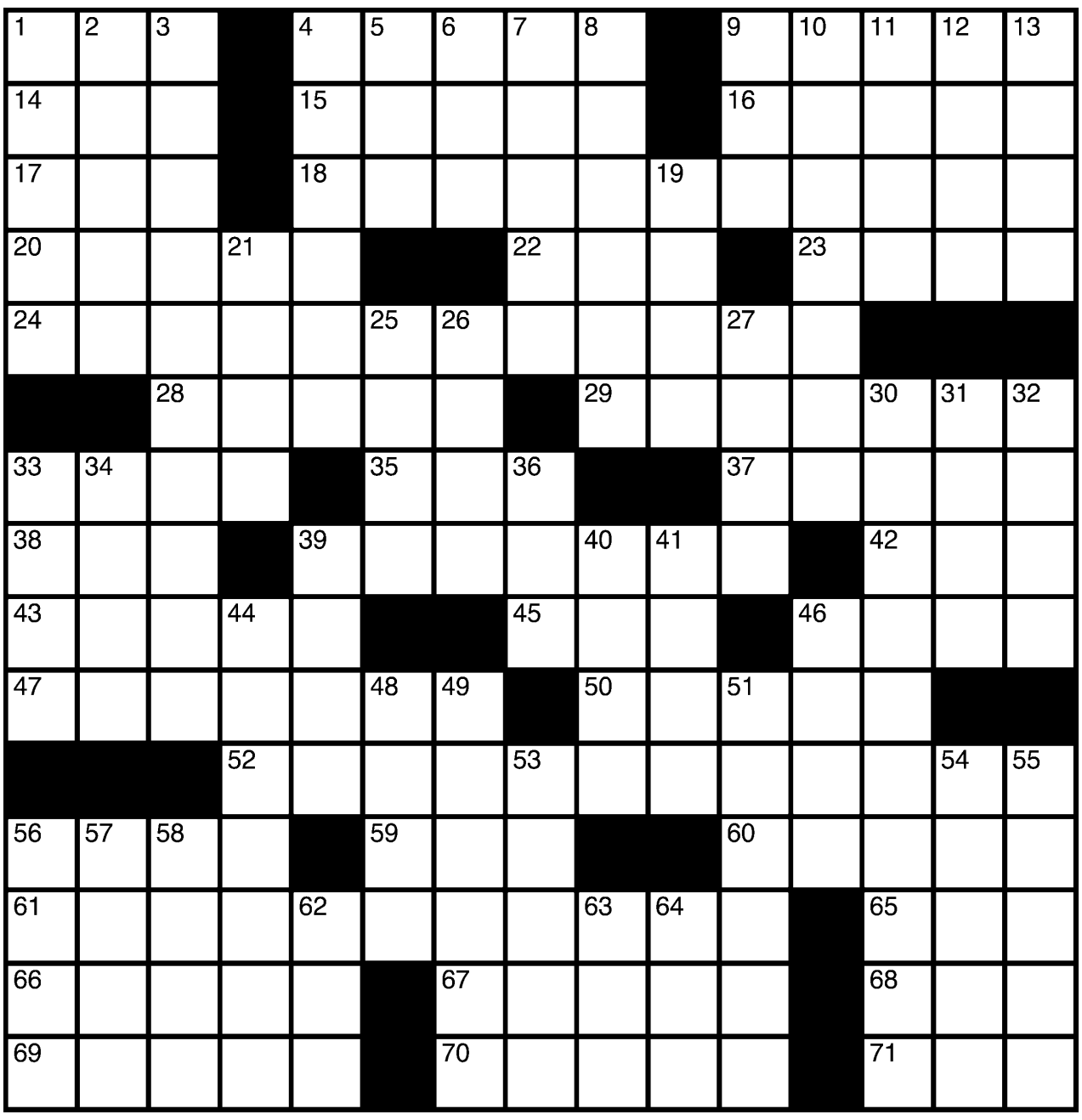
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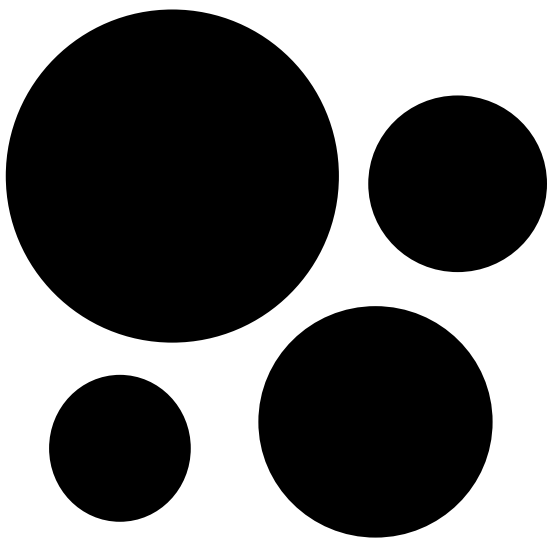
1 "God bless you, please, __ Robinson"
4 Subterranean lava
9 "Stop!," at sea
14 Feel queasy
15 Rumored Roswell visitor
16 Courage
17 Egg cells
18 *Celebration of Mexico's victory in the Battle of Puebla
20 Swab again, as a deck
22 Cold War rival of the KGB
23 Jr.'s practice exam
24 *Only woman to serve as prime minister of India
28 Going solo
29 Sobbing
33 Refute
35 Big bang letters
37 Alabama civil rights march city
38 UVA's athletic org.
39 *Evaluates
42 Special __
43 Litter member
45 Part of a semicolon
46 One of a deadly septet
47 "That's 100% true"
50 "__, Macduff": Shakespeare
52 *Punxsutawney Phil's big moment
56 Green curry cuisine
59 Maker of small kitchen gadgets
60 Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde"
61 "So glad you've returned!," or a feature of the answer to each starred clue?
65 Male sheep
66 Trojan War tale
67 City whose airport is named for 24-Across
68 Stockholm-to-Helsinki dir.
69 Book identifier
70 Basic skateboard jump
71 Aykroyd of "Ghostbusters"

DOWN

1 Native New Zealander
2 Torn asunder
3 Joined a mosh pit
4 Apple on a teacher's desk, perhaps
5 Boxer Muhammad
6 Gimlet liquor
7 Muslim pilgrim's destination
8 Name as a successor
9 Michigan in Chicago, e.g.: Abbr.
10 One who's long in the tooth?
11 Pitiful interjection
12 High-protein bean
13 Bouncy gait
19 Miami-__ County
21 Like an otter's fur
25 Not on board with
26 Gp. after millennials
27 Door fastener
30 Struggled to gain traction
31 Pros who cry "out" loud?
32 __-in first-out
33 Start of the day
34 Sound return
36 Actor Danson
39 Stimulus
40 Marketed
41 Snowbird ski resort state
44 Coherent
46 Premier seating area
48 Rapid growth period
49 Union suit?
51 Little terrier
53 Prestigious prize with six categories
54 Lotus pose, for one
55 Southernmost nation on the Arabian Peninsula
56 Ninny
57 Prefix with pad
58 Settled on a perch
62 Poem of homage
63 Bailiff's first word
64 Greek letter X



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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

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The Daily Sudoku

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

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Level **1** 2 3 4

Solution to Monday's puzzle 2/17/26

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

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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