

College-bound woman fears leaving baby blanket behind

DEAR ABBY: I am 19, and because of some traumatic events in my past, I'm afraid of the dark and sleep with my baby blanket. I went to counseling about it, but eventually stopped because it didn't help. I haven't had any real problems as a result of the issue because I live at home and my boyfriend has been supportive in accommodating my needs when I stay with him. Plus, I don't need my blanket when I'm with him. My concern is about the upcoming semester. I will have to move to the main campus of my university in order to continue my education. This means I'll be living in a shared dorm. The two times it came up during high school, I was teased mercilessly until something else came along. While I have reached the point where I can go without my blanket for a few nights, any longer and it starts to get to me. I don't want to have problems when I move to the main campus because I'm already going to stand out for moving in the middle of the year, but I don't know how to keep training myself to give up my blanket. — **STILL SCARED IN DELAWARE**

DEAR STILL SCARED: You might not have to. I have a suggestion that might be helpful, but it would require having your blanket converted into a “huggie pillow.” That way you can still sleep with it but it would no longer resemble a baby blanket.



DEAR ABBY

Many people sleep with an extra pillow, so it wouldn't appear to be odd at all.

DEAR ABBY: My vegetarian, won't-harm-a-fly husband owns two handguns. They were bought before I met him. He knows I don't approve. I have always felt strongly about not raising children in a home where guns are kept. His argument for having them is that he distrusts our government. He claims the guns will protect our family if there is ever an uprising or a riot.

While I support his desire to protect our family, I'm frightened by the much more immediate possibility of an accident happening, or the children finding them and harming themselves or someone else.

We plan to start a family in the near future, and I have tried to talk him into either getting rid of the guns or storing them elsewhere. Every time I raise the subject, it turns into an argument and he insists he won't get rid of them. I'm at a loss about how to resolve this problem. Any advice? — **UNWILLING TO GIVE UP IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR UNWILLING: Would your vegetarian, wouldn't-harm-a-fly husband consider trigger locks for his weapons or a gun safe? If not, then perhaps you should consider raising your children with a man who isn't already married to his guns.

DEAR ABBY: What do you do if you like a teacher? Do you just hide it? He always comes to my table and I can't focus because I get so distracted. I think he's very good-looking. I'm 13 and he's 23. What should I do? — **CRUSHING IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CRUSHING: What you're experiencing happens in countless classrooms and it's perfectly normal. Unless you're an accomplished actress, hiding your feelings would be like trying to smuggle down past a rooster. Function as best you can, and don't stare at him because it could be embarrassing for him. If you want to impress him, be his top-achieving pupil. The strong emotions you're feeling will fade once an attractive young man your age appears on the horizon. Trust me on that, because I'm speaking from experience.

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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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5	4	3	6	9	8	7	2	1
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, avoid making promises unless you intend to keep them. If you cannot commit your time or effort, then explain the situation rather than backing out later.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Others view you in an entirely different light than you view yourself, Taurus. Consider their perspectives and keep an open mind. It might just help you grow as a person.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Many ideas are running through your head, Gemini. But you have to stick with one idea and go with it. Though this may seem like trying to find a needle in a haystack, the focus will pay off.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Someone puts all of their faith in you this week, Cancer. Don't be nervous about living up to their expectations. Just operate the way you always do and things will work out.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, a number of things keep you occupied this week. The only difficulty will be narrowing down exactly what you want to do. Give this decision the attention it deserves.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, no matter how many times you voice your opinion, there seems to be one person who just doesn't seem to catch on to your line of thinking. Accept such differences of opinion.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, sometimes you put blinders on to situations that make you uncomfortable. It is your way of coping. But this week you need to keep your eyes wide open.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you do not have the patience for puzzles this week. Encourage coworkers and family members to be as concise as possible when declaring their intentions.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, this week you will have to do a number of things on your own. Make the most of this situation, as it might just prove to be a good test of character.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
A change of scenery could provide the change in perspective you need right now, Capricorn. The trouble is finding the right time to get away. Plan a weekend trip if you can manage it.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, even though you may not relish the role, you often have to be the voice of reason. Express yourself clearly but take others' ideas into consideration as well.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Channel all of your creative ideas into one big project, Pisces. Once you have taken that initiative, the project will take off.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
OCTOBER 13
Sacha Baron Cohen, Actor (42)

OCTOBER 14
Usher, Singer (35)

OCTOBER 15
Penny Marshall, Director (71)

OCTOBER 16
Tim Robbins, Actor (55)

OCTOBER 17
Alan Jackson, Singer (55)

OCTOBER 18
Lindsey Vonn, Athlete (29)

OCTOBER 19
Jose Bautista, Athlete (33)

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 Proofing note
44 Spots

DOWN 1 Red Cross headquarters
2 Like llamas
3 Crime doer, to cops
4 Increase, as an incline
5 World-weary
6 Long time
7 Up
8 Comment ads
9 Tower site
25 Be frugal

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Previous Puzzle

11 Full of info
15 Make good as new
19 Pharmacy unit
21 Crescent's tip
24 News-paper ads
26 Virgil hero
27 Trig function
29 Infant outfit
30 Eagles' homes
31 Snoots
33 Toss out
37 Tiny opening
39 Game cube

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10-12

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS 42 "Love Story" writer
43 Saltpeter, to Brits
44 Painter Magritte
45 Lipstick slip

DOWN 1 Museum piece
2 San Antonio landmark
3 Last (dress)
4 — up (river boat)
5 Pacific island group
7 Film's Lupino

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Previous Puzzle

8 Champion of a cause
9 Issue
12 Influenced
17 Presidential nickname
20 Manual readers
21 Diver's gear
24 Defeats
25 Online correspon- dent
26 Viewpoint of a cause
27 Bars
29 Take wing
31 "Someone Like You" singer
32 "Divine Comedy" writer
33 Scarlett's last name
34 Critic, at times
39 Shoe hue
41 Objective

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10-14

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.

10-12 CRYPTOQUOTE
F R B F G C C L F A F K C . B J F B I J F
P Y J C L F D Y J K C . G I B N C I M N Q F
Y Z D L I C G Y H F K . — Q N O
Q N O M I J

Previous Cryptoquote: IN THE PRACTICE OF TOLERANCE, ONE'S ENEMY IS THE BEST TEACHER. – Dalai Lama

COMICS

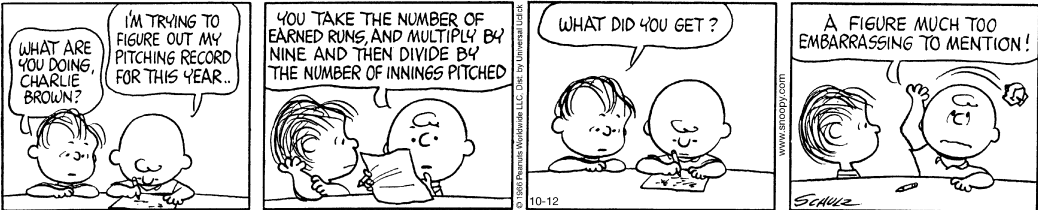
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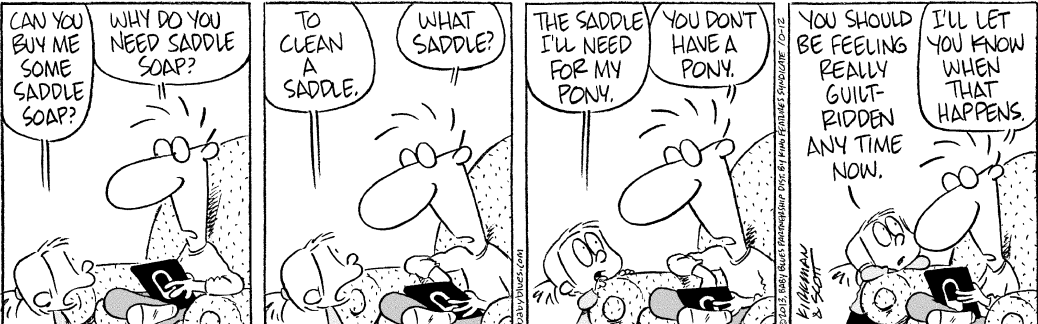
Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts



Baby Blues



Dilbert

