

# **2025 MIT Crossword Open**

**November 15, 2025**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Team Round 2 (???) • 1 hour**

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8A	
9A	
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3D	
4D	
5D	

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**ACROSS**

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8 ???  
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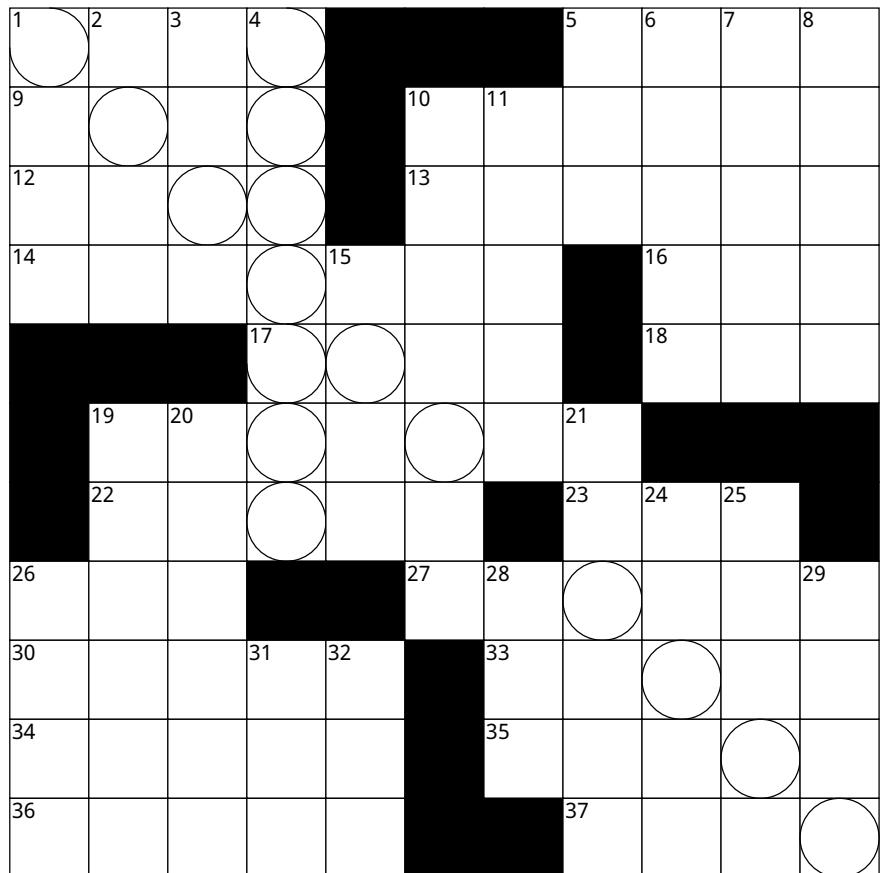
1 ???  
2 ???  
3 ???  
4 ???  
5 ???

**ACROSS**

- 1 It's often pulled by oxen  
 5 Big birds  
 9 "Big Hero 6" hero  
 10 "\_\_ the foggiest!"  
 12 Like the function  $y=e^x$  on its domain (abbr.)  
 13 Iron deficiency  
 14 Killing a vampire, perhaps  
 16 Ages  
 17 Lines of thought?  
 18 Tabletop RPG  
 19 Civil rights leader \_\_ Scott King  
 22 Paris's \_\_ d'Orsay  
 23 You might get a 1600 on it  
 26 Web crawler, e.g.  
 27 Official on the ice (abbr.)  
 30 Put into law  
 33 Mailman alternative, at MIT  
 34 Started eating  
 35 Capsize  
 36 Exhausted  
 37 Otherwise

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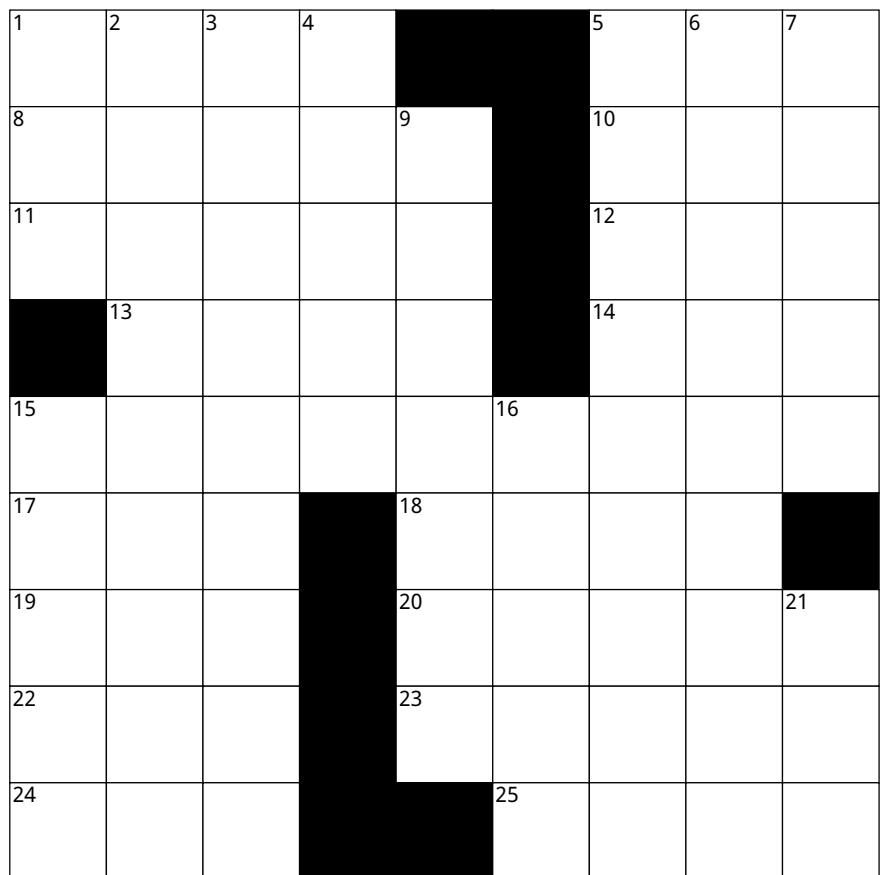
- 1 Sorority letters  
 2 Fuzz  
 3 Ocean predator  
 4 "\_\_ of the world, unite!"  
 5 12/24 or 12/31



**ACROSS**

- 1 Cultural medium?  
 5 Org. overseeing dorms and dining at MIT  
 8 They may be raised or dashed  
 10 Episodic video game character  
 11 Square things  
 12 Word before up, off, or back  
 13 Amscray  
 14 Vietnamese holiday  
 15 ?  
 17 Head lines?  
 18 "The Dark Knight Rises" villain  
 19 Hawaiian garland  
 20 Put up with  
 22 \_\_ Angeles  
 23 Pick up bit by bit  
 24 Many a time, quaintly  
 25 Abbr. on a historic building

- 9 Garden center purchase  
 15 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument  
 16 Mammal with an expensive coat  
 21 Turn off

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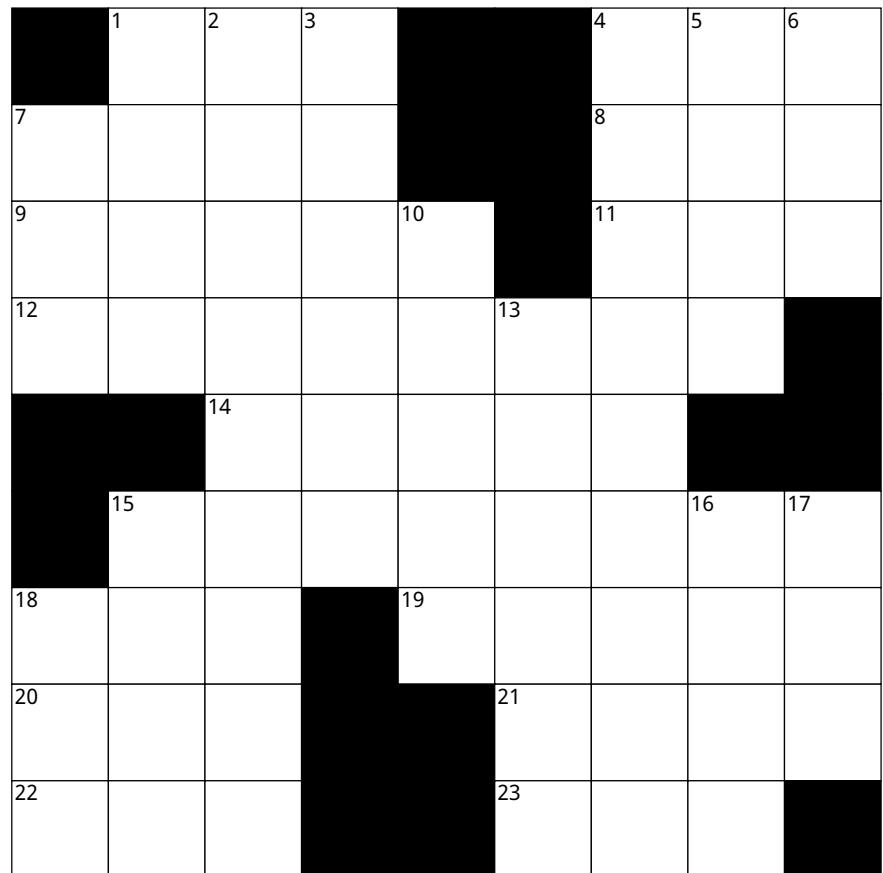
- 1 "It just clicked!"  
 2 Finally escaped  
 3 One who eats a certain pie  
 4 Agree to more issues  
 5 You might want to make your own  
 6 Regarded with disdain  
 7 Artsy drink, often

**ACROSS**

- 1 Suffix of  
Impression or  
Dada  
4 Pilot G2, e.g.  
7 Pal, down under  
8 BOS info  
9 Quick, in a way  
11 Vile Nile  
creature  
12 ???  
14 Bat mitzvah  
reading  
15 Part of a belt  
loop?  
18 " \_\_ Too Well  
(10 Minute  
Version)  
(Taylor's  
Version)"  
19 ???  
20 Cattle call?  
21 Suffix to mega-  
and cyclo-  
22 Church bench  
23 Target of a  
phishing  
expedition?

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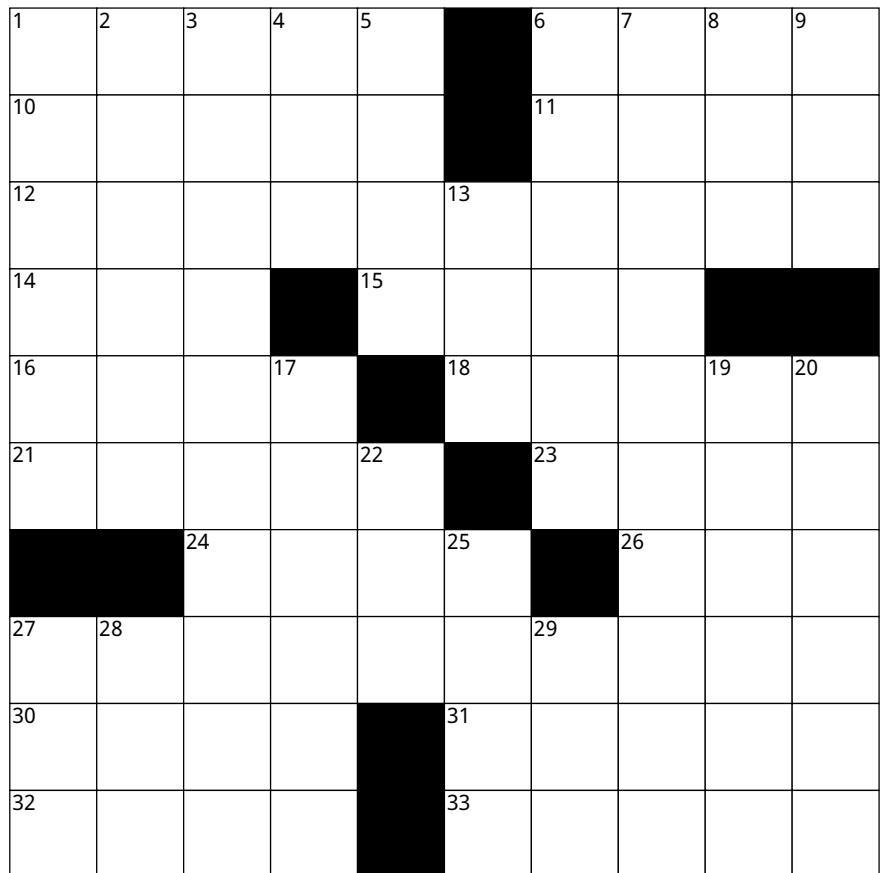
- 1 " \_\_ surgeon!"  
(The Good  
Doctor quote)  
2 Take one's time  
in the morning,  
say  
3 Wine from  
Bordeaux  
4 Morning of  
Thanksgiving,  
for the  
Butterball  
Turkey Talk-Line  
5 Crafty sellers'  
site  
6 Quick snooze  
7 N.Y.C. concert  
venue



**ACROSS**

- 1 Sensitive skin spots  
 6 "Yikes"  
 10 "If \_\_ were an ocean, we'd be wading in the distance" (Alvvays lyric)  
 11 Processing unit in a neural network  
 12 It can get steamy  
 14 Winning line in tic-tac-toe  
 15 Lip, for short  
 16 Simpsons son included in the TIME 100: The Most Important People Of The Century  
 18 Name before da 5'9" or after Rolls  
 21 Stop at  
 23 Send text after text after text  
 24 Repeated two-word chant following a dare  
 26 "Pondering My \_\_" (meme of a wizard)  
 27 ???  
 30 Neal McBeal, Navy \_\_ (BoJack Horseman character)  
 31 Saintly quality  
 32 Hot rod in a hot rod  
 33 Authority, for a parent

- 1 Type of light at a concert  
 2 From Cleveland or Columbus  
 3 Goal for an up-and-coming artist  
 4 "Able was I \_\_ I saw Elba"  
 5 Religious offshoot  
 6 Easy numbers... without a tres  
 7 That's what it's all about!  
 8 " \_\_ to My Socks" (Pablo Neruda poem)  
 9 2013 movie foreboding chatbot relationships  
 13 "Is \_\_ children learning?" --George Bush  
 17 Play the horn (with or without its last two letters)  
 19 ^^^^^  
 20 Pre-fetus stage  
 22 Org. funding medical research  
 25 Bits of advice  
 27 Grp. giving traveler's checks?  
 28 Evil spell  
 29 Actress Long or Director DaCosta

**DOWN**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Vardalos and Peeples  
 5 "At Last" singer James  
 9 Author \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner  
 10 Asian sea  
 11 ?  
 12 Leaf-gathering tool  
 13 Snake's warning  
 14 Riley's fiery emotion  
 15 Concert purchase for one on a budget  
 17 Cognizant  
 18 Cacophony  
 19 Manuscript encl.  
 20 ?  
 21 Ring stats  
 22 "Me? I'm building a scalable B2B \_\_\_ platform with AI-first workflows"  
 23 Like some texts  
 24 Hard workers

6 Actor who never gets a happy ending

- 7 What one might do before shooting their shot  
 8 What keeps you on your toes  
 14 Human, e.g.  
 16 "Give it \_\_\_!"  
 20 Group that gets touchy at airports

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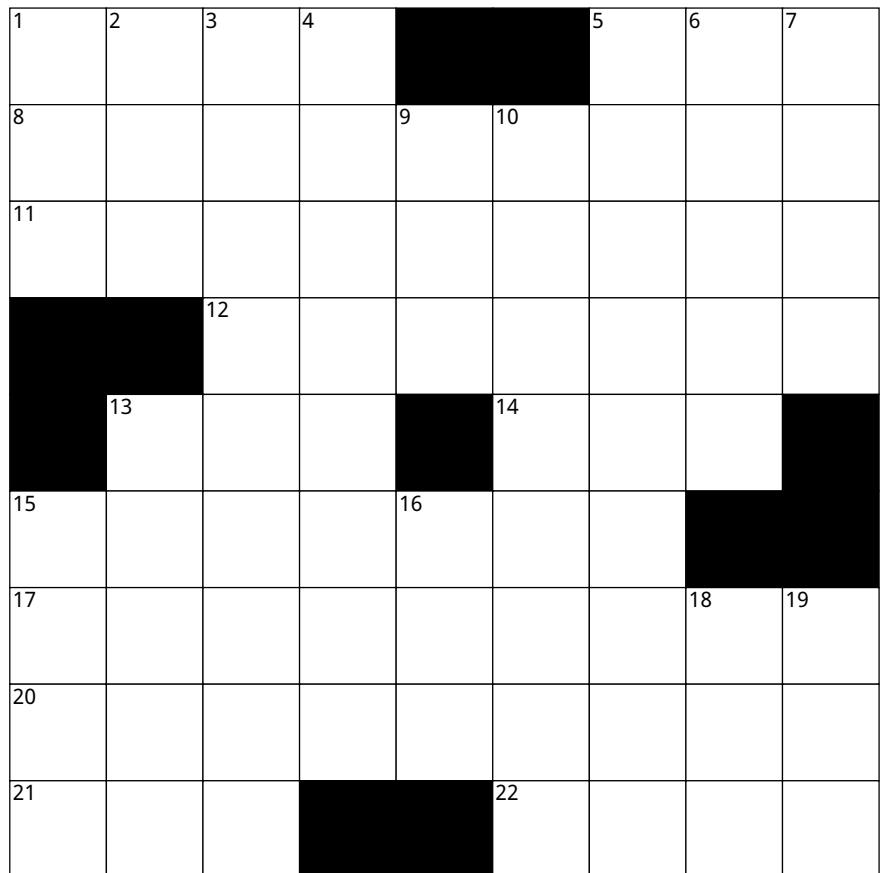
- 1 What deliver doom, gloom, and the occasional weather update  
 2 Celebration of a life, with drinks and dancing  
 3 Not just for the summer  
 4 But, to Brutus  
 5 Garners

**ACROSS**

- 1 Hamster's home  
 5 Nashville-based awards org.  
 8 Tiny armadas  
 11 Some delivery procedures  
 12 ?  
 13 Largest OH airport  
 14 6-1s  
 15 ?  
 17 Batman, for one  
 20 From the beginning  
 21 Matrix op.  
 22 "\_\_, Brute?"

**DOWN**

- 1 Ozone-threatening compound  
 2 Pacino and Capone  
 3 Leaves the family business?  
 4 Deeply impressed?  
 5 Intimate, in yarn or friendship  
 6 Nail salon offerings, familiarly  
 7 Org.  
 9 Manga artist Junji  
 10 Able to read and write  
 13 Rebuke gently  
 15 Show stopper?  
 16 \_\_ Baba  
 18 Egyptian boy king  
 19 It'll never fly

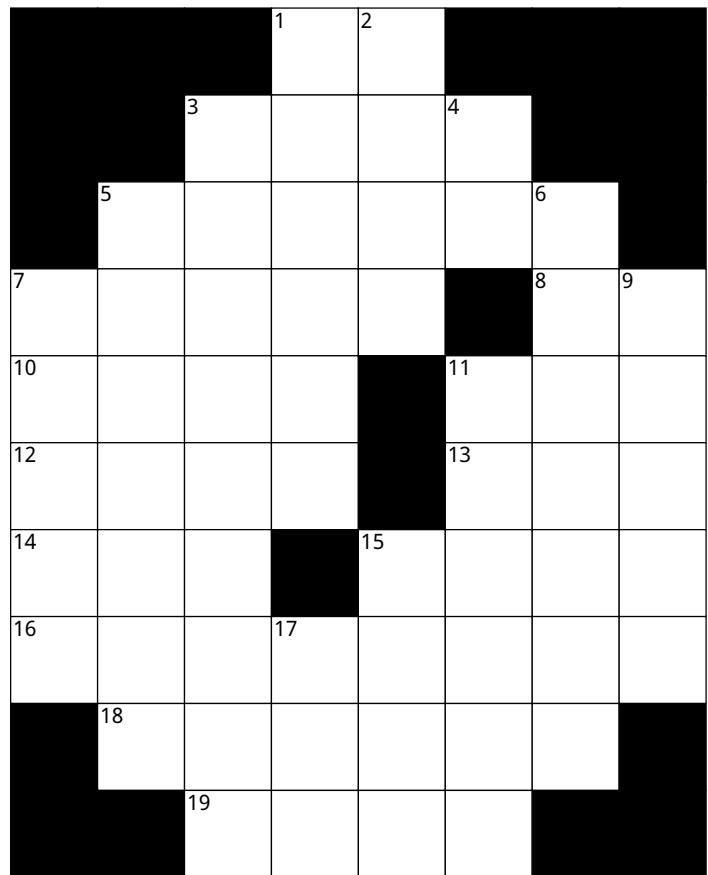


**ACROSS**

- 1 Filler sound  
 3 Piazza poster  
     (abbr.)  
 5 Flowering  
 7 A celebrity  
     might read a  
     "Mean" one on  
     late-night  
 8 Mensa prereq  
 10 Lobbying grps.  
 11 "Geaux Tigers"  
     locale  
 12 Greek god of  
     war  
 13 Letter after zeta  
 14 War zone  
     danger  
 15 Opposite of  
     sans  
 16 You might hear  
     7A, 2D, 9D, and  
     ??? above this  
 18 Disapproves  
 19 Chuck

**DOWN**

- 1 Except if  
 2 "Who gives a  
     \_\_?"  
 3 Primer  
 4 Negative  
 5 In on  
 6 Gentlemen  
 7 Rapper who  
     popularized  
     Auto-Tune  
 9 Charlatan  
 11 Eastern  
     Mediterranean  
     region  
 15 Life \_\_ know it  
 17 Weeding tool

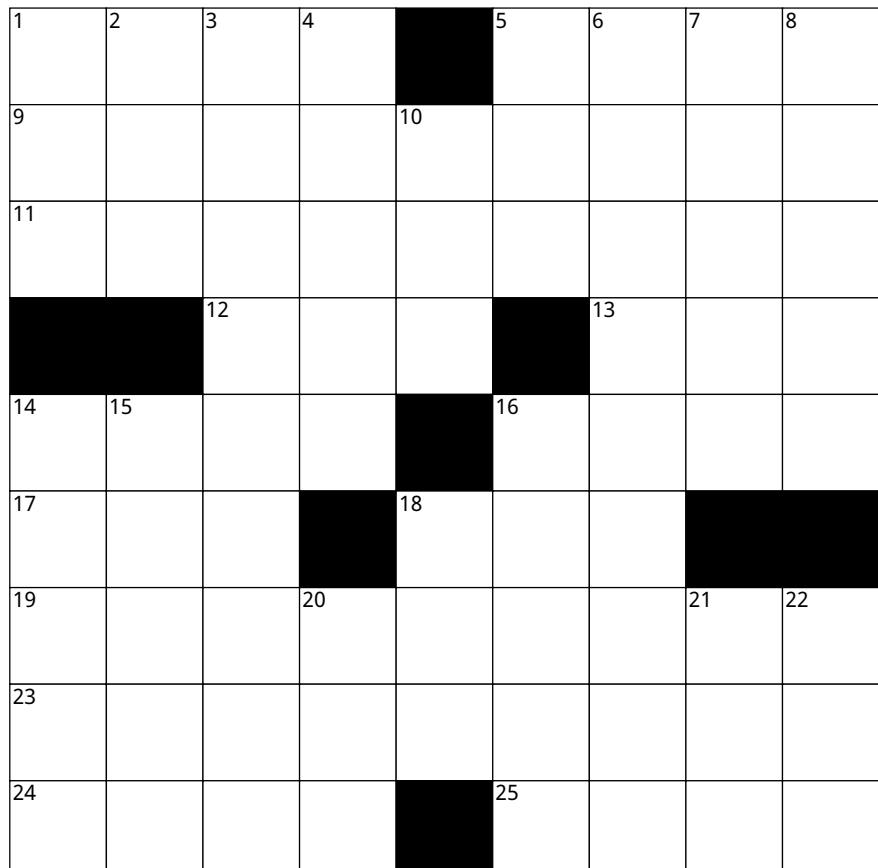


**ACROSS**

- 1 Too  
 5 Partner of switch  
 9 Blue-bagged Doritos flavor  
 11 ??? (3 words)  
 12 Fall leaf color  
 13 Sleep on it!  
 14 Blue used in a printer  
 16 TV Explorer alongside Boots the monkey  
 17 Alley \_\_  
 18 Director Brooks or Spice Girl B  
 19 ???  
 23 Like some large apartment buildings  
 24 International oil grp.  
 25 Sort

**DOWN**

- 1 Commonly torn knee tissue, for short  
 2 Elton's John?  
 3 Granny Smith, e.g.  
 4 Like days of yore  
 5 Symbol seen in Gotham City skies  
 6 Insect group inspiring namesake pathfinding algorithms  
 7 Blood of the gods, in Greek myth  
 8 Angle variable  
 10 "Totally tubular!"



**ACROSS**

- 1 Nourished  
 4 Pencil remnant  
 7 Headbutt,  
 maybe  
 10 Type of  
 candidate or  
 what to do with  
 some of the  
 "black" cells in  
 this puzzle  
 12 Their blood is  
 detoxified  
 through  
 cooking  
 13 James Bond  
 actor  
 15 One use for a  
 high-altitude  
 nuke  
 16 "Heh"  
 17 Limbs extended  
 22 \_\_-ace  
 23 Hawaiian or  
 maybe Gullah  
 24 Amount of  
 radiation  
 25 X  
 26 Food given out  
 at MIT on  
 March 14

**DOWN**

- 1 Abbr. repeated  
 many times in  
 some email  
 subjects  
 2 Pivotal time  
 period  
 3 Old pieces of  
 Spanish  
 currency  
 4 Be willing to  
 look beyond  
 5 Register in a  
 bank  
 6 Filthy

7 Inflation-adjust  
 ed economic  
 measure

8 Boxer  
 Muhammad

9 Umami  
 seasoning

11 What clocks  
 measure

14 Singer Chappell

17 Down

18 Anti-anti

19 Genre of daily  
 game (or a  
 common suffix  
 in such games)

20 Flower garland

21 Prefix for  
 yesterday that  
 makes it mean  
 "two days  
 before"

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Protocol that delivers, briefly  
 4 Club at MIT, or MIT laundry app, for short  
 7 Spanish gold  
 8 Moody music genre  
 9 Festive tune  
 11 \_\_\_ Moines  
 12 1973 Rolling Stones hit  
 13 Cell's energy currency, briefly  
 14 Spreads like memes do  
 16 Be human?  
 17 Insurance giant  
 18 Vietnam's last emperor Bao

- 19 Reason for sunscreen  
 20 Hawaiian strings  
 21 Director Spike  
 22 Ltr. addenda  
 23 Amount past due?

**DOWN**

- 1 They might hang in shady galleries  
 2 Number in a risqué setup  
 3 Rising event?  
 4 Source of aromatic lumber  
 5 Czech composer of "The Moldau"  
 6 Con act?  
 9 Like a bird that cannot sing  
 10 Hooded parkas

15 "When will \_\_\_ learn?"

