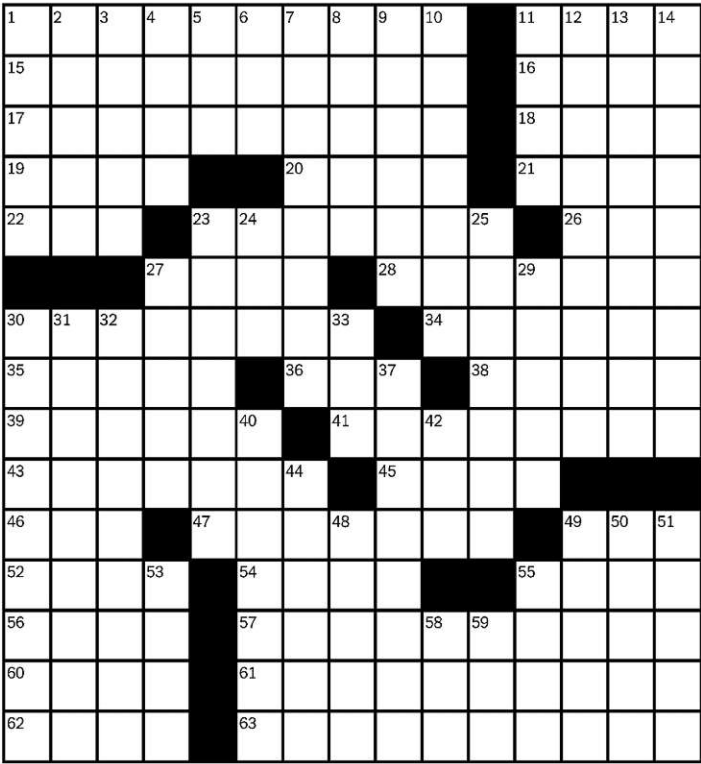


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Puzzle by Michael Lieberman

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59 Footnote abbr.

ANSWER TO THURSDAY’S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX

They’re ‘insulted’ by the fancy wedding



BY CAROLYN HAX
tellme@washpost.com

Dear Carolyn: I was a hippie in the ‘70s. I was married in my parents’ backyard and asked that it be a potluck. I sewed my own wedding dress. I didn’t expect any presents or special attire.

My husband’s niece, whose son is getting married in Texas, sent us an invitation. We live in Oregon. I admit I haven’t been to many weddings in my life. I was a bridesmaid for my best friend when I was 50. So when I read the invitation and saw that it was a black-tie affair, I was not sure what that meant.

A second part to the invitation came in the mail that clarified our attire had to be a lot fancier than I happen to have in my closet. Plus, we were instructed that if we wanted to venture away from the bride and groom’s registry, it had to be approved by the bride and groom. There were also pages of strapless dresses to be used as a guide for what to wear.

I am not feeling gracious. I do not want to go. I am sure I could wear my best outfit and give cash as a gift and no one would complain to my face.

My husband is mortified that I am insulted by

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2. Clues _ _ _ _ _
3. Remove clothes S _ _ _ _
4. Treat-filled figure _ _ _ _ _
5. Achieving a goal A _ _ _ _ _

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the conditions laid out in order to be a part of this wedding.

What I would love to do is to tell the wedding planners to get over themselves. I won’t, but how do I get the scowl off my face when I go to a wedding that I believe is a Cinderella [shirt] show?

— Never Been a Cinderella

Never Been a Cinderella: I’ve got a thought exercise for you. If you had come of bridal age in a Cinderella era instead, would you still have been a hippie?

Or would you always have been a product of your times, whatever those times happened to be? A big-hair, poof-sleeve lady of the ‘80s? Arguing to your mom in the late ‘90s that a honeymoon registry was actually less grabby than marginally upgrading your toaster? Touring barns in the teens for something rustic, but not too-, like you saw on Instagram?

Sure, you can find a dress in your closet, cut a check, hop a plane and judge the couple to your heart’s content. Maybe you would have been low-key in any era.

But you could just as

easily get over yourself here, rent a lovely dress or thrift one new with tags for 50 bucks (with silent thanks to the bride for the cheat sheet, since you’re a black-tie newbie), buy the couple something off the registry — and commit to being your husband’s game, cheerful plus-one as he spends time with family members I bet he rarely gets to see.

Were the gift instructions over the line? Yes. Ick. Will the wedding itself be over-the-top? I suspect it will.

But you know what, who cares? I have opinions on big-production weddings, but they’re not relevant here, any more than the squares’ pearl-clutching mattered in response to your bare feet and daisies. So, culture truce: The host’s excesses are no more your problem than your hippie history needs to be theirs.

Go, dance till it hurts. Or go wild on the hors d’oeuvres. They’re usually the best part of these big catered things.

If you can’t even find joy in a new dress, party snacks and doing your husband a solid, then maybe it is best for all involved to send him solo, with your polite regrets.

Flagg, Broome headline Wooden Award finalists

Field Level Media

Duke star Cooper Flagg and Auburn standout Johni Broome are among the five Wooden Award finalists and part of the 10-player All-Star team, the Los Angeles Athletic Club announced Tuesday night.

Florida’s Walter Clayton Jr., Alabama’s Mark Sears and Purdue’s Braden Smith round out the finalists.

Flagg, Broome and Clayton are on teams that reached the NCAA Tournament’s Final Four. The Wooden Award winner will be announced Saturday.

urday at the Final Four in San Antonio.

Flagg, a freshman who turned 18 on Dec. 21, averages 18.9 points, 7.5 rebounds and 4.2 assists for the Blue Devils. He was the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year.

Broome, a fifth-year senior who started his career at Morehead State, averages 18.7 points and 10.9 rebounds and won Southeastern Conference Player of the Year honors.

Smith was Big Ten Player of the Year and averaged 15.8 points and 8.7 assists. Clayton averages 18.1 points and 4.2 assists and Sears averaged 18.6 points and 5.1 rebounds.

Legals

Public Notice
Request for Proposal (RFP)
Human Resources Information System (HRIS)
The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors for the implementation of a comprehensive Human Resources Information System (HRIS). This system will support our HR function, including employee records management, payroll integration, benefits administration, performance management, and reporting capabilities.

Proposals will be received by the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) on the date listed for the following:

Proposal Item: PAYROLL/HRIS SOFTWARE SYSTEM
Opening Time: 12:00pm Eastern Standard Time
Date: April 7, 2025
Location: Lexington-Fayette County Health Department
Office of Human Resources
650 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40508

Interested vendors are invited to review the full RFP document, which outlines the scope of work, requirements, and submission guidelines. The RFP is available at www.lfchd.org.

- Key Dates:**
- **RFP Issuance Date:** April 7, 2025
 - **Deadline for Questions:** April 25, 2025
 - **Proposal Submission Deadline:** May 16, 2025

For more information or to obtain a copy of the RFP, please contact Dee Hogston at hris.rfp@lfchd.org.

We look forward to receiving proposals from qualified vendors who can provide a robust and scalable HRIS solution to meet our organizationa needs.

The proposal documents shall be submitted electronically in PDF format at <https://www.lfchd.org/rfp-hris>.

Proposals must be completed and signed by an individual authorized to bind the vendor submitting the proposal.

Any questions or clarifications, requests for more information or to obtain a copy of the RFP should be directed to Dee Hogston at hris.rfp@lfchd.org.
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Apr 4-6 2025

Legals

Notice of Application to Establish a Branch of a State Member Bank
Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Hazard, Hazard, Kentucky, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to establish a branch at Unit 102, River Drive, Irvine, Kentucky. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs. 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@cleve.frb.org. The comment period will end not later 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 (513) 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.
IPL0226030
Apr 4 2025

Public Notice
Office of Administrative Services
Division of Information Services –
Public Records Branch
300 Sower Blvd
1st Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 564-6716

Notification of Proposed Site Management Plan and Environmental Covenant

MPLX Terminals LLC, Agency Interest #1076, located at 1770 Old Frankfort Pike, Lexington, Kentucky, more particularly described in Deed Book 3466 Page 317 of the Fayette County Clerk’s office, is proposing to Execute an Environmental Covenant and Site Management Plan in accordance with KRS 224.01-400(18)(b). MPLX Terminals LLC is the sole interest holder of record. These regulations shall apply to sites where the party or applicant will manage releases in place. The purpose of the Site Management Plan and Environmental Covenant is to ensure protection of human health and the environment by placing restrictions on the Property to reduce the risk to human health and the environment. Upon approval of the Site Management Plan, this Environmental Covenant will be filed with the Fayette County Clerk’s Office and will become effective.
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Apr 4 2025

Legals

MASTER COMMISSIONER’S SALE
In order to comply with the orders of the Fayette Circuit Court, the Commissioner will sell the property described in the following action at **11:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 ONSITE AT 305 SOUTH YARNALLTON PIKE**, Lexington, Kentucky. Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the (unless otherwise indicated) following terms and conditions. (A) At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder does not pay cash, the bidder will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of sale until paid, and shall have the force and effect of a judgment. (B) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current fiscal tax year (i.e. the amount that will be due thru June 30, 2025) and all subsequent years. All other delinquent taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds **if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale.** (C) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Fayette County Clerk’s Office and such right of redemption may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s). **“Master Commissioner Sales are “Buyer Beware.” Sales. The Property is sold “As Is” “Where Is.”** The condition of the property is not warranted by the Court, by the Master Commissioner, or by the Plaintiff. If you bid on property, you should have done your due diligence before you bid, not after! FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THESE SALES AND OTHER UPCOMING SALES, AS WELL AS PAST SALES CAN BE FOUND AT **WWW.FAYCOM.INFO**. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO REFER TO THAT WEB SITE FOR ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS.
1- **305 SOUTH YARNALLTON PIKE**, 22-CI-01830, Principal to be raised \$1,315,182.65. Parcel No. 25566800

JAMES H. FRAZIER, III
MASTER COMMISSIONER
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative will receive sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2025, for Bakery, Dairy, Pizza, Ice Cream and BBQ products. Envelopes should be marked with the appropriate food type. Bids will be opened in person at 2331 Fortune Drive, Suite 270 in Lexington on May 13th beginning at 9:00 a.m. and then every half hour after depending on category and as listed on the bid documents.

This bid is for items delivered to selected school systems effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Specific information and bid documents may be obtained at <http://www.kcec.org> or 2331 Fortune Drive, Suite 270, Lexington, KY 40509, or by telephone at 859-232-8885.
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Apr 4 2025

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Lexington Angliana Ave located at 527 Angliana Ave Lexington KY 40508 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale will occur at an Online Auction via www.storage treasures.com on 4/10/2025 at 12:00PM. Unit #1116; Unit #1174; Unit #1241; Unit #2106; Unit #3013; Unit #4112. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions may apply.
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Apr 4 2025

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Lexington Frankfort located at 2278 Frankfort Ct Lexington, KY 40510 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale will occur at an Online Auction via www.storage treasures.com on 4/10/2025 at 12:00PM. Unit #012. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions may apply.
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Apr 4 2025

Legal Advertisement
The Urban County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers 2nd floor Government Center Building, 200 E. Main St., to consider Variance Appeals, Conditional Use Appeals, Administrative Appeals and other items. To view the list of applications or for further information please see <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/board-adjustment> or call the Division of Planning at 859-258-3160.
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Apr 4 2025

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Legal Advertisement
The Paris Pike Corridor Commission will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. via video teleconference. The Commission will review any pending planning and zoning applications along the corridor in Bourbon & Fayette Counties and conduct other Commission business. To participate in the meeting, or view the agenda, please see <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/boards/paris-pike-corridor-commission> or call the Division of Planning at 859-258-3160.
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