

Teen chafes under mom’s prohibition against dating

DEAR ABBY: I’m 16 and so is my boyfriend. He’s wonderful. We’re very much in love and intend to be together for the rest of our lives, but my mother is causing major problems in our relationship. We’re not allowed to see each other outside of school. Neither of us has a driver’s license, and we’re not getting them anytime soon.



DEAR ABBY

My wife is adamant that spouses should have no secrets whatsoever from each other. The issue was something significant and private to me. We would appreciate your comments. — **DISAGREEING IN MARYLAND**

DEAR DISAGREEING: Would your wife have felt better if, when she saw you tear up and asked what was wrong, you had responded honestly and told her it was something personal, painful and none of her business?

What you did wasn’t lying; it was protecting yourself from having to discuss something you weren’t ready to reveal. And when you did, instead of being sympathetic, she attacked you. Well, now that you have shared your secret and are being punished for it, are you more comfortable with the idea of telling her “all”? (I doubt it.)

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acquiring the necessary social skills she will need later to make mature judgments. It’s important that your mother realize this, and please tell her I said so.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I disagree on whether it is OK for me to have a secret I do not wish to share with her. It doesn’t affect her. It pertains to a situation 40 years ago, long before we met. After we got into an argument about it, I eventually told her what it was about.

There was a popular movie about the same situation. Whenever it came on TV and I watched it, I would get teary-eyed, and my wife would ask me what was wrong. I would say I didn’t know because I wanted to keep the reason to myself.

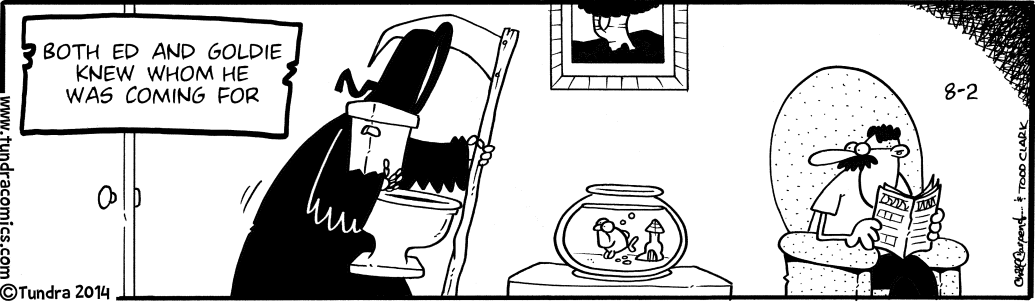
Now I’m accused of having lied to her about it.

DEAR DISTRESSED TEEN: Not knowing your mother, it’s hard to say what will ease her worries. However, at 16, you are at an age when you should be starting to date. Many teens start by going out in groups, which lessens the opportunity for “make-out” situations.

The problem with over-protecting a teenage girl is that it can prevent her from

COMICS

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Hagar the Horrible



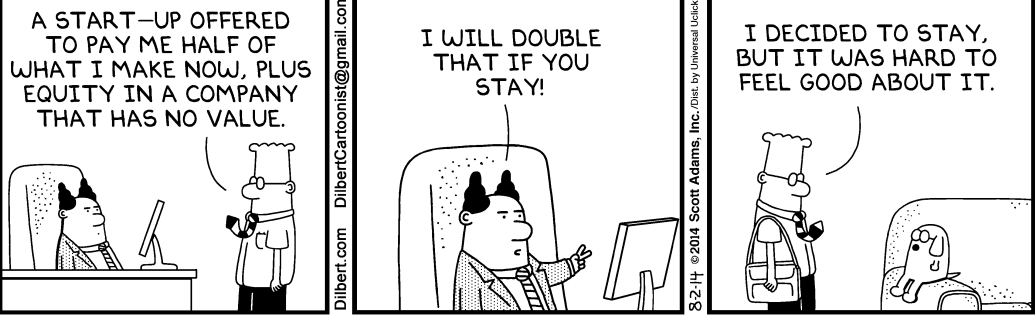
Peanuts



Baby Blues



Dilbert



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

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.

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

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Finances are on your mind this week, Aries. You could be driven now more than ever to get your ducks in a row. Expect such tasks to be a bit stressful but ultimately worth it.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, avoid being side-tracked by some familiar obstacles. Even with the best intentions you can get pushed off target. Pay attention and stick with it.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, it may be tempting to set aside responsibilities in favor of more exciting experiences. But the real opportunities for adventure come from making commitments and goals.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may finally be ready to express feelings that you have been keeping to yourself. If you are worried about how others will respond, don’t be. You have accepting friends.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, do not deny yourself some pleasure, especially if you have been putting in a lot of work and effort to attain your goals. Enjoy a little down time when you can.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you cherish your time with friends and family this week, spending as many free moments with them as possible. In the coming days, carve out some alone time for yourself.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you are no stranger to meeting other people’s demands, but you need to be very firm about what you want right now. Work with others but make your opinions known as well.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, your intensity helps you get through some difficult projects in the weeks ahead. Be sure to make some time for rest and relaxation once your projects are finished.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, there is a lot more going on in your life now than meets the eye. Moves that you make could be crucial to your success, so do your best to make sure you make the right choices.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, expect some initial dissent when you propose an unorthodox solution to a problem. Don’t worry much, as others will come around when the plan starts to work.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Do not allow your emotions to get the better of you this week, Aquarius. Steer clear of confusing issues and do not delve too deeply into things you don’t understand.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, expect to be acknowledged for some special contributions this week. Stand up and take your bow with grace and appreciation.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 3
Tom Brady, Athlete (37)

AUGUST 4
Jeff Gordon, Race Car Driver (43)

AUGUST 5
Maureen McCormick, Actress (58)

AUGUST 6
Vera Farmiga, Actress (41)

AUGUST 7
Wayne Knight, Actor (59)

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 High homes

DOWN 1 Served alight

2 Accumulate

3 Gofer’s job

4 1982 Disney movie

5 Not natural

6 “Modern Family” character

7 Copying

8 Bust makeup

9 Game hosts

10 Pillages

27 Restful resort

30 One of Santa’s team

31 Blue

32 Be decisive

33 Bach work

35 Angel hair, e.g.

38 Relocation pro

39 Decorate

40 Improve, in a way

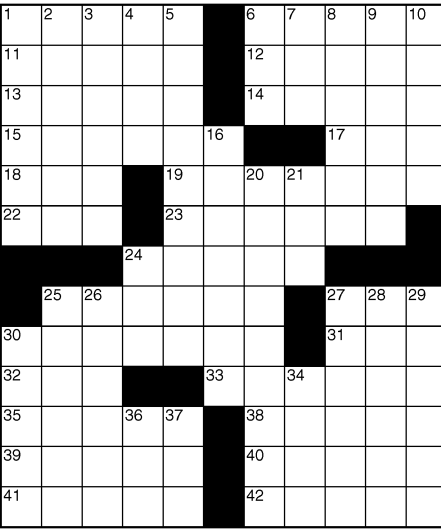
41 Bolshevik leader



Previous Puzzle

16 Power failures
20 “Strangers on a Train” co-star
21 JFK’s predecessor
24 Japanese coin
25 Gaming spot
26 Holmes’s helper
27 Galley group
28 Packing a wallop
29 Oscar and Tony
30 Like some bulls
34 Idditarod terminus
36 Half of hex-
37 Curry on TV

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ACROSS 46 Spring month

47 Hawks

48 Dodge, as duty

11 Victorious

12 Radium discoverer

13 Holmes’ creator

14 Halt

15 New Haven school

17 Went ahead

18 Offensively obvious

22 Den

23 Worried

27 Jordan’s capital

29 Roofing material

30 Betrayed surprise

32 Writer Ferber

33 Hats, hoods, and helmets

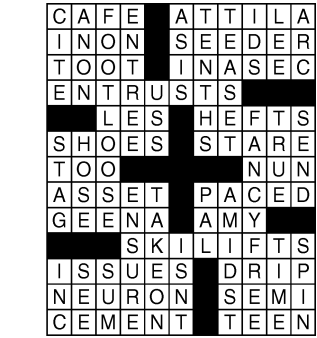
35 Huck’s friend

38 Fabric worker

39 Basketball’s Shaquille

41 Social blunder

45 Weigh-in need



Previous Puzzle

19 Eastern monk
20 Targets
21 Wire sender
24 Walk in water
25 Sicily volcano
26 Precious wk.’s end
28 Sewing kit items
31 Week part
34 Painter Edgar
35 Fling
36 A single time
37 Diner buy
40 The whole amount
42 Work wk.’s end
43 Fragrant tree
44 Moose’s kin

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here’s how to work it:

A XYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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.

CRYPTOQUOTE

VZTJ EB L QENJ. WAM DFJMFJN
EM EB XZEYX MZ DLNP UZAN
FJLNMF ZN WANY RZDY UZAN
FZABJ, UZA KLY YJTJN MJVV.
— HZLY KNLDQZNR

Previous Cryptoquote: THE DEVIL HAS PUT A PENALTY ON ALL THINGS WE ENJOY IN LIFE. EITHER WE SUFFER IN HEALTH OR WE SUFFER IN SOUL OR WE GET FAT. – Albert Einstein