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Last week's solution



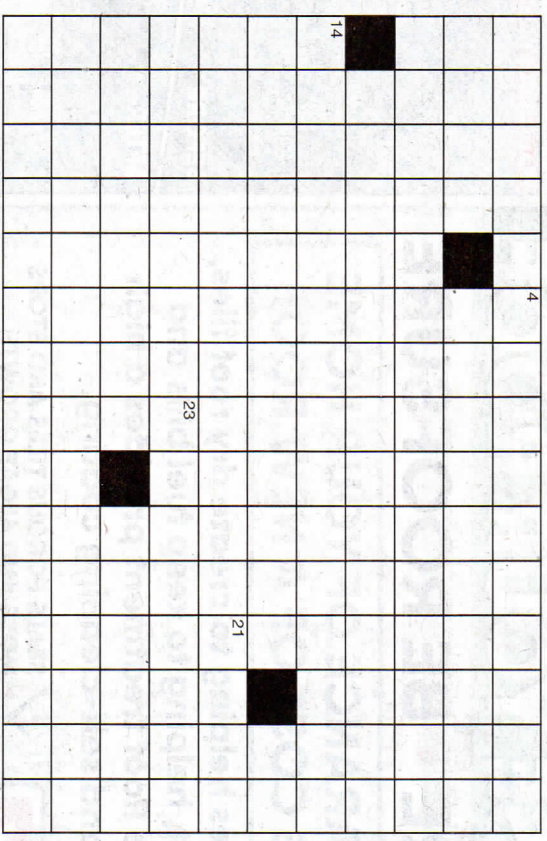
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Send to: Skeleton Crossword,
PO Box 12578, Sutton
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will be the first correct entries
drawn after the closing date of
noon on Friday. Please allow
30 days for prizes to arrive.

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ACROSS

- 1 Second animal to make tracks
- 4 Underpass behind high hedge
- 7 Push and pull, being soft-headed
- 9 Hungarian publication about fish
- 10 A city falling a tender resident
- 11 Terminal with nothing added - terminal to close
- 14 Law, say, broken by a little youth
- 15 Lie about comnan's first business
- 16 "Cheers!" from a soldier having poured something ice-cold
- 19 Considerate communist relatives
- 22 Past line in a poem with Spenserian ending
- 24 Cunning hunter entered with caution
- 25 It's rather magical being on London's outskirts
- 26 Gas not swamping vehicle's rear
- 27 Strange twisted and defaced object

DOWN

- 28 Many overtaken fuss (Hyphenated)
- 2 Mushroom song before long double note
- 3 Judge stopping leaders meeting
- 4 Small fish are reportedly in a row
- 5 A singer all too lacking, ultimately
- 6 Mostly flat top of extended embankment
- 7 Turn foot during jump over board
- 8 Open kirsman fings when ace deals start
- 12 New record set by a large country
- 13 Source of despair to a profligate explorer
- 17 Losing is no longer passe (Hyphenated)
- 18 Point raised about layered part played
- 20 Deduce back-to-front bracken is cut first
- 21 Tenor spite after disastrous opening
- 23 Consider a flower moderately original

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