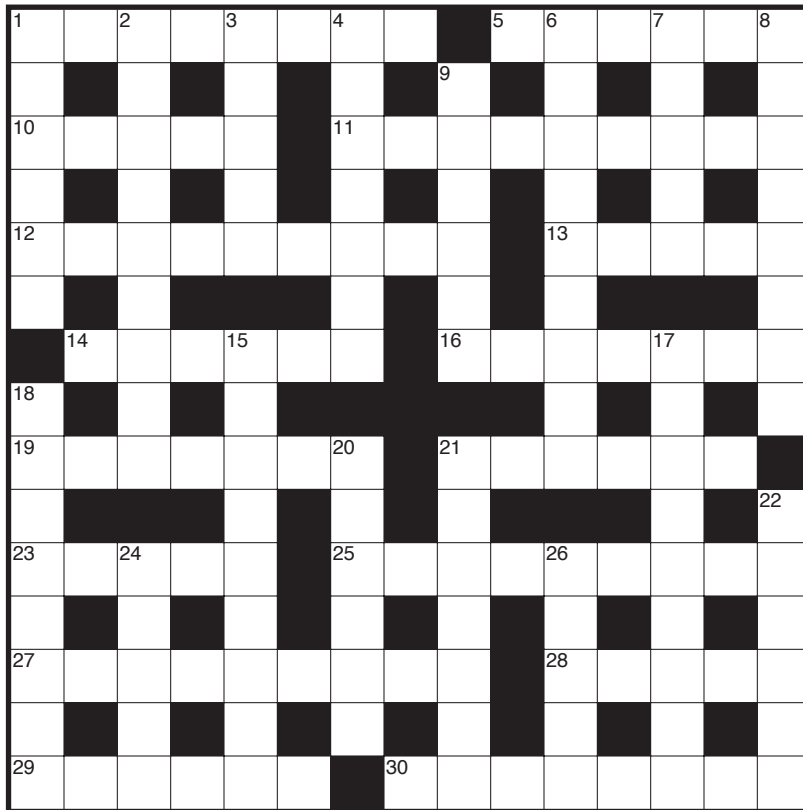


CRYPTIC CROSSWORD #7

by Trip Payne



ACROSS

- 1 Companion reached toward tree (8)
- 5 Newspaper worker sent back nonsense I'd write in the end (6)
- 10 Disturb delivery company headquartered in Georgia and in France (5)
- 11 Facilitates carrying extremely difficult pieces of furniture (3, 6)
- 12 Bet co-star lost Oscar competition (4, 5)
- 13 It's handled by General Electric! (5)
- 14 Lumberjack discussed beer (6)
- 16 Finds the real meaning in end-of-the-year verses (7)
- 19 Poor hideout kept by crew member (3-4)
- 21 Small piece of cloth burnishes doctor's getup (6)
- 23 Miss Turner is at the front porch (5)
- 25 Bars and clubs contrarily refuse alcohol with Ecstasy (9)
- 27 Former resident of Peru jeers "Allied together?!?" (2, 7)
- 28 Interest surrounds CD single that's amateurish (5)
- 29 Mock some worshippers at ziggurat (6)
- 30 Nine pros working face-to-face (2, 6)

DOWN

- 1 Examines fruit with the tongue (6)
- 2 Jockey lopes, so he begins to despair (5, 4)
- 3 Minor actor's former mastery returned (5)
- 4 75% of *The A-Team* rerun is drama (7)
- 6 Laid-back reputation limits auto driver in a competition (4, 5)
- 7 Claw at returning liberal operative (5)
- 8 Yes, rates changed, don't worry (4, 4)
- 9 Loved rhubarb and strawberry (6)
- 15 Eight deviates, including nudnik, become more hip (3, 4, 2)
- 17 Some Irish people name ships (9)
- 18 Bet everything remaining on excellent player's aim, perhaps (4, 4)
- 20 Arbitrary NFL player holds mid-evening party (6)
- 21 Begins broadcasting songs in Mobile (5, 2)
- 22 Battered slice of bread gobbled up (6)
- 24 Declared "Say no to chips" (5)
- 26 Back-ordered English novelist's fabric (5)