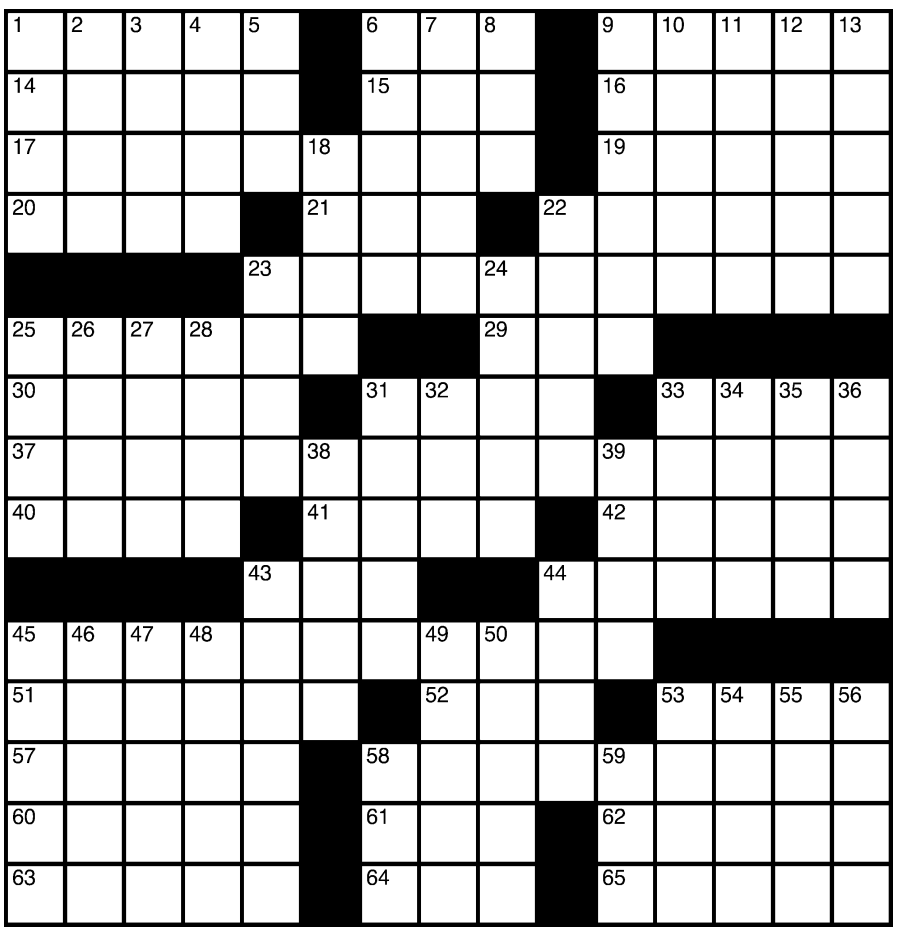
THE DAILY CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
1 Expenses
6 Happy __ clam
9 "Judy" Oscar winner Zellweger
14 Software company that makes InDesign and Acrobat
15 Captain's record
16 Garlicky spread
17 Communication system with dots and dashes
19 "I'm chipped" collar attachment
20 Peel or pare, say
21 Artist Yoko
22 Miss Marple, e.g.
23 "Aladdin" transport
25 One little piggy's destination
29 Cap
30 Look forward to
31 Bike part that can be raised and lowered
33 Rickman of "Love Actually"
37 Early-week newspaper feature
40 Side social media accounts, informally
41 Many moons
42 Temporary body dye
43 Mini owner
44 TikTok content
45 Actor who plays Allan in "Barbie"
51 NYC subway between Inwood and Far Rockaway
52 Chem class locale
53 Exchange
57 Queen's tenure
58 Nickname for Detroit
60 Permeate
61 Be in debt
62 Supporter of the arts?
63 Donkeys
64 "Bel Canto" novelist Patchett
65 Ceremony host, or a phonetic hint to 17-, 23-, 37-, 45-, and 58-Across

DOWN
1 Summer sleepaway site
2 Smell
3 Achy after exercise, say
4 Meas. on the wrapper of a stick of butter
5 "Catch my drift?"
6 "Run __ now!"
7 "Likewise!"
8 Stone or Iron follower
9 Berate
10 Puffer jacket filler, often
11 Still snoozing
12 Exhilarate
13 Twice four
18 Paint layer
22 Sings like Sarah Vaughan
23 Self-referential
24 Utter mess
25 Three Bears matriarch
26 Mil. truant
27 __ and rave
28 Nanny's offspring
31 Grimace
32 Directional suffix
33 Amazed
34 __ Star State
35 River of Florence
36 Confidentiality contracts, for short
38 Sanaa's country
39 Branch of Islam
43 The "B" of LBJ
44 Airbnb competitor
45 Tennis star Sharapova
46 Action __: post-meeting list
47 Baby beds
48 Peace Palace site, with "The"
49 Bozo
50 Devoured
53 Con
54 The Badger St.
55 Suit to __: fit perfectly
56 Gomer of TV's Mayberry
58 Extinct New Zealand bird
59 Food writer Drummond

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

T	A	P	A	S	B	A	R	S	■	P	A	B	S	T
E	M	O	T	I	O	N	A	L	■	A	R	E	P	A
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■	■	S	O	C	I	A	L	B	A	T	T	E	R	Y
S	H	A	N	E	■	R	E	A	L	M	■	P	E	A
P	O	G	■	■	A	G	A	T	E	■	■	I	A	M
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M	A	V	S	■	S	E	L	M	A	■	T	E	T	E
I	V	I	E	D	■	R	A	I	N	D	E	L	A	Y
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SUDOKU

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

Solution to Saturday's puzzle 2/16/26

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

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.***

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