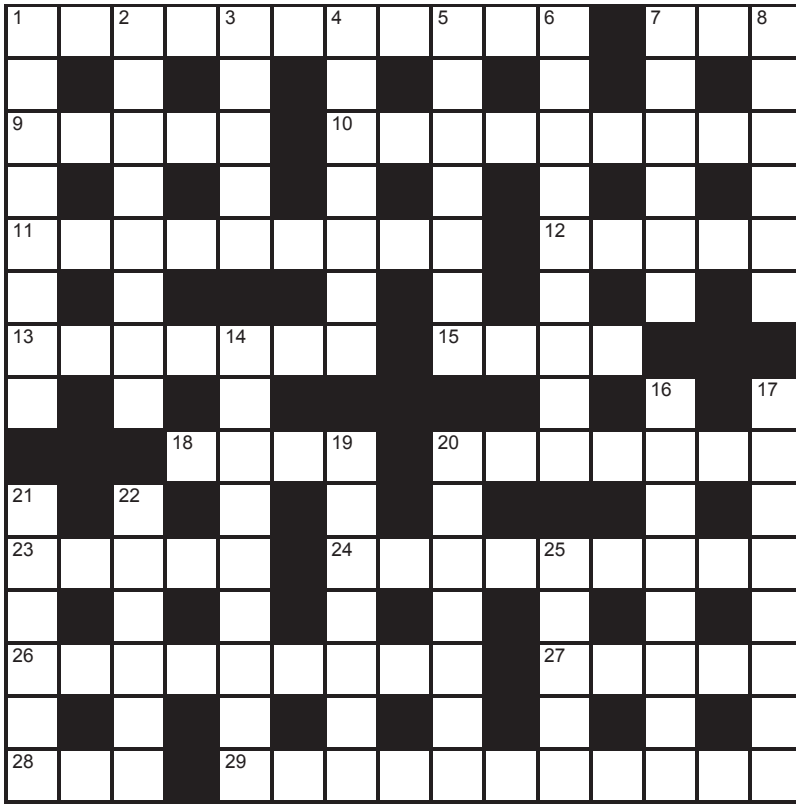


CROSSWORD

No 16,831 Set by AARDVARK



ACROSS

- 1 Politician in severe pain swallowed first of drugs – it's difficult (11)
- 7 Constant steer involved in this job? (3)
- 9 Regularly greeting unknown number, as monarchs do (5)
- 10 Good book, in the main, on actor Bruce, old Hollywood star (3,6)
- 11 Discussed physical strength in one despot (9)
- 12 Ring kept in firm's hidden stock (5)
- 13 How's new French composer avoiding alien world of entertainment (7)
- 15 Nothing in minor e-zine recalled (4)
- 18 Jack joins sleepy characters on a music class (4)
- 20 Fly with fellow editor westwards – this helps to find location in LA? (3,4)
- 23 Alpha male vaguely belonging to religious sect (5)
- 24 Run with Ellen, oddball revolutionary who tried to escape from 4? (9)
- 26 Fruit item from bakery available in fancy parcel (4,5)
- 27 Boggy land, area commoner on Devon/ Cornwall peninsula (5)
- 28 Some, putting name forward, vote negatively (3)
- 29 Enjoy article finally penned after victory: How Usain Bolt runs? (4,3,4)

DOWN

- 1 Maybe potter's cue dishearteningly touches pack first (8)
- 2 Marketing strategy, stolen by daily newspaper, succeeded (8)
- 3 Slow and fast over (5)
- 4 Camp's chilled Italian wine variable (7)
- 5 Hotel different without entrance it's said (3,4)
- 6 Passing time, criticise rickety stairs, say (9)
- 7 Vehicle hogging A6 is a symbol of luxury (6)
- 8 Letter of affection, and sprayed in gold, creating blissful state (6)
- 14 Inflatable, in principle, boosts every party (9)
- 16 Reflecting, one local with left hand approved vegetable (8)
- 17 Perhaps badger Edward to restrain upsetting work culture (8)
- 19 Olympic champion, to exercise core in workout, goes to extremes (7)
- 20 Most mad finding a metallic element in relish (7)
- 21 Football chiefs left cold, playing predator (6)
- 22 Times defends current publication about crime (6)
- 25 Follow Alsatian in, with "Beg!" (5)

JOTTER PAD

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