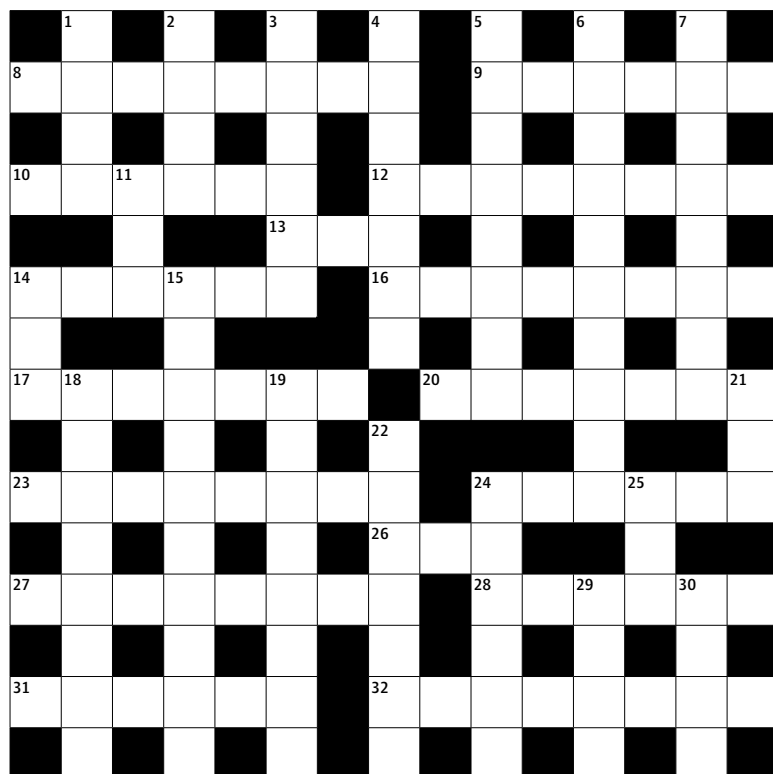


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,133 set by Pasquale



Across

- 8/9** What minister is encircled by? (8,6)
10 Eastern poet, Eastern poem (6)
12 Electrical current goes through it - mother somehow protects me (8)
13 Thus wife appears to be greedy female? (3)
14 Slats of wood - they may be found at fronts of bars (6)
16 On ice Rex tumbles on account of a certain gland (8)
17 Spooner's bathroom parts in wayside booth (4,3)
20 Female band playing to entertain priest (7)
23 Small bottle pouring out French wine shows type of decoration (8)
24 Lustrous metal in express (6)
26 Request leader to back popular music (3)
27 Last bit of the sticky stuff holding canvas together in protective layer (8)
28 Remove support outside London's business quarter (6)
31 Foremost of singers, Bonnie? One establishing a fashion ... (6)
32 ... a cut above? (3-5)
- US about to withdraw, making admission? (6)
4 Everyone was in debt? Not against the rules (7)
5 School with English communications platform set up for chat (8)
6 One dealing with the unknowns? (10)
7 A French author breaking record, shut inside Liverpool club? (8)
11 Plant a firm built up (3)
14 Bob and Bill in enclosed space (3)
15 A lecturer facing men in very old university, cunning in a heroic manner (10)
18 Meal isn't bad for providing nutrients (8)
19 Our waste recycled 'goes on beyond' in material terms? (8)
21 Little woman host puts right off (3)
22 One who has made legal provision needs time to look over property (7)
24 Leader of expeditionary soldiers heading north in Mexican garb (6)
25 President that is entertaining king (3)
29/30 Old computer in store - something that can be switched on and off (8)

Down

- 1/2** Nonsense about chum that's set up trick (8)
3 A favourable outcome with

Solution No. 30,132

A	I	R	E	A	P	T	M
P	L	A	C	A	R	D	B
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