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NUMBERDRUM

Use the numbers in the outer ring to make the target number. You can +, -, x or ÷ them to reach your target. **Target: 30 seconds**

Today's solution: One way is (75 + 20 + 16) x 7 + 8 - 1.

SUDOKU

Fill the grid with the numbers 1 to 9 so that each row, column and 3x3 block contains the numbers 1 to 9. **Target: 30 minutes**

		8			1	7		
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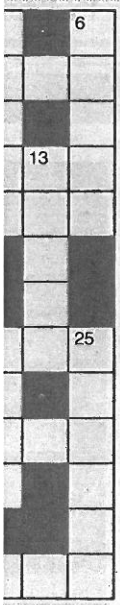
For yesterday's solutions: **standard.co.uk/games**



EASY

ACROSS

1 Hesitates to believe (6)
7 Golden horse (8)
8 Bill of fare (4)
10 Car horn (6)
11 Submissive (6)
14 Spanish cry (3)
16 Distinguished (5)
17 Ridge of drifted sand (4)
19 Sits for an artist (5)
21 Fastening bolt (5)
22 Group of nine (5)
23 Missing (4)
26 Cherished hope (5)
28 Swindle (3)
29 Assortment (6)
30 Find (6)
31 Adjoin (4)
32 Particular (8)
33 Thing (6)

DOWN

1 Rushed (6)
2 Ladybird, say (6)
3 Incitement (4)
4 Small crown (7)
5 Restrict (5)
6 Filleted (5)
8 Satellite (4)
9 Born (3)
12 Lettuce (3)
13 Jumps vigorously (5)
15 Lid (5)
18 Extreme (5)
19 Narrow brooch (3)
20 Harden (3)
21 Country (7)
22 Arrest (3)
23 Destructive insect (6)
24 Nagging, informally (2,2)
25 Fashionable (6)
26 Waste (5)
27 Wading bird (5)
28 Loaf type (3)
30 Shoe fastener (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC

ACROSS: 1, SP-out 6, Mac-ho 9, Show-s up 10, Ven-U-e 11, Senna 12, Ra-p-id 13, Sidecar 15, Dew 17, Us-er 18, Manila 19, Devil 20, Ar-amis 22, Stye 24, Roy 25, Festoon 26, Tamer 27, Keba-b 28, T-Ruth 29, CL-Acton 30, State 31, Tense.
DOWN: 2, Precis 3, Usurer 4, The 5, S-W-ear 6, Musical 7, Aped 8, Handel 12, Rates 13, Sugar (rev.) 14, D-EC-ay 15, Ditto 16, Waken 18, MI-ser 19, Di-sable 21, Robert 22, Sterne 23, Y-ouths 25, Fence 26, TA-Ct. 28, Tot.

EASY

ACROSS: 1. Great; 6. Sling; 9. Forsake; 10. Entry; 11. Issue; 12. Gasps; 13. Holiday; 15. Bar; 17. Amid; 18. Sedate; 19. Sneer; 20. Garnet; 22. Aide; 24. Spa; 25. Regular; 26. Caber; 27. Debut; 28. Bulge; 29. Rostrum; 30. Order; 31. Snore.
DOWN: 2. Random; 3. Afraid; 4. Toy; 5. Essay; 6. Skipper; 7. Less; 8. Nougat; 12. Gaunt; 13. Hangs; 14. Libra; 15. Basil; 16. Refer; 18. Sewer; 19. Senator; 21. Appear; 22. Autumn; 23. Dagger; 25. Rests; 26. Cure; 28. Bus.

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ACROSS: 2, Brand 7, Spree 8, Spoof 10, Genus 12, Urn 13, Steal 15, Secrete 17, Leaner 19, Can 20, Deluded 23, Tied 25, Dear 26, Decreed 30, Sue 31, Depose 34, Success 37, Later 38, Due 39, Sober 40, Borne 41, Tense 42, Ceded.
DOWN: 1, Spite 2, Began 3, Reeled 4, Nous 5, Spurned 6, Month 9, Ore 11, Secured 13, Sloth 14, Eased 16, Cad 18, Repress 21, Depot 22, Order 24, Descent 27, Cue 28, Delete 29, Kudos 32, Pared 33, Sense 35, Cur 36, Sole.

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Programme (SHARP), an abstinence-based programme serving all of London that has helped launch many a Londoner's personal recovery from addiction over the past 19 years. It costs less than £6,000 per person and, when successful, results in all manner of savings to health, social and legal budgets, not to mention the fact that people in recovery tend to put something back. Because SHARP facilitates engagement with the (free of charge) self-help fellowships, the programme may only be needed once rather than multiple times.

Methadone and heroin prescribing, if appropriately administered, undeniably have their place in stabilising the lives of many opiate-addicted people, but what a travesty, when the Government is calling for the availability of more recovery oriented treatment to bring an end to dependence, that a unique opportunity for such recovery, in the heart of the capital, is forced to close due to a significant drop in funded referrals from a number of boroughs.

We will do what we can to bring it back as soon as possible but we will need help.

Nick Barton, chief executive, Action on Addiction

We should all help the elderly

THANKYOU Rosamund Urwin for a welcome widening of the debate over the Dilnot Commission report to argue it is "about more than just money", as Andrew Dilnot himself has tried to stress.

We can all do something about loneliness and isolation of the elderly, regardless of commissions or budget constraints. Contact the Elderly has 75 local friendship groups in London supporting more than 500 Londoners aged over 75 who are living alone and socially isolated. We are growing and plan to launch at least another 16 groups in London this year for which we need more volunteers. Anyone inspired to get involved in being part of the solution, please get in touch and help start changing the lives of the elderly right now.

Keith Arscott, CEO, Contact the Elderly

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