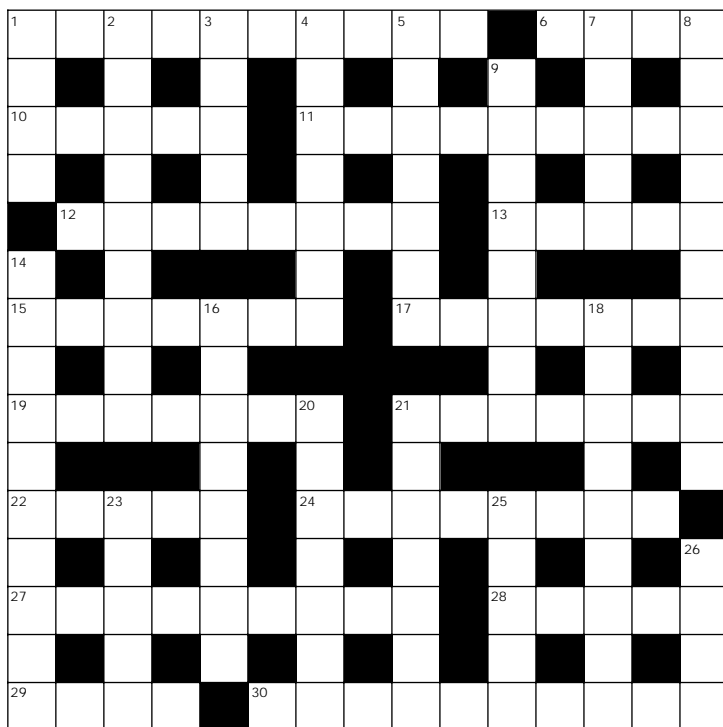


Cryptic Crosswords

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ACROSS

1. Company stages "King Was Mad" (4,3,3)
6. Show off retro clothing (4)
10. Beat broth (4)
11. Heart given in vain at end of love (9)
12. Citizen restores acre in Massachusetts (12)
13. Seer spilled tea, changed reading (5)
15. French king overcome by terrible lust for famous lover (7)
17. Some Rays band where many folks retire (7)
19. Promote film (5,2)
21. Newer and more outrageous (7)
22. Bacteria found in severe colic (5)
24. Mails a cc all over the place and applauds (8)
27. Comically tote spear in musicals (9)
28. Damage purportedly from rich cake (5)
29. Half-hearted cry for help followed by nothing (2,2)
30. Mix a rude blend of University colors (3,3,4)

DIRECTIONS

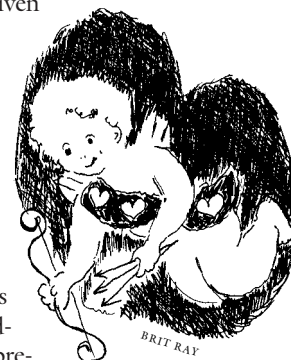
In a cryptic crossword, the actual definition appears in either the first or last part of the clue.

A second description is given through wordplay.

Anagrams appear next to words like *silly*, *broken*, *in a bad way*; reversals are signaled by *going back*, *moving up*, etc.; containers by *within*, *interrupts*, etc.; homophones by *I heard*, *seemingly*, etc.

Watch out for other tricks of language including hidden words, deletions, abbreviations, alternate definitions,

puns, literary references, disguise of verbs as nouns and nouns as verbs, and combinations of any of the above. **Example of anagram:** Moore plays famous lover (5). (*Plays* indicates that *Moore* is an anagram of the answer, *Romeo*.) **Example of deletion:** Remove soft filling from tooth for cherub (5). (Delete *S* from *cusp* to get the answer, *cupid*.) The number of letters is given in parenthesis. **Answer appears on page 55.**



DOWN

1. Tame mutinous sailor (4)
2. Limb, roots erupt on volcanic island (8)
3. Bent beam at first ray is golden (5)
4. Equipment badly serviced loses rapid start (7)
5. Lads sin dreadfully in Hawaii (7)
7. I hear crackling of birds (5)
8. Prima donnas recklessly start rages (5,5)
9. Doorway to delight (8)
14. Reliable youths to clean manger? (6,4)
16. Dudes lit explosive for protesters (8)
18. Help me! Mare in distress can't last long (9)
20. Soft shaker sounds like babble (7)
21. Rearrange, if such a colorful plant (7)
23. Store Oscar some cookies (5)
25. Altered cat before little Edward operated (5)
26. Seems to perceive sounds in this place (4)