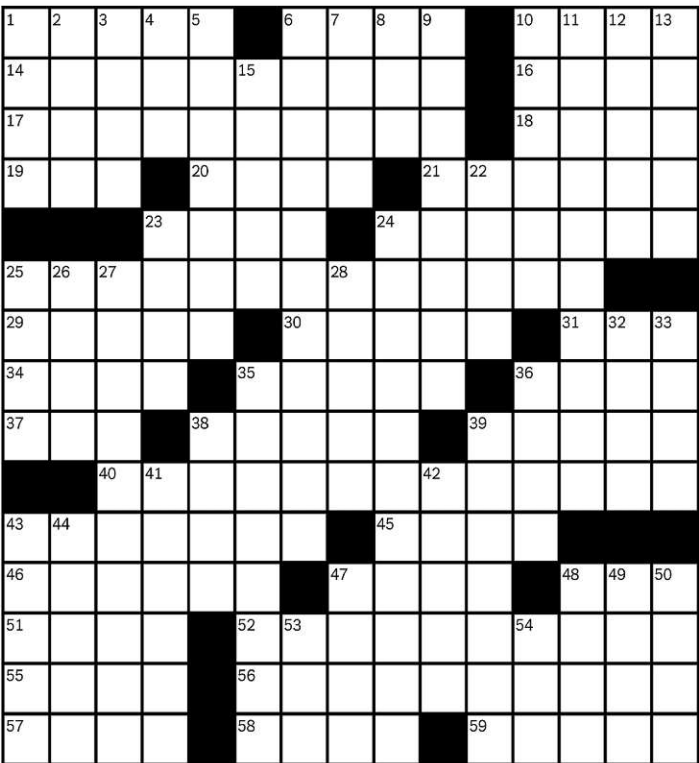


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ACROSS

- 1 Allow
6 Snappy sort, for short?
10 Tahoe runners
14 Fanny Brice portrayer on Broadway
16 Governess of Thornfield Hall
17 Sits legs akimbo, pejoratively
18 Highway attention-getter
19 Calculating
20 Symbol of fertility in ancient Egypt
21 Settled down
23 Shakespearean "Hush!"
24 "Sorry to tell ya"
25 What "it's not," they say
29 Eschew
30 Parts of some wedding rituals
31 Clubs opening, perhaps
34 Prized people
35 She was totally taken by Paris
36 Popular perfume named after a singing star
37 Modern art?
38 Germs
39 That's a wrap!
40 Suspenseful
43 Grown-up gummies, e.g.
45 Touch
46 King and queen
47 Strength of character
48 One in a cage
51 That's a laugh!
52 Insomniac's aid
55 Juana ___ de la Cruz, classic Mexican writer known as "The Tenth Muse"



Puzzle by Joyce Keller

12/26

DOWN

- 1 Old-time charity
2 Word with good or raw
3 A host of
4 Hits up online, in a way
5 Crept cautiously
6 Some memory aids
7 ___-a-thon
8 Senescent
9 It may bring out the kid in you
10 Height or width, e.g.
11 Sydney Adamu portrayer on "The Bear"
12 Peeved
13 Brief blowup
15 "Tomb Raider" heroine
22 Camel and fawn

- 23 Lodge rental
24 Barbecuer's
25 Sitarist's composition
26 Totally done with
27 Flirtatious
28 Nose woes
32 Azerbaijani neighbor
33 Find fault with, informally
35 Lead-in to a clarification
36 Riveted
38 Word often printed in red
39 "Fellow traveler," in Russian
41 Certain marketing deluge
42 Tony's cousins
43 Moral virtue
44 Anne's best friend in "Anne of Green Gables"
47 ___ monster
48 Real hoot
49 Ain't proper?
50 They have five eyes and communicate by dancing
53 Break ground, in a way
54 Japanese ogre

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX

Fiancé is in debt and lies to cover it up



BY CAROLYN HAX
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Dear Carolyn: My fiancé is really, really bad with money.

We have been together five years. When we started dating, I found out that he owed about \$8,000 on credit cards. I helped him figure out a budget to pay it off, and he should have been almost done by now. In the meantime, I've been paying for everything other than rent, which we split, because he was paying down his debt.

I recently found out that he fell behind on his credit payments and racked up late fees and penalties, which he promised he wouldn't do. While hashing this out, he owned up to having two other secret credit cards. One has stupid, unnecessary things such as video games on it, and the other he has used to buy me a beautiful engagement ring, so I feel awful about being mad — but I am.

Also making me feel bad is that he is really ashamed of himself. He refused my offer to lend him the money to get out of debt, but he also said he doesn't want me on his back about this. He's refusing to go to credit

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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. Precious stone J _ _ _ _
2. Served soup _ _ _ _ _
3. Greek letter D _ _ _ _
4. Extraterrestrial _ _ _ _ _
5. Roman god of the sea N _ _ _ _ _

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counseling, saying he got himself into this mess and he'll get himself out.

I love this man and believe he's sincerely ashamed, but I still feel betrayed and disgusted. What can I do?

— Mad

Mad: Leave him. I'm sorry. It's one thing to have a problem; nobody's perfect. But when a person's response to a problem is, "I refuse to go to [thing that will help me get well], because I got myself into this [type of unwellness], so I will get myself out," with no history of measurable progress from using this approach, then you have the much bigger problems of stubbornness, inflexibility and pride — which will make you MISERABLE.

Regardless of the specifics of the source of misery. He had five years to fix his [stuff] and didn't. He lied to you instead. Bye! Starting today and hereafter, don't burn your money or peace of mind on people who don't do what they say they will and who let you do all the work.

If/when he matures enough to live, share and manage his [stuff] honest-

ly, then he'll be ready for the equal partnership of marriage. It doesn't have to be with you.

Readers' Thoughts:

— He's not bad with money; he's bad with truth and honesty. It just manifests itself monetarily.

— My marriage ended over the \$100,000-plus debt my ex-husband accrued buying stocks on credit cards. I foolishly agreed to a second mortgage to pay off his credit cards, putting my name on his debt. Three months later, another \$30,000 in credit card debt for stock purchases.

— Oof. Carolyn is absolutely right. Take it from me, who divorced a man she really loved who exhibited the same signs that I ignored out of "love."

It wasn't the "issue" itself (ours wasn't money) so much as the underlying problems of lying, sneaking, avoiding big issues, lacking communication and being stubborn. And "not wanting you on his back" after he spent years letting you pick up the bills when you thought he was fixing his issues for your future together? No. All the nos. That shows a lack of integrity.



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The Packers' Jordan Love left last weekend's game with a concussion.

Playoff spot in play as Packers, Ravens turn page

Field Level Media

Jordan Love and the Packers can put a bow on an NFC playoff spot and choke the Ravens' glimmering hope for crashing the AFC field when Baltimore visits Green Bay in primetime Saturday night.

The Ravens (7-8) fumbled a chance to set the stage for a winner-take-all AFC North finale next week at Pittsburgh and the Packers (9-5-1), largely without Love due to a concussion in the first half, fell off the pace of the NFC North-leading Bears in Chicago last weekend in a gut-wrenching overtime loss.

Packers coach Matt LaFleur said Green Bay is "moving past" the disappointment of last week's improbable loss and focused only on winning the

next win -- not playoff scenarios.

"Our sole focus is on the Baltimore Ravens. And we've got to find a way to get a win. Bottom line," LaFleur said.

Baltimore practiced Wednesday without Lamar Jackson, who is dealing with a back contusion and hasn't been on the field with the team this week.

Love's status is up in the air as the Packers push to clarify their postseason status on their own merit with win No. 10 this week.

"Malik Willis has been there for a year or two now, and he's actually started games for them," Ravens defensive coordinator Zach Orr said. "(Last week), the offense didn't change. They were still running play action, taking their shots down

the field. This offense is well-built."

Tyler Huntley, who won his only start of the season against the Chicago Bears in Week 8, would get the start if Jackson can't play. Offensive coordinator Todd Monken is hopeful Jackson will heal up in time for Week 17. He said the injury woes have been difficult for Jackson.

"I'm just telling you. For a guy that loves to play football and loves to be out there with his teammates, it's been hard," Monken said. "It's been a struggle. Because, like any player, to be able to shine, you want to feel your best. Especially with lower-body injuries. When Lamar has the ball in his hands, he's electric. So I know it's been really difficult for him."

Love's backup, Malik Willis, did not practice on

Christmas Eve as Love returned to team workouts. Willis played the majority of the 22-16 overtime loss to the Bears on Dec. 20 but has a shoulder injury. Love went out with a concussion after a helmet-to-helmet hit in the second quarter. Running back Josh Jacobs also participated in Wednesday's practice but has been fighting through knee pain.

With Love and Jacobs, the Packers have been dynamic, leading the NFL in explosive-play differential (plus-33) and tallying at least 27 points nine times (8-0-1).

Quarterback injuries as prevailing storylines is well-worn territory for the Ravens. Jackson left Baltimore's Week 16 loss and has been limited by ankle, toe, hamstring and shoulder injuries this season, inspiring a "Trade Lamar" column from a longtime Baltimore columnist that put coach John Harbaugh back on the defensive. In the column published in the Baltimore Sun, questions were raised about the coach-QB relationship and the conclusion formed was the Ravens need to move on from the two-time NFL MVP.

"Speculating how I feel -- I'll tell you how I feel. All the guys in this building will tell ya ... I'm right up front," Harbaugh said. "That would be wrong to say that. That's not true. Had a good conversation with Lamar this morning about a few things, football, how he's feeling. Our relationship is A-plus. I love him. Always have, always will. ... I don't need anybody speaking for me."

Jackson has 2,311 passing yards with 18 touchdowns and six interceptions plus 340 yards with two scores rushing. Jackson has a cap figure of \$74.5 million in 2026 and 2027, which would make him the highest-paid play-

er in the NFL both seasons.

With or without Jackson on Saturday at Lambeau Field, the Ravens don't control their own fate. A win assures only staying alive another day with the Pittsburgh Steelers in position to clinch the division Sunday in Cleveland,

which would bounce Baltimore from all playoff possibilities.

"We've got to win our game first to give ourselves a chance," Ravens safety Kyle Hamilton said. "We have to play that way, have to prepare that way. We still have an opportunity."

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Summons

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IDAHO POWER COMPANY, Plaintiff vs. RLM UNDERGROUND, LLC, Defendant

RLM UNDERGROUND, LLC, Third-Party Plaintiff vs. MEJIA'S CONSTRUCTIONS LLC, Third-Party Defendant

TO: MEJIA'S CONSTRUCTIONS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
REGISTERED AGENT: Franklin Mejia
1563 La Salle Rd.
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