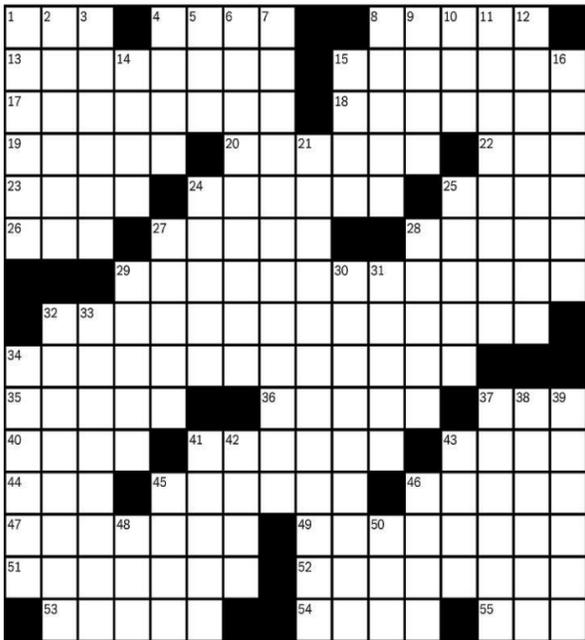


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- ACROSS**  
 1 Org. with checkpoints  
 4 Poke accompaniment, at times  
 8 Shoe-shaping tools  
 13 "Abso-freaking-lutely!"  
 15 A red plastic one might be worn on Halloween  
 17 Skating venue  
 18 "Thumbs-down from me"  
 19 Bonkers  
 20 A little sore, say  
 22 It's what you should take, in brief  
 23 Lundi \_\_, festive Monday observance in New Orleans  
 24 Went after  
 25 Catches  
 26 Casual assent  
 27 Dating qualifier  
 28 Really fancy?  
 29 They don't give you the full picture  
 32 The 14.54-carat Apollo Blue, e.g., which sold for more than \$42 million in 2017  
 34 Polite, friendly stereotype from the Midwest  
 35 Le contraire de "après"  
 36 Clear a sentence? "Girl!"  
 40 Goddess often depicted with peacocks  
 41 Someone singing "Something"  
 43 Alphabetically last nutrient in a multi-vitamin, often  
 44 Counsel council, for short  
 45 Gives a wave, maybe  
 46 "Andor" actor \_\_ Luna  
 47 Research scientist's jotting  
 49 Visitor to a fertility clinic, maybe  
 51 Birds whose name comes from the Latin word for "golden"  
 52 1976 Fleetwood Mac hit said to be inspired by a Welsh witch  
 53 Provincetown catch  
 54 Hit's counterpart  
 55 Spots



Puzzle by Evan Mulvihill

3/20

- DOWN**  
 1 Widget  
 2 Guarded  
 3 It's handled at the bar  
 4 One with a burning passion?  
 5 Bishop's locale  
 6 Tiny nation claiming over 1,700 years of self-governance  
 7 Cold drinks often topped with evaporated milk  
 8 \_\_ experience  
 9 Longtime teammate of Derek Jeter, familiarly  
 10 Group of reps  
 11 Poem so beloved by Abraham Lincoln that he carried it in his pocket and memorized it  
 12 Sheryl \_\_, author of the 2013 bestseller "Lean In"  
 14 Many a bonny bairn  
 15 Sharp wind?  
 16 Offerings at a reception  
 21 Ones who don't believe in global revolutions?  
 24 Saves for later, in a way

- 25 "Seriously!"  
 27 Teammate of Cupid in "A Visit From St. Nicholas"  
 28 Mythological figure who turns men into pigs  
 29 Spiritual sustenance  
 30 Sped right through the stop signal  
 31 Pop up  
 32 Ones offering cheap shots?  
 33 How the Quran is written  
 34 Honolulu thank you

- 37 Ferruginous pigment  
 38 Close (with)  
 39 Puts down  
 41 Like some breath  
 42 Blinkers?  
 43 Canyon with a much-hiked section called the Narrows  
 45 Word with guitar or go  
 46 Historic event the French call "le jour J"  
 48 " \_\_!" (negative reply)  
 50 Director Coppola of 2024's "The Last Showgirl"

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX  
 Boyfriend slacks on taking care of puppy



BY CAROLYN HAX  
 tellme@washpost.com

**Dear Carolyn:** My boyfriend and I are both 25, have been together for four years and have been living together for almost two. We both work full time in the same field, different companies. He's my best friend, and I love doing things with him, but I'm worried about our future. We both want marriage and kids someday, but I recently started wondering if he's going to be a good father and equal partner in raising kids. Eighteen months ago, he decided to adopt a puppy and, after a little bit of discussion, I was on board, too. Even though it was his idea and he says he grew up with dogs, I had to research how to train the dog and teach him. I take care of the vet appointments, 90% of the walks and everything else. When I ask him to step up, he does, but only for a few days, maybe a week, then things are back to how they were. It's become a pattern since we moved in together. I'm the one who does most of the chores, plans all our vacations, date nights, hikes, etc. I've discussed this with him several times and, just like with the dog, he gets better for a week, then falls

**LEXIGO** 3-20  
 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. Latin music genre S \_ \_ \_ \_  
 2. Southern state \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 3. "Remember the \_\_\_!" A \_ \_ \_ \_  
 4. Endure longer than \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 5. Worship location T \_ \_ \_ \_

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back into his old pattern. To me, it's looking like he is happy to be in a relationship but doesn't want to put much effort into it. I keep imagining having a baby and having to take care of everything myself. I know I'm looking far in the future, but is this a reason to break up now? Or try counseling or something?  
 — What Now?

**What Now?:** You aren't a moment too soon with projections into the future. First, the longer you stay, the tougher it will be to change course or get out. Second, why wait for your future to suck when your present sucks plenty now? You're doing all the work for the benefits he enjoys? When you're equivalently employed? He's either some best friend, or those few days he steps up are epic. Assuming you're not ready to leave outright, what you do now is spell this out for him. "You enjoy a life with vacations, date nights and hikes, all of which I plan, and a dog that you pushed for and adopted but that I trained, provide care for and walk 90% of the time. Would you say that's accurate?"

For his sake, I hope he does; his "get better" moments suggest he will. "Now — are you OK with my doing so much? Are you comfortable? Is your conscience clear?" Here's the trick question. Because if he is not OK with it, if it grinds at his conscience to see you doing everything, genuinely — then he will do more. Out of basic decency, which doesn't die of regression after a week. And if you are not OK with carrying mental load, chores and dog, then you will do less. Whether it's today, or when you break up over this in a year, or divorce over it in 10 years. You will have to do less to keep from losing yourself. This is where "try counseling" would apply: individually. I don't suggest you seek it as a couple and talk more about what you've already talked around several times. Go in there yourself. Find out why, when your boyfriend doesn't do his share, you do it for him. Instead of dumping it back in his lap. A puppy needs you to step in, yes. But everyone else involved needs you not to do all the rest. Especially you, especially if you hope to share long-term goals with someone.

Bengals postseason hero Wilson retires, 29

Field Level media

Former Cincinnati Bengals star linebacker Logan Wilson announced his retirement at age 29 on Wednesday. Wilson was a key cog in Cincinnati's run to Super Bowl LVI, where the Bengals lost to the Los Angeles Rams to end the 2021 season. "When I look back on my career, I just feel grateful," Wilson wrote on Instagram. "Not many Wyoming kids get the chance to live out their dream in the NFL, and I never took a single snap for granted." Wilson recorded four straight 100-tackle seasons with the Bengals from

2021-24. He was voted a team captain for 2025 before being traded to the Dallas Cowboys midway through the season.

Wilson joined the Bengals as a third-round selection in 2020. He starred in the 2021 playoffs with a post-season-leading 39 tackles

and a big interception. "That 2021 playoff run was something special -- the interception in Tennessee to send us to the AFC Cham-

pionship, beating Kansas City to win the AFC, and taking the field in the Super Bowl," Wilson said. "Those moments and that locker room are something I'll carry with me forever. And the best part of all, my daughter was born there."

Wilson had 70 tackles in 15 games last season while splitting the campaign with the Bengals (eight games) and Cowboys (seven). Wilson didn't receive a single snap in a Week 17 matchup against the Washington Commanders.

Colts sign Notre Dame basketball player Towt as TE

Field Level Media

The Indianapolis Colts signed Notre Dame basketball player Carson Towt as a free agent tight end on Tuesday. Towt, 24, did not play football in high school or college. A 6-foot-8, 250-pound forward, he averaged 5.9 points and a team-high 9.0 rebounds in 31 games during his lone season with the Fighting Irish in 2025-26. Towt played four seasons at Northern Arizona before transferring to South Bend, leading all Division I players with 12.4 rebounds per game. Indianapolis has veteran tight end Mo Alie-Cox, who followed a similar path after playing college basketball at VCU and joining the Colts as an undrafted free agent in 2017.

**Legals**

**Legals & Public Notices**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE**  
**A public hearing will be held Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, at 10:00 AM EST to obtain public input for the 2026 Annual Action Plan for Kentucky's Block Grant Housing Programs. Following the hearing, the 2026 Annual Action Plan will be available for public comment March 30th, 2026, through May 8th, 2026.**

The Annual Action Plan is the Commonwealth's application and distribution plan for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Block Grant Programs (HOME, ESG, CDBG, HTF, and HOPWA). Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) and the Department for Local Government (DLG) are the agencies responsible for submission of the plan to HUD.

Kentucky is in the process of drafting the 2026 Annual Action Plan, and a public hearing is being held for the purpose of obtaining public input. Both written and oral comments will be accepted and where applicable, will be incorporated into the document. Following the hearing, the 2026 Annual Action Plan will be available for public comment March 30th, 2026, through May 8th, 2026.

The public hearing is scheduled for 10AM Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, at the Kentucky Housing Corporation West Annex Board Room at 1231 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601. KHC's campus is handicapped-accessible. The hearing will also be available virtually via Microsoft Teams at: <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/25637942068529?p=nfMMXjIOVKgJfJyIq> | Meeting ID: 256 379 420 685 29 | Passcode: B2uw3ns9. After the hearing, a recording will be available via KHC's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@KyHousingCorp>.

If you are a person with a disability, need information in an alternative format, or speak limited English and require special services at the public hearing, please notify Ben Livingston by March 10, 2026, so that arrangements for those services can be made.

A copy of the 2026 Annual Action Plan draft will be available for review online at <https://www.kyhousing.org/Planning-Documents/Pages/Consolidated-Plan.aspx>. Please send written comments by email to [CorpPlanReport@kyhousing.org](mailto:CorpPlanReport@kyhousing.org). Please direct questions to Mr. Livingston at (502) 237-6891 | extension 158. Those who are hearing-impaired may call TTY/V 711.

**Annual Action Plan Public Hearing March 24th, 2026, 10:00AM**

**Attend In-Person:** Kentucky Housing Corporation West Annex, Board Room 1231 Louisville Rd, Frankfort, KY 40601

**Join Remotely: Microsoft Teams** <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/25637942068529?p=nfMMXjIOVKgJfJyIq> Meeting ID: 256 379 420 685 29 Passcode: B2uw3ns9

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**NOTICE**  
 Cellico Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless and TAG Towers are filing an application with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Planning Commission to construct a new wireless communications facility on a site located at 2151 Royster Rd, Lexington KY 40516 (North Latitude: 38 03' 47.57", West Longitude: 84 23' 49.59"). The proposed facility will include a 195-foot-tall antenna tower, plus a 4-foot lightning arrester and related ground facilities. Site name is Briar Hill South. You have the right to submit testimony to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Planning Commission, either in writing or to request intervention in the Planning Commission's proceedings on the application. You may contact the Division of Planning concerning this matter at: 101 E Vine St, 7th Floor; Lexington KY 40507, telephone 859-258-3160. The Planning Commission will meet on this matter on April 9, 2026 at 1:30 PM in the Urban County Government Building (200 E Main St; Lexington KY 40507) 2nd Floor Council Chambers. IPL0323373  
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**SEALED BIDS** for [the Blue Grass Airport United States Customs and Border Protection General Aviation Facility] and other incidental items will be received by the LEXINGTON FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD (hereinafter referred to as "LFUCAB") in the Planning and Construction Office until and not later than 2:00 PM, Local Time on April 7th, 2026, at which time the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Airport Training Room, Second Floor, Terminal Building, Blue Grass Airport.

**THE PROJECT** Consists of the renovation of the northeast space in existing Hangar 49 for the relocation General Aviation Facility.

**THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS** may be purchased at Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, 859-255-1021, [www.lynnimaging.com](http://www.lynnimaging.com).

**A PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be conducted on March 24th at 10:00 a.m. local time in the Airport Board Room, Second Floor, Terminal Building, Blue Grass Airport.

**RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS.** The LFUCAB proposes to award the Contract to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. Bidder is advised that LFUCAB reserves the right to reject any and all Bids submitted, to waive any and all informalities, irregularities and/or technicalities in any Bid or Bid Guaranty, to accept any Bid deemed advantageous to it; and, to negotiate changes, deletions, or additions to these Contract Documents with the successful Bidder.

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