

November 2018 Slot 7 by Betelgeuse

Across

- 8** After sailor returns, beat with cane (6)
- 9** Choir not performing for early TV part (8)
- 10** Introducing attempt to master something very small (4)
- 11** USA organization to try artist coming back for pet (7,3)
- 12** Rob returned from high cliff (5)
- 13** Octopus is difficult to deal with around female (9)
- 16** Accumulations of fluid are finally made to adapt when in large size (7)
- 17** Previous capital depression followed by boom, crash! (7)
- 20** Switch positions about Mediterranean's least profitable time (9)
- 22** Note saying: "Cut again" (5)
- 24** Experiment featuring a new writer quietly (10)
- 26** Flies back in Scotland? Not me? Yes, me! (4)
- 27** Muskrats appear from the second a trashcan is put out (8)
- 28** Vegetable item for meal (6)

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- 23** Biased employer sacked relation, a short-sighted person (5)
- 25** News about an organization to get dry bread (4)

Down

- 1** "A nice thing!" expressed Shrinking (by a centigram) Violet (8)
- 2** Puts up with royalty wearing old clothes (10)
- 3** Stitches numbers into architectural decoration (5)
- 4** Acceptance shown when eating seaweed – not small, but lumpy (7)
- 5** Not a Soviet plot, to lose last of the woodwind (9)
- 6** Beguile, during time of recital (4)
- 7** Like one, perhaps, ten at party with you and me (6)
- 14** Spring event, note, cows Dr Who! (6,4)
- 15** Old instruction manual said "Destiny takes us back to regressive art" (4,5)
- 18** Translating Library falls short, including the French translator (8)
- 19** Perhaps Doris, the gangster's friend, taking you and me to clubs (7)
- 21** Once travelling a long way in golf (6)