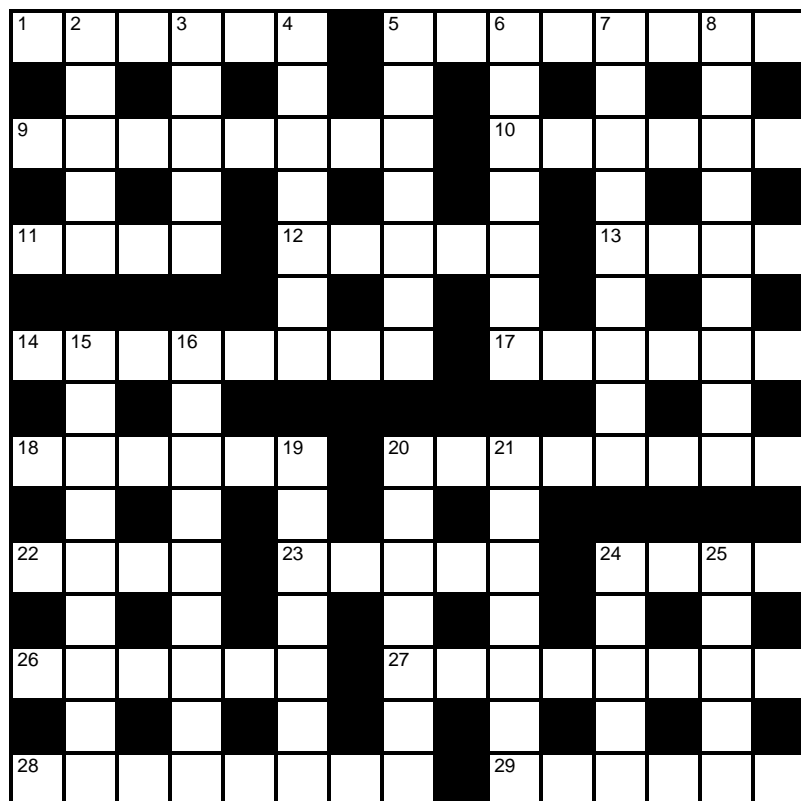


Cryptic Crossword No.72



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Across

- 1 PM let tea brew (6)
- 5 Which US singer was PM? (8)
- 9 Her indoors brought in chopped dill for animals (8)
- 10 Sovereign maybe embraces American relative (6)
- 11 PM's oriental study (4)
- 12 PM has once round bearing (5)
- 13 Nothing invested in vessel's takeover (4)
- 14 Uproot treelets all over the place (8)
- 17 Hang around or I let loose (6)
- 18 Lawyer's project involves retired knight (6)
- 20 PM left country (8)
- 22 PM starts to probe into the Treasury (4)
- 23 Notable PM (5)
- 24 Flay PM (4)
- 26 Tapeworms eat in a frenzy (6)
- 27 Outrageous lie is associated with mafia rally (8)
- 28 Heredity of insect, e.g. flies (8)
- 29 Colour match then fade away, so we hear (3-3)

Down

- 2 Three have a go at publicity on the radio (5)
- 3 Carrying boy in two directions (5)
- 4 Adjective of significance in rising support (7)
- 5 Generate confusion after Romeo flees juvenile (7)
- 6 Drink cola mixed wholeheartedly (7)
- 7 PM's belief gets weak (9)
- 8 I run peace process for sybarite (9)
- 15 Cunningly edit a clue or explain in detail (9)
- 16 Being divorcee is fraught, so we hear (9)
- 19 Victim panics somewhat, leading to drums (7)
- 20 Lumpy jam, astonishingly, camouflages nightwear (7)
- 21 Cheese on toast? Bloody small piece... (7)
- 24 Heartbeat starts to pump under lengthy, strenuous exercise (5)
- 25 Points, perhaps, to study (5)