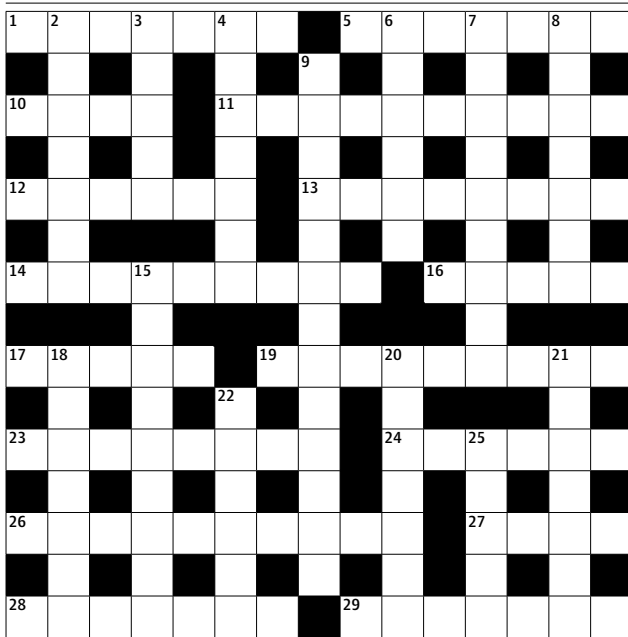


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,157 set by Qaos

Across

- 1 Expect super puzzle by Qaos! (7)
- 5 Perhaps miracle ball reversing direction with side spin? (4,3)
- 10 Capital offences should loosen offending heads (4)
- 11 "Red Sea storms follow fresh onset of rain", he announces (10)
- 12 Mashed potatoes not so much used for brewing (6)
- 13 Start getting excited about revolutionary mechanical devices (8)
- 14 Rough school expelled Oscar, taking back paper first and rulers (9)
- 16 Hit for 6? Time to stop (5)
- 17 Poet, one you reportedly study (5)
- 19 Like the prime number eluding da Vinci, extremely hidden (9)
- 23 Actor likes improvising to mask no good play's finale (8)
- 24 Huge, funny man disguises the end of punchlines (6)
- 26 Husband does movie reels and family films (4,6)
- 27 Colour page with stationery (4)
- 28 Short on game experience (7)
- 29 South Africa follows newspaper material (7)

Down

- 2 Brand market drops 25% after collapse of USSR (7)
- 3 Vessel gathers liquids up (5)
- 4 Scary figure in gym on steroids (7)
- 6 I tape record criminally? (6)
- 7 Western food? (9)
- 8 11 over, 10 over? (7)
- 9 When body shakes with fear, sitting on European insect (5,5,3)
- 15 Birds from Spooner's happy country? (4,5)
- 18 Motherless, unromantic savage lifts hem of skirt, the horny beast (7)
- 20 Cold is muffled by fashion, otherwise it can bite (7)
- 21 German mathematician raises variable in book that's the origin of logic (7)
- 22 Catapult over its frame to get airborne (6)
- 25 Brown's record? Invading Afghanistan, initially (5)

Solution No. 26,156

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