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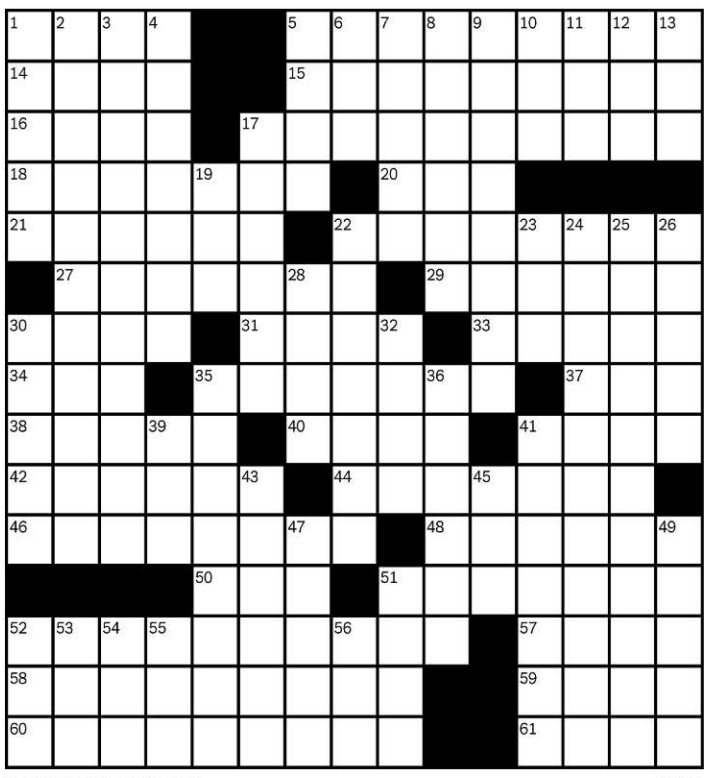

Puzzle by Zhou Zhang

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ACROSS

1 __ Plateau, home to the tomb of King Khufu
5 Discovers
14 "There's my cue"
15 "Dios mío!"
16 Superbright
17 Couple's last coupling, perhaps
18 Mounted warrior skilled in martial arts
20 Retired pro wrestler Flair
21 Sibling's cry of protest, maybe
22 Guard for some time?
27 Unit whose name derives from the Latin word for "heat"
29 Completely lose it
30 Bunk alternatives
31 Leave a lasting mark on
33 Because
34 Self-doubter's question
35 Huddling, as teammates
37 Mom-and-pop group
38 Rock musician Bob
40 "Enough out of you!"
41 Costco competitor, informally
42 England's George V vis-à-vis Russia's Nicholas II
44 Good places for a deep dive into research?
46 Recollection, say
48 Primates found only in and around Madagascar
50 Slip
51 Explode, as a paintball
52 Enthusiastic cry when one's favorite song comes on the radio
57 Idle
58 Excessively greedy
59 Berkshire town
60 Of an indefinitely large number
61 Spanish muralist José María __

DOWN

1 Kitchen brand inspired by 18-Across
2 "Seriously?!"
3 Issue in a modern remote work setting
4 Corn and wheat, for two
5 Garment worn with a bodice called a choli
6 365th out of 365, in brief
7 Words of comfort
8 Not being real about
9 Honey is high in this
10 Deplete
11 Yogis' utterances
12 Purple drink ingredient at a boba tea shop
13 "... plus __"
17 Unfruitful
19 Animated 2011 film set in Brazil
22 Person that's best left alone
23 Wong of Netflix's "Beef"
24 Shoot the breeze
25 Philosophy of "Keep things simple," in a sense
26 "How do __ grow? They grow out of your life": Robert Penn Warren
28 Scratch that!
30 "Julius Caesar" role
32 Plot device?
35 Shimmer colorfully
36 Peace in the Mideast
39 Computer key that might be pressed repeatedly in a panic
41 Tastes
43 Average Joe, in modern slang
45 __ Bleus, nickname for France's World Cup team
47 Check for fit
49 What might go straight to the heart?
51 Deep cut
52 Monodrama that debuted in 1989
53 Country __
54 Unwanted place for bugs
55 Parlor offering, for short
56 Project

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:

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CAROLYN HAX

If eldest can miss Christmas, why can't everyone?

BY CAROLYN HAX
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Dear Carolyn: I know it's a bit early for Christmas questions, but the topic is coming up already and I am at a loss. My oldest child has asked if it's OK to travel over Christmas. I appreciated them asking me; they're old enough not to need to, so of course I said as much. I did admit I'd be a bit sad, but that wasn't a reason for them to not have their (important) adventure.

Inside, though, I am very sad. This is my kiddo from my first husband, and the only person I have consistently spent the holidays with for over 20 years.

I had the idea that maybe I should travel, too — with my husband and younger kids. The hang-up here is my mom. She will be silently devastated not to have us around for Christmas. I have siblings, but neither has kids, so "it's just not the same."

I guess I'm asking if it's OK to do what makes me feel better, even if it makes someone else feel worse?

— Mom

Mom: As long as we don't pipe in Christmas music, I think it's OK to talk about this now. Plus it's hard to travel over Christmas with a family if you don't speak of it till Thanksgiving.

I wonder, though, why you don't think you answered your own question already, when you answered your kid: You just said your sadness isn't a reason for someone else not to have adventures. Right? So why doesn't that apply to you?

Is your oldest child's adventure more important than yours? Is your mom's sadness sadder than yours? If so, then does that make you more responsible for it?

These may sound like rhetorical questions, but they're not. They're the issues your decisions, planning and emotional resolve hinge on.

You apparently don't equate the family travel you have in mind to young adult travel in its adventure value. You also apparently don't see your siblings as companionship enough for your mother on a major holiday — nor do you account for their or your mother's agency in making their own holiday plans. You see yourself as the party responsible if not for everyone's holiday satisfaction then certainly for your mother's.

These are the assumptions to challenge now, because they're bigger than holidays. Even if you decide not to change anything about this Christmas, it's worth the effort to dismantle the cage you've built for yourself with your default attitude — toward family and wherever else you've let this happen.

Here's a verbal shortcut for rethinking norms, family and otherwise: Is feeling worse the worst thing?

You started your letter with a perfect example. You will feel worse for not having your oldest around this Christmas, yes. But is feeling worse the worst thing? No. A lot of things are worse, such as keeping your kid on a guilt leash just because you formed a 20-year home-for-Christmas habit.

You don't want your mom to be sad about not seeing her grandkids this Christmas, of course. But is feeling worse the worst thing? Or is it even worse to keep fighting the inevitability of change, when we can find a loving, realistic and good-natured [illegible]?

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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. Flow restrictor — V _ _ _ _
2. Developed slowly — _ _ _ _ _ _ _
3. Went off the track — D _ _ _ _ _ _ _
4. White Cliffs locale — _ _ _ _ _
5. Exposes — R _ _ _ _ _ _

VALVE, EVOLVED, DERAILED, DOVER, REVEALS

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LSU QB Leavitt doubtful for game with Ole Miss

Field Level Media

USA TODAY Network

LSU quarterback Sam Leavitt is reportedly dealing with a sore throwing shoulder and has been limited in practice this week.

Though he did not appear to suffer an injury in last Saturday's win over Louisiana Tech, quarterback Sam Leavitt is listed as doubtful for No. 7 LSU's rivalry showdown at No. 8 Ole Miss on Saturday.

According to On3, Leavitt is dealing with a sore throwing shoulder and has been limited in practice this week. The Tigers are closely monitoring their starting quarterback, per the report.

The Arizona State transfer spoke to reporters after the 45-14 home victory and did not appear to be dealing with an ailment.

"I'm just focusing on tonight, getting better, getting the body healthy," Leavitt said when asked whether he was looking forward to facing Ole Miss. "But no, it's going to be an incredible opportunity."

Leavitt was slated to speak with the media Tuesday about the key SEC clash against Ole Miss, according to an LSU spokesperson, but he was not present at the session.

At a Monday news conference, LSU coach Lane Kiffin did not mention any information about Leavitt's health status.

Under the SEC's availability policy, a player has a 25% chance to play and is "unlikely to play due to significant concerns."

SEC football teams face penalties that range from $25,000 to $100,000 for late or inaccurate availability reports. It is at the discretion of SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey whether to impose these penalties.

Leavitt's teammate and the Tigers' leading tackler, TJ Dottery, is also questionable.

A two-year starter and Big 12 Freshman of the Year at Arizona State, Leavitt transferred to LSU after the school hired Kiffin.

After throwing for a touchdown and rushing for two more in a blowout season-opening win over Clemson, Leavitt threw for a score and ran for three more in the victory over Louisiana Tech, but he tossed three interceptions.

In two games with LSU, Leavitt has completed 41 of 66 passes for 574 yards, two touchdowns and four interceptions. He has also rushed for 135 yards and five scores.

If Leavitt isn't available to play, either freshman Husan Longstreet or sophomore Landen Clark will start. In two games, Clark has completed 7 of 10 passes for 109 yards, one touchdown, and no interceptions. Longstreet has attempted one pass, a 33-yard completion.

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Legals & Public Notices

NOTICE TO INFORM:

At the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council meeting on September 10, 2026 Ordinances 082-2026 through 084-2026; 086-2026; and 087-2026 were enacted related to:(1) changing the zone from a Single Family Residential (R-1C) zone to a Corridor Business (B-3) zone, for 4.912 net (6.047 gross) acres, for property located at 1770 and 1800 Harrodsburg Rd;(2) authorizing the issuance of its Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026B, in one or more subseries, in an aggregate principal amount of $9,740,000 (which amount may be increased by an amount of up to ten percent (10%) or decreased by an unlimited amount); approving a form of Series 2026B Bonds; authorizing designated officers to execute and deliver the Series 2026B Bonds; authorizing and directing the filing of notice with the State Local Debt Officer; providing for the payment and security of the Series 2026B Bonds; maintaining a Sinking Fund; creating a Bond Payment Fund for the Series 2026B Bonds; authorizing acceptance of the bid(s) of the bond purchaser of the Series 2026B Bonds; and repealing inconsistent ordinances; (3) amending Section 16-1(c)(19), Section 16-1(f)(70), and Section 17-1(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, adopting and incorporating the Complete Streets Design Manual as an engineering manual for infrastructure development in Lexington-Fayette County; (4) amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for municipal expenditures, and appropriating and re-appropriating funds, FY 2027, Schedule No. 6;(5) amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to correct funds for purchase orders rolling from FY 2026 into FY 2027, and appropriating and re-appropriating funds, Schedule No. 5; and(6) creating Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (Privilege Fees for Public Infrastructure Improvements), as follows: adopting definitions for privilege fee, participating owner, non-participating owner, public infrastructure, shared public infrastructure, acreage, and interest; authorizing the allocation of costs of construction of shared public improvements to non-participating owners in the form of privilege fees; authorizing the execution of Privilege Fee Agreements by the Mayor or the Chief Administrative Officer as Mayor's designee for construction of shared public infrastructure and for reimbursement of costs associated therewith from privilege fees remitted by non-participating owners; requiring competitive bidding procedures for construction of shared public infrastructure unless waived for good cause shown; providing for notice to all non-participating owners and a public hearing regarding proposed construction of shared public improvements and the allocation of costs to non-participating owners by way of privilege fees; establishing minimum requirements for Privilege Fee Agreements; authorizing administrative fees; and authorizing the collection of interest on privilege fees.These documents may be viewed in their entirety at **https://bit.ly/Ords82-** or in the Council Clerk's Office at 200 E. Main St. Lexington, KY 40507. 859-258-3240. View all LFUCG legal notices at https://www.lexingtonky.gov/public-notices

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Sep 18 2026

Public Notice

A mobile home with serial number BNAL14642909 currently located at 603 Allen Dr., Nicholasville, KY 40356 shall be sold to the highest bidder. All bids must be written and submitted to Adams Law PLLC at 40 West Pike Street, Covington, KY 41011 ATTN: Elivia Rabe. Bids must be received by October 11, 2026 to be considered. Bids must include bidder's name, address, phone number, email, and bid amount. The mobile home will be sold on October 12th, 2026.
IPL0374133
Sep 18,25,Oct 2 2026

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Citadel Self Storage - Lexington located at 133 N. Locust Hill Dr., Lexington, KY, 40509 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored by tenants for default on their rental agreement. The sale will occur as an Online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 9/22/2026 at 10:00 AM. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.
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Beverage Notice

Turner Property 4, LLC with a mailing address of 1409 Forbes Road, Suite 220, Lexington, Kentucky, 40508, hereby declares its intention to apply for an Entertainment Destination License, no later than September 21, 2026. The parameters of the Entertainment Destination Center will consist of a portion of Turner Commons Way on both sides of the street from the parking lot after the intersection of W. Main St/Leestown Rd. and Turner Commons Way to where Commons Lane intersects with Turner Commons Way. The primary address of the Entertainment Destination Center will be 120 Turner Commons Way, Suite 201, Lexington, Kentucky 40508. Turner Property 4, LLC is a Kentucky limited liability company located at 1409 Forbes Road, Suite 220, Lexington, Kentucky, 40508 the sole owner of which is Daren Turner, 1409 Forbes Road, Suite 220, Lexington, Kentucky, 40508. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within (30) days of the date of legal publication.
IPL0374698
Sep 18 2026

Beverage Notice

Parlour KY - Hamburg Pl LLC Beverage License

Parlour KY - Hamburg Pl, LLC dba Parlour Hamburg hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package, NQ2 Retail Drink License, Special Sunday Retail Drink license no later than September 18, 2026. The licensed premises will be located at 1997 Justice Dr, Ste 130, Lexington, KY, 40509. The Company mailing address is 1638 E. Market St, New Albany, IN 47150. The owners are as follows: Parlour Lexington, LLC of 2325 Green Valley Rd, Ste107, New Albany, IN 47150; Owner, Beedrava, LLC of
1309 Coffeen Ave, Ste 16230, Sheridan, WY 82801; Owner, Bradley Sea of 502 Kenzig Rd, New Albany, IN 47150; Owner, Craft Culture Concepts, LLC of 1638 E. Market St, New Albany, IN 47150; Owner, Eastpoint Investments, LLC of 11225 Bluegrass Pkwy, Louisville, KY, 40299; Owner, Eric Shaefer of 13675 Kimberly Oaks Cir, Largo, FL 33774; Owner, Gary Neace of 27 Regiment Ct, Wilder, KY 41076; Owner, Joshua Root of 3090 Edwardsville Galena Rd, Georgetown, IN 47122; Owner, Major H, LLC of 213 Oliver Circle, Nicholasville, KY 40356; Owner, Rayna Werner of 1013 Weird Rd, Shepardsville, KY 40165; Owner, MITAR Private Capital, LLC of 75 N Main St, Zionsville, IN 46077; Owner, MTO Investments, LLC of 309 Orchard Brook Drive, Brooks, KY 40109; Owner, Neace Grandchildren Trust of 146 E. Elm St, New Albany, IN 47150; Owner, Neace Hospitality - New Albany, LLC of 1638 E. Market St, New Albany, IN 47150; Owner NV Food & Beverage II, LLC of 2325 Green Valley Rd, New Albany, IN 47150; Owner, PPizzaLex, LLC of 1200 Oak Knoll, Lexington, KY 40502; Owner, Tasty Eats, LLC of 213 Porta Verde, Nicholasville, KY 40356; Owner, Timothy Manning of 315 Southern Indiana Ave, Jeffersonville, IN 47130; Officer, Donald Robinson of 1638 E. Market St, New Albany, IN 47150. 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 Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30)
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Hexa Partners, LP - Liquor Wholesale Distributor movig to a new location.

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