

Alternative Cryptic

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Nine entries in this puzzle use a twist on the "double definition" clue scheme. This alternate scheme is introduced in the first such entry: 1A.

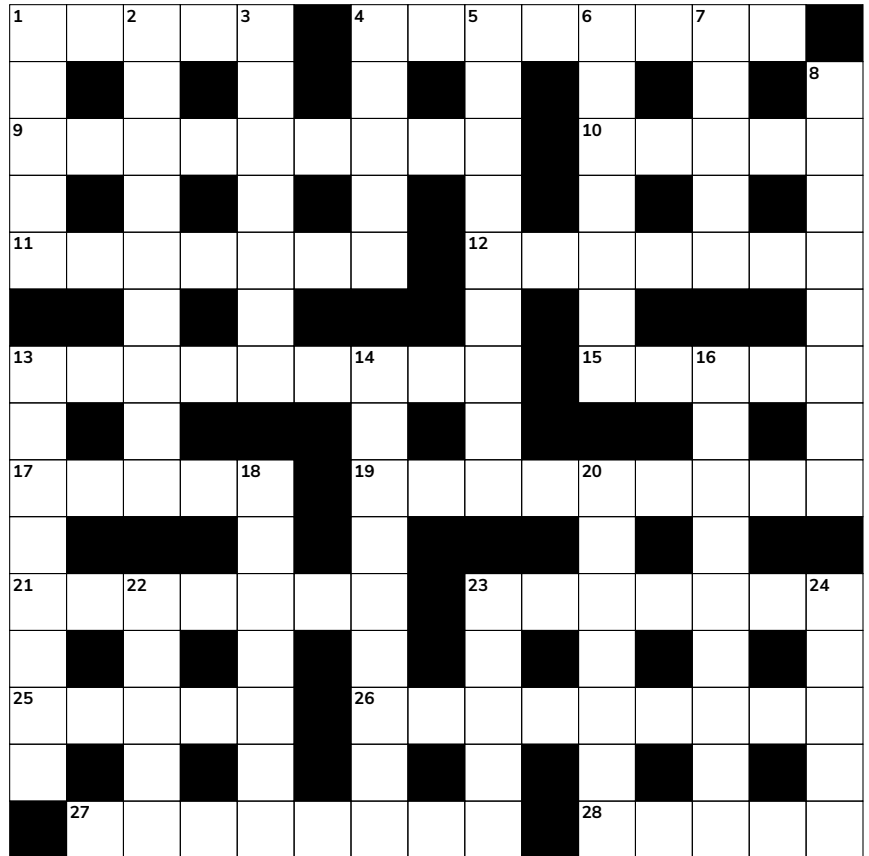
ACROSS

- 1 Recent Star Wars protagonist is a logical operator (5)
- 4 Drunkards' unpleasant oral emission (8)
- 9 To rapidly read, join in, and start to improvise reveals musical genius (9)
- 10 Knife held backwards by confused Al Bundy (5)
- 11 Stirring word chanted by Grande's audience (7)
- 12 Place to find pretty studs and high society in the UK (7)
- 13 Tan llamas disturbed a seasonal worker (4, 5)
- 15 Cute droid uttered childish retort (5)
- 17 Nymphs hidden in spectacular valleys (5)
- 19 Greek goddess deceives, I hear, offering showy stagecraft (9)

- 21 It can lend an air of distinction, or can it? (7)
- 23 Like 13A and some spirits (7)
- 25 Nothing is lighter (5)
- 26 Shipping lanes: rough, so austere! (3, 6)
- 27 Digital world outsider who came to learn how we do things here (8)
- 28 Coen brothers film is an introduction to 'Away' (5)

DOWN

- 1 Insurance provider for sobriety assistance program outside of network (5)
- 2 Loudly slander Blue Steel inventor and refiner (9)
- 3 Prepares for dispute re. ideas (7)
- 4 Second-tier circlet, upon changing hands, becomes shiny jewelry (5)



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- 5 I tear letters, recycle them, repeat (9)
- 6 I ended up in fresh Bel Air, a location in West Africa (7)
- 7 Initially embarrassing reaction oddly provides poetic inspiration (5)
- 8 Wilder and strangely sour liberal (8)
- 13 Reverend's convoluted wind tunnel from an objectifying perspective (4, 4)
- 14 Author James turns negative from the get-go, and won't stop yammering (7, 2)
- 16 Lo! Traitor disrupted revolutionary machine to achieve stability (4, 5)
- 18 Stylishly unforgettable place near Delaware (3, 4)
- 20 Sajak left messy front patio - no place for a cat in summertime (3, 4)
- 22 Write once more or endlessly feel regret (5)
- 23 Takes center tram up to department store (5)
- 24 Shiny type of ball or round shape (5)