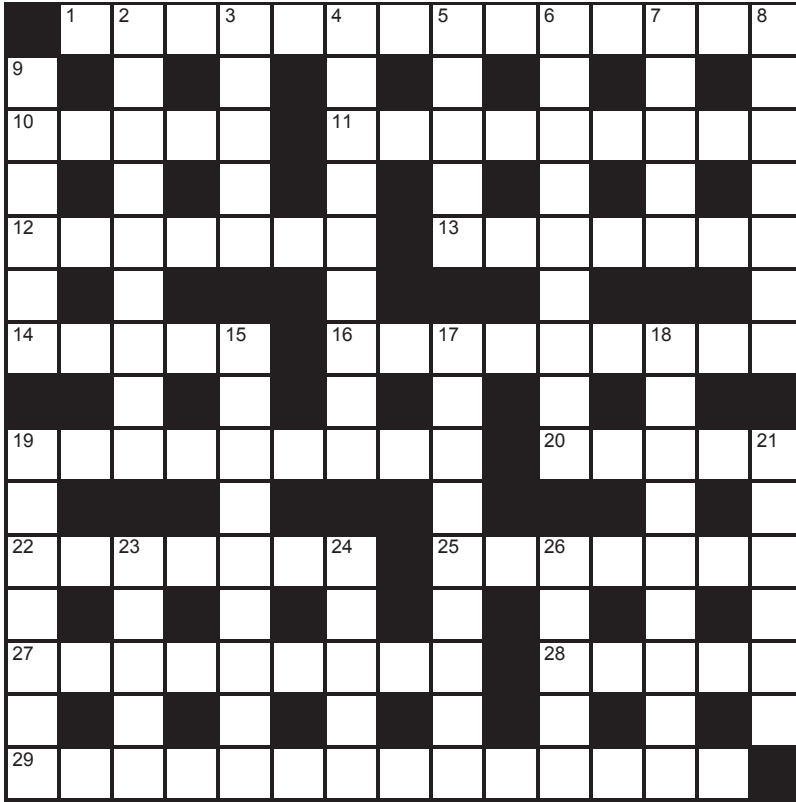


CROSSWORD

No 16,687 Set by NEO



ACROSS

- 1 Sending old news out that shows verbosity (4-10)
- 10 Criminal clue about initially nice pawnbroker (5)
- 11 Angry worker eating one pastry (9)
- 12 Unsafe here to cradle baby with wind? (7)
- 13 Secrecy the last resort (7)
- 14 Spanish banker clutching at relationship (5)
- 16 Boy back on lumbar exercises to change view hastily (9)
- 19 Dumpy son, unfortunate, without energy (9)
- 20 Republican coming to the fore in shadow dance (5)
- 22 Defendant doomed, right to escape (7)
- 25 Judge alligator's skin by similarly carnivorous animal? (7)
- 27 Roasted meat cut, kept moist during cooking (9)
- 28 Argonaut thus making appearance in first month (5)
- 29 Royal rebuke where plant involves a Greek character in high treason (2,3,3,6)

DOWN

- 2 Gold box used by painters and pit workers? (9)
- 3 Well-bred chap outside hotel in treaty town (5)
- 4 Helpless where demented pelican ingests tar (9)
- 5 Sleep interrupted by rook? Rubbish (5)
- 6 Underworld character seen in painting (9)
- 7 Message put about in parliament (1-4)
- 8 Guevara posed at first with large bag (7)
- 9 Spread in book complete (6)
- 15 Garbage in Sappho's last poem to stretch truth (9)
- 17 Charlie, fool with artillery, one anticipating disaster (9)
- 18 Sides team thrashed in cup (9)
- 19 Weak plant taken outside lobby (7)
- 21 Excellent band in exposure to public debate (6)
- 23 Male in unconscious state – this gives pause (5)
- 24 Simple song finally changed — it's the same again! (5)
- 26 Small sail curled round, almost gone (5)

JOTTER PAD

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