

Excitement over pregnancy is dulled by husband’s restraint

DEAR ABBY: I have just found out I’m 10 weeks pregnant. Both sets of parents are overjoyed -- it’s their first grandchild -- and I’m happy because this was the plan all along. My husband wants kids, and this is our first baby.

My husband isn’t the kind to wear his heart on his sleeve. I have tried to involve him in appointments and classes, but he seems uninterested. He has expressed no emotions, even when he saw our first sonogram. It makes me feel sad and lonely. When I ask him if he is happy about the pregnancy, he says yes, but it’s hard to tell.

What can I do? His reassurance does not feel genuine. This is supposed to be a milestone, the next chapter of our lives. — **PREG-O IN ARIZONA**

DEAR PREG-O: While your parents and in-laws are overjoyed, and you are excited at the prospect of the baby, it is possible that your husband may be overwhelmed at the reality of becoming a father and the responsibility it entails. Not all men are good at expressing their emotions, particularly emotions that they think might be “unmanly.”

Instead of depending upon him to reassure you, try reassuring HIM about what a wonderful father he is going to be. If you do, you may find that as your pregnancy progresses, his level



DEAR ABBY

of excitement will increase.

DEAR ABBY: I’m a junior in high school and plan on going to college. When I brought up the college subject with my mom and told her the one I want to go to is out of state, she got upset and said she would never see me. She keeps suggesting colleges that are in-state, but none of them are ones I want to go to. Shouldn’t it be my choice about where I want to go? As you can see, I need help. What should I do? — **ASHLEY IN NEW YORK**

DEAR ASHLEY: Continue discussing this with your mother to see if there might be more to her concerns than separation anxiety. If the reasons include worry about finances, talk to a counselor at your high school about scholarships that can help to pay for the college of your dreams.

DEAR ABBY: My husband curses nonstop. He wakes in the morning with an “fing this” or an “fing

that.” He does it as he goes into the kitchen to get his coffee. I can’t stand it.

I have asked him repeatedly to stop. He was never like this when we were younger. Over the 20 years of our marriage, he has become worse and worse. Now he’s a nonstop “fing machine.”

My neighbors have complained to me about it. They have children, and when he goes outside, it continues. How do I get him to tame his tongue? — **MARRIED TO MR. EFF-ING**

DEAR MRS. EFF-ING: Is your husband unwell? Could his problem be related to stress or a form of dementia? If the answer is no, then let me point out that men who are happy in their jobs and their lives do not act this way. Men who are considerate and care about their wives’ and neighbors’ sensibilities usually try to accommodate them if asked nicely. Your problem may not be your husband’s tongue as much as it is his attitude – and until he realizes that only he can change it, there is nothing you or anyone else can do to fix him.

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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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8	9	6	7	1	4	3	2	5
3	4	7	2	5	8	6	1	9
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your imagination is running wild, and that can be a good thing. You are full of inspiration and fun ideas this week, which only makes you more charming.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may need to open new lines of communication to complete an important project this week. Don’t be afraid to engage others as your deadline nears.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, this week is a great time to put plans you have been keeping private in motion. Enjoy this exciting time and don’t hesitate to share your excitement with others.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, your love of competition comes to the forefront this week. This competitive spirit may open new doors for you. Make the most of these opportunities.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, use this week as a time to conduct some personal inventory. Opportunity awaits around the corner, and your work this week will help you make the most of this new development.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, make this week all about spending time with your significant other. Plan a date night or sit and snuggle. Enjoy every moment you get to spend together.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, your responsibilities beckon this week. You enjoy being responsible, so don’t sweat it when you must make some decisions. Be confident that you will make the right calls.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you are ready to embrace the great outdoors and all it has to offer. You never know what adventure awaits you, but you know one is on the horizon.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you have a lot of energy this week. Put that bounce in your step to good use by fixing up something around the house or beginning a new fitness regimen.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Your words will carry significant weight this week, Capricorn. With that realization comes much responsibility. Make sure you wield your influence accordingly.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, a financial windfall might be headed your way in the weeks to come. Allow yourself some time to splurge, but do your best to save some money as well.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Bold action is awarded this week, Pisces. You are one of the few people in your circle willing to take a few chances, and that will pay off soon.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 19
James Franco, Actor (37)

APRIL 20
Miranda Kerr, Model (32)

APRIL 21
Tony Romo, Athlete (35)

APRIL 22
Peter Frampton, Musician (65)

APRIL 23
George Lopez, Comic (54)

APRIL 24
Barbra Streisand, Singer (73)

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Miles off

5 Left, at sea

10 Jottings

12 Surgery tool

13 Reagan nickname

14 Writer Jong

15 Yale student

16 Pendulum path

18 Warning color

19 Placid

21 Fork feature

22 Good student’s place

24 Tribe symbol

25 Student loan assessment

29 Speech copy

30 Cow features

32 Swiss peak

33 USN rank

34 Conk out

35 Singer Patsy

37 Make baskets

39 Islamic scriptures

40 Au naturel

DOWN

41 Cleaned, in a way

42 “Dog-gone!”

1 Peruvian peaks

2 Committed a court offense

3 Duds

4 DVR button letters

5 Writer Waugh

6 Hole number

7 God of the dead

8 Late

9 Commerce

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Previous Puzzle

11 Irish river	28 Hot dish holder
17 Gathers one’s strength	29 Bulletin board items
20 Bother	31 Future flowers
21 Used a stopwatch	33 Mint product
23 Disappointment	36 Catch some z’s
25 Laid-back	26 Run out
27 Songwriter Neil	38 Ring setting

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Practice for a fight

5 Chow

9 Country division

10 Become ready for picking

12 Stellar hunter

13 San Antonio landmark

14 Reduce to only the best

16 Status —

17 Fencing sword

18 Successively

21 Blusher’s hue

22 Cutlery

23 Cracks jokes

24 Twosome

26 — Vegas

29 Serenade

30 Richard of “Chicago”

31 Seventh Greek letter

32 Aisle alternative

34 Unrefined

37 Scoundrel

38 Private teacher

39 Make better

40 Fly high

41 Bookish sort

DOWN

1 Rank indicator

2 Grimacing,

perhaps

3 Be penitent

4 Nevada city

5 Monk’s title

6 Squeak stopper

7 Not transparent

8 Makes objections

9 Planter

11 Lunch hour

15 Painter Homer

19 Evening, in ads

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Previous Puzzle

20 DVRs connect to them	27 In the area
22 Retained	28 Put in stitches
23 Moonshine holder	29 Splinter group
24 Vitamin C source	30 Treasure guardian
25 Running by itself	33 Turkey neighbor
26 Account book	35 1949 film noir classic
	36 Goof up

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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.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

N T C E Y I U V C E E L U X U I
Z X U I D T A U F U C N F M
O U D U I F C L T D C Z L D Z
H Y K K U U O C H H D I Z L S
U L Z Y S R . — Z S F T L O C L Z

Previous Cryptoquote: MY BEST FRIEND IS THE MAN WHO IN WISHING ME WELL WISHES IT FOR MY SAKE. – Aristotle

COMICS

Tundra



Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts



Baby Blues



Dilbert

