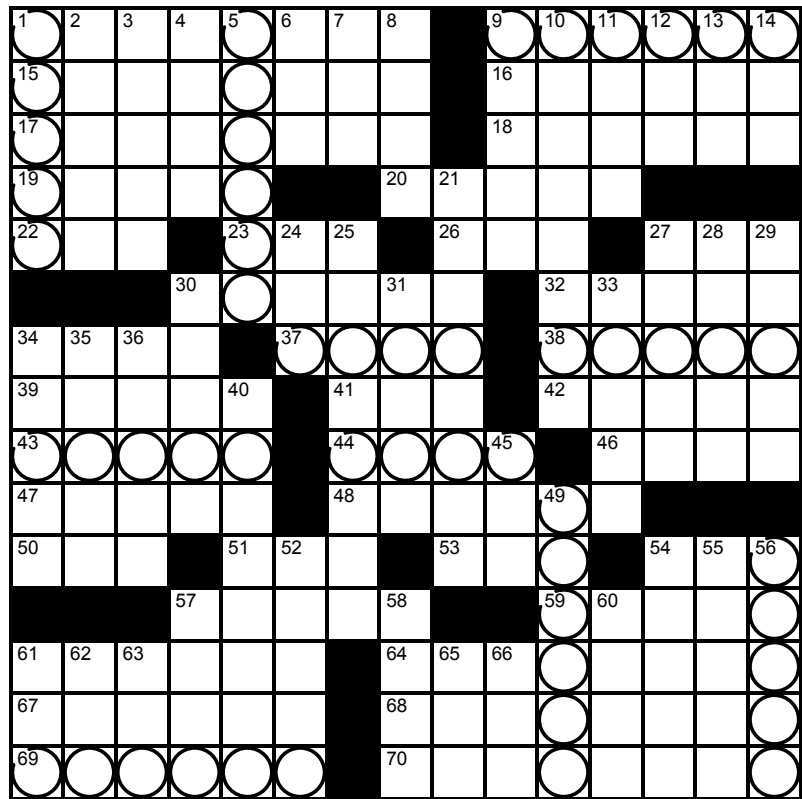


Across

1. Measurement of the body's acid alkaline balance
9. *Start of a word chain*
15. Contract out?
16. Prof. Dumbledore's sister, in the Harry Potter books
17. Bridgestone rival
18. John Lennon claimed he was one in "I Am The Walrus"
19. Mid-fifth century date
20. Actor Davis
22. Political blog "Daily ____"
23. "The Amazing Race" network
26. Still, to poets
27. Witchy woman
30. Springy?
32. Cheese plate offering
34. Encl. in a util. bill
37. *Step 6 in the chain*
38. *Step 4 in the chain*
39. Italy's Via ____
41. Bullfight cheer
42. Unsophisticated
43. *Step 2 in the chain*
44. *Step 8 in the chain*
46. Band's merch
47. Destroy, as a hotel room
48. Make secret
50. Baseball Hall of Famer nicknamed "Master Melvin"
51. Blunder
53. Part of a G.I.'s address
54. Geometric fig.
57. Take out
59. Sacred peak in Greek myth



61. Excelled on a hole
64. "The Reader" actress
67. Sleuth played by Peter Lorre
68. Fomenting
69. *End of the word chain*
70. Era when the cave art of Lascaux was painted

Down

1. *Step 7 in the chain*
2. 1953 John Wayne western
3. Fencing swords
4. Fools' day, maybe
5. *Step 9 in the chain*
6. Party favor?
7. Suffix with schnozz
8. Move, realtor-style
9. Bel ____ cheese
10. Driving ahead

11. Nickname of Elvin Hayes of the NBA
12. Hasty escape
13. ____ bit
14. Cooler
21. Actress Connie of "Hotel"
24. "Close that window!"
25. Busybodies
27. NBA broadcaster Brown
28. Take ____ (lose on purpose)
29. Obama's Defense Secretary
30. Obscures
31. Maximum poker bet
33. Speechify
34. Took care of
35. To the left, at sea
36. Lean eater Jack

40. Uphold
45. Keystone character
49. *Step 3 in the chain*
52. Atomic number 86
54. Paramecium propellers
55. Bouncer's job, in part
56. *Step 5 in the chain*
57. Race created by H. G. Wells
58. New Haven collegians
60. ____ bag
61. Stand-up comic Philips
62. Ernst colleague
63. Clock std.
65. Suffix with differ
66. Sgt. or cpl.

