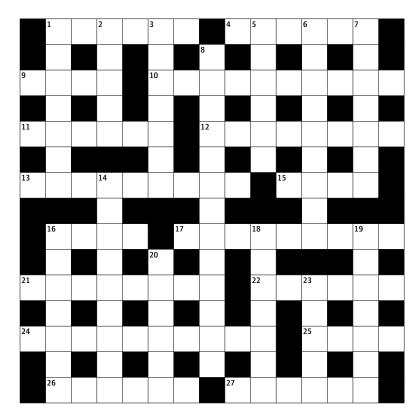
## **Guardian cryptic crossword** No 28,351 set by Vulcan



## Across

- 1 Proudly show off row of shops (6)
- **4** Sponge ass's back pleased expression (6)
- **9** To express disapproval of Mike leads to explosion (4)
- **10** Greek character nothing short of brave and gallant (10)
- 11 Tell why one is playing well (6)
- 12 Getting washed and dressed: after work, better to avoid extremes (8)
- **13** Doing really well with a spreadsheet? (9)
- 15 Read endlessly as boss (4)
- **16** Get rid of bed (4)
- 17 Approve art house I rebuilt (9)
- 21 In bodies a judge addresses damages (8)
- **22** Waddle half back, and don't hurry (6)
- 24 Less than a storm at sea? That's lucky (4,2,4)
- 25 Called up to manage golf (4)
- 26 New weapon is limited (6)
- 27 Resolve to belt criminal (6)

## Down

- 1 Mythical bird? It's found in Arizona (7)
- 2 Capital lover and capital love (5)
- 3 Counting system with a point to it (7)
- **5** Giraffes' cousins fine, needing a short wee (6)

- **6** Hot meal for this circus artiste? (4-5)
- 7 Searched round area frequently visited (7)
- **8** Eminent inspector with poor suiting dropped (13)
- **14** After short space nobleman and monarch meet (9)
- **16** Painful experience after bathing? (7)
- **18** Spanish gentleman concealed goal stupidly (7)
- **19** Something considered golden is shut up (7)
- **20** As if alternative company could be a complete disaster (6)
- **23** Poorest quality terrace put up on street (5)

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