

28 PUZZLES

CRYPTIC by DA

21,109

NB - Eight clues display 3-down which their wordplay ignores. All other clues are normal.

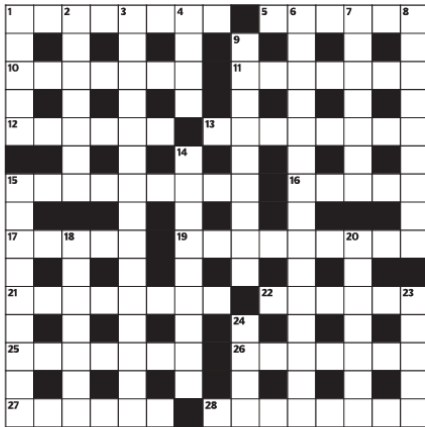
ACROSS

- 1 Addily of vacuous snacks ending in diabetes (8)
5 Issue a thunderous tune (6)
10 Part of a basketball tally or rally? (7)
11 Pack-rat hiding in mattress, amazingly laidback (7)
12 See 26-across
13 Disclaim loveless musical based in Dublin (8)
15 The French drink everything trendy, wearing disco's ultimate bling? (9)
16 F1 driver considering his machine from the back (5)
17 Roughly 760,000 English chairs in reception? (5)
19 Patrol, and gather cores towards the Pole (4,5)
21 See 22-across
22, 21-across Avoids yourself being scrubbed with soap (4,2,3,5)
25 Expected opposites stuffing about? (7)
26, 12-across Batman once came to like shorthand scrawl (7,6)
27 Two girls meeting Waugh in the library (6)
28 Sexually insipid spasm? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Quiet break, say, animated monster (5)
2 Sully renovated pub, first getting carpet (7)
3 It helps you rethink audit of recent bank fiddle - it's typical (15)
4 Ratbag needs a drink (4)
6 Head into a French butcher for MSG, perhaps (7,9)
7 Killer behind recess he overlooked (7)
8 Pink planet producing erbium and cerium (4,5)
9 Cleveland basketballers yawning? (9)
14 Yes, my diet became sentimental (5-4)
15 Brooks babble initially where Batman lived? (9)
20 Lawrence on his way? (2,5)
21 Try again to support expertise (7)
22 Kind of acid escapade not right (5)
24 Truly stuck in predicament (4)

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QUICK by DA

13,124

ACROSS

- 1 Statue's base (8)
5 Double-dotted diacritic of German (6)
10 Favourable to progress, tolerant (7)
11 Lethargy (7)
12 Far from important facts (6)
13 Retirement notice via bugle? (4,4)
15 Distinct (9)
16 Sonnet or limerick feature (5)
17 More abundant (5)
19 Careless omission (9)
21 Literally 'earth-pig' in Afrikaans (8)
22 Cavort (6)
25 Feudal estate (7)
26 Read speedily (7)
27 Essence, character (6)
28 As one (8)

DOWN

- 1 Maiden episode of a series (5)
2 Post-mission interview (7)
3 Company offering its subscribers access to the web (7,8)
4 Supporter (4)
6 Time in the army, perhaps (8,7)
7 Maintenance to Americans (7)
8 Therapy (9)
9 Beset by problems and conflicts (9)
14 Cyclists' race track (9)
15 Shark's stabilising protuberance (6,3)
18 Lose due to a breach in terms (7)
20 Trudge clumsily (7)
23 Lebanon's emblematic tree (5)
24 Norway's capital (4)

Yesterday's cryptic

21,108



Yesterday's quick

13,123



TARGET

7339



Today's Target: 15 words good, 23 words very good, 30 words excellent.

How many words of four letters or more can you make? Each letter may be used once per word. Each word must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals ending in 's', no foreign words, no proper names. Source: Chambers 21st Century Dictionary.

Blank grid for writing words from the target puzzle.

WORDWIT

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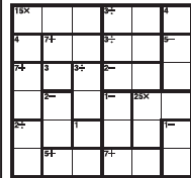
We broke a comical question into 16 pieces. With no jumbling of letters needed, can you restore the gag?

Grid for Wordwit puzzle with letters: BI CA CS EB, EC EO HO LA, LO NP OP PL, SE TC TR US.

KENKEN

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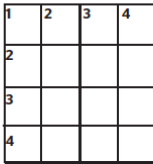
LEVEL: Challenging



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LETTER GAMES

This Way and That



The answers down and across are the same.

- 1 whip handle
2 great anger
3 monster
4 look furtively

Yesterday's solution:

1 chic, 2 holy, 3 ills, 4 cyst.

Missing Letters



There are only three letters that can be used to fill in the gaps. Do you know which ones they are?

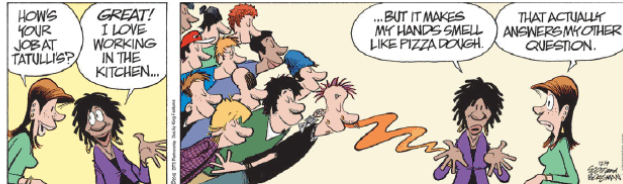
Today's subject is cities and countries

Yesterday's solution: C, L and N.

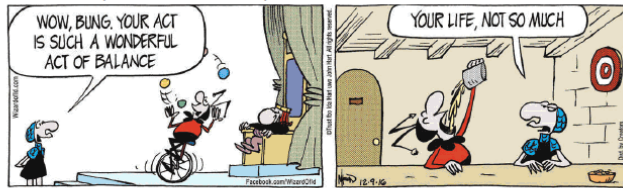
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COMICS

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Wizard of Id by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



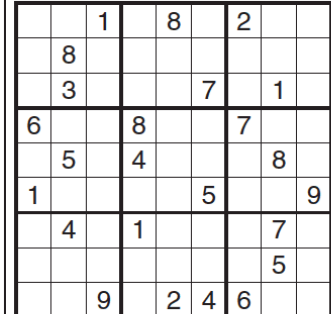
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SUDOKU

LEVEL: Tough

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There is only one rule to completing a sudoku: each 3x3 box, as well as each column and row, must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9. ©Hispagoh, London

Yesterday's Sudoku



Yesterday's Target: actor actuary aorta arty auto AUTOCRACY carat cart coast court curt outcry rota rout ryot taco taro torc tour tray troy turaco tyro yurt

Yesterday's Wordwit: Courage, cabbage, cottage, cribbage, cartilage, carnage, camouflage, cagoule, coverage, carriage