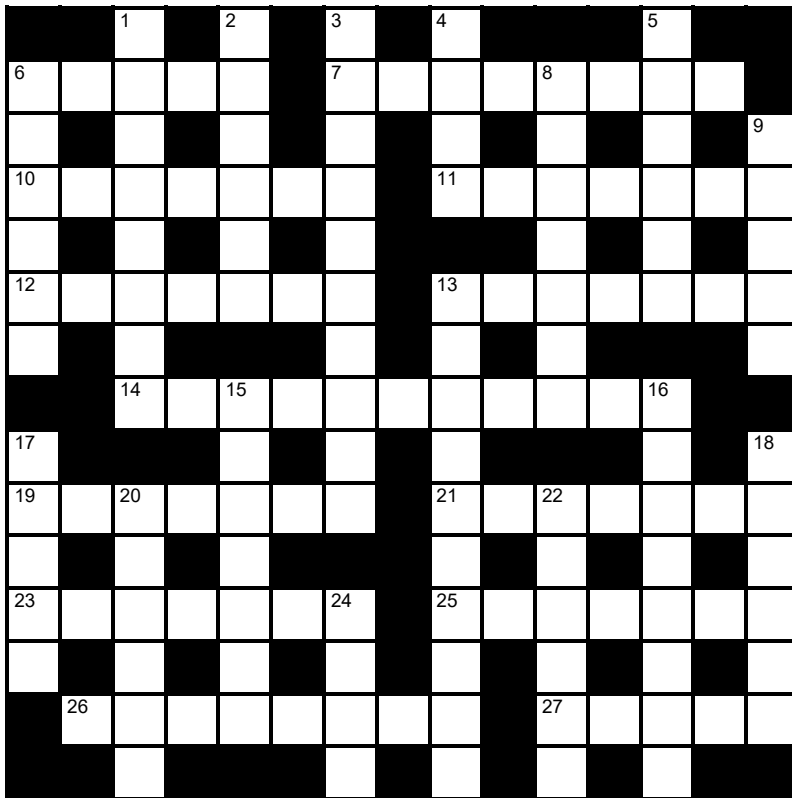


It was not easy to produce material for this puzzle but it does have a fairly obscure ghost theme. Of course, solvers don't need to spot that theme.



Across

- 6 Very slightly shift plan of household expenditure, lacking time (5)
- 7 Aircraft industry's navigation, leaderless and not good (8)
- 10 Garlands of frolicking maenads (7)
- 11 Fashionable scene of Texas massacre - extremely dire! (1,2,4)
- 12 Eating away some of vetch in garden (7)
- 13 Reactionary US soldiers holding backward lively party (7)
- 14 Fearless fellow's powerful battleship (11)

- 19 Giving credit for moment in golf (7)
- 21 Hospital patient may be on this or off it if he's crazy (7)
- 23 Enliven an international pal (7)
- 25 Person who sets as task one medium puzzle (7)
- 26 Covering workers finally construct for window frame (8)
- 27 Society cuts back kitchen waste (5)

Down

- 1 Sophisticated ace participated in 'Strictly' securing victory (8)
- 2 Characteristic of Gulf inhabitants; the old

- 3 Snag in Woomera, drongo oddly produces pet (7,3)
- 4 Assist a Verdi heroine (4)
- 5 Useless to work after boundless snow over land finally (2-4)
- 6 Work very hard at beard (6)
- 8 Ring around excellent US commercial activity (7)
- 9 Large altar candle's sudden increase of power, we hear (5)
- 13 Catalogues of likely candidates in brief jousting contests (10)

- 15 Tumultuous era and time for Muslim ruler's land (7)
- 16 With no opener, pursues someone stealthily, bound to discuss work (4,4)
- 17 Book of maps finally short of a bit of technology (5)
- 18 Some fancy Prussian island (6)
- 20 Ascent, without problem essentially, with a cross showing highest point (6)
- 22 Set oneself up against work attitude (6)
- 24 Woolly ruminant runs chasing water carrier (4)