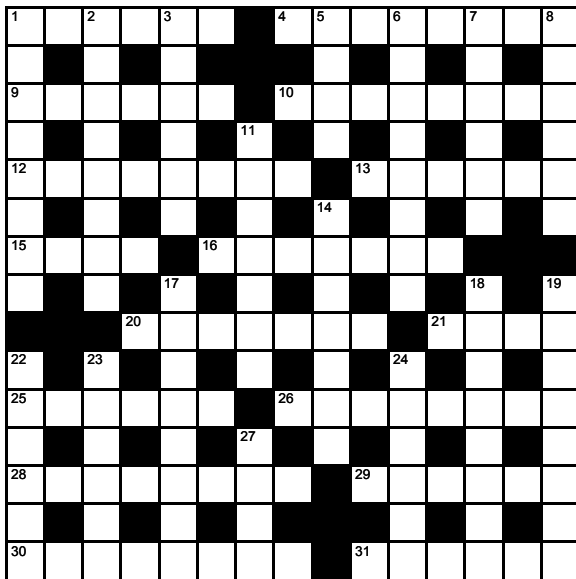


CROSSWORD

No. 13,491 Set by CINEPHILE



JOTTER PAD

The beasts have a common element
ACROSS

- 1 Beast to leave in waste (6)
- 4 Moor ship erratically, being unchanged in shape (8)
- 9 Beast forms most of barrier against half a country (6)
- 10 Surgeon's maxim on dice (8)
- 12 Beast seems almost a successful predator (8)
- 13 Counsel these days something gripping? (6)
- 15 Five centimes to the pound, in essence (4)
- 16 Heron thus accepts vocal message from duck (7)
- 20 Beast of a chap having a starter (7)
- 21 First part of beast formed tribe in Israel (4)
- 25 Agree to contract again and withdraw (6)
- 26 Beast dropping American for Scot in hilly region (8)
- 28 Top billing brings man problem (8)
- 29 Sweet to have a charmed life? (6)
- 30 Beasts with awfully old steering mechanisms, we hear (8)
- 31 Beasts in land of dragons, they say (6)

DOWN

- 1 Depressed county's attempt to catch fish (8)

- 2 Beat up group with iron? (4,4)
- 3 Sweet turned to a gun (6)
- 5 Beast to stop leaks (4)
- 6 Beast in book by Dickens, cut short after a little while (4-4)
- 7 Had senior police job and got off (6)
- 8 Speed has number (6)
- 11 Beast of honour or quality (7)
- 14 Wine produced change of air (7)
- 17 Lines of varied lengths seize up and knock hard (3,5)
- 18 Praise is hesitantly raised and left over (8)
- 19 Botanist, no Scot, entertained by early pope (8)
- 22 Beast concealed by flower (6)
- 23 Attack causing animal to suffer (6)
- 24 Where to wait for transport in early hour? (6)
- 27 Last part of beast appearing in comparison (4)

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