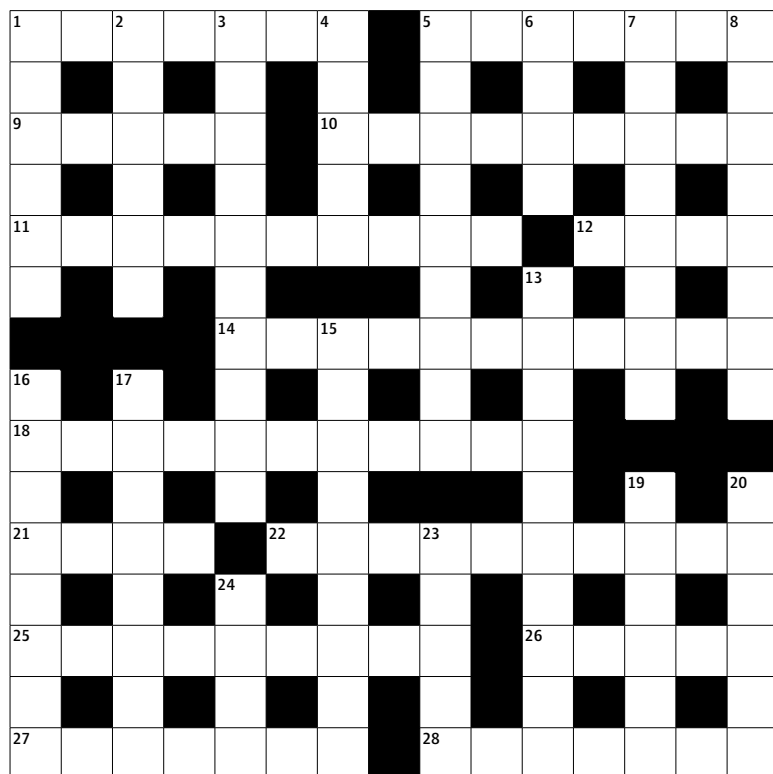


Guardian cryptic crossword No 29,504 set by Paul



Across

- 1 21, islander branded with mark of failure? (7)
- 5 Gossip old PM cut short on voting system (7)
- 9 Only diaspora where outsiders lost in old kingdom (5)
- 10 21, suit-wearing sailor in khazi (9)
- 11 21's valuation of staff? (10)
- 12 Belt out - repeatedly for 21? (4)
- 14 21's suspicious behaviour (11)
- 18 21, 21 left chained by violent criminal (11)
- 21 Pocket or collar? (4)
- 22 Pain clear, case of hooligan off getting treatment (6,4)
- 25 Drilling, say, I tear into rocks (9)
- 26 Crack like that as it happens, one having split (5)
- 27 Pipe like mother installed in her ruin? (3,4)
- 28 Permanent nurse picking flower (7)

accolade? (4)

- 7 Hot resin I left, tipped over (8)
- 8 Fire, new work unit is in essence gutted (8)
- 13 Evidently painful climbing in heels on stumbling in Alpine kit (10)
- 15 Lapse relating to account (9)
- 16 Stretch, and man gets punishment (8)
- 17 Legs welcoming pants, most intimately - those? (8)
- 19 Ice in jug? (6)
- 20 Sin absent before arrest (6)
- 23 Group able to swim freely? (5)
- 24 A convict up for party (4)

Down

- 1 Rules with leg before wicket, say, under review (2-4)
- 2 Element in God having broken that is (6)
- 3 Radio star on, stir crazy (10)
- 4 I see 21 served up some Mexican food (5)
- 5 Having various keys in pockets initially, only a lot for a screw? (9)
- 6 Some retrogressive job's

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