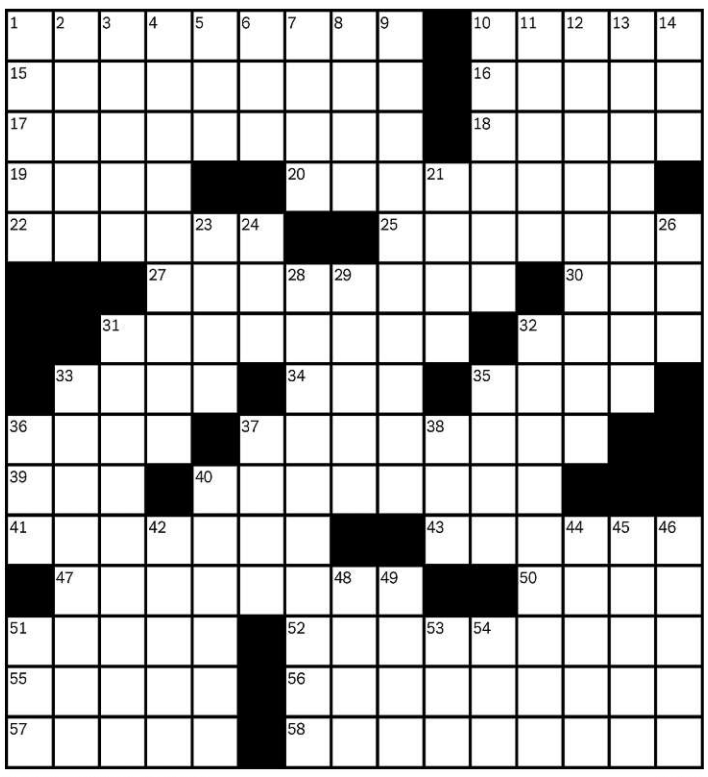
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Puzzle by Nam Jin Yoon

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ACROSS

1 Mensches
10 "Super Dry" brewer
15 Visual aid with a three-dimensional aspect
16 Persona non grata
17 By an even stronger argument, at law
18 Stars to gaze up at
19 Not mad
20 Squishy projectile
22 Cackling carnivores
25 World's third-largest river by discharge, after the Amazon and the Congo
27 Miserly sorts, informally
30 Rift
31 Like a certain artery
32 Mango leftovers
33 The astronomer Tycho Brahe, for one
34 Org. concerned with screenings
35 Wine leftovers
36 __ Kar-wai, acclaimed Hong Kong filmmaker behind 1994's "Chungking Express"
37 Hounds that can run up to 35 mph
39 It's mine, all mine!
40 NPR program since 1987
41 Two aces, say
43 Kind of roll
47 Comfortable
50 "Do I __ to eat a peach?": T.S. Eliot
51 Record of the year?
52 Drawing on another's life
55 Handle
56 Much-anticipated rivalry game in soccer's La Liga
57 Hidden element of FedEx's logo
58 Extremely difficult and ultimately futile

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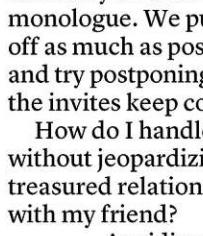
1 Hit the hay hard
2 Morgan __, sorceress in King Arthur stories
3 Not having company
4 What Odysseus' crew waxed on about?
5 Mahjong grouping
6 Org. concerned with screenings
7 "Really?!"
8 Zero out, in a way
9 Device geared to draw rotationally symmetrical shapes
10 Accounts for checking?
11 Compact, maybe
12 "My mistake"
13 Some Navy aircraft during WWII
14 Org. requiring crypto disclosures beginning in 2025
21 Glenn who cofounded the Eagles
23 A lot of lot
24 Broadway show inits.
26 Psy-__
28 Near failure, colloquially
29 Fertile place
31 Swiss Army knife component
32 Aid for someone studying a culture
33 One who regularly takes a best friend out?
35 Princess who says "Governor Tarkin! I should have expected to find you holding Vader's leash. I recognized your foul stench when I was brought on board"
36 Like some noodles and martinis
37 Habeas corpus, e.g.
38 Cricket's Men in Green, on scoreboards
40 Dormant
42 Student of Socrates
44 "Gymnopédies" composer
45 Jong who wrote "Fear of Flying"
46 Scouting trip
48 Artist with an absurdist humor book all about his mustache
49 Sauron's soldiers in "The Lord of the Rings"
51 __ team
53 Gymnast Raisman
54 Enervate

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:

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CAROLYN HAX

Wanting to hold onto friend and dodge her spouse



BY CAROLYN HAX
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Dear Carolyn: I have developed a wonderful friendship with a woman in town. The problem: Her husband is a classic narcissist, exaggerating his accomplishments, seeking endless praise and totally lacking empathy. He must be the center of attention at all times. He is also cruel to my friend — he diminishes her, orders her around, mocks her, etc., which of course is painful to witness. She is in denial about his behavior.

Unfortunately, we are often invited to their house for dinner, which both my husband and I find intolerable. We are stuck listening to him praise his own cooking and carry on a three-hour monologue. We put them off as much as possible and try postponing, but the invites keep coming.

How do I handle this without jeopardizing the treasured relationship with my friend?

— Avoiding Friend's Husband

Avoiding Friend's Husband: Nothing like a self-aggrandizing, verbally abusive monologuer to help you sharpen your priorities. (I'll leave "narcissist" to those with credentials.)

You want to keep your friend, and you want to avoid the dinner torture. Of course.

And of course you want your friend to have someone in her life who doesn't tear her down. Right?

They're common and reasonable objectives, it's just not reasonable to think they're all achievable at once. At some point you must prioritize, avoiding the jerk or investing in the friend.

There's also this: When the intolerable partners are abusers, their targets can find their way to safety through supportive friendships. So add looking out for the friend.

This is why "love my friend, loathe friend's partner" is such a perennial problem and such a resounding bummer; if trying to secure one benefit didn't jeopardize others, then you wouldn't be asking. It's a problem that forces uncomfortable choices.

The choices, meanwhile, touch on some difficult and awkward questions: Is friendship fundamentally selfish or selfless? Is it presumptuous to treat our friendship as good for my friend? Can bottomless "So sorry, we're busy!"-type lies and deflections in fact be honorable? Is the partner that bad, or did I spin my dislike into a whole self-serving narrative?

And that's just a sampling.

So, start by picking your priority. Or, as it so often turns out, pick what you won't do: risk the friendship, endure another ghastly dinner, further isolate someone with a cruel spouse.

Settle that, and the smaller decisions will at least get easier, if not make themselves.

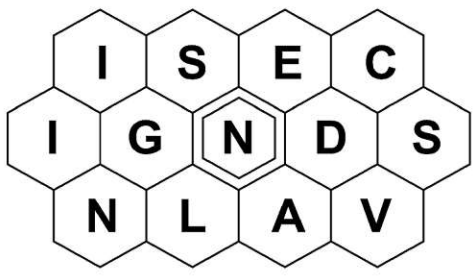
Regardless of your chosen priority, you can speak up to her about cruelty, always. Please do. Not, "He isn't good for you," though, or anything about the blowhardery. Those are vague and put people on the defensive. Instead, cite only his mistreatment, with details, in the I formation: "When he says ___ to you, I feel uncomfortable/angry," where ___ is an example you witnessed firsthand (and are careful to represent accurately).

Even if she opts out, there's still a way to help: "You can always call me. 24-7."

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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. Pertaining to warships N _ _ _ _
2. Touches down _ _ _ _ _
3. Part of a play S _ _ _ _
4. Largest country in the U.K. _ _ _ _ _ _ _
5. Making sketches and plans D _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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GREG LOVETT Palm Beach Post

Tiger Woods, seen in March, has not made an official PGA Tour start since missing the cut at the 2024 Open Championship.

Woods training, but his Hero World Challenge status uncertain

Field Level Media

Tiger Woods is increasing his workload as he works toward another competitive comeback, though Tuesday he stopped short of saying he will play in next month's Hero World Challenge.

"I'm feeling better, no doubt about that," Woods told SiriusXM PGA Tour Radio. "I've been training quite a bit."

Woods, 50, hosts the Hero World Challenge, which will be played Dec. 3-6 at Albany in the Bahamas. He confirmed he will attend but laughed as he left his playing status unresolved.

"I will be at Hero," Woods said. "I'm there either way, so I'll see you there."

Seventeen players have been announced for the 20-man, no-cut event, leaving three tournament exemptions available. Woods was not included in the initial field.

The 15-time major champion last competed March 24, when his Jupiter Links Golf Club lost to Los Angeles Golf Club in the TGL championship match. He has not made an official PGA Tour start since missing the cut at the 2024 Open Championship at Royal Troon.

Woods ruptured his left Achilles in March 2025 and underwent his seventh back procedure that October, adding to a lengthy injury history that has sharply limited his tournament schedule.

Three days after playing in the TGL finals in March, Woods was involved in a rollover car crash in Florida and arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence. He subsequently announced he was stepping away from golf to seek treatment and focus on his health.

The Hero could be the first of several opportunities for Woods to return before the end of the year. The PNC Championship, where he has frequently partnered with son Charlie, runs Dec. 17-20 in Orlando. Jupiter Links is also scheduled to begin its TGL season Dec. 27.

Woods has not formally committed to either event, although ESPN reported last month that he is expected to play in the TGL opener if his health allows.

Report: PGA Tour will wait to decide on LIV players' return

Field Level Media

The PGA Tour will wait until LIV Golf's bankruptcy proceedings conclude before deciding about a pathway back for the breakaway league's players, The Athletic reported.

LIV Golf's Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings in New Jersey are expected to continue until at least January, per the report.

A source told The Athletic that any decisions about LIV players' ability to return to the PGA Tour will be based on long-term benefits, not on the immediate "sugar high" of commercial benefits.

Questions about the potential professional limbo facing displaced LIV golfers have ramped up since the formerly Saudi-backed circuit announced last week it was shutting down and liquidating assets.

Last January, the PGA Tour announced a Returning Members Program that offered a limited-time pathway back for select top LIV talent. Brooks Koepka accepted the deal, which included a fine and other penalties, while Jon Rahm, Bryson DeChambeau and Cam Smith all declined.

Patrick Reed, who did not qualify for the return program, opted not to renew with LIV Golf before the 2026 season and is third in the Race to Dubai standings on the DP World Tour with one event remaining. The top 10 players (not otherwise exempt) receive PGA Tour cards for 2027.



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Questions about the potential professional limbo facing displaced LIV golfers such as Phil Mickelson have ramped up since the formerly Saudi-backed circuit announced it was shutting down and liquidating assets.

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Legals

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Legals & Public Notices

Kroger Limited Partnership I

Kroger Limited Partnership I, 1014 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202, Hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a Quota Retail Package License, Non-Quota Retail Malt Beverage Package License, and Sampling License for Kroger # 359 Liquor Store, publication of notice for license(s) no later than November 5, 2026. The business to be licensed as Kroger # 359 Liquor Store located at 1650 Bryan Station Rd, STE 170, Lexington, Kentucky, 40505, Campbell County. The Principal Officers and Directors are as follows: President George Vincent, and Vice-President and Treasurer Carin Fike, located at 1014 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic, may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the KY Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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DX Solutions dba Solaris Diagnostics of 110 Dewey drive have ceased operations as of September 16, 2026 and is in dissolution process. Please send all potential creditor statements to 120 Dewey Drive Nicholasville, KY 40356. Claims will be barred unless received within statutory period.

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