

# Teenager’s marijuana use puts friend in tough spot

**DEAR ABBY:** I’m a senior in high school. Every day during lunch, one of my friends goes outside and smokes weed with a couple of his friends. He comes back from lunch with red eyes, smelling of smoke and his behavior indicates that he’s high. I’m not sure if they smoke on or off campus, but I know it isn’t legal at their age (17), and especially not at school. I saw a joint in his pocket a couple of times and he told me to keep it a secret.



DEAR ABBY

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I brought up the idea of possibly having both a tofu turkey and a regular turkey, but that made my sister-in-law extremely angry. She called me an animal hater and told me I would rot in hell for all of eternity if I continued to sin by eating meat.

I love my brother very much and would hate to compromise our relationship, but every year this causes a fuss at Thanksgiving, and I’d like to avoid it this year. Any advice would be much appreciated. — **TOFU-ED OUT IN WISCONSIN**

Abby, this has me very uncomfortable. If he wants me to keep it a secret, he must know it’s wrong. I don’t know how to tell someone or even who I should tell. I know he has depression and weed can “take the edge off,” but that doesn’t make it OK.

What should I do? Should I tell anyone? And if so, who and how? — **FRETTING IN WASHINGTON STATE**

**DEAR FRETTING:** It’s surprising to me that your friend returns from lunch showing all of the signs of being stoned, and none of his teachers have picked up on it. Haven’t his grades suffered?

While it is not uncommon for people who are depressed to try to self-medicate with illegal substances, it’s not nearly as successful as dealing with their emotions by talking about them with a medical professional, and can sometimes make the problem worse. The person to confide this in would be a trusted teacher or school counselor. Please don’t wait.

**DEAR ABBY:** While volunteering last year with a moms’ group, I met a woman I’ll call “Beverly.” We worked on a project together and that was the last I saw of her.

I heard she recently lost her daughter in a terrible accident. Our group rallied around her to provide meals for her family. At that time I asked the volunteer chairwoman about taking a meal to Beverly. The chairwoman didn’t respond until a couple of weeks later. Now I’m wondering if I should still take a meal over there.

How long should a family who has suffered a loss receive meals? I want to be a comfort, but I don’t know them that well. — **UNSURE IN GEORGIA**

**DEAR UNSURE:** When a death happens, people often rush to console the grieving family. More help is offered than can be accepted in the weeks that follow, and then people drift away.

It is not too late to offer Beverly and her family a home-cooked meal. Call her, make the offer and I’m sure it will be gratefully accepted.

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## HOROSCOPES

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, you have a lot on your mind, but only one concern demands your undivided attention. Find a quiet space to think things through and trust your gut feelings.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, friendships may weaken if you don’t keep up your end of the relationship. Make an effort to get together with your friends and take the initiative with planning.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
Gemini, your approach to a problem is not working. It could be time to take an entirely new approach and see if this produces results. Be patient with this new approach.

**CANCER - June 22/July 22**  
Don’t be surprised if a busy week finds you dog tired come the weekend, Cancer. Use the time off to recharge your batteries on this well-deserved break.

**LEO - July 23/Aug 23**  
Few things can hold your interest this week, Leo. Although friends try, they can’t seem to keep you focused on any one thing. Expect to jump from task to task this week.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, an unexpected consequence appears this week and you are caught completely off guard. Don’t let others see your surprise. You must simply roll with the punches.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, a spark of ingenuity hits you out of the blue and you know just how to put that inspiration to good use. Set your plan in motion as soon as you are able.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, after a few hectic weeks at home and at the office, now is the ideal time for a vacation. Cast all responsibilities aside and enjoy some rest and relaxation.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, you may prefer to keep certain things to yourself no matter how strongly others insist you share. Don’t succumb to pressure to share those things you prefer remain private.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Several new opportunities are coming your way, Capricorn. You just need to sort through all of them and figure out just what you want to do in the next few weeks.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
The new season has you feeling refreshed and ready for new beginnings, Aquarius. Make the most of this new lease on life and encourage others to join you.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, maintain your focus around the office, as you will have to juggle multiple tasks in the week ahead.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**  
NOVEMBER 17  
Rachel McAdams, Actress (35)

NOVEMBER 18  
Chloe Sevigny, Actress (39)

NOVEMBER 19  
Calvin Klein, Designer (71)

NOVEMBER 20  
Josh Turner, Singer (36)

NOVEMBER 21  
Troy Aikman, Sportscaster (47)

NOVEMBER 22  
Jamie Lee Curtis, Actress (55)

NOVEMBER 23  
Kelly Brook, Model (34)

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](http://www.sudoku.com) to find the solution.

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**  
1 Diamond stats  
7 Song by the Kinks  
11 Brain cases  
12 Press  
13 Checked out  
14 Bottle part  
15 Contents of Pandora’s box  
16 Fit for a king  
17 Backgammon need  
18 Bill makers  
19 Croupier’s tool  
21 Capture  
22 “Applause” sign settings  
25 Once called  
26 Lohengrin’s love  
27 Soup base  
29 Wrestling spots  
33 Boat back  
34 Say without thinking  
35 Damaged  
36 Sweat-shirt variety  
37 Important times

**DOWN**  
38 Ask  
39 Turn down  
40 Wobble  
1 Took steps  
2 Famed Roman fountain  
3 Elementary  
4 Stag’s pride  
5 Makes a bow  
6 Blue  
7 Sheet stuff  
8 Pizza sauce staple  
9 Pin-points

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Previous Puzzle

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**ACROSS**  
1 Singer Irene  
5 Sheds tears  
10 Stench  
11 Squabbled  
13 Supremes singer Diana  
14 Director Bergman  
15 Cathedral figures  
17 Debate side  
18 Shown to the door  
19 Family  
20 Nile viper  
21 Queue  
22 Painter Picasso  
25 Criticizes wittily  
26 Burden  
27 — room (play area)  
28 Director Burton  
29 November 11 honoree  
33 Guitar booster  
34 Ottawa anthem  
35 Grow fond of  
37 Football play start  
38 Twist of fiction  
39 Border

**DOWN**  
40 Dummy Mortimer  
41 Salon jobs  
1 Army group  
2 Love to pieces  
3 Historic riveter  
4 Stocks of weapons  
5 “Don’t leave yet”  
6 Painter Max  
7 Nest item  
8 Pie base  
9 Very hot  
12 Unmanned planes  
16 Mediocre

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Previous Puzzle

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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.

**11-16 CRYPTOQUOTE**

C B J ’ N H T B B C . V Q N B J X Y N G

I Y R Y J V F J C I B R Y J V . L B O

C B J ’ N G F R Q D B T Q R Q T .

— I Q B H O Z E F V I Y F

Previous Cryptoquote: CHANGE IS THE LAW OF LIFE. AND THOSE WHO LOOK ONLY TO THE PAST OR PRESENT ARE CERTAIN TO MISS THE FUTURE. – John F. Kennedy