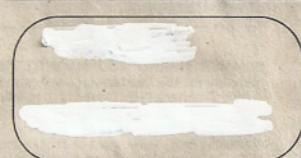
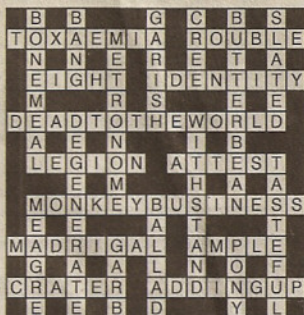
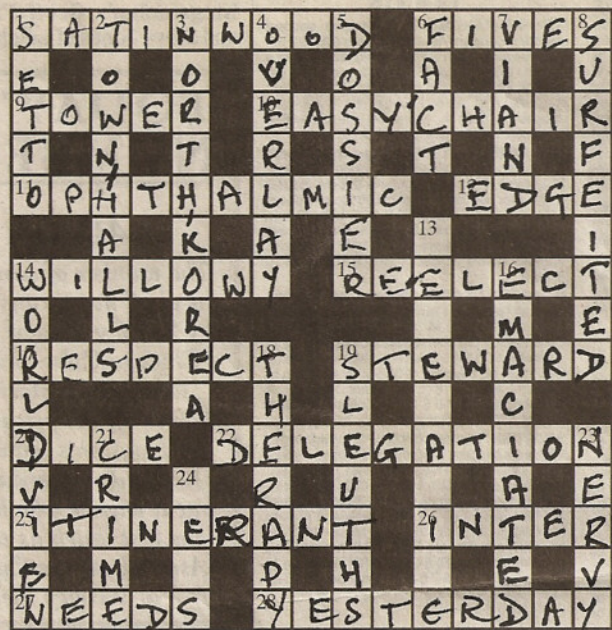


THE FRIDAY CROSSWORD

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Thursday's solution



ACROSS

- ✓ Took seat in Birnam, maybe, proving likely cabinet material? (9)
- ⑥ Game found in very Etonian setting, primarily (5)
- 9 Vehicle breakdown specialist given rise (5)
- 10 Furnishing midshipman with academic appointment (4,5)
- 11 Cook initially hungry chimp a lot of mince pies? (10)
- 12 Golf club discounting women's keenness (4)
- 14 Use cunning to cover depression, appearing slender and graceful (7)
- 15 Put in again (but not at Lord's, we hear?) (2-5)
- 17 Point to consider (7)
- 19 It's official, of course (7)
- 20 Game in diamonds?

DOWN

- 22 Unusually elegant do one's mounted in embassy (10)
- 25 One who travels by air intent on flying (9)
- 26 Plant, wintergreen, requiring judicious pruning (5)
- 28 Daughter's after little black dresses (5)
- 28 Dry eyes at function on Thursday? (9)
- 1 Fight's hottest in the centre, on reflection (3-2)
- 2 Local authorities with time to admit everyone into High School (4,5)
- 3 Nook, rather out-of-the-way, in exotic land (5,5)
- 4 Applied decoration excessively - not professional (7)

- ✗ File rough sleeper, gripping point of implement (7)
- ✗ Something that happens in first part of Farquhar play (4)
- ✗ Delivery vehicle heading for Dover carries one exotic type of food (5)
- 8 Oversupplied with fruit seed for replanting (9)
- 13 See woman as recipient of attack, one that's unthinking (10)
- ✗ Philosophy uniquely available to astronauts? (5,4)
- ✗ Came up with a diet designed to make you very thin (9)
- ✗ People in authority accepting charge for treatment (7)
- 19 Eyes shut, maybe, after end of tedious French article (7)
- 21 One implicated in credit note fraud, possibly (5)
- ✗ Politician ultimately getting very agitated and anxious (5)
- 24 Here's his wife (4)