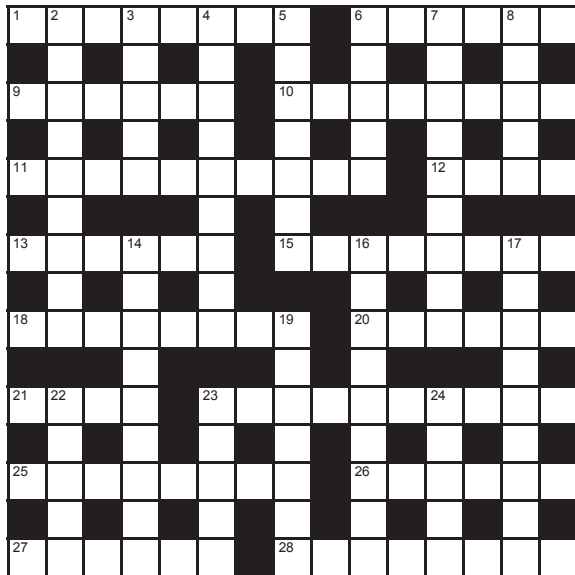


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,074 Set by WANDERER



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Former Taoiseach said personal security guard is key individual (8)
- 6 Like the tail of a duck – tail removed, sadly, by gangster (6)
- 9, 10 Ref let banter in game become subject of controversy? (6,8)
- 11 Sob quietly in front of flipping French girl's coded text (10)
- 12 A Farewell to Arms, just opened twice (2-2)
- 13 The woman's after a small child? Not this one! (6)
- 15 The FT's in party queen's hand (8)
- 18 Implements production of tinsel in America (8)
- 20 Skin care product? Spot's about gone! (6)
- 21 Small number to enter the Philippines, as the French request (1,1,1)
- 23 B----- large bed, I suspect – if so, you can make the other side! (10)
- 25 Former luvvie's job in sort of firm that's hard to please (8)
- 26 Become an expert in how a term's evolved? (6)
- 27 Monkey King, in Greek mythology (6)
- 28 Pays proper attention to details (8)

### DOWN

- 2 Sort of secrets revealed in Monsters, Inc., each detailed crudely (9)
- 3 Catch hold of head of cobra (large snake) (5)

- 4 Rip up root, for mixing into a stew (9)
- 5 Ancient city in former British colony is not affected (7)
- 6 Doctor put in key order for memory device (2-3)
- 7 Form of investment providing one with credit (4,5)
- 8 Dispense a large amount to be taken orally (5)
- 14 Carefully selects journalists embracing new measure of resolution (4-5)
- 16 Reckless gambles involving a league that includes Rugby and Poole, we hear (4,5)
- 17 Soothing girlfriend of gangster that is found in e-books (9)
- 19 Laugh about German shorts' turn-up (7)
- 22 This shifted fencing by a fraction (5)
- 23 One who scored ecstasy (5)
- 24 Corridor in which Liverpool manager once stripped off (5)

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