

Easy Cryptic Crossword Solution

Across

1. RISC (charade/deletion)
cISCo loses terminals = ISC
Rambus' lead = R
ISC follows R = R+ISC
for = connector
computer processor = definition
(RISC, or Reduced Instruction Set Computing, is a type of CPU)
4. NORTON (anagram)
who fights viruses = definition
(Norton Antivirus software)
NOT RON = fodder
weasley = indicator
7. AGO (charade)
A = A
Chinese board game = GO
from = connector
way back = definition
8. LAMB (anagram)
BLAM = fodder
exploding = anagram
sheep = definition
9. OXCART (hidden word)
bOXCAR Temporarily = fodder
holds = indicator
a bullock-drawn wagon = definition
11. LAB (container)
pound = LB
a = A
LB around A = L(A)B
testing room = definition
13. RENEW (reversal/deletion)
restock = definition
round = reversal indicator
WIENER = fodder
me = I
WIENER without I = WENER
round WENER = RENEW
15. TOTEM (charade)
symbol = definition
for = connector
young child = TOT
Dorothy's auntie = EM
17. POPPY (charade)
narcotic = definition
soda = POP
soft = P (music)
tastY finish = Y
POP with PY = POPPY
19. CROSS (double definition)
ford = definition (as in, "to ford a stream")
is = connector
cantankerous = definition (as in, "that man is cantankerous")

1	R	2	I	3	S	C		4	N	O	R	5	T	O	6	N
		M		7	A	G	O					E			Y	
8	L	A	M	B			9	O	X	10	C	A	R	T		
		G		11	L	12	A	B			O				I	
13	R	E	14	N	E	W			15	T	O	16	T	E	M	
	A		A		A				A		W				E	
17	P	O	P	18	P	Y			19	C	20	R	O	21	S	S
	I			I			22	Z	O	O				L		
23	E	U	24	R	E	K	A			25	U	N	I	X		
	R		A				26	N	A	G				D		
27	S	I	M	P	L	Y				28	H	E	E	L		

22. ZOO (curtailment)
dart around = ZOOM
endlessly = curtailment indicator
it's a madhouse = definition
23. EUREKA (charade)
eek, a = EEKA
bygone Sumerian city = UR
EEKA, UR inside = E(UR)EKA
Northern California city = definition
25. UNIX (homophone)
castrated men = EUNUCHS
announced = indicator
computer operating system = definition
26. NAG (double definition)
horse (noun) = definition
or = connector
badger (verb) = definition
27. SIMPLY (charade)
small = S
mean = IMPLY
clearly = definition
28. HEEL (hidden word)
tHE ELbow = fodder
has = indicator
part of the foot = definition

Down

2. IMAGE (charade)
one = I (roman numeral)
wizard = MAGE
's = connector
vision = definition
3. CABLE (charade)
hack = CAB
"the" French = LE
phone line = definition
4. NOOB (reversal)
a new player, in slang = definition
is = connector
the reverse of = indicator
a blessing = BOON
5. TEA (homophone)
herbal drink = definition
sounds like a = indicator
shirt = TEE
6. NY TIMES (anagram)
I SENT MY = fodder
junk = indicator
to = connector
Will Shortz's place = definition
10. COO (curtailment)
chicken domicile = COOP
endlessly = indicator
makes = connector
bird sound = definition
12. AWAY (deletion)
AMWAY = fodder
loses = indicator
1000 = M (roman numeral)
AMWAY loses M = AWAY
abroad = definition
13. RAPIERS (anagram)
REPAIRS = fodder
broken = indicator
swords = definition
14. NAP (reversal)
knock (slang) = PAN
back = indicator
for = connector
siesta = definition
15. TACO (anagram)
Mexican food = definition
with = connector
messy = indicator
COAT = fodder
16. TWO (homophone)
also = TOO
heard = indicator
one's successor = definition
18. PIE (beheadment)
Ron Howard character = OPIE
love = O (tennis)
OPIE has no O = PIE
or = connector
dessert = definition
20. ROUGH (homophone)
heard = indicator
dog's utterance = RUFF
is = connector
raspy = definition
21. SLIDE (anagram/charade)
skid = definition
in = connector
the middle of pizzEria = E
LIDS = fodder
get broken = anagram indicator
LIDS get broken = SLID
E, first SLID = SLID+E
22. ZANY (charade/reversal)
insane = definition
that = connector
Arizona = AZ
is up = reversal indicator
New York = NY
24. RAM (double definition)
temporary computer storage = definition (random access memory)
drive (verb) = definition (e.g., "to drive into a wall")