Crossword 14,209 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Splutter embracing hot bird (6)
- 4 Pass, then save some goal! (8)
- **10** Criminal came with the knife (7)
- **10** Criminal came with the knife (**11** Stuffy without music? (7)
- 12 Start to separate and sort material
- (4) 13 Like a rabid dog? (7,3)
- **16** Lazy type, one going on foot? (6)
- **17** Expire from enormous meal? (4-3) **20** Barbara Castle? (7)
- 21 Things carry weight (6)
- **24** Secure a company car for a drink (4,6)
- 25 Partially covered, mum in inappropriate short skirt (4)27 US city right to welcome visitor
- from afar (7)

 29 Direct and articulate (7)
- **30** Source of oil simians found in grass (8)
- 31 Blood college spilt in the end (6)

DOWN

- 1 River with one fish? That's flimsy! (8)
- 2 Fast swinging colonialist getting drunk (11)
- **3** For starters, goat has eaten everything there's the butter! (4)
- **5** Flat meat a kid forced into butty (4.4)
- 6 One eaten by shark, prawn, not a cunning seal (6-4)
- 7 Extra 23 down (3)
- 8 Live on the edge (6)
- **9** Type of coffee opposed from below (5)
- (5) **14** Misplaced enumeration, one up?
- (11)
- 15 Lying close wearing coat, I love you and me! (10)
- **18** Game of chance as Baltic native punches playboy (8)
- 19 Rare treats, collecting popular boys' toys? (5,3)
- 22 Rest one with money or house? (6)
- 23 Parting word, something cast in gold (5)
- **26** Stone from old China (4) **28** Empty hole coming up (3)

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