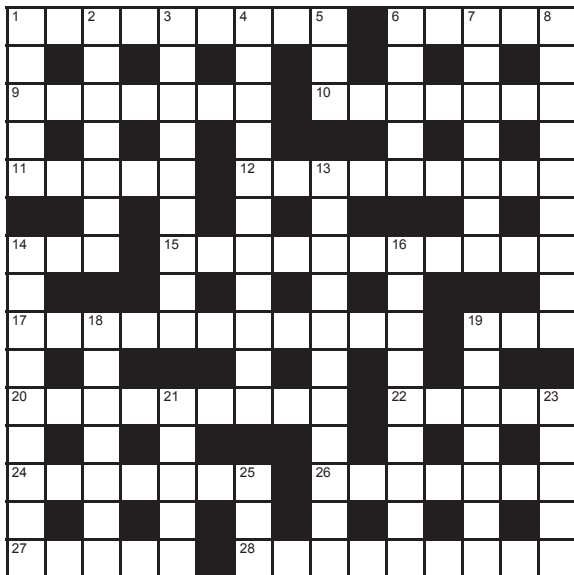


CROSSWORD

No. 16,138 Set by JULIUS



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1, 7 One way ticket put on credit card, our grandkids'll pay for it! (6-3,7)
- 6 Leading artist – Constable perhaps – gets a source of oil (5)
- 9 Threatened junior journalist (7)
- 10 Universal symbol not unknown in Kipling's work (7)
- 11 X-Men character ripped end off S&M clothing (5)
- 12 Wealthy stock speculator hedging European parliament (9)
- 14 Wife leaving a hint of perfume behind (3)
- 15, 22 Oh Okay; Boy Scouts upset by universal insult (3,3,5,2,3)
- 17 I met Presley dancing (after a fashion) (6,5)
- 19 Scarf got pinched from Latin American city (3)
- 20 "Some cream, Erica?" "Nope; just black coffee." (9)
- 22 See 15
- 24 Blue releasing record in fancy packaging (7)
- 26 Be employed in sex trade at the lowest price? (2-5)
- 27 Managed to cook – bottled gas (5)
- 28 Green favourite up north pushes May out (5,4)

DOWN

- 1 Special beers a feature of Boxing Day? (5)
- 2 Not a vintage Welsh town (7)
- 3 Doctor run over visiting royal flipping dignitary (4,5)
- 4 Some launder these articles when in U-boat (5,3,3)
- 5 Victim of fungus regularly exhibited red lump (3)

- 6 A piece of cake for top military bod Henry (5)
- 7 See 1 across
- 8 A northern Arab state is replacing King with son – that's a relief! (9)
- 13 Ugly Soviet row about vacant ritzy housing for the out-of-touch elite? (5,6)
- 14 A FT column, a new article for those in the 12, and a great leader! (9)
- 16 Thai temple pews turned up a year after having been taken by storm surge (5,4)
- 18 Church land ahead of the curve? (7)
- 19 Laurel, Hardy finally getting rebate sorted out (3,4)
- 21 Dramatist nursed in retirement by Edith Nesbit (5)
- 23 Twice America grasped the head of Russian Bear (5)
- 25 Not very bright, I'm invested in obsolete currency (3)

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