

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3x3 box. This is a logic puzzle, and you should not have to guess.

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ACROSS

- 7 Day of fools, otherwise one based on theory (1,6)
 9 Lift up head of elk, dead (5)
 10 Desperate housewife Longoria in luggage van! (3)
 11 Writer to become involved with magical shape (9)
 12 Meaning sight perhaps (5)
 14 Israeli PM takes one maiden back to small fridge (7)

- 16 Awfully ironic about son cutting tooth (7)
 18 Cuss when burn on edge of wok (5)
 19 Refuse to enter here (6,3)
 20 Go after trapped buffoon (3)
 21 Abolish article from annual (5)
 22 Controversial English reason (7)

DOWN

- 1 Be pulled by speedboat – getting awfully wet, a risk (5-3)
 2 Bear right in America (4)
 3 Knock over drink, nothing changing for one (6)
 4 Airmen ordered to stay (6)
 5 Bleating about concrete (8)
 6 Charge involving leader of traders in bazaar (4)
 8 Umpteen from a Berlin menu (11)
 13 Drug pleasant to carry into assembly (8)
 15 Thin artist, sophisticated, is nameless (8)
 17 Ms Hancock is an Aussie girl (6)
 18 Spaniard embraces one in a higher position (6)
 19 Turn pale and jump (4)
 20 Skip back through vent I'm opening (4)

QUICK

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ACROSS

- 1 Around (5)
 4 Extremely angry (5)
 10 Restrict (5)
 11 Small house in the country (7)
 12 Having little depth (7)
 13 Female family member (5)
 14 More lazy (5)
 16 Enter (data) on a computer (3,2)
 21 Small surface, as of a crystal (5)
 23 None of two (7)
 25 Chemical in glass-cleaning products (7)
 26 Paintbrush cleaner, for short (5)
 27 Tranquil, silent (5)
 28 Corresponded (5)

DOWN

- 2 Assail (with questions) (7)
 3 Up to (5)
 5 Profound (7)
 6 Reflection (in a mirror) (5)
 7 Sumptuous (5)
 8 Unpleasant facial expression (5)
 9 Underground waste passage (5)
 15 Understanding (7)
 17 Receive as heir (7)
 18 Edible entrails (5)
 19 Slink (5)
 20 Use a rubber to delete (5)
 22 Welsh name for Wales (5)
 24 Bury in the ground (5)

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