Puzzle 4

Each box on the attached sheet contains eight 3-letter words: three horizontal (always read left to right), three vertical (always read top to bottom), and two diagonal (orientation varies depending upon the box). For the first five boxes, their six clues give hints as to what the horizontal and vertical words are. Once you’ve solved the clues, arrange your answers in the 3x3 grid such that each diagonal spells a 3-letter word, too.

Look at the two arrows for each box that are pointing in the directions in which you read the diagonal words. Those provide either:

* A clue for one of the three-letter words used in the final box; or
* (In italics) a hint as to how to find the final answer.

The final answer will be three letters from the final box, arranged in the order given by the hints.

**FINAL ANSWER (3 letters):** LEG

**Box 1 clues:**

* Abbr. for “until”
* Brand of jeans
* Ctrl + \_\_\_ + Del
* Hawaiian garland
* Snakelike fish
* What Vikings quaff

**Box 2 clues:**

* “It’s not me, it’s \_\_\_”
* Obsolete spelling of “tie”
* Publisher of D&D before WotC
* Seeing organ
* To regret
* Type of milk for the lactose intolerant

**Box 3 clues:**

* Acronym for measurement of a pitcher’s effectiveness in baseball
* Additive conjunction
* Reminiscent of a single strand of DNA
* Tiny bit
* To masticate and swallow
* To sum

**Box 4 clues:**

* Abbr. for Homeowner’s Association
* Exclamation *(2 words)*
* “H” of the “5 Ws and 1 H”
* Measure of electrical resistance
* Nocturnal bird that asks a question
* Prefix meaning “bad”

**Box 5 clues:**

* Abbr. for “latitude”
* Exclamation of surprise, or acronym for a popular US motor club
* However or instead
* Individual sheet of material used in animated films
* Light perfume, or French word for “water”
* Taxi