

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD #8

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ACROSS

- 1** Geologic study, out of debt, turning to Reverend Spooner (12)
- 7** Retro tavern gets couple of debutantes overly loaded, in a way (6,2)
- 13** Stages of development changed elf Cicely (4,5)
- 14** Virtuous man keeps small cauldron next to old vegetable (5,6)
- 15** Hang comic art (i.e., funny painting) (8,6)
- 16** Artist that woman pursues, and so forth (6)
- 18** Singer beginning to appreciate light opera's debut (4)
- 19** Certain financial backers of Nixon and Reagan linked to moderate-center positions (7,2,3,4)
- 21** Unfortunately close ten jobs, for example (6,6)
- 23** Sort of complex friend sits behind British dictionary author (7)
- 25** Media goes after those people divided over suggestion of enigmatic tarot card (3,7)
- 26** Take aim at Bill spreading \$1000 before a professor (3,1,4,2)
- 29** Communists accepting Georgia Republican's best wishes (7)
- 31** Fee on a vehicle boarded by girl with economic conflict (5,7)
- 33** Group of abstainers in favor of greeting champ, mostly one over par outside of today (11,5)
- 35** Italian author holds head of his parrot (4)
- 37** Reporter's massaged -- it's necessary (6)
- 38** Summer resort's employees on a soccer slump, surprisingly (4,10)
- 40** Blistex, for example, is fired up about principal spokespeople (3,8)

- 41** Expert at wrongdoing has committed an assassination (7,2)
- 42** Tedious doctor good in subject of gerontology (8)
- 43** Mold, dirt, and rags surrounding third-rate collectibles (7,5)

DOWN

- 1** Skate around baseless old regulation for bed on wheels (8)
- 2** Living room furniture made from bottom parts of a chair surrounded by cord (6,5)
- 3** Frenzied jerk chases tailless rats (6)
- 4** Catch a "C.S.I." rerun -- it turns different than usual (16)
- 5** Mr. Scott upended regular digging machine (7)

- 6** Old method of execution brought about attack in direct confrontation (4,2,4)
- 8** Swear love at hospital (4)
- 9** Small amount of alcohol engulfing fine mind, game show host Edwards relaxed with a drink (4,3,4,3)
- 10** Recalled divided gathering at hot Christopher Reeve movie (9)
- 11** Moving stealthily around quiet form of sports entertainment (3,9)
- 12** Spoiled, centuries-old meat can be found at these places (4,8)
- 17** Wasn't at ease with wild tattoo on a dentist (5,2,9)
- 20** Making a stitched design on elaborate green border, I'm maintaining interest (14)

- 22** Each station's holding chat on each body of water near Asia (4,5,3)
- 24** Sailor's bit of anguish aboard simple vehicle covered in sparkly things (4-8)
- 27** I'd taken up musical instrument, assuming true command (6,5)
- 28** Early religious figure sent pirate off (5,5)
- 30** "Go bare," Poe ordered nut from the South (6,3)
- 32** Catholic leader's interminable indication of distress about no-good modern music (3,5)
- 34** Got excited and frolicked without a top (7)
- 36** In a turnaround, college finally chose follower of a British author (6)
- 39** Rock star takes time (4)

