

ACROSS

- 1 Witty talk (8)
- 5 Fly high (4)
- 9 Strengthens the foundations of (9)
- 10 Word of affirmation (3)
- 11 Norway's capital (4)
- 13 Expulsion from a contest or institution (5-2)
- 16 Durham's river (4)
- 18 Strait-laced and fussy (6)
- 19 Compound occurring in petrol (6)
- 21 Or ____, otherwise (4)
- 23 Regular oval (7)
- 25 Prayer ending (4)
- 27 Increase the speed of an engine (3)
- 28 Doing the dishes (7,2)
- 30 Be bold enough (4)
- 31 Given the title of Sir (8)

DOWN

- 1 Boxing match (4)
- 2 Film storage medium (inits) (3)
- 3 Contracts (7)
- 4 Traditional Japanese hostess (6)
- 6 Add air to (9)
- 7 Furniture doctor (8)
- 8 Malaysia's continent (4)
- 12 Spread further afield (5,4)
- 14 God of love (4)
- 15 Seemed (8)
- 17 Visual organs (4)
- 20 Finishing (7)
- 22 Teaching period (6)
- 24 Church benches (4)
- 26 Imitated, copied (4)
- 29 Obtain (3)

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