CROSSWORD
No. 16,342 Set by NEO


JOTTER PAD

## ACROSS

1 Harsh at university on the breadline (4,2)
5 Shaped plastic covers over mines (8)
9 Storyline involves endless fuss at a port (8)
10 Very small American male in charge (6)
11 Difficult to endure cut close to bone (6)
12 Most difficult singular argument is in French (8)
14 What passes locally as distant dream, fragmented $(8,4)$
18 State changes in this at home within cultural mix $(7,5)$
22 Poor apologist one having withdrawn support (8)
25 Said thrust pierces tin (6)
26 Governor in India having dish brought round (6)
27 Smiley's People's last chapter something not still around (8)
28 Marine explorer at once excited about gold (8)
29 Loud rock music on Radio Heart (6)

## DOWN

2 Marksman at Agincourt more cunning? (6)
3 Basis for the table d'hôte meal? $(6,3)$
4 Shattered replica - no Ming items? (9)
5 Angry news boss came over (7)
6 Summers Greeks and Romans could count on? (5)

7 Page covering mathematical sequence (5)
8 Needing much effort to place paintings in book (8)
13 Idiosyncrasy regularly detected in fraud (3)
15 Collapsed minor star in meteorological phenomenon (9)
16 One pointedly engaged in enhancing body image? (9)
17 Comedian frenzied? Exactly that! (8)
19 Devil one among many at Westminster? (3)
20 Job description from client in surgery (7)
21 Shrink back in horror on meeting snake (6)
23 Andean native in Lima with Buddhist monk (5)
24 Character from Titanic going after duck (5)

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