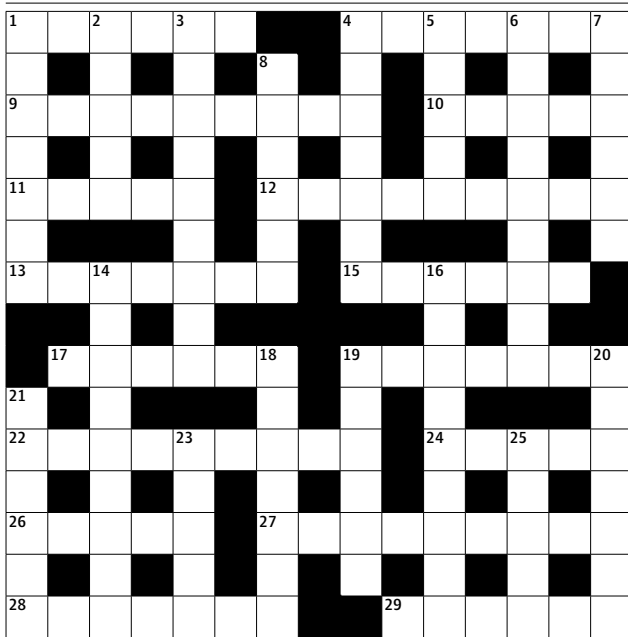


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Native American has a vehicle back at house (6)
- 4 See 19 down
- 9 Summer plant beginning to fade, during sign of winter's approach (9)
- 10 Large area of a sort of moon reduced by half (5)
- 11 Huge job's ending after half one month and during second (5)
- 12,21 Disaster once, but league more or less keeps one secure (5,4,6)
- 13 Points taken in something copper has to say in pleading (7)
- 15 Make attempt to avoid woodwork (6)
- 17 Stone fish trap (6)
- 19 Give up attic, once delightful housing (7)
- 22 Small drink failing to be calming (9)
- 24 Was not resting, but took steps (5)
- 26 For speaking, one that receives part in Shakespeare (5)
- 27 Set fire to one reptile in sewer, according to reports (9)
- 28 Reactionary has special hide-away (7)
- 29 Piece of asparagus cut round very tip (6)

Down

- 1 Joe's not right in the head – this to fix part of it? (4,3)
- 2 Money raised: a little bit at the end stolen out of spite (5)

- 3 In big house, working to hold small celebration (9)
- 4 Heard rumour, some whispered into this? (7)
- 5 Favour partner for girl (5)
- 6 Humiliating condition, rudest I've suffered (9)
- 7 Not easy to identify, childishly made to go round the bend (6)
- 8 Sample of the West Country praying? (6)
- 14 Desist, Tea Party, in America! (9)
- 16 So busy, unable to get decent jogging gear? (3,6)
- 18 Guided tour taken in the wrong order gets hugely extended (7)
- 19,4across Why I must be erotic, go-go dancing: to get a quantity of money (6,4,3)
- 20 Publicly support salesmen, not very effectively at first (7)
- 21 See 12
- 23 Handed out cards, dropping a letter (5)
- 25 Pharaoh is up-and-coming African (5)

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