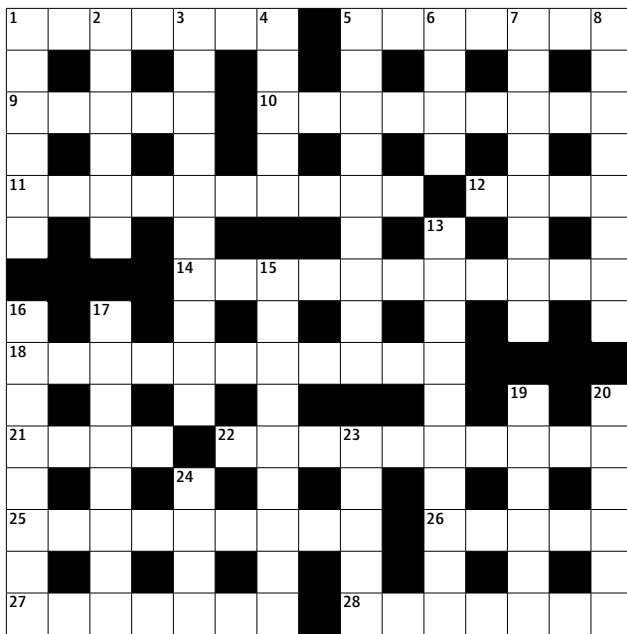


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Solver texted eastern princess using mains leads element (7)
- 5 Military state rigged trial (7)
- 9 Masseurs often do lack sound (5)
- 10 Catechism failed as a plan (9)
- 11 A bit of a joke, first year plan: "Remove tree and grind up" (10)
- 12 Clown's opening daily bluff? (4)
- 14 A force for revival piqued Etruscans to accept use of modern technology (11)
- 18 Mundane experiment to restrict boob treatment that's controversial (11)
- 21 Maybe five of Henry's energy oats (rounded) (4)
- 22 Green foundation's ordinary union members? (5,5)
- 25 Like famous Freddie's medicinal preparation? (9)
- 26 Question the origin of Gulf Stream (5)
- 27 Trainee's mobile imaging aids (7)
- 28 Old banger's a windy threat in Arizona, say (7)
- 4 Sub-atomic particle is consequently in pieces (5)
- 5 One hot knight, a joint revolutionary spiritual leader (9)
- 6 Seat of power to the east of Scottish island (4)
- 7 Break up WC (put in ground first) (8)
- 8 Coffin's possible resting place, reviving the unfinished legacy (8)
- 13 Power clamps will, when adjusted by right craftsman (10)
- 15 Beset by stormy sea, go to bed dark and brooding (9)
- 16 Cold-sufferer's nose, an element of Christmas festivities? (8)
- 17 Western tiger hurt badly with hard going (4,4)
- 19 Cheery little woman has bottle (6)
- 20 Stone block, hardwood and softwood – check out (6)
- 23 Struggling also-ran's prime sort of power (5)
- 24 Heartless one gets article ready (4)

Down

- 1 Scruffy medium's rejected and abandoned (6)
- 2 Ancestors revealing the last word in exercise? Other way round (6)
- 3 Not wise, moving inside etc to cross over river (10)

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