

# Daughter’s absentee father is present for his other kids

**DEAR ABBY:** For 2 1/2 years I have taken care of my daughter without the help of her father. He pays child support only when the courts threaten to throw him in jail, but he never comes to see her. When he does come by, it’s not to see or spend time with her, it’s to try and get sex from me. Sometimes I give in and give it to him as an itch to scratch.



DEAR ABBY

who do this for their children deny the kids the experience of doing the selling and learning to cope with rejection if prospective customers don’t buy.

Because you don’t have \$20 to spare, you might be able to deflect the “attitude” by offering a small donation – a dollar or two – to the cause. But if you can’t spare any money, then stiffen your spine and don’t let yourself be made to feel guilty. Buying things you don’t need is not part of your job description.

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister-in-law wrote the following to my husband in a birthday card: “I couldn’t find a card that really fit you. None of them said ‘sweet, kind, sexy, lovable, friendly, intelligent, or one of the best brothers-in-law ever,’ so I’m telling you in my own words. If I could get ahold of my husband’s money, I’d send you on a cruise.”

Was this appropriate? I don’t think so. My husband says she didn’t mean anything. Help? — **SHOCKED IN TENNESSEE**

**DEAR SHOCKED:** Speaking of cruises, throw your sister-in-law a life-saver, because I think she went overboard.

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who is in a supervisory position at work will see it and think before pressuring employees to buy popcorn, cookies, wrapping paper, trinkets, chocolate bars, etc., for their children’s schools or organizations. This is extortion. I have tried saying, “No, thank you,” but I get such a bad attitude from my supervisor that I end up ordering something -- usually the cheapest item -- to avoid the drama.

I can’t afford to drop \$20 here and there on items I wouldn’t otherwise buy or eat. It’s a lot of money to employees who haven’t had wage or benefit increases in more than four years. I can barely keep my car filled with gas and have to unroll coins sometimes to pick up food for dinner a day or two before payday.

PLEASE tell bosses and managers not to solicit sales from employees. It’s tacky! — **TURNED OFF IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEAR TURNED OFF:** I’m happy to get the word out because I agree that the sales tactic your supervisor is using is tacky. Parents

He recently got “married” and now has four other children. The last time he was over, I noticed that he has all his children’s initials tattooed on his arm except our daughter’s, and it bothered me.

I only want what is best for my little girl, and I have made it clear that if he isn’t a part of her life now, that he needs to stay away until she’s an adult. I don’t want her to be hurt by a part-time or sometimes dad. I guess my question is, is it OK to be angry that he doesn’t recognize her as his child but does his other four? — **PO’D IN OHIO**

**DEAR PO’D:** Oh, goodness gracious, yes. And because you don’t want your child to be hurt by this man, I’m advising you to quit being his booty call. There are other ways to scratch an itch, depending upon whose itch it is. If you continue seeing him under these circumstances, you could wind up being the mother of another one of his children, God forbid.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am writing this hoping that anyone

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

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## HELOISE’S KITCHENEERING BY HELOISE

### The Gentle Agitator

Dear Heloise: I looked everywhere to see if this hint was posted and couldn’t find it. To repair honey, jam, jelly or caramel that has CRYSTALLIZED, simply seal the container well and run it through a dishwasher cycle with your next load. Allow the jar to slowly return to room temperature with the dishwasher closed. The dishwasher provides gentle agitation. It’s not the fastest method, but certainly the easiest and most foolproof. — Ronald S., via email

Ronald, I had an older jar of crystallized honey that was just perfect for testing your hint. Not only did the honey return to its original state, but the sticky outside of the jar was cleaned, too! A two-for-one hint! — Heloise

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### JAM AND JELLY

Dear Heloise: You probably have answered this many times, but I would like to know what the difference is between jam and jelly. — A Reader, via email

I’m happy to answer this for you! Jam is made from crushed fruit. Jelly is made from fruit juice that is cooked and turns to a gel. An added hint: Jam is usually thicker than jelly, and both taste great on a bagel! — Heloise

### FROZEN BUNS

Dear Heloise: There are just two of us, and when we buy hamburger or hot-dog buns, there are always eight. How do we freeze the buns without them getting hard the next time we want to use them? — A Reader, via email

Major bread manufacturers don’t recommend freezing your buns, because it can compromise the quality, but many people do freeze them. Here’s the hint on how best to freeze them.

Force all of the air out of the bread bag, and seal it in a freezer bag before storing in your freezer for double the protection. Once you’re ready to use them, allow them to thaw on the counter. If the consistency isn’t what you were looking for, throw the buns on the grill for a light toasting to help with the texture. — Heloise

### LABEL HINT

Dear Heloise: I have been looking for a way to label my pans and trays that I take to family events and parties. They always seem to get mixed in and confused with others. I now mark the bottom of them with nail polish, and everyone knows it belongs to me. Even better, if the tray happens to get washed, the nail polish does not come off. This has saved me a lot of money, because I always get my trays back now. — J.M. in New Jersey

### SHREDDED CABBAGE

Dear Heloise: When a recipe calls for shredded cabbage, I just buy a bag of coleslaw mix and add as much or as little as needed. If there is any mix left over, I cook it down and freeze it. I make sure to date it for future use before storing. — Marcia K. in Pennsylvania

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Lets up
- 7 Like cupcakes
- 11 Red Cross head-quarters
- 12 By way of, informally
- 13 Require
- 14 Noggin
- 15 Man of the cloth
- 17 “Art of the Fugue” composer
- 20 Low joint
- 23 German cry
- 24 Metal cutter
- 26 Fort Worth sch.
- 27 Hydro-carbon suffix
- 28 French affirmative
- 29 Exotic blooms
- 31 Ornate planter
- 32 In the buff
- 33 Doe’s mate
- 34 Goof
- 37 Bassoon’s cousin
- 39 Zoo resident
- 43 Nymph’s pursuer
- 44 Moolah
- 45 “Toodlee-oo!”
- 46 Fashions

### DOWN

- 1 Census form question
- 2 Golfer Hogan
- 3 Picnic invader
- 4 Educate
- 5 Wicked
- 6 Store event
- 7 Descartes start
- 8 Examines
- 9 Important time
- 10 Failure
- 16 Daytona events
- 17 Major-ette’s prop state
- 18 Capital of Ghana
- 19 Discards
- 21 George W.’s wife
- 22 Southfork family name
- 24 Alpine heroine
- 25 Linking word
- 30 Western state capital
- 33 Like cacti
- 35 Stationery buys
- 36 Foot or hand
- 37 Many a time
- 38 Lamb lament
- 40 Singer Tormé
- 41 Live and breathe
- 42 — Alamos

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### ACROSS

- 1 Mooring place
- 5 Accords
- 10 Garden pest
- 12 In the area
- 13 General at Gettysburg
- 14 Gettysburg’s st.
- 15 Samovar
- 16 Splash in drops
- 18 Glib talk
- 20 Exploit
- 21 Winged archer
- 23 Caesar of comedy
- 24 Gasp for air
- 26 Prayer end
- 28 Half a sawbuck
- 29 Family room fixture
- 31 Crumb carrier
- 32 Talk casually
- 36 Strew
- 39 Gardner of film
- 40 First odd prime
- 41 Luggage clip-on
- 43 Correct text

### DOWN

- 1 Block
- 2 Met offering
- 3 Monk’s music
- 4 Youngster
- 5 One of a bear trio
- 6 Assist in crime
- 7 Bruise
- 8 Locates on the dial
- 9 Was rude, in a way
- 11 Barren areas
- 17 Debate side
- 19 High rating
- 22 Game quests
- 24 “Am I dreaming?” request
- 25 Star in Scorpio
- 27 Small rug
- 28 Connect
- 30 Low digit
- 33 Spud
- 34 Stay away from
- 35 Fads
- 37 Circus setting
- 38 Turner and Danson
- 42 Couple

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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

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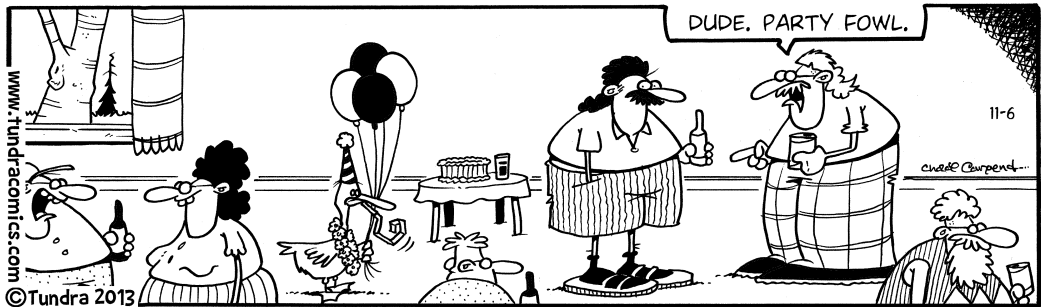
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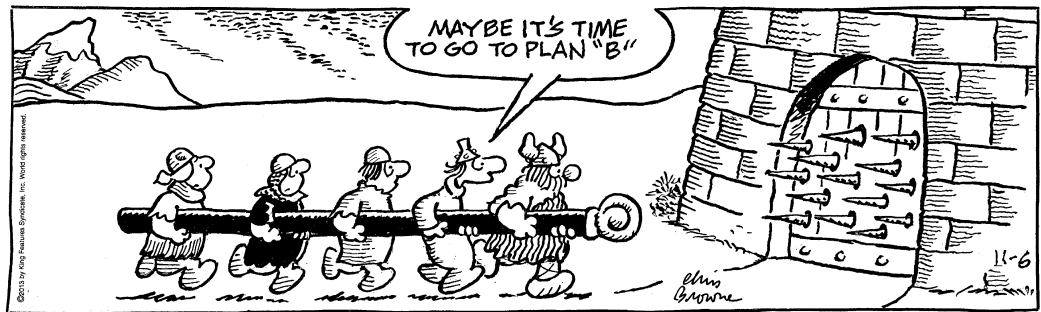
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### Baby Blues



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