

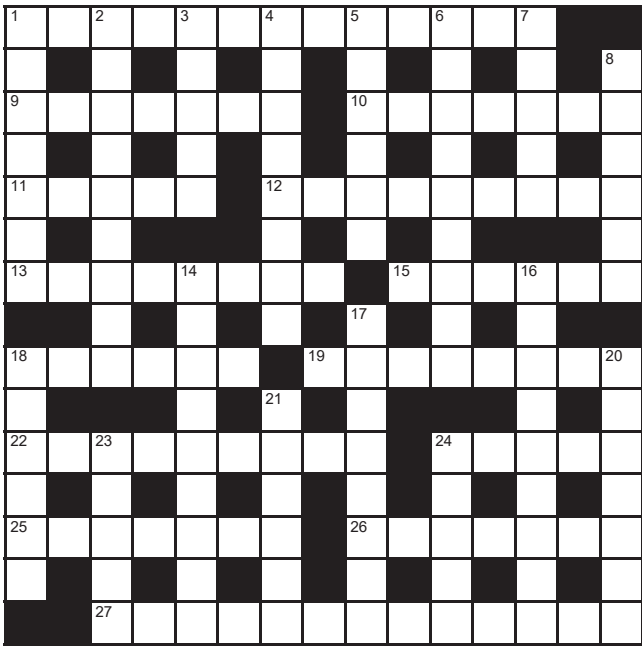
SUNDAY No 125 - NEWS PUZZLE by JULIUS

ACROSS

- 1 Big 7 Boris arranged for his man at the BBC? (3,6,4)
- 9 Procedure Trump needed after regularly emptying Smarties tin (1,1,1,4)
- 10 Boots Julius's put back in box? (7)
- 11 Golfer has row about golf (5)
- 12 Some favours repaid nicely backing the President like this (allegedly)? (2,7)
- 13/15 Fine actor associated with Canal + series that was a huge hit (8,6)
- 18 Penetrate base after support beginning to crumble (6)
- 19/24 Ideal Mamdani career moves (8,5)
- 22 Most expensive firm Tesla in the grip of the most devious? (9)
- 24 See 19
- 25 Breaks in and blows up, so to speak (7)
- 26 Expert? Not so; ordinary flipping idiot! (7)
- 27 Shockingly, his allies see a cult figure (5,8)

DOWN

- 1 Sounds like big meeting ahead, give us a brief report (3,2,2)
- 2 One filling up, in floods? (4,5)
- 3 Piastrì's very large motor (5)
- 4 Part for trombone I'd learnt just won't work (4-4)
- 5 English shilling, copper penny — old money from way back (6)
- 6 Controversial US force brutally caned Republican Dean for one (3,6)
- 7 Gastropub rib-eye sandwiches — a weakness of Nathan Gill (5)
- 8 Head of Soviet news agency suppressing current state of inactivity (6)
- 14 European Union angered typical oil producers (9)
- 16 Content to elect leading man, American, excessively lewd (9)
- 17 Qualified to support independent science uni that can be copied (8)
- 18 See 23
- 20 Faceless Swiss banker protects fiancée, periodically candidate for election (7)
- 21 From south China, headless monster of legend (6)
- 23/18 Outspoken MP (Conservative) put in prison?



Haha, that's funny! (5,6)

24 Fed up with leaders of rubbish, awful Government dept (5)

Solution No 124



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