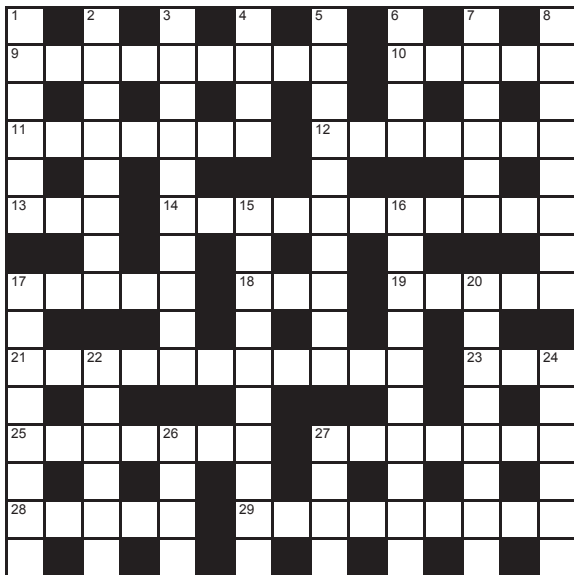


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No. 16,458 Set by NEO



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 9 Scarlet and black rock enclosing ravine (9)
- 10 Text shortened, depart peculiar vocabulary (5)
- 11 Active sort about to shake grand old woman (7)
- 12 Nutcase has stuff about Ulster University (7)
- 13 Left cuts first-rate boxer (3)
- 14 One working as rep no less (11)
- 17 Blind faith seen in one having puppies? (5)
- 18 United were victorious reportedly (3)
- 19 Bird shows colour – that is when reflected (5)
- 21 It protects in covering both flight and landing (5,6)
- 23 Wrestler loses nothing in total (3)
- 25 Where one finds fruit or vegetable (7)
- 27 Soldier feeding egg to fiery monster (7)
- 28 Conservationists engaging a certain ensemble (5)
- 29 Modest accepting trophy and fame (9)

DOWN

- 1 Canadian region rural paradise Republican deserts (6)
- 2 Lowering second engine cover (8)
- 3 Drummer in band old celeb at bar ultimately (5,5)
- 4 Stick close to concierge in block (4)

- 5 Family outcast threatening animal (5,5)
- 6 Female by meadow in small jumper (4)
- 7 Rock agreeable to an audience (6)
- 8 One from hoi polloi more frequently encountered (8)
- 15 One spotted crossing road asleep so needing treatment (10)
- 16 EU partner to bridge gap sooner or later (10)
- 17 Desert Arab perhaps converted to nudism (8)
- 20 Drive away from one small lake in Kansas City (8)
- 22 Stress caused where Bill needs money (6)
- 24 Exact time (6)
- 26 One sax used in national tour (4)
- 27 Quack to keep ducks closer? (4)

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