

## Cryptic 027 by Leucine

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**Across**

- 1 Spasm about trashy newspaper is distressing. (6)
- 5 City-dwelling cruiser part of large parish in England. (8)
- 9 Conveying a threat, announces warning of bull-headed attack? (8)
- 10 Treeless grassland sounds like element of waltz, perhaps. (6)
- 11 Trots laser out when all else fails. (4,6)
- 12 Site of horseplay brings change of heart for Tory. (4)
- 13 Where keels are laid, London skyscraper hosts International Polar Year. (8)

- 16 Ballpoint maker with records builds muscle. (6)
- 17 Wood decay discovered in foundry rotunda. (3,3)
- 19 Wind down gauge of acidity as downtown Seoul leads Tango. (5,3)
- 21 Single girl is in manuscript. (4)
- 22 Attune line to correction - speaking of officer, US loo is left in UK. (10)
- 25 Fermi mosaic depicts cocktail of bubbly and juice. (6)
- 26 Awarded title - Earl, perhaps, in conclusion. (8)

- 27 Deeply admire front doors of Notre Dame for cleric. (8)
  - 28 Pall, for example, with alien for polo stick. (6)
- Down**
- 2 Meter maid gets top grade for Indian side dish. (5)
  - 3 Soldier ant is enormous? (5)
  - 4 One of four humours, a bacterial disease. (7)
  - 5 Doh! I try spelling endocrine gland. (7)
  - 6 Basin was hot, but turned around. (7)
  - 7 Not about respect, no alternative in oracle - a sight to see! (9)
  - 8 I am punctual. You, in the end? Off the cuff! (9)

- 14 Agent Orange, perhaps, from Love Bug carrying detectives. (9)
- 15 Pontiff absorbs confused cries for viewer. (9)
- 18 Soil preparation set back by legal litigant's letters. (7)
- 19 Sham public relations and French finish. (7)
- 20 Not many can be rearranged to word of opposite meaning. (7)
- 23 Dynamite inventor lacks warning device on bike? So they say! (5)
- 24 Leaders of Northern Ireland Executive could emulate female relative. (5)