

Cryptic Crossword Solution



Across

1. MORGAN HILL (container/charade)
Henry = H (unit of inductance)
a musical instrument = ORGAN
H follows ORGAN = ORGANH
factory = MILL
ORGANH into MILL = MORGANHILL
in = connector
this city = definition

7. KIT (double definition)
Tackle (noun) = definition
a young fox = definition

10. INVIOLEATE (charade/anagram)
I = I
mixed OVALTINE = NVIOLEATE
it's = connector
immaculate = definition

11. THYME (homophone)
Sounds like it's "time" = THYME
to get = connector
Herb = definition

12. ERRATA (container)
Corrections = definition
stool pigeon = RAT
time = ERA
locates RAT in ERA = ER(RAT)A

15. IN-LAWS (anagram)
LAWN IS ruined = IN-LAWS
by = connector
annoying relatives = definition

16. OLD WEST (hidden word)
Through "cOLD, WE STill" have
= OLD WEST
the wild frontier = definition

17. STEW (reversal)
A dire situation = definition
dampens = WETS
retreat = reversal indicator

18. WEND (charade)
Make one's way = definition
to the = connector
west = W
end = END

19. PHONEME (charade)
Call = PHONE
myself = ME
part of a word = definition

20. LIRA (deletion/reversal)
pence = P
APRIL returns and discards P = LIRA
for = connector
old Italian money = definition

22. OMIT (anagram)
Around = indicator
TOM I = fodder
leave it out = definition

25. EMPOWER (charade/beheadment)
Authorize = definition
high-energy shockwave burst = E.M.P.
(Electro-Magnetic Pulse)
only bottom 80% of
TOWER remains = OWER

27. BRAINY (charade)
Bespectacled smurf = definition
with = connector
above-average = B (school grade)
weather forecast = RAINY

28. LEAKER (beheadment)
Deep Throat, for example = definition
is = connector
more dreary = BLEAKER
after introduction = indicator

31. ARMOR (hidden word)
In = indicator
wAR, MORE = fodder
protection is given by this = definition

32. REDRESSED (container/charade)
Communist = RED
college in Oregon = REED
Nazi organization = SS (Schutzstaffel)
RED + REED invaded by SS
= RED+RE(SS)ED
is = connector
made better = definition

33. YET (charade)
Still = definition
snowman = YETI
one = I (roman numeral)
YETI is missing I = YET

34. POCKET BOOK (double definition)
Funding = POCKETBOOK
for = connector
the paperback edition
= POCKET BOOK

Down

2. OBERSE (anagram)
Poorly = anagram indicator
OBSERVE = fodder
the front of a coin = definition
(The "obverse" of a coin is the "heads" side; the "tails" side is called the "reverse".)

3. GROTTTO (container)
Secret cave = definition
bothered = GOT TO
royal crown = R (first letter of "royal")
GOTTO hiding R = G(R)OTTO

4. NOAA (homophone)
Famous shipbuilder = NOAH
NOAH reported = NOAA
to = connector
weather agency = NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)

5. IKEA (beheadment/charade)
LIKE A = fodder
LIKEA headless = IKEA

furniture store = definition

6. LATENT (charade)
Hidden = definition
note (musical) = LA (between SOL and TI)
shelter = TENT
LA on TENT (down clue) = LATENT

7. KAYFABE (anagram/&lit)
A FAKE BY = fodder
wrestling = anagram indicator
("Kayfabe", in American wrestling, refers to the surface charade that all matches, vendettas, and grudges are real and not staged.)

8. TRESSED (reversal)
Having hair = definition
the course of sweets = DESSERT
sent back DESSERT = TRESSED

9. DIVERS (curtailment)
Various = DIVERSE
DIVERSE tailless = DIVERS
penguins, for example = definition

13. ALCHEMY (homophone)
"I'll come he" = fodder
said = homophone indicator
doing = connector
occult metallurge = definition

14. SWANSON (curtailment/&lit)
Sunset Boulevard was hers = SWAN SONG
for the most part = curtailment indicator
(Gloria Swanson's last major starring role, her "swan song", was the movie Sunset Boulevard.)

15. ISHMAEL (hidden word)
HellISH MAELstrom = fodder
engulfs = indicator
narrator of Moby Dick = definition

20. LIBRARY (alternation)
Here = definition
is = connector
an alternating = indicator
kLeInBeRg ArRaY = fodder

21. READMIT (charade)
Again, allow attendance = definition
to = connector
state (verb) = READ
university = M.I.T.

23. MAKES DO (anagram)
Improvises = definition
A SMOKED = fodder
cocktail = indicator

24. TIRADE (container)
Ranting (noun) = definition
I = fodder
the business = TRADE
I get into TRADE = T(I)RADE

25. ENTRAP (reversal/curtailment)
Best friend = PARTNER
PARTNER loses tail = PARTNE
PARTNE while going up = ENTRAP
in = connector
snare (verb) = definition

26. REVERB (hidden word)
Musical echo = definition
is = connector
foREVER Booming = fodder
inside = indicator

29. ERIC (anagram)
Python's first = ERIC
is = connector
fried = anagram indicator
RICE = fodder

30. IDLE (homophone)
...and his last = IDLE
is = connector
a hero = IDOL
we hear = homophone indicator

(Eric Idle was a member of the Monty Python comedy troupe. Members were known as Pythons, for short.)