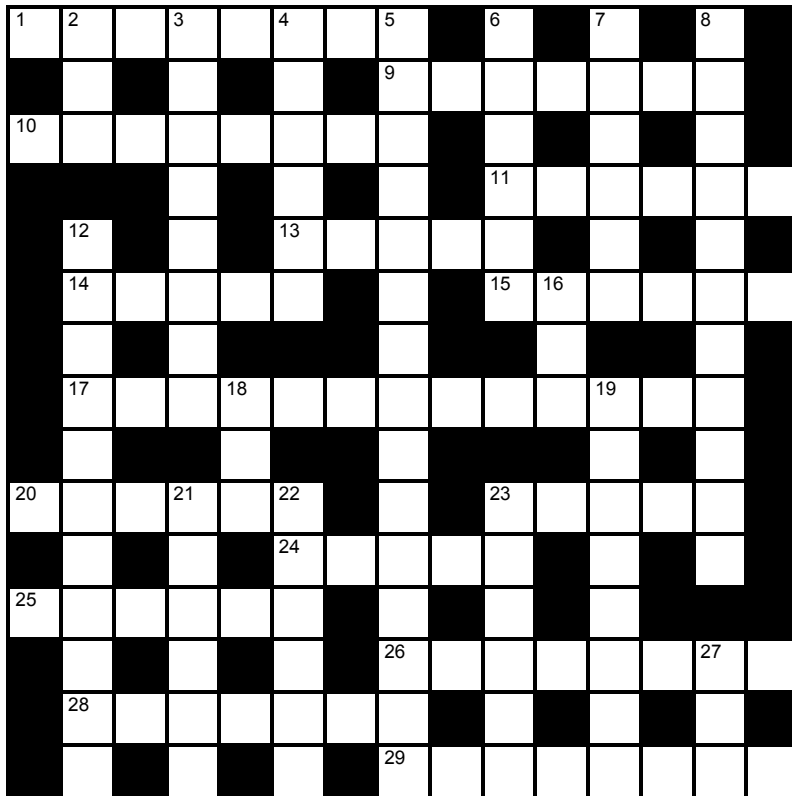


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Across

- 1/19** Scathing of whip by Prescott on the 23dn at 28 (8,2,6)
9 Henry's returning to recall of past year - such emancipation's not cool! (3,4)
10 See 7 Down
11 Light brown coal's forgotten origin (6)
13 Stylish girl, new to the scene, missed broadcast (2,3)
14 I have worn pants bearing the face of Elvis (5)
15 Wet business paper that's very forward (6)
17 By which one may top and tail 8's nemesis by the 23dn at 28 (9,4)
20 Like the victims of 5, does no wrong (6)
23 Drawn plans being made for the big day? (5)

- 24** Prince knocking back glass of beer that's nice! (5)
25 Wasted introduction to *Bleak House*? (6)
26 The dimly lit compound (8)
28/16/6 Refreshing post-prandial swig here is the bloody way down to the 23dn (7,3,6)
29 Writer in *Times*, say, is "Thunderous"! (8)

Down

- 2** Dry up a feature that perhaps needs to? (3)
3 American President divides opinion, holding fire (8)
4 Italian energy's overthrown American charm (6)
5 Local in 28 renowned for suspended sentences? (3,7,5)
6 See 28 Across
7/10 Here's to women not following megastar impetuously! (4,2,8)

- 8** On the 23dn at 28, victim of 5's better, a bit like expectant nanny on admission? (7,4)
12 Start fighting space traveller - then very big gust intervenes (4,2,5)
16 See 28 Across
18 What's 16 after a signal ball-breaker? (3)
19 See 1 Across
21 I had lost arguments over arrangements (3-3)
22 Call by one's name, after medic's finished work (4,2)
23 Runner of London Marathon initially entered in energetic heats (6)
27 They have it, but leader quits, of course (3)