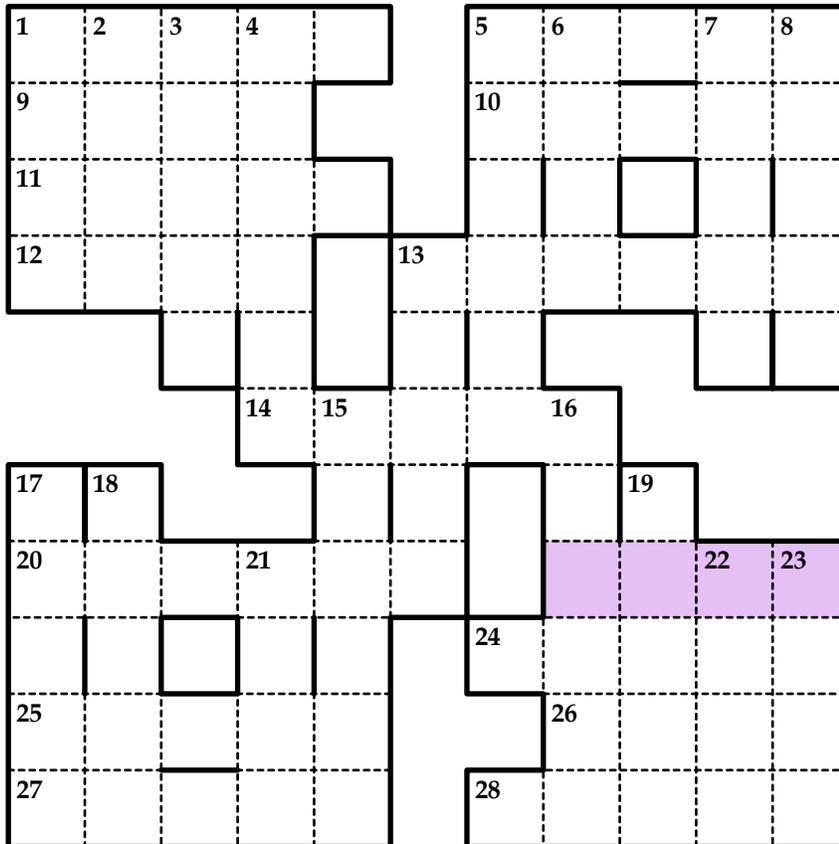


the griddle Cryptic Crossword

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Use the clues to solve the crossword puzzle at left. The clues follow cryptic crossword format - in other words, each clue gives both a hint to the meaning of the word as well as some sort of wordplay to decipher.

Fixed (somewhat) 4/19/2010 with input from Grant and an anonymous commenter. This puzzle is extremely subpar as far as cryptic crosswords go. Feel free to not solve it.

Topless table has qualification. (4)
Enter answer backwards!

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ACROSS:

1. Looking intently in a rest area. (5)
5. Seen easy rupturing sweetener. (5)
9. Worthy persons hold exaggeration. (4)
10. Hot beverage from southeast - just a bit. (5)
11. Talk show: Oh, reversed string instrument. (5)
12. Sheep hair west of bathroom up north. (4)
13. Fruit readies twistedly for a shooter. (6)
14. Found fly east of leaveners. (5)
20. A headless imposter with a ring and a headless monster - a desert dweller? (6)
24. Georgia decay behind a reptile. (5)
25. Found more settings - made default. (5)
26. Shelter the end of inventor's rights. (4)
27. Florida endless zone flash. (5)
28. Prodigy "Rose" ate pita sandwiches. (5)

DOWN:

1. An unfinished shower spectacle. (4)
2. Caught naughty police mistake. (4)
3. Saw her zap Ronald in kitchen garb. (5)
4. Heartless existence in home sales. (6)
5. Standby's holders. (5)
6. Already one snow monster. (4)
7. Headless drug dealer attendant. (5)
8. Green fruit left in under-sea treasure. (5)
13. Takes turns with ice activity. (5)
15. East province consists of all possessions. (6)
16. Overheard evergreen ball holder agreement. (6)
17. Almost Tony Montana neck warmer. (5)
18. Dorm-style lodge with no middle - an inn? (5)
19. Later ordered change. (5)
21. Headless transporter risen. (4)
22. Misaligned blessing of U2 singer. (4)
23. Broken sun fills museums. (4)