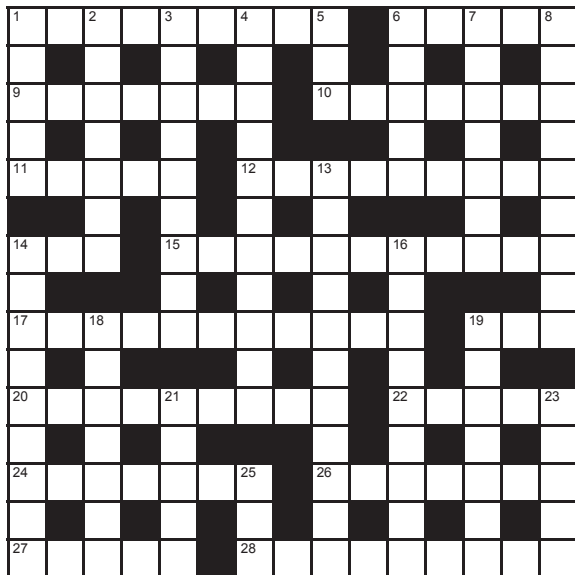


# CROSSWORD

## No. 15,715 Set by WANDERER



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1, 6 Flying in more rarefied air? (2,1,6,5)
- 9 Terribly emaciated old woman wanting cold drink (4,3)
- 10 Farmer's work is up to date (7)
- 11 Number one The Ramones covered (5)
- 12 When actors find ego all boundless bluster? (9)
- 14, 25 Alkaline compound ordered at shop (6)
- 15 Prisoner taking heart, with a time inside to focus (11)
- 17 Takes back letters Post Office's held in reserve earlier (11)
- 19 See 5
- 20 Thoughts including tip for dreamers (9)
- 22 What Japan has, compared with England, say? Manners! (5)
- 24 Month a war briefly returned to capital city (7)
- 26 Wine stain remover? (7)
- 27, 28 Actor not initially feeling iffy about Bush (5,9)

### DOWN

- 1 Love sending up wicked girl? (5)
- 2 Going this mad – this crazy – after climax, when getting end away (7)
- 3 Gets involved with others when team plays (9)
- 4 Those helping to recruit top people after game (11)
- 5, 19 across Palm brown rodent's sat on (6)

- 6 One held in car brings complaint (5)
- 7 Coffee originally cultivated in Asian region (7)
- 8, 23 Washington takes revenge, upset about imprisoned First Lady, say (9,5)
- 13 Dairy product with unsightly lumps turned up in a long thin pastry (6,5)
- 14 One male with no sperm surprisingly bears fruit (9)
- 16 Try by rival in international game (4,5)
- 18 Fellow in prison pulled up short, seeing little change from before Berlin Wall came down (7)
- 19 Model happier when topless? She's probably barking! (7)
- 21 It's allowed on a lake (5)
- 23 See 8
- 25 See 14 across

Solution 15,714

