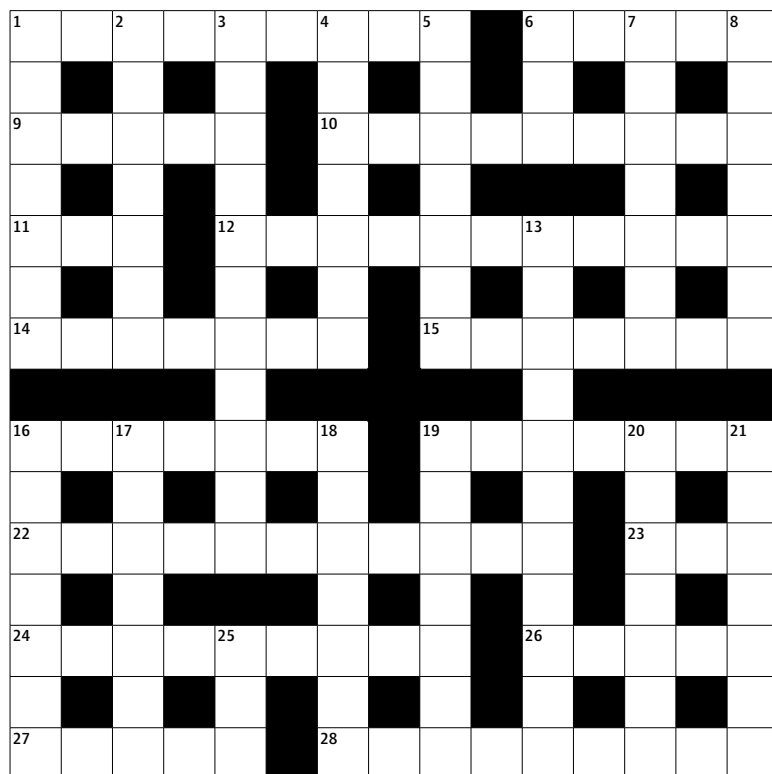


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,127 set by Budmo



Across

- 1** Rubber bird I replaced by middle of May (9)
6 Best comedian with shaved head (5)
9 Right bores enthusiastic about prelude (5)
10 Piquant quality of Moroccan dishes including new spices, primarily (9)
11 Autobiography shows charm (3)
12/15/23 Mere end-of-year claptrap at work, or a good way to reward staff? (11-7,3)
14 Medley of writing, perhaps, in distant past (7)
15 See 12
16 Fish arrive in bays? (7)
19 Laboured like some circus performers? (7)
22 Annual ritual rearranging ten car seats (6,5)
23 See 12
24 Former revolutionary with brief question for Treasury department (9)
26 Overturned tennis umpire's call for Don (3,2)
27 Make stick shelter (5)
28 One in women's underwear going to the right restaurant (9)

Down

- 1** Maybe Joey to leave motor racing track unexpectedly (4-3)

- 2** Gossip about one being more smart (7)
3 Vietnamese soup's super when condensed, essentially - it reacts with proteins (11)
4 Marsupial droppings covering car with roof removed (7)
5 Managed two-thirds of schedule, showing animosity (7)
6 Short, elegant letter from Athens (3)
7 Jules, possibly, probing alien hypothetical communication infrastructure (7)
8 In error, dispatch young woman with object (7)
13 Having many locations, University claims millions put off (11)
16 She wrote request to block setter, 50 (7)
17 Swimmer cut my back (4,3)
18 Methodist urban housing muddle (7)
19 Performed song on the counter for drink (7)
20 Better assistant is trendy sort with time for husband (7)
21 Senior member cooked nurses bread in Japan (7)
25 A number going naked the day before (3)

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