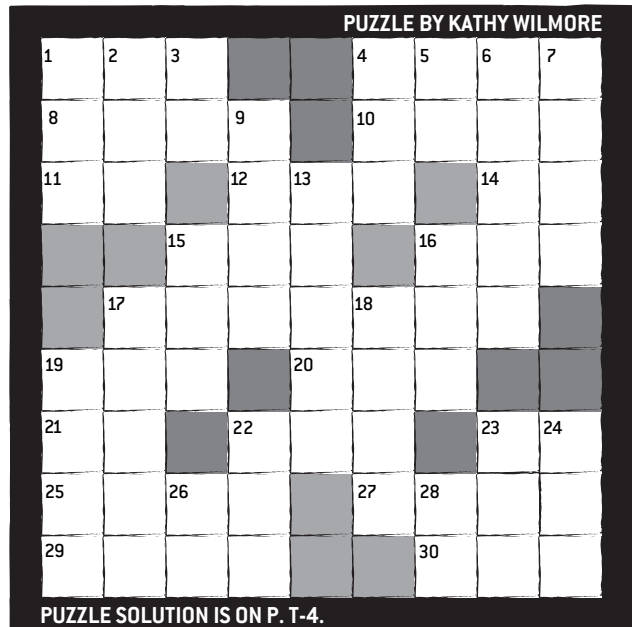


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Take our crossword challenge before reading this issue. Then come back and fill in any blanks. The starred clues refer to the article on pp. 20-23.

ACROSS

- 1 Exclamation of discovery
- *4 Puerto Rico is a __-governing political unit.
- *8 Africa has the __ countries of any continent.
- 10 Sword used in fencing
- 11 A unit of scoring, as in basketball (abbr.)
- 12 Famous actress: __ Thurman
- 14 Celebrated on May 8: __ Day (abbr.)
- 15 Attempt
- 16 Was introduced
- *17 Narrow strip of North America: __ America
- 19 One of five on each foot
- 20 Smart, fashionable, trendy
- 21 Short burst of laughter
- 22 Seagoing branch of America's military (abbr.)
- 23 We say this when we see something cute.
- 25 They aren't, it __.
- 27 Person who favors all-black clothes, dyed black hair, and dramatic makeup
- 29 Small swelling on an eyelid
- 30 Keanu Reeves in *The Matrix*



PUZZLE SOLUTION IS ON P. T-4.

DOWN

- 1 Device that makes guitars louder (abbr.)
- *2 Former name of Truth or Consequences, N.M.: __ Springs
- 3 “__ a matter of fact”
- 4 Mediterranean or Caribbean
- 5 Initials of superstar Presley
- *6 Mount Everest is the world's tallest mountain when measured from sea __.
- *7 Mauna Kea is 33,476 __ from base to top.
- 9 “One good __ deserves another.”
- *13 In this issue, Mapman debunks 15 __ about geography.
- 15 Where a golf ball sits when a player takes the first swing
- *16 Jim McMahon is __ man.
- *17 The Southern Ocean extends northward from the __ of Antarctica.
- *18 The __ of Fire is a region of active volcanoes.
- 19 *That is there, __ is here.*
- 22 Native American tribe for which Utah was named
- 23 Consumed food
- *24 Agency that rated the world's fattest countries (abbr.)
- 26 Albany is its capital (abbr.).
- *28 Alaska and 48 other states are located __ the continental U.S.

SUDOKU

Do you sudoku? This addictive puzzle from Japan has become hugely popular in the U.S. If you aren't already a fan, here's how to play:

The puzzle grid is divided into 9 large squares, each of which is divided into 9 small squares. Each row and each column also has 9 squares. Your goal is to write a number from 1 to 9 in each square. Each digit can be used only once per row, column, and square.

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