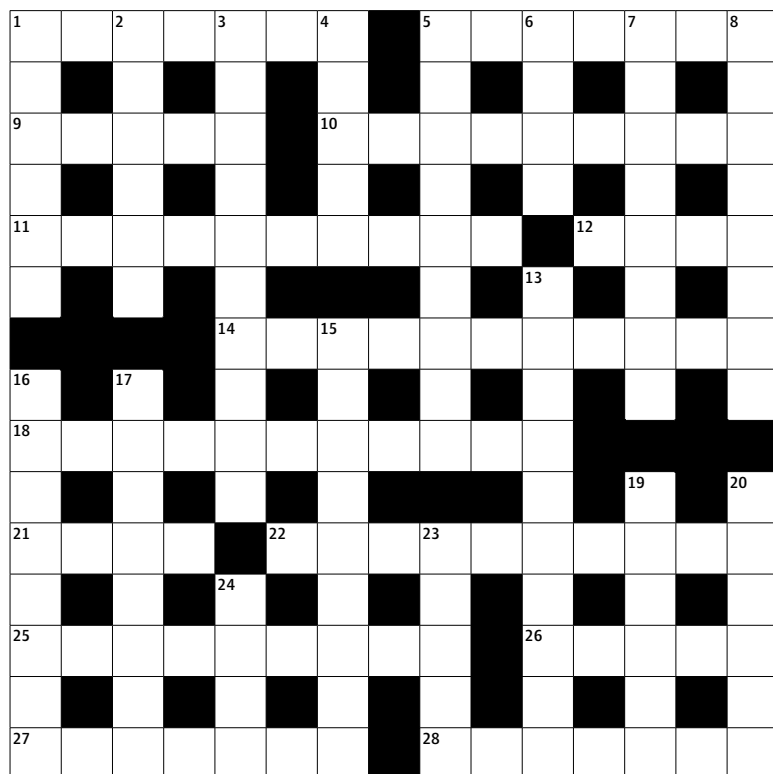


**Guardian cryptic crossword** No 30,036 set by Paul



**Across**

- 1 See 26
- 5 Frank discussions in a trade-off digested (7)
- 9 Clue about bulb, essentially? (5)
- 10 A few missing artist in essence, US president (9)
- 11 See Yorkshire flower near Sheff U v Sheff W, say (5,5)
- 12/24 Last of ham we taste mixed up - in this? (4,4)
- 14 Land idols in trouble? (5,6)
- 18 US actress, how might she cause a stir in speech? (11)
- 21 Groovy chassis on a jalopy (4)
- 22 Sense of outrageous theatre initially dressing Australian in drag (10)
- 25 *Boy in Blue* artist ... (9)
- 26/1 ... gets quarter (12)
- 27 Team getting stuffed in flop, I give up! (5,2)
- 28 Close, as Mexican dog in East London? (7)

**Down**

- Christmas! (4)
- 7 Hawker steals present from that place (8)
- 8 A cap in use tilted badly, level up (8)
- 13 That said in support of stinker, describing nicer comic 23 down (6,4)
- 15 Chance gone, lots being wasted? (6,3)
- 16 Expression of embarrassment while burying head in whelk shell (2,6)
- 17 Riddle from Sphinx's first teacher (8)
- 19 Little bird in leak (6)
- 20 Force once applied to opening in sink blockage (6)
- 23 See 4
- 24 See 12 Across

**Down**

- 1 Pluck item from the wine rack? (6)
- 2 Survivor brightened up again having caught cold (6)
- 3 Rough tongue in nude rogue (10)
- 4/23 Western Samoa discontented here with poor supply (5,5)
- 5 Animated solver's clue? (6,3)
- 6 Christmas movie cut, cut for

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