

Loplop Cryptic #018 [15x]

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Across

- 1 These days, the most families are like this: an uncle's eccentric and welcomed by neither partner? (3-7) **NON-NUCLEAR**. Anagram, container (AN UNCLE)* inserted in NOR
- 7 Failure of male orgasm principally leads to anxiety (4) **FOMO**. Acrostic F[ailure] O[f] M[ale] O[rgasm]
- 9 Sagacawea, for one, primarily spurred humanity on and was a beacon of light (8) **SHOSHONE**. Acrostic, charade S[purred] H[umanity] O[n] + SHONE
- 10 Slippery stuff in country's report (6) **GREASE**. Homophone "greece"
- 11 Commercial after dance and song (6) **BALLAD**. Charade BALL + AD
- 12 Open late, working to make a quick buck? (8) **ANTELOPE**. Anagram (OPEN LATE)*
- 13 What you might use to pay a tarot interpreter (4,6) **CARD READER**. Double definition
- 16 Pay attention: not a trace of edits... (4) **NOTE**. Charade NOT + E[dit(s)]
- 17 ...in rejected clues - it's a perfect replica (4) **SPIT**. Reversal (TIPS)<
- 19 Small crews in small boats (10) **STEAMSHIPS**. Charade S + TEAMS + HIP + S

- 22 Perfumer Malone's concealing mixture of "Lunar Records" (8) **JOURNALS**. Container anagram JO'S containing (LUNAR)*
- 24 Upon reflection, excited to take in good music like One Love or Three Little Birds (6) **REGGAE**.
Reversal, container (EAG(G)ER)<
- 26 Common fairy tale setting for winter time in Massachussetts (6) **FOREST**. Charade FOR + E.S.T.
- 27 I had sex (putting it inside) and took off? (8) **IMITATED**. Container IM(IT)ATED
- 28 Problem encountered in backwards Lexington, KY (4) **KNOT**. Hidden, reversal lexingTON KY
- 29 E-x-p-l-a-i-n-e-d? (7,3) **SPELLED OUT**. Rebus

Down

- 2 Adapted and reused: "hola, sexy!" (3,2,2) 00H LA
LA. Letter bank of HOLA
- 3 Rocket launcher's beginning to leak from the nose (5) NASAL. Charade NASA + L[eak]
- 4 Old clue's terrible; second is bright and clear (9)
CLOUDLESS. Anagram, charade (OLD CLUES)* + S
- 5 Gem dealer scrambled to accept fragment of moonstone (7) EMERALD. Anagram, container (DEALER)*
containing M[oonstone]
- 6 Gear height is correct (5) RIGHT. Charade RIG + HT
- 7 Regularly well-put? In French, there's famously no such thing (4,5) FREE LUNCH. Alternation insertion
wELLpUt inserted in FRENCH
- 8 Stop him dancing where it could be dangerous to dance (4,3) MOSH PIT. Anagram (STOP HIM)*
- 14 Scare away bloke with powerful soap (9)
DETERGENT. Charade DETER + GENT
- 15 Alcohol or milk ultimately exchanged for a bit of loose-leaf from tea farm? (5,4) RUMOR MILL. Charade RUM
+ OR + MIL{kL}
- 18 For example, they might be supporting denial by United Nations (7) PRONOUN. Charade PRO + NO + UN
- 20 Tech department admitted to result forming a series (2,5) EN SUITE. Container ENSU(ITE)
- 21 Professors initially behind a university's high level (7) PLATEAU. Charade P[rofessors] + LATE + A + U
- 23 Self-appointed servers of justice taking 50% from advance payments (5) ANTES. Deletion
[vigil]ANTES
- 25 Security officer from university wearing costume upside-down (5) GUARD. Reversal container U inserted in
(DRAG)<