

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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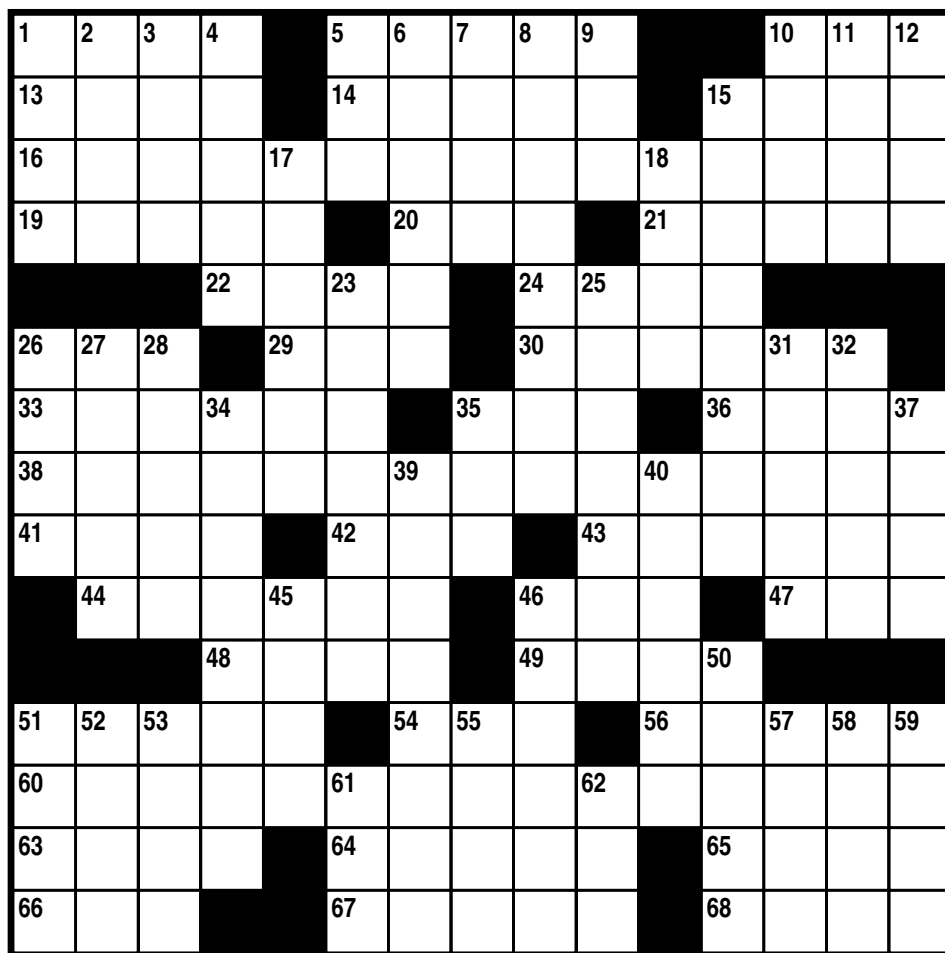
- 1 Earth's pull, for short
 5 Pasture livestock for a fee
 10 Start of an apt quote for summer visitors here
 13 Thunderclap
 14 Consumer activist Ralph
 15 Drink fast
 16 More of an apt quote for summer visitors here
 19 Animal-friendly org.
 20 Br. military award
 21 Deficiencies
 22 "Is Antony ___ in fault for this?" (Shakespeare)
 24 Back end
 26 Part of a Stein line
 29 Opener for two Tins?
 30 More of an apt quote for summer visitors here
 33 Won the Annual Twilight 5K, say
 35 Car of a '60s song
 36 Persian Gulf port
 38 More of an apt quote for summer visitors here
 41 Zealous
 42 Johnson beagle
 43 "Morning Train" singer
 44 Popular pastry
 46 Columnist Kupcinet
 47 Cinemax brother

- 48 Televangelist Jack Van ___
 49 Tolstoyan turndown
 51 Queen Elizabeth's pet dog
 54 Where the grass roots
 56 Cuts the mustard?
 60 More of an apt quote for summer visitors here, and its quoter
 63 Chard
 64 Cool red giant, like Aldebaran
 65 Elvsted in "Hedda Gabler"
 66 Nautical
 68 Across
 67 "___ Little Prayer" (Warwick)
 68 See 66 Across

DOWN

- 1 Whale of a film
 2 "We, mais oui!"
 3 Old West's Wyatt
 4 Singer Buddy
 5 Year abroad
 6 One of these adjoins the Atheneum
 7 Lupino and Tarbell
 8 Madrid maiden
 9 Venture
 10 Watery
 11 Track down
 12 Food of Gila monsters
 15 Acting game

- 17 First *NY Times* puzzle editor
 18 Start of "Jabberwocky"
 23 Nantucket Looms' owner Liz
 25 Secretiveness
 26 Part of the Louisiana Purchase
 27 Polished in manner
 28 Room at the top
 31 Unwilling
 32 Pulsate
 34 There isn't one on Nantucket
 35 Pearl
 37 "It will come ___ surprise ..."
 39 Like cellular net works
 40 It's at 1 Harbor Square (with "The")
 45 Bordeaux buddy
 46 When Rome wasn't built?
 50 These canines bite
 51 Certain swans
 52 After-school munchie
 53 66 and 101
 55 "I could ___ horse!"
 57 King Arthur of the courts
 58 Get naked
 59 Center's job
 61 Enjoy the snow at Stowe
 62 Annuity alternative



PUZZLE BY SAM BELLOTTO JR.

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THE INDEPENDENT SUDOKU

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

INSTRUCTIONS

Sudoku is a Japanese logic puzzle growing in popularity in Britain and the United States. Meaning "single number" in Japanese, a sudoku consists of a 9-by-9 grid with some of the 81 squares filled in with numbers.

Your challenge is to fill in the rest. There's only one simple, but often maddening, rule: The numbers 1 through 9 must appear only once in each of the grid's nine rows, nine columns, and nine 3-by-3 blocks.

Proper sudokus have only one solution, meaning they can always be solved by logic. Don't place a number unless you have determined it is the only number that can go in that square. Trial and error guessing is hard work unless there are only a few squares remaining to solve.

HISTORY

Sudoku was designed by Howard Garns, a retired architect and freelance puzzle constructor, and first published in 1979. Although likely inspired by the Latin square invention of Leonhard Euler, Garns added a third dimension (the regional restriction) to the mathematical construct and (unlike Euler) presented the creation as a puzzle, providing a partially-completed grid and requiring the solver to fill in the rest.

The puzzle was first published in New York by the specialist puzzle publisher Dell Magazines in its magazine *Dell Pencil Puzzles and Word Games*, under the title Number Place (which we can only assume Garns named it).

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