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06.06.24

Sudoku Mild No 14,970

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Fiendish No 14,971

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Super fiendish No 14,972

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The Times Quick Cryptic No 2695 by Jalna



Across

- Change one's view using no decorum, possibly (4,5)
 Total amounts you claim at the
- end (3) 8 Vegetable from standard crop (7)
- 9 Protection, for example, accepted by Mafiosi from time to time (5)
- 10 Call bringing in working companion (5)
- 12 Additional bits of old refuse cut back by 20 per cent (6)
- 14 Price reduction newly introduced as benefit, finally (5,8)
- 16 Undercover soldiers in splinter group (6)
- 17 Suggestion read out for people waiting (5)
- 19 Intend to go round Michigan and somewhere in Florida (5)
- 20 Coffee maker in pub is totally abandoned to begin with (7)
- 22 Duke featured in old English verse (3)
- 23 Fruit is good to use again (9)

Down

1

- Volume limit placed on a large town (8)
- 2 Thrust upwards and do damage (3)
- 3 Sprinted extremely gracefully, having long legs (5)
- 4 Variable, strangely abrupt decline (13)
- 5 Radical doctor in charge of taking all scientific tests at first (7)
- 6 Distinctive, oddly stingy character (9)
- 7 Mother and son have hot potatoes (4)
- 11 Typically, one circles a grave uneasily (2,7)
- 13 Cheapest seats always once included in part of journey (8)15 Making money from
- 15 Making money from scholarship, but not initially (7)17 Religious text starts to
- 17 Religious text starts to question unusual rationales about Neo-Christianity (5)
- 18 Medical officer supports morning rounds (4)
- 21 Special area where you may go to relax (3)

Suko No 4135



Place the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding spaces, and each colour total is correct

Train Tracks No 2263



Lay tracks to enable the train to travel from village A to village B. The numbers indicate how many sections of track go in each row and column. There are only straight sections and curved sections. The track cannot cross itself.

Word watch David Parfitt

Gerontomorphic

a Of nouns formed from

- verbs **b** Eroded by frequent rotation **c** Of mature male
- characteristics

Flitch

- **a** To make arrows **b** To move nervously to
- and fro c A side of pork salted
- and cured
- Jujube
- a Å magical incantation
 b A fearsome mythical
 bird
- **c** A sweet of flavoured gelatine

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Tetonor Fiendish No 472



When complete, the strip below the grid can be split into eight pairs of numbers. Adding the numbers in a pair gives one of the 16 numbers in the grid. Multiplying them gives a different number in the grid. For example, a 4 and 6 in the strip could be paired to make 10 (4+6) and 24 (4x6) in the grid. Enter each sum below the corresponding number in the grid. The blanks in the strip must be deduced, bearing in mind the numbers are listed in ascending order.

The next Tetonor puzzle will appear on Tuesday

Codeword No 5234



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	°O	¹⁰ R	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	²⁶ W

Every letter in this crossword-style grid is represented by a number from 1 to 26. Each letter of the alphabet appears in the grid at least once. Use the letters already provided to work out the identity of further letters. Enter letters in the main grid and the smaller reference grid until all 26 letters of the alphabet have been accounted for. Proper nouns are excluded. *Yesterday's solution, right*

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Slide the letters either horizontally or vertically back into the grid to produce a completed crossword. Letters are allowed to slide over other letters

Winning Move



White to play.

This position is from Mahdavi-Urbina Perez, Titled Tuesday, chess.com 2024.

As checkmate ends the game in chess, king safety is always a key consideration. White's king is, for the moment at least, secure. The same cannot be said of the black king, which is uncomfortably placed on f8, perilously close to the white forces. How did White quickly exploit his opponent's vulnerable monarch?

times2 Crossword No 9550



Across

- 4 Feline (3)
- 8 Organ of digestion (7)
- 9 Succulent plant (5)
- 10 School punishment (5)
- 11 Laboratory tube used to convey or measure liquids (7)
- 12 16th-century French writer (8)
- 14 Skin growth (4)
- 15 Draw in (air or liquid, eg) (4)

Solution to Crossword 9549



- 16 Layer through which a hatchling has broken (8)
- 20 Liquor (7)
- 21 Respond (5)
- 23 Stop, halt (5)
- 24 Colleague, associate (7)
- 25 Pan for stir-frying (3)

Down

- 1 Historical worker tending horses stabled at an inn (6)
- 2 Biblical Evangelist (4)
- 3 Bone of the ankle or heel (6)
- 4 Base for splitting logs (8,5)
- 5 Brownish-grey colour (5)
- 6 Clothing industry (3,5)
- 7 Warm up again (6)
- 13 Insolent language, lip (8)
- 15 Grab (6)
- 17 Steal (apples) (6)
- 18 Soapy froth (6)
- 19 Tiny mouselike animal (5)
- 22 Gelatinous substance
 - derived from seaweed (4)

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KenKen Difficult No 6226

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	6×			9+		010 KENKEN PUZZ



All the digits 1 to 6 must appear in every row and column. In each thick-line "block", the target number in the top left-hand corner is calculated from the digits in all the cells in the block, using the operation indicated by the symbol. Fill the blank squares so that every row and column contains each of the numbers 1 to 5 once only. The symbols between the squares indicate whether a number is larger (>) or smaller (<) than the number next to it.

Kakuro No 3733



Fill the grid using the numbers 1 to 9 only. The numbers in each horizontal or vertical run of white squares add up to the total in the triangle to its left or above it. The same number may occur more than once in a row or column, but not within the same run of white squares.

Quintagram®

Solve all five **cryptic** clues using each letter underneath once only

1 Jack is with a French love goddess (4)

2 State just had HQ for regular visits (4)

3 Mother and girl do awful bloomer (8)

4 I don't know initially which ring road is a means of access (8)

5 A bird going after cat? One's for the chop! (8)

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Brain Trainer

Polygon

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easy 48	÷4	50% OF IT	x 5	1⁄3 OF IT	x 2	+ 3	- 11	25% OF IT	+ 8	ANSWER	
MEDIUM 84	+ ^{5/} 6 OF IT	+ 22	5⁄8 OF IT	x 3	+ 87	x 2	^{5/6} OF IT	- 57	x 2	ANSWER	
HARDER 166	50% OF IT	+ 248	x 7	+ 785	x 2	+ 24	75% OF IT	+ 21	x 2	ANSWER	

Cell Blocks No 5117



Divide the grid into square or rectangular blocks, each containing one digit only. Every block must contain the number of cells indicated by the digit inside it.

Set Square No 3736



Enter each of the numbers from 1 to 9 in the grid, so that the six sums work. We've placed two numbers to get you started. Each sum should be calculated left to right or top to bottom.

N D O H S I E

From these letters, make words of four or more letters, always including the central letter. Answers must be in the *Concise Oxford Dictionary*, excluding capitalised words, plurals, conjugated verbs (past tense etc), adverbs ending in LY, comparatives and superlatives. **How you rate** 14 words, average; 19, good; 24, very good; 30, excellent

Yesterday's answers

appeal, **applause**, apple, apse, lapse, lase, leap, lues, pale, palea, papule, pause, peal, plea, pule, pulse, sale, salep, seal, sepal, slue, spae, spue, supple

Please note, BODMAS does not apply

Killer Tough No 9507



As with standard Sudoku, fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Each set of cells joined by dotted lines must add up to the target number in its top-left corner. Within each set of cells joined by dotted lines, a digit cannot be repeated.

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Killer Gentle No 9506

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THE **CALLER** TIMES

Times Crossword 28,936

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ACROSS

- 1 Rejects those who've acted in Fringe version of *Friends*? (4-4)
- 5 Flap observed to lie the wrong way (6)
- **9** Everything we can teach about religion, perhaps, is sound (3,5)
- **10** Not just tasteful stuff in this display? (6)
- 12 Pounds in the bank for one to do bathroom renovation? (5)
- **13** A large London college had resistance, offering places to everyone? (3-6)
- 14 Demanding car rental? (4,2,6)
- **18** Freedom perhaps to explore the factory's routine (3-2-3-4)
- **21** Banned from working in Bedford (9)
- 23 On deck, maybe, stop sweeping after area (5)
- 24 Weaken, slowing down following a series of races (6)
- **25** Shiny silver paper discarded? (8)
- **26** Again tried to pass back small weapons (6)
- 27 Original voting system, first popular with electorate, primarily (8)

DOWN

- 1 Time on board yacht wasted gossiping (6)
- 2 Upset Argyle lost not entirely just! (6)
- **3** Possibly Dutch people we envy? (5,4)
- 4 Poorly from lead, one regularly turning back to doctor for solution? (12)
- 6 Empty tin can we are consistently failing to open (5)
- 7 Just after one on Thursdays, visiting temple (4,4)
- 8 Severely punished, did well to hold firm (8)
- **11** Girl or bloke, a German store supervisor (5,7)
- 15 Blues all I played, or music for rockers? (9)
- **16** Director having drawn winning card stops (8)
- 17 They are not obliged to reduce local golf charges (8)
- **19** Cocktail one's knocked back: short to follow (3,3)
- **20** Sun, perhaps, going down on a day of celebration fast? (6)
- 22 One day out of drink so reserved more? (5)

Yesterday's solution 28,935

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THE **CONTINES**

Solutions

Quick Cryptic 2694

MATCH RHUBARB O A S R A Ι DORING EXCEL L G H U ASCERTAINS V T D A OTIONANNEXE UN H G S R ONTHELEVEL S S R T R L MYEYE M E R X E DESCENT MAINTOP E N A A T EMBER

Sudoku 14,967

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6	8	4	5	9	2	7	3	1
5	4	8	2	1	3	6	9	7
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Sudoku 14,968

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Sudoku 14,969

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Killer 9504

3	2	7	8	4	9	6	5	1
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Killer 9505

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Codeword 5233





Train Tracks 2262

Kakuro 3732

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Set Square 3735

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KenKen 6225

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Today's solutions

Word watch

(Collins)

Gerontomorphic (c) Of mature male characteristics

Jujube (c) A sweet of flavoured gelatine (OED) Chess – Winning Move 1 Qd7! has the main point that 1 ... Rxd7 2 Re8 is mate. Furthermore Black has no decent defence against the rook or queen coming to e8. He tried 1 ... Ne6 but 2 Qxd8+! Nxd8 3 Re8 was mate

Flitch (c) A side of pork salted and cured (*Chambers*)

Cell Blocks 5116

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Futoshiki 4773

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Samurai medium

Fill each grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Where the puzzles overlap, the rows and columns do not go beyond their usual length.

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Futoshiki

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Sudoku difficult

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Codeword

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until all 26 letters of

Killer deadly

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Suko



Place the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding spaces, and each colour total is correct

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Fill in the grid so that every column, every		4			5	
row and every 3x2 box contains the	6		2	4		
digits 1 to 6		2			6	
Solutions in			_			

Monday's Times2





Yesterday's solutions

SAMURAI

1	2	3	7	4	5	6	8	9				9	8	4	2	1	5	7	6	3
7	5	4	8	9	6	3	2	1				1	7	2	3	9	6	4	5	8
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TRAIN TRACKS



FUTOSHIKI

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SUDOKU

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KILLER

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CODEWORD



