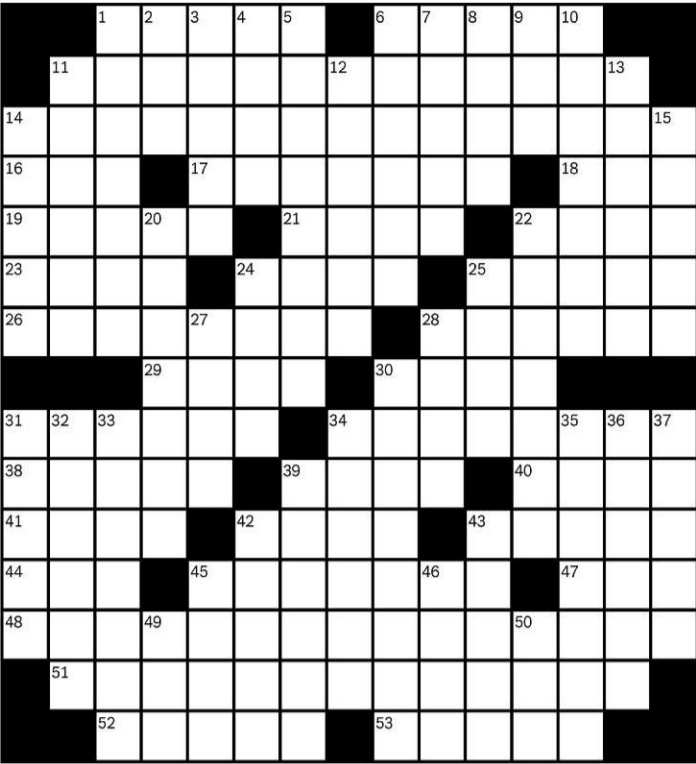


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ACROSS

- 1 Home to Kotoka International Airport
- 6 Many a wearer of a long robe called a thawb
- 11 Can't-miss purchases?
- 14 Words of caution
- 16 Threshold
- 17 Ties up
- 18 Coastal waterway
- 19 Up
- 21 Subject of the Bouguereau painting "The Abduction of Psyche"
- 22 Colombian city of 2+ million
- 23 Dutch artist Jan van der \_\_\_\_
- 24 Curtail
- 25 Stick in an orchestra
- 26 Spot likely to smear
- 28 They aren't party people
- 29 Cut, as with a box cutter
- 30 "Fun-size"
- 31 Film with the tagline "Someone has taken their love for scary movies one step too far"
- 34 Words of retaliation
- 38 Word with fire or false
- 39 Hotel listing
- 40 One and the other
- 41 Big name in chip production
- 42 Bundle
- 43 Sauce whose name derives from the Italian word for "crush"
- 44 Refuge
- 45 Where much of "Brokeback Mountain" was filmed
- 47 It's perfect
- 48 "Might as well give it a shot ..."
- 51 Age at which you just learned something



Puzzle by James McCarron

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- you should have realized before, facetiously
- 52 Something blocked by censors
- 53 1944 Pacific battle site
- DOWN**
- 1 What clones share
- 2 It might be on a rack
- 3 Ski town that shares its name with a tree
- 4 "High" time
- 5 Image that's just over a foot, informally
- 6 "Arrested Development," e.g.
- 7 Pines
- 8 Relatives of banjoles
- 9 Nebraska senator Fischer
- 10 Repeat
- 11 Council, in Russian
- 12 Got misty
- 13 Sea shanty singer
- 14 Skin layer with hair follicles

- 15 Show stoppers, sometimes
- 20 Items on many a back-to-school supply list
- 22 "Is this possible!?"
- 24 Take a little off the top
- 25 Dog treat
- 27 Silent sort
- 28 Fancy
- 30 Kind of instinct
- 31 Mohamed \_\_\_, Egyptian
- 32 Soccer star
- 33 Shade of red
- 34 "Honor Thy Father" writer, 1971
- 35 Argumentative
- 36 Get to
- 37 Minimal coverage provider?
- 39 Hearty steak-house serving
- 42 Tricks
- 43 Unwitting mark
- 45 Thickening agent found in many vegan recipes
- 46 Raced
- 49 Dot follower in academia
- 50 Spicy

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX  
Man finds joy with bash, while spouse does not



BY CAROLYN HAX  
tellme@washpost.com

**Dear Carolyn:** My husband loves to entertain. Me, not so much. We host an annual, themed holiday party that is a big deal. My husband devotes many hours to baking all the desserts, shopping for food and drinks, and lavishly decorating the house. Guests are requested not to bring anything unless they want a drink. The event costs a lot of money, but gives my husband great joy. It is for around 60 people, including friends, husband's work and volunteer colleagues, neighbors and others.

Now here's my issue: Aside from good friends, I can count on one hand with a few fingers left over the number of guests who have ever reciprocated with an invitation to a party or to meet for dinner, lunch or cocktails.

My husband says my profound irritation at this is unwarranted; he notes some of them bring wine or other gifts.

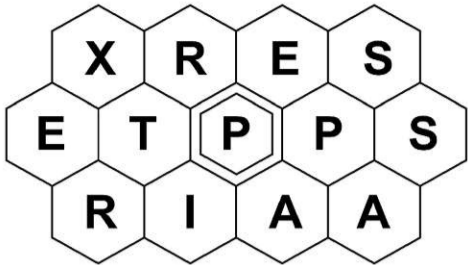
They all are very nice people, but is there something I can say, without being rude, to let them know I would like to be entertained occasionally?

— The Entertainer

**The Entertainer:** No. Even if we agree that it's



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. Shaker or grinder spice **P** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. Fix \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. End a career **R** \_ \_ \_ \_
4. Apply effort \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
5. Enters without permission **T** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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rude for your guests not to reciprocate, that doesn't give you license to be rude right back at them. And making irritated "jokes" about invitations to their parties that seem to have gone missing, or however you were planning to camouflage your demand to be entertained, is rude.

I'm confused, though. With your husband doing most if not all the work, and the expense (partly your money, granted) intended as a gift to himself as much as anything, I struggle to see why it's your guests who have you in such a twist.

To me, this is a story in two words: "Great joy."

Maybe that's why you're mad at the guests; you feel you can't get mad at your husband for loving this thing so much you can never quit it? So you picked an easier target.

If that's the case, then it's understandable but not productive. Your role in the story appears to be to compromise with your husband on entertaining, and then, when it's time for him to host, make sure you don't do ANYTHING to spoil it for him. On the theory that maximizing his joy is the best way to keep the number of events to a minimum.

From what you describe, this party fits that description. Yes, it's a lot, but it's one party a year, with the joyful entertainer rightly doing the work. So let him keep baking, decorating and devoting his hours, and when you feel sour thoughts bubbling up about [whatever], recognize them as displaced anger for the whole nuisance of it all and release them unexpressed. This is your gift to him: supporting his gift to himself.

Maybe I'm wrong about the detoured anger and it really is your guests who have you so peeved. You want to know what's in this nuisance for you? You feel used? The answer doesn't change, though: This is your gift to your husband. Carping about it just says you're not giving it freely, but with strings attached. It stops being a gift the moment you make it a transaction.

Now, if his party dumps more work on you or costs more money than even his joy can justify, or if you want to rebalance the compromise, then that's different — and fair. Raise any of this with your husband "without bitterness" and be ready with thoughtful suggestions.

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**Legals**

**Summons**

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**CV422-25-2290**  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF**  
**THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN**  
**AND FOR THE COUNTY OF**  
**TWIN FALLS**  
**IDAHO POWER COMPANY,**  
**Plaintiff vs.**  
**RLM UNDERGROUND, LLC,**  
**Defendant**  
**RLM UNDERGROUND, LLC,**  
**Third-Party Plaintiff vs.**  
**MEJIA'S CONSTRUCTIONS LLC,**  
**Third-Party Defendant**

TO: MEJIA'S CONSTRUCTIONS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
REGISTERED AGENT: Franklin Mejia  
1563 La Salle Rd.  
Lexington, Kentucky 40511  
You have been sued by RLM Underground, LLC, the Third-Party Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV42-25-2290.

The nature of the claims against you is for contractual indemnity and equitable indemnity related to work you performed in Boise, Ada County, Idaho on or between March 30, 2023, through September 16, 2024, under contract with RLM Underground, LLC.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at Twin Falls County Courthouse, 427 Shoshone Street N., Twin Falls, ID 83301 - phone number - 208-736-4025 and served a copy of your response on the Third-Party Plaintiff's attorney at Casey Hemmer, Tolman Brizee & Cannon, P.C., 132 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, ID 83301, 208-733-5566.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Third-Party Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED 12/16/2025  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
Jackee Petersen  
IPL0301270  
Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16 2026

**Legals & Public Notices**

**Invitation to Bid**

Notice is hereby given by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government that bids will be received until 2:00 pm, local time on 1/16/26 at the LFUCG procurement website, ionwave (below), for: Bid 140-2025 Environmental Abatement Services. Only online bids will be accepted for this solicitation. Additional information may be obtained at https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net or by calling (859) 258-3324.  
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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

January 9, 2026

Linda Gorton, Mayor  
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
200 E. Main Street  
Lexington, KY 40507  
(859)258-3100

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG).

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about January 26, 2026, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) will submit a request to the HUD for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships funds under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 to undertake the following project.

**Development of Rental Housing Units** – Using HOME funds allocated by LFUCG, AU Associates, Inc. proposes new construction of 24 multifamily of permanent affordable rental units. These apartments will include 12 one-bedroom, one-bathroom units, and 12 two-bedroom, two-bathroom units located at 2760 Meadowsweet Lane, Lexington, KY 40511. The property will address affordable housing needs for families in Lexington. Four (4) units will be HOME-Assisted. Total estimated project cost: \$5,816,931. Approximately \$840,000 of HOME will be used.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has determined that the project will have No Significant Impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at LFUCG Division of Grants and Special Programs, 6th Floor, 200 E. Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507 or via email to grants@lexingtonky.gov and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the LFUCG Division of Grants and Special Programs at 200 East Main Street, 6th Floor, Lexington, KY 40507 or submitted to grants@lexingtonky.gov. All comments received by January 26, 2026, will be considered by the LFUCG prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The LFUCG certifies to HUD, Kentucky Office that Linda Gorton in her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The HUD, Kentucky Office approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Lexington Housing Authority to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD, Kentucky Office will accept objections to its release of fund and the LFUCG's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the LFUCG; (b) the LFUCG has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD, Kentucky Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD, Kentucky Office at LouisvilleRROF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Linda Gorton, Mayor  
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
200 East Main Street  
Lexington, KY 40507

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**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 on **January 26, 2026**, at the hour of 12:00 noon in the ROBERT F. STEPHENS COURTHOUSES, FAYETTE CIRCUIT COURT BUILDING, 120 NORTH LIMESTONE, Lexington, Kentucky. A bailiff will direct you to the appropriate room. 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, 2026) 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 Court Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as 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.**

2- **2121 LAKESIDE DRIVE**, 25-CI-03614, Principal to be raised \$1,517,834.66. Parcel No. 17095625

3- **628 LOMBARDY DRIVE**, 23-CI-01942, Principal to be raised \$5,821.72. Parcel No. 12412800

4- **4808 DEDMAN COURT**, 23-CI-00272, Principal to be raised \$75,821.27. Parcel No. 22641600

5- **3513 DANADA LANE**, 25-CI-00469, Principal to be raised \$117,953.03. Parcel No. 16013340

6- **644 NORTSIDE DRIVE**, 25-CI-00301, Principal to be raised \$125,820.82. Parcel No. 22272650

**JAMES H. FRAZIER, III  
MASTER COMMISSIONER**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government announces that a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6 PM in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the Government Center at 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY. The Public Hearing will be conducted in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Council Meeting. Public comments will be taken concerning amendments to the 2019, 2020, and 2023 Annual Action Plans for the Community Development Block Grant. It is proposed that additional funds be allocated to and removed from existing projects in the Annual Action Plans as outlined below.

- Community Development Block Grant Cares Act Administration Funds (2019)** – Reallocate \$3,600.11 of unused funds
- Community Development Block Grant Cares Act Administration Funds (2020)** – Reallocate \$3,431.72 of unused funds
- Radio Eye Funds (2023)** – Reallocate \$8910.47 of unused funds.
- Meadows Northland Arlington Public Improvement (2023)**– Reallocate \$57,790.26 of unused funds
- Application Fees and Deposit Assistance (2020)** Reallocate \$88,763.27 of unused funds
- Arbor Youth (2020, 2023)** – Allocate \$155,464.00 for the installation of a sprinkler system, which will provide 8 additional beds for homeless youth.
- Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention (2019,2020)** - Allocate \$7031.83 for the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention. To maintain laundry service at levels that will promote a sanitary environment and prevent the spread of COVID and other transmissible illnesses in the winter shelter.

Additionally, comments will be accepted for 30 days, Saturday, January 10th, 2026, through Tuesday, February 9th, 2026. Please submit comments to Stacey Granville, Grant Manager Sr., Grants and Special Programs, 200 East Main Street, 6th Floor, Lexington, KY 40507, 258-3070 (TDD 425-2563). You may also submit your questions via email: grants@lexingtonky.gov. Information concerning the Consolidated Plan process is available on the LFUCG's web page at https://www.lexingtonky.gov/consolidated-plan.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, and national origin under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If information is needed in languages other than English or if you are a person with a disability that would necessitate assistance so that you might participate in the above-listed meeting, please get in touch with Grants and Special Programs at 859-258-3070 at least 7 days in advance of the public hearing so that arrangements may be made.

**LINDA GORTON  
MAYOR**

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