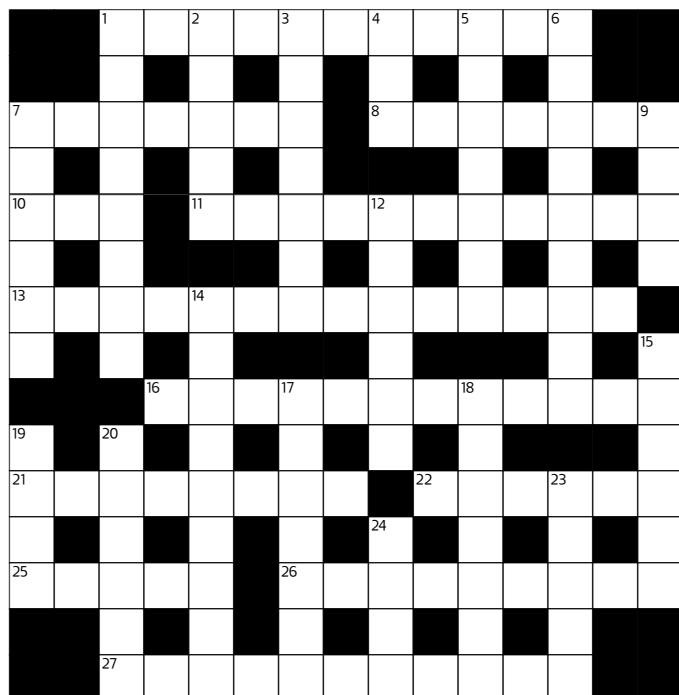


Puzzle No. 3529

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ACROSS

- 1 Eastern yogi, originally in Asian capital, had a meal before beginning to read our message for *Nation* cryptic solvers (3,3,5)
- 7 *Taken* is given a little more than three stars? (7)
- 8 Macho guys, lacking source of French, ultimately stand corrected (7)
- 10 and 4 Joy follows an Oscar-winning movie director (3,3)
- 11 Strangely, Eric showed up first with our message for *Nation* cryptic solvers (11)
- 13 Fade in where Sue garbled our message for *Nation* cryptic solvers (3,11)
- 16 Suffers from endless story introducing rental company with thanks—that's our message for *Nation* cryptic solvers (5,2,5)
- 21 Song about union leader flipping over our message for *Nation* cryptic solvers (2,6)
- 22 Reason backward to capture green chess piece (6)
- 25 Investigating naked bird (5)
- 26 Pagan hero dancing where some children dwell (9)
- 27 Retract cry of alarm and cry of pain when consuming two cups—that's what we hope *Nation* cryptic solvers will do at www.leftfieldcryptics.com (4,2,5)

DOWN

- 1 Disregard short and very loud enclosure for rough treatment (5,3)
- 2 Uplifting illustrations (ten at the start of every addendum) (5)
- 3 Part of Concorde redesigned and laid out systematically (7)
- 4 See 10
- 5 Lever altered (redealt) (7)
- 6 Like a wild horse, or a concise legal contract? (9)
- 7 Climbing mountain, sped up to get flat (6)
- 9 Doctor said, "This is a good place to speak" (4)
- 12 Chopped liver on rye, essentially? Indeed (6)
- 14 Fey, timeless performance around five is early (2,7)
- 15 Old Yankee cloak (6)
- 17 Stumble over oil spill in African city (7)
- 18 Large vehicle and two Ford models connecting two universities in Pacific nation (7)
- 19 Heard fruit, heard fruit, for example (4)
- 20 Journey captured live for man with all the answers? (6)
- 23 Grind D. Crosby's partner (5)
- 24 Notice small vessel (4)

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SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO. 3528

ACROSS 1 M(ENO)RAH (rev.) 5 MADE (anag.) + IRA 9 T(EX)AN 10 MEATS (anag.) + PACE 11 "Lou send" 12 "Porsche" 14 D(U)KE 15 REIMAG + I + NED (rev.) 18 pun 19 A(C)ID 22 LU(N)ATE 24 anag. 26 PYGM[y]+ A + LION 27 "grim" 28 anag. 29 SPOKE + U + P

DOWN 1 MOT (rev.) + T + LED 2 N(EXT)O + FKIN (anag.) 3 R[e]ENTER 4 HU(MAN)BEI)NG (*Ambien* anag.) 5 M(O)AT 6 DIS GORGE 7 anag. 8 ABE + LARD 13 [h]AMPER + SANDS 16 N(ECTAR)INE (*truce* anag.) 17 BOOT + CAMP 18 C(ALYPS)O (*plays* anag.) 20 D(USTM)OP[e] (*must* anag.) 21 AD + AG + IO 23 anag. 25 LI + PS

