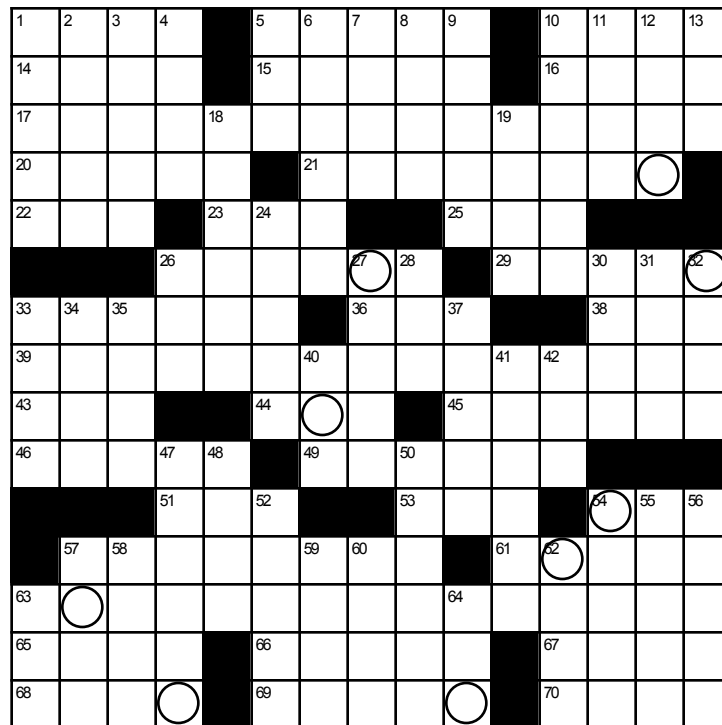


Breaking Water ... and News! by George Barany

ACROSS

1. Settle down (the baby, e.g.)
5. Feature of a handbag or a bicycle helmet
10. Not kosher
14. Exotic berry in some fruit juices
15. Element #41 is named after her
16. Aesop's also-ran
17. Apt nickname that can now be used twice
20. Spooky
21. Leader of the first expedition to circumnavigate the world
22. Org. with a "Popular Baby Names" web page
23. Johannesburg's land: Abbr.
25. Stephen of "The Crying Game"
26. "Furry" baby [actually, a puppy named after a Wisconsin brew]
29. Multiple-choice question choice, perhaps
33. Job for a thespian
36. Cold call?
38. 'Way cool!'
39. Two years later, breaking news! Announcing ____!
43. Nasdaq debut
44. Pronoun for this puzzle's honoree
45. Having a good chance to succeed
46. Unfreeze with salt or sand
49. Underhanded
51. First N.Y.C. subway line
53. "Aladdin" prince
54. Where rtes. meet
57. Accentuates
61. Without face value (like some stocks)
63. This happened after the water broke ... or how the breaking news may have been announced
65. Like much family history
66. Do new voice-overs
67. Ten percenters: Abbr.



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68. 3-Down's maiden name
69. Trades
70. Future J.D.'s hurdle

DOWN

1. Birthday treats
2. Clearasil targets [potential issue a dozen years from now]
3. "Mama" [who shares a first name with W's First Lady]
4. Skirt that goes below the knee
5. Prefix with "Cone" or "Cat"
6. Jack Haley character who went down the Yellow Brick Road
7. Jay-Z's ____-Fella Records
8. Snug as ____ in a rug
9. "Papa" [who shares a first name with a colleague of Paul and Mary]
10. "I was working in ____..." (start of "Monster Mash")
11. ____ Nui (Easter Island)
12. "____ go bragh"
13. Invoice amount
18. Like a sleeping baby, perhaps
19. Intestinal parts
24. Communicates with one's hands
26. "____ Abner" (Capp comic strip)
27. "A Doll's House" playwright
28. Hems and haws
30. First bed
31. Webster or Boone, for short
32. Brink
33. It turns litmus red
34. Part of a superhero outfit
35. Commander Deanna on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
37. NDSU vis-à-vis UND
40. Satisfied sounds
41. Skimpy beachwear named for an atoll
42. "Now I ____ me down to sleep" (a rare refrain for a new mother)

47. One of nine in this puzzle's grid
48. Words before "saw Elba" in a famous palindrome
50. Become less intense
52. Nicholas and Alexander, e.g.
54. Some computer images, for short
55. Magna ____
56. Midnight meeting, maybe
57. Still getting around
58. Hightail it
59. Throng
60. Old Icelandic literary epic
62. Race track shape
63. Leif, to Eric the Red
64. This puzzle's heroine weighed 7 ____, 13 oz