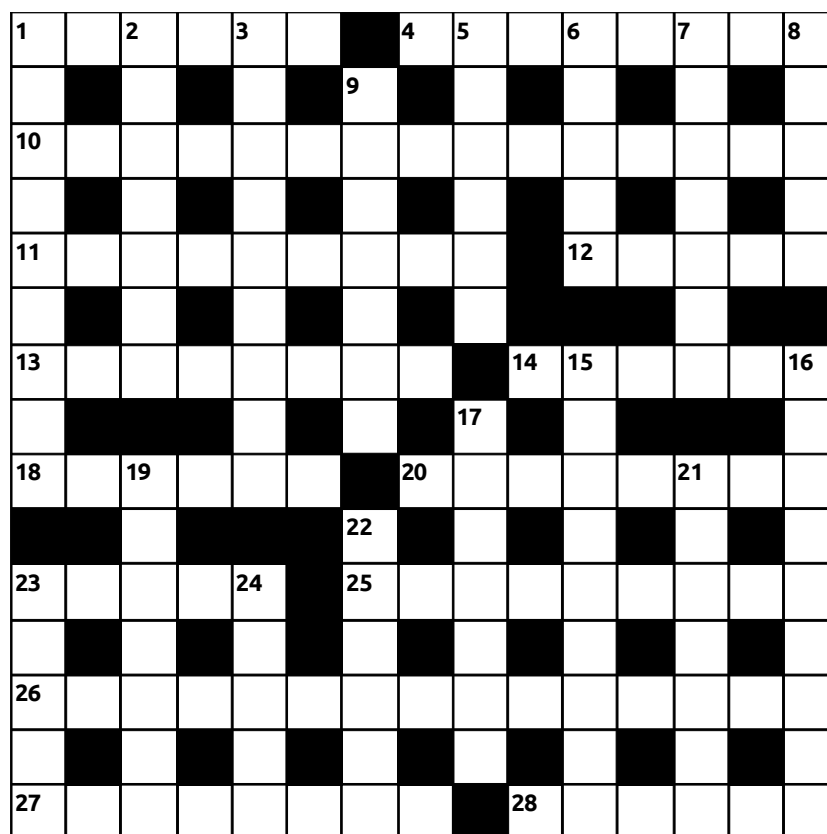


the cruciverbalist

Cryptic crossword #7

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ACROSS

- 1 In first half of show you texted prime minister (6)
- 4 Hogwarts student to vacillate after skipping PE? (3,5)
- 10 Pre-historic animal droppings contained mangled toe and hot bread (5-7,3)
- 11 Tightly grasp colon that's bleeding (5,4)
- 12 Flammable liquid bottled in Europe (the Rhineland) (5)
- 13 Actors are kind at first, as Michael Cera often is? (8)
- 14 Friend tied back loose, hanging skin (6)
- 18 Lied, oddly, about politician's depression (6)
- 20 Take luggage, perhaps, from a Frenchman on Polish retreat? (8)
- 23 Flyer originally found in church (5)
- 25 Cooked evenly, *poisson* pie contains witch organs (9)
- 26 Very rarely on-key, Ian Thorpe finally bursts out with doubly low note (4,2,1,4,4)
- 27 Gap year hasn't started; bother about university after getting saucy (8)
- 28 Jamaican city ousts a monarch, and gets another one that kills criminals (6)

DOWN

- 1 Tuna mixed with salad? Sometimes that is made warm (9)
- 2 Calls the hollow piano 'a kind of music' (7)
- 3 Drunken lunatic - he's acting badly (9)
- 5 Frank Herbert's first book, *Party on Ganymede: Part One* (6)
- 6 Native American toured the first island (5)
- 7 Every enslaved fish shows spirit (7)
- 8 Upending rubbish bag, blockhead released a small reptile (5)
- 9 Callus is found on the second of Truro's inhabitants (7)
- 15 Stuff gag between English soldiers' front teeth (9)
- 16 Retiree writes about the greatest uprising (9)
- 17 Aromatic 12-across in a flipping fish (7)
- 19 Secret agent confiscates jacked-up criminal's spying device? (7)
- 21 Force mythical beast to overeat? (7)
- 22 The setter's eating a hot doughnut after spinning first-rate yarn (6)
- 23 Chart-topping rapper loses papers and green stuff? (5)
- 24 Rob lives in the wild (5)