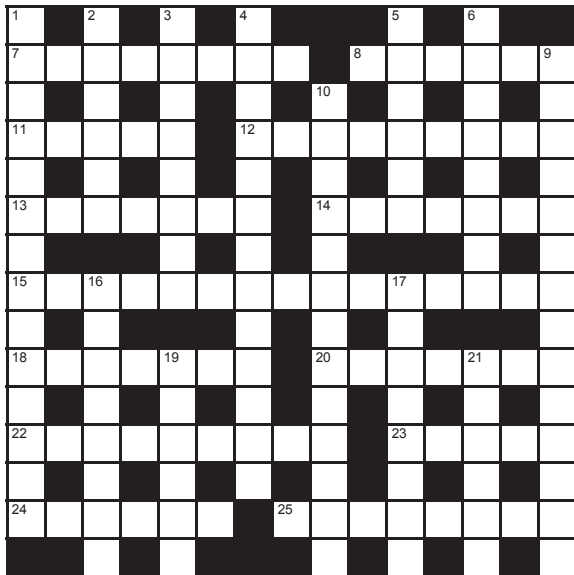


CROSSWORD

No. 15,991 Set by JULIUS



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 7 Where one gets a verruca?
Sounds like quite a drag (8)
- 8 Granny's taking little Margaret out to see some of Malaysia (6)
- 11 Bore child – Ethelred's first daughter (5)
- 12 It's bitter and twisted old Nadine (9)
- 13 Hotel bower to offer shelter (7)
- 14 An experienced sailor, Silas is getting to grips with current (7)
- 15 Last in Chemistry, botch A-level for silly hubristic attitude (3,6,2,4)
- 18 Julius christens vessel at sea (2,1,4)
- 20 Zinfandel, Asti, Champagne bottles made of flexible material (7)
- 22 Give some stick to Pavlova; by the sound of it, quite some stick! (9)
- 23 Match the profile for British police suspect's mugshot (5)
- 24 2 censoring introduction to scriptures to be fit for consumption (6)
- 25 Geronimo lapped round astride golden horse (8)

DOWN

- 1 Party game in which Violet Elizabeth's instrument is reportedly sought? (4,3,7)
- 2 Regularly feed dirt-poor journalist (6)

- 3 Vintage (ie old) liquid commodity (5,3)
- 4 A high-ranking official, old Earl's shuffling round the thone room (4,5,4)
- 5 Notes gold shooting star (6)
- 6 American support to pass round cocaine that is Mexican property (8)
- 9 Smartening up, I get stuck into gin/tonic after work (14)
- 10 Director/general manager for Austria in Swiss capital to prop up margin trading (6,7)
- 16 Is it sung by Rita at Ferdinand? (8)
- 17 Annual report of UK takeover of flipping Scottish bank (8)
- 19 Smoothly install archdeacon in Cambridgeshire bishopric (6)
- 21 Northants opener, subject to medical, to turn up for lunch (6)

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