

Father and son stay in touch with cellphone tracking app

DEAR ABBY: I have a 17-year-old son. He spends half his time with me and the other half with his mom. My question is about his cellphone.

I can use an app on my phone to see the location of his phone. A friend of mine tells me I shouldn't stalk him or spy on him this way. She says it shows I don't trust or respect him. My son knows I can – and do – check on him using the GPS function in the phone, and he can do the same to locate me.

Checking on him from time to time gives me some comfort. I can't see who he's with or what he's doing, but I can see if he's where I expect him to be.

What do you think? Am I harming him by checking on him? Or am I “stalking” him, as my friend says? — **DAD WHO CARES IN OHIO**

DEAR DAD: You and your friend appear to have different parenting styles. As long as your son is aware that you occasionally check his whereabouts, I don't consider what you're doing to be either harmful or stalking. As a parent, you have a right to know where your minor child is, and the GPS feature you describe has been known to save lives in the event of an emergency.



DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I'm a sophomore in high school. I know this sounds awful, but I hate my father. If anyone disagrees with anything he says, that person is always wrong and he is right. (This includes scientific facts.) He is also a bigot who says horribly racist, sexist and homophobic things.

He has made me feel awful about the choices I have made in athletics and academics, and he gets angry at the drop of a hat for little things, like if I haven't organized the shoes in my closet. He yells and guilt trips my little sister until she cries.

I don't think I can take three more years of this. I'm uncomfortable anytime I'm around him. I can't talk to him because it's his way or the highway, and Mom doesn't want to make him angry, so she says nothing. What do I do? — **DISTRESSED DAUGHTER**

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your father appears to be a man with a lot of problems, but you can't fix them. Because your mother is afraid to speak up, he probably won't change. She may stay with him because she's afraid she can't support herself and you girls on her own. Learn from her example, and resolve to be economically independent before you marry anyone.

Recognize that your father is the product of the way he was raised. It's likely he learned to be a bigot and verbal abuser from his own parents. Make up your mind that you will never be that way.

Because you are uncomfortable around your father, spend less time around him if you can. Try to be supportive of your sister, because she needs it and will as long as she lives in that house. And remember, three more years may seem like forever now, but in the scheme of things, it isn't. Once you are no longer a minor and have a job, you can arrange to get out of there.

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

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, things are going to change with regard to your professional life. Expect some good news at work and possibly a promotion. Make the most of this opportunity.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

This week is bound to be very social, and your calendar is full, Taurus. You can pick and choose what you want to do, and you can expect to enjoy all of your experiences in the week ahead.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Expect to start the week on an exciting note, Gemini. Big news is coming your way, and you can allow yourself to enjoy this exciting time in your life.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, enjoy time with your significant other in the days ahead. A romantic trip could be just the way to go, and both of you will appreciate the one-on-one time.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Home matters have been on your mind, Leo. This week you will reach a resolution to your issue. Your hard work has paid off so you can have some fun.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

This is a week you are bound to enjoy, Virgo. The next several days will be full of structured fun, and that is right up your alley. Enjoy the company of friends and family.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you may prefer to keep to yourself this week, but you are more likely to be surrounded by friends and family. Make the most of this time with loved ones.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, things are set to go your way and you couldn't be happier. You thrive on being in control, and that's right where you will be this week. Good things are ahead.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you tend to get restless with routine, so take some time to switch things up this week. Take a different route to work or school. Otherwise, make new friends.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, your love of travel continues this week, and you won't be content until you hit the road. If you have the chance to travel, make the most of this opportunity.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, now is a great time to aim for a promotion at work or make some changes to make yourself more marketable. It's time to push ahead in your career.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, this is an exciting period for you, as both personal plans and career goals come to fruition. Enjoy the ride in the days ahead.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 14
Jackson Rathbone, Actor (30)

DECEMBER 15
Martin Skrtel, Athlete (30)

DECEMBER 16
Luke Harper, Wrestler (35)

DECEMBER 17
Pope Francis, Religious Leader (78)

DECEMBER 18
Ray Liotta, Actor (60)

DECEMBER 19
Criss Angel, Magician (47)

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Exotic market

7 Reach across

11 Grove growth

12 Sax sort

13 Joined

14 Dyeing tubs

15 Ready for bed

16 Aquarium fish

17 Spotted

18 Trial

19 Forbidden act

21 Great serve

22 Snack in a hard shell

25 Stephen of "The Crying Game"

26 "J'Accuse" author

27 Reach

29 Pills, in slang

33 Door-slamming play

34 Museum piece

35 College house

36 Who-dunit element

37 Valentine trim

38 Warrior woman

39 Looked over

40 Nullify

DOWN

1 Ring contests

2 Palmer, to his fans

3 Congo's old name

4 Reception aid

5 Mature choice

6 Wine choice

7 Put away

8 Mesa's kin

23 Daily grind

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S	I	E	G	E		M	O	O	R
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Previous Puzzle

- 9 Draw in
- 10 Register-opening button
- 16 Ugly monster
- 18 Burger topper
- 20 Harriet's hubby
- 22 Electron stream
- 23 Daily grind
- 24 Convention ID
- 25 Charity fundraiser
- 28 Took steps
- 30 "My Fair Lady" lady
- 31 Course chunk
- 32 Play part
- 34 The Eternal City
- 36 Staff

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12-13

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ACROSS

1 Baby's bed

5 Scour

10 Zhivago's love

11 High-protein grain

13 Freshener target

14 In need of immediate attention

15 Sheriff's badge

17 Toward the stern

18 Study of events

19 Bind

20 Have debts

21 Small seabird

22 Boarded, as a train

25 Sharp-ened

26 Film unit

27 Scary shout

28 Poem of praise

29 Geography class prop

33 Humor

34 Montgomery's state

35 Morphine, for one

37 Miles off

38 Uniform marking

39 Increase

40 Prophetic ones

41 Pert talk

DOWN

1 Dress material

2 Circle spokes

3 Some golf clubs

4 Saloon seat

5 Cube side

6 Indian dish

7 Equip

8 Left on the plate

9 Outdoor blaze

12 Be present at

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Previous Puzzle

- 16 Hamlet
- 21 Rows of clickable buttons
- 22 Become more acceptable to
- 23 Antigone's father
- 24 When to start a round
- 25 Spanish greeting
- 27 Farm machines
- 29 Lake makeup
- 30 "The God-father" group
- 31 Stockpile
- 32 Trims
- 36 Justice Fortas

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12-15

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.

12-13 CRYPTOQUOTE

D H P L A H L Z E ` S X Y J L S R L

M H B D A F H ` B H C E A . D H P L N Z

M R Y S X Y J L Z S R L B N A L

M H B S R M R N D L . — O B Y E J D N E

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