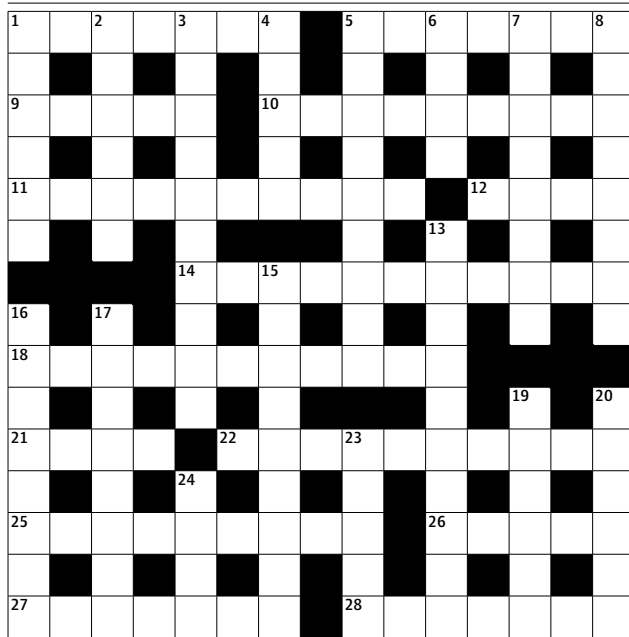


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,003 set by Paul

Note posted 18 July 2013: The originally published clue for 27,18,10 across was wrongly numbered.

Across

- 1 Computer puzzling no work for a monkey (7)
- 5 Channels being employed on board (7)
- 9 Scrubber taking a plonker from behind (5)
- 10 See 27
- 11 Conventional way, say, to find 2 of 4, perhaps? (6,4)
- 12 See 26
- 14 Blooming quality not as good among delicate seamless fringes (11)
- 18 See 27
- 21 One's blown old plane in half (4)
- 22 Choppy sea more confused, we hear, in part of England (4,6)
- 25 Establishment of Rome not entirely anti-revolutionary (9)
- 26,12 Jay catching birds beginning to warble seasonal song (3,2,4)
- 27,18,10 President taking circuitous line in consultation with me, I'm stretched out, tired and exhausted (7,11,9)
- 28 Third wife has to be extra watchful, they say (7)

Down

- 1 Attack underground workers heading for tunnel (6)
- 2 Taking credit and responsibility, he brought up his children (6)
- 3 Four leaflets for it, equal after distribution (10)
- 4 Mathematician starts to expand upon Lagrange's extraordinary results (5)
- 5 Dozy trio of neighbouring characters screened by Hampshire channel (9)
- 6 Sense the superpower's gone then? (4)
- 7 More slight risk with nine labours (8)
- 8 Budgerigars, perhaps, rising like owls in flight? (8)
- 13 Part below zero literally empty, however (5-5)
- 15 Time alternative cases in process (9)
- 16 Small number of hens, you might say, for an ice cream serving? (8)
- 17 Joiner taking gold fled from the country (8)
- 19 Drunk left in the end, cut short (6)
- 20 Beam first on roof then (6)
- 23 Beer container is capital (5)
- 24 Held up by hook, a monster shark (4)

Solution No. 26,002

