

Brother-in-law’s kisses leave sister in a fury

DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law, “Dave,” has twice kissed me passionately when my sister was not around. I made light of it and pushed him away. The third time it happened was when he came to my house to do a little repair job for me. That time he also grabbed my breast. I exploded and told him off.



DEAR ABBY

Later on, Dave called and said he was going to come back to do some other things that needed attention. I told him he was not welcome in my house and that I’m furious he would do such a thing. He apologized and said he hoped I could forgive him.

I am so angry! I no longer want to be in his company. I also don’t like that I have to keep his behavior a secret from my sister. I haven’t told anyone, and it is keeping me up nights. Please help. — **FUMING IN FLORIDA**

DEAR FUMING: Your mistake was in not setting your amorous brother-in-law straight the first time he made a pass at you. Because you didn’t, he thought his advances were welcome.

Now that you have made plain to him that you’re not interested, you will probably have nothing more to worry about. But you are wise not to have him over unless your sister is with him.

I don’t blame you for being angry, but do nothing until you cool off. The question then will be whether to tell Sis that her husband behaves inappropriately and how you know.

DEAR ABBY: I recently moved back to my home state and in with my grandmother to get away from my abusive husband. I have also filed for divorce. I love my grandmother dearly, but when it comes to the divorce or the therapy I go to weekly, she is not understanding and constantly brings up what he did to me.

I believe she’s frustrated because I’m in therapy and she doesn’t see a reason for me to go. She thinks “if it’s not talked about, then it never happened.” I have tried to explain to her that I can’t just let go of what he did to me and my son. How can I make her understand that I’m trying to heal wounds that aren’t visible from the outside? — **TRYING TO HEAL ON THE INSIDE**

DEAR TRYING TO HEAL: Your grandmother may come from a generation in which therapy was something to be ashamed of. A way to help her understand the importance of what you are doing would be to invite her to a session with your therapist, let her

air her concerns, and let the therapist explain to her why it is important that you work this through to become healthy again. This must be very uncomfortable for you, and you have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: I’m a teenage girl living with my mom, who is a single parent, and my younger sister. We have struggled financially, but we mostly live a relatively comfortable life, and Mom owns her own home.

However, she constantly says things to me and my sister like, “We’re so poor,” or, “We’re going to live under a bridge,” even in public! We have asked her to stop several times, but she doesn’t care that we are upset and embarrassed. How can I get her to stop? — **EMBARRASSED IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Rather than ask her to stop, don’t you think you should approach her privately and ask why she is saying it? She may be joking, but her concerns could also be a holdover from when her financial situation was less secure. Please do it. Her response might be educational.

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Instructions for play: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

That’s all there is to it. There’s no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. It’s fun. It’s challenging. It’s addictive!

Solving time is typically from 10 to 30 minutes, depending on your skill and experience. The solution for today’s puzzle will be published in Saturday’s paper. Or you can go to www.sudoku.com to find the solution.

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Shopping for Savings

Dear Readers: Saving money never goes out of style. With GROCERIES costing more and more, here are some simple hints to cut costs the next time you go to the grocery store:

■ Plan your meals for the week, using coupons or items that are on sale in the store’s weekly flier.

■ Go on the computer to check manufacturers’ websites for online coupons, especially on the most expensive name brands you use.

■ Try a meat-free meal once a week, because meat tends to cost the most.

■ Buy meat in bulk, especially when on sale. Freeze in portions you can use for later meals.

■ Be sure to stock up on items you use all the time when you find them on sale (if they can be frozen or you have space in the pantry for them).

■ Share a warehouse membership with a friend. Split the cost of items you can both use.

■ Never shop on an empty stomach. That’s how you end up with purchases that you don’t need! -- Heloise

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HOT-DOG HANDLER

Dear Heloise: With the Fourth of July almost here, I am planning my usual menu of hot dogs and hamburgers for several friends and family members. Since I have grilled so many hot dogs through the years, I have discovered this easy hint.

I take two skewers and stick them through up to five or six hot dogs at a time. Now, with one motion, I can evenly cook multiple hot dogs, and they will not roll off the grill rack, either. -- Michael S. in Tennessee

SMOKED PAPRIKA

Dear Heloise: I am often tempted to buy smoked paprika when I see it in the store. However, I am really not sure how to use it. Do you know anything about this spice? -- Carly F., via email

Smoked paprika is made from sweet, red bell peppers. The peppers are smoked over wood to create a smoky flavor before being ground up. It’s much more flavorful than plain paprika, so you won’t need to use so much in your cooking. Add it to any egg or meat dish, or even rice or potatoes. -- Heloise

REMOVING FAT

Dear Heloise: I used to have a fat separator, but it cracked and had to be thrown out. Before I could purchase a new one, I made homemade gravy one night, forgetting that I no longer had the separator. No problem, though. I just let the pan drippings sit a few minutes in a cup until the fat rose to the top. I then used my turkey baster to collect the fat and place it in a can, to be disposed of later. This worked so well that I may do without a fat separator in the future! -- Melanie D., via email

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Take definite shape
- 5 Distant radio source
- 11 Lotion additive
- 12 News recap
- 13 Closes, in a way
- 14 Approved
- 15 Skip, as TV ads
- 16 Article
- 17 Beautician Lauder
- 19 Chemist’s place
- 22 Cryptography topic
- 24 Stand-in
- 26 Stratford’s river
- 27 Eyeball
- 28 River vessels
- 30 Fads
- 31 North Pole worker
- 32 Cooking mint
- 34 Faithful
- 35 Singing Sandra
- 38 Friend of Athos and Porthos
- 41 Museum offering
- 42 Retreat
- 43 Bushy ‘do
- 44 ATM bill
- 45 Sky sightings

DOWN

- 1 Utah basketball team
- 2 Director Kazan
- 3 Pruned
- 4 Guitar pioneer Paul
- 5 Citation
- 6 Maintenance
- 7 Cain’s father
- 8 Utter
- 9 Had lunch
- 10 Spectrum end
- 16 “— a deal!”
- 18 Mailed
- 19 Exited a banking site
- 20 Car bar

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Previous Puzzle

- 21 Tourney passes
- 22 Give a hoot
- 23 Track shape
- 25 Wander
- 29 Harsh
- 30 Reuben base
- 33 Gravelly
- 34 Government agent
- 36 Franc’s replacement
- 37 Amorous archer
- 38 Actor’s rep.
- 39 Quarrel
- 40 Presidential nick-name
- 41 Greek letter

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Cushy
- 5 Stood up to
- 11 Andy’s son
- 12 Change over time
- 13 Mother of Ares
- 14 Breakfast choice
- 15 Like a ranch house
- 17 Tie the knot
- 18 Puccini opera
- 22 Giraffe features
- 24 “Great!”
- 25 Road sealer
- 26 Leaf lifter
- 27 Low joint
- 30 Hinds’ mates
- 32 Amber, essentially
- 33 Bother
- 34 Sandwich choice
- 38 One under par
- 41 Second letter
- 42 Set straight
- 43 Wrinkle remover
- 44 San Diego team
- 45 Pharaoh symbols

- 2 Store sign
- 3 Independence Day sights
- 4 Social service
- 5 1920s art style
- 6 Turns outward
- 7 Gift giver’s words
- 8 — de France
- 9 Longoria of TV
- 10 Penna. neighbor
- 16 Six-pt. scores
- 19 Independence Day sights

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Previous Puzzle

- 20 Minimal change
- 21 Newspaper section
- 22 Rating unit
- 23 Window part
- 28 German songs
- 29 Car part
- 30 Towel word
- 31 Mid-east region
- 35 Obtains
- 36 Resting on
- 37 Rather and
- 38 Jazz variety
- 39 Writer Levin
- 40 Relieve

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here’s how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L’s, X for the two O’s, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-3 CRYPTOQUOTE

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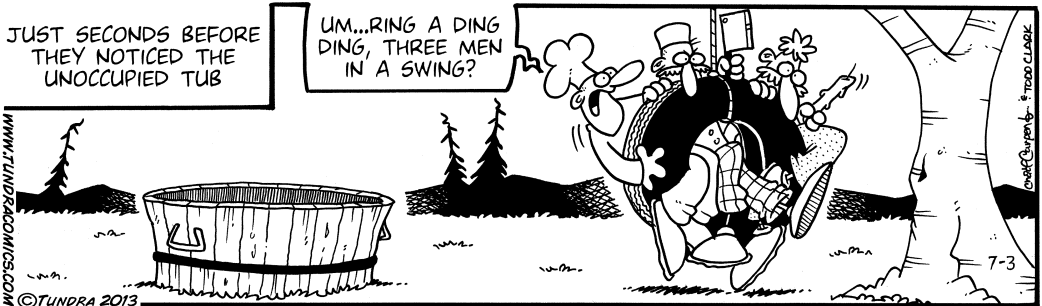
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“ P I R O J V G ” H I E K V

Previous Cryptoquote: THE ONLY WAY YOU MAY CORRECT THE BAD THINGS IN YOUR PAST IS TO ADD BETTER THINGS TO YOUR FUTURE. – Shiloh Morrison

COMICS

Tundra



Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts



Baby Blues



Dilbert

