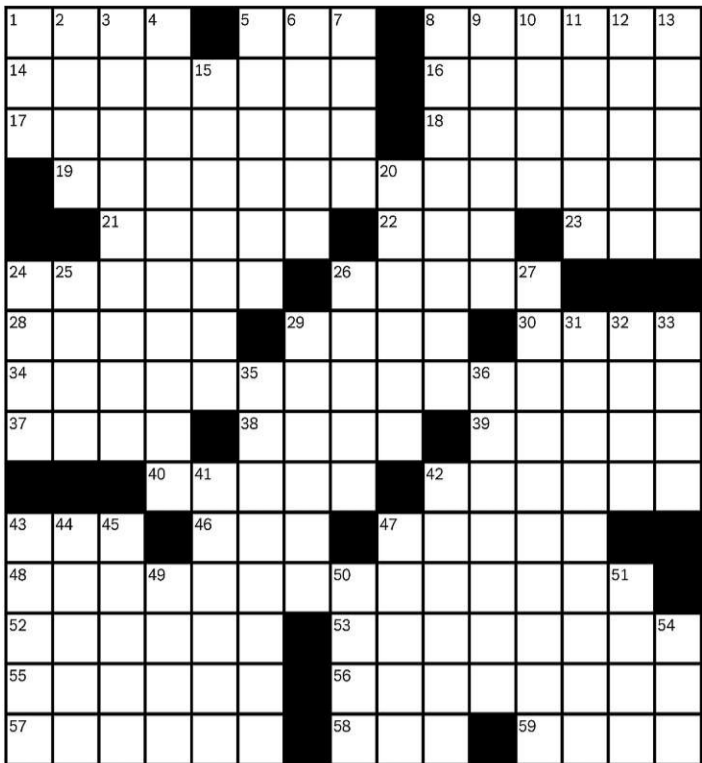


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- 1 Disney character who sings "In Summer"
- 5 Product code used in inventory management
- 8 Ropes in
- 14 Ones always grinding at their jobs?
- 16 Connect
- 17 Baking sheets, cake pans, muffin tins, etc.
- 18 Manages
- 19 Pleasant chill in the air, say
- 21 Baylor of NBA fame
- 22 Org. whose work takes many forms?
- 23 Took in
- 24 Smear
- 26 Nahuatl speaker
- 28 Muse aloud
- 29 Actress Seehorn of "Pluribus"
- 30 "I smell trouble ...!"
- 34 Break down while studying?
- 37 First place?
- 38 Docs that deal with sensitive information
- 39 Miracle on the ___ (surprise French/English victory of WWI)
- 40 Like many working horses, but not many working dogs
- 42 Binges
- 43 NYC-based dance group
- 46 Wonder
- 47 Descendants of the Picts
- 48 Someone you might like to get to know better
- 52 Wyndham hotel brand
- 53 Has to keep going
- 55 Extra
- 56 Instruction before an MRI

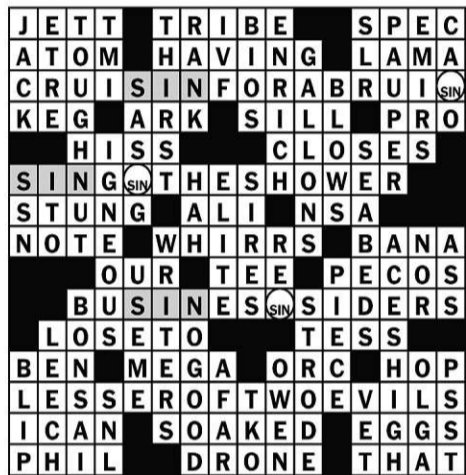


Puzzle by Kate Hawkins

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- 57 Gets wise to?
 - 58 Li'l ___ (tykes)
 - 59 Fix
- DOWN**
- 1 Seller's shorthand for "I'm willing to haggle"
 - 2 W.C.'s
 - 3 "Is this being broadcast now?"
 - 4 Posh hotel room amenities
 - 5 Cholesterol-lowering drug
 - 6 ___ Bass, first female mayor of Los Angeles
 - 7 Customer, in tech-speak
 - 8 Social activity that may involve wearing a vest
 - 9 Relaxed
 - 10 "Let it stand"
 - 11 One of the Obamas
 - 12 It has eight players
 - 13 Word with bird or leave
 - 15 Arrogant self-assurance
 - 20 Becomes aged, in a way
 - 24 Extra
 - 25 Was a copycat of
 - 26 To come
 - 27 Shady dealers
 - 29 Trade for cash
 - 31 "Some free advice ..."
 - 32 State bird found in only a single state
 - 33 Valuable deposits
 - 35 They might be made up in the spring
 - 36 Brings in
 - 41 Online nickname
 - 42 Things made by toddlers and directors
 - 43 Hairstyles often associated with the '60s and '70s
 - 44 "Well done!"
 - 45 x
 - 47 Wood finish
 - 49 Crispy flaps of crust on sourdough loaves
 - 50 Org. with a "Know Your Rights" campaign
 - 51 ___ Bunny, cartoon who debuted in "Space Jam"
 - 54 Carry on

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX
Parents want kids to have wedding reception



BY CAROLYN HAX
tellme@washpost.com

Dear Carolyn: My husband and I got engaged last August, but as of January, we hadn't made any concrete wedding plans. We got the idea of getting married at the inn where we were spending Valentine's weekend. It was great, they arranged everything (officiant, flowers, photographer). I had nabbed a gown at a sample sale, and my husband had his suit, so we were set. It was a perfect wedding for us: romantic, intimate and low-key.

Neither set of parents was happy when they found out we'd eloped, but they all started looking forward to the big reception we are going to throw in April.

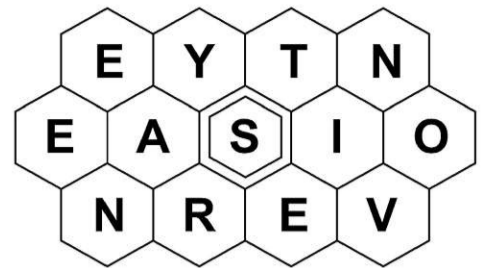
The dilemma we're facing is that all the parents have strong opinions on the party that are very different from our ideas. They want a say in who should be invited, what we should wear — they want us in our wedding outfits — what we should serve, the music, etc.

One of us thinks there is room for compromise here since we did the wedding all our way. The other thinks this is a "begin as you mean to go on" situation — don't let the parents think they have a say



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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. Cut off S _ _ _ _
- 2. Alteration _ _ _ _ _
- 3. Ear-splitting N _ _ _ _
- 4. Desire strongly _ _ _ _ _
- 5. Least distant N _ _ _ _

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in our lives by giving them control of a party we're paying for.

We have to start putting down deposits and making decisions about the party. How do my husband and I decide on a course of action?

— At an Impasse

At an Impasse: Room for compromise, meaning, you got your turn to be adults, so now they get a turn to tell you what to do? Elopement mystery solved.

It is your life, this is your wedding reception. You are planning it, headlining it, paying for it.

It's about building your community around you, yes, but not by popular vote.

Dear Carolyn: My sibling's 3-year-old might have autism, and I don't think they know. I see them every few months, sometimes for week-long family vacations, and their behavior seems outside the realm of what's standard. But I'm not an expert! I just have two similarly aged kids.

Specifically, they have a lot of tantrums that seem to last quite a long time, especially at night. We saw this on vacation, and from

a few things my sibling has said, I think it's ongoing. I don't want to offend them but feel like they should at least mention something to their pediatrician if they haven't. What should I say, if I should say something?

— Sibling

Sibling: Based on your limited information, the child might "have" a lot of things that could explain tantrums especially at bedtime — including nothing at all and having a less mature nervous system than your kids'. Humility is the first thing to bring to a debate on the merits of speaking up.

Next is compassion. The objective is the best outcome for a family you love, yes? For that, they need you to have their back, not to dabble in pediatric neurology. So when this comes up, address the stress and exhaustion: "I hear how fried you are (1), I'm sorry (2). I hope you don't think it's anything you're doing, Kid's lucky to have you as a parent (3). You've probably asked your pediatrician already (4) — we didn't have this problem per se, but with other stuff, I was never shy about asking again (5)."



Kirsty Coventry, President of the IOC, looks on during the Milano Cortina Winter Paralympic Games opening ceremony Arena di Verona on March 6 in Verona, Italy.

IOC announces ban of transgender athletes in women's events

BY TARIQ PANJA
NYT News Service

The International Olympic Committee banned transgender athletes from competing in the women's category at the Olympics, after telling its members to conduct mandatory genetic testing for women's competitions.

The decision, the most consequential since Kirsty Coventry was elected last year as the first woman to serve as president of the IOC, followed a board meeting and months of speculation over the organization's policy on one of the most contentious issues facing global sports. The rules will be applicable from the next Olympics, in Los Angeles in 2028.

As Coventry, a decorated Olympic swimmer from

Zimbabwe, campaigned to lead the organization, she frequently said how important it was to protect the women's category amid broader — and often bitter — debates about the participation of transgender athletes in sporting competitions.

Under the new policy, eligibility will be determined by a one-time genetic test, according to the IOC. The test, which is already being used in track and field, requires screening via saliva, a cheek swab or a blood sample.

The IOC consulted a number of experts as it grappled with how to handle an issue that was becoming a growing concern for sports leaders. Late last year, Dr. Jane Thornton, the IOC's medical and scientific director and a Canadian former Olympic rower, presented the initial findings of a re-

view of athletes who are transgender or have differences of sexual development, known as DSD, and are competing in women's sports. That analysis, which has not been made public, stated athletes born with male sexual markers retained physical advantages, including among those who had received treatment to reduce testosterone.

Until now, the IOC's guidance had permitted transgender women to compete with reduced testosterone levels but left the final decision to individual sports federations. Track and field, swimming, boxing and rugby generally restrict transgender athletes from competing in the women's category.

Women's sports have been a critical front in a polarizing and public de-

bate over transgender issues that was further inflamed last year when President Donald Trump signed an executive order prohibiting transgender athletes from competing in women's college sports.

Track and field became the first major sport to introduce mandatory DNA sex testing for athletes entering women's competitions last March. That came less than a year after the issue of eligibility erupted at the Paris Olympics in 2024, when the boxing competition was upended by ugly scenes inside and outside the ring over the participation of two women who went on to secure gold medals.

The IOC's announcement comes just days after boxing officials cleared featherweight champion Lin Yu-ting to return to the sport after her status — along with that of Algeria's Imane Khelif, the other woman at center of the gender storm in Paris — had been put in doubt. Lin, 30, can now compete at the Asian Boxing Championships this weekend, her first international event since the Paris Olympics.

The IOC ruling eliminates from women's competition a minority of athletes who do not have the typical female XX sex chromosomes and have one of several conditions that together are known as differences in sex development. Such people can be female to outward appearances, and some do not know they have DSD. But their unusual genetics can result in high levels of testosterone, and possibly greater muscular development, giving them some of the athletic advantage that men have.

Track and field has been at the forefront of the debate since South African runner Caster Semenya exploded into the public consciousness by winning gold in the 800 meters at a world championships in

2009. Her victory prompted a backlash from rivals who complained about Semenya's appearance, leading to the governing

body at the time ordering sex tests. At issue was a rare trait giving her naturally elevated levels of testosterone.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS – FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Arbor Youth Services is soliciting sealed bids from qualified contractors for the installation of a code-compliant automatic fire sprinkler system at 540 W. Third Street, Lexington, KY 40508. This project is funded in whole or in part through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and is subject to all applicable federal requirements, including Davis-Bacon prevailing wages (General Decision KY20260090), HUD-4010 Federal Labor Standards, Build America Buy America (BABA), Equal Opportunity requirements, and federal suspension and debarment regulations.

Sealed bids will be received until April 6, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Bid documents may be obtained by contacting Joshua McKinley at joshua@arbor.org or (859) 254-2501 ext. 101. Arbor Youth Services reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FACILITY CLOSING

The Skilled Nursing Unit located within Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital, 2050 Versailles Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40504, will no longer participate in the Medicare Program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act), effective June 1, 2026. The agreement between the Skilled Nursing Unit located within Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital and the Secretary of Health and Human Services will be terminated on June 1, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the Social Security Act. As of the date of this public notice, the Skilled Nursing Unit located within Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital is no longer accepting patients. This closure does not impact the inpatient rehabilitation services provided at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital.

The Medicare program will make payment for Skilled Nursing Unit services furnished to patients admitted prior to June 1, 2026, and payment may continue to be made up to thirty (30) days of inpatient services furnished on or after June 1, 2026.

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