

Mad Dog Cryptics #7 – Solution

Across

1. Hidden word – TEMPER (harden) appears in “iTEM PERhaps”
5. Charades – STICKERS (signs) is built with SS (shortstop) surrounding TICKER (with a heart)
9. Charades – DETERMINES (decides) is built with DETER (to discourage) and MINES (quarries)
10. Double definition – DOGS is both “shadows” and “boxers, for example”
11. Double definition – SCREEN is both “check out” and “TV”
12. Anagram – OIL WELLS (derricks) is an anagram (till) of SOIL WELL
13. Double definition – ASSESSES is both “evaluates” and “taxes”
15. Double definition with word play – REPAIR is both “marry again” and “fix things”
17. Charades – TSETSE (fly) is EST (east in French) read backwards (back) twice
19. Anagram – MURDERED (taken out) is an anagram (nervously) of DEMURRED
21. Charades – GRENADES (weapons) is GRADES (hills) with NE (endless NEW) backwards (left) included (conceal)
23. Charades – LOCALS (neighbors) is LO-CAL (diet) and S (the first letter of Sprite (originally))
25. Container – ANTI (opposed) is included (front) of the word “Antietam”
26. Anagram – VIETNAMESE (some Asians) is an anagram (in a peculiar way) of SEEM NATIVE
27. Anagram and Charades – HYPNOSIS is HYPNO (anagram of PHONY) and SIS (sibling)
28. Charades – SPOUSE (partner) is built with SOUSE (drunk) surrounding (on) P (first letter of Prosecco (initially))

Down

2. Charades – EXERCISES (drills) is EXCISES (cuts out) around ER (emergency room)
3. Homophone – PIECE (part) sounds like (resonates) PEACE (tranquility)
4. Charades – REMANDS (imprisons) is MAN inside (enthralled) REDS (communists)
5. Homophone – SENSORS (detectors) is a homophone (sound) of CENSORS (suppresses)
6. Charades and anagram – INSULAR (small town) is LA (Louisiana) inserted (lies in) an anagram (awful) of RUINS
7. Charades and anagram – KIDNEY PIE (traditional British recipe) is an anagram (randomly) of KEYED IN including PI (one Greek letter)
8. Reversal – REGAL (theater chain) is a reverse (“up” in a down clue) of LAGER
14. Charades – EXTENSION (new wing) is built with TENSION (stress) on EX (old flame)
16. Anagram – IDEALISTS (romantics) is an anagram (fussy) of LADIES SIT
18. Anagram – ENDIVES (some herbs) is an anagram (chewed) of EVEN SID
19. Double definition – MASTERS is both “experts” and “original documents”
20. Charades – RELENTS (yields) is RENTS (monthly payments) with EL (“the” in Spanish) inside (covering)
22. Charades – RANDY (lewd) is R AND Y (the borders (first and last letters) of RUDELY)
24. Charades – CAMEO (jewelry) is CAME (arrived) with O (nothing)

