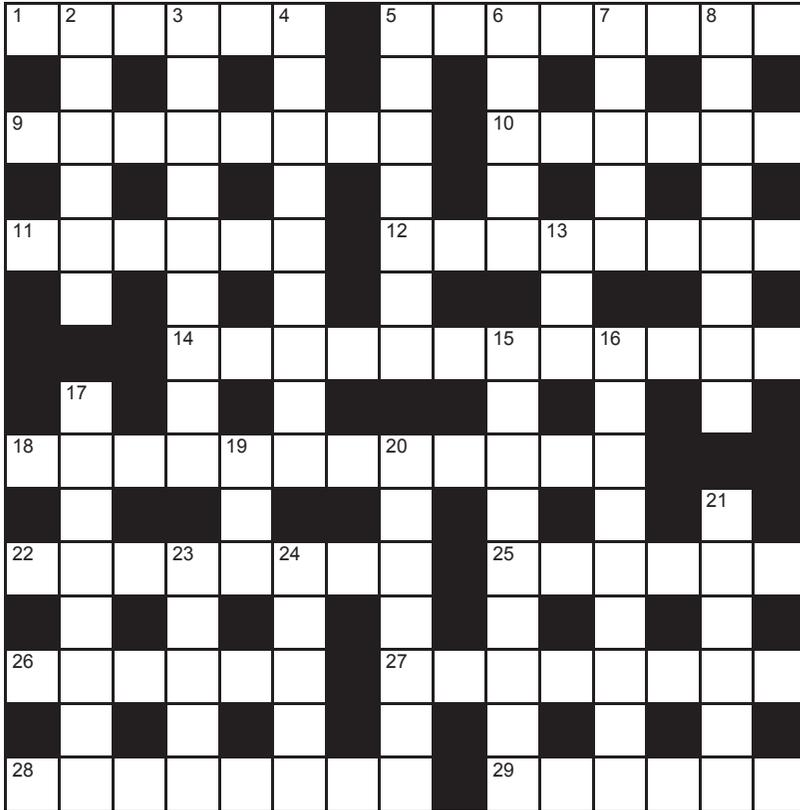


CROSSWORD

No 16,626 Set by NEO



ACROSS

- 1 Pipe down building placed in position (4,2)
- 5 Report of girl deceived by a snake (8)
- 9 Rank ratings given by old music-maker (8)
- 10 Duck pâté ingredient for celebrity chef (6)
- 11 Drop round to grab length in material (6)
- 12 One pulls out the stops roasting nuts (8)
- 14 Deal involving organ transplant? (4-8)
- 18 Dishonestly take position as head waiter? (4,3,5)
- 22 Dish with wheat base is no meal for cooking (8)
- 25 Work that caddie, nearby wheeling bags (6)
- 26 Champion boxer possibly? (3,3)
- 27 Muddle keeps right one in complex romantic situation (8)
- 28 Good coin and currency reduced in splendour (8)
- 29 Certain prayers are unfinished in optimistic environment (6)

DOWN

- 2 Associate with tramp holding new book (6)
- 3 Farewell horrendous lepidoptera — none seen for ages? (6-3)
- 4 Having strayed, turn to her for direction (4,5)
- 5 Dreaded meow as feline finally moves (7)
- 6 Silver inscribed with second name between (5)
- 7 One between legs — potential cause of tears? (5)
- 8 Groom on time as horse moves (8)
- 13 Timber lifting in Noah's Ark (3)
- 15 Sound cut in shout to encourage knight (9)
- 16 Write number appearing within a small range (9)
- 17 Aussie opening pair, having turned, run one extra bye (2,6)
- 19 Call for Terence (3)
- 20 This could contribute to change in US district (7)
- 21 Simple farmer one used to steer (6)
- 23 Perhaps return to university and study Nash? (5)
- 24 One must extinguish second fire in room (5)

JOTTER PAD

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