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ACROSS

1 Result of a tense build-up?

11 Hit a point of no return?

15 Kick off

16 "Outta my way!"

17 ABC's realm

18 Body part affected by heterochromia

19 Fed

20 ___ Mai, Grammy-winning R&B singer

21 Buff

22 Drops

24 Mars rover named in honor of a 19th century activist

26 Ludwig ___, post-WWII leader who led West Germany's economic recovery

28 Cooking term whose name is composed of two synonyms for "criticize"

29 Agcy. tracking popular baby names

30 Agcy. concerned with declarations

32 Parts of some high-speed rail systems

33 Be exception-ally good, in modern slang

34 Vaper's purchase

35 What Esau got in exchange for selling his birthright to Jacob

38 Disclaimer in a quote

39 "Hang"

42 Detaches from the frame, perhaps

44 Grammatical case in 48-Across

46 Longtime Pixar character who says "I might be old, but I still got a spring in my step!"

48 See 44-Across

49 Super, slangily

50 Curve on a score

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Puzzle by Julian Xiao

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52 Follower of hand or home

53 Bit of filming

54 Asteroids and Space Invaders

56 In the past

57 System by which all speech is protected?

58 Cravings

59 Club runners

14 Strands

21 Precise and calculated

23 First country to elect a female prime minister (1960)

25 Tripping

27 Sluggish

31 One putting the pedal to the metal

33 No-goodniks

35 Toddler's walking aid

36 Like someone using autoreply, perhaps

37 Start to congeal

39 Part of some gummies

40 Clear

41 Births

43 Comfort

45 Mesoamerican staple with a "hot" variety

47 Mentors

51 "Rude Boy" singer, to fans

54 Ancient symbol of royalty

55 Test not offered in high school, for short

DOWN

1 Change sounds

2 Captivates

3 Actress Lyonne

4 Neighbor of Sierra Leone

5 In the past

6 Use a fork for, in a way

7 Some thesis defenses

8 Trounce

9 Singer dubbed the "Matriarch of the Blues"

10 Gun before the green, say

11 "Is it not?"

12 Stellar visual effects

13 Adjective that becomes its own synonym after its first letter is dropped

CAROLYN HAX

Close friend texts while driving



BY CAROLYN HAX
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Dear Carolyn: I was recently visiting a friend I've known since sixth grade, around 50 years! We have so much fun and enjoy each other's company. Recently I saw her in her hometown, and as she was driving us around on very busy California highways, she was continually pulling out her phone to Google something or read a text! This terrified me.

I demanded that she give me her phone while she was driving. She snarkily agreed, adding, "OK, Mommy."

How can I impress upon her that this behavior is dangerous when she believes she is quite capable of texting and driving!

— Scared for My Friend

Scared for My Friend: You're too kind; I'm scared for everyone on the road with your friend. Or near it.

No one is "quite capable of texting and driving." There are only people lucky not to have hit things when their eyes were off the road, and unlucky ones who hit things. Plus their deeply unlucky victims who never had a choice.

If you really think she doesn't know this, then the problem is her ignorance, so however

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1. These can make you cry

2. Pig's nose

3. Laser printer supply

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you phrase things is fine. Throw evidence at her if you want, but, duh.

If her problem is arrogance, then it won't matter if "Mommy" sounds holier-than-thou. Your 60ish-year-old friend will still act like a child to prove she's not one, and you will minimize your risk of riding in a murder weapon.

So keep insisting: no phone or no passenger. Let her pout. Add that her attitude surprises you. Who cares what name she calls you this time, or what tone she takes. If a nearly life-long friend can't trust the friendship to withstand some emergency truth-telling, then who else will ever speak up?

Dear Carolyn: I'm disappointed in my friends who aren't voting because they say their vote doesn't matter anyway. I get it, we are [redacted] living in a [redacted] state. But I think voting is one of the few things we can do, and even if our preferred candidates are bound to lose, it still sends a message that everyone is not OK with the way things are. Not to mention there are state amendments and other stuff on the ballot.

I'm not even sure what

my question is. I guess, how can I let this not bother me so much?

— Bothered

Bothered: As the slogans remind us, if a vote doesn't matter, then why is access to one being so fiercely litigated, and why has it always been thus, as well as bargained and manipulated and compromised and gerrymandered to the bejesus throughout U.S. history, and why have people denied it always marched, sacrificed, died to get it?

Yeah, you're the choir. But you can get away with singing this tune to those civic deadbeats one time, right, without making such a sanctimonious nuisance of yourself that you end up friendless?

If you think you can, then do it. Cite that "other stuff on the ballot," too, if you haven't.

There's more, even. You identify two things a vote "can do," in electing a candidate or registering the not-OK-with-this feelings of the losing side. But it can also confer a sense of empowerment either way. For proof, look to the truth of the reverse: That helpless I-don't-matter feeling is something non-voters give to themselves.



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Safety Joshua Metellus and the Vikings defense have carried the team to a 4-0 start this season.

ANALYSIS

Vikings at 4-0 have a TD problem, record books noticed

BY EMAN ZAHRA
Lindys Sports

The Minnesota Vikings are 4-0. They also haven't scored a touchdown in two of those four games. Only two teams in NFL history have done both, and both were the Chicago Cardinals in the early 1920s.

Sunday's 15-10 win over Miami added the second scoreless-touchdown game to the Vikings' record. According to NFL Research via NFL.com, they're the third team ever to start 4-0 that way, and the first in the last century. The 1922 and 1923 Cardinals are the other two.

All 15 points came from kicker Will Reichard, who has made 31 straight field goals. The offense hasn't scored a touchdown in 18

straight possessions, not counting victory-formation drives.

MURRAY STILL LOOKING FOR A RHYTHM

Murray threw for 247 yards, and Minnesota gained 336 as a team, its best total of the season. That sounds respectable until you look closer.

Murray averaged only 4.9 air yards per attempt, the lowest mark by a Vikings quarterback this year, and he didn't attempt a single pass of 20 or more air yards.

Head coach Kevin O'Connell said before the game that the plan was "Operation Get Kyler Murray Comfortable." It took until the fourth quarter to see signs of that.

Justin Jefferson missed the game with an ankle injury, which explains

part of it. Without him, Minnesota leaned on Aaron Jones, who had 28 touches and 128 scrimmage yards, and tight end T.J. Hockenson, who caught all 13 of his targets for 119 yards. Hockenson also made the smartest play of the day. With the game nearly decided, he gained a first down and slid at the 2-yard line to let the clock run out instead of scoring.

DEFENSE CARRYING MORE THAN ITS SHARE

On the other side of the ball, edge rusher Dallas Turner took Malik Willis down twice, including a strip-sack, and now has 5.5 sacks through four games.

NFL.com's Brooke Cersosimo noted he's making an early case for Defensive Player of the Year consideration. Miami had recorded zero sacks through three games before Sunday, and still the Vikings' offense couldn't take advantage.

TROUBLE UP FRONT

The bigger concern may be the offensive line. Tackle Christian Darri-saw is in the concussion protocol, and guard Donovan Jackson suffered a torn meniscus that will likely end his regular season, according to NFL.com's Monday roundup. Both injuries matter for a quarterback who's still settling in.

Being 4-0 is real, and the Vikings deserve credit for finding ways to win. But field goals are a thin foundation.

At some point, a game like this ends 13-10 the other way. If Jefferson returns and Murray starts pushing the ball down-field, Minnesota's record will look more sturdy.

If not, the history lesson here might be less about a fun trivia fact and more about a team living on borrowed time.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Architectural Review will hold a meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 4:00 pm EST, 3:00 pm CST, in the Second Floor-Council Chamber, Urban County Government Center, 200 East Main Street.

The agenda for the meeting will be:

- 582 West Main Street: Install kiosk.
- 715 Central Avenue: Remove trees and install fencing.
- 340 New Street: Increase fence height.
- 102 West High Street: Install signage.
- 237 Barberry Lane: Demolish deck and construct deck/roof.
- 212 East Bell Court: Install solar panels.
- 232 Barberry Lane: Demolish tree damaged garage, construct garage.
- 221 Bell Place: Construct deck.

The full Agenda is available at www.lexingtonky.gov/calendar.

For further information, contact: Historic Preservation Office, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507, Phone: 859-258-3265, IPLO379473, Oct 9 2026

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Davidson Baptist Church 1912 Ky Hwy 28 Hazard Ky 41701, Has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to Construct a 54'x80'x18' recreational building. The property is located 1.8 miles west on ky hwy 28 off of Ky 15, 11.4 miles from the city of Hazard and sits parallel with the Grapevine Creek. Any Comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@kygov.ky.gov Kentucky division of water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, Ky 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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MASTER COMMISSIONER

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