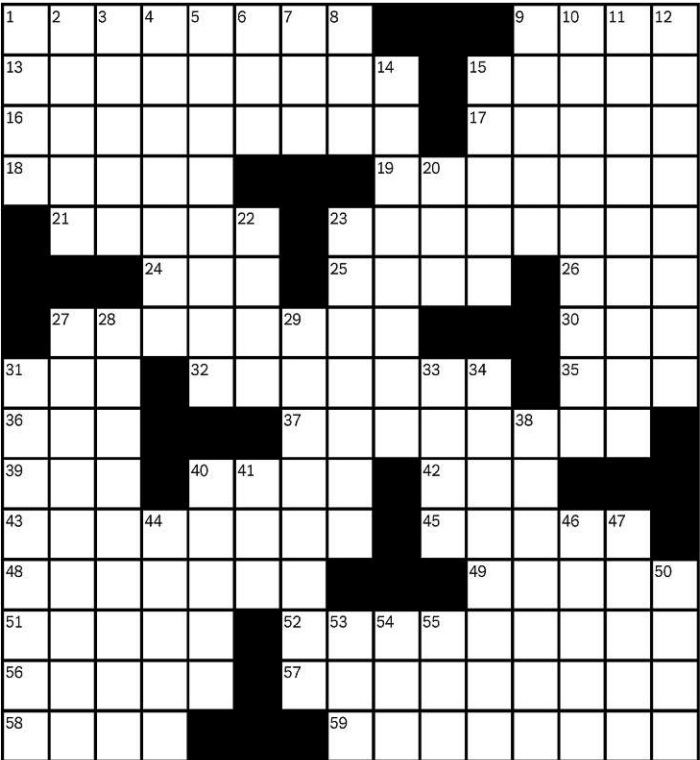


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ACROSS

- 1 Whack to the head, in slang
9 Noted doomsday prepper
13 Prognosticator's shout
15 Game played on a grass or dirt court
16 Occasion to brush up together?
17 Weird Al Yankovic's "Straight — Lynwood"
18 Attention magnet, say
19 Like Queen Elizabeth, but not Queen Camilla
21 Deal with The Devil?
23 TV program with its time of day in its name
24 Brit's "bog"
25 Global auction house
26 Gain competitor
27 How one lives in the face of an inscrutable future
30 Org. that may allow religious headwear in pictures
31 Planted oneself
32 Harmless growth
35 Issa of "Insecure"
36 Spanish diminutive suffix
37 Reduced demand for refrigerated trucking, in a way
39 Illicit
40 decampment
42 1968 live folk album
43 When repeated, something often said to be "deep"
45 Sheer quantity of awesome
46 Slacks off
48 "Your request is denied"
49 Shrub with a "staghorn" variety
51 Word derived from the Greek for "headress of Persian kings"
52 Flash point?
56 Heavenly figure, in German
57 One that can put a meal on ice
58 Brood
59 Abstain ... as suggested by the black squares in this puzzle



Puzzle by Fritz Juhnke

8/29

DOWN

- 1 Region of a plane bounded by a circle, in geometry
2 Scorpion's legs, e.g.
3 Abdul with the No. 1 albums "Forever Your Girl" and "Spellbound"
4 Getting on
5 Shifty type
6 Was up
7 Pioneering mathematician
8 Lovelace
9 Center of a drupe
10 Meat and potatoes, e.g.
11 D8 pieces in Dungeons & Dragons, e.g.
12 "Don't attract attention to yourself"
15 When squirrels may thermoregulate by splooting
14 Extra-large storage unit
15 Solving Wordle in five guesses, colloquially
20 H, to the Hellenes
22 Stole
23 Rough digs
27 One of many in a trend line
28 Period satirized in "Dr. Strangelove"

- 29 Antibacterial product introduced in 1948
31 "Sometimes" has two of them
33 German-based supermarket with about 2,500 stores in the U.S.
34 Friendly, respectful person
38 1970s
40 "howcatchem" TV series
41 Log
44 First color that babies can see, after black and white

- 44 Eponym of the AL batting title award
46 Become acquainted virtually
47 World capital next to the Sarawat Mountains
50 One of three keys to a PC reboot
53 Sizzling
54 It's off limits if you 59-Across
55 West who said "I generally avoid temptation unless I can't resist it"

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX
Friend feels sad over other couple's breakup



BY CAROLYN HAX
tellme@washpost.com

Dear Carolyn: My closest friends have been a couple since before I met them, 20-plus years ago. They are in the process of splitting up. Everyone's being pretty cordial, but there's a lot of deep hurting on both sides.

I'm more upset about it than I'd like to admit, which feels wrong. Their partnership is none of my business and it's not my relationship! Still, I'm sad about the ways this is changing our friend-group dynamics, seeing these people who seemed so good together go separate ways, and seeing two of my friends in pain.

Hopefully obvious, but I haven't said anything about my feelings to either of them. How do I stop being a sad weirdo about this?

— Not About Me

Not About Me: Please don't tell me caring about people equals "sad weirdo" now.

No, this couple's relationship is not your business, of course. You've got the right boundaries in all the right places. But that doesn't mean you just sit on your side of them, coolly not giving a spork.

I'd be concerned if you weren't sad. Sad for

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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. Perceive S _ _ _ _
2. Sign up _ _ _ _ _
3. Courtroom event T _ _ _ _
4. Type of insurance _ _ _ _ _
5. Bread ingredient Y _ _ _ _

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your "closest friends," sad for your group, sad for yourself, sad for the fall of a two-decade standard, even, for longtime companionship.

Caring about these is the whole point of forming a community — so you can be invested enough to go through things together. You get good news and you call someone. You acknowledge each other's milestones. You're in pain and someone cries with you. Sharing the weight in return for a share of the joy is the destination for all these connections.

Also don't minimize the emotional impact of change.

This isn't to write you into a fetal position, but to remind you foremost to give yourself a break. Your normal just got weird and sad. It's going to take time for all of you to figure out a new one.

Trying to minimize the grief as "wrong" only delays your reckoning with it.

So have your grief, as long as none of it splashes onto the ex-couple.

Dear Carolyn: Over the last few months, I have noticed something about my mother-in-law that makes me uneasy. In

advance of most any decision, she mulls it over and over for a week or two, comes up with at least one possible negative consequence, and that is enough for her to decide not to act or to delay the decision indefinitely.

She is 88 and her adult children do quite a bit of her "errands" because she only gets out of her apartment to be taken to doctor appointments. My perception is the non-decisions result in her having complete control of the situation, her husband and children.

How should I handle it if my wife someday starts acting like this?

— Fear of the Unknown

Fear of the Unknown:

If and when your wife — at 88 or thereabouts and homebound except for medical appointments — starts to exhibit decision paralysis, then I suggest you consider that she is overwhelmed by fear, anxiety, maybe cognitive impairment. Certainly rule these out before inferring intent to control.

Your mother-in-law, instead of a portent of "errands" to come, can be your chance to learn more about aging and how families find ways to adapt.

Mets president: Mendoza will stay as manager

Field Level Media

Carlos Mendoza will return next season as the manager of the New York Mets, president of baseball operations David Stearns confirmed Tuesday.

"Oh yeah, Mendy's doing a great job," Stearns told "The Show" podcast. "I think he's the right person for this job."

Mendoza, 46, is in his second season as manager — a barrier the past three managers didn't cross.

Terry Collins (2011-17) was the most recent manager to last more than two seasons. He was followed by Mickey Callaway (2018-19), Luis Rojas (2020-21) and Buck Showalter (2022-23).

In his first season in 2024, Mendoza led the Mets to an 89-73 record. They lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League Championship Series in six games.

This season, the Mets are 70-61 and in second place in the National



Denny Medley-Imagn Images

Mets manager Carlos Mendoza led New York to the NLCS last season and has his team in second place in the NL East this season.

League East, six games behind the Philadelphia Phillies. They are clutching onto the third and final NL wild card, 2 1/2 games ahead of the Cincinnati Reds entering play Tuesday.

On Aug. 2, the Mets were a half-game head of the Phillies but have gone 7-13 since to fall off the pace. Philadelphia is 14-7 in that span.

The Mets host the Phillies in the second game of a three-game series on Tuesday after winning the opener 13-3.

games, 35 regular-season men's basketball games, 15 regular-season women's basketball games, and the women's basketball tournament semifinal and championship games.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

This is the latest broadcast agreement for the Pac-12, which in June announced a deal with CBS Sports and Paramount+ to air or stream football and basketball games through the 2030-31 season.

Pac-12 adds new CW deal for football, hoops

Field Level Media

The rebuilding Pac-12 has signed a multiyear broadcast deal with The CW through the 2030-31 season.

The deal announced with The CW on Wednesday calls for the network to broadcast 66 events in the 2026-27 season: 13 regular-season football

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Legals

Beverage Notice

Public Notice

PWW Lexington, LLC, d/b/a Hooters of Lexington, mailing address 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711, hereby declares intention to apply for an Alcoholic Beverage NQ2-Restaurant Liquor, Wine and Malt Beverages (beer) by the Drink license, a Special Sunday Retail Drink license, and a Supplemental Bar license no later than September 3, 2025, the business to be licensed located at 3101 Richmond Road, #315, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 doing business as Hooters Restaurant. The sole member is: Piece of Work Wings, LLC of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711, by and through its sole member Hoot Owl Restaurants, LLC, Member, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; The Members of Hoot Owl Restaurants, LLC are: Gobble Wings, LLC, Member, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Phillip A. Moran, Member, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; The Members of Gobble Wings, LLC are: Phillip A. Moran, Member, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Gary S. McCully, Member of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Gary Hammond, Member, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Teddy Lou Russell, Member, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Richard H. Andre, Member, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Jamie Swyers, Member, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Trust U/W Cheryl-Ann Goodman, Member, by and through Anthony M. Stolfo, Trustee, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; William Moran, Member, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Estate of Susan Hysinger, Member, by and through Lyle Hysinger and Lee Hysinger, Co-Executors, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Allen Family Partnership #1, LLC, Member, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; The Members of the Allen Family Partnership #1, LLC are: Patricia Ann Allen, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Tyler N. Allen, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Patricia Gail Allen, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Cheryl M. Stogel, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Alisha K. Nash, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711; Andrea J. Pfeifer, of 337 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711. Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication. IFL0268280 Aug 29 2025

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ABC legal ad

Agua Rest LLC DBA Restaurant Aguascalientes hereby declares its intention to apply for a NQ2 Retail Drink and Special Sunday Retail Drink license no later than September 15, 2025. The licensed premises will be located at 1400 Alexandria Dr, Lexington, Kentucky, 40504. The owner is Luis Hernandez, 1400 Alexandria Dr, Lexington, KY 40504. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication. IFL0268033 Aug 29 2025

Kentucky Host, LLC

Kentucky Host, LLC, Mailing Address PO Box 1627, Lexington, KY 40507, hereby declares intention(s) to apply for NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License and Quota Retail Package License no later than 09/05/2025. The business to be licensed will be located at 1953 Nicholasville Rd, Lexington, KY 40503, doing business as Hampton Inn — Medical Center. The Members are as follows: Member: Sunset Hospitality, LLC of PO Box 1627, Lexington, KY 40507; Member: Phillip Lee Greer Land Holding, LLC of PO Box 1627, Lexington, KY 40507. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication. IFL0268009 Aug 29 2025

Legals & Public Notices

Notice of Self Storage Sale

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Citadel Self 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 sale will occur as an Online auction via www.selfstoragesale.com on 9/2/2025 at 12:00 PM. Unit #1226; Unit #2131; Unit #4072; Unit #4113. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 7568-316327 IFL0263388 Aug 29 2025

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The Urban County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 1:30 pm, 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/government/boards-commissions/board-adjustment or call the Division of Planning at (859) 258-3160. IFL0267587 Aug 29 2025

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 Aug 22,29 2025

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