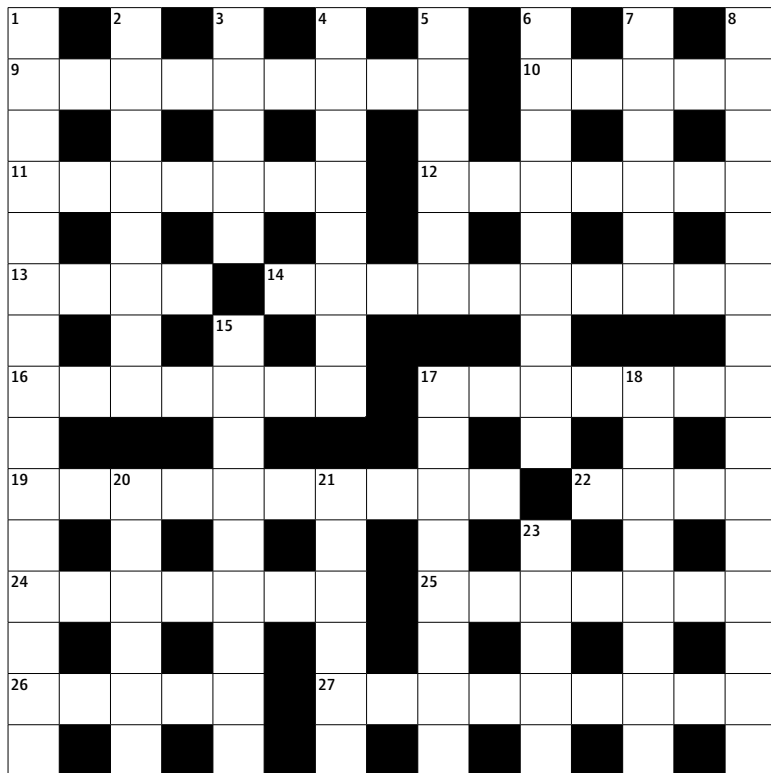


**Guardian cryptic crossword** No 29,387 set by Vulcan



**Across**

- 9 Observing what may happen to exam papers (9)
- 10 Put down a foot (5)
- 11 Small, devout wish for one using a jet (7)
- 12 Level with a wild animal, runs into it (7)
- 13 Probity not altogether necessary in valedictory notice (4)
- 14 Where president can't be backed into a corner? (4,6)
- 16 Girl from Spain has to rely on soldiers (7)
- 17 Artist I see talking in broadcast soaps (7)
- 19 A depth measure including temperature is extraordinary (10)
- 22 Fielder is a little short bloke (4)
- 24 Asian national heading off to travel (7)
- 25 Try Livingstone, and pay attention (7)
- 26 Two weeks by fort in darkness (5)
- 27 Where spirits may be found, ghost troubled girl (4,5)

**Down**

- 1 Short of water, holding up progress in repairing enclosures (3,5,7)
- 2 Slowly pay off armies to disband (8)
- 3 Horses eat grass, I'm told (5)
- 4 Leads to London traveller

- perhaps nowhere near a bank (3-5)
- 5 Piece of skin torn by silver pin (6)
- 6 Give away pouch with grain, if hiding (9)
- 7 Expedition hunting for browser (6)
- 8 Get comfortable in Tennessee, tho' far off (7,4,4)
- 15 Cause anger as I sat down to dinner wearing mink (9)
- 17 Heavily criticise article about the Roman church (8)
- 18 A smashing racing vehicle (5,3)
- 20 After a time, bristly snout goes in here? (6)
- 21 Democrat replacing nasty hereditary ruler (6)
- 23 Loose horse in stall (5)

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