

Mad Dog Cryptics #7

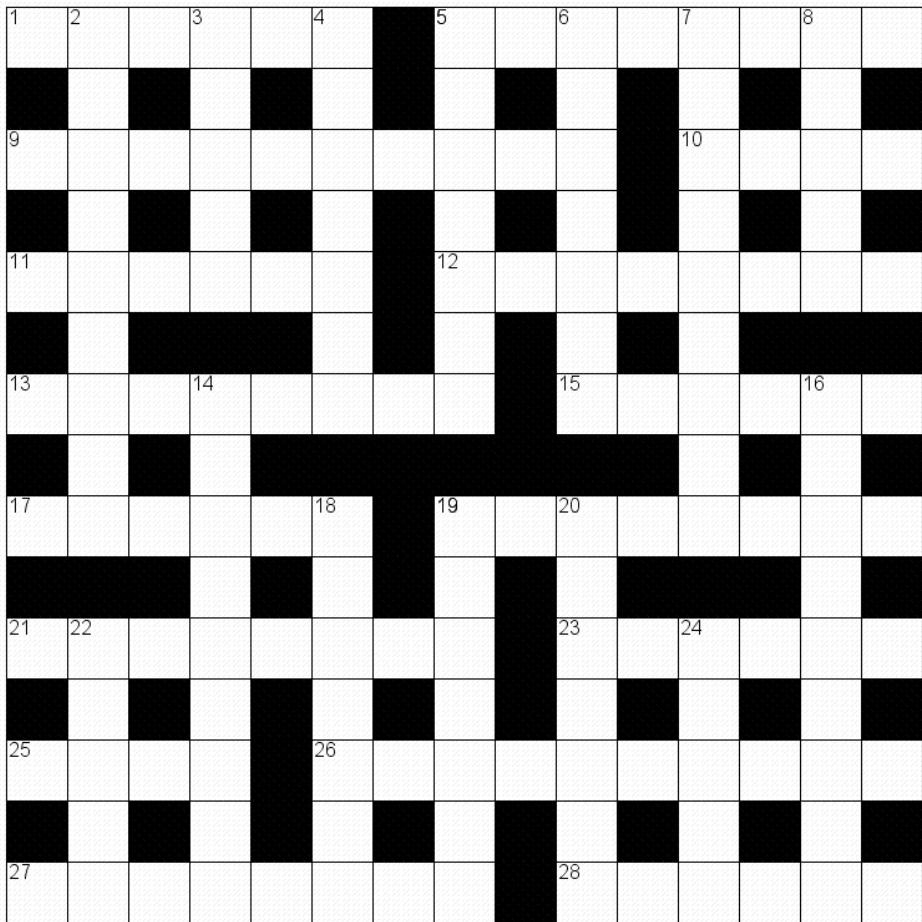
Terry Brennan

ACROSS

1. Harden this item perhaps (6)
 5. Signs a shortstop with a heart (8)
 9. Decides to discourage quarries (10)
 10. Shadows boxers, for example (4)
 11. Check out a TV (6)
 12. Derricks till soil well (3,5)
 13. Evaluates taxes (8)
 15. Marry again to fix things? (6)
 17. Fly back east (to France) twice (6)
 19. Demurred, nervously, at being taken out (8)
 21. The hills conceal endless New Left weapons (8)
 23. The neighbors liked Diet Sprite, originally (6)
 25. Opposed on the Antietam front (4)
 26. Some Asians seem native in a peculiar way (10)
 27. Wacky, phony sibling is in a trance (8)
 28. Partner was drunk on Prosecco initially (6)

DOWN

- 2. Cuts out around
emergency room drills
(9)**



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| 3. Part of tranquility resonates (5) | 14. New wing puts stress on old flame (9) |
| 4. Imprisons man enthralled with Communists (7) | 16. Fussy ladies sit with romantics (9) |
| 5. Suppresses sound detectors (7) | 18. Even Sid chewed some herbs (7) |
| 6. Small town Louisiana lies in awful ruins (7) | 19. Experts in original documents (7) |
| 7. Traditional British recipe was keyed in randomly, including one Greek letter (6,3) | 20. Yields monthly payments covering the Spanish (7) |
| 8. Theater chain serves up lager (5) | 22. Rudely borders on being lewd (5) |
| | 24. Arrived with nothing but jewelry (5) |