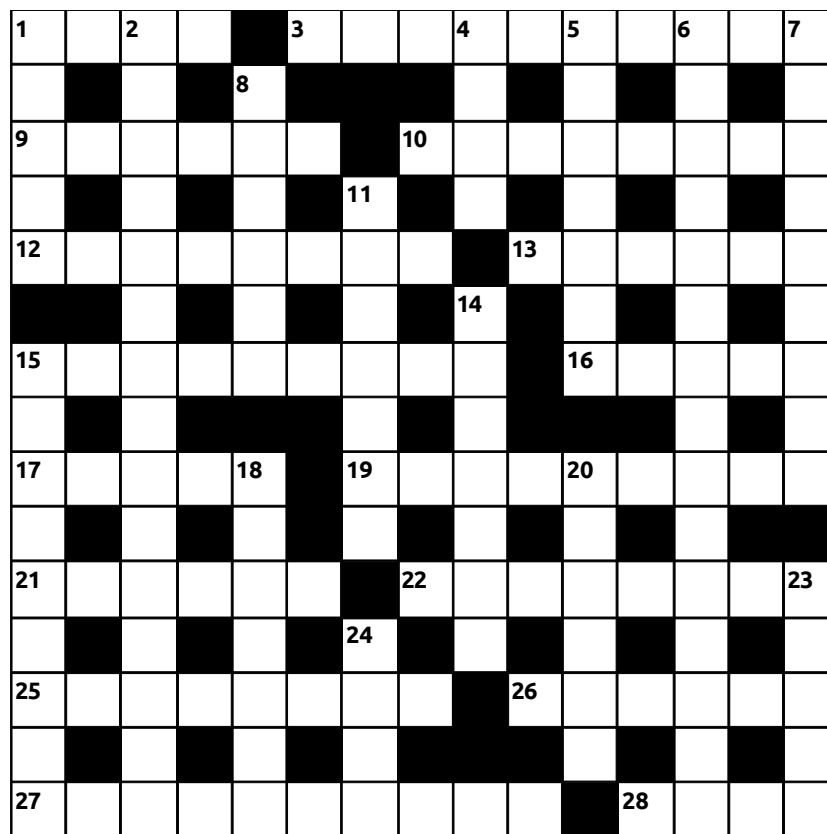


the cruciverbalist

Cryptic crossword #10

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ACROSS

- 1 Network connected to electronic trail (4)
- 3 Writer's father and 5-down leaders repeatedly pinch fellow outside bank (5,5)
- 9 Magic Mirror shows X88B88 (6)
- 10 Leading expert returned after son caught arachnid? (8)
- 12 Spooner to kick butt for a drink (4,4)
- 13 Medicine man's dressed for the Winter War? (6)
- 15 Picking up phone, break news in one call (9)
- 16 German man in favour of ousting leaders makes a blunder (5)
- 17 Reports unrecorded scams? (5)
- 19 Amos surrounded by eye-opening ring of newspaper bosses (9)
- 21 Bright Xboxes fall? (6)
- 22 She practises creatively avoiding reality, primarily! (8)
- 25 LSD experience enables threesomes... (8)
- 26 ...oral and really brief dance - that's out of line? (6)
- 27 Where priest/emcee quietly farewelled fallen characters?! (10)
- 28 Egotists trapped Milo's pal (4)

DOWN

- 1 Organ the setter has grasped in both hands (5)
- 2 Men in overcoats initially shunned revolutionary ideology (15)
- 4 Cut from Santa to Mrs Claus? (4)
- 5 Japanese entertainment sport has not won approval? (7)
- 6 Bible tribe with big feet spreading gossip (15)
- 7 Naked Irishwoman 'got groove back' in Upfield? (2,7)
- 8 Suspect nearly met the French impersonator (6)
- 11 Doddering fellow raised cats (7)
- 14 Anti-gas, anti-bomb (7)
- 15 Leaping whale—"Flying Mammal"—in charge of circus stunts (9)
- 18 Bachelor can't keep on top (7)
- 20 Juiced orange for wild donkey (6)
- 23 Eliot's booze-filled stories... (5)
- 24 ...can inspire feelings (4)