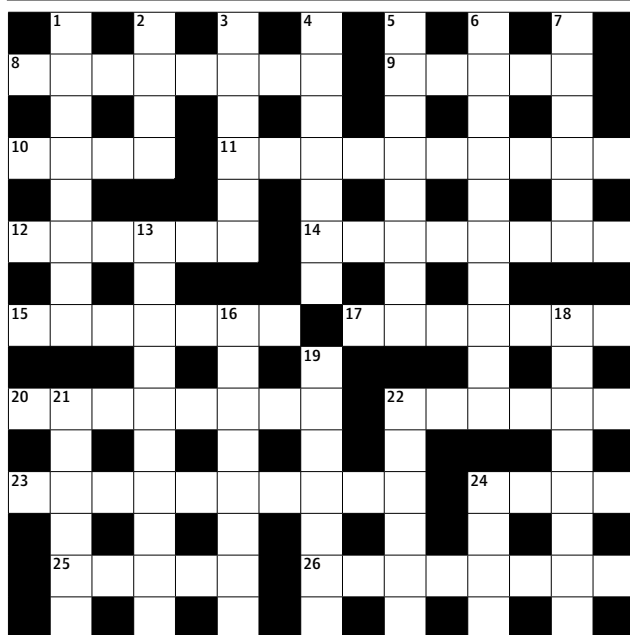


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,222
set by Paul

Across

- 8** US city's coastal feature that is to be removed (3,5)
9 Hate to stop short, grabbing husband (5)
10,24down 4, so speeding 7 might be asked to? (8)
11 Naughty boy flipping taking the biscuit, knocking off princess (10)
12 Cold mountains so? (6)
14 Larva takes my line, backing into weapon (4,4)
15 Animal by River Thames, swimming (7)
17 Why suits should be returned after Paul's puzzle (7)
20 See 22
22,20 4's ill-fitting jeans, mockery left and right (6,8)
23 Everyone's drinking water protected by rural establishment – so don't panic! (5,5)
24 Good to block leaderless Conservative party with many members exposed? (4)
25 Iodine applied to sailors' bones (5)
26 Brave revolutionary yearning to take Newcastle etc (8)

Down

- 1** Granny with degree overcoming president with spirit (8)
2 I solve Paul ultimately to become hero (4)
3 4's island (6)
4 5th show? (3,4)
5 4's blockage easy to deal with crossing motorway (5,3)

- 6** With rotten apple full of weevils at first, it's wet and foaming (5,5)
7 Motorist's club (6)
13 Suggestion of salt in this without appeal? (4,6)
16 Very happy to bring up the Church, still (8)
18 Universal fighter in imaginative work, Asia's missing pest controller (8)
19 Early stages in thought (7)
21 Shed sees crawler in Blair (4-2)
22 4's flea? (6)
24 See 10

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