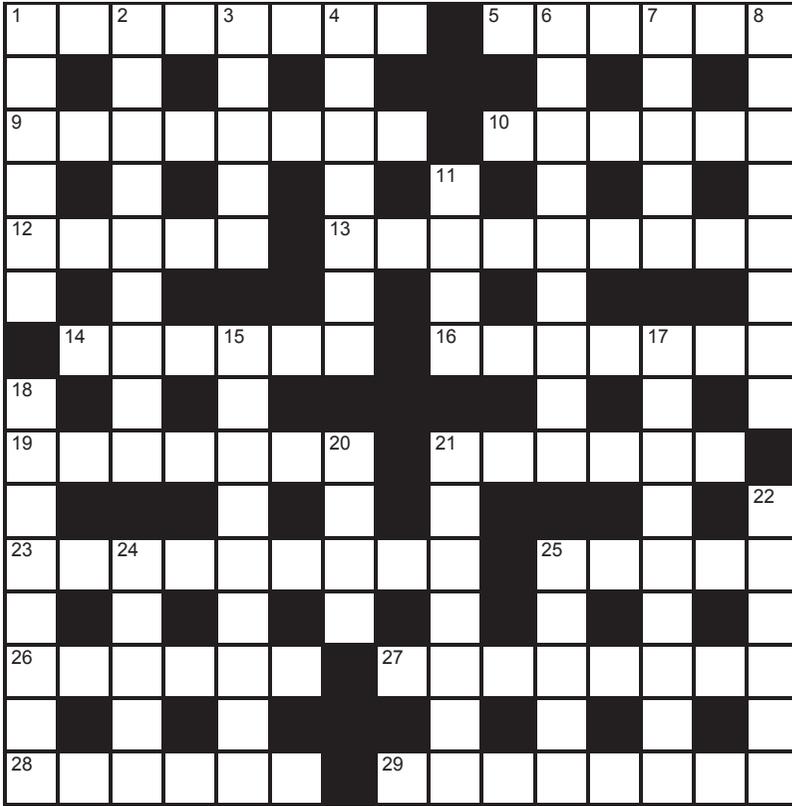


CROSSWORD

No 16,624 Set by LEONIDAS



ACROSS

- 1 Astronomical list obviously includes this (8)
- 5 Red-faced seaman drunk (6)
- 9 Politician in local contest has new strategy (4,4)
- 10 Vehicle hired out for returning syndicate (6)
- 12 Nettlesome grass in front of yard (5)
- 13 Run in preliminary event and trounce Mo (9)
- 14 Sat around hospital, mother makes a complaint (6)
- 16 Sailors steer clear of this noisy hound? (7)
- 19 Hope to organise veto for US city (7)
- 21 Disgrace among footballers, well I never (6)
- 23 Pass through vacant touristy island attraction (5,4)
- 25 Herb from the east of Brazil is abundant (5)
- 26 Temporarily acquire gold buried in hilltop (6)
- 27 Liberal possibly sour succeeding old Vincent (8)
- 28 Switches places again (6)
- 29 Most engorged purple-red fly? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Convincing chap to be prop for county (6)
- 2 Note crumbs scattered over drink (9)
- 3 Spotted first priest leaving hint (5)
- 4 Pipe that splits in two inside of chest (7)
- 6 Damn close to sickness on rotten launches (6,3)
- 7 Release relatives when discovered (5)
- 8 Holiday flat he used with room below (4-4)
- 11 Half of Mozart's first band (4)
- 15 Strong swimmer in fine condition (5-4)
- 17 Rock in shade beneath fruit trees (9)
- 18 Key boozier lacking atmosphere perhaps (5,3)
- 20 Set up instrument to capture mass annual festival (4)
- 21 Knew about filling poorly writer's vessel (7)
- 22 Clubs don't keep model secret (6)
- 24 Student left Alpine region (5)
- 25 Catch bishop suppressing papers (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,623

