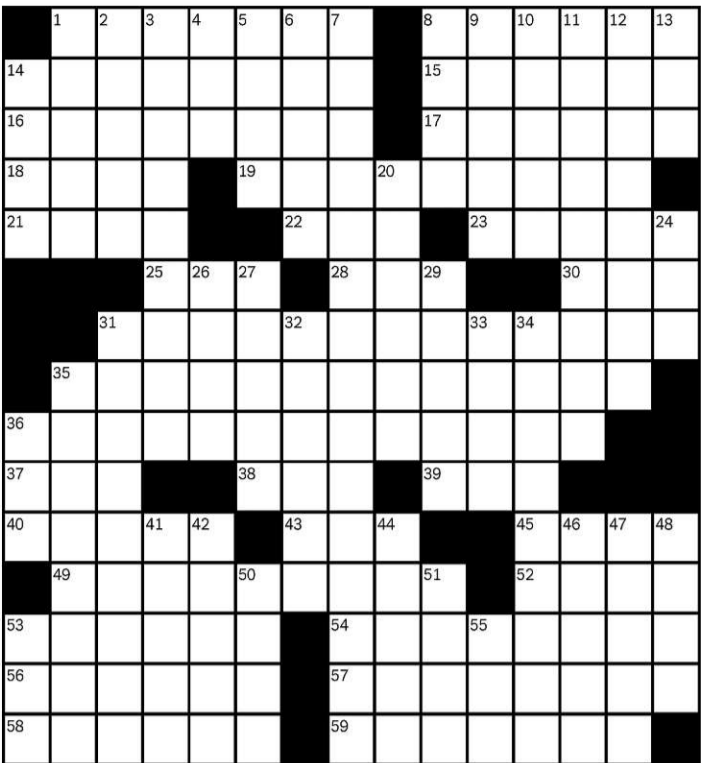


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ACROSS

- 1 One who tries to make a good impression
8 Go with
14 It has its X's and O's
15 Manscapes, perhaps
16 Money wasted on poor decision-making, jocularly
17 Destroyed emotionally
18 Greg __, author of the 1994 science fiction novel "Permutation City"
19 Ones who might be looking toward careers at museums
21 Elated
22 Goal of a squeeze bunt, for short
23 😊
25 Pro whose work might be shocking
28 Alley __
30 Sched. placeholder
31 Small semi-aquatic mammal with 22 tentacles on its snout
35 Condiment at an Asian fusion restaurant
36 Ground-breaking invention?
37 Big NYSE news
38 Formal duds
39 Kyrgyz city on the ancient Silk Road
40 What the "sans" refers to in Comic Sans
43 Bang into
45 Musical lead-in to beat
49 "OK, don't accept my apology then!"
52 Bird that can build tools and remember human faces
53 Not family-friendly, in a way
54 Logical inconsistency in a story
56 Game with a 32-card deck
57 Refreshers that can be served with green wedges



Puzzle by Bryan Cheong

10/10

- 58 Present
59 Gently presses, as a gas pedal

DOWN

- 1 Skirt
2 Water brand whose logo shows the Alps
3 Colorful fish with iridescent stripes
4 Need for a demo, maybe
5 Really small amount
6 Belle __, real-life 19th century outlaw celebrated in film and TV
7 Paragon
8 " __ bien!" ("All right," in Spanish)
9 Sliding screen in a Japanese tearoom
10 Bounce
11 Excess of inventory
12 Like canvas grocery bags
13 Cookbook qty.
14 Does some stretching?
20 Constriction of the pupils
24 Daniel __ Kim of "Hawaii Five-0"
26 Seriously harm

- 27 "Come on, just oncel!"
29 Topping dolloped on fresh Italian tomatoes, maybe
31 Misses watching a bullfight?
32 Word with human or second
33 Spot for a speaker
34 Young 31-Down
35 Bold choice, perhaps?
36 Lead-in to integration
41 Not going anywhere

- 42 Provided with, as anonymous tips
44 Obama family member with credits as a TV writer
46 Noted ring bearer
47 Slugger Scott with eight Gold Gloves
48 Has an unsettled Venmo request, say
50 Cold one
51 Monks' honorifics
53 Jewish honorific
55 Bit of concert merch

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX
Family finds new ways to harp on weight



BY CAROLYN HAX
tellme@washpost.com

Dear Carolyn: I grew up in a very image-conscious family. I've always been "bigger," which bothered my parents a lot. They were always on my case to lose weight, although it wasn't having health impacts and I don't have issues with physical fitness. Now that Ozempic is a thing, they have been dropping hints about that, too. I've tried gently having conversations about how their comments are hurtful, but they — especially my mom — get hostile and tell me I don't know what I'm talking about.

I love myself generally and think I'm a cool person. But I'm in my early 30s, and I've never been in a relationship. I really don't get romantic attention. I've been on a handful of dates from apps.

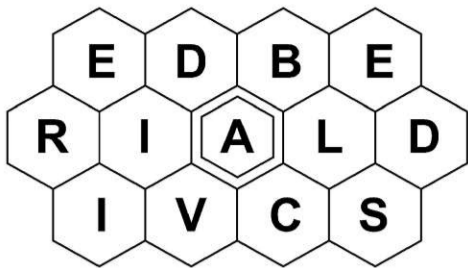
This is hard. I naturally wonder if my weight is the problem. But I can't bear the idea that my parents were right this whole time, and I don't want to hear the inevitable I-told-you-so's if I do end up trying Ozempic.

I know a reasoned conversation isn't going to stop them. And I know internally it's going to kill me if I lose weight and start getting more



10-10

Start at the double hexagon. Spell solutions to the clues below by winding your way through the grid. You can backtrack to use letters more than once. **Each new word starts with the last letter of the previous word.**



1. Lent a hand A _ _ _ _
2. This keeps things apart _ _ _ _ _
3. Adversary R _ _ _ _
4. Clothing tags _ _ _ _ _
5. Burned by steam S _ _ _ _ _

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attention; were they right and I was really that ugly this entire time?

I have no idea how to wrap my mind around this problem. I've had a string of really unhelpful therapists, generally saying, "You're not ugly, but you need years of therapy to heal ALL your childhood trauma and then maybe you'll be able to find a relationship!" and I need a break from that.

Do you have any advice?

— Need a Break

Need a Break: You packed a lot into one letter; pretty much all of it points to therapists with the right-ish ideas.

— Parents have no business DISCUSSING adults' weight unless invited, much less harping on it. To "get hostile" is straight bullying. There's no excuse for it.

— The weight-and-dating issue is unrelated to your parents and their opinions and told-you-so's. Potential dates are freestanding people. The only connection to Mother is in your mind. So just — detach the two. Now.

Want to try a GLP-1? No? Your doctor's is the only outside opinion that counts.

— When a kid grows up knowing their size "bothered" parents "a lot," that's an F on the PARENTS' report card.

One of the most important child-rearing jobs is to teach healthy self-acceptance. That means being the best parents we can for the kids we get — vs. letting a grinding frustration show that our kids aren't as expected.

Your parents were too superficial to see YOU past your weight.

Also by your account, you're making your version of their mistake: waiting and pushing for them to become the parents you want and not accepting their reality.

So whether you manage this back in therapy or under your own power, I hope you will give a good think to how much of your life you've spent trying to get different attention out of the parents you got.

Then let that spent time prove it: No better answers, values or parents are coming.

Then note how your life is in progress and waiting, at last, for your full embrace — by you as you are. Then give your cool self an ever-loving break from your parents' relentless disapproval.

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Vickie Case
Interim Executive Director
Housing Authority of Winchester
200 Canewood Drive
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In order to comply with the orders of the Fayette Circuit Court, the Commissioner will sell the property described in the following action on **October 27, 2025**, at the hour of 12:00 noon in the ROBERT F. STEPHENS COURTHOUSES, FAYETTE CIRCUIT COURT BUILDING, 120 NORTH LIMESTONE, Lexington, Kentucky. A bailiff will direct you to the appropriate room. Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the (unless otherwise indicated) following terms and conditions. (A) At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. **In the event the successful bidder does not pay cash, the bidder will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon.** Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of sale until paid, and shall have the force and effect of a judgment. (B) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current fiscal tax year (i.e. the amount that will be due thru June 30, 2026) and all subsequent years. All other delinquent taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and **filed of record** by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale. (C) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Fayette County Court Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s). **"Master Commissioner Sales are "Buyer Beware" Sales.** The Property is sold "As Is" "Where Is." The condition of the property is not warranted by the Court, by the Master Commissioner, or by the Plaintiff. If you bid on property, you should have done your due diligence before you bid, not after!" **FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THESE SALES AND OTHER UPCOMING SALES, AS WELL AS PAST SALES CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.FAYCOM.INFO. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO REFER TO THAT WEB SITE FOR ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS.**

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4- **1997 GREENLEAF DRIVE**, 25-CI-00125, Principal to be raised \$129,218.40. Parcel No. 16222625
5- **4021 ROYSTER ROAD**, 24-CI-03996, Principal to be raised \$203,718.41. Parcel No. 26510200
6- **117 LACKAWANNA ROAD**, 23-CI-00853, Principal to be raised \$43,239.72. Parcel No. 12111400
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1- **3207 BRIGHTON PLACE DRIVE**, 23-CI-01107, Amt. to be raised \$263,780.19. Parcel No. 19977490

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Please take notice Citadel Self Storage - Lexington located at 133 N. Locust Hill Dr., Lexington, KY, 40509 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The sale will occur as an Online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 10/13/2025 at 10:00 AM. Unit #1202; Unit #2227; Unit #2345; Unit #2409; Unit #2903. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 7568-320538
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