Loplop Cryptic #018 [15x]
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Across

1. These days, most families are like this: an uncle's eccentric and welcomed by neither partner? (3-7) NON-NUCLEAR. Anagram, container (AN UNCLE)*
   inserted in NOR


9. Sacagawea, for one, primarily spurred humanity on and was a beacon of light (8) SHOSHONE. Acrostic, charade S[purred] H[umanity] O[n] + SHONE

10. Slippery stuff in country’s report (6) GREASE. Homophone “greece”

11. Commercial after dance and song (6) BALLAD. Charade BALL + AD

12. Open late, working to make a quick buck? (8) ANTELOPE. Anagram (OPEN LATE)*

13. What you might use to pay a tarot interpreter (4,6) CARD READER. Double definition

16. Pay attention: not a trace of edits... (4) NOTE. Charade NOT + [e]dits

17. ...in rejected clues - it’s a perfect replica (4) SPIT. Reversal (TIPS)<

19. Small crews in small boats (10) STEAMSHIPS. Charade S + TEAMS + HIP + S

22. Perfumer Malone’s concealing mixture of “Lunar Records” (8) JOURNALS. Anagram, container JO’S containing (LUNAR)*

24. Upon reflection, excited to take in good music like One Love or Three Little Birds (6) REGGAE. Reversal, container (EAGLE)<

26. Common fairy tale setting for winter time in Massachusetts (6) FOREST. Charade FOR + E.S.T.

27. I had sex (putting it inside) and took off? (8) IMITATED. Container IMITATED

28. Problem encountered in backwards Lexington, KY (4) KNOT. Hidden, reversal lexing TON KY

29. Ex-p-l-a-i-n-e-d? (7,3) SPILLED OUT. Rebus

Down

2. Adapted and reused: “hola, sexy!” (3,2,2) OOH LA LA. Letter bank of HOLA

3. Rocket launcher’s beginning to leak from the nose (5) NASAL. Charade NASA + L[eon]

4. Old clue's terrible; second is bright and clear (9) CLOUDLESS. Anagram, charade (OLD CLUES)* + S

5. Gem dealer scrambled to accept fragment of moonstone (7) EMERALD. Anagram, container (DEALER)* containing M[oonstone]

6. Gear height is correct (5) RIGHT. Charade RIG + HT

7. Regularly well-put? In French, there’s famously no such thing (4,5) FREE LUNCH. Alternation insertion where it could be dangerous

8. Stop him dancing where it could be dangerous to dance (4,3) MOSH PIT. Anagram (STOP HIM)*

14. Scare away bloke with powerful soap (9) DETERGENT. Charade DETER + GENT

15. Alcohol or milk ultimately exchanged for a bit of loose-leaf from tea farm? (5,4) RUMOUR MILL. Charade RUM + OR + MILK[

18. For example, they might be supporting denial by United Nations (7) PROOUN. Charade PRO + NO + UN

20. Tech department admitted to result forming a series (2,5) EN SUITE. Container ENSU(ITE)

21. Professors initially behind a university's high level (7) PLATEAU. Charade [professors] + LATE + A + U

23. Self-appointed servers of justice taking 50% from advance payments (5) ANTES. Deletion [vigil] ANTES

25. Security officer from university wearing costume upside-down (5) GUARD. Reversal container U inserted in (DRAG)