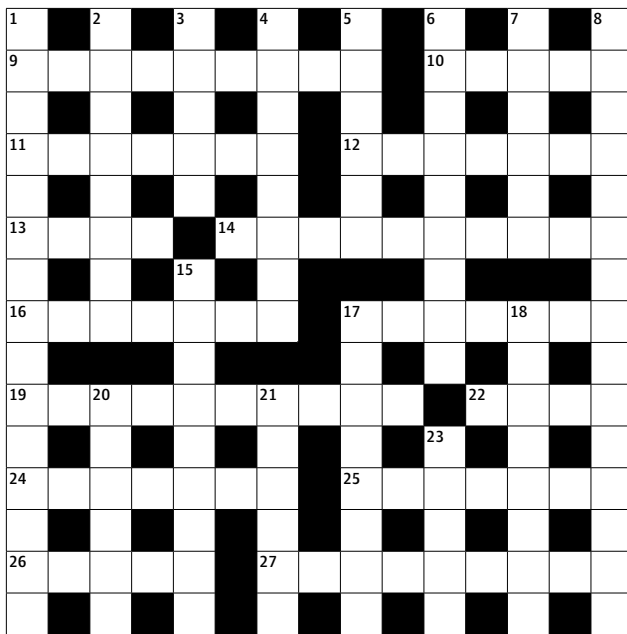


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 27,170 set by Paul

Across

- 9** Wide containers, four in river (9)
10 Batting sides interrupted (2-3)
11 Sooner at sea, hard to be kept – away from it? (2,5)
12 More than one case exists in glens (7)
13 Man, failure heading for extinction (4)
14 Ornate picture frames or nothing in US territory (6,4)
16,23 Old song lyric contested by a number in the south of France? (4,3,5)
17 See 3
19 Instrument, on which I produce notes, is running (10)
22 Pudding failed (4)
24 Argentine trained to shoot Admiral Horatio primarily, as Lord (7)
25 In Greece, plain old folly ultimately, politician inspired by cheat no end (7)
26 Relative seen from behind in codpiece, inconsolable (5)
27 As soon as guards happen to fade away, that's submission (9)

Down

- 1** O for Officer? (6,2,7)
2 In various parts, classic tours thus restricted by passport? (8)

- 3,17across** American saw evidence of deterioration after doing exercises, pathetic (2,3,2,5)
4 Assuming elected, hold down a cushy job (8)
5 See 21
6 High street retailer once seeing value in a fabric? (9)
7 Little growth in industry initially, while privileged type stuck up (6)
8 One in unfamiliar surroundings, as 21 5? (1,4,3,2,5)
15 Individual club sandwiches toward the mouth? (9)
17 Buckinghamshire town upset different town in Kent (8)
18 American sport on the rise, game not half taking over (8)
20 8, perhaps? One's smoked (6)
21,5 Serve alcohol in a quandary – might one be 16 or 18? (6-6)
23 See 16

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