

Solution Explanation for Mad Dog Cryptics #4

ACROSS

1. Anagram – ASPIRATED (inhaled) is an anagram (bananas) of DISPARATE
6. Anagram – NINER (San Francisco 49er Joe Montana, for one) is an anagram (shake) of INNER
9. Containers – LAYOVER (for a night) is LAVER (tennis great Rod) with (accepts) YO(Rocky's greeting)
10. Charades and cryptic alphabet – RATTLED (anxious) is LED (ran) behind R (right) and ATT (wireless provider)
11. Containers and cryptic alphabet – VIRAL (high interest) is VL (very large) with IRA (savings plan) embedded
12. Anagram and Charades – ETHNICITY (nationality) is an anagram (disorganized) IN THE followed by CITY (town)
13. Anagram – RISK TAKER (daredevil) is an anagram (asunder) of TEARS KIRK
16. Hidden words – HEIRS (descendants) is inside (fill) tHEIR Schedules
17. Anagram – DIPSO (lush) is an anagram (new) of IPODS
18. Anagram – ELECTORAL (exclusive college) is an anagram (mulch) of LOCAL TREE
20. Charades – SURPASSES (goes beyond) is SUR (above in French) and PASSES (gorges)
22. Hidden words – NYLON (polymer) is contained (found in) maNY LONGhorns
24. Containers – RATFINK (despicable one) is ATF (federal agency) in RINK (hockey arena)
25. Charades – ANIMATE (enliven) is ANI (Darth's actual name) and MATE (a friend)
26. Anagram – EARLS (nobility) is an anagram (distorted) LASER
27. Containers – STURGEONS (fish) has T (truth) in SURGEONS (operators)

Down

1. Anagram – ALL OVER (everywhere) is an anagram (reverberates) of REAL LOVE
2. Charades – PAYER (he footed the bill) is PA (father) and YER (your as pronounced in a country song)
3. Charades – REVOLUTIONARIES (extremists) is REVOLUTION (orbit) and ARIES (a sign)
4. Charades – TORTE (dessert) is TO and RTE (abbreviation (ie. short) of a highway)
5. Charades, cryptic alphabet and anagram – DARK HORSE (little known contender) is D (drive) and ARK (a boat) and HORSE (anagram (battered) of SHORE)
6. Anagram – NOTWITHSTANDING (regardless) is an anagram (strange) of DISTANT THING WON
7. Charades and anagram – NULLIFIER (veto) is IFILL (Gwen on PBS) going up (climbing) in an anagram (shattered) of RUNE
8. Anagram – RED EYES (overnight journeys) is an anagram (ground) of RYE SEED
14. Anagram – SUPERSTAR (music idol) is an anagram (mixed) of UP ARRESTS
15. Letter bank – KEEPSAKES (mementos) is drawn (effusively) from SPEAK
17. Double definition – DESERVE (earn the right) and DE-SERVE (to remove plates)
? indicates word play
19. Beheading – LENDERS (some sharks) is BLENDERS (mixers) without the B (B-LESS)
21. Containers – SNAFU (glitch) is built with rising (backwards for a down clue) FAN (admirer) inside US (America)
23. Hidden words – LLANO (plain) is contained (somewhat) in vaniLLA NOugat

