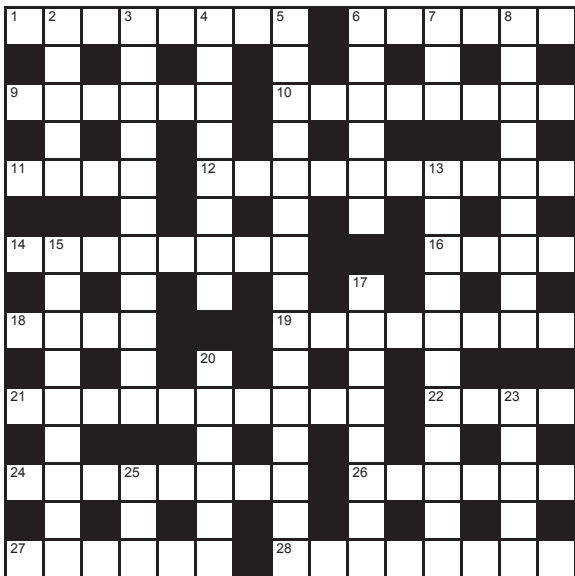


CROSSWORD

No. 14,163 Set by ALBERICH



JOTTER PAD



ACROSS

- 1 Bird whose appearance was a bad sign for prisoner? (8)
- 6 Composed piano concerto, originally one written in youth (6)
- 9 Briefly, magazine's second in the world (6)
- 10 Catches fanatic backtracking about first term of George W (8)
- 11 English sport revolutionised small island (4)
- 12 Money once given by Catholic kept by servant of the church (10)
- 14 Plant from New Guinea starts to reach maturity (8)
- 16 Diplomat advisedly holds back information (4)
- 18 Actor said to get stick (4)
- 19 Once more dig deep to cut down expenses? (8)
- 21 Julia finds out judge rejected imprisoning daughter for showing contempt (10)
- 22 Orphan lived mostly with single female (4)
- 24 Going west, John takes prince to city where brave souls ended up (8)
- 26 Object of loathing with a couple of articles going for a song (6)
- 27 What follows G7 summit? (6)
- 28 After a day you said price is steep (8)

DOWN

- 2 Crazy aerobic tricks could be so described (5)
- 3 Reach crisis point when total's given in advance (4,2,1,4)

- 4 Superior male mostly keeps things bottled up (8)
- 5 Novel instruction to lazy paver? (3,3,4,5)
- 6 One procures slate from French roofer's source (6)
- 7 Wally's not the first to succeed in test (3)
- 8 Unable to return to form after a stretch (9)
- 13 One bound by stupid new red tape is experiencing difficulties (2,4,5)
- 15 After a period, heartlessly give orders to destroy (9)
- 17 Strong supporter of tyrant losing in conflict over time (8)
- 20 Politician returns to rented accommodation (6)
- 23 Useless batting record needs improvement, ultimately (5)
- 25 Witch is put to death, given no quarter (3)

SOLUTION 14,162

