

THE DAILY COMMUTER | STELLA ZAWISTOWSKI

- ACROSS**
- 1 Timeline section
 - 5 The ___ & the Papas
 - 10 Discount grocery chain
 - 14 Swallow quickly
 - 15 Gas meter measurement
 - 16 Two-person combat
 - 17 A single time
 - 18 Fatigued
 - 19 Talking test
 - 20 Biblical da Vinci mural: 3 wds.
 - 23 Make tweaks to
 - 24 Use scissors
 - 25 TV controllers
 - 28 1940 Hitchcock film
 - 32 Large dwarf planet
 - 33 Has a fine meal
 - 35 Bar soap brand
 - 36 Not trans
 - 37 Used-up pencil
 - 38 Oversharing reaction: Abbr.
 - 39 Performs in a play
 - 41 Day's dawn
 - 43 Field of interest
 - 44 Chalklike sticks
 - 46 Inked body designs
 - 48 Former President Biden
 - 49 Comedian Rivers
 - 50 Upper Manhattan neighborhood: 2 wds.
 - 56 Soapy lather
 - 57 Doom and ___
 - 58 "Frozen" snowman
 - 60 If not
 - 61 Hägar the Horrible's wife
 - 62 Narrow cut
 - 63 Sprays with water
 - 64 ___ army knife
 - 65 Beach surface

- DOWN**
- 1 Sense of self
 - 2 Smallest in a litter
 - 3 Elixir of life seekers

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4 Tight swimsuits

5 Genetically changed

6 Without changes: 2 wds.

7 Trading center

8 Gets older

9 Persuasively charms

10 Took in, as a shelter dog

11 Entice

12 Beloved

13 Not feeling well

21 Ignited

22 U.K. watering hole

25 TV episode summary

26 "All My Children" role

27 Nasal cavity

28 Argue against

29 Natural bug repellent

30 Small movie role

31 Assumed name

34 Religious sister

40 Patron of pilgrims: 2 wds.

41 Horse-drawn sleds

42 Bedclothes

43 Perplexed: 3 wds.

45 Very long time

47 Craggy hill

50 Only

51 "That's all in the ___"

52 Large quantity

53 Hindu spring festival

54 Big pigs

55 Most important

56 Not many

59 Flower retailer: Abbr.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CLASSIC BEATLES SONG ABOUT A NEW HOT-AIR BATH ON ITS WAY TO THE GYM: "HERE COMES THE SAUNA."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals W

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.



George Phoenix and Jan Demczur hug while John Paczkowski stands in background in "9/11 Reunited." PROVIDED BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC/VIRGINIA SHERWOOD

9/11 Reunited
Nat Geo, 8 p.m. • New Docuseries!
This emotionally moving docuseries starts in Manhattan in 2026, sharing the stories of 9/11 survivors, many of whom reunite for the first time since that day, and who look to say thank you, pass on a message or ask questions that they felt unable to ask, until now. All three episodes air tonight.

Great Performances at the Met: 'Eugene Onegin'
PBS, check station for time
Soprano Asmik Grigorian returns to the Met as Tatiana, the lovestruck young heroine in Tchaikovsky's opera adaptation of Alexander Pushkin's novel. Baritone Igor Golovatenko reprises his portrayal of Onegin, who realizes his affection for her all too late. Tony Award nominee Deborah Warner directs.

(:08) That '70s Show
Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath
The Other Mother
Kimberly Cross
All In With Chr

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ASK CAROLYN | CAROLYN HAX

Fiancé resists limiting his day trips to afford longer travel

Dear Carolyn: My soon-to-be husband and I have vacation-inequity arguments. We have backpacked together for years. I have a chronic autoimmune condition, so backpacking has become harder for me. I also have a day job now, whereas I used to do shift work that allowed me to take a lot more time off. Partner does a lot of day hikes on the weekend in addition to backpacking, although he has cut back on his backpacking. The argument is, he considers his travel imminently more reasonable than my wish to travel overseas. I understand that traveling overseas costs more money. However, his driving back-and-forth does require gas money. He often gets a meal or grabs something on the way out, plus other food and gear replacement. He spends these \$100 amounts on a regular basis because they don't look like a lot. He always tells me I can save for my trips by putting \$150 away, except then I end up having to transfer money in because we're short during the pay period. He also scheduled all his annual vacation time on backpacking trips without discussing it with me, then said he'd just take unpaid time for any trips I want to do. Of course, who wouldn't want extra vacation time? But then he will lose us money when he is not working. He feels like I am restricting him. I also have a window of time to do these things, given my disease activity. This is a major issue for us. He thinks traveling overseas isn't affordable, something I can maybe do once every three or four years, even though he wants to go to the same area over and over until he has seen every canyon in Utah 1,000,000 times, and we are very, very good at traveling on a budget. I'm at a loss as to how to resolve this. I have asked him to track his expenses on trips, but he basically refuses to do so. We also are supposed to get married this October and we had talked about going on a week-long trip to Italy because I haven't been on a real vacation for over a year, and he was going to cancel his 10-day late summer backpacking vacation (over half unpaid time for him) to help us save money for it, but I still see it on the calendar. How can we get past this? – *Arguing*
Arguing: You don't. Not if only one of

you thinks there's anything to get past. He's just dandy. He spends without tracking it, backpacks without checking it, takes days off work when he feels like it. When he overdraws the household account, his beloved betrothed with a day job transfers money to make the ends meet again. So technically you are "restricting" him, yes, when you ask him to limit his trips or his spending. But it's so you can do your thing, too. So "restricting" is the word he used for making room in his life(style) for you. Hm. You see the problem, right? No ... I want to cast it this way: You **don't** see the embrace, right? You **don't** see the partner who's just as invested in your happiness as he is in his own? Who's so excited to make your trip possible, too? Within your "window of time"? And this is, presumably, when his interest in you is at its peak. Think carefully, please, before marrying someone who is extremely attentive to his share and his needs but, ah ... jeesh ... loses focus when it comes to you. Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com.

Kubok 16

By Davide Coppo

Difficulty: MEDIUM

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Solution to Thursday's puzzle

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4	2	16	14
8	15	9	12

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 Pick up

5 Stare open-mouthed

9 False god

13 Not doing anything

14 Daughter of King Lear

15 Competent

16 Breakfast, lunch or dinner

17 With

18 Ancient Brit

19 Cried intensely

21 Builds

23 Amend text

25 — Croft: Tomb Raider

26 Haggle

29 Swamp

33 Seed vessel

34 Stage direction

36 — Hawkins Day

37 Midway attraction

39 Cabs

41 Domino

42 River in France

44 "The — Professor"

46 Hearing organ

47 Is entitled to

49 Sober

51 Felines

53 Fall mo.

54 Pertaining to mail

56 Discerning

60 Girl

61 Silk-cotton tree

64 Dry

65 Director — Premierer

66 Ills

67 — and dine

68 "At which time?"

69 Farming need

70 Org.

DOWN

1 Tree branch

2 Concept

3 Imperfection

4 Bank worker

5 Jewel

6 In the past

7 Auto body part

8 Memory trace

9 Casino game

10 Aid and —

11 "— Well That Ends Well"

12 Permit

14 Glowing

20 Advantage

22 Statue in

24 Giant god

26 Idaho's capital

27 Reptile

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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28 Connected group

30 Parting word

31 "— Marner"

32 Crystal-gazer

33 Straitlaced

35 Ceremonies

38 Swedish company that invented Bluetooth

40 Irregular marks

43 Coup d'—

45 Barks

48 Tent pegs

50 City in Ontario

52 Work hard

54 Traveled way

55 Bone (Prefix)

57 "Exodus" author

58 Cans

59 Paradise

60 Moo

62 Baker's creation

63 Antiquated

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