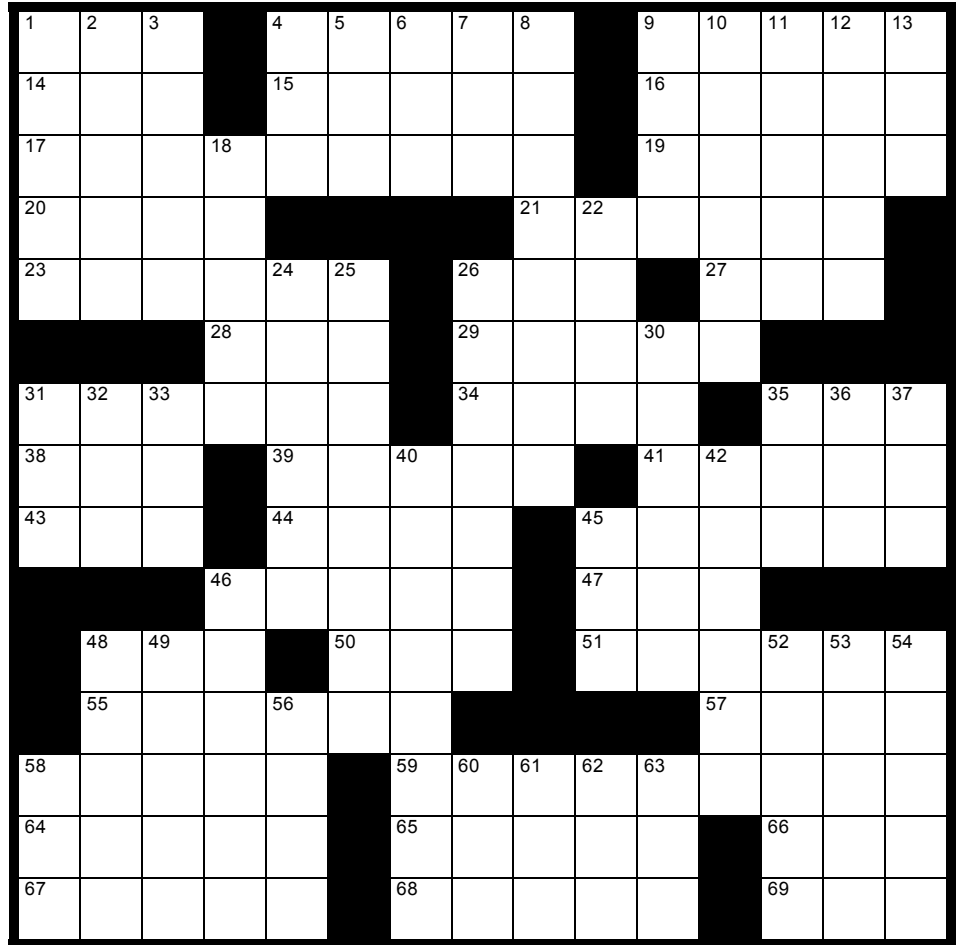


Across

- 1. WWF, e.g.
- 4. Top players
- 9. Was backed into a corner
- 14. Neighbor of Minn.
- 15. Comics witch
- 16. Reluctant to engage
- 17. Group of companies
- 19. Permit to attack
- 20. ___-generated content
- 21. Teenagers often play on them
- 23. Extortionist's weapon
- 26. Duke's gp.
- 27. Class with clay
- 28. First name at Babefest
- 29. Pops
- 31. Source of cash
- 34. Hold back
- 35. Check padder
- 38. Literary Bradbury
- 39. Contest crosswords
- 41. Shell station?
- 43. On the other hand
- 44. Exemplar
- 45. Kept from succeeding, in a way
- 46. "___ to bury Caesar..."
- 47. Was in a position to run out the clock
- 48. Powder holder
- 50. Delivery specialists
- 51. Ring combination
- 55. Stress parallels between
- 57. Sarah McLachlan song with the line "It's easy, we all falter"
- 58. Traditional
- 59. 2015 Jeff Bartsch novel about a crossword-loving couple (whose title entry is illegal in American crosswords)
- 64. Big ungulate
- 65. Beat
- 66. Convened
- 67. Hit gently, as waves do a shoreline
- 68. Bases for nogs
- 69. High-stress work environments, briefly

Down

- 1. Start of a qualified response
- 2. Grind
- 3. Resident in a holt
- 4. Enlightened exultation



This week's contest answer is a seven-letter phrase.

- 5. Up to the point that
- 6. Retiring Manning
- 7. Bother
- 8. Animals named for an island
- 9. Golden ring
- 10. Recipients of many joke questions
- 11. Spoiling type
- 12. Dead meat
- 13. It's frequently with another word
- 18. Tire feature
- 22. A-F dividers
- 24. Listless
- 25. Drained energy from
- 26. Website income sources
- 30. Tablet for sleep mode
- 31. Make, as bacon
- 32. Where to spend dirhams
- 33. Paper that endorsed both Liz and Amy
- 35. Check padder
- 36. Clinch
- 37. Prof's possession, probably
- 40. "You Got Lucky" singer, 1982
- 42. Make welcome
- 45. She's engaged to A-Rod
- 46. Tennessee Williams title word
- 48. "My Own Dance" singer, 2019
- 49. Deck out
- 52. Stadium just south of Seattle, for short
- 53. Older and ___
- 54. Conical buildings used for drying hops
- 56. So many
- 58. Address you can't walk to
- 60. "What was that name again?"
- 61. The Magic, on scoreboards
- 62. Satisfactory
- 63. "Evil" network