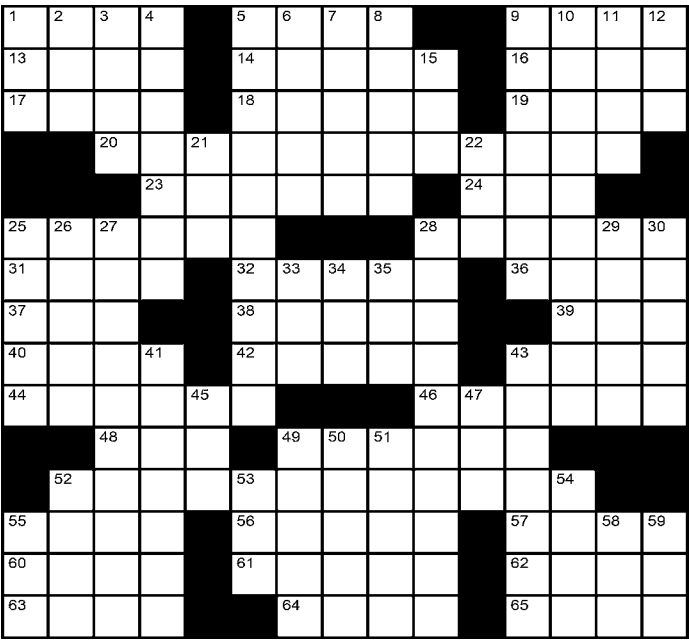


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Football throw
 - 5 Minor mistake
 - 9 Formally give up
 - 13 Wrinkly citrus fruit
 - 14 Scientist Marie
 - 16 “Call Her Daddy” host Cooper
 - 17 Pinto ___ (legume)
 - 18 Sharp and intense
 - 19 Grain storage spot
 - 20 Former “Top Chef” host: 2 wds.
 - 23 Memory failures
 - 24 The Third
 - 25 Gangster AI
 - 28 Squeeze tightly
 - 31 Taj Mahal city
 - 32 Allude (to)
 - 36 Opposite of common
 - 37 Sign for a sold-out show: Abbr.
 - 38 Home made of snow
 - 39 Brewed beverage
 - 40 Exam
 - 42 “Proper” words
 - 43 Breakfast, for example
 - 44 Looking at
 - 46 Involuntary contractions
 - 48 Tax pro: Abbr.
 - 49 Small crowns
 - 52 Sundae topping
 - 55 ___ the Elder (Roman statesman)
 - 56 Bohemian dance
 - 57 Car or truck
 - 60 Double-reed instrument
 - 61 Move quickly
 - 62 Take a breather
 - 63 Geek
 - 64 Looks over
 - 65 Inquires
- DOWN**
- 1 Watering hole
 - 2 “The ___ of Innocence”
 - 3 Open-handed hit



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

P A I R S	C L A S S	V A T
U N T I L	H O M E Y	A N Y
C O M P A R I S O N S	L I P	
K N E E C A P	S E T T I M E	
S K I	G E O D E S	
S E P T E T	L L A M A	
T R I R A D I A L	D I M E	
A G E S	O A K	S A I L
B O S C	S P R E A D	M D S
R O P E S	N E W B I E	
P A N E R A	S P A	
A N S W E R S	S E A T T L E	
I V Y	G E T W E L L S O O N	
N I N	O M E G A	M O U N D
T L C	N E P A L	A N T E S

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4 Western Mexican state	43 Cosmetic for lashes	52 ___ in the woods
5 Running playfully	45 DC ballplayer	53 Short albums: Abbr.
6 Filmmaker George	47 Former coach Riley	54 Shades of color
7 “Yay me!”: 2 wds.	49 Literary cliché	55 Pro’s opposite
8 Breads with pockets	50 The ___ Brothers (soul group)	58 “Shame on you!”
9 Store clerk	51 Jamaican fruit	59 Tie-resolution periods: Abbr.
10 Completely removes		
11 Sandwich shop		
12 Prefix with “skeleton”		
15 “A mouse!”		
21 Actor Levy		
22 The “S” in RSVP		
25 Groups of actors		
26 Give consent		
27 Government lawyer		
28 Intersection		
29 ___ of the crop		
30 Gets better		
33 Sense of self		
34 Winter ailment		
35 Very long time		
41 Walked very quietly		

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT COULD YOU CALL HAIR THAT'S COIFFURED FOR THE DAY OF A MARRIAGE CEREMONY? WEDDING TRESSES.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals P

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.



Morena Baccarin of Sheriff Country and Max Thieriot of Fire Country on the set of Marketing's Content Capture Stage during CBSFEST 2026-2027: Fall Schedule Announcement, promoting CBS' 2026-2027 primetime lineup at the Paramount Studios lot in Los Angeles, California. PROVIDED BY CBS

NFL Football: San Francisco vs. L.A. Rams
Netflix, 8:35 p.m. • Live
NFC West foes collide at the Melbourne Cricket Ground as the San Francisco 49ers face the L.A. Rams in the first NFL regular-season game played in Australia.

CBS Fall First Look
CBS, 9 p.m.
Take a sneak peek at the new and returning series coming to CBS this fall season, featuring behind-the-scenes glimpses at the stories and interviews with the stars of your favorite shows.

ASK CAROLYN | CAROLYN HAX

Engaged couple deadlocked over each other's Christmas traditions

This column first appeared Sept. 10, 2023.

Dear Carolyn: My fiancée and I can't agree on how to spend Christmas as a couple. She has one sister, who is single, and they were raised by a single mom after the death of their father. For Christmas, their mother pays for a vacation somewhere — places I have no interest in going, like all-inclusive resorts. If I join them, we would need our own room, either an added expense for their mom or our entire vacation budget for a trip I don't want to go on. My fiancée also hates these resorts but doesn't want to rock the boat.

There are also uncomfortable family dynamics at play. They are tightknit but bicker and snap at each other, and the sister also resents me because it's been just the three of them for decades and I am intruding.

Meanwhile, I come from a huge and happy extended family. We very rarely have any arguing or cattiness. Christmas is the only time we can all be together.

My fiancée loves my family but is (rightfully) devoted to hers. She wants to alternate holidays. I don't want to miss my own family holidays. To my thinking, four adults can easily make up Christmas at a later time, whereas a family of 50 cannot. She wants to be with her family on Christmas Day. I have invited hers to join mine, but the sister is not interested.

I have also suggested separate Christmases with our families of origin, but she wants us to celebrate as our own family unit. I won't sacrifice my fun family time for her tense, expensive family time.

Can you see a way to resolve this? — *Clueless From Whoville*

Clueless From Whoville: I would love to help figure a way, straight from my nerdy soul. Such an interesting emotional word problem.

But. I can't help — or at least shouldn't, for your own good. Testing their ability to resolve issues like this is exactly how engaged couples find out whether marrying each other is a good idea. That is, assuming they have sense and strength not to push it off to some fictional, easier “later.”

See this through now, because you and your fiancée will hit some version of the same wall for the rest of your time together. Because you are a pragmatist, and she is a romantic.

You: can't imagine missing out on 50

people you love only to spend money you don't have on travel to places you don't like so you can be with people who don't want you there, just because a calendar, which you don't acknowledge as a legitimate authority, says you have to choose one or the other. (Fellow pragmatist here, full disclosure.)

She: will cherish trips she doesn't enjoy because the tradition of doing so means more to her than her comfort, and she will go on the exact day because that is the tradition's taproot, and she will want you there, grudgingly or not, welcome or not, because being with her chosen life partner is as much the point as upholding the tradition in the first place.

The world is better for both types. Truly. But tempting as it is to declare that your marriage will be the better, too, and to wrangle a system where each of you sacrifices just enough, that would be superficial.

Now go work together, or accept you won't.

Email Carolyn at tellme@wash-post.com.

Kubok 16 By Davide Coppo Difficulty: MEDIUM

31	36	42	27
31	8	7	
50	15	12	
19			5 11
36			10 4

Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

16	7	13	14
3	15	6	11
10	9	1	12
8	5	2	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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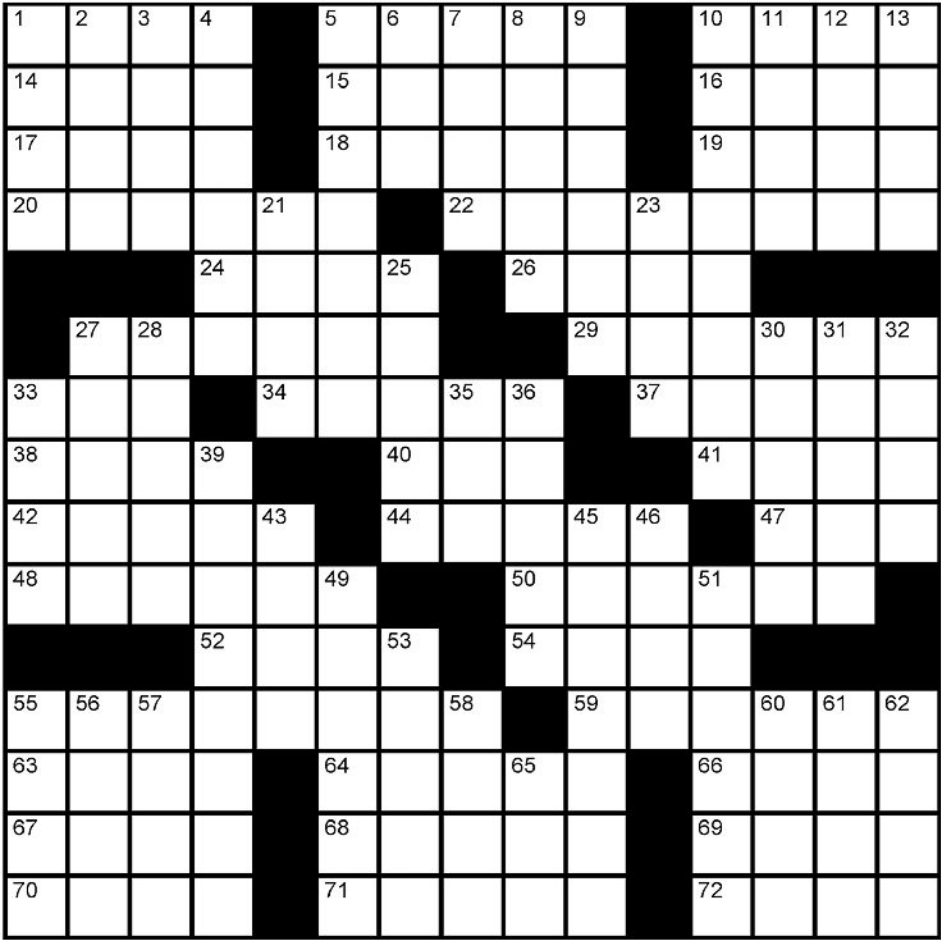
TODAY'S CROSSWORD | ANDREWS MCMEEL

- ACROSS**
- 1 Break of day
 - 5 Lighting fixtures
 - 10 Bouillon
 - 14 Reverberate
 - 15 Once more
 - 16 Otherwise
 - 17 Like a desert
 - 18 “20,000 Leagues” author
 - 19 — mater
 - 20 Distant
 - 22 Retreat a little (2 wds.)
 - 24 — Lauderdale
 - 26 Sandwich cookie
 - 27 Purify
 - 29 Parts of sandals
 - 33 Jewel
 - 34 Seep through
 - 37 Way in
 - 38 Quantity of paper
 - 40 Sunbeam
 - 41 School in England
 - 42 Bird-related
 - 44 Mote
 - 47 “— Been Loving You Too Long”
 - 48 Shouted
 - 50 Subtle detail
 - 52 Eye part
 - 54 About (2 wds.)
 - 55 Incorrect term
 - 59 Tried
 - 63 State near Wash.
 - 64 Museum in Madrid
 - 66 Pit
 - 67 Vetch seed
 - 68 Very angry
 - 69 Fall birthstone
 - 70 Perceive
 - 71 “An — of the People”
 - 72 Cellar contents
- DOWN**
- 1 High-priced
 - 2 “God’s Little —”
 - 3 Caprice
 - 4 Fall asleep (2 wds.)
 - 5 “— & Shirley”
 - 6 Period
 - 7 War god
 - 8 Piebald horse
 - 9 Shows contempt
 - 10 Carried on water
 - 11 — podrida
 - 12 Serv. branch
 - 13 Top
 - 21 Work
 - 23 Politician — Buttigieg
 - 25 Shreds
 - 27 Actor Christopher —
 - 28 Computer message
 - 30 Storage room
 - 31 Demonstrate
 - 32 “Auld Lang —”
 - 33 Dreary
 - 35 Upper limit
 - 36 Scavenger animal
 - 39 Feign illness
 - 43 Detective — Wolfe
 - 45 Detention by police
 - 46 Actress — Winslet
 - 49 Dent
 - 51 Missing ticket holder (Hyph.)
 - 53 Finch
 - 55 Winged insect
 - 56 Dies —
 - 57 Antitoxins
 - 58 Rant and —
 - 60 Pith helmet
 - 61 Ardor
 - 62 Remove printed matter
 - 65 Shadowy

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED



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