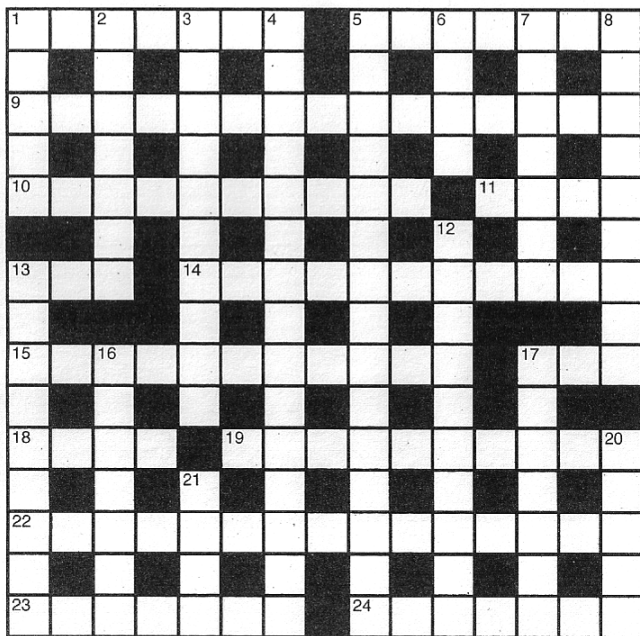


The Saturday Prize Crossword by Anax #7267 30 January 2010

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ACROSS

- 1 Gets hospital soap, mostly to strip nurses (7)
- 5 Manages to reach settlement after reporter ... (5,2)
- 9 ... handles statement by John Clayton III (2,6,3,4)
- 10 Credit card security feature covering cost of sending one (4,3,3)
- 11 Line in blood where firing takes place (4)
- 13 Start to watch a good comedian (3)
- 14 Perhaps rough, wrinkly paper to wrap whiskey in (4,7)
- 15 Cooler 70s group has done new thing with old records? (11)
- 17 Sound made by entrance buzzer (3)

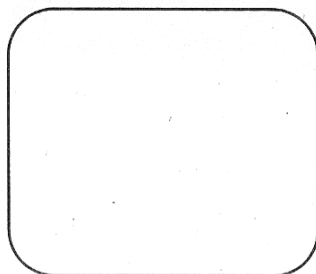
- 18 Cut into metal, glass and all that's hard (4)
- 19 "Mine's a large one", admits company investor (10)
- 22 Brand's demonised for abusing tolerance (5-10)
- 23 Brakes can restrict acceleration, making you stop (7)
- 24 Sinner's bent and mercenary's bent - there's no place for me (7)

- 5 Nursery rhyme that man and boy finally do as double act? (3,6,6)
- 6 Vintage *Times* puzzle (4)
- 7 Tongue was damaged with hot food (not cold) (7)
- 8 Nervously greet a new child (9)
- 12 Lead removed from mud under pipe, one on home soil? (10)
- 13 In which boobs are mostly raised immediately skyward? (9)
- 16 Chanel's bottles available as containers, naturally (7)
- 17 One road heading north from tube with no separate car park? (5-2)
- 20 Nice stone in river (5)
- 21 Clue that is hampering start of Down answer (4)

DOWN

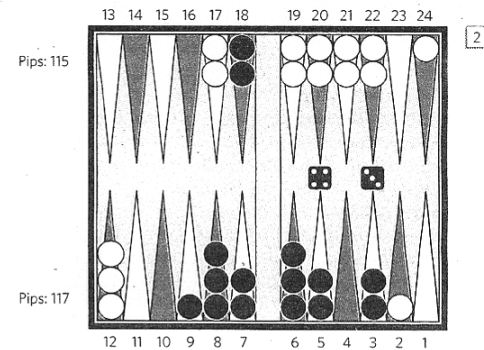
- 1 Useless detectives turned up to arrest them (5)
- 2 There's too much in society that's corrupt (7)
- 3 Poetry describing a grotty royal palace (10)
- 4 Second wallop, sadly not avoiding raised hand? (8,7)

Today's concise crossword can be found on page 24 of the Sport section



Correction

Apologies to readers of Chris Bray's Magriel's Maxim backgammon column in the 23 January issue of *The Independent Magazine*. Due to a production error the wrong diagram was used. The correct one is printed here.



Friday's solution

C D D E C S
 J E L L Y R O L L M O R T O N
 O O B U P N R I
 B L U R B B E A N S T A L K
 S U T S O I K
 C R A C K O F D O O M G E E
 O B U M H I
 M A R V E L L B E E F T E A
 F U P O E V
 O A P I N S O U C I A N C E
 R T S K I N R
 T O N S O R I A L S A L S A
 E E D N L U U G
 R U S S I A N R O U L E T T E
 S C Y N T E

Last Saturday's solution

F E T E D O U B L E T O N
 A A M J N I H O
 C A N D I D A C O M M E N T
 E K L N O B W A
 A R E N A G O N D O L I E R
 C D N O D Z Y
 H O U S E T R A I N E D
 E P S E T X M I
 V E R I F I C A T I O N
 I P N O C L T
 C A L L A G H A N T R I B E
 E U C A A I B R
 C O N Q U E R L I N E A G E
 A G T D L G N S
 P R E S E N T L Y E D I T

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 Alan Macmillan,
 Comins Coch,
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 Ceredigion;
 Michael Kedley,
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 Jane Nash,
 Chester;
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 D Jones, Enfield