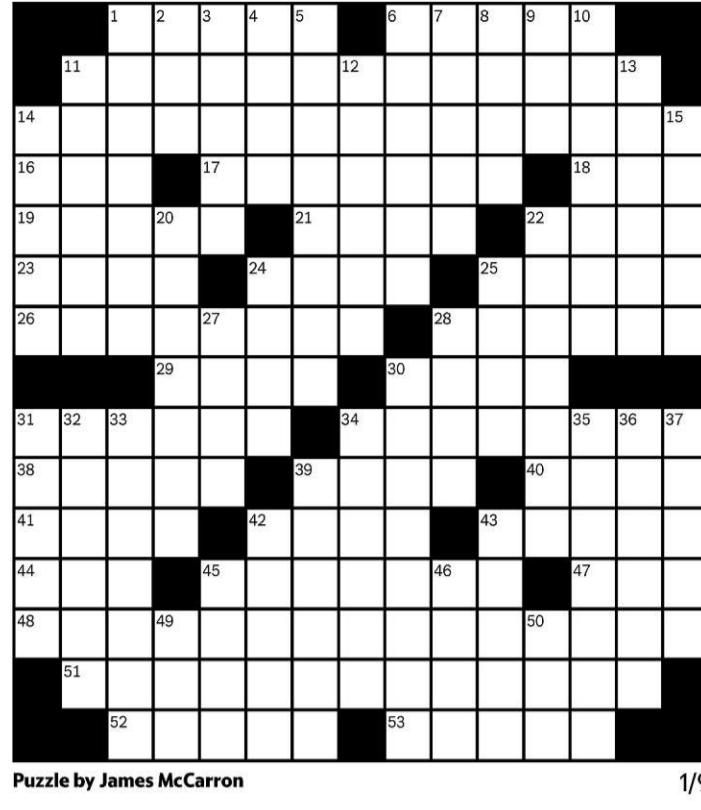


## NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

## 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

No. 1205

## CAROLYN HAX

Man finds joy with bash, while spouse does not

BY CAROLYN HAX  
tellme@washpost.com

1/9

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 banjoletes

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 soccer star

32 Shade of red

33 Big name in fast food

34 "Honor Thy Father" writer, 1971

35 Argumentative

36 Get to

37 Minimal coverage provider?

39 Hearty steakhouse serving

42 Tricks

43 Unwitting mark

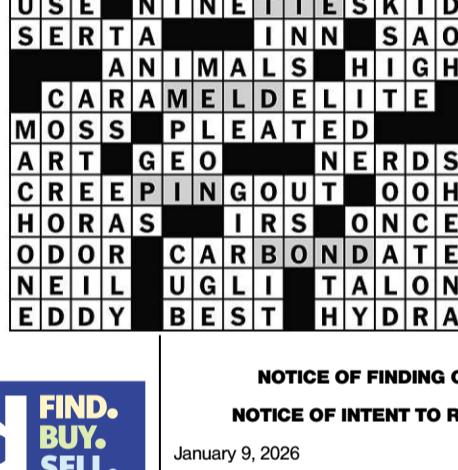
45 Thickening agent found in many vegan recipes

46 Raced

49 Dot follower in academia

50 Spicy

## ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



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

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.

## 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 COURTHOUSE, 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 hereinbefore 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 DEADMAN 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 NORTHSIDE DRIVE**, 25-CI-00301, Principal to be raised \$125,820.82. Parcel No. 22272650

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

IPL0303771

Jan 9 2026

## 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 Stacy 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

IPL0304118

Jan 9 2026

## Classified

FIND.  
BUY.  
SELL.

classifieds.kentucky.com

859.231.3100



## Automotive

Autos for Sale

**Freightliner Cascadia 2018**  
Intent to Sale  
3AKJHHR9JSHM7987  
859-253-2620

## Service Directory

Cleaning &amp; Janitorial

**CLEANING HOME OR OFFICE**  
859-200-3214  
REFERENCES AND EXPERIENCED  
859-200-3214

Home &amp; Business Improvement

**All Carpet Repairs**/Stretch/  
Water & Pet Damage/Rotten/ Squeaky  
Floors. [crosscarpetrepair.com](http://crosscarpetrepair.com)  
30+ yrs exp. 859-225-3863

Remodeling crew available, Roofing  
windows siding gutter crew available  
859.699.9949

## NEED

## HELP

## STAFFING?

## Legals

## Summons

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
CV42-25-2290  
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. CV42-2290.

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 Brizier & 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  
Jackie Petersen  
IPL0301270  
Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16 2026

## Legals &amp; 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. IPL0303610 Jan 9 2026

LEXINGTON