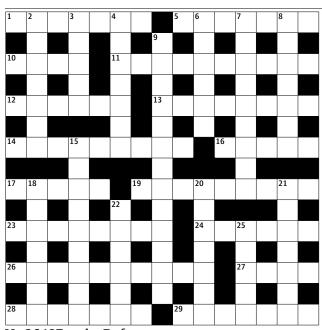
## **Guardian cryptic crossword**



No 26,197 set by Rufus

## Across

- **1** A helpful shipping line? (3,4)
- **5** Aggressive action taken by those insulted (7)
- **10** A mother and father to all (4)
- 11 Some turned out great (10)
- **12** Pluck shown in American kidnapping (6)
- 13 When to have a drink and eat? (3,5)
- 14 Where to find a paid informer? (9)
- 16 They're up for the celebration (5)
- **17** Mountains in some volume (5)
- **19** Blockhead! Our little boy is in the middle class (9)
- 23 Is it operated by the ring finger? (4,4)
- **24** Motorway place setting (6)
- **26** Sailor on an oil rig turning native (10)
- **27** They may be nibbled or bolted (4)
- 28 Hawaiian offering certainly enjoyed by holidaymakers (7)
- **29** Roguish manner to make an entrance (7)

## Down

- 2 No cardinal has spoken about the noise (7)
- **3** Put off mounting watch (5)
- **4** Vessel without stabilisers? (7)

- **6** Describing an unborn baby of late development (6)
- **7** Continuing power of the Creed, a nun found out (9)
- **8** Bottle company prompt, coming about midday (7)
- **9** An almost negligible amount, like one in ten (4,2,7)
- **15** Weapons that don't reach very far? (5,4)
- **18** Shudder at music's opening in a high pitched voice (7)
- **20** Rose and disconnected speaker (7)
- 21 Strangely, I earn it in doing nothing (7)
- 22 Sounds like a tugboat, but isn't (6)
- **25** Such law implies a suspended sentence (5)

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