

BUILDING BLOCKS

By Will Shortz

In each of these puzzles, insert the three-letter “blocks” beside the grid into the squares — without rearranging the letters inside the blocks — to complete eight nine-letter words reading across. Each of the blocks will be used exactly once, so you may cross them off as you proceed. When all the squares in a puzzle have been filled, three blocks will be left over. These can be combined to provide a hint to a phrase reading down two of the columns in the completed grid.

Puzzle #1

ARK ASS AST EGR
 ERH ERO GHT GOI
 IFE IQU KKN LFI
 LGE LUE NGF NZA
 SCO SIC TCH

H	O	P						
S	U	P						
B	U	L						
A	N	A						
I	N	F						
A	N	T						
J	A	C						
B	L	U						

Puzzle #2

AMP BEA DEM DET
 DIA ENT ETY FUL
 GER GUE OGY OLE
 OVE PAS RIG ROW
 SIS UDE UTI

			A	G	O			
			M	A	R			
			R	T	H			
			S	E	N			
			E	R	G			
			M	O	L			
			L	I	T			
			G	N	O			

Puzzle #3

EHO ELO ESH ESO
 INT LAS NEW PBE
 PLA QUE RAS RDS
 STA STO TER THR
 TIS TWO WAR

						T	I	C
						O	L	D
						R	R	Y
						A	L	L
						I	C	A
						U	S	E
						I	F	F
						N	C	E