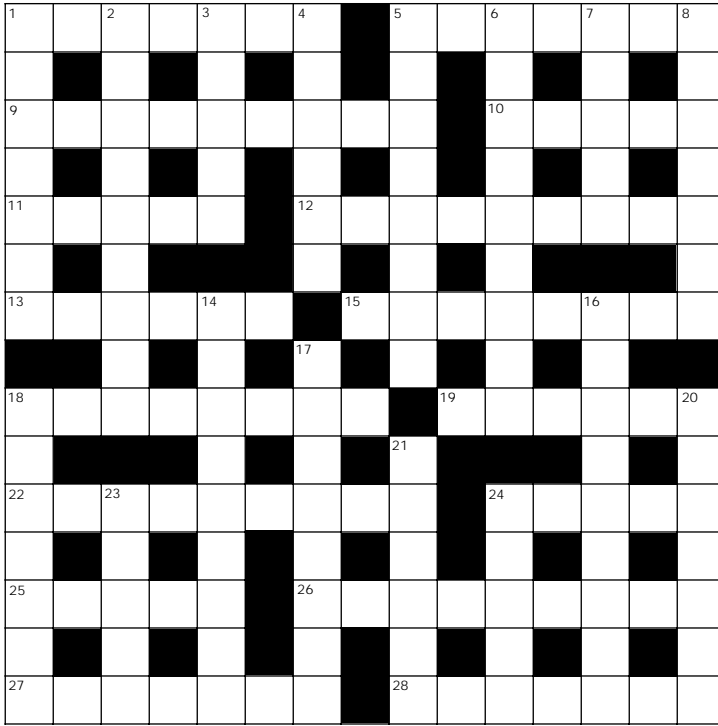


Cryptic Crossword

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ACROSS

1. Relax rules, i.e., for vacation (7)
5. Inspection of local mores (7)
9. Complain? I deem foolish.
Enjoy life while you may (9)
10. Free from bonds, unite in action (7)
11. Surrounded and pushed (5)
12. Overwhelmed in U.N., went out (9)
13. Jupiter's father posed in front of vessel (6)
15. Turned down dress, tie undone (8)
18. Go left for travel document (8)
19. Magazine lady comes back tired from travels (6)
22. Is nervous about keepsakes (9)
24. Met to perform sacred music (5)
25. Message to Alice: meat poisoned by Earl (3,2)
26. Artistic float grew into pleasant memory (9)
27. Lets eat on the run in U.S. city (7)
28. Is fast changing yen to meet requirements (7)

DOWN

1. Kopecks in closer control in secured boxes (7)
2. I rage, stir troubled waters (9)
3. Overturn cup, endangering contents (5)
4. Draw out Israeli citizen secretly (6)
5. Travels back and forth making exchanges (6)
6. Brief broadcast statement has convincing edge (5,4)
7. Unmade cot alien to group of eight (5)
8. In reverse, deep in South East, beginning driver drove too fast (7)
14. As for gift, what does it symbolize? (9)
16. Fish stories with long appendages are told (4,5)
17. A danger I control by removal of water (8)
18. Chalks of light colors (7)
20. Getaway foiled in entrance (7)
21. The way things are, Isis at risk (2,2,2)
23. Extremist found hiding in cult ranch (5)
24. Term I somehow deserve (5)

DIRECTIONS

It's vacation time. Wish you were here in the land of cryptics. If you are a novice, here are a few travel tips to get you launched. In One Across, *relax* is an ANAGRAM indicator;

rearrange the seven adjacent letters for a word meaning *vacation*. 19

Across contains a CHARADE and a REVERSAL.

A charade involves breaking the answer into sequential words and cluing each one separately. A REVER-

SAL usually asks you to spell a *synonym* of the word (not the word itself) backwards. For an example of a DOUBLE MEANING clue, see 5 Down. 23 Down is a HIDDEN WORD clue, meaning that the answer is already spelled out in the clue. The question mark in 6 Down suggests that it is a PUN; in this case, *purportedly* indicates a SOUND-ALIKE clue. Having a wonderful time? Don't forget to write. Answer appears on page 60. Answer to last month's puzzle appears on page 63.

