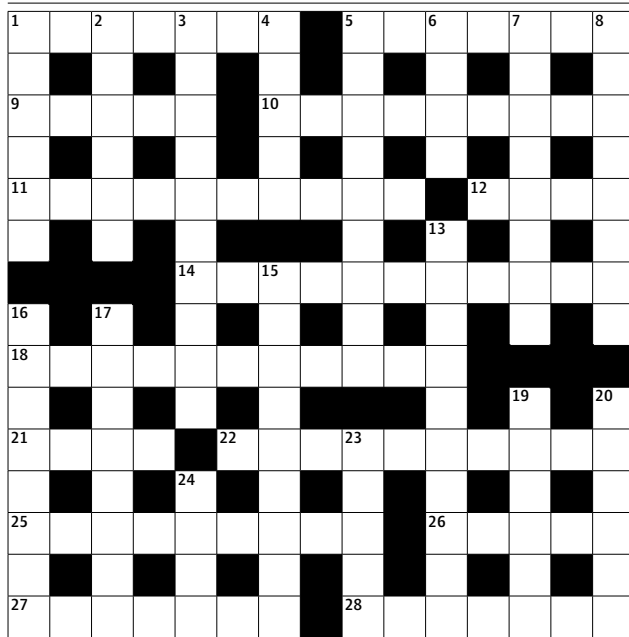


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Something run by Playboy hostess missing New York – sweet thing (4,3)
- 5 School has Germany blocking German with old chancellor (7)
- 9 Some spikier back treatment from Japan (5)
- 10 Deception in stylish openings to Armani's new evening line (9)
- 11 They're by the fireside OK – nine logs chopped up (10)
- 12 Idiot parking right by a junction (4)
- 14 Tool to make channel, one going underground – terrible ordeal inside (4,7)
- 18 Supporters for repairing holes – courage protecting new place for soldiers? (7,4)
- 21 Breaking news: energy – short of gas (4)
- 22 Laurel going over circuit, initially: Bernie Ecclestone getting pulse (6,4)
- 25 Writer joining a certain Pixar film to attain a standard ... (7,2)
- 26 ... 8 star with case of Disney taking two Oscars (5)
- 27 Suspect one's Zorro, oddly, has one dropped off? (7)
- 28 Our writer's first part of 8 short and 24er (7)

Down

- 1 Hook that is feature of 8 3 (6)
- 2 Dinky model also known as Hornby (6)
- 3 Does she sort train journeys with Mum – cracking offer? (10)

- 4 Upending tin over most of spicy Mexican food (5)
- 5 Part of 8's heartless soul replacing top of model car – Corgi, perhaps? (6,3)
- 6 See 17
- 7 At home drama was shown on time without fail (8)
- 8 Amuses oneself amorously with blue movie (3,5)
- 13 Docking Passat and Golf with electronic system – use this between buildings (10)
- 15 See 24
- 16 A sad Nemo swimming in things that grow (8)
- 17,6 One in 8 working "Toad" metaphor (2,6,4)
- 19 Soak up again – resurrection of '80s band with Queen (6)
- 20 "Ultimately white" – can Daz really perform miracle with this? (6)
- 23 Enter Russian leader, governing at the top (5)
- 24,15 8 star casting by one, laughter welcoming pair of unknowns (4,9)

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