

Five related solutions are undefined but a hint as to the theme may be obtained from two other solutions

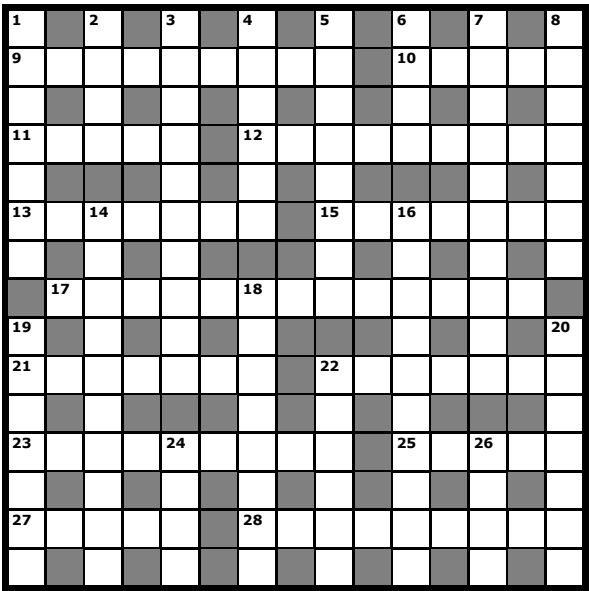
November 2025 Slot 7 by Manveru

Across

- 9 Departs! Is shield starting to yellow? (9)
- 10 Free peacekeepers in Palestine initially caught in the middle (5)
- 11,20 Clues - the past transport! (5,7)
- 12 Manoeuvred for repair following cancellation of launch (9)
- 13 Suspicious clan given refuge by First Lady in Vatican City, say (7)
- 15 Accelerates recklessly on purpose or not? (5,2)
- 17 Potentially salvage a few or it typically balances out (3,2,8)
- 21 It's a part of speech heard in Nepal at a lamasery (7)
- 22 Artwork found in trench spotted irregularly with hints of pink and yellow (7)
- 23 Local church embracing 'love' screens regularly for chastity (9)
- 25 Cramming figures, I tried to do the exam again (5)
- 27 Transpose plutonium electron's shell with deuterium to cause significant disruption (5)
- 28 Corresponding and broadcasting of Columbia's launch in detail (9)

Down

- 1 Going out? Do say yes! No answer (7)
- 2 Tips over skeleton scattering ankylosaurus bones (4)
- 3 Searches through a book set up for revision (5,5)
- 4 The key needed by a removalist? (6)
- 5 Disease symptoms - dry vacuous eyes with no rheum, ultimately requiring treatment (8)
- 6 A clumsy boat on tailend of Bora - it'll blow windward! (4)
- 7 On high, he created the planets and earth with recipe and unknown stuff (10)



- 8 Create a clue for English newspaper's leader *Vault* (7)
- 14 Modify cap of ring and measure up internally (10)
- 16 Former anonymous spy's cover pirated, somehow losing ID with electronic bug (10)
- 18 Is gone, according to Plato! (8)
- 19 The very best surgery on abdomen requires infusion of Iodine medication to start with (7)
- 20 See 11 Across
- 22 Pass exhausted triathlete to run faster? (6)
- 24 Aide-de-camp giving up surrender (4)
- 26 Drone perhaps, dropping in at Heaven's Gate, maybe? (4)