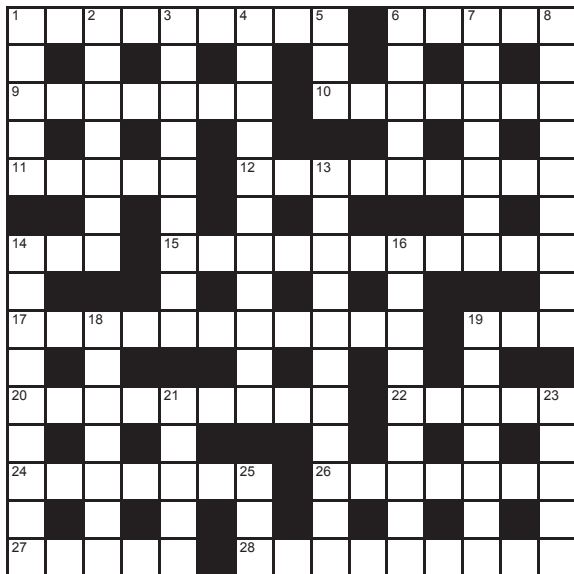


CROSSWORD

No. 14,136 Set by PHSSTHPOK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Primates heard sombre recordings (5,4)
- 6 Hunts for king in Lincoln or Chester, perhaps (5)
- 9 Snatch of bright sun amid stormy sea (7)
- 10 Sitting room has mean, dirty look (7)
- 11 Assassin nearly injured numerous judges and leaders (5)
- 12 Inside canvas shelter, cook avoids using black kindling (9)
- 14 Power steer causes disease (3)
- 15 It could be these provide protection for campers (11)
- 17 Like a cloudless day at the beginning of summer and dry? (3-8)
- 19 Pitch was guarded (3)
- 20 Engineer gilds gray tree, according to legend (9)
- 22 Function of company secretary (5)
- 24 Barbarity and torture initially permitted in modern times (7)
- 26 Sixth sense is lacking in practice (7)
- 27 Hair tie is missing but . . . (5)
- 28 . . . oil might be organic (9)

DOWN

- 1 Were friends boarded? (3,2)
- 2 Horse nearly mated with buffalo on particular day, twice a year (7)
- 3 Sailor captured air force with a long, empty battle (9)
- 4 In the first half, Prince and Madonna achieve success as divas (5,6)
- 5 Blood sucker (3)
- 6 Rock film doesn't end (5)
- 7 Destruction of the natural environment by melting ice cowed world at first – was ignored (7)
- 8 Correctly following spelling of "vivacious" (9)
- 13 Obliterates this alien with an explosion (11)
- 14 Catspaw has to be timid (9)
- 16 Allure of French department on the periphery (9)
- 18 Does evening wear almost match? (7)
- 19 Soldiers take him one piece of raw fish (7)
- 21 Quite a few turn from left to right in streets (5)
- 23 Aqueduct made from tin and aluminium (5)
- 25 First person to state view (3)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday October 27
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday October 29
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