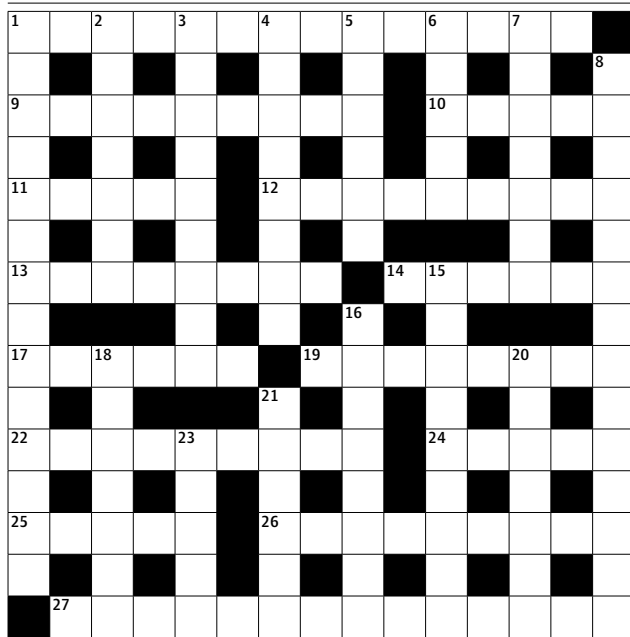


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Reassess each asset, perhaps, depending on circumstances (2,3,4,3,2)
- 9 You reportedly squeezed into old trousers with retrograde look, as any homemaker should (9)
- 10 Bit of a lout, Donald Trump (5)
- 11 Lush plant once again turning westward (5)
- 12 Decorator working in part of Paris (9)
- 13 Celebs ill-equipped for dinner parties (8)
- 14 CIA's involved in government department omnishambles (6)
- 17 Pro rugby player (6)
- 19 Look of annoyance about team going over current failure (5,3)
- 22 Dog's back in English novelist's strip of greenery (9)
- 24 Leg shown by model, a sitter (3-2)
- 25 What Beatrix of the Netherlands used to do in the shower, according to rumour (5)
- 26 Rail service repaired car with crack on the outside (9)
- 27 Vamp explored love in bed – not really fair! (8,6)

Down

- 1 Guess nocturnal spirits may be involved (1,4,2,3,4)

- 2 Topless 17 gives you the horn (7)
- 3 Vile manager oppressing masses half-heartedly (9)
- 4 How one may sail, we hear, at rocks (8)
- 5 Setter's come up with trick to use (6)
- 6 Market oven guards alternatively (5)
- 7 Partners first run going concerns (7)
- 8 See criminal offer to enter one dodgy plea (4,10)
- 15 Like Iceland? It's gone bust (9)
- 16 Happen to find space traveller on French street (4,4)
- 18 Rank arrogance that's unacceptably forward (7)
- 20 Killer's boxing clever, officer's found (7)
- 21 Asian said to get energy from this exercise? (3,3)
- 23 Fast, with zip? Au contraire! (5)

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