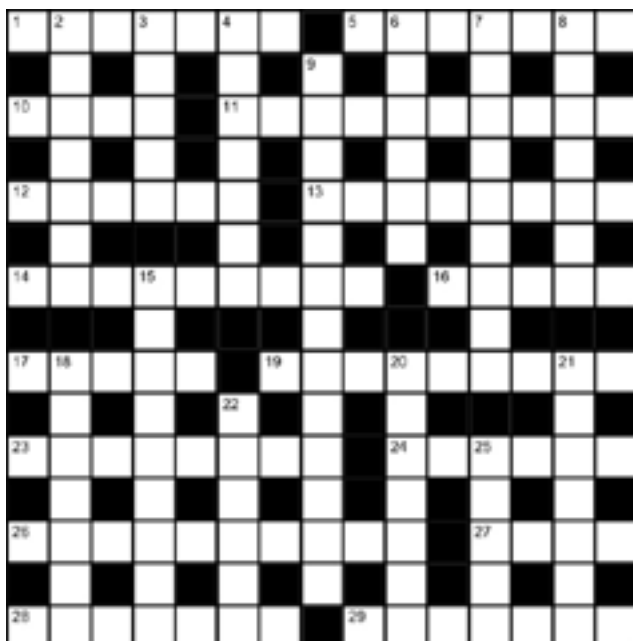


Genius no.166 set by Picaroon



Clues

Across

- 1 Doctor, look, returns to give succour (3,4)
- 5 Reduce the size of area (7)
- 10 Knave maybe is about right (4)
- 11 Continue boringly, making a bloomer (10)
- 12 Cooler function (3,3)
- 13 Party backs partners in 27 providing party gear (8)
- 14 Return of city police guarding boat (9)
- 16 What baby has is extremely pretty (5)
- 17 Back in Blade Runner (5)
- 19 Individual performances by dancer, as retiring (9)
- 23 Tax society? You'll find waste here (8)
- 24 Very loudly removed (3-3)
- 26 The writer's shortness (10)
- 27 Willing to have internet issue over (4)
- 28 Machines seen malfunctioning (7)
- 29 Scholar's translated 10 (7)

Instructions

Two across solutions taken together indicate something missing from all the other 14 across clues, either as the definition or as part of their wordplay.

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Down

- 2 Discharge American general admitting heartless attack on American government (7)
- 3 Centre of Budapest's dimly recalled? Not entirely (5)
- 4 Hospitalised monarch is more delirious (7)
- 6 Raised hat held by junior corporal (6)
- 7 Traitor follows shortly with a mistress (9)
- 8 Mature, berobed queen, not lying down (5-2)
- 9 Demagogy burgeons with Blair rambling (6-7)
- 15 Second opera provided around Italian boats (9)
- 18 Bargee anxious about liberal arts graduate (7)
- 20 Interpol finally stops corrupt crook (7)
- 21 Sailor right towards the back, on isle (7)
- 22 Priest to stop necking booze abroad (6)
- 25 Set free, after capturing soldier (5)