

Happy Birthday to Me

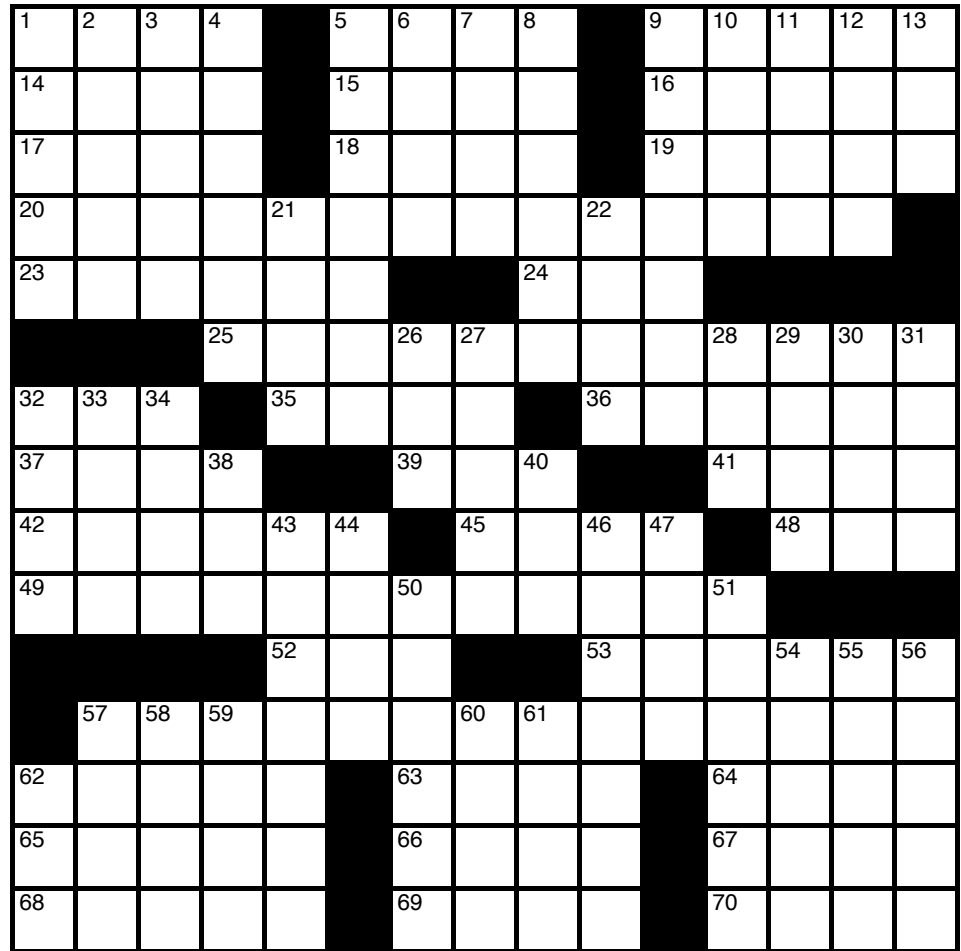
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Across

1. Lad's counterpart
5. Central tower of a Medieval castle
9. Peter and Dane
14. "___ Try" (1972 Don McLean hit)
15. Comic Johnson of "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In"
16. Great Lakes mnemonic
17. Sylvester or Tweety
18. The Beatles' lovely meter maid
19. Online publication
20. Compares with favorably
23. Pacific weather phenomenon
24. DoD abbr. for a system involving unmanned aircraft
25. Wins first prize
32. Radical 1960s campus org.
35. "Law & Order" foe
36. State of agitation
37. Shape of a certain office
39. Band with the hit "Don't Bring Me Down" (1979)
41. Little Red Hen's refrain
42. Deviates from the script
45. "Eri Tu," for example
48. Halves of qts.
49. "Give" vis-a-vis "gave," for example
52. "To ___ with Love"
53. Force to emigrate
57. Host of a convention
62. Yakked; gabbed
63. Tibetan for "superior one"
64. "___ Indigo"
65. Famous dancing Castle
66. Coll. bigwig
67. Fem. suffix
68. Where some go in London
69. Lancaster's opponent
70. Strong alkaline cleansers

Down

1. Athletically slim
2. "What ___ Believes" (1978 Doobie Brothers hit)
3. Inflamed (arch.)
4. Cry to a slow e-mail program, perhaps
5. Form of entertainment from the Japanese for "empty orchestra"
6. Monty Python's Idle
7. Jazz's Jones
8. Common ingredient in Thai cuisine
9. Neighborhood in London or Manhattan



10. Seep
11. Fail to include
12. Bingo-esque game
13. Opposite of NNW
21. Finally have enough
22. Author Roald
26. "..___ I saw Elba"
27. Sound often heard during a paintball battle
28. Cardboard box (abbr.)
29. ____, skip, and jump
30. Etta of comics
31. Most recent dwarf planet added to the Solar System
32. Classic 1970s comedy series about sisters Jessica Tate and Mary Campbell
33. Optical computer storage format
34. Common holiday event
38. Fleur-de-___
40. Piece of mined?
43. Other than, or together with
44. Petulant episode
46. Johnny Cash's "The Man _____"
47. Now!
50. Type of hat worn by Inspector Clouseau
51. Tooth covering, and the hardest substance in the human body
54. The fact that the Alanis Morissette song "Ironic" has no ironic things in it is an example of it
55. British unit of weight equal to 14 pounds
56. Former Congressman Henry and family
57. Whittle down
58. John Irving's "A Prayer for ___ Meany"
59. It starts after Fat Tuesday
60. Military garb (colloq.)
61. ___ vincit omnia
62. Lively dance

