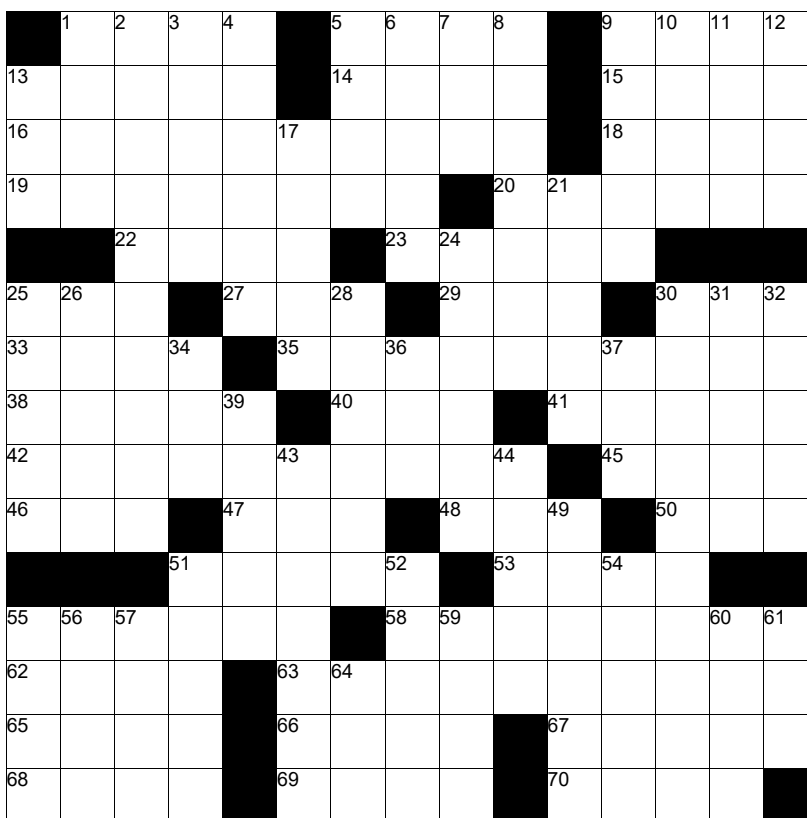


"Flock Together" a metapuzzle by Peter Washington

ACROSS

1. Mimicked
5. Toke
9. Something staged
13. Covered walkways of old
14. Japanese name fitting for a protagonist
15. "___ On" (1958 Buddy Holly hit)
16. Place one might visit after an ill-advised sexual encounter (or to preemptively avoid one, if you're more responsible than that)
18. From square one
19. Cross
20. They're frequently squeezed
22. Modern form of remuneration
23. Floundering
25. Twice-yearly academic publication featuring media metacommentary (abbr.)
27. Maker of sippy cups and whatnot
29. Cantonese version of qi
30. First doc. filed by the defendant
33. It beats nothing, but not much else
35. Item amid an office tangle
38. Bad way to run
40. Crucial
41. Tempo
42. Occasional guests?
45. Feverishness
46. Many namesakes' eponyms (abbr.)
47. Merlin's "The Sword in the Stone" nemesis
48. You should keep it grounded, it's said
50. Rapture
51. "Word" in a corny joke setup
53. Either of two "Hamilton" scenes
55. Channel airing games, clearly
58. Eponymous sounds made by perforated plastic balls
62. She played Carla in all 275 episodes
63. Phenomenon experienced by serial dieters
65. Actress Helgenberger
66. Reince Preibus now serves in it (abbr.)
67. "Bad, bad" Brown
68. Simple response to "dónde?"
69. Chris who played Nice Guy Eddie



The answer to the metapuzzle is something birds do.

70. Ice cream brand in a cylindrical carton

30. One of many in Chelsea (whether you're in New York or London)

DOWN

1. Fit to ___
2. Butts
3. Enjoy enthusiastically
4. Elvis Costello's given name
5. Pen name under which "Casey at the Bat" was originally published
6. Mountain range east of Salt Lake City
7. Fifth column head, maybe?
8. Astronomer's tool with two knobs
9. Part of a devil costume?
10. Alley subdivision
11. Profess
12. Evergreens often used in topiary
13. Automotive additive maker
17. Bunny, in hoops lingo
21. Noncommittal religious belief
24. "___ Taking the Hobbits to Isengard" (meme based on a movie line)
25. Machines helping with respiration (abbr.)
26. Disney sorcerer
28. Fictional island off the Florida Keys

31. ___ Amsterdam (Dutch colony on Manhattan Island)
32. Binge
34. Funk
36. Teensy
37. Wags spill it
39. Fluid akin to plasma
43. Words in many a country song, and also in "Jingle Bell Rock"
44. Name associated with sexiness in song, but with homeliness in the comics
49. Frill
51. Dragon roll component
52. He outdueled Clark for the '89 NL batting title
54. Screwed, to use a euphemism for a more vulgar term
55. Aretha's older sister
56. Twitter account that tweeted "IM SICK RIGHT NOW" on Sunday, 1/26/2020
57. Whence Paddington
59. Cape ___
60. "The Name of the Rose" and "Foucault's Pendulum," for two
61. Dump
64. Sweet suffix