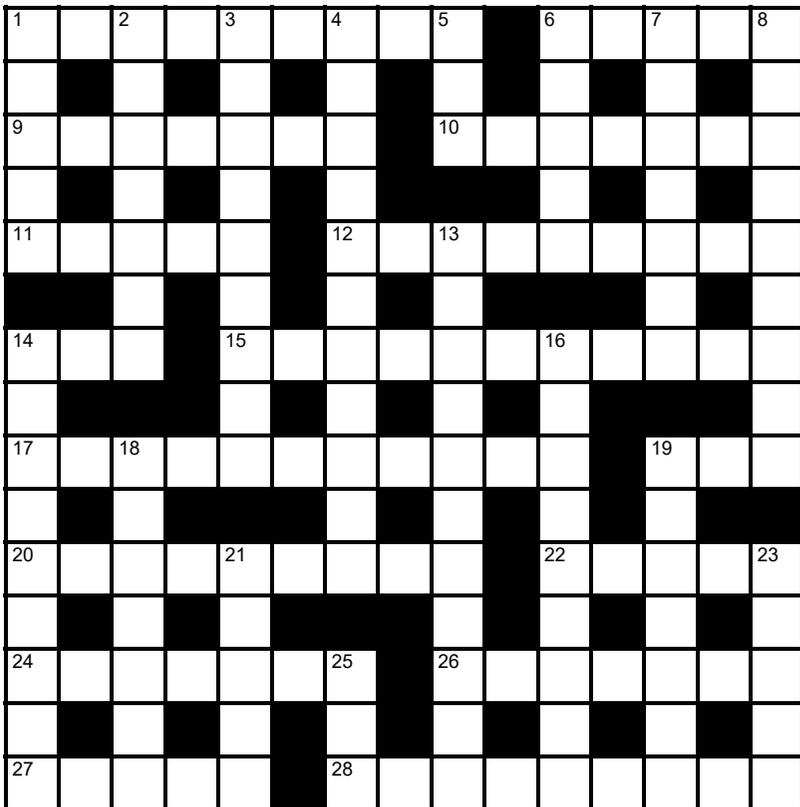


CROSSWORD

No 17,539 Set by MONK



ACROSS

- 1 Heath backtracking on rubbish before ___ spreads rapidly (9)
- 6 Pick up tropical disease possessed by solver (5)
- 9 Grip core of mangrove fruit (7)
- 10 Guy from Rome once owned and managed island breaks (7)
- 11 Get into trouble screwing with PC? (3,2)
- 12 Perhaps service water sports around western island (9)
- 14 Leading characters in William of Orange's court (3)
- 15 Test betrayal she concocted (11)
- 17 Off-the-shelf book, perhaps two starting in several months? (5-2-4)
- 19 Nothing aboard extremely heavy boat (3)
- 20 Football legend backing county's top performers, the greatest? (9)
- 22 Punishment once held back in justifiable urgency (5)
- 24 Observe where to go in temporary shelter (7)
- 26 Facetiously more noble in days of yore (7)
- 27 Sail ahead of, on occasion, standard navy marines we commission (5)
- 28 Stupid, missing as crossing river or section of canal (9)

DOWN

- 1 Tremendous leg-over, I see (5)
- 2 Cleaner takes bogus waste (7)
- 3 Honourably pay butler for working (9)
- 4 Male in public display behind where the cow went? (4,3,4)
- 5 Note pulled-up short stockings (3)
- 6 Sing up in party hosted by diocese (5)
- 7 Relating to one college Rector banned from lounge (7)
- 8 Genuinely past joining bank (9)
- 13 Woody nightshade is better with wet ground (11)
- 14 Rowers etc. developed as City material? (9)
- 16 Drags arse about — that's concerning (2,7)
- 18 Pleasantness ain't my bent when covering base (7)
- 19 Artiste formerly in international couple beginning to hurry up (7)
- 21 For some, religiously legitimate passage contains answer (5)
- 23 Both hands holding a hollow globe — it's huge (5)
- 25 Oscar's AC/DC fetish (3)

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