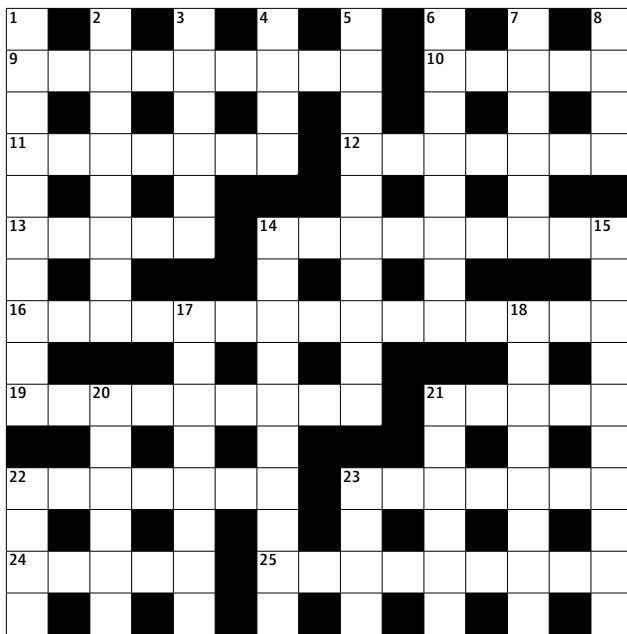


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9** Check weight – everybody to get fit again (9)
10 Headless monster – a howler (5)
11 Conservative backs endless corruption for success (7)
12 Ballad plays noisily in Colorado (7)
13 Orbits Earth by mistake (5)
14 Act of grace? Female expelled after Eden's criminal trial (9)
16 Blown away by this film? (4,4,3,4)
19 Doctor begs nurse for classes (9)
21 Golfer's new iron? (5)
22 Catholic moves to centre of God's source of power (7)
23 Large bird I can cook (7)
24 Crack small pitted fruit (5)
25 Amazing person serving soup here, all around Reading (9)
- 5** Explains cryptic clue first time and succeeded! (10)
6 Archer gets Troy beer – that's revealing (8)
7 Too much work left about (6)
8 Constellation formed from unlimited gas (4)
14 Business is key; spin is ultimately futile (10)
15 It could lead to a strike at Epsom (6,4)
17 One who fights with others, both hands gripping close to foe (8)
18 Made up by comic T Vine to cover pun's finale about Germany (8)
20 Bowled by a leg break – E Barker (6)
21 Funny, it's about ridiculing establishment leaders (6)
22 Grew flower (4)
23 Upset father breaks sides of turntable record (4)

Down

- 1** Advantages of outside toilets? Member is concealed (10)
2 Piano at home supports 50in key (8)
3 Wash foot in stormy sea or on land (6)
4 Girl to wed right away (4)

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