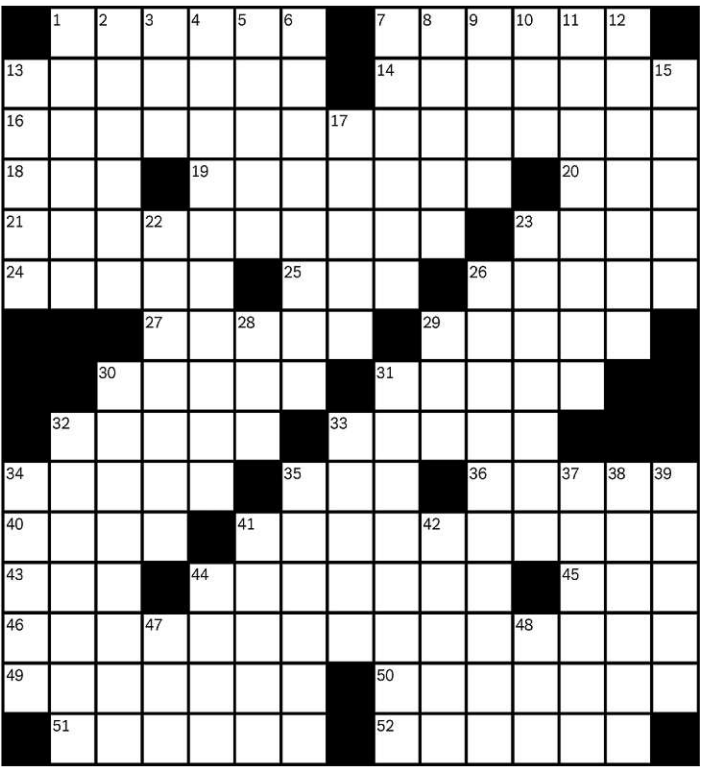


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ACROSS

- 1 Makes good
7 Down
13 “Psycho” screenwriter Joseph _____
14 Uncertain
16 “Well, tough!”
18 Hi-_____
19 Humdingers
20 Certain fraternity guy, informally
21 “Les Misérables” number with a number in its name
23 Instrument with a deep, rounded back
24 Cutting tool
25 “My Old _____” (2024 coming-of-age film)
26 Staff notes
27 Recent, as a memory
29 Winter athlete
30 “_____ is the most convenient time to tax rich people”: David Lloyd George
31 Verbal flourishes
32 Between then and now
33 Shepherd’s warning
34 Olympian Owens
35 Receiving end?
36 Works one’s way up
40 Place to put a pin
41 Explicit subject for her?
43 Figure skater Midori
44 Concocts
45 Farm cry
46 Going overboard with the praise
49 “We don’t need to know all the details”
50 Mixing board



Puzzle by Kelly Morenus

8/22

- 51 Lifts up
52 Theater class assignments
DOWN
1 Deity who helped Hercules through his sixth labor
2 Short preview
3 Poetic adverb
4 The Brickyard 400 or Southern 500, e.g.
5 Find pleasure in
6 Whiskey distiller’s mixture
7 Buries
8 French possessive
9 Classic hot rods
10 That, in Mexico
11 Absorbs
12 Quisling, e.g.
13 Blade sharpener
15 They might be rough or perforated
17 Tiny bit
22 Part of a trial

- 23 Driver’s license, e.g.
26 Fight dirty?
28 Dijon season
29 Luang Prabang native
30 Like a 12-Down
31 They glisten in a classic
32 Congressional record?
33 Imply
34 Where Mandela and Nehru worked on their autobiographies

- 35 Rock with bands
37 Akkadian or Phoenician
38 Passes
39 Sight in a tomato patch
41 Contest
42 Comedian Wyatt
44 Tech news site
47 _____ the Jairite, biblical minister to King David
48 Maternal figure

ANSWER TO THURSDAY’S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX

Daughter landed a job with ‘mocked’ degree



BY CAROLYN HAX
tellme@washpost.com

Dear Carolyn: My daughter majored in an area people routinely mock as impractical — think philosophy, art history, etc. Over the years, my daughter got a master’s and then a PhD — all the while family, friends and acquaintances called her field irrelevant and called her a permanent student and a failure to launch.

Well, lo and behold, she has landed a high position in her field at a prestigious institution — and instead of congratulations or apologies for underestimating her, there is silence.

I’m so disappointed in their reaction, and assume her news is threatening at some level. Maybe people are rethinking their own career paths? Or disappointed in their own children? Or jealous?

— Hearing Silence

Hearing Silence: I think you’re giving the swine too much credit.

These latest pearls surprised them so their standard response didn’t fit. But the underlying thought process hasn’t changed:

They didn’t get this path before your kid chose it.

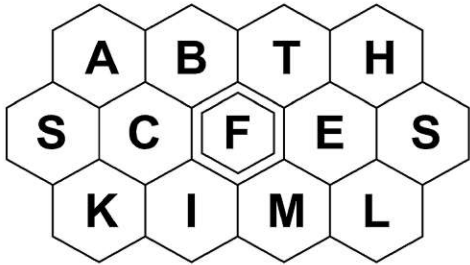
They didn’t get this path when your kid was on it.

They aren’t suddenly



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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. Saks _____ Avenue
2. Cyclist’s headgear
3. Unifying concepts
4. Unexpected delay
5. Strikes with a foot

F _____
T _____
K _____

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going to get it now that your kid is approaching its peak.

It brings me no pleasure to bat down a proud parent for daring to hope against experience that family, friends and acquaintances would stop being rude and wrong long enough to mumble, “Congratulations.” So I won’t.

But I am getting whiffs of ignorance, defensiveness and reflexive-town-gowniness here, and a fierce misplaced loyalty to the misperceived hilarity of telling a mean stale joke for the eleventy thousandth time.

And if I’m right, then I can promise you, anything you spray it with makes it worse.

So, my advice? Take the win, let your niche flag fly.

Dear Carolyn: A good friend recently got divorced. Her husband was the breadwinner, with a high-paying professional job. She was either home with the kids or worked a low-paying administrative job. Now she has to get back on her financial feet. Her husband is paying the appropriate alimony and child support.

The problem is that she is almost willfully

ignorant about money, saying things like, “I don’t do math!” And, “I never look at my pay stubs!” Once the alimony ends, she will not make enough money to support herself and is doing no financial planning.

I have offered to help her with a budget and told her I like to talk about money! But she brushes these off.

What I really want to say is, “You are headed for financial disaster and you need to get your head out of the sand and face this.” I am her closest friend, and I’m just not sure she would respond well to this. Is there anything I can do?

— Wish I Could Help

Wish I Could Help: Define “well.”

I mean — could she have a worse response than heading for financial disaster and doing nothing to stop it?

It is not your job or your place to throw your body in front of her runaway spend wagon yourself. No matter how good a friend you are.

But if the only issue with your big truth-telling moment is that she might not like the truth you’re telling her, then I say go for it.



MIKE DINOVO USA TODAY NETWORK

NASCAR Cup Series driver Kevin Harvick (4) leads the field during the Camping World 400 at Chicagoland Speedway on June 30, 2019, in Joliet, Ill.

NASCAR adds Chicagoland as ‘26 sked shuffled

Field Level Media

A return to the Chicagoland Speedway, a street race in San Diego and a change to championship weekend highlight the 2026 NASCAR schedule, released Wednesday.

Also to be noted are the shift of the All-Star Race to Dover Motor Speedway, as well as schedule adjustments that move annual races to non-traditional dates.

The NASCAR Cup Series begins its 38-event calendar with the Clash, an exhibition at Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Feb. 1. The traditional season opener, the Daytona 500, will be run Feb. 15.

The season will conclude Nov. 8 in Florida at Homestead-Miami, with the finale that will decide the 2026 championship. That race has been held the past five years at the Phoenix Raceway.

The schedule also was released Wednesday for the NASCAR O’Reilly

Auto Parts Series, which replaces the Xfinity Series, and the Craftsman Truck Series. The former will run 33 races, with the latter holding 25 events.

Racing returns to Chicagoland after six years away. The street race in downtown Chicago, held the past three seasons, is being replaced by the Chicagoland event in suburban Joliet, Ill.

The street race, instead, moves to a military base in Coronado, Calif., a San Diego suburb.

“Obviously, a lot of collaboration, a lot of time, a lot of energy that went into it, and it’s just a good blend like we’ve had over the past few years of innovation and tradition, of being able to celebrate our history and our roots and where we come from, but then also having these bold new moves that we’re introducing to the schedule,” said Ben Kennedy, NASCAR executive vice president and chief venue and racing innovation officer.

“For events like a street

race in San Diego at the Naval Base Coronado or taking the championship race back to Homestead-Miami Speedway or even a beloved track that our fans have been asking for the past several years in bringing a points race back to Chicagoland, or bringing a points race to North Wilkesboro for the first time in 30 years. So a lot of milestone moments that will be created next year, certainly a lot of anticipated moments, I think, that our fans are going to have. Certainly proud of the work that everyone’s done to help put this together.”

Chicagoland also will be part of the five-race In-Season Challenge, a bracket-style tournament that will begin at Sonoma on June 28, then run through Chicagoland, EchoPark Speedway in Georgia and North Wilkesboro in North Carolina before concluding with the finale at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 26.

The Cup Series also will have two bye weeks, up from one.

The full 2026 Cup Series schedule follows:

- Feb. 1 -- Clash at Bowman Gray Stadium
Feb. 15 -- Daytona 500
Feb. 22 -- Atlanta
March 1 -- Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas
March 8 -- Phoenix
March 15 -- Las Vegas
March 22 -- Darlington, S.C.
March 29 -- Martinsville, Va.
April 5 -- off
April 12 -- Bristol, Tenn.
April 19 -- Kansas
April 26 -- Talladega, Ala.
May 3 -- Texas
May 10 -- Watkins Glen, N.Y.
May 17 -- All-Star Race (Dover, Del.)
May 24 -- Coca-Cola 600 (Charlotte)
May 31 -- Nashville
June 7 -- Michigan
June 14 -- Pocono (Long

- Pond, Pa.)
June 21 -- San Diego
June 28 -- Sonoma, Calif.
July 5 -- Chicagoland
July 12 -- Atlanta
July 19 -- North Wilkesboro
July 26 -- Brickyard 400 (Indianapolis)

- Aug. 2 -- off
Aug. 9 -- Iowa
Aug. 15 -- Richmond, Va.
Aug. 23 -- New Hampshire
Aug. 29 -- Daytona, Fla.
Sept. 6 -- Darlington
Sept. 13 -- Gateway (Madison, Ill.)

- Sept. 19 -- Bristol
Sept. 27 -- Kansas
Oct. 4 -- Las Vegas
Oct. 11 -- Charlotte
Roval
Oct. 18 -- Phoenix
Oct. 25 -- Talladega
Nov. 1 -- Martinsville
Nov. 8 -- Homestead, Fla.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
The FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold a special-called meeting on Friday, September 5, at 5:30 p.m. in conference room 150 at the John D. Price Administration Building, 450 Park Place for the purpose of hearing public comments, suggestions, and complaints regarding the school district budget, receiving requested information about estimated district revenue and expenses, and reviewing recommendations developed by the district administration. Discussion may include mention of a previous proposal requesting the levy of an occupational license tax (OLT) of three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) on individuals residing and working or persons conducting business within Fayette County and a current proposed general tax levy of 79.8 cents on real property and 83.0 cents on personal property. The board will vote on the proposed property tax rates at the board meeting on September 8, 2025. The general tax rate levied in fiscal year 2025 was 81.0 cents on real property and 83.3 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$326,623,831.39. The proposed general tax rate of 79.8 cents on real property and 83.0 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$340,212,439.47. Of this amount, \$27,426,304.68 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for fiscal year 2026 is 76.8 cents on real property and 81.8 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$328,000,919.16. The current OLT rate is one-half of one percent (0.5%) and produced revenue in the most recent full audited fiscal year (2024) of \$52,839,730. IFL0266306
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Misc. Legals

Public Notice

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the City of Springfield to construct a KY 150 Bypass Sewer Extension and City Barn Pump Station Upgrade Project in Washington County, Kentucky. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties. Notice is hereby given that the project is proposed to be located in, or may affect, a floodplain and/or wetland as defined by Executive Order (EO) 11988 and/or EO 11990. The project includes approximately 7,400 linear feet of new gravity sewer, one regional pump station upgrade with generator, and 6,900 linear feet of new 8-inch force main. The project will eliminate three aging and undersized existing pump stations. The construction will begin at the new regional pump station located at the corner of US Hwy 150 and Kentucky 528. The Latitude is 37.706163 and Longitude is -85.225993. The 8 inch force main will parallel Lincoln Park Rd (KY 528) then turn west along Hwy 555. All of the force main will be within the right-of-way. The gravity sewer line will also begin at the regional pump station. Some of the line will also parallel KY 528 and end at the City Barn Pump Station. The other gravity line will begin at the new regional pump station and run parallel to KY 150 Bypass and end at the Industrial Park Pump Station. Project information is available for review at the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission's office located at 603 West Main Street, Springfield, Kentucky 40069. Their phone number is (859)336-5454. If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project, please provide any comments by email to ATRO-REO@eda.gov. Comments received by 5:00 pm eastern on September 26, 2025 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NH PA decisional document will be available upon request from ATRO-REO@eda.gov. IFL0265635
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