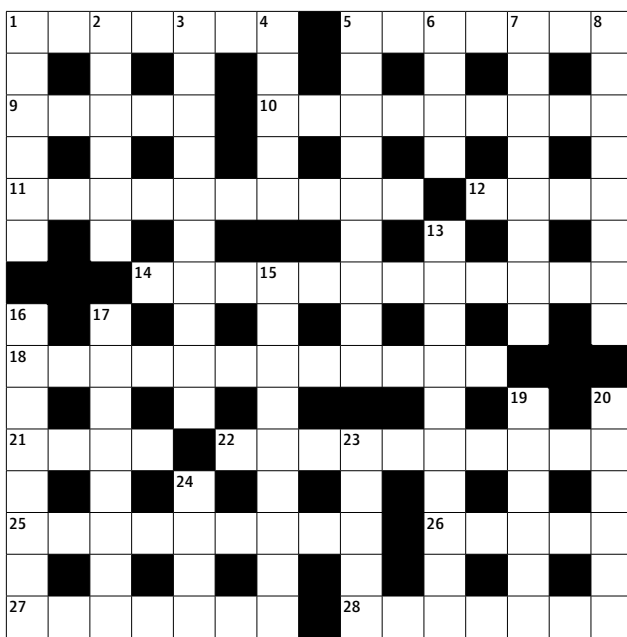


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1,5** All I cry about? Topless dads completing dance work (7,7)
9 Wild bear chases unknown animal (5)
10 New moon? On reflection, you see Altair regularly with one eye (9)
11 Before answer, note the verdict (10)
12 Writer's masterwork? (4)
14 Freedom to swim in deep end, hence he sunk (12)
18 Biologist who reversed hot car by railway, getting caught by crime (6,6)
21 F-flamboyant? (4)
22 Mathematically, like two pieces of pie? Not sensible (10)
25 Partly taken aback, rogue slid off a damsel's bloomers (9)
26 Hear me celebrate sugar coating (5)
27 S&M article, one putting the young to sleep (7)
28 Can 10 run inside this abbey? (7)

Down

- 1** Cold blooded sort of woman, difficult husband's out (6)
2 Sturdy old banger's bonnet covered in iron oxide (6)
3 Many lobby dotty Green opponent (10)

- 4** 51 + 1,001? Time to check (5)
5 Oscar learned to wrestle wearing black belt (9)
6 Girl charmed knight away (4)
7 Versatile like ball-bearings? (3-5)
8 Disreputable woman's group welcomes Donald (8)
13 Warning to Indian: curry gobbled in very short time (10)
15 Sally's old dog is lifting leg (9)
16 Republican escapes, following quiet introductions (8)
17 Plot device has wooden mule masking initially most of the computer-generated imagery (8)
19 Draw ten sparkling diamonds (6)
20 S-superhero Wolverine's catchphrase? (6)
23 Help dog remove lead (5)
24 Class information? (4)

Solution No. 27,281

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