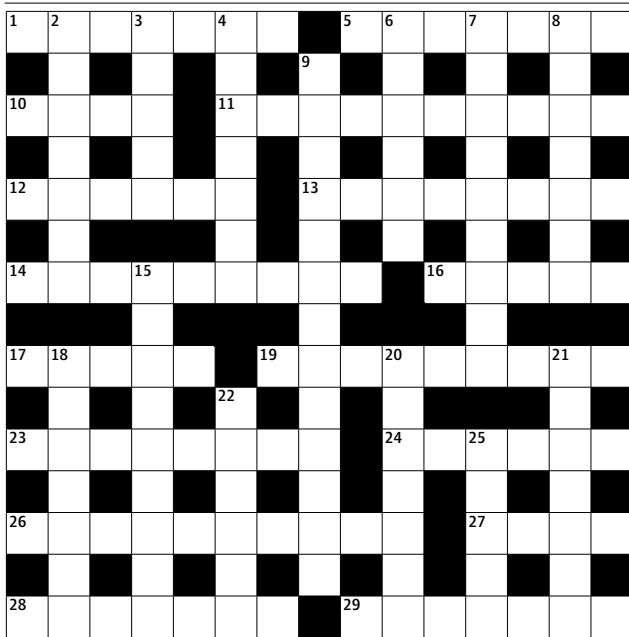


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,529 set by Paul

Across

- 1 See 10
- 5 One zooms around black lines on maps (7)
- 10,1 Ask about ugly monster lying back, legs buckling – what made her appear beautiful? (4,7)
- 11 Old queen's domicile hosting opera, not opening, as full (10)
- 12 Hot office aboard craft (6)
- 13 See 27
- 14 See 17
- 16 Spotted dick, perhaps – charming! (5)
- 17,14 Interpose uninvited and get involved in a row? (5,4,3,2)
- 19 Tongues entwined, splashing around (9)
- 23 Wrecker has to be composed, piercing old reptile's tail? (8)
- 24 Bloody beautiful woman secures ring (6)
- 26 Bear a child consuming large meal, female on the end? (10)
- 27,13,22 Politics all over the place? (4,5,3,6)
- 28 It's hard in schools to find exotic fruits (7)
- 29 Silliness in a fool, stupidity ultimately (7)

Down

- 2 Cricketing references have gone on too long (7)

- 3 Plant sacrificed, firstly, in blood and guts (5)
- 4 Complex woman having to decide on artist (7)
- 6 Homeless snail, perhaps, saving 500 euros, initially, for deposit (6)
- 7 Wind that in large intestine gets drier (4,5)
- 8 Dish best served cold ending in cooker, still, say, rising (7)
- 9 Bird taking drug, one entering bay (7,6)
- 15 Dish of the type mentioned earlier, including fishy tacos (9)
- 18 Server, one used to 26 fish! (3,4)
- 20 Statesman Cameron casually held up by granny (7)
- 21 Pleasure's up, suitable to hop the twig (5,2)
- 22 See 27
- 25 Penned by Delany, Longfellow's material (5)

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