Crossword 15,530 Set by Goliath

ACROSS
1 Monk(e)y (8)
5 Keep quiet about warm coat (6)
9 Ultimately cod as well as other fish shedding scales (8)
10 String instrument returned without charge (6)
12 Unfairly segregate seasonal fare (6,3)
13 Diet drug in top drawer? (5)
14 Symbolic figure, motherless northerner (4)
16 The man's into clone reproduction in class (7)
19 Sweet and affectionate worker (7)
21 See 3 down
24 Freeze alloy with metals to make time capsule (3,2)
25 Once more appear sure about farce, perhaps (9)
27 Hang up mirror section, backing challenge (6)
28 The odds on Janis and idiot perhaps to break up (8)
29 Support from artificial intelligence (6)
30 Piece in the paper about Steptoe and son (8)

DOWN
1 Oddly, crowd goes last to cheer the old man (6)
2 Fine perhaps like some wordplay on the radio (6)
3, 21 across Gather ye rosebuds for another mad recipe (5,4)
4 Modulate and pollute? (7)
6 Mustang's tool may be a lucky thing (9)
7 Hall isn't built to provide accommodation for colonies (8)
8 Eats greens? We hear they're no longer effective (3-5)
11 Leading optician gets labelled Eagle Eye (4)
15 Pretend agony in speech bubbles (9)
17 Proper interaction with threat as article of faith (8)
18 Nip back after funds were stripped to give support (8)
20 Bird in the afternoon (4)
21 Record of tramp embracing setter (7)
22 Local green tea infusion (6)
23 Fly like Michael Jackson said (4,2)
26 Alter dance again? (5)

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