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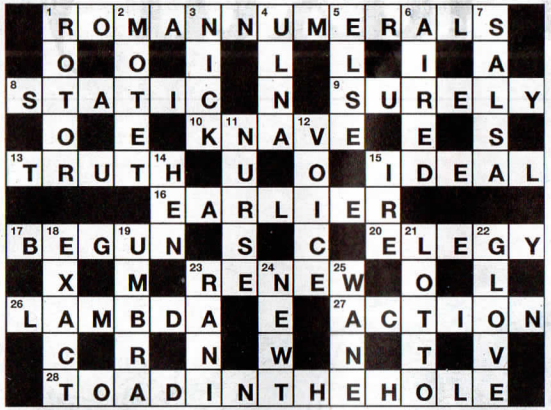

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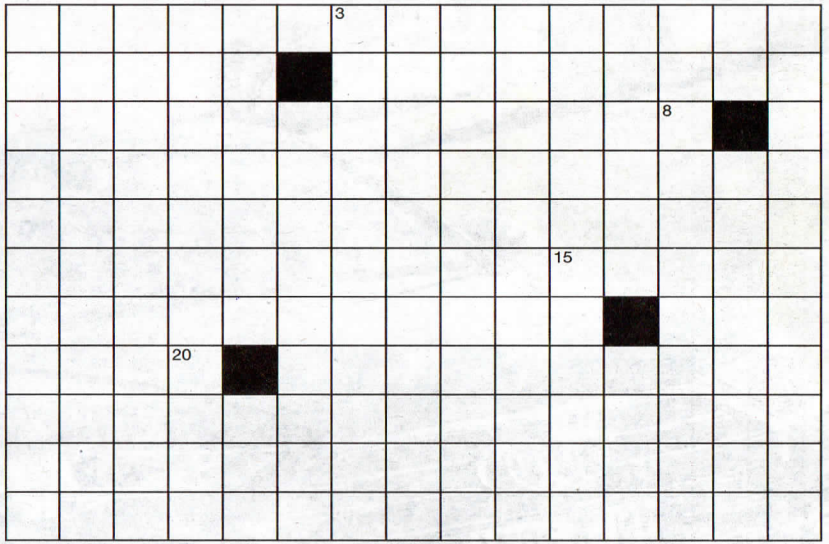

Send to: Skeleton Crossword, PO Box 12578, Sutton Coldfield B73 9BT. The winners will be the first correct entries drawn after the closing date of noon on Friday. Please allow 30 days for prizes to arrive.

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ACROSS

1 Offers trumping face soap?
4 Daft types with associates
7 Average fireplace, small, twice as empty
9 Riot over, he'll head back
10 Present king cut past you
11 Light brown shirt, odd fit
14 Atmosphere in a state capital
15 Everything that hurt? OK
16 Extreme cold doing for a beast
19 Indecent utterance regretted
21 Experience of closer swimmer
22 Revolving fan makes skin prickle grossly
23 Helper back to show support
24 Incompetent cast tackle rare part

DOWN

1 Beat up, experiencing this?
2 Fast food habitually eaten
3 Boy, a cop caught a descendant!
4 Bet involving joker and queen
5 Farthest street from a city
6 A retired rambler, perhaps
7 Goddess requires first, as well as second, name
8 Rising shriek from female poet
11 Cover band in trouble plays intros
12 Bond film sent up, one admitted
13 Protection from karma that ends
17 City lines included in to a story
18 Increase pressure on Conservative and Liberal leaders
20 Pet dog's lead and headpiece
21 Standard delay after false start

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