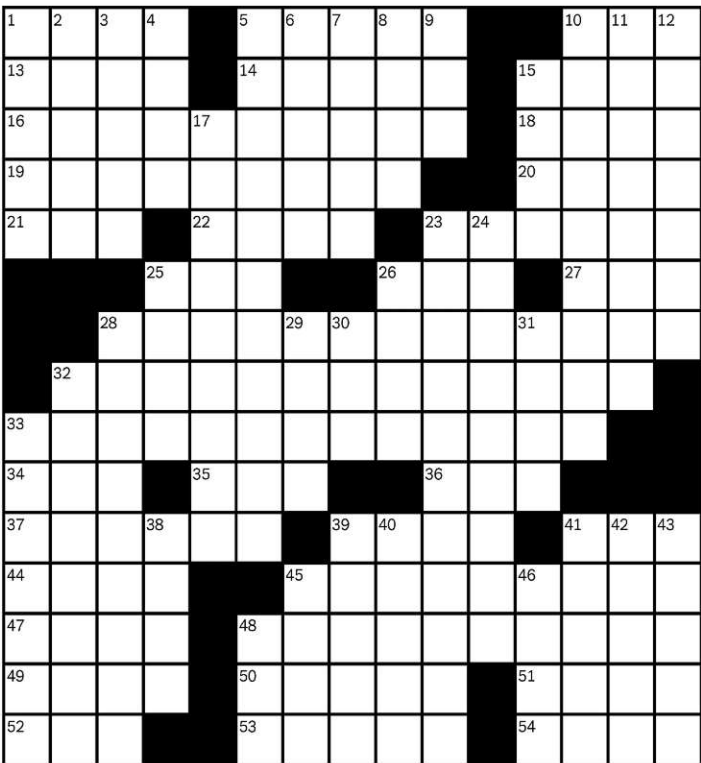


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ACROSS

- 1 Toy that's often quadrilateral with symmetry across its diagonal
- 5 Measured by walking
- 10 Title akin to Mme.
- 13 Nails
- 14 Unwanted ones may linger
- 15 Lee with 50+ cameos
- 16 Something fans have
- 18 One making the first move?
- 19 Motto of the United Farm Workers of America
- 20 Language mutually intelligible with Hindi
- 21 Big 12 athlete
- 22 A real piece of work?
- 23 Rooibos, by another name
- 25 Patterns for criminologists, in brief
- 26 Big ___
- 27 Hypocorism for Harold
- 28 Works that might include maps of fictional lands
- 32 Bossy bosses
- 33 Scene-setting words
- 34 What had a real boom in development in the early 20th century?
- 35 Warren or Warnock: Abbr.
- 36 Whichever
- 37 Some customer service workers
- 39 R&B star with a hyphen in his name
- 41 ___ caterpillar, southern U.S. insect known for its toxic sting
- 44 Connection point
- 45 First nation to restore its independence from the Soviet Union
- 47 Places to bear witness?
- 48 "So it goes"



Puzzle by Carolyn Davies Lynch

8/1

- 49 Electronics giant listed on Taiwan's stock exchange
- 50 Bothered no end
- 51 Many AED users
- 52 Gelled
- 53 Seaside divers
- 54 "Get off my ___!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Chicken ___ (breaded Japanese entree)
- 2 Clinch a victory
- 3 Ride
- 4 Teenage Salinger heroine
- 5 Shops for a short time?
- 6 One of seven farewells in "So Long, Farewell"
- 7 Ribbed pants, informally
- 8 Lake that's home to South Bass Island
- 9 It's not observed in Hawaii: Abbr.
- 10 "This is the beginning"
- 11 Tough breaks
- 12 Some flowers or magazine issues

- 15 Food with eyes, informally
- 17 Ladle cradle
- 23 Sudden, huge successes
- 24 Kind of zone
- 25 Scientist whose "number" is a dimensionless ratio
- 26 Word meaning "since" in a seasonal song
- 28 All geared up
- 29 Mass reply?
- 30 Feature of many a deluxe Swiss Army knife
- 31 So
- 32 Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, for one
- 33 "America the Beautiful" has four of them
- 38 Ending with adept or alert
- 39 More agreeable
- 40 Actor Hawke of "Boyhood"
- 41 Half of a Jungian syzygy
- 42 Rummages (through)
- 43 Bel ___ (Italian cheese)
- 45 Sitar, e.g.
- 46 Smart guy?
- 48 Found a parking spot

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX

Boyfriend is in a big rush to move in together



BY CAROLYN HAX
tellme@washpost.com

Dear Carolyn: I've been dating "Kevin" for a while (about seven months) and am really enjoying it, except that he has been pushing a conversation about moving in together since approximately Month 4. He lived with roommates until last year and I think he is feeling the pinch of living alone, which I don't think is a good enough reason to combine households. We are both in our thirties and I also feel weirded out by the idea that maybe he doesn't know how to live alone. On the other hand, if this is headed toward marriage, then it might make all the sense in the world to test out our compatibility now? With the pressure I feel from him, I have started to get confused about what I actually want. How do I figure that out?

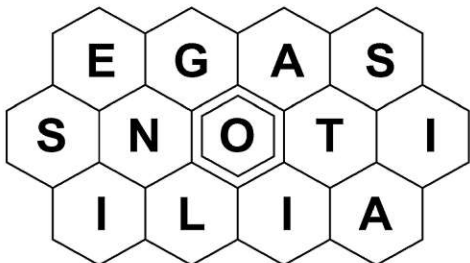
— Confused

Confused: There is nothing confusing about your confusion. Pressure famously, obviously disrupts our ability to sort through our own priorities in a dispassionate way. Nuggets of self-knowledge like, "Do I love Kevin, do I even like Kevin, do I know Kevin well enough at 4-7



8-1

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. Desert sanctuary O _ _ _ _
2. Where a train stops _ _ _ _ _
3. Gobbledygook N _ _ _ _ _
4. Self-centered person _ _ _ _ _
5. Following closely T _ _ _ _ _

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months to trust my opinion of him and our compatibility, and what's with all this freaking pressure, Kevin?"

As the pressure mounts, it tends to displace those other priorities, until it's all about the pressure itself — how to make it stop. The whole point is to weaken our resistance to giving someone what they want. But you're just busy thinking, "I might regret not buying the car at this price" ... uh, wrong index card ... "It might make sense to test our compatibility now!" Anxious thoughts of a deal you wouldn't be thinking about in Month 7 if he'd simply let you be. That's why it's so important to understand and be unafraid to use other ways of making pressure stop — like walking away. That's the simplest and surest method. It also isn't just for showrooms, because pressure can happen in any context and it's disrespectful of your autonomy anywhere. More so when it's about what you do with your life. Since you think highly of Kevin, you can give him a good faith chance to show you he respects you

and your needs by backing off:

"Kevin. You've been asking since Month 4, and if I were comfortable then I would have said yes." Say you expect time and space to be yourself — not time in which you are relentlessly lobbied to give him what he wants. After drawing your line: "Please respect that. Pushing the conversation says you see my 'no' as negotiable. Not OK." Take his response seriously, both in the moment and over time. Can he accept this without getting defensive? If yes, then can he live with your boundary, without chafing, just because that's the right thing to do? This crossroads for a newish relationship is so telling. It is the crossroads. You're saying that you and your needs are right beside him and his needs, holding the same degree of importance. He either grasps this immediately, sees how his cohabitation-pressure campaign walks all over your equal standing, apologizes and backs off to let you think — or he doubles down on his impatience and keeps treating you as an obstinate means to his ends.



Fazry Ismail EPA

Leon Marchand of France celebrates after establishing a world record in the men's 200-meter individual medley Wednesday at the World Aquatics Championships in Singapore.

Lochte's 200 IM world mark falls to Frenchman

BY ALEX BUTLER

Leon Marchand sliced the pool water in 1 minute, 52.61 seconds to break

Ryan Lochte's 200-meter individual medley world record at the World Aquatics Championships on Wednesday in Singapore. The four-time Olympic

gold medalist broke the 14-year-old record in the semifinals of the event at the Singapore Sports Hub. "I'm grateful for my coaches and all the staff behind me," Marchand, who earned a \$30,000 check for his efforts, said on a streaming broadcast of the event. "It's been a pretty hard season, but I'm so happy to be here." American Shaine Casas finished second, 2.44 seconds behind the Frenchman. Great Britain's Duncan Scott placed third. Lochte set the record with a 1:54.00 on July 28, 2011, at the world championships. He also owned the previous mark from a 1:54.10 swim in 2009. Michael Phelps set the record in the event eight times before it was broken by Lochte. He clocked a 1:54.23 for his fastest time at the 2008 Summer Olympics. Marchand will compete in the finale at the 2025 World Aquatics Championships -- with a chance to break his own record -- Thursday in Singapore.

Canadian Summer McIntosh (400 freestyle and 200M medley), Australian Mollie O'Callaghan (200M freestyle), German Lukas Maertens (400M

freestyle) and Americans Katie Ledecky (1500M freestyle) and Gretchen Walsh (100M butterfly) are among the notable gold medal winners so far

at the world championships. The 2025 World Aquatics Championships will run through Sunday.

Olympic medalist Kerley pulls out of USATF Champs

BY FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Sprinter Fred Kerley will not take part in the USA Track and Field Championships, set to begin Thursday in Eugene, Ore. His withdrawal from the event makes the two-time Olympic medalist unable to participate in the World Championships in Tokyo. A specialist in the 100-meter distance, Kerley, 30, announced his withdrawal on social media

Wednesday. "The 100m should be a straight sprint. 2025 has presented many hurdles. Taking some time out to get back on track. No USATF Champs this year. Thanks to all my supporters," he posted. Kerley won gold medals in the 100 at the 2022 World Championships in Eugene and in the 400 relay in Budapest in 2023. At the Olympics, he took home a silver medal from the 2020 Tokyo

Games and a bronze from the 2024 Paris Games. His personal best in the event is 9.76 seconds, set in 2022 in Eugene. Kerley was arrested in Florida in May and charged with touch or strike battery after his former girlfriend alleged he struck her in the face with a closed fist. At the time, his attorney told The Athletic that Kerley was arrested without a "thorough investigation." "Fred never battered anyone," Richard L. Cooper said in a statement to The Athletic. "We are focused on working with prosecutors to show that this arrest was a mistake and no charges should be filed. I am confident in that goal."

Legals

Beverage Notice

Java Jukebox Applies For Liquor License

Java Jukebox hereby declares its intentions to apply for a NQ-2 Retail Drink license no later than September 30th 2025. The licensed premises will be located at 731 Lane Allen Road The sole owner and president is Zane Wilder & Tucker Lewis The licensed premises will be located at 731 Lane Allen Road, Lexington, KY 40504. 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 St 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication IPL0259582 Aug 1 2025

Public Notice for Kentucky ABC License for Event Vibes Venue LLC.

Event Vibes Venue LLC 2350 Woodhill Drive Suite 132 Lexington, Ky 40509 _Hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a license(s)

Quota Retail Drink and NQ4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink no later than 30days. The business to be licensed will be located at 2350 Woodhill Drive Suite 132 Lexington, Ky 40509 Doing business as Event Vibes Venue LLC Title or position: Victoria Williams : Member 2155 Carnation Drive Lexington, Ky 40511 Shenica Bingham : Member 2804 Cherry Blossom Way Lexington, Ky 40511 Dolores Green : Member 3624 Eleuthera Ct. Lexington, Ky 40509 Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication. (End of advertisement) Forward a clipping of this advertisement along with the Affidavit of Publication to: COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL 500 Mero St 2NE33 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 IPL0259390 Aug 1 2025

Legals & Public Notices

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (200 E. Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507), has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct a new shared use path. The proposed path will begin on the north side of Town Branch Creek near 601 Bizzell Drive. From there, it will go east along the railroad for approximately 2,500 feet. A new bridge will then carry the path over both Town Branch Creek and the railroad. After crossing, the path will continue across the old landfill, run alongside Old Frankfort Pike, and terminate near Roy Mardis Drive. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions. IPL0257405 Jul 30-Aug 1 2025

Legals & Public Notices

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Lexington Angliana Ave located at 527 Angliana Ave, Lexington, KY, 40508 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The sale will occur as an Online auction via www.selfstorageauction.com on 8/5/2025 at 12:00 PM. Unit #1147; Unit #1244. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 7568-313327 IPL0254855 Aug 1 2025

Legal Advertisement

The Urban County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 1:30 pm, Council Chambers 2nd floor Government Center Building, 200 E. Main St., to consider Variance Appeals, Conditional Use Appeals, Administrative Appeals and other items. To view the list of applications or for further information please see https://www.lexingtonky.gov/government/boards-commissions/board-adjustment or call the Division of Planning at (859) 258-3160. IPL0255036 Aug 1 2025

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