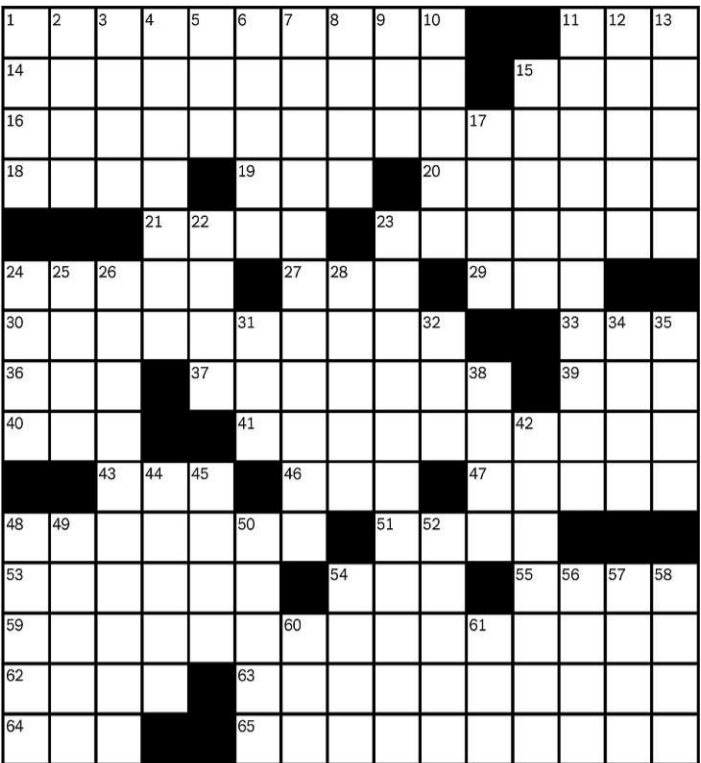


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ACROSS

- 1 Dining at Chipotle or Panera, e.g.
11 Hand-held 2000s Sony console, for short
14 “The Black Unicorn” poet, 1978
15 “Oh, that’s a good one”
16 “Actually, I have good news”
18 Crush
19 Punt e ____ (ver-mouth brand)
20 Tight formation
21 Express disapproval, in a way
23 Boston University athlete
24 Expect
27 Inst. in Athens
29 Color akin to camel
30 Sucked up
33 Class in middle or high school
36 Yellowstone traffic stoppers
37 Cocktails garnished with mint leaves
39 Digitus minimus pedis, for one
40 “Every ____ and fairy sprite / Hop as light as bird from brier”: Shak.
41 “I’m listening ...”
43 Baboon
46 First in command?
47 “The Artist’s Garden at Giverny” artist
48 Uber-progressives
51 Doppelgänger
53 Feeling it more
54 “Very. Funny.”
55 Drudge
59 Something taken by many artists
62 Fish bred by Roman nobles
63 What might get you out of a jam?
64 1/48 cup: Abbr.
65 What some loggers log



Puzzle by Kate Hawkins

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DOWN

- 1 Upright
2 Malibu, e.g.
3 Calif. school that runs the Mount Laguna Observatory
4 “Have a taste”
5 Steering committee VIP
6 Quinquennial campus visitors, maybe
7 It hurts when it comes up
8 Digital addresses
9 Secondary residence on a property, for short
10 Café add-in
11 Children’s character who wears a duffle coat
12 Cement ingredient
13 One footing the bill
15 Monster slain in one of Hercules’ 12 labors
17 Author Vonnegut
22 Object
23 Little rats
24 Fruit that grows on Jamaican beaches

- 25 Determination
26 Request a hand
28 Cunning
31 Period
32 South Korean golfer Kim
34 Days long past
35 Convene
38 Place for a cabin
42 ____ Lamar Hill aka Lil Nas X
44 Fugitive’s cover
45 Units that might be metrical or imperial
48 Aspect

- 49 A lot can be made of these
50 Check for pieces, say
52 Watch this space!
54 Actress/inventor Lamarr, the so-called “mother of Wi-Fi”
56 Kid-friendly race length, in brief
57 “Gotcha”
58 Some redos
60 Compete (for)
61 Middle: Abbr.

ANSWER TO THURSDAY’S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX

‘Tight budget’ takes on new meaning



BY CAROLYN HAX
tellme@washpost.com

Dear Carolyn: I have a friend who claims she can’t do activities because she works in a middle-income profession and is on a tight budget. We are both in our 50s, are in the same profession and make about the same. When she gets asked out to do simple activities, she says she can’t afford it and asks that other people pay for her. When I treat her to dinner or an activity, she never reciprocates and doesn’t even tip vendors. She accepts gifts of money, plane tickets, sporting gear, clothes, etc., from interested suitors. When she travels to meet family, they have to pay all her expenses.

To my surprise, she recently announced she will be out for several weeks because she is having major plastic surgery — a full facelift. She said she is paying for it with money she has saved. She is very attractive, and this decision is entirely cosmetic. Should I stop paying for this “poor” friend?

— Anonymous

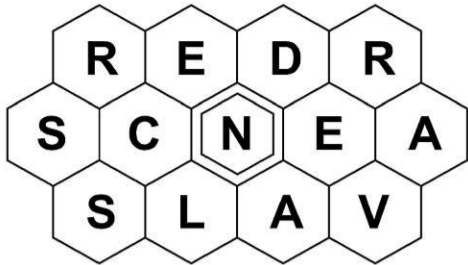
Anonymous: If you don’t want to finance her face work, then yes, stop paying her leisure expenses.

One wee factual edit:



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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. Pertaining to warships N _ _ _ _
2. Jousting’s weapon _ _ _ _ _
3. Made loveable E _ _ _ _ _
4. Negotiation results _ _ _ _ _
5. Spreads harmful lies S _ _ _ _ _

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You say you are “in the same profession and make about the same.” Not quite. Your friend has a side hustle as a paid companion and makes a fair bit.

Like I said, if you don’t want to patronize her business, then invest in your own future instead. “I’m sorry I can’t cover you; I’ve neglected my own savings lately. Hope you can join us next time.”

Dear Carolyn: I have three weeks off between jobs — for the first time in 30 years — and was going to get so much done. Instead, it’s more than half over and I’m sitting in the backyard listening to birds and reading listicles. I did take a bucket-list international trip and adopt a wonderful new dog, but what about my closets? Please help.

— What Is Wrong With Me

What Is Wrong With Me: Nothing is wrong with you! Except that you think something is wrong with you.

Even feeling wrong about this is more cultural than personal, presumably, so go ahead and declare yourself wrong-free on that count as well.

Or ruminate on it in the backyard till birdsong drowns out any voice that tries to tell you only “productive” time has value.

You don’t have to justify time you set aside simply to exist.

You need it, too. Mental rest. It’s hard to see how you rally to organize closets when you’re three decades’ worth of tired.

Not to get the circle of guilt turning, but I suspect you have this exactly backward and the closets are an issue because you *haven’t* lolled around. Not nearly enough.

I mean it about not guiltling you, because any credible thoughts I have on this topic aren’t from research, though it does back me up. Instead, it’s from experience, when I capped off a couple of decades of task overwhelm with my first-ever two-week do-nothing vacation, and spent its first 10 days in a liminal space between indifference and stupefaction.

A return to clarity and energy followed. Who knew.

If you haven’t given yourself permission to shut down in three decades, then take all three weeks.

Closets will wait.



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Maya Joint advanced to the quarterfinals of the Lexus Eastbourne Open by holding off Emma Raducanu 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4) on Wednesday at Devonshire Park Lawn Tennis Club.

Joint holds off Raducanu rally at Eastbourne Open

Field Level Media

Seventh-seeded Emma Raducanu of Great Britain couldn’t complete a hard-fought comeback attempt

and lost 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4) to Maya Joint on Wednesday in Eastbourne, England.

Raducanu broke the Australian three times when she was serving for the match to set up a tie-

break and even earned a mini-break to lead 4-3. But Joint answered with four consecutive points for the win and a quarterfinal matchup against Russia’s Anna Blinkova.

WTA Ventures, Tennis Channel reach rights deal

Field Level Media

WTA Ventures and Tennis Channel announced Wednesday they have agreed to a six-year media rights deal that will ensure that the latter’s platforms will continue to be the exclusive home of WTA tennis in the United States through 2032.

The deal covers all WTA Tour 1000, 500 and 250 events – with the excep-

tion of tournaments in the U.S., which fall under other contracts – through to the season-ending WTA Finals.

“The WTA has been an important part of Tennis Channel since our first days on air. We couldn’t be happier to extend this partnership into the next decade,” Tennis Channel CEO Jeff Blackburn said. “Women’s tennis is one of the most thrilling products in sports and the tour has

never been stronger than it is right now. Tennis Channel looks forward to developing innovative ways to attract and entertain new fans – and to keep building on this momentum with Marina (Storti, CEO of WTA Ventures) and her team.”

Four Americans, No. 2 Coco Gauff, No. 3 Jessica Pegula, No. 6 Madison Keys and No. 10 Emma Navarro, reside in the top 10 of the WTA rankings.

“The U.S. is a hugely significant market for the WTA and we are excited to be partnering with Tennis Channel to bring six

more seasons of brilliant tennis to fans across all its platforms,” Storti said.

“Tennis Channel has shown a strong commitment to the WTA through this agreement, and we have a shared ambition to continue to deepen audience engagement and grow the impact of women’s tennis. By securing a multi-year investment from a valued strategic partner, this deal is a significant milestone for WTA Ventures as we continue to execute our strategy to achieve a step change in the commercial value of women’s tennis.”

Tauson’s powerful and accurate serve.

The 18-year-old Russian will next face Linda Noskova, who also needed some comeback magic to beat last year’s Bad Homburg finalist Donna Vekic of Croatia in a heavy-hitting 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 win. Brazil’s Beatriz Haddad Maia also lost her first set to her opponent, Ukrainian Elina Svitolina, before climbing back to win

3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7) to set up a quarterfinal match with Italy’s Jessica Pegula.

No. 8 seed Ekaterina Alexandrova unleashed 13 aces and wild card Maria Sakkari failed to convert any of her eight break points in Alexandrova’s 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-3 win. It was Alexandrova’s first complete victory over Sakkari in seven tries, with her only previous win coming via retirement.

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Separate sealed bids for the construction of a project entitled: KY Apple Nexus AMLER Fit-Up will be received by the Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority, Inc. at the offices of the Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. Bids received shall be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after the close of the bid period.

The work consists of the following: The project consists of tenant fit-up of an existing pre-engineered metal building with office shell, build in 2007, required to outfit as an Apple Processing and Cold Storage Facility for local grown apples. Project involves Civil, Architectural, Structural, Mechanical, Electric, and Plumbing work

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Summit Architects + Engineers, 160 Lanks Branch, Suite #1, Pikeville, KY 40501

Summit Architects + Engineers, 3205 Summit Square Place, Lexington, KY 40509

The Contract Documents may be purchased from Lynn Imaging at 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, or at www.lynnimaging.com. The OWNER and ENGINEER shall not be responsible for any full or partial sets of Contract Documents obtained from any other source. No bid will be considered unless submitted on the Bid Form provided with the Contract Documents.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all Bids or to let the contract in whole or in part and to waive formalities. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at the Big Sandy Area Development District. Federal wage and hour provisions DO apply to this project. IFL0248826 Jun 27 2025

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