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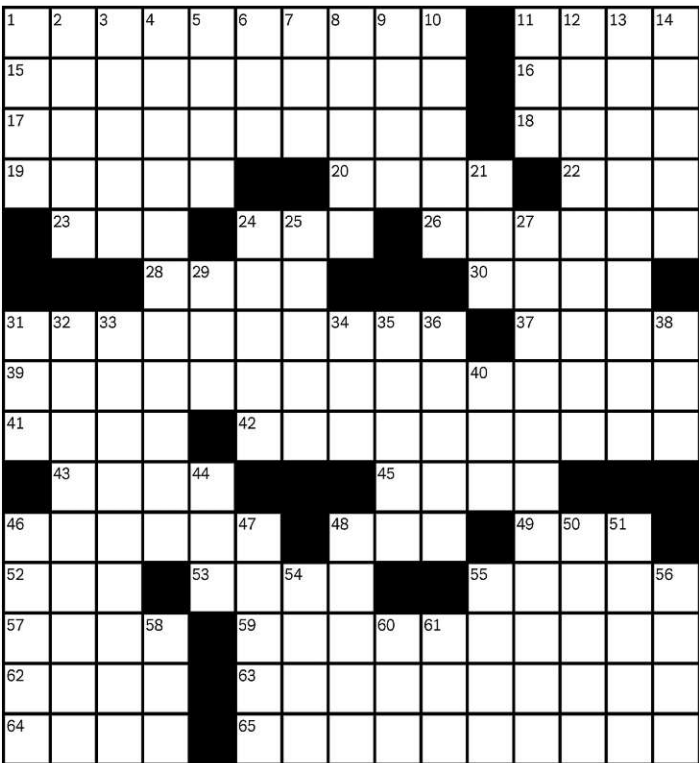
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ACROSS

- 1 "Whoa! Easy there, buddy!"
11 Exclamation to an old chap
15 Solitary
16 Who "can't buy you love" in an Elton John hit
17 Trend that involves pink accessories and décor
18 Low notes
19 Plants, maybe
20 Gifts sometimes made with pikake flowers
22 Three-part event, informally
23 Roofing supply
24 "___ crazy?"
26 Sore loser's wail
28 Common additive in chewing gum
30 Throat lozenge, often
31 Act like everything's normal despite how one feels
37 Its flag includes a coconut tree and a sailboat
39 Call in a casino
41 Let go to pot?
42 Lowest of the low
43 Get dressed (up)
45 Time on end
46 Shadow
48 Cries of faux despair, say
49 Leave it to beaver?
52 "Feliz ___ Novo!"
53 Some Elomi products
55 Its stripes represent wisdom in Buddhism
57 Government VIP
59 Bad thing to do when you see red
62 Literature Nobelist Morrison
63 Football maneuver involving a fake handoff
64 It's OK
65 "Oh, what's the worst that could happen?"

DOWN

- 1 Amounts of cream
2 Not quite right



Puzzle by Greg Snitkin and Glenn Davis

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- 3 Places in the heart
4 Philadelphia tourist attraction
5 Goddess known as "Great Mother"
6 Ring bearer?
7 Discreetly fill in, in a way
8 Garlic-rich topping
9 Charge
10 Naomi, author of 2007's "The Shock Doctrine"
11 Chat qualifier
12 Present-day attire?
13 Watered-down espresso, essentially
14 Arabic name that means "wealthy"
21 Lay the groundwork for, say
24 Make amends?
25 1960s-'80s singer/TV host Marilyn
27 Claws or bites
29 Be in rough shape
31 Droid, e.g., for short
32 Home of the first hippopotamus in Europe since the Roman Empire

- 33 They help you get off a lot
34 Tolkien menace
35 Well-pitched
36 University of New Mexico athletes
38 ___ Grand (Vegas hot spot)
40 Slew
44 Pre-smash hit
46 They "can obscure the truth," per Maya Angelou
47 Deli purchases
48 Trashy TV character?
50 Reply of shocked annoyance
51 Social movement introduced in 2006
54 Org. with a "Defending Speech We Hate" section on its website
55 Stock market sector, informally
56 Flat fee?
58 Grande
60 LASIK target
61 One may cover estates

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX

Groom thinks eloping would be easiest



BY CAROLYN HAX
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Carolyn Hax is away. The following first appeared Feb. 27, 2011.

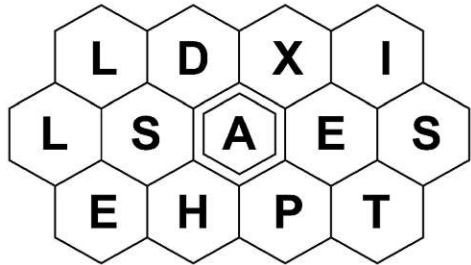
Dear Carolyn: My 34-year-old daughter is engaged to a wonderful man, 40. They plan to be married in her hometown (his family is from out of state), but that is all they can agree upon in regard to the wedding. Her fiancé would like to have his family there but knows it will be a disaster if he does. His mother has spoiled his siblings' weddings, and his brother has been cruel to him. (His father is deceased.) His mother is apparently a major control freak who will do anything to either sabotage, control or load on the guilt. They know his mother will have issues with everything from their not being married in a Catholic church by her priest brother to leaving out one of her 11 siblings or some of his 35 first cousins. He has tried to talk to her about these issues but gets nowhere.

He says if he doesn't invite his family, then he will feel strange with all her family at the wedding while he doesn't have anyone there. He has suggested they elope. My daughter feels



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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. Change with the times A _ _ _ _
2. Lone Star state _ _ _ _ _
3. Geometric figure S _ _ _ _
4. Is a real thing _ _ _ _ _
5. Beachcomber's find S _ _ _ _ _

sympathetic but doesn't feel she should be penalized by not having her family at her wedding.

On all other issues, they are very compatible. What would you suggest?
— Anonymous

Anonymous: That they both realize the mother is already sabotaging/controlling their wedding, just by existing.

These crazy kids, meanwhile, average 37 years old. Surely they can figure out the wedding they want to have, create a budget for it and pull together a proportionate guest list that reflects who is closest to them? And make arrangements themselves, and send out invitations as the date approaches?

In other words: There is absolutely no point in this process where they need to discuss with his mother anything about their plans, choices, guest list, philosophies, or their adherence to/departures from faith, tradition or anyone else's expectations.

A true control freak will harp no matter what, so the couple might as well skip trying to please (or dodge) Mama and go straight to ignoring her.

When the inevitable criticism comes, the

groom is free to say he's 40 years old and quite capable of deciding what suits him. Otherwise, the best plan is for the couple to expect trouble and build it into their plans.

If the couple envision a perfect wedding as one where his mom doesn't act up, then they're setting themselves up for disappointment of one form or another. In this case, the perfect wedding is one where the mother acts up and nobody cares. Call it Operation Tree Falling in Forest.

That said, the groom can try to save his mom from herself by tipping off the officiant in advance to her tendencies and enlisting a diplomatic friend/sib to be her "body man." There's no shame in taking a pragmatic approach to emotionally charged problems.

Speaking of: Since I'm talking to you and not to the couple directly, I realize it's possible you have a horse of your own in this race. If so, walk him back to the barn. I'm not saying you have an agenda — just that if you do have one besides a happy marriage for your daughter, then you, too, need to admit that and get out of the way.

Sinner, Sabalenka earn top seeds at French Open

Field Level Media

The 2025 French Open begins Sunday with top-ranked Jannik Sinner and Aryna Sabalenka as the top seeds.

The men's and women's draws for this year's second Grand Slam tournament were announced on Thursday.

Defending champions Carlos Alcaraz and Iga Swiatek are seeded second and fifth, respectively,

for the clay-court major at Roland Garros in Paris.

Sinner, who returned from a doping suspension this month and lost to Alcaraz in Sunday's Italian Open final, will begin his quest for his first French Open title against France's Arthur Rinderknech.

Sinner is 16-5 at Roland Garros after reaching the semifinals last year. The 23-year-old Italian is a three-time Grand Slam

winner with titles at the U.S. Open in 2024 and Australian Open in 2024 and 2025.

Alcaraz will open his title defense against Kei Nishikori. The 22-year-old Spaniard is looking for his fifth Grand Slam trophy.

Germany's Alexander Zverev is seeded third, followed by American Taylor Fritz, Britain's Jack Draper and Serbia's Novak Djokovic.

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(Portions Joining Big South Fork National Recreation Area, McCreary County, KY)

Up for absolute auction is an expansive 364+/- acre property in scenic McCreary County, Kentucky, offered in 10 surveyed tracts ranging from approximately 13.3 to 68 acres. Tracts 1 through 4 feature utility access for water and electric (at the buyer's expense, per the surveyor), while tracts 5 through 10 are accessible by easement. The property is served by multiple access roads including Old Beatty Road, Brown Point Trail, and Troxel Place Road, with northern entry via Duncan Cemetery Road. Whether you're coming from Strunk, KY or Oneida, TN, reaching the property is simple with clear signage posted throughout.

This tract of land offers a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and those seeking peace and privacy in nature. The property boasts an extensive network of roads and trails ideal for off-roading with jeeps, side-by-sides, or four-wheelers. Surrounded by natural beauty, the land is well-suited for hunting, recreation, or establishing an off-grid homestead. The majority of the western boundary borders the stunning Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, enhancing its appeal for those who value unspoiled wilderness. Nearby natural water features, including Darby Branch, Turkey Branch, and Bear Creek, add to the charm and versatility of the property, offering scenic views, water exploration, and wildlife habitats. Whether you're searching for your next adventure basecamp or a peaceful retreat, this unique property presents an opportunity worth pursuing.

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