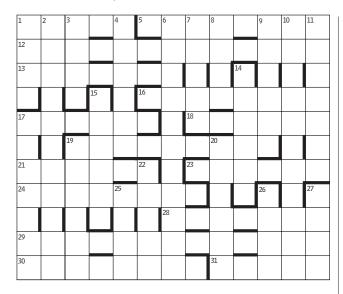
AZED No. 2,027 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- 1 What one seeks at audition that's out of consideration (5)
- **5** Treated to a tress in layers (8)
- 12 Source of arachis oil that's half ingested by three body parts (13)
- **13** Increasingly piquant jelly, not the first that is added to recipe (7)
- **16** Learn capital has to go round in distribution (8)
- 17 Page accompanying chief magistrate in trial formerly? (6)
- **18** Duck? Duck with crest flying round (6)
- 19 S-sing heartlessly as villain of yore (9)
- 21 Delicious drink getting warm maybe, with bits of cinnamon thrown in (6)
- 23 What signet ring has, showing Peruvian king on reverse side (6)
- **24** Attack from the right, trendy and typical of coalition government? (8)
- **28** Antique hip flask, price broadcast again (ay cut) (7)
- 29 It's hard and unyielding being thrown into river firm but fair (13)
- **30** Walk around second half of winter, shivering? Just so (8)
- 31 Hollywood gossip that's new still grips one (5)

AZED 2.024 Solution & notes

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ings; 27, new (rev.) + d (pence formerly).

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- 1 Second to last among top achievers requiring ligature (4)
- 2 Product of Fleet Street gravitas may be found on desk (11)
- 3 Ravaged, we 'ear, without so much as a drop? (4)
- 4 Horse that is held by vet damaged snaffle (6)
- *6 Expressing lamentation (11)
- 7 Jack's place in literature, I'm sure (5)
- 8 Punishment for misbehaviour creating a s-stink? (4)
- **9** Working as a builder I brought in crumbled stone (6)
- **10** Instrumental energy put into jazzy turns with vibes (11)
- 11 Mass of drupels a tree developed whoopee! (7)
- **14** Fork come upon? One yields to one half of road therein (6)
- **15** Long-range navigation system inaccurately traced (6)
- 17 Piper with length of time half surrendered for stringed instrument (7)
- 19 Numerical mark including a 50 (6)
- **20** Full of disquiet, one displaces confusion at opening of pen (6)
- 22 Right hand of doctor offering something like a lozenge (5)
- **25** An autocrat, this short person creates fizz (4)
- **26** Maybe canned beer's last one from multiple delivery (4)
- 27 Hopper lining of lead (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended. **15** appears in earlier editions.