

THE DAILY COMMUTER | STELLA ZAWISTOWSKI

ACROSS

1 Macaroni or rotini

6 Beauty store chain

10 Inquires

14 Constellation with a belt

15 Wrapped Indian garment

16 ___ & Chandon

17 Incite to act: 2 wds.

18 Incite to action

19 Happy cat's sound

20 Ham-and-turkey sandwich: 2 wds.

23 Three: Prefix

24 "Told ya!"

25 "We Built This City" band

27 "News Hour" network

30 Ad-___ (wing it)

32 Openly stare

33 Salon's aerosol product

37 Sierra ___ (African country)

40 Thin coin

41 Epic tales

43 Field of study

44 Sloppy snow

46 Wizards

48 Falsehoods

50 TV room

51 To the rear, nautically

52 Bank offices

56 Capture

58 Mob informant

59 Fitness items for swinging

64 Death notice

66 Vientiane's land

67 Andes animal

68 Symphony woodwind

69 Singer McCann

70 Walter ___ Disney

71 Dig for ore

72 Narrow cut

73 Second chances

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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3 The "S" in ASL

4 Molar, e.g.

5 Toughens, as steel

6 Cold war foe: Abbr.

7 ___ lazuli

8 Have faith in

9 Apple tracking device

10 Sound booster

11 Seoul's country: 2 wds.

12 Gymnast Strug

13 Get naked

21 ___ and dip

22 Taken by mouth

26 Curse

27 Advanced degrees: Abbr.

28 Scoop out water

29 Imitative representation

31 Some underwear

34 Pine secretion

35 In the past

36 Lawn

38 Foam dart maker

39 Toward sunrise

42 Part of a play

45 "What the ___?"

47 Codependent type

49 Tacos' outsides

52 Sweeping tool

53 Synagogue leader

54 Amazon's business

55 Vodka brand

57 ___ of the ball

60 Future JD's exam: Abbr.

61 ___ to rest

62 "Hahaha!": Abbr.

63 Impertinence

65 Golf-ball support

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RWOP RGVMK GBS NOMM PWS

ESS NWOLTSK EGL NMOFFSF

USDBT WSMK DB O UVNGMDN

WGPSM? DBB PVDPDGB.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN I SPOTTED THAT FELLOW GENTLY PUSHING HIS BABY'S CRADLE BACK AND FORTH, I SAID, "YOU ROCK!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals C

WHAT TO WATCH | CONTENT BY TV WEEKLY

Network broadcasting shows are listed in Eastern/Pacific Time, unless noted otherwise. Shows air one hour earlier in Central/Mountain Time. Cable broadcasting shows are listed in Eastern Time.

9-1-1

ABC, 8 p.m. • Season Premiere

The Season 8 finale saw a mix of endings and beginnings; Bobby's (Peter Krause) tragic death left viewers and his fellow first responders in shock. In Season 9, there will be some big shoes to fill in Bobby's absence as the crew attempts to move on.

Hell's Kitchen

FOX, 8 p.m.

To test their teamwork, Chef Gordon Ramsay has the remaining chefs compete in a speed breakfast challenge for local police officers in the new episode "The Heat Is Coming to Hell's Kitchen."

Law & Order

NBC, 8 p.m.

A law partner with prominent government clients is murdered, and Baxter (Tony Goldwyn) must consider making political concessions for the case to be a success in the new episode "Bend the Knee."

The Golden Bachelor

Hulu

The second season of **The Golden Bachelor** is available next day (Thursdays) on Hulu and Hulu on Disney+. It's the senior spin on the beloved dating reality show, with 66-year-old former NFL linebacker and lawyer Mel Owens searching for his later-in-life lover.

9-1-1: Nashville

ABC, 9 p.m. • New Series

A spinoff of **9-1-1**, this Ryan Murphy-produced procedural will focus on a group of first responders – firefighters, paramedics and 911 operators – in Nashville, Tennessee. Alongside Chris O'Donnell, who plays a fire captain and rodeo rider who runs Nashville's busiest fire station with his son, and Jessica Capshaw, who plays his wife, Kimberly Williams-Paisley stars as a 911 operator who is fairly new to the job.



"9-1-1: Nashville" PROVIDED BY DISNEY

Special Forces

FOX, 9 p.m.

The recruits must communicate effectively and move quickly to identify fallen comrades in a casualty evacuation test and must cross rooftops to make it to extraction in the new episode "War-zone."

Grey's Anatomy

ABC, 10 p.m. • Season Premiere

Season 21 of the long-running medical drama ended with a bang – literally. Just as Dr. Atticus "Link" Lincoln (Chris Carmack) was about to perform surgery on a patient's leg, the hospital was rocked by an explosion. As we don't know where exactly in the building it hit (or what happened exactly), no character is safe – and this just after his wedding with Dr. Jo Wilson (Camilla Luddington), who is pregnant with twins! Talk about horrible timing. In Season 22, we may have to say our goodbyes to one or more of our favorite characters from Grey Sloan Memorial.

Greatest Mysteries Ever

Travel Channel, 10 p.m.

Tutankhamun, Egypt's teenage pharaoh, left an enduring legacy in the 10 short years he ruled. Given the lingering questions surrounding his life and untimely death, tonight's new episode revisits one of history's most fascinating enigmas.

ASK CAROLYN | CAROLYN HAX

Spouse can't drive anymore and expects to be driven on demand

Adapted from an online discussion.
Dear Carolyn: My spouse and I are in our early 70s, married 25 years and living in a large suburban area. She stopped driving six months ago because of bad eyesight. I volunteer delivering meals and at the animal shelter and serve on a county commission. I also take classes at the gym three days a week. These activities give purpose and meaning to my life in retirement. Spouse is an introvert and doesn't want to do these things with me. Spouse doesn't understand why I have so many friends. She has no friends and thinks people don't need them – they're too much trouble.

Now she wants me to quit all my activities to be available to drive her to appointments and errands. Spouse does NOT have any other chronic illness except poor eyesight. Spends the day playing video games and watching TV. I've said I'm available all day Mondays and before noon other days. But my spouse says she needs rides at other times. And that my schedule is too complicated.

Spouse refuses to take taxis when I'm not available, saying they're too expensive. Spouse has \$10 million in investments. (We married in our late 40s and kept our finances separate.) I think spouse is being ridiculous and said she should spend the \$20,000 she got for selling her car on taxi rides. She says that's a waste when I could and should be doing it.

Spouse says I'm being a bad spouse not to quit activities to care for her. She doesn't need assisted living care, she just wants free taxi service.

Suggestions for how I should navigate this?

- Frustrated Spouse
Frustrated Spouse: You are navigating this. Your response is appropriate, so stick to it: Be available at the times you said, and keep your activity schedule intact. Firmly decline to be controlled. (Was spouse always like this? It's not okay.) No doubt some of spouse's maladaptive decisions trace to fear and loneliness. It would be compassionate to note that, to say you sense she isn't comfortable in a taxi – older, alone, compromised vision, it

fits. If so, then together you can figure out a taxi alternative; a regular car service or hired driver, for example, or your local council on aging are two places to start. She spends, learns your schedule or stays home.

Say out loud, too, that you hear she wants companionship and will gladly make more plans with her. But not at the cost of your friendships just because she chooses not to have any of her own.

If she persists in calling you a bad spouse for this, then don't fight it. Agree: "Yep, bad spouse. This is who I am and what I am offering you: rides wherever you need for at least half of every day. And a schedule with variety because that's what keeps me happy. Remember, we're different, which brought us together."

Otherwise, be loving and kind and hold fast. Plus, the mental and physical health benefits you get from circulating will benefit your spouse, whereas if you rot at home out of guilt, then you soon won't be much good to either of you.

Kubok 16

By Davide Coppo

Difficulty: EXPERT

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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

15	12	5	7
8	16	2	10
11	14	6	9
13	3	1	4

Enter the missing numbers from 1 to 16 without repetitions so that the sum of the four numbers in each row and column is the same as the corresponding circled number.

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD | ANDREWS MCMEEL

ACROSS

1 Egypt was troubled by it, per R.E.M.

4 Actress — Michelle Gellar

9 Store

13 Cheese variety

14 Greek Muse

15 Tropical root veggie

16 Golden St. school

17 Dressed to the —

18 Remotely

19 Stuns

21 Tell on

23 Grandson of Adam

25 Stack

26 Consolation

29 Magic lamp boy

33 Circa

34 Measures of farmland

36 Memorable period

37 Gong

38 Take legal action

39 Swindle

40 Caustic substance

41 Pale

43 Outpouring

44 Perfume

46 Followed behind

48 Interpret

49 River deposit

50 Record label from Detroit

53 Imperfection

57 Old

58 Outmoded

62 Lazy

63 Dried out

64 To any degree (2 wds.)

65 Genuine

66 Dispatch

67 Low-down sort

68 Cease

DOWN

1 Part of a foot

2 Storage tower

3 Tranquil

4 Electric eye

5 — Ben Canaan

6 Sprinted

7 Had a meal

8 Unfriendly

9 Said

10 Tool handle

11 Surgeon type

12 Skin opening

13 Coach

20 Tie a certain way

22 Northernmost state (Abbr.)

24 Put in a secret place

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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25 Family members

26 Wire rope

27 Complices

28 Burrowing creatures

30 Temporary tattoo

31 Angry

32 "A Boy — Sue"

35 Stage signal

39 Someone quick-tempered

41 Again

42 Sensational story

43 Auction

45 Destroyed gradually

47 Conundrum

50 Bulk

51 Gothic arch

52 Sea bird

54 "East of —"

55 Arrayed

56 — Aviv

59 From — — Z

60 Greek letter

61 Railroads on trestles

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The Other Mother

Kimberley Cross

All In With Chris

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