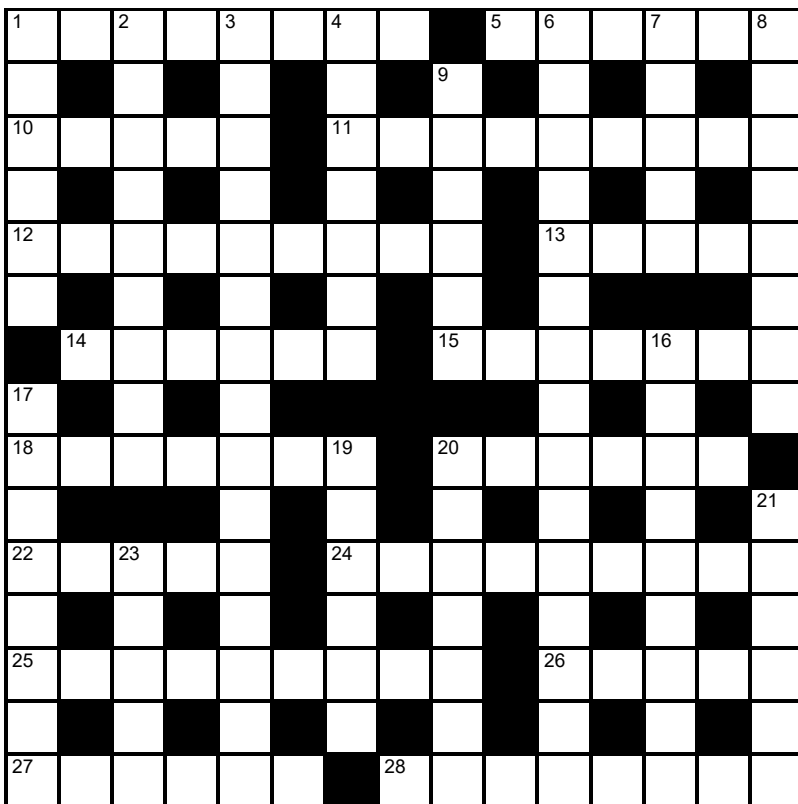


CROSSWORD No 17,797 by GUY



ACROSS

- 1 Festival crowd took Ecstasy (8)
- 5 Terribly rude is how one appears online (4,2)
- 10 Proper bolt on foot (5)
- 11 Tesla owner in California backs local football team (9)
- 12 Crossing South Africa during journey (9)
- 13 Motorway delayed Rolling Stones on the road (5)
- 14 Set on fire one unspecified catalogue (6)
- 15 Attack after second satellite's disappearance (7)
- 18 Sharp wordplay, Guy (7)
- 20 Note hospital on low funds (6)
- 22 Criminal boss? Time for new leader (5)
- 24 Tiny hole I cut to size in seconds (9)
- 25 Fiddle lessons in large hall (9)
- 26 Trade with India as good as it could be? (5)
- 27 Ship's sides bother fish (6)
- 28 Page breaks spoiled the tale, thought reader (8)

DOWN

- 1 Religious footwasher, reluctant dishwasher? (1-5)
- 2 One packs old sports car with limited amount, moving abroad (9)
- 3 Film father went to, Brando not bad for a change (2,3,10)
- 4 Case of SARS maybe disturbed House of Representatives (7)
- 6 Heavy smoker usually seen dragging? (5,10)
- 7 Look for food in the dirt around small hen-house (5)
- 8 To choose blind, pull many across the window? (4,4)
- 9 Heat in the afternoon outside about fifty-one (6)
- 16 Long running show, very good each time (4,5)
- 17 Courier company approves move to another address (2,6)
- 19 Listening to Piaf, say, her stamp? (6)
- 20 Knife marks pine tree's bark (7)
- 21 Toast former Tory PM, with Labour leader getting in (6)
- 23 Secret wife kept from Victor (5)

Solution 17,796

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