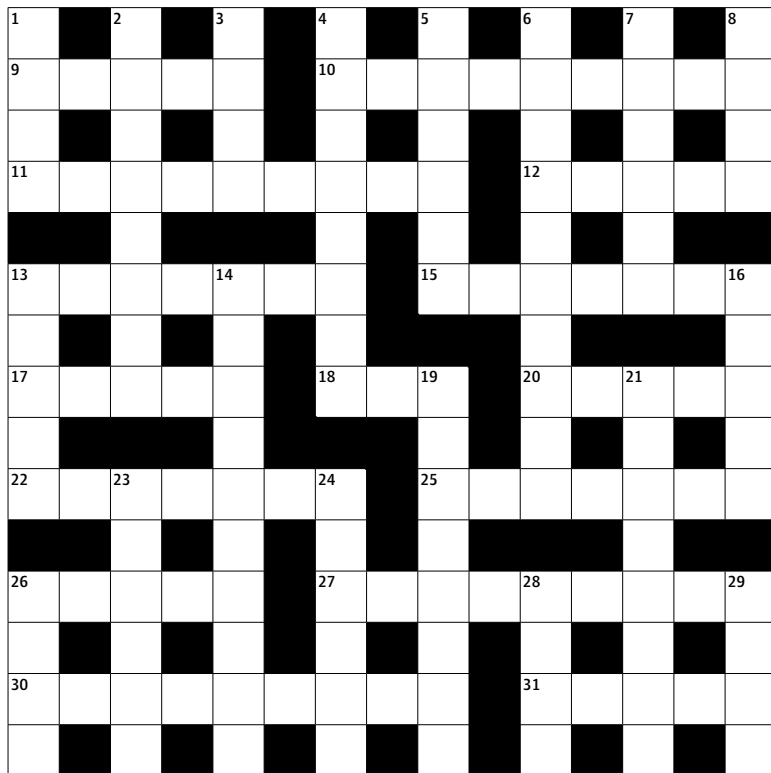


**Guardian cryptic crossword** No 28,035 set by Qaos



**Across**

- 9 Herb Alpert's debut, one regularly covered by British Sign Language (5)
- 10 Complex to explain (9)
- 11 Passing time with artist playing tennis (9)
- 12 Catholic girl's lesson in style (5)
- 13 Leader's a supporter of independence? (7)
- 15 Wow! Not even posh journalist suffered an attack of the giggles (7)
- 17 'After dark' piece on the radio (5)
- 18 Slow boat merely capsized ... (3)
- 20 ... crew too heavy? Not half! (5)
- 22,7 Dishes a world away, fine for the Springboks? (7,6)
- 25 Up-to-date creep keeps dashing out (2,5)
- 26 Where to stay after golf? (5)
- 27 Seducer of fifty-one sexy maidens (6,3)
- 30 One should look thoroughly for trendy magazine wanting adult's clothing (9)
- 31 Change shirt owned by real model (5)

**Down**

- 1 Help one gamble (4)
- 2 Paces about at home, close to staying, then getting away (8)
- 3 Luxurious and rich, 80%+ (4)
- 4 Rodent's sin: entering waste flow

- (5,3)
- 5 Approach tailless urban feline from behind (6)
- 6 Accompanying dog into party about books (10)
- 7 See 22
- 8 Looks up and down (4)
- 13 Power is rising by three quarters (5)
- 14 Anaesthetise small dog biting tot, else in trouble (3,2,5)
- 16 Cockney wife's nationality ... (5)
- 19 ... their old money, trading capital for a billion workers (8)
- 21 Most of bottle satisfied special connoisseurs (8)
- 23 Most recent Hollywood trial? (6)
- 24 Documents describe the end of government cuts (6)
- 26 Hydrogen gas shock (4)
- 28 Dash through Dixieland (4)
- 29 King managed to go up and annoy (4)

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