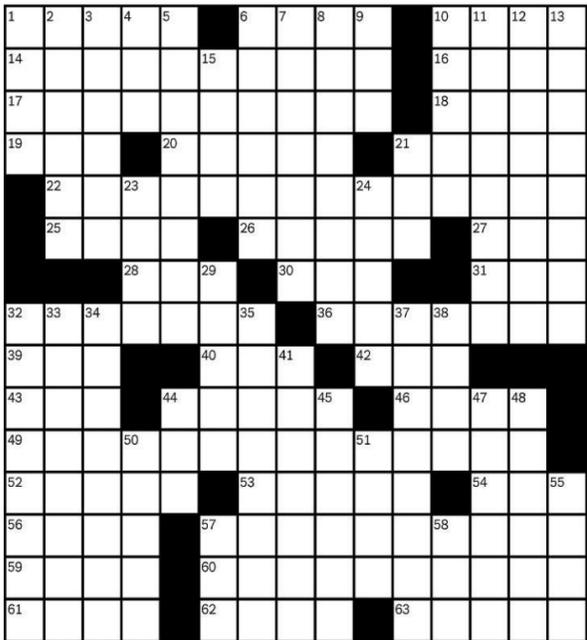


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 32 Mason, e.g.
 36 Suddenly quit texting, say
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 40 Edge of a sniffer
 42 "Luna," Isabel Allende novel
 43 Played out
 44 "Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!" grouping
 46 First name in soul music
 49 Phenomenon through which luxuries become necessities
 52 Embedded design
 53 Reach out to
 54 Crime ring, for short?
 56 Simone Biles or Tom Brady, acronymically
 57 Challenge for a gamer
 59 Home improvement site, after a 2021 rebranding
 60 Sarcastic reply to a threat
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- 62 Word with wax or butter
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 29 Jeweler's unit
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 37 Bring three suitcases to a week-end trip, say
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ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:



CAROLYN HAX

A few months in and talking marriage



BY CAROLYN HAX
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Carolyn Hax is away. The following first appeared March 16, 2012.

Dear Carolyn: My last relationship was several years ago. We'd been together for four years and engaged for one. Right before we were supposed to do the deed, he informed me that he never wanted to marry me, never wanted to be in a relationship, and that he'd been lying a lot. This was the exact opposite of how he had been behaving. Quite the shock.

I'm in a new relationship now, of only a few months. We're already talking marriage. A lot of my friends think this is too soon, but I've resigned myself to the fact that if something bad is going to happen, it will, regardless of how long we're together. I did the standard waiting periods last time, but it didn't shield me from anything. I'm trying to find a good reason to wait this time, but as you've already said, bad things just happen, which is out of our control, right? Can you think of another reason to wait?

— Seattle

Seattle: About 20, but I'll try to keep my arm-

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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. Scope E _ _ _ _
 2. U.S. state _ _ _ _ _
 3. Mocking tone S _ _ _ _ _
 4. Stoneworker _ _ _ _ _
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flapping to a minimum. Here's what you're saying: "Since a car can run a stop sign and kill me at any time, there's no point in looking both ways before I cross a street."

If you really think there's no point in taking basic care of yourself, then please consider good counseling or even grief support. A refresher on what you can and can't control can have a surprising, calming effect.

You can't prevent all harm, and, you're right, waiting till you've known someone a couple of years before getting married won't inoculate you from heartache.

But you can take basic precautions against foreseeable problems. Waiting a couple of years to marry can tell you a million things you can learn no other way — including whether you even like the person after the initial attraction wears off. It can also tell you whether he handles his job, family, friends, money and bills, his health/sickness, your health/sickness, other challenges, bad weather, good fortune, unintended consequences, being under others' control and other variables well. You can also weigh how

you behave when you're with him. Some people bring out our best selves and others our worst, and time is the wisest judge. Maybe it betrayed you last time — but maybe instead you missed its signs, and now you'll recognize them.

By rushing, you could miss why he's in a rush, too. It might not be the case here, but moving fast — misguidedly embraced as being swept off one's feet — is a known tactic of abusers, to lock you in before you notice something's wrong.

If this relationship is good for you, then it'll still be good for you two or three years from now. It won't cost you a thing, emotionally, to wait.

What your ex did was awful, and I get the temptation to cross your arms over your chest and fall back into the hands of fate. You did everything you were "supposed" to do, and look where that got you, right?

But if all of us said "[naughty word] it" at our encounters with spectacular failure, then none of us would walk or be toilet-trained. Failure tends to teach specific lessons — lessons we risk squandering when we quit.

Ravens to sign Hendrickson; nix trade for Crosby

BY ALEX BUTLER
 UPI.com

The Baltimore Ravens agreed to a four-year, \$112 million contract with defensive end Trey Hendrickson, a source familiar with the deal told UPI on

Wednesday.

The agreement with the former Cincinnati Bengals star is worth a maximum of \$120 million and includes \$60 million fully guaranteed. Hendrickson's pact with the Ravens was announced less than 24 hours the Las Vegas

Raiders said the Ravens "backed out of" a trade agreement for edge rusher Maxx Crosby.

That agreement would have netted the Raiders a first-round pick in the 2026 NFL Draft and a first-round pick in the 2027 NFL Draft in ex-

change for the five-time Pro Bowl selection.

Hendrickson, 31, logged 17.5 sacks during each of his 2023 and 2024 campaigns for the Bengals. He registered just four in 2025, when he was limited to seven games because of

a core muscle injury.

The four-time Pro Bowl selection and 2024 first-team All-Pro signed a four-year, \$60 million contract when he initially joined the Bengals in 2021. Hendrickson went on to sign a one-year, \$21 million extension in 2023. He restructured that deal again last off-season to receive a \$14 million raise, pushing his 2025 salary to \$30 million.

Former Seattle Seahawks edge rusher Boye

Mafe, who agreed to a contract earlier this week, Shemar Stewart and Myles Murphy are among the defensive ends under contract with the Bengals in 2026.

Hendrickson is set to join a Ravens edge rush group that features Nnamdi Madubuike and Mike Green, among others.

NFL free agency officially starts at 4 p.m. EDT Wednesday, the start of the new league year.

Colts signing QB Jones to record 2-year, \$88M deal

Field Level Media

The Indianapolis Colts agreed to a two-year, \$88 million contract with quarterback Daniel Jones on Wednesday.

The deal includes \$50 million guaranteed at signing, \$60 million guaranteed for injury, and carries a maximum value of \$100 million -- the largest two-year contract in NFL history, agents Brian Murphy and Andrew Kessler told ESPN.

The Colts reportedly had been working diligently with Jones since

placing the transition tag on the 28-year-old veteran earlier this month, a move that would have guaranteed him \$37.833 million for the 2026 season.

"I'm fired up," Jones said Wednesday on the "The Pat McAfee Show." "Fired up to be back and definitely grateful for the opportunity to be back and here with the Colts."

Jones is recovering from a torn right Achilles tendon sustained on Dec. 7. He said Wednesday that his rehabilitation is going well and his goal is to be ready for Week 1. Jones started 13 games

for the Colts in 2025, passing for 3,101 yards with 19 touchdowns and eight interceptions for a 100.2 passer rating. He also rushed for five touchdowns.

Indianapolis is expected to trade or release quarterback Anthony Richardson, the No. 4 overall pick in the 2023 NFL Draft.

Jones, the No. 6 overall pick in 2019, is 24-44-1 as a starter with the New York Giants (2019-24) and Colts. He has thrown for 17,683 yards with 89 touchdowns and 55 interceptions and rushed for 2,343 yards and 20 scores.

Report: NFL explores game on Thanksgiving Eve

Field Level Media

The NFL is considering the addition of a Thanksgiving Eve game to the schedule as soon as the 2026 season, ESPN reported Wednesday.

Adding a potential contest on Wednesday, Nov.

25, to the traditional menu of Thursday games would follow the league's recent trend of expanding its holiday offerings.

The NFL has played a game on Black Friday since 2023, with commissioner Roger Goodell telling the Wall Street Journal in December that

a second game could be added this season on Friday, Nov. 27.

There was a Christmas Day tripleheader last season, when the holiday fell on a Thursday. In 2023, the NFL played two Christmas games on a Wednesday.

A Thanksgiving Eve game in 2026 would give the league a nine-day stretch with seven days of NFL action from Nov. 22-30.

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In order to comply with the orders of the Fayette Circuit Court, the Commissioner will sell the property described in the following action on **March 30, 2026**, at the hour of 12:00 noon in the ROBERT F. STEPHENS COURTHOUSES, 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 hereinafter 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.**

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The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Airport Board (LFUCAB) is issuing this Request for Qualifications to qualified firms interested in serving as the On-Call Architect and Engineer for the Blue Grass Airport located in Lexington, Kentucky. Statements of Qualifications shall be received at the Administrative Office, Blue Grass Airport, 4000 Terminal Drive, Suite 206, Lexington, Kentucky 40510, until and not later than 3:00 PM local time on the 3rd day of April 2026.

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