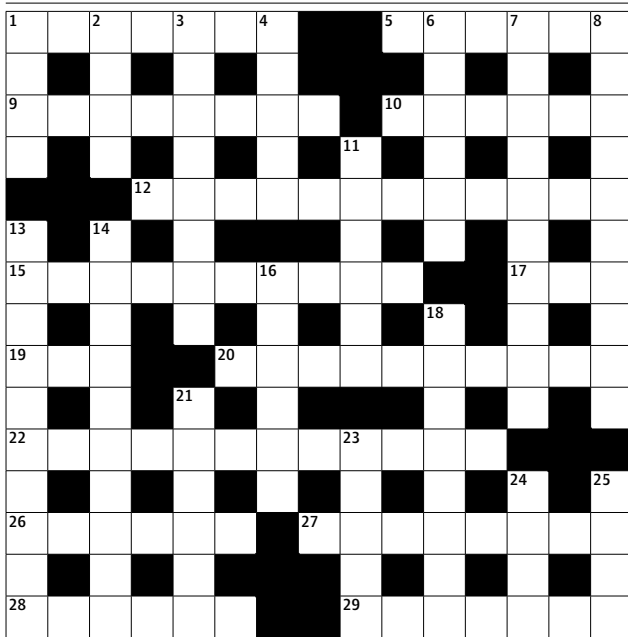


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 French composer's freedom restricted by returning offspring (7)
- 5 Group of schoolchildren stumped by paper (6)
- 9 See 10
- 10,9 Economist, one foregoing Keynes, famed in Republican manoeuvring (6,8)
- 12 PROFIT? (7,5)
- 15 Foul reek – old and new sewers produce it (10)
- 17 Novelist lacking close friend (3)
- 19 Online paper shows amphibian (3)
- 20 One raising issue about letters backing the legislators (10)
- 22 Borderline character with impudence remains wild (12)
- 26 Novel that's hilarious, one getting thanks (6)
- 27 Complaint about jerk being an MP (8)
- 28 Filthy place was first to be knocked into shape (6)
- 29 Stop media manipulation happening! (7)

Down

- 1 Take off from party with maximum volume (4)
- 2 Frenchwoman's distant, a bit of a cow, perhaps (4)
- 3 Very hot in Spain, the poor young socialite's overcome (8)

- 4 Eastern mystic's morning in the Belgravia area (5)
- 6 Model having shoots (6)
- 7 Old pet, heard outside, is set free (10)
- 8 Car goes around in gear just over bottom (10)
- 11 Police trap criminal with heart of gold (6)
- 13 How 10's 18 25 starts abrupt current decline (5,5)
- 14 Whence one gets milk and a sandwich very regularly (3,7)
- 16 Starbuck's first found here, healthier and with topping (6)
- 18 Garden is planted in March (8)
- 21 Woman eating cheap products displays figure (6)
- 23 What journalist wants – Sun to shut up (5)
- 24 See 25
- 25,24 What one makes up for depraved sentence (4,4)

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