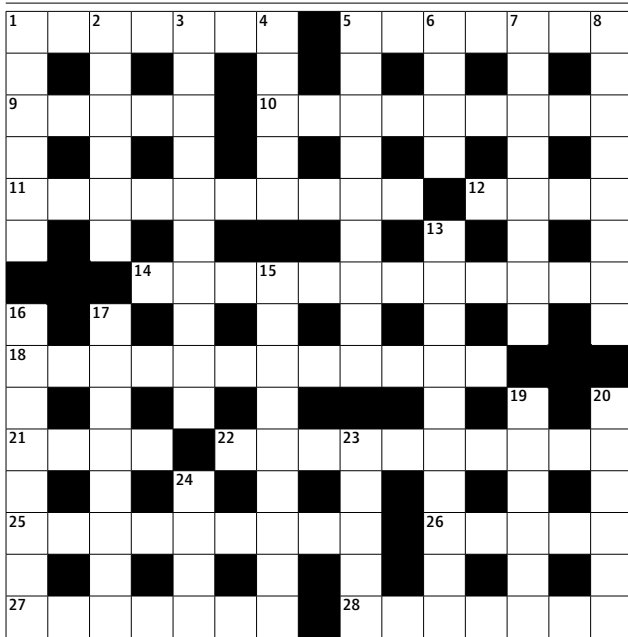


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,216 set by Orlando

Across

- 1 Appropriate face for 19 24 21's creation ... (7)
- 5 ... one of 19 24 21's creations that might be dropped (7)
- 9 27 or 8, separately? (5)
- 10 In a mess, if iced tea turned into vinegar (9)
- 11 One may be charged with crime after needing a drink (3,7)
- 12 4 or 19 24 21's 20 (4)
- 14 Time he brought in drinks for 19 24 21's creation (6,3,3)
- 18 Don, seducer in trouble, may be ignored (12)
- 21 Gun carriage finally makes an entrance (4)
- 22 A shot writer nurses one left at home (10)
- 25 Opening covered with pink material (9)
- 26 Novice upset about missing conclusion (5)
- 27 Dennis accepts rate reform – he's no friend of Hamlet (7)
- 28 Marilyn has church for old tennis player (7)

Down

- 1 Stage directors have seats on them (6)
- 2 Good boy, oddly ignored, eyes girl (6)
- 3 Fluid put on patio? Not altogether (2,2,1,5)
- 4 Shakespeare's will is retained by Marshal Tito (5)

- 5 Authorisation required for this sort of sale? (9)
- 6 Fervent giant-killer loses his head (4)
- 7 Mournful composer crossing Alsace? (8)
- 8 Kit appears in show with animals – he's no friend of Othello (8)
- 13 You must be on base – you look likely to be frightening (3,4,3)
- 15 Frank Ifield's first – see gulls gathering round (9)
- 16 American revolutionary chewed garlic? Such spirit! (8)
- 17 One leaving Old Tolbooth without penalty? (4-4)
- 19 Goldsmith's musical (6)
- 20 Car part, say, overlapping 9 (6)
- 23 Faith is supported by short Asian monk (5)
- 24 Letters from the office (4)

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