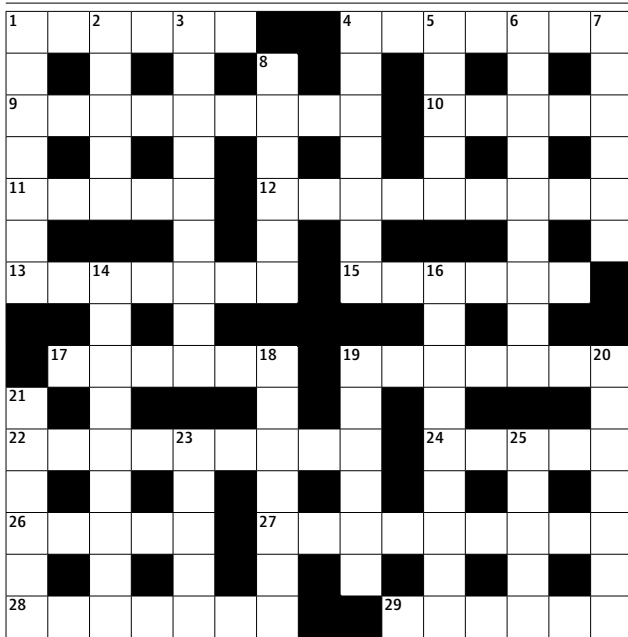


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,813 set by Araucaria

Across

- 1 Place and time can be very destructive (6)
- 4 Bathe between Old English and American dramatised by ... (7)
- 9 ... exponent of 11 28, cooking chop and fish outside (9)
- 10 Solver starts to think of Salad Days (5)
- 11,28 Stink in government terminally spread like wildfire, with your first result of Euro-crisis ... (5,7)
- 12 ... some of which I spied, disguised as exponent of 11 28 (9)
- 13 Insult that should not take one aback? (7)
- 15 Urge former partner to start gardening (6)
- 17 Kidnap leader of society, of course (6)
- 19 Buyer to pursue tenacious creature (7)
- 22 First among men making work of 27 (9)
- 24 North wind on north Scots town (5)
- 26 Persian associate with a work of 12 (5)
- 27 Cushy sale arranged by exponent of 11 28 (9)
- 28 See 11
- 29 Nothing can replace extended play for making 4 across horrid (6)

Down

- 1 Pasta as possible anag of Los Angeles? (7)
- 2 Plantation of police, say (5)

- 3 Keep wine near Manchester (9)
- 4 Terribly verbose remark (7)
- 5 Have no more to say? Use the tea towel (3,2)
- 6 Grabbed stuff from page with Labour led by himself (9)
- 7 Split church and miss opportunity outside (6)
- 8 First in the field (estimated) (6)
- 14 Sibelius's forte, rendering of the year in Asian country (9)
- 16 Chronicler taking time off in outbuilding (9)
- 18 Country first in needing food (7)
- 19 Send away for backing in invading party (6)
- 20 Beginning and seeing off second (7)
- 21 Burrower to supply weapon in test (6)
- 23 Remove covering as before (5)
- 25 See where I go round house in cold climate (5)

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