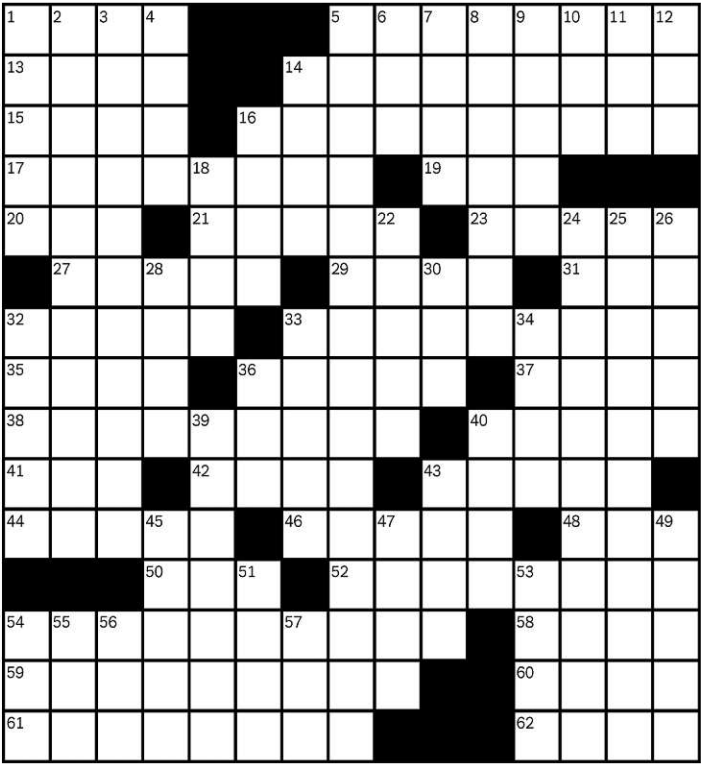


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Puzzle by Hemant Mehta

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ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX

How to split time between adult daughters



BY CAROLYN HAX
tellme@washpost.com

Dear Carolyn: One of my daughters is expecting her second baby in the spring, while my other daughter has recently informed me that she and her husband are against having children and have already taken permanent birth control steps.

I did not have children thinking they would owe me grandchildren, but I love being a grandmother. I am shocked by the reaction I have had to learning that one of my kids won't be having kids of her own.

It is completely her decision, of course, but I'm struggling with how I will be able to divide my attention equally between my daughters when one is on a journey that requires so much more community and offers so many rewards.

My daughters are both very sensitive and highly perceptive, and I worry about being accused of favoritism because I am spending more money and time on one than the other. Any perspective on how I might manage not to screw this up?

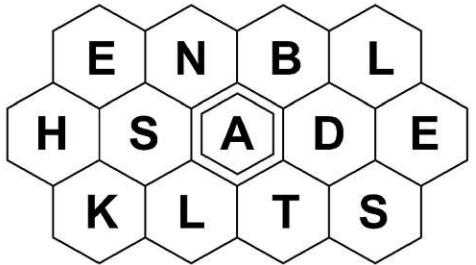
— Struggling

Struggling: You're right, a mom of two children will need a lot of community support.



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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. Campfire residue A _ _ _ _
2. Dieter's lunch option _ _ _ _ _
3. Set of computer records D _ _ _ _ _
4. Facilitates _ _ _ _ _
5. Pursue stealthily S _ _ _ _

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Do you know who else will? A woman who chooses not to have children.

Her days may be less labor-intensive, sure, since she won't be meeting the relentless needs of little humans. But she also won't enter the pipeline of incidental social interaction that child-rearing creates, with its decades of doctors, playgrounds, sitters, cooing relatives and bystanders, teachers, kids' friends' parents, coaches, room/team/dance moms and dads, and other fellow travelers and tormentors. The automatic structure of this is something else she won't have.

Plus, the "rewards" of her life will never just be assumed. She will always be asked, in some way, to explain or justify them.

It is about to be assumed, though, in perpetuity, that she and her husband can travel farther, require less notice, afford to pay more — but need only the smallest, grimmest room, if not the pullout couch.

Will their needs factor into family holidays? Will their lives get primary interest? Will their accomplishments register?

This is what every parent faces when a child's

path presents an awkward learning curve. Grown kids are constantly moving places uncomfortable for their parents, taking jobs they don't understand, marrying people they don't mesh with. So it's tempting to default to the familiar and not even try the extra work of adapting. Especially when there's a less problematic sibling to fall back on.

That's my perspective: This daughter put you in a role you don't understand, while the other daughter temps you to default to what you know (and love).

The first step in not screwing up is to see this.

The second is to put in the effort to resist. Work to understand this daughter's needs as well as you do your other's. Recognize, for example, that not having children is a position in both a family and society that can feel like everyone's afterthought. Then note how close you came to making your daughter one.

Then, on this foundation, build a beautiful thing. See the "opportunities" for you and your mother-daughter relationship on this other path, just as you did on the other's motherhood path.

Broncos' Nix devastated by injury, has confidence in Stidham

Field Level Media

Injured Denver Broncos quarterback Bo Nix expressed full confidence in Jarrett Stidham on Wednesday in his first comments since sustaining a broken ankle in Saturday's 33-30 overtime win over the Buffalo Bills in the AFC divisional round.

Nix posted his feelings on Instagram, one day after undergoing ankle surgery in Birmingham, Ala.

"The last few days have been hard to put into words," Nix wrote. "What started as one of the most exciting games I've ever been a part of ended with some of the most devastating football news I've ever received. This is not how I imagined my season would come to an end, but our season has been defined by overcoming adversity and responding to it.

"I can't express how much this team and organization mean to me and how much I believe in them. I couldn't be more proud of our guys. I couldn't be more confident in Jarrett. And I couldn't be more excited for what's next. Thank you all for the kind words, love and support over the last few days."

Nix injured the ankle on a running play during the game-winning overtime drive. He was able to finish

the game.

Coach Sean Payton announced Nix's devastating injury after the game.

Payton said Wednesday that Nix's surgery went well.

Stidham ran the first-team offense Wednesday ahead of Sunday's start against the visiting New England Patriots in the AFC Championship Game.

Stidham has made four career starts, two with the Las Vegas Raiders in 2022 and two with the Broncos in 2023. He is 1-3 in those games.

Receiver Courtland Sutton found the situation to be a mixed bag of emotions.

"It was an unexplainable emotional roller-coaster," Sutton told reporters. "That dude (Nix) has done so much. If anybody was deserving of this opportunity in this space, it's him. ... I have no doubt in my mind that Jarrett is going to be ready to play."

Nix is keeping the faith about Denver's season.

"We're not finished, as a matter of fact we're just getting started. We're just going to keep climbing higher.

"Go Broncos."

Nix passed for 279 yards, three touchdowns and one interception in the team's first playoff victory since the 2015 season playoffs. He outplayed Buffalo star Josh Allen in the process.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE HUD CDBG CONSTRUCTION GREENHOUSE17 SHELTER SAFETY PROJECT
Separate sealed bids for the Emergency Shelter Safety Project for GreenHouse17 will be received by the organization until 5 PM, EST on Friday, February 13, 2026, and then opened and read aloud on Monday, February 16, 2026 at 1 PM, EST.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at GreenHouse17.org/requests-for-bids. Copies may be obtained for no cost by request that includes bidder name, complete mailing address, and contact phone number. Request by phone should be made to 859-519-1904. Email requests should be sent to contact@greenhouse17.org.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Section 109 and E.O. 11246 and Title VI and other requirements. Minority bidders are encouraged to bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, OH 44114, or via e-mail: comments.applications@clevefrb.org. The comment period will end no less than 15 days after the date of this publication. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Richard Ryan Schilling, Banking Supervisor, at (613) 455-4406. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period. IFL0307394 Jan 23 2026

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL KENTUCKY EMPLOYERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE (KEMI) 250 W. Main St., Ste 900, Lexington, KY 40507, is accepting proposals for Human Resources Consulting Services. If you would like further information or a copy of the RFP, please contact Sarah Kosin at rfp@kemi.com or visit www.kemi.com/rfp. IFL0305210 Jan 23 2026

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