éclair wasted as sweet stuff (7)
17 Usual mess, with supporter entering America the wrong way (5)
19 Party 22 20? (3)
20 See 22
21 Cinema where intravenous device almost reaching its target? (5-2)
22,20 Boy in the wrong about a time for autumnal challenge (5,2,5)
24 Catch disease, then scoff – you're 26 with it! (9)
26 See 4
28 Zone around pole, ring (5)
29 Paddy certainly isn't after power, which is hilarious! (9)

Down

- 1,8** Chanel's essence in water close to England (8)
2 Monroe could be 4 26? (2,4)
3 Pound in weight right on slimmer's bottom, interrupting signal to find extreme remedy? (4,2,4)

- 4,26** With alternative to avoid, leader wanted choice? (4,2,5)
5 Heading for Blackpool, continuing straight for resort (8)
6 Unpleasant type catching female for 22 20? (4)
7 3 the lot over the area (8)
8 See 1
13 Might the joint be enclosed? (5)
15 Old cat tried, when entangled, to get disentangled (10)
16 Organic compound of the steroids (5)
18 Single friend in joiner, 4 26? (8)
19 Disrespect shown regarding interim worker's breach of court (8)
22 22 20, nipple? (6)
23 Emperor is between king and a queen (6)
24 3 scoundrel in conversation (4)
25 Go up, 22 20 (4)
27 Bearing meal, starter not required (4)

Solution No. 25,180

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