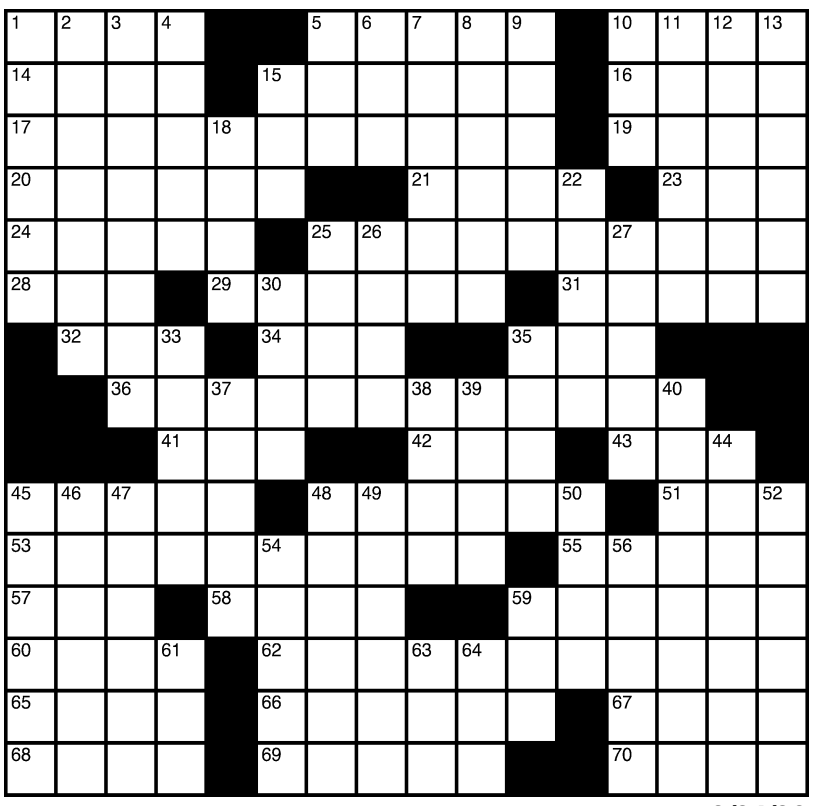
The Crossword



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ACROSS

1 Direction in the name of only one U.S. state
5 News network that changed its name in 2025
10 Story that spans generations
14 Writer Wiesel
15 Spanish nana
16 Large primates
17 Performer who might play finger cymbals
19 Baseball glove
20 "But that's not why I __ ... "
21 Cassette
23 Australian bird with secondary eyelids
24 Fennel flavor
25 Easily frightened sort
28 "The Simpsons" tavern owner
29 Plausible explanation
31 Leather with a fuzzy finish
32 Blog feed initials
34 Sort
35 "Shiny Happy People" band
36 Furry red "Sesame Street" toy
41 Small eggs
42 Very small eggs
43 Guffaw
45 __ hair pasta
48 Echoing guitar effect
51 Bar bill
53 Hardware store device that makes custom colors
55 Led Zeppelin's "Whole __ Love"
57 Feel poorly
58 Breakaway group
59 Actress/inventor Hedy
60 Sheet music symbol
62 "How goes it?," or a question that could be answered by 17-, 25-, 36-, and 53-Across
65 Listen to
66 Connected
67 Hawaii's state bird
68 Small whirlpool
69 __ Hall: New Jersey university
70 "My stars!"

DOWN

1 Online video tool
2 Roosevelt who was first lady for 12 years
3 Most inane
4 Rats (on)
5 Exec's degree, often
6 __-dried tomatoes
7 Hummingbird food
8 Like sleep-deprived eyes
9 "__ diem!"
10 Actor Waterston
11 Each
12 Grow angry
13 Insightful
15 Sum up
18 Toss aside forcefully, in slang
22 Ford that flopped
25 Peddle
26 Cola choice
27 Delish
30 Go backpacking
33 Warning wail
35 Raise, as kids
37 Young male horses
38 Checkers turn
39 "Best. Day. __!"
40 Blooper reel bits
44 Hurricane in Jesmyn Ward's novel "Salvage the Bones"
45 Navajo neighbors
46 Did exactly right
47 "The Handmaid's Tale" setting
48 Lionel of the Commodores
49 Still around
50 Meh
52 Fred's friend in Bedrock
54 Whimpers
56 Muscat citizen
59 Acid rock's acid
61 Word after waffle or curly
63 Boxing ring ruling, for short
64 One of a D.C. 100

Monday's Puzzle Solved

P	O	U	R	S	■	R	A	F	T	■	■	B	F	A
A	L	G	A	E	■	A	L	O	E	■	I	R	O	N
L	E	G	W	A	R	M	E	R	S	■	B	E	R	G
■	■	■	D	R	A	B	■	■	T	R	E	A	T	S
R	A	T	E	■	N	O	W	■	C	O	R	S	E	T
A	G	H	A	S	T	■	I	N	A	B	I	T	■	■
V	O	I	L	A	■	E	N	O	S	■	A	P	E	S
E	R	G	■	G	A	R	G	L	E	D	■	L	I	P
D	A	H	L	■	M	A	M	A	■	U	S	A	G	E
■	■	M	A	R	I	S	A	■	L	O	A	T	H	E
S	E	A	T	A	C	■	N	B	A	■	R	E	T	D
N	E	S	T	E	A	■	■	I	S	S	A	■	■	■
A	R	T	E	■	B	U	C	K	E	T	L	I	S	T
P	I	E	R	■	L	A	N	E	■	A	E	R	I	E
S	E	R	■	■	Y	E	N	S	■	T	E	A	S	E

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Daily Sudoku

Level **1** **2** **3** **4**

		9		6			4	7
	6	2				9		
		1	4	2				6
			7	9	1			
			6	3				
8				1	5	6		
		7				4	2	
3	1			4		5		

Solution to Monday's puzzle

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4	1	6	5	7	3	2	9	8
9	2	8	6	1	4	5	7	3
5	7	3	8	2	9	6	4	1
6	9	5	1	4	8	3	2	7
1	3	2	7	9	6	8	5	4
8	4	7	2	3	5	1	6	9
3	6	9	4	5	1	7	8	2
2	8	1	9	6	7	4	3	5
7	5	4	3	8	2	9	1	6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit ***sudoku.org.uk.***