

THE DAILY COMMUTER | STELLA ZAWISTOWSKI

ACROSS

1 Demolish

5 Polite title

9 Nasty political tactic

14 “Victory is mine!”, 2 wds.

15 With the bow, in music

16 “Hey Arnold!” girl

17 Mercedes-___

18 Evidence of an old injury

19 Phone notification

20 Ariana Grande’s “Wicked” costar: 2 wds.

23 A Stooge

24 Failure of memory

25 Banned diet-pill ingredient

29 Bearded flower

30 Shiny finish

31 “Ghosts” network

33 ___ sciences

37 Yours and my

38 Foldable bed

39 “Lookie here!”

40 Huge hit

43 Prefix with “center”

44 Unadorned

46 Inked designs, for short

48 Sanitize

50 Indian garments

51 Descriptive word: Abbr.

52 Expectant feeling

56 Polynesian parties

57 Contorted

58 Final

61 Towels (off)

62 Country road

63 Long car, for short

64 Latin dance

65 Taylor Swift’s ___ Tour

66 School grad

DOWN

1 Bone in a cage

2 Wonderment

3 Mineral nutrient

4 Catalyst molecules

5 Become expert at

6 Curve of the foot

7 Purple berry

8 Overly judgmental

9 Marker brand

10 Actress McCarthy

11 Student, in French

12 “Farming” prefix

13 Mob informant

21 Nonverbal signals

22 Hearing organ

25 Big personalities

26 Purple stone fruit

27 Jewish round dance

28 Easy to reach

32 Catchy song

34 Singer Chappell

35 “What’s ___ I hear?”

36 Sharpen

41 Sculpted artworks

42 Spicy Mediterranean paste

44 Salon service, for short

45 SoCal city: 2 wds.

47 Involuntary movement

49 Coffee drinks

50 Slow-moving animal

52 Vibe

53 “Pair” homophone

54 Actress Paquin

55 Perform perfectly

56 Mormons’ church: Abbr.

59 Dallas-area school: Abbr.

60 Former QB Brady

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Wednesday’s Puzzle Solved

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Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: POTENTIAL NEBRASKA STORE THAT OFFERS ONLY ONE BRAND OF PIANOS AND MOTORBIKES: “OMAHA YAMAHA.”

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: U equals G


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.

His & Hers

Netflix • New Series

There are two sides to every story, which means someone is always lying. This twisty, psychological thriller is set in the sweltering heat of Atlanta, where Anna (Tessa Thompson) lives as a recluse, fading away from her friends and career as a news anchor. But when she overhears about a murder in Dahlonaga — the sleepy town where she grew up — Anna is snapped back to life, pouncing on the case and searching for answers. Detective Jack Harper (Jon Bernthal) is strangely suspicious of her involvement, chasing her into the crosshairs of his own investigation.



“The Hunting Party” PROVIDED BY NBC

Love Is Blind: Germany

Netflix • Season Premiere

The **Love Is Blind** experiment returns to Germany as local singles seek true love and a commitment that lasts a lifetime, all before meeting each other in person.

Golden Eve

CBS, 8 p.m.

Sarah Jessica Parker is presented with the Golden Globes’ Carol Burnett Award and Dame Helen Mirren receives the Cecil B. DeMille Award in this new hour-long special. **Golden Eve** offers viewers an unprecedented insider’s look at the honorees’ legacy, personal stories, unforgettable Golden Globes moments and curated career retrospectives.

Law & Order

NBC, 8 p.m. • Midseason Premiere

An injured woman’s sudden disappearance from the hospital leads to a murder investigation.

9-1-1: Nashville

ABC, 9 p.m. • Midseason Premiere

Season 1 of the procedural drama continues with “You’ve Been Boarded.” Nashville is under siege, and each missed ransom escalates the stakes and descends the city deeper into chaos.

The Hunting Party

NBC, 10 p.m. • Season Premiere

The high-concept crime procedural about a small team of investigators led by former FBI profiler Rebecca “Bex” Henderson (Melissa Roxburgh) assigned to track down some of the most dangerous fugitives is back for Season 2. This season’s guest stars include Eric McCormack, Finnigan McCormack, Kelsey Grammer, Niecy Nash-Betts, Elizabeth Gillies and Jefferson White.

ASK CAROLYN | CAROLYN HAX

Boyfriend’s relocation forces tough call on whether to stay or go with him

This column first appeared Jan. 8, 2022. Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: My significant other got a job offer that would allow him to telework full time, which means he no longer has to live in one of the most expensive cities in the United States. He has decided that he’s going to move back to his hometown, where the cost of living is much lower and he will eventually be able to buy a nice home, whereas here that’s just a fantasy.

He has asked me to think about moving with him. We’ve been together about 14 months. I have no idea how to begin making this decision. We have never lived together, and our plans for the future have been tentative at best.

If I move with him, then we will live together and probably end up getting married. He’ll be my entire social network at first, until I meet new people, and I will have to make some career changes.

But if he goes without me, I’ll regret it forever — and, for the record, I am also tired of living in an overpriced city, shell-ing out endless rent.

It feels like such an all-or-nothing decision. He doesn’t have to wait for me; he is moving in a few weeks, then I can either join him or not. He doesn’t want to break up, even if I stay, but I don’t know if I have the strength for a long-distance relationship right now.

So how do I start breaking down the facets of this decision?

— *All or Nothing*

All or Nothing: You don’t have to break down or decide anything.

It’s a decision between A and B. B involves moving, making career changes and accelerating your commitment to someone for reasons unrelated to your relationship, and A involves doing absolutely nothing different from what you’re doing now. So, easy: Try A. Stay where you are when he moves.

Then, see how you manage — and really try to manage, because that’s the only way this will work. You want the most useful idea of what life will be like long term if you don’t go with him, and that means investing in your day-to-day life without him.

I realize this is a weird time to make the best of any living situation, because options are still compromised, but the

point is to immerse yourself in what you have, as-is.

If you lose Option B by waiting a few months, then maybe that’s an indication that B wasn’t going to be the long-term answer, either.

But the time element matters here; neither of you can expect your hearts to hold on to each other indefinitely. Staying where you are after he moves is merely an acknowledgment that this was going to be an experiment either way — one he initiated with HIS decision to move, obviously — and you’re just choosing the version of the experiment that doesn’t involve starting over from scratch. It’s OK to wait until you’re sure that’s what you want to do.

It’s also OK, by the way, to go anyway. You know better than I whether the conditions are right for taking a chance.

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Kubok 16 By Davide Coppo Difficulty: EASY

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27		12		6
49		8	15	
38		11	13	
22	14		1	

Solution to Wednesday’s puzzle

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

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 For — it’s worth

5 Jack who ate no fat

10 Labor

14 Possess

15 Having wings

16 Complete financial loss

17 Tesla’s — Musk

18 Translucent fabric

19 Cruise stop

20 Reduce in intensity (2 wds.)

22 Tell on

24 Roman god of war

25 Lofty poem

26 Like a bodybuilder

28 Shock

32 Allow

33 Coffee lightener

35 “That’s amazing!”

36 Iron decay

37 “— of Fortune”

38 Dwell

39 Playing card

40 Magician’s specialty

41 Cruise ship

42 Hotel worker

44 Was too fond

45 Writer — Fleming

46 Earthy fuel

47 Intense

50 Too proud of oneself (2 wds.)

54 Northern bird

55 Laissez- —

57 Stratagem

58 French clergyman

59 Ne plus —

60 Cousin to a foil

61 Rind

62 Last but not —

63 Ecrivain

DOWN

1 Sharpen

2 Circle of light

3 Stratford-upon- —

4 Urban building

5 Flavorful

6 Does a farm job

7 Drizzle

8 Part of NATO (Abbr.)

9 Never drinking spirits

10 Author

11 Eject

12 Streamlet

13 Body joint

21 Electronic duo — Punk

23 First fellow

26 Actor — Willis

27 Canvas stand

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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