

## Thursday, March 6, 2025

Cryptic • by DA



## ACROSS

- 1 Arctic, perhaps, drifting westward on cap (5)  
 4 Marriage to weightlifter bound to flag (5,4)  
 8 Cocktail is neat liquor - a pathogen fighter! (9)  
 10 Hooker visiting Catalonia? (5)  
 11 Daily laundry job: clothing heap (10,4)  
 13 Digger to leave Pacific front - courageous type with nothing to lose (6)  
 15 Prepare to canter through puzzle, filling drink? (6,2)  
 17 Come to narrative muddle after start (6,2)  
 19 Letter inclined to discredit a licensed property (6)  
 22 Peculiar trait... (14)  
 25 ...in *nouveau riche* darling of Dordogne (5)  
 28 Old sucker encoded as 4-10? (9)  
 29 Spooner's bell sounds in gripping film? (5,4)  
 30 After change of heart, a Murdoch to obey GP (3,2)

## DOWN

- 1 Scot maverick was genial after Glenfiddich opening (10)  
 2 Luxury car plant (5) *Roller*  
 6 Even considering end of grind - with rest? Not initially (7)  
 4 Removes sails in junk, using end of spar aboard (6) *Derigs*  
 8 Libber's anthem is associated mainly with left-wingers by 1 am sultanate (1,2,5)  
 9 Secretary invested in eminent tablet (7)  
 11 A rising crook to expand? No problems (3,2,4)  
 13 Lane crush in SE England? (4) *ALIVE?*  
 12 Corona clue: source of pain, chill before cold stabs...sigh! (5,5)  
 14 Norm gets mawkish-sounding board game (9)  
 16 Mediaeval trainer of lancer in tussle (8)  
 18 Juvenile against writing poems? (7)  
 20 Flash appendix muscle? (7)  
 21 Goof and I promoted Persian, perhaps (4,2)  
 23 Mourning judge to drink decaf now and then (5)  
 24 TNT crew (and scientists) reduce clock tower progressively (2,2)

~3.5 hrs.

SLURPIST