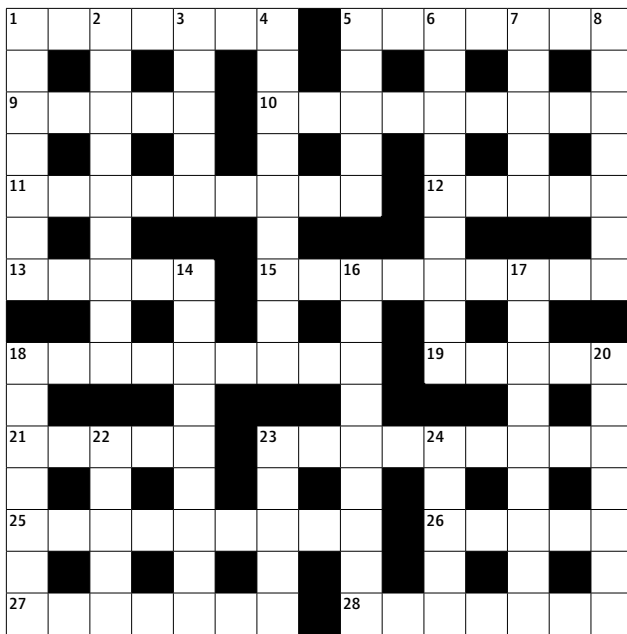


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1,10** Idiot gets another comradely tip: "Communication unbecoming to office" (7,9)
5,27 Respected leader's call ... h'm ... with ban on air travel? (7,7)
9 Leaving government crushed like a ball (5)
10 See 1
11 Elaborate on payment royal received, though not personally involved (5,4)
12 Compound at Calais is about to be reinstated (5)
13 Parties (some) withdrawing – case dismissed (5)
15 Article describing America in hell – horrible picture (5,4)
18 Men atone finally for wrong ... in small measure (9)
19 Computers do it best – time you invested (3,2)
21 Got Georgia's dosh (5)
23 Hit back with an "alternative fact" – journalist turned away (9)
25 Remove main ingredients stopping choice (9)
26 Stretch working group (5)
27 See 5
28 Woman with appeal in paper not available (7)

Down

- 1** Are endlessly having dust-ups over taxes (7)
2 Dinosaur droppings inside, one assumes (9)

- 3,6** Loony left vote destroyed respected leader (5,9)
4 Robin and Batman initially arrested – crazy! (9)
5 Try leader out – that's more than enough! (5)
6 See 3
7 Pick up top off that bottle! (5)
8 The boss has spoken of Boris previously (7)
14 Nice old leader is upset, having to entertain a jerk (9)
16 Want to be noticed taking small lady up (9)
17 A less respected leader about to embrace flighty type – counteragent? (9)
18 Lead offered by 6, not 3 (3,4)
20 Awkward at the start – new dude in secretary's private area (7)
22 Scottish town makes appearance in news (5)
23 Once more in range earlier (5)
24 Cause to attack over records (5)

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