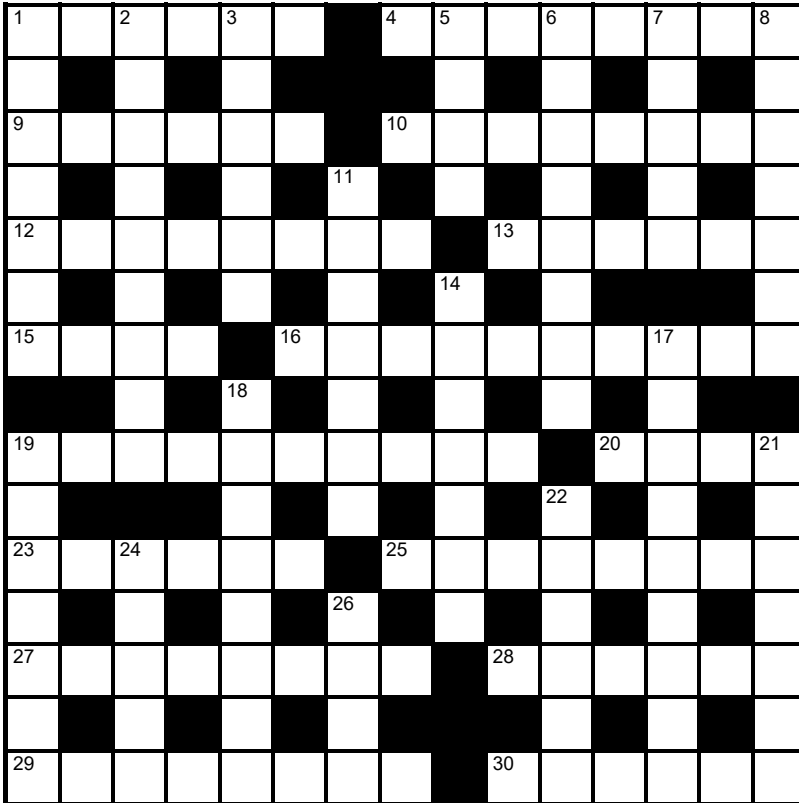


CROSSWORD

No 17,321 Set by GOZO



Each solution contains the sequence R plus one of the letters of the alphabet, eg, RA, RB, RC

ACROSS

- 1 Observation on gospel (6)
- 4 Shows affection, spilling Mac's beer (8)
- 9 Country not at all embracing Republican (6)
- 10 Keep last of sheep on the Serengeti, say (8)
- 12 It gets in and on your nerves (8)
- 13 Analyse grammar with English Zoroastrian (6)
- 15 Leftovers in short supply (4)
- 16 Domestic flights (10)
- 19 Rarity! Bees producing hybrid fruits (10)
- 20 Henry's last catch from the salmon river (4)
- 23 Capers around on rampart (6)
- 25 Without us rogue pigs are out to take a run (8)
- 27 Herb and Josephine hiding in the grass (8)
- 28 One small amount cheat sent back (6)
- 29 Most rigid cryptic setters accept name (8)
- 30 Romans' new demand (6)

DOWN

- 1 Meet — by accident? (3,4)
- 2 Attempt supporting brandname for decorative work (9)
- 3 Band member on ecstasy after radio broadcast (6)
- 5 Spoil vote for Communist theorist (4)
- 6 "Request" boffin's job (8)
- 7 Temple features body-building exercises (5)
- 8 Spits in the food (7)
- 11 Upset about Burt's ID (7)
- 14 Friendly gnome having double sets of levers (3,4)
- 17 Acts as nightwatchman? (9)
- 18 Don feathers and weaken gradually (4,4)
- 19 Bottle for hot drinks — mother's ruin (7)
- 21 Coal scuttle — one coated in strange metal (7)
- 22 Elder dropped one leading African lady (6)
- 24 Following into centre of Purbeck castle (5)
- 26 Lift said beams (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,320

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