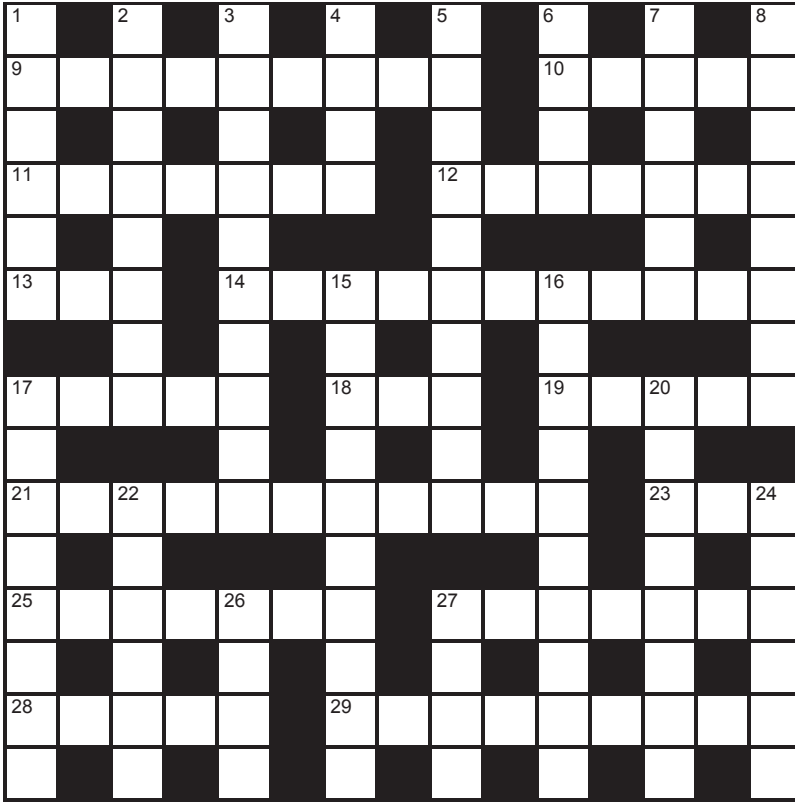


CROSSWORD

No 16,945 Set by AARDVARK



ACROSS

- 9 Drag queen seen on cop film in 1970s (3,6)
- 10 Fast driver relatively flashy, shouting (5)
- 11 The class endlessly muddle book carrier? (7)
- 12 Enormous explosives obtained by outwardly militant husband (7)
- 13 Sort of newspaper taken by mum (3)
- 14 Wrongly interpret criminals, honest with girl mostly (11)
- 17 In recession, partly rested accounts trainee (5)
- 18 Energy vital for character in Marathon (3)
- 19 Senior soul's driven occasionally (5)
- 21 Author perhaps writing strangely under the lines (4,7)
- 23 Decline of English bees (3)
- 25 Cry of hostility and of disgust encapsulating Republican urban area (7)
- 27 On board, draw this writer's old hat (7)
- 28 Felt pain, cracking watch display (5)
- 29 A sauce used in original Inca country (9)

DOWN

- 1 Decline in savings upset former US sportsman (6)
- 2 Darned bird, constant resident in outhouse (8)
- 3 Measuring device moggy picked up on domestic terrace (10)
- 4 Delayed travelling northwards and elsewhere (2,2)
- 5 Vagrant round business that occupies bouncer? (10)
- 6 Seafood with cold batter (4)
- 7 Alcoholic drink associated with British grapevine (6)
- 8 Rhino possibly approaching me on border of ravine – hairy stuff (8)
- 15 Used part of clock? (6-4)
- 16 Damage squash, maybe getting wet blanket (10)
- 17 Intellectual bookworm primarily gripped by Le Carre novel (8)
- 20 Delta research by scientific advisers forming part of three-day event (8)
- 22 Reptile let loose after rising macho behaviour (6)
- 24 In reserve, beer's served up with whiskey as a rule (6)
- 26 Reverse Fiat when collecting daughter (4)
- 27 Driver usually seen here curtailed language (4)

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