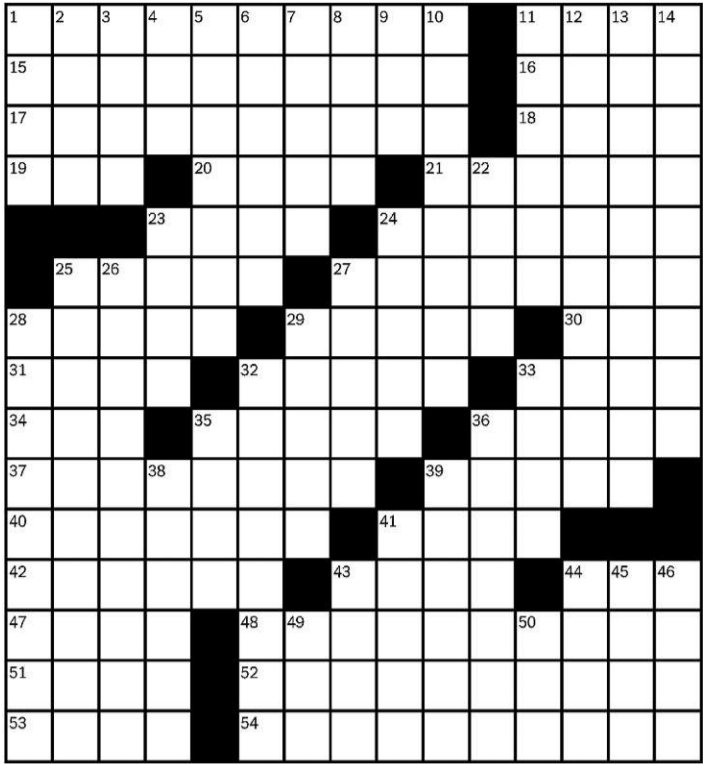


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bachelorette party activity
 - 11 Sea of ___, body of water at one end of the Kerch Strait
 - 15 Classic milk accompaniment
 - 16 Rarest of all state birds
 - 17 A few hours for doing whatever
 - 18 Sue at Chicago's Field Museum, e.g.
 - 19 For instance
 - 20 Made an impression?
 - 21 Jewelry designer
 - 22 Picasso
 - 23 State
 - 24 Bold bit of ink
 - 25 Utterly defeated, as n00bs
 - 27 Elbows for a chef?
 - 28 Appearances
 - 29 Comedian
 - 30 Pioneer in subscription TV
 - 31 Chip in, in a way
 - 32 Villeneuve who directed "Dune"
 - 33 Suggest
 - 34 "Fortunate Son" subject, informally
 - 35 Word with actor or mail
 - 36 Tips off
 - 37 Dumpster-dive, for example
 - 39 Gun support
 - 40 Ancient Greek city known for its ornate columns
 - 41 Caves
 - 42 "Curiously strong" mint
 - 43 Love letters
 - 44 50 Cent piece?
 - 47 Toy shovel holder
 - 48 Where stars are born
 - 51 ___ Lewis, first recipient of the James Beard Living Legend Award
 - 52 "Help me get the answer"
 - 53 Politician's platform
 - 54 Some October lawn decorations



Puzzle by Colin Adams

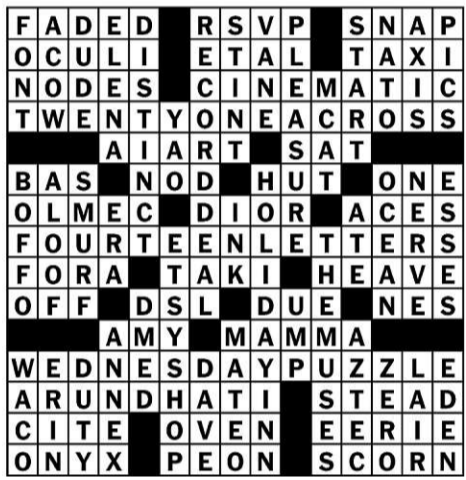
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DOWN

- 1 Amazon nuisances
- 2 Mozart's "Der Hölle Rache," for one
- 3 Pixar character described as "nothing less than the finest chef in France"
- 4 Lead-in to cake in Southern cuisine
- 5 Musical units
- 6 Spent
- 7 Pot grower's activity?
- 8 "Just yankin' your chain, that's all"
- 9 Donut, in soccer
- 10 Frozen, flexible first-aid items
- 11 Part of a rack
- 12 Rhyming trajectory for success
- 13 Sort who might go for all the bells and whistles?
- 14 Annoyances
- 22 Berry in a Playa Bowl
- 23 Claudia Harrison's role on "The Crown"
- 24 Going backward, in skateboarding slang

- 25 Cocktail served with an umbrella
- 26 Cocktail served with an olive
- 27 Chop chop!
- 28 Did some personal grooming
- 29 Negative vote in a stable?
- 32 "Stop! Think of the consequences!"
- 33 Explorers' aids
- 35 Part of a Caesarean boast
- 36 Subtly flirts with
- 38 Instruments whose players read alto clef
- 39 What pogonophobia is the fear of
- 41 Square
- 43 Stalk
- 44 Its name is Botswana is the same as the word for "money"
- 45 Teen trouble
- 46 Four-footed friends
- 49 Game with numbered cards
- 50 Soup with rice noodles

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX
Widowed mother struggles with family politics



BY CAROLYN HAX
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Dear Carolyn: My two children are in their 30s, and my husband of over 40 years, their father, died four years ago from a debilitating neurological disease. Last summer, I treated my children, my son's girlfriend, her mom ("Anne") and a few friends of my daughter to a beach vacation, staggering the friends' visits over the two weeks. My children and I were alone for a few days without company. During Anne's one-week stay, my daughter was very upset. She feels that Anne has a big personality, and when her brother, his girlfriend and Anne are together, the vacation becomes her brother's "show." She feels she does not have to spend vacations with his girlfriend's mother until they're married.

I talked her off the ledge and agreed that I would not include Anne this summer.

Anne is generous and inclusive. She has treated my son to extravagant vacations in several countries and has invited my daughter and me on her family's ski vacations. My daughter has declined.

This summer, I planned another two-week vaca-

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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. Display stand E _ _ _ _
- 2. Dog accessory _ _ _ _ _
- 3. Twinkie company H _ _ _ _ _
- 4. Specimens _ _ _ _ _
- 5. Relating to stars S _ _ _ _ _

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tion and failed to remember my promise not to invite Anne again. When I informed my daughter, she became upset and already informed me that she can join us for only part of the two weeks.

When I told my son about the dilemma, he became irate. He thinks his sister is being difficult.

It is impossible to arrange the visits so that my daughter and Anne do not overlap. How would you advise me to navigate this?

— Newly Single Mother of Adult Children

Newly Single Mother of Adult Children: I would advise the equivalent of what I did to your letter.

I don't typically share this process, but I published only about 40% of your question. I pared down backstories, detours, a good deal of fretting and a raft of detail.

You can finish the job by stripping away everything but this:

Daughter dislikes brother's girlfriend's mother, whom you accidentally invited to another family vacay after promising not to.

That's everything. The more you add, the

more you complicate a simple, normal and rather easily dispatched problem. Here's why it's simple:

— Anne (or anyone) could be just fine and still not charming to everyone. Oh, well.

— There's no good reason to stick your daughter with her brother's girlfriend's mother on vacations.

— Nuclear family members can veto a vacation's "special guest stars." That's fair.

— It's lovely that Anne includes you. Yay, Anne. But you needn't reciprocate by hosting your own family extravaganzas to which you invite Anne. If you want that, great, but not if it means forcing them on your kids.

The theme here? Minimizing drama. Choose the lowest-drama interpretation of EVERYTHING. Remove fuel from fires. Let reactions settle before you respond.

So: "OK, you don't like Anne, no problem," is all you ever needed to say to your daughter. That is, after muscling through this summer's mistake.

For that, just admit you blew it, let your daughter choose her dates to get the least Anne — then let go.

What does reaching the Sweet 16 mean for Kentucky basketball coach Mark Pope's contract?

BY CAMERON DRUMMOND
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When Mark Pope came back to Lexington last April to succeed John Calipari as the Kentucky men's basketball head coach, the contract Pope agreed to with UK included specific sections that would come into play if Pope was able to guide the Wildcats to the Sweet 16.

In his first season leading the UK program, those sections will be applied.

Sunday night's 84-75 victory by No. 3 seed Kentucky over No. 6 seed Illinois in the second round of the NCAA Tournament secured a trip to the Sweet 16 for UK for the first time since 2019.

As such, some things are changing with Pope's contract.

Last spring, Pope agreed to a five-year contract with UK that called for him to be paid \$5 million for the 2024-25 season, with that amount increasing by \$250,000 per year over the course of the contract.

The key part comes next. For any season in which UK reaches at least the Sweet 16 — which Pope's squad has done this season — his contract will be automatically extended by one season, as long as there are no more than five seasons remaining on the contract at that time.

So, Pope's contract with UK is now set to run through the 2029-30 season.

In keeping with his contract structure, Pope's salary will also increase by \$250,000 for this addi-



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Kentucky basketball head coach Mark Pope smiles following a second-round NCAA Tournament victory against Illinois at Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee on Sunday.

tional contract year.

As such, Pope is set to be paid \$5.25 million for the 2025-26 season, \$5.5 million for the 2026-27 season, \$5.75 million for the 2027-28 season, \$6 million for the 2028-29 season and now \$6.25 million for the 2029-30 season that Pope just triggered by reaching the Sweet 16.

According to the USA Today database of coaching salaries, Pope is currently the 11th-highest paid men's basketball coach in the country, at least among coaches at public universities. This is using the \$5 million figure that Pope is being paid for the 2024-25 season.

Pope lags behind Bill Self (Kansas), John Calipari (Arkansas), Dan Hurley (UConn), Tom Izzo (Michigan State), Mick Cronin (UCLA), Bruce Pearl (Auburn), Rick Barnes (Tennessee), Scott Drew (Baylor), Tommy Lloyd (Arizona) and Nate Oats (Alabama) on the salary leaderboard for this season. Pope's contract with UK

also lays out potential bonuses he can earn based on his team's academic performance, as well as how his Wildcats fare on the court.

Pope has already earned a \$50,000 bonus this season for reaching the Sweet 16.

If he were to guide Kentucky to a win over Tennessee on Friday night and earn a spot in the Elite Eight, that bonus would grow to \$100,000. The bonus amount would grow to \$250,000 if UK reaches the Final Four and \$500,000 if the Cats win the national championship this season.

Each of Kentucky's five assistant coaches — Alvin Brooks III, Mark Fox, Cody Fueger, Jason Hart and Mikhail McLean — will also earn a bonus payment of at least \$20,000 as a result of Kentucky's participation in the second week of the NCAA Tournament.

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Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Larry L. Stebleton, were issued on November 21, 2024 in Cause No. 24-P-1705, pending in the County Probate Court of Fayette County, Kentucky to: Stuart Stebleton. All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned on or before June 1, 2025. IPL0220993 Mar 7,14,21,28 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Sallie B. Stebleton, were issued on January 29, 2025 in Cause No. 25-P-00098, pending in the County Probate Court of Fayette County, Kentucky to: stuart stebleton. All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned on or before August 1, 2025. IPL0221157 Mar 7,14,21,28 2025

NOTICE TO INFORM

At the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council meeting on March 20, 2025, Ordinances O-018-2025 through O-020-2025 were enacted related to: (1) changing the zone from a Single Family Residential (R-1C) zone to a Townhouse Residential (R-1T) zone, for 0.520 net (0.756 gross) acres, for property located at 940 Higbee Mill Rd; (2) amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for municipal expenditures, and appropriating and re-appropriating funds; (3) amending Section 2-465 of the Code of Ordinances related to the Corridors Commission to increase the non-voting members from six (6) to seven (7). These documents may be viewed in their entirety at https://bit.ly/ords18-20 or in the Council Clerk's Office at 200 E. Main St. Lexington, KY 40507. 859-258-3240. View all LFUCG legal notices at https://www.lexingtonky.gov/public-notices. IPL0224248 Mar 28 2025

Intention to Apply
Bourbon Barrel Barbecue, LLC
Bourbon Barrel Barbecue, LLC DBA LX BBQ intends to apply for NQ4, Special Sunday, and NQ Retail Malt Beverage License no later than March 28, 2025. The licensed premises will be at 226 Walton Ave, Lexington, KY 40502. The owner is Chris Baker, 243 Pepper Drive, Lexington, KY 40511. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of a license by writing the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33 Frankfort KY 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication. IPL0224358 Mar 28 2025

Notice to apply for a NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package

Goga Jahar Veer, 705 Maysville Rd., Mt Sterling, KY 40353 Hereby declares intention to apply for a NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package license Hotel no later than April 30, 2025. The business to be licensed will be located at 1080 Newtown Pike, Lexington, Kentucky 40511 doing business as Residence Inn. The owners are as follows:
Member, Sneha Lata of 705 Maysville Rd., Mt Sterling, KY 40353
Member, Adarsh Kumar of 705 Maysville Rd., Mt Sterling, KY 40353
Member, Bhanu Singh of 705 Maysville Rd., Mt Sterling, KY 40353
Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication. IPL0224512 Mar 28 2025

NOTICE TO INFORM:

At the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council meeting on March 6, 2025 Ordinances O-014-2025 through O-017-2025 were enacted related to: (1) amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for municipal expenditures, and appropriating and re-appropriating funds; (2) amending the authorized strength by creating one (1) unclassified position in the Div. of Human Resources, and transferring the incumbent in the unclassified position of Officer of Diversity and Inclusion to the newly created position; (3) amending the authorized strength by abolishing one (1) classified position, creating one (1) classified position, abolishing two (2) unclassified positions, and creating one (1) classified position, all in the Div. of Parks and Recreation; (4) amending the authorized strength by abolishing one (1) classified position and creating one (1) classified position, all in the Div. of Streets and Roads. These documents may be viewed in their entirety at https://bit.ly/ords14-17 or in the Council Clerk's Office at 200 E. Main St. Lexington, KY 40507. 859-258-3240. View all LFUCG legal notices at https://www.lexingtonky.gov/public-notices. IPL0224768 Mar 28 2025

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