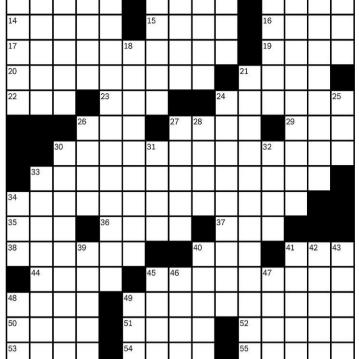
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CAROLYN HAX Friend group ignores summer birthday



BY CAROLYN HAX tellme@washpost.com

Dear Carolyn: I'm in college, so my friend group is not together during the summer. Two of us are from one place (City A) and three are from across the country (City B). The City B friends all have birthdays during the school year. I threw each a party at my apartment, baked them their favorite type of cake and got them a present I really thought they would enjoy. I put in a lot of thought and effort to try to make them feel special.

My birthday is in the summer, so my City B friends sent me birthday wishes via text. I was calling them the other day, and they brought up their birthday ideas for our other City A friend, who also has a summer birthday. One of them even mentioned he had already sent his present.

not take this personally. Any advice?

– Summer Birthday

Summer Birthday:

Not taking things personing forward — especially since we tend to think more things are about us

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The case for taking this personally is a decent one, though. I'm sorry. But the cosmos, your friendships and your selfregard don't have to end with this one slap to the face. You can absorb it and still move forward with your optimism and selflove intact. And your place in the friend group. It just takes willingness to accept this as data instead of (only) rejection.

telling you. group, some members are always closer to the center than others. OK. Now what does that mean about others, automatically? Outer rings. has delivered this ouch epiphany to someone: "Oh. It's me. I'm outer ring." Placement is not

I know not everyone prioritizes birthdays the way I do, but I'm struggling to

ally may be the most useful advice there is for mov-

back to you generously! ... in their ways, which you value less than birthdays.

Now, we both could also be overreacting to an experiment with a meaningless sample size. Maybe the only difference between your friend's birthday gift and your birthday text was a random impulse purchase.

But it's still not a bad idea to make peace with hard data, for a few reasons.

First, when you're deciding who will be central to your life, it's important to choose people who won't hurt you intentionally. But you will get hurt occasionally nonetheless. It's part of caring. You can't turn off your hurt feelings, but inviting them into your range of unavoidable experience tends to keep them a manageable size.

Second, it's how you become a better person and friend. Not taking things personally moves you forward, yes, but if you want to *grow,* then have the guts to hear your feedback.

With this group I suggest, come fall: pay more attention but maybe lavish a little less; diversify socially; and hold off on drawing conclusions.

Tennis legend Seles is battling myasthenia gravis

Field Level Media

Nine-time Grand Slam champion Monica Seles is battling a new challenge: a neuromuscular autoimmune disease called myasthenia gravis.

The 51-year-old Seles is going public about the condition she was diagnosed with three years ago. It causes muscle weakness in the arms and legs and bouts of double vision among other symp-

Seles was noticing odd changes around five years ago and it eventually became apparent to her that something major was

"I would be playing (tennis) with some kids or family members, and I would miss a ball," Seles said, according to The Guardian. "I was like, 'Yeah, I see two balls.' These are obviously symptoms that you can't ignore.

"And, for me, this is when this journey started. And it took me quite some time to really absorb it, speak openly about it, because it's a difficult one. It affects my day-to-day life quite a lot."

There currently is no cure for the disease.



ROBERT DEUTSCH USA TODAY NETWORK

Nine-time Grand Slam champion Monica Seles, 51, revealed she is battling a neuromuscular autoimmune disease called myasthenia gravis.

Seles, of course, had a different hurdle earlier in life as she was stabbed with a knife by a fan during a 1993 match in Hamburg, Germany. Seles was 19 at the time and would be away from the sport for 27 months due to both physical and mental anguish.

Seles won eight Grand Slam titles prior to the stabbing and reached the finals of all four majors in 1992, winning three of them. She won the Australian Open for the third straight time months before the stabbing.

After she returned, Seles won just one Grand Slam

title - the 1996 Australian

"I had to, in tennis terms, I guess, reset - hard reset - a few times," Seles said. "I call my first hard reset when I came to the U.S. as a young 13-yearold (from Yugoslavia). Didn't speak the language; left my family. It's a very tough time.

"Then, obviously, becoming a great player, it's a reset, too, because the fame, money, the attention, changes (everything), and it's hard as a 16-yearold to deal with all that. Then obviously my stabbing - I had to do a huge

reset."

Decades later, Seles is now adjusting to a "new normal" and looking to move forward with the next version of herself.

"Really, being diagnosed with myasthenia gravis: another reset,' Seles said. "But one thing, as I tell kids that I mentor: 'You've got to always adjust. That ball is bouncing, and you've just got to adjust. And that's what I'm doing now."

Seles decided to reveal her condition and use her platform to help educate people about the littleknown disease.

"My MG journey over the past 5 years has not been an easy one," Seles said in a statement through argenx, a company partnering with Seles to raise awareness at the upcoming U.S. Open. "I felt isolated and defeated as many of the activities I enjoyed were no longer physically possible for me. I've since realized that by sharing my story, I can raise awareness of this disease, empower patients to advocate for themselves and help them connect with the MG community for support."

Seles retired from professional tennis in 2008 and was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame one year later. She won 53 tournaments and spent 178 weeks at No. 1, sixth-most all-time among female players.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Kentucky Housing Corporation will accept public comments on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report September 1, 2025 – September 19, 2025

The draft Kentucky Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) will be available for public review and comment beginning September 1, 2025. The CAPER is prepared by Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) and the Department for Local Government (DLG) and is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development. The CAPER details how the state utilized block grant funds allocated for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Written comments received by September 19, 2025, will be accepted, addressed, and where applicable, incorporated into the document. A summary of comments will be submitted to HUD along with the CAPER on or before Sep-

The proposed CAPER and related reports will be available for review online at the KHC website at https://www.kyhousing.org/Planning-Documents/Pages/ Consolidated-Plan.aspx. Please send comments by email to corpplanreport@ kyhousing.org.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TAX RATES FOR 2025 (FY 2026)

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government will hold a public hearing on August 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Government Center, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky, for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding proposed 2025 (FY 2026) tax rates for the General Services District, Full and Partial Urban Services Districts and Health Department. These documents may be viewed at https://lexington.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx. The legal notice may be found at https://bit.ly/FY26avph , and 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-

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Williams granted wild-card entry to US Open singles

Field Level Media

Venus Wiliams secured entry into the main draw of her 25th U.S. Open when she received a wildcard invitation Wednesday to play women's singles.

Williams, 45, already had received a wild-card invitation to play mixed doubles with Reilly Opel-

Williams last appeared at the U.S. Open in 2023 and last won a singles match at the event in 2019. Of her seven grand slam singles titles, two have come at Flushing Meadows, N.Y., (2000,

When she takes the court for the tournament later this month, Williams will become the oldest participant in women's singles at the U.S. Open since Renee Richards played in 1981 at age 47.

Williams made her return to ATP play in July at the D.C. Open after not

playing over the previous 16 months. Her first-round win over Peyton Stearns made her the oldest to win a singles match in 21 years. She also won a doubles match with partner Hailey Baptiste.

Williams lost her firstround match last week at the Cincinnati Open, 6-4, 6-4 to Spain's Jessica Bouzas Maneiro.