CROSSWORD

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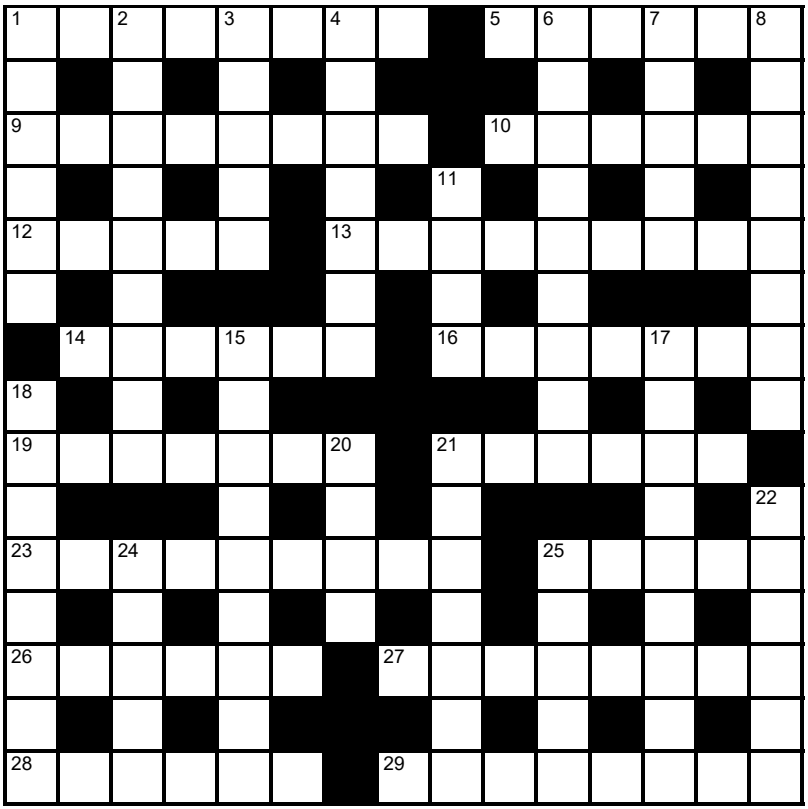


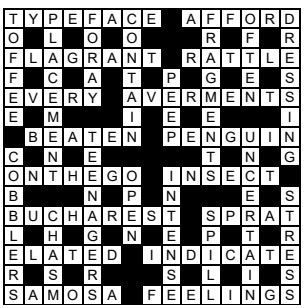
Across solutions have a theme and their clues lack their thematic definitions

ACROSS

1 Tricky anagram by leading compiler (8)
5 German musician on the radio (6)
9 Worried, Calvin pens advisory note (3,5)
10 Sort of egg dish? (6)
12 Nothing but sandwiches (5)
13 Initially unavailable in southern French town (9)
14 Bistro with wine, reportedly (6)
16 Insect's terrible fate (4,3)
19 His 'n' her Rolls (7)
21 Contralto sitting in Nice (6)
23 Agreed on a review (9)
25 Pompous dwarf's question about his identity? (5)
26 Went back, holding children's horse, we hear (3,3)
27 This children's fight can escalate rapidly (8)
28 Small German gentleman at end of party (6)
29 Almost close at hand all the time (4,4)

DOWN

1 Davies trained as counsel (6)
2 Household penning short account showing measure of intelligence (6,3)
3 Unfinished old sailing boat in Sri Lankan city (5)
4 Likely to forget about cinemas (7)
6 Chairs about entrance to cabins on ships (9)
7 Leader's lodge (5)
8 He ain't an unreliable Greek (8)
11 Source of light to cry over (4)
15 Revised snowboarding ban removed at entrance (5,4)
17 Somewhat poor quality mixture of dirt and earth (5-4)
18 Old reports about those who swear, it's said (8)
20 Warm-up event? (4)
21 Free from sin, is inclined to enter church (7)
22 Eye's funny, not opening (6)
24 Well over half of England's characters could be obtuse (5)
25 Groundsman's machine destroyed more around wicket (5)

JOTTER PAD

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