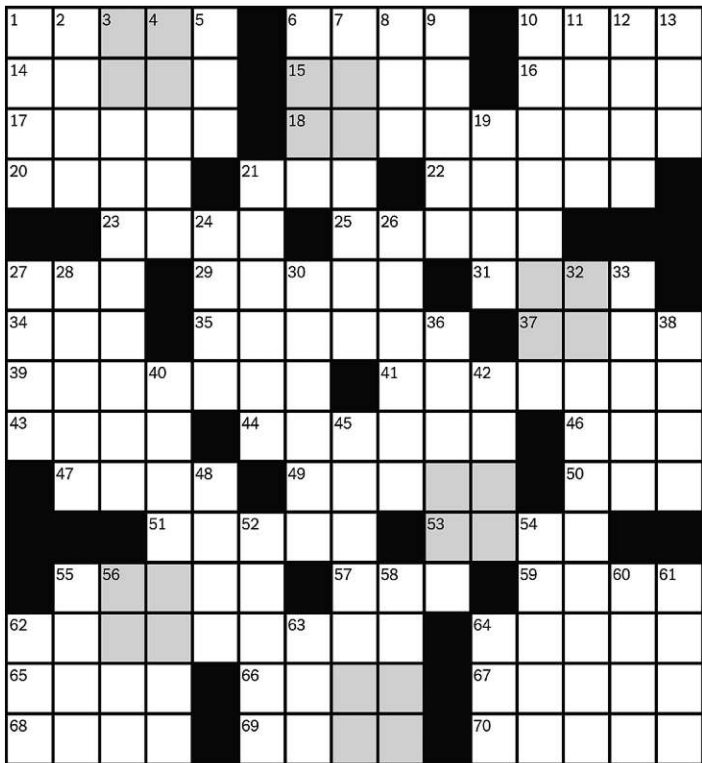


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Graduation group
 - 6 Accompanied by
 - 10 Unwanted emails, e.g.
 - 14 Source of the fables "The Fox and the Lion" and "The Lion and the Mouse"
 - 15 Where sailors go
 - 16 Language of Pakistan
 - 17 Aisle for milk and cheese
 - 18 Noise that accompanies a shock wave
 - 20 Minor quarrel
 - 21 Two-stripe mil. rank
 - 22 Does a step in origami
 - 23 Poster holder-upper
 - 25 Brightly colored rock
 - 27 Puppy's bark
 - 29 Sauce made with basil and pine nuts
 - 31 Fresh talk
 - 34 Opposite of WNW
 - 35 Sleek fabric
 - 37 Neighborhood in London or New York City
 - 39 With 41-Across, philosophical principle in which Earth mirrors heaven ... or a hint to the shaded squares
 - 41 See 39-Across
 - 43 Fling
 - 44 Wipe away
 - 46 Hole-punching tool
 - 47 Those, in Spanish
 - 49 Some salty Greek cheeses
 - 50 Many ICU workers: Abbr.
 - 51 "___ Game," most-watched Netflix series of all time
 - 53 Bisque or borscht
 - 55 Drainage area
 - 57 "Wow, so fancy!"
 - 59 Sir's counterpart
 - 62 Glass containers often used for preserves
 - 64 North Pole bigwig



Puzzle by Amanda Winters

5/20

- 65 Grad
- 66 Word expressing woe
- 67 "That is to say ..."
- 68 Hate on, informally
- 69 Soybean paste in Japanese cuisine
- 70 This accent mark: -
- 24 ___facto
- 26 Charges toward
- 27 Thumbs-up equivalent
- 28 Debate topic
- 30 Tennis great
- 32 Component of a green house?
- 33 Demonstrated "Credit cards only" sign
- 38 Birds that hunt at night
- 40 Really comes into one's own
- 42 Spanish for "kiss"
- 45 Signature hats for Indiana Jones
- 48 Small area measurement: Abbr.
- 52 Fix, as a printer
- 54 Savory taste
- 55 Island east of Java
- 56 Taiwanese tech company
- 58 ___buco (veal dish)
- 60 Very slightly
- 61 A horse's might be braided for a dressage show
- 62 More than a little annoyed
- 63 Boxer
- 64 Use a chair

DOWN

- 1 Rude dudes
- 2 Kind of year with an extra day in February
- 3 Yellow fruits that, despite their name, look more like apples
- 4 "More or less"
- 5 Intelligence collector
- 6 Yellow jacket, e.g.
- 7 Keep away from others
- 8 Perfect score in diving
- 9 Israeli port city
- 10 Rent from another renter
- 11 Cattle driver's implement
- 12 Kerfuffles
- 13 The word, in a saying
- 19 Spare hotel beds
- 21 Split, as with an ax

ANSWER TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE:



DEAR ANNIE
Getting curious instead of getting defensive



BY ANNIE LANE
dearannie@creators.com

Dear Annie: After reading the letter from "Family Friend," who is concerned about the development of the 2-year-old child of a friend, I wanted to share my own experiences. Perhaps this child may not be speaking well because he is not hearing properly.

My daughter-in-law (special ed teacher and school counselor) felt that her eldest child, my grandson, was not speaking as well as he should have been when he was very young, probably 18 months or so. She monitored the situation and mentioned it to her pediatrician, who referred her to an ENT specialist. His diagnosis was fluid on the ears. He compared it to how sound is muffled when our ears are under water. My grandson had tubes put in his ears, and some speech therapy, and was soon speaking often and properly.

I am the mother of a deaf child. My son had spinal meningitis when he was 9 months old — high fever and swelling in the brain damaged his hearing. When my son was about 18 months old, our elderly neighbor asked me if I'd ever noticed that my son often didn't

LEXIGO 5-20

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. Repaired with a needle S _ _ _ _
- 2. Cloth _ _ _ _ _
- 3. Slim S _ _ _ _ _
- 4. Refuses to cooperate _ _ _ _ _
- 5. Emotionless S _ _ _ _

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respond when spoken to, or to a sudden noise, etc. I will be FOREVER GRATEFUL for his comment. I wasn't upset with my neighbor at all, and I began to pay much more attention to my little boy. Our pediatrician even downplayed it when I contacted him. He never told me that hearing loss is not uncommon after a serious illness such as meningitis. As my son was very verbal and made a lot of noise, I'd overlooked the fact that he wasn't actually speaking even the simplest words.

All this to say, I do hope that this caring individual will mention her concerns to her family friend. One month after my neighbor's comment, my son had been tested (severely hard-of-hearing) and was enrolled in a pre-school for the deaf. No doubt, my husband and I would have eventually realized that our son wasn't verbalizing as he should, but our neighbor's caring comment alerted us, and we began seeking answers immediately. In cases like this, early detection is important, as treatment can begin. My son was in deaf education throughout his education, graduated from a college for the

deaf and has a very good job. I enjoy reading your column — thank you. — Hearing

Dear Hearing: Thank you for your letter. I hope it encourages others to tell friends if they identify something of concern that needs professional help. Your actions are that of a wonderful mother. You didn't get defensive when your neighbor expressed his concern; you got curious about it. And that curiosity is what led to early detection in your son's hearing loss. Bravo.

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Pair of losses knock UK softball out of NCAA Tournament

Staff and Special Reports

After winning its NCAA Tournament opener against Michigan on Friday, the Kentucky softball team's momentum — and its season — came to a halt with a pair of losses Saturday in the NCAA Tournament's Stillwater Regional in Oklahoma. A promising season for the Wildcats (31-24) ended with them losing nine of their last 11 games. First it was host Oklahoma State defeating UK 6-2 in a winners' bracket matchup Saturday. Then, Michigan got some revenge with a 4-2 victory in an elimination game. It was the 15th straight NCAA Tournament ap-

pearance for Kentucky. According to UK Athletics' statistics, star shortstop Erin Coffel finished her Kentucky career:

- First in home runs with 68.
- First in runs batted in with 212.
- First in walks with 155.
- First in slugging percentage at .785.
- Second in runs scored with 189.
- Second in total bases with 479.
- Third in batting average at .377.
- Seventh in hits with 230.
- Tied for eighth in doubles with 41.

No. 1 Swiatek wins Rome title over No. 2 Sabalenka

Field Level Media

World No. 1 Iga Swiatek won her third Internazionali BNL d'Italia in four years on Saturday, defeating No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka 6-2, 6-3 in Rome. It was the eighth win for Swiatek, from Poland, in 11 meetings against her rival from Belarus. It also was the ninth straight win

in a singles final for Swiatek, who most recently lost in a final round to Sabalenka at Madrid in 2023. In Saturday's one hour, 29-minute match, Swiatek dominated the service game, winning 74 percent of the points on her first serve and 62 percent on her second serve. Sabalenka won just 56 percent of her first service points, and was broken four times. The win gave Swiatek her 21st career WTA title.

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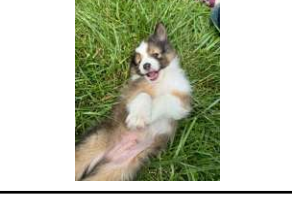
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Fayette County Public Schools' Local Planning Committee Meeting

The Fayette County Public Schools' Local Planning Committee (LPC) will conduct a Public Forum meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. After the Public Forum there will be a LPC meeting with the purpose of reviewing the third amendment to the 2021 District Facility Plan (DFP) and comments from the Kentucky Department of Education. The third amendment items included: (1) building improvements for school-wide communication systems, class audio, school safety, (2) air purification systems, (3) removing renovation items 4.3 (Joe G White Maintenance Bldg.) and 4.4 (Other Maintenance Bldg.) in order to construct a new building to house several operational departments and (4) to construct or acquire new preschool center on the northside of town. The location of the meeting is Ambrose Building at 128 Walton Ave. or you can join via Zoom https://fcps-net.zoom.us/j/95285128177. IPL0174076 May 20 2024

Notice of Hearing

The Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board will consider Lexington National Register of Historic Places. The Board will meet at 10:30 a.m. EST, June 26, 2024, at the Paul Sawyer Public Library, 319 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. The meeting is open to the public. A copy of the nomination is available at the local library and at www.heritage.ky.gov by May 26. Written comments can be addressed to Craig Potts, SHPO, Kentucky Heritage Council, 410 High Street, Frankfort, KY 40601. IPL0173277 May 20 2024