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ACROSS

1 Setting for Arthur Miller's "The Crucible"

6 "Well, ___" (segue)

10 Grouch

14 Gatsby or Hamlet

16 Dolly of "Hello, Dolly!"

17 Sides of circles?

18 Not settled

19 Seal team?

20 Chloride and oxide, for two Fetes

21 Unchecked

23 ___ seeds (ingredients in pickling)

25 "Is that an amazing offer or what?"

29 Titular female Disney character whose name also appears in a Shakespeare play

30 Titular male Shakespeare character whose name also appears in a Disney film

31 X

34 Do something of interest?

35 Like straw baskets

36 Sunfish feature

37 Modern car accessory

38 Literary bird with a one-word vocabulary, apparently

39 Merely watches without saying a word

40 "Yadda, yadda, yadda"

43 More inclined to recline

44 Aerosol output

45 Malaysian state or island

46 Doesn't guzzle

47 Poke bowl delicacy

50 Sikorsky or Stravinsky

51 "To nobody's surprise ..."

54 It's a piece of work

55 Categorize narrowly

56 They might be red or blonde

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Puzzle by Robyn Weintraub

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DOWN

1 "You're doing it all wrong!"

2 River next to the Uffizi Gallery

3 Put (down)

4 Impediment to collaboration

5 Barely enough

6 "No need to respond right now"

7 Natural incubators

8 Bit of energy (and of "energy")

9 Makes a snack of

10 Sci-fi remakes?

11 It may have pluses and minuses

12 Lincoln Center's former ___ Fisher Hall

13 Containers at airport security

15 Sing like Perry Como or Mel Tormé

22 Swedish actress Lena

23 Crushed, as a test

24 Concrete example of rotational forces and fluid dynamics?

27 Best someone, but just barely

28 Transfix

32 A walk in the park?

33 The "kid" in "Here's looking at you, kid"

35 Concerns of the Paycheck Fairness Act

36 Bams, cracks or dots, in mahjong

38 Many a UNESCO site

39 Subsides

41 Much of northern Arkansas

42 Land animal closely related to whales

43 ___ tender

45 Shawarma wrap

46 Super Monkey Ball brand

47 Buckets

48 Didn't give way

49 Every month has one

52 Early instruction in canine obedience school

53 Mandy Patinkin's role in "Evita"

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:

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CAROLYN HAX

Man taken
aback
by wife's
'raunchy'
novel



BY CAROLYN HAX
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Dear Carolyn: My wife, "Lisa," and I have been happily married for 30 years, raised three great children and look forward to a very comfortable retirement. I couldn't have asked for a better wife and partner.

Over the years, besides her day job, Lisa has made many forays into creative writing and has been pretty successful. She's published articles and several short stories.

Her blog is popular, so she decided to attempt the novel she's always talked about. She told me I could read it anytime, and now that it's in the hands of her agent, I did. The novel is about a "wild child" of the late 1980s, and I immediately knew Lisa had based it loosely upon herself. It is very entertaining but quite raunchy, so I mentioned that she must have embellished quite a lot — but she said no, she left a lot out.

I am stunned. Lisa told me when we were dating that she had a "misspent youth," and I knew she had a lot more partners than I did, but I never imagined anything like this.

I have two problems now: First, her past is bothering me, and I know that's stupid after all these

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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.**

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1. Mary Poppins' profession

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2. Offspring

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3. Type of radiation

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4. Nameless

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5. Looked for

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years. Second, she's completely unconcerned that our friends, relatives and, worst of all, our kids might figure out this isn't exactly a work of fiction.

How am I to deal with this without coming right out and forbidding her to publish this nonsense?

— Stunned

Stunned: Whoa. I was nodding along with you there — it'll be "gently amused sympathy" in my fictionalized memoir — till "forbidding" and "nonsense." Then you lost me faster than a wild child's impulse control.

The two most efficient ways to detonate your snow-globe marriage are to control your beloved wife and talk down to her.

So, no to those offensive blunt instruments. Plus, why use them when there are simple, obvious, low-drama options that target your specific concerns respectfully?

For your fear of everyone's discovery, simply talk to your wife again. Ask whether she ever intends to reveal publicly what she told you. A calm ask, not an aggressive one. She may have no intention of deviating from the line that her book is fiction, even if, say, her kid asks

her point-blank.

If she hadn't thought this far, then suggest she ask authors who've been there? A calm suggestion, not an aggressive one.

If she responds that she has nothing to be ashamed of or hide — then, ideally, you would agree that's both a fair point and her prerogative. But if you don't, then better to say, "I need time to clear my mind" — calmly.

Pushing your distress onto her will only make things worse. I say this even though I don't agree it's "stupid" for you to feel bothered. I mean, it's not smart or useful — but not everyone is ready to read their spouse's youthful sex diaries, so I think you can let yourself feel normal for flinching. Then forgive yourself.

THEN decide the bad feelings are too stupid to risk dwelling on at the expense of everything you've built. Because remember, your wife's entire past made her into the person you love and trust.

So discuss your wife's plans with the book, yes. But it's not her job to make you feel better about her life before she met you. A few solo therapy sessions might help you.

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Litigation between the Atlantic Coast Conference and Florida State and Clemson is over after nearly two years of legal battles.

ACC, Florida State, Clemson to
dismiss cases against each other

Field Level Media

After nearly two years of infighting, litigation involving Florida State, Clemson and the Atlantic Coast Conference is finally over.

The three sides filed to dismiss cases against one another on Tuesday, ending more than 17 months of legal battles in three different states.

The two schools and the conference approved the settlement's terms in March, which clarified if and when Florida State and Clemson -- or any other ACC member -- could leave the conference.

Among the terms of the settlement, schools would

keep their own TV rights as opposed to the league. On top of that, per a presentation to Clemson trustees in March, exit fees would drop annually from \$165 million in fiscal year 2026 to around \$75 million in 2030-31.

Florida State first sued the ACC in December 2023 (in Florida, of course) followed by Clemson (in South Carolina) as the two schools explored joining a different conference. There were growing concerns that league revenues were falling behind those of the SEC and Big Ten, not to mention the ACC falling behind competitively relative to other conferences.

The Charlotte-based ACC, in turn, filed law-

suits in North Carolina against Florida State and Clemson as it looked to enforce the "Grant of Rights" agreements and the league's exit penalties.

The March settlement agreement also created a new avenue for the ACC to share revenue with its members as about 60 percent of conference payouts would be distributed based on TV viewership of football and men's basketball.

"Today's resolution begins the next chapter of this storied league and further solidifies the ACC as a premier conference," ACC commissioner Jim Phillips said in a statement at the time. "As we look ahead to our collective long-term future, I

want to express my deepest appreciation to the ACC Board of Directors for its ongoing leadership, patience and dedication throughout this process.

"The league has competed at the highest level for more than 70 years and this new structure demonstrates the ACC embracing innovation and further incentivizing our membership based on competition and viewer-ship results. The settlements, coupled with the ACC's continued partnership with ESPN, allow us to focus on our collective future -- including Clemson and Florida State -- united in an 18-member conference demonstrating the best in intercollegiate athletics."

Kucherov
wins second
Ted Lindsay
Award

Field Level Media

Tampa Bay Lightning forward Nikita Kucherov was named the winner of the Ted Lindsay Award for the second time in his

career on Wednesday.

The award is presented annually to the most outstanding player in the NHL as voted by fellow members of the NHL Players' Association.

Kucherov, who also won it in 2018-19, was a finalist last season along with Colorado Avalanche teammates Nathan MacKinnon and Cale Makar. MacKinnon won the award last season.

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NOTICE TO INFORM:
At the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council meeting on May 29, 2025, Ordinances 33-35 were enacted related to: (1) 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; (2) repealing Article XXVII of Chapter 2 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Code of Ordinances to abolish the Animal Care and Control Advisory Committee; (3) amending Section 26-4(3) of the Code of Ordinances, relating to the Rural Land Management Board, to allow members of the Board to serve three (3) consecutive terms. These documents may be viewed in their entirety at <https://bit.ly/ords33-35> 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> IPL0236546 Jun 6 2025

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Garage Sales

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40+ households
June 7 8 am - 2 pm
maps at Stonewall Elementary
NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALES
Many households participating throughout Meadowthorpe -- just inside New Circle north of Leestown Rd. (across from McDonalds/Kroger). **Saturday, June 7, 8 AM to 4 PM.**

Garage Sales

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Saturday, June 7th @ 8:00 AM

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