

SUNDAY No 2 - NEWS PUZZLE Set by BASILISK

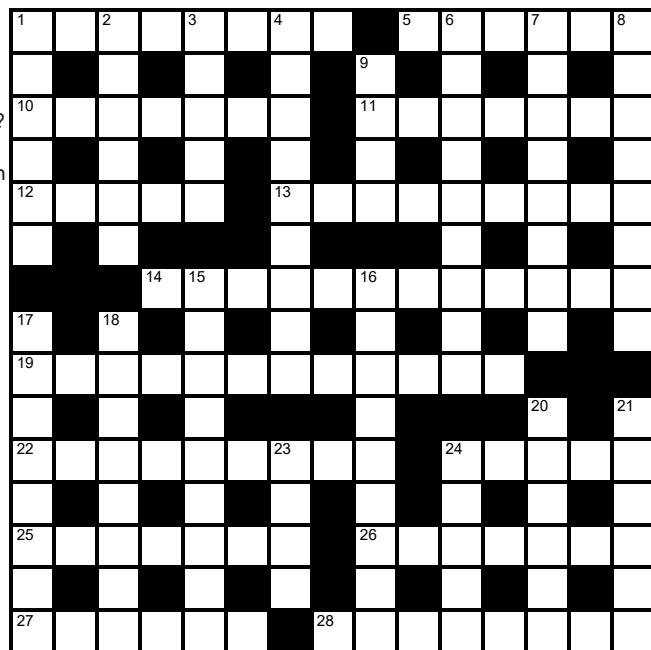
A puzzle based on news and topics in April

Across

- 1/25** Woman tempted to lose it after name gets confused with dead cultural icon (4,4,7)
5 Turbulent state lives with tragic king's return (6)
10 Main points introduced by cunning individual who settled case (3,4)
11 Targeted prime minister is concealed in car (7)
12 Radical French journalist again last to submit (5)
13 Battle scene frightened male alien (2,7)
14 Manager no longer employed every other German amateur writer (6,6)
19 Somehow insinuate leaders of political parties generally like attack ads? (12)
22 Screen most of old-fashioned show hosted by Paul O'Grady (5,4)
24 Spacecraft's source of power (5)
25 See 1
26 Trump's reaction to Stormy Daniels? (7)
27 Starship creator's second-rate sign of error (6)
28 Demonstration uncovered sign releasing a Covid variant (8)

Down

- 1** Run down vacuous despicable celebrity (6)
2 Title IX, the beginning of equality, divides outgoing people? (6)
3 English person concerned with animal welfare besieges national race (5)
4 Is Hunt upset about nurse's accommodation during conflict? (6,3)
6 Child accepting answer in request to Canadian city (9)
7 Cordial article is based on contents of letter (8)
8 People who are inclined to accept Republican interns? (8)
9 Fine artist represents ladies' fingers (4)
15 Deny restraint briefly had to accommodate Unionists being upset (9)
16 Unreliable source distorted Emerald Isle visits (9)
17 Stupidity's beginning to give way to new lack of feeling (8)
18 American sailor leads folk dance (8)
20 Radium and iodine but not uranium could be present in the atmosphere? (6)
21 Population data, according to reports, are aware of you and me (6)
23 Raab eloquently inhibits victim (4)
24 Suspect sources for Jack Teixeira's exfiltration are close to Pentagon network (5)



Solution No 1 Set by Reorder

Z	E	R	O	S	U	M	G	A	M	E		F	A	S
E	L	E	C	T	R	O	N	I	C	A		O	P	T
T	A	K	E	A	L	O	O	K	A	T		C	E	E
A	L	T	A	R			M	I	T		P	U	C	E
				N	E	W	K	I	D		G	A	S	O
U	M	M		S	E	A	S	O	N	I	N	G	S	
H	O	O	T		N	E	T		A	L	E	R	T	S
O	N	T	H	E	D	L		P	U	L	L	O	U	T
H	O	O	R	A	Y		D	I	S		S	U	M	O
		G	R	O	S	S	A	L	E	S		P	E	P
T	A	B	B	Y		P	R	E	A	C	H			
A	M	O	S		W	O	K			R	A	M	B	O
B	O	A		M	O	R	A	L	H	A	Z	A	R	D
O	U	T		O	V	E	R	P	O	W	E	R	E	D
O	S	S		B	E	S	T	S	E	L	L	E	R	S

You can now solve our crosswords in the new FT crossword app at ft.com/crosswordapp

Jotter pad