

Times Cryptic No 29400

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Across

- 1 Not for the first time, lose confidence in fortification (7)
- 5 American choirboy nearly rejected by a province (7)
- 9 A useless board ousting leader is possible to prevent (9)
- 10 Only a little fuel in rocket for the moment (2,3)
- 11 Failure of more soldiers taking part in retreat (5)
- 12 People who've paid for event fail to go without being asked to (9)
- 14 Sailor cursed clumsy American intern (7,7)
- 17 Formal wear matching furniture almost entirely (5-5,4)
- 21 Lands in safety vessel (9)
- 23 Award nothing, bad mark (5)
- 24 Sulphur, foul-smelling and compact (5)
- 25 United in caressing abandoned child (9)
- 26 Small request for aerosol (7)
- 27 Getting on TV, not at first receiving colour back (7)

Down

- 1 Bank calling in a loan upfront? That surprises me (6)
- 2 Casually stops by with request for repentance (5,2)
- 3 Weaken effect of ceremonial trim after short reverse (9)
- 4 In the first place, I tighten bow that's loose (2,5,4)
- 5 Dismiss formal test looking up missing marks (3)
- 6 Back in the old days, investment not complicated (5)
- 7 Run iron over top half of mac? Don't! (7)
- 8 Your quiet fury, after answer divided county (8)
- 13 Speculate wildly about one minute object maybe buried in foundations (4,7)
- 15 Came back bloody, holding foot with end of toe severed (9)
- 16 Pen catalogues for elegant writers (8)
- 18 Soldier's ridiculously larger uniform (7)
- 19 More irritating vessel one fills having no lid (7)
- 20 Show sadness about a good couple like Cliff and Ben perhaps (6)
- 22 Now sycophant gets daughter up (5)
- 25 Fine Irish? This could be Scotch (3)