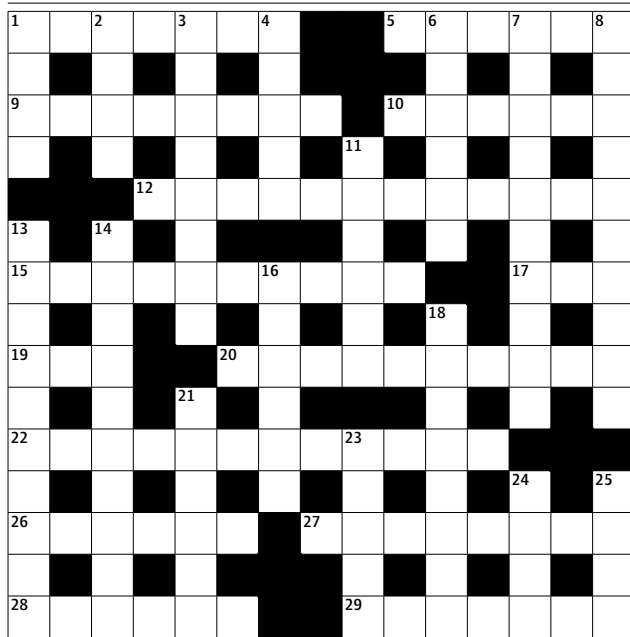


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Start here for 24 (7)
- 5 Commercial break for past fashions (6)
- 9 Dotty or Clara going round the bend, like Sibyl (8)
- 10 Wally having a close relationship with Oscar (6)
- 12 Old lady in flying club caught 24 (9,3)
- 15 Principal getting horse knackered? (10)
- 17 Island floors (3)
- 19 Cass forgets about Neddy (3)
- 20 Solid anchored to fluid (10)
- 22 Observer in braces with slate for 24 (8,4)
- 26 Sting from this redundant vessel off at last? (6)
- 27 Mark regularly argued, snarling about heartless agent (8)
- 28 Attempts by Midwest states (6)
- 29 Agent about 50 that is 24 (7)

Down

- 1 Nick needs good service provider (4)
- 2 Patric in 1 across? (4)
- 3 One in boat and Spanish maid's domain? (8)
- 4 Fletcher's 1 down for 24 (5)

- 6 Door frame attached to house by fine 24 (2,4)
- 7 Implants for Gerry's 24 (10)
- 8 Who's mess jacket for exhibition? (10)
- 11 Rod stopping soldiers somewhere in Africa (6)
- 13 Madness in real mess with no awareness of what's right (5,5)
- 14 Mark joined King and Queen in the latest 24 (3,7)
- 16 Lawyer, one leaving financial centre, left a bit of verse (6)
- 18 Donna possibly following 24? Possibly (3,3,2)
- 21 Kylie is worried about her heart in Yorkshire spot (6)
- 23 Cancel clean-up (5)
- 24 We hear illicit tape (4)
- 25 Police constable's last measure (4)

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