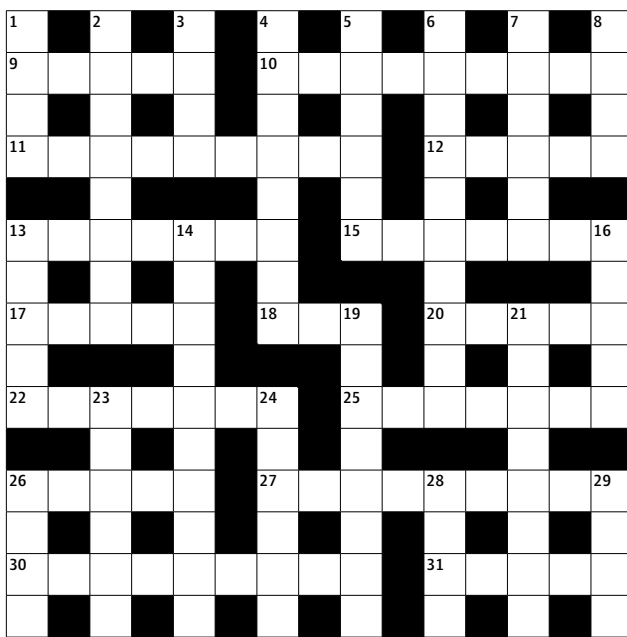
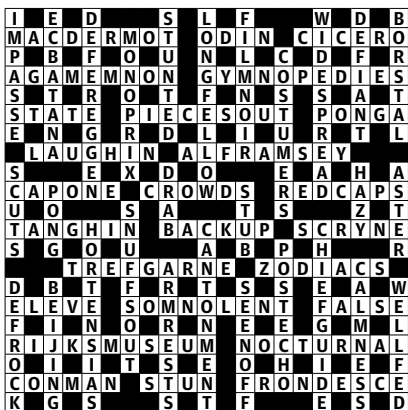


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,981 set by Rufus

Solution No. 26,974



Across

- 9** Strange story told in article (5)
10 They cater for a private reception (9)
11 Frightened about agent returning, did a bunk (9)
12 No permission for recesses (5)
13 Annoyed at being stung (7)
15 Appalling melee at National Trust unit (7)
17 An indifferent movement (5)
18 Very new boy (3)
20 Pound sign? (5)
22 In general exit, one left something behind (7)
25 About to be put back in school ground (7)
26 US city infamous for its bad spelling (5)
27 Getting married again after things patched up? (9)
30 Ten inflated and deflated (9)
31 Single unfronted fireplace (5)

Down

- 1** Document that allows father onto ship (4)
2 Doctor said rest can cause terrible trouble (8)
3 It's the same photograph (4)
4 Where they have female grooms? (8)
5 Infant rock'n'roller (6)
6 Fortune, pounds, gold – all go into his purse (10)

- 7** An unparticular person (6)
8 Goddess is after Spanish agreement being lifted (4)
13 Alan's unusual manner of speaking? (5)
14 It's OK to run away before I get married (10)
16 Direct transport (5)
19 Are they used for jotting down music? (8)
21 Engineer's responsibility taken by the navigator (8)
23 Illegal wayfarers seen around part of Ireland (6)
24 Short service commission? (6)
26 Riddle provided in a way (4)
28 Flag of Eire shortened (4)
29 A catch one is delighted to exhibit (4)