October 2020 wordoku

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Solve this wordoku in the same way as a sudoku with letters instead of numbers (each of the nine letters in each row, column and nine-square cell). Once solved, one of the overall diagonals can be rearranged to give the name of a bicyclic alkaloid.

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## October 2020 science scramble

Similar to a word ladder, each answer provides letters that must appear -
including duplicates - in the answer immediately following it. The puzzle's final answer is a scientist or someone who contributed to science.
For example:
1 sail
2 snail
3 saline
4 minerals
5 Neil Armstrong
Lip (3)

Strait-laced (4)

Numbers such as $3,5,7$,
11, 13 (5)

Paint for bare surfaces (6)

Circumference (9)

Discoverer of francium
$(10,5)$
(3)
, 13 ( $)$

## Cryptic

Across
1, 8 Down Chemical engineer and Nobel laureate ran land forces on arrangement $(7,6)$
5 Without cake, ragamuffin turns to jelly! (4)
9 Letters about endlessly aiding the country (5)
10 Is Romania upsetting Anatolia? $(4,5)$
11 Beginning redesigning Ruhr Zoo top exhibit $(4,4)$
12 Skipping second lunch, buy more scrambled egg (6)
13 Also came around to location of fossil fuel $(4,4)$
15 Free to relax (6)
17 Go round Manx reactor (6)
18 Oddly scatty ideas about enzyme (8)
19 Ordered endlessly sterile measures (6)
20 See 26 Across
24 I will even turn phobia into a love of nature (9)
25 A drag returning to the Italian lake (5)
26, 1 Down, 20 Across With zero effort, Timothy upsets German biochemist $(4,5,8)$
27, 5 Down Privacy I could not even arrange in this compound $(7,4)$

## Down

1 See 26 Across
2 Physicist dares strongman to change $(6,8)$
3 First Honda cars developed a racket (5)
4 Paula's extremely soft about lab kit (8)
5 See 27 Across
6 Maybe Mama rents munitions (9)
7 Nuclear physicist raved about his anorak (6, 8)
8 See 1 Across
14 Cat honest about the bird? (9)
16 I dream about heartless flop creating hazard down the coal mine (8)
17 I mixed album in the city (6)
21 Surprisingly regal composer (5) 22 Old money found in beef ranch (5) 23 Dalton a little high? (4)

## Quick

## Across

1 Undeciphered Minoan writing system (6, 1)
5,9 Across Crystallographer known for their work on hydrogen bonding $(4,5)$
9 See 5 Across
10 Tungsten ore named after 27 Across (9)
11 See 18 Across
12 North Atlantic islands of Portugal (6)
13 German polymath who conceived differential and integral calculus around the same time as Isaac Newton (8)
15 Spiked frozen water (6)
17 _-___ Nightshade, source of atropine and other toxins (6)
18, 11 Across Crucible support for use while heating (eg with a Bunsen burner) $(8,8)$
19
______- Jar, an old form of capacitor or condenser (6)
20 Elevation (8)
24 Not belonging to anybody (9)
25 Pictures or symbols used on computer screens to represent commands (5)
26 Birthplace (then called Kristiania) of chemist Odd Hassel (4)
27 Swedish-German chemist who made several discoveries for which others were given the credit (7)

## September 2020 solutions and winners



## Wordoku

The chemical element was NEPTUNIUM

Science scramble
1 Sat
2 Hats
3 Chats
4 Starch
5 Charters
6 Characters
7 Wallace Carothers

## Down

1 Hungarian composer and pianist (5)
2 Aerobic processes that fix an important nutrient in soil (14)
$3 \mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{pH}$ indicator and dye intermediate (5)
4, 23 Down $-273.15^{\circ} \mathrm{C}(8,4)$
5, 17 Down English chemist, physicist and meteorologist $(4,6)$
6 German philosopher and author of Thus Spoke Zarathustra (9)
7 Guncotton (14)
8 Supposed creature that lurks in the waters of a Scottish loch (6)
14 Legal term (abbrev) for abandonment of a suit (5, 4)
16 Treatment for patients with kidney failure, also a biochemical technique for separating substances in solution (8)
17 See 5 Down
21 Original nationality of Robert Boyle (5)
22 Follow (5)
23 See 4 Down

We apologise for errors affecting 16 Across (cryptic) and 14 Across (quick) in last month's crosswords. Hopefully these didn't throw you off too much!

## September winners

Science scramble
Cathal Connolly Fuerty, Ireland

## Wordoku

Christopher McMahon Little Chesterford, UK
Cryptic crossword
Tony Lees
Cockermouth, UK
Quick crossword
Aldo Guiducci Woodcote, UK

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