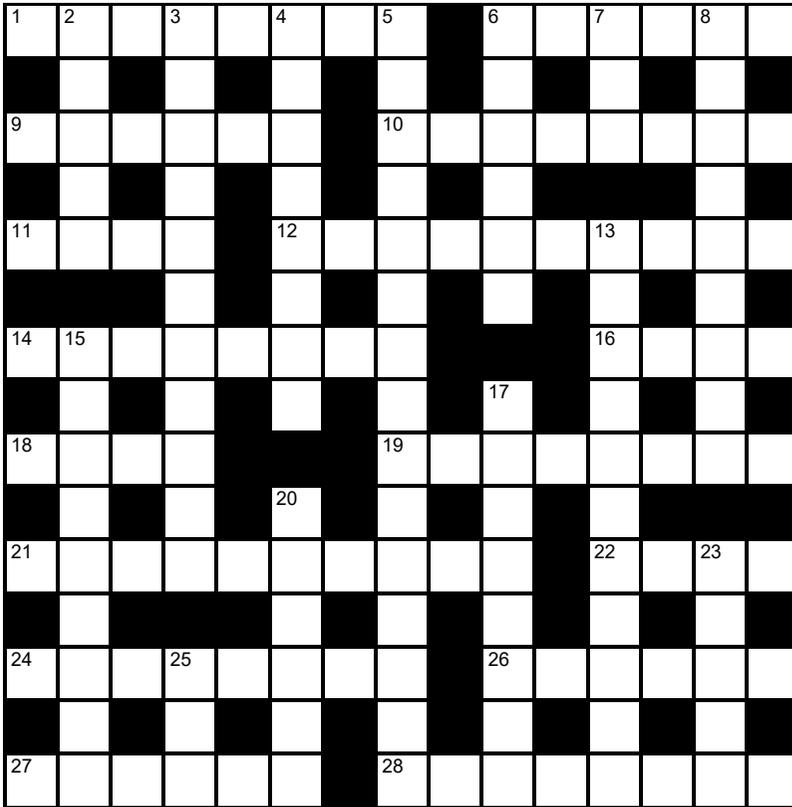


CROSSWORD

No 17,490 Set by JULIUS



ACROSS

- 1 Macbeth cast, holding Oscar: "it was a huge sacrifice" (8)
- 6 Carp sent back, found to contain Australian drug (6)
- 9 Old King returns Austen novel, pronouncing it "lightweight" (6)
- 10 Remove hair from pâté deli sent out (8)
- 11 Boyfriend beginning to boil water in Paris (4)
- 12 Grim-sounding works of folklore? (5,5)
- 14 Kick boxing American referee without shoes (8)
- 16 Hate getting undressed — it's a curse (4)
- 18 Reptile starts to climb right over carport (4)
- 19 Small-scale industrial production he cannot put to work (8)
- 21 Arranging brief drink which should stimulate the network (10)
- 22 Water to quench thirst son left out (4)
- 24 Headmaster is keen to embrace star sign (8)
- 26 Rio van driver regularly drops off a member of the band's crew (6)
- 27 Shrewd, like boy king (Egypt's first) (6)
- 28 Fielding work puts moonset roughly around 1st of June (3,5)

DOWN

- 2 Weird energy on one of the Great Lakes (5)
- 3 Security vehicle hit our ma on N Yorks racecourse (8,3)
- 4 Flood at an end, wolf heads north (8)
- 5 Provider of shuttle service? (9,6)
- 6 He liked to eat his spinach with olive oil, we're told (6)
- 7 Member of Parliament known for wisdom? (3)
- 8 Genuine gold, later titanium clubs (9)
- 13 Getting drunk a lot, old man guzzles Iberia's premier sherry (11)
- 15 With which luvvies greet Keira's sis at play? (3,6)
- 17 Wolfgang's trombone picks up a measure of radiation (8)
- 20 Set fire to brown coal Liberal chucked away (6)
- 23 King and knight originally inherited iron blade (5)
- 25 Seymour occasionally shot bird (3)

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