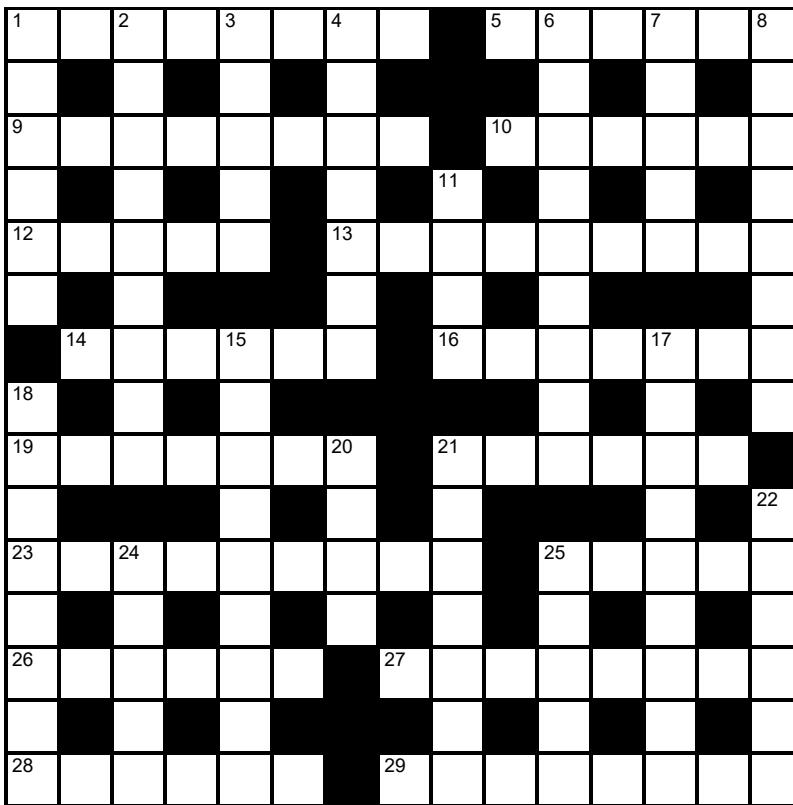
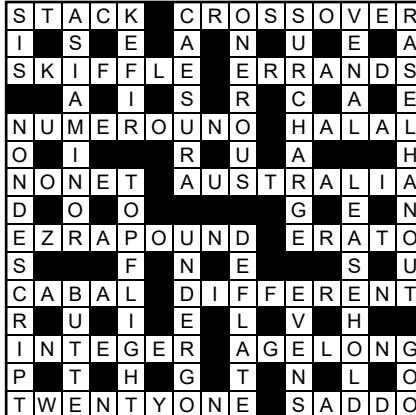


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ACROSS

- Ground radar screens five in a thousand to find nocturnal creature (8)
- Please spread out (6)
- Everything I entered in free form isn't fiction (4,4)
- An officer's scale (1,5)
- For a start, keep faith (5)
- Extra pounds do no harm to old city (5,4)
- Lead to centre of Greek and Latin translation (6)
- Heart hospital admitted it's not so clever (7)
- Loves to eat free range plant (7)
- Eddy or Teddy's heading in to cause annoyance (6)
- Musician left in school toilet (5,4)
- Some attraction in Los Angeles after setback (5)
- Look about the same desire (6)
- For one in trouble, pity an African (8)
- Drifts and splatters? (6)
- Did this in 15: difficult riddle about puzzle centre (8)

DOWN

- A rare laborious result is a rare sight (6,8)
- Start off somewhere in Norfolk seen developing traffic awareness (4,5)
- Criminal's not in the building (5)
- No judge supported by America? End of trial! (7)
- Right after battle, sleep with someone offering wine (9)
- Crazy journey! I say you are to go and have fun (5)
- Some make a mistake starting to excavate garden feature (8)
- Giant Marvel comic could be used in a fish & chip shop (4,7)
- Save for this diary, any author's intro should be edited (1,5,3)
- What retailer does is freeze (4,5)
- See 1 down
- Love to hear boyfriend's instrument (4)
- See 11
- Not allowed to listen to the Sex Pistols? (6)
- Reject rising King Edward? (5)
- Best map a gem (5)

JOTTER PAD