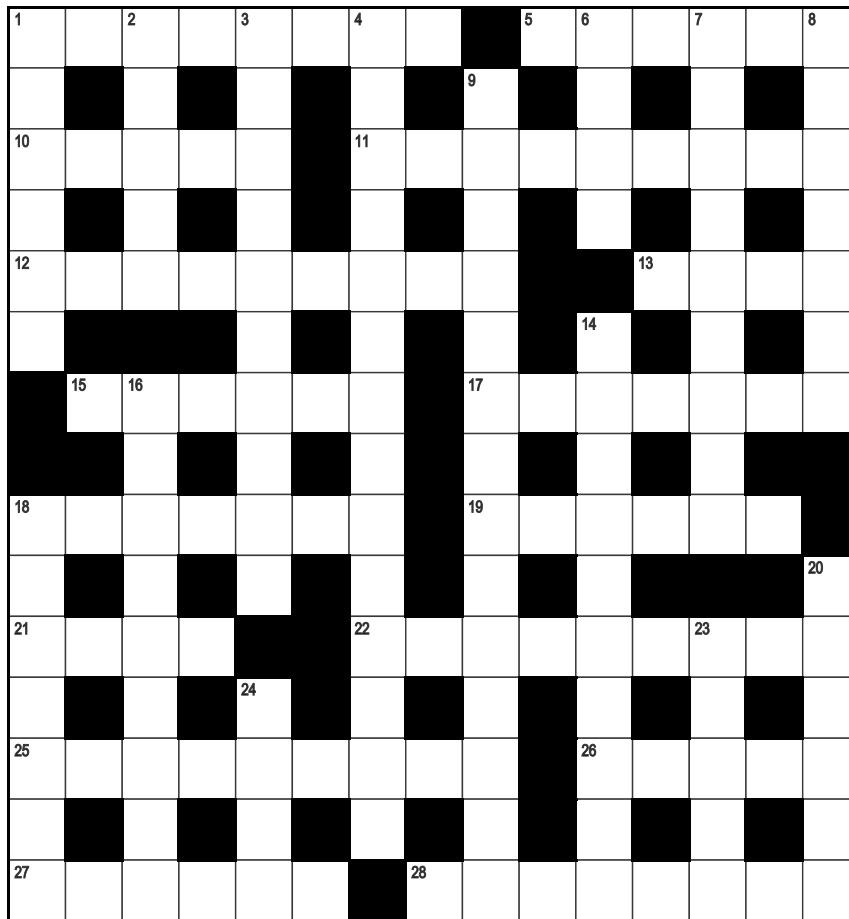


Cryptic 2025-11

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Across:

- 1 Heavens! Bitten by dog? Could be most irritating (8)
- 5 Amy leaves machinery running to build up wealth (6)
- 10 Throw out old curse in conversation (5)
- 11 You and me, chasing sound around empty attic? That's bold (9)
- 12 Magnificent song aired in performance (9)
- 13 Case of cola marketed essentially for dessert (4)
- 15 Banjoists regularly slipped into Florida's borders for some Tex-Mex (6)
- 17 Subjects protecting castle in a hot zone (7)
- 18 Shut down in your face (5-2)
- 19 Sun coming up? Take top off shade (6)
- 21 Bound to get even (4)
- 22 Public invitation to ring fancy phone with application (4,5)
- 25 Terror engulfs man, about 50, in a fantasy world (9)
- 26 Scanner going back and forth (5)
- 27 Lurking in Louisiana shelter (6)
- 28 Most hasty bets in trouble, involving danger (8)

Down:

- 1 Originally, police's lax enforcement demanded governor's election promise (6)
- 2 Dark brown component of Japanese piano (5)
- 3 Sick commercial held to be irresponsible (3-7)
- 4 Mark to recommend oval apples for cooking with nip of alcohol (4,2,8)
- 6 Picnickers covering a little cut (4)
- 7 Exile changed unsatisfactory to high grade in one answer (9)
- 8 Accommodating woman sets up in homes without yours truly (7)
- 9 Engineer traded clean van for something with a lot of doors (6,8)
- 14 Spooner said to have displayed tricks to those taking a lot of interest (4,6)
- 16 Delivered a pitch intended to get payment (9)
- 18 Some wrangled a ticket heading up to a fortress (7)
- 20 Clandestine cult infiltrated by heartless rogue (6)
- 23 Inappropriate dancing nude supports university (5)
- 24 Nautilus captain coming back? That's a bad sign (4)