

Husband is reluctant spectator at wife’s parade in the nude

DEAR ABBY: My wife walks around our house nude or topless with the shades open, and anybody walking outside can see in. Recently she did this while some painting contractors were working around our house. I have begged her not to, to no avail. What should I do? — **MORE MODEST IN NORTH CAROLINA**



DEAR ABBY

DEAR M.M.: It appears you married an exhibitionist. You might point out to her that parading around that way could be considered disrespectful to the workers she’s exposed herself to. But don’t be surprised if she’s unwilling to change because it may give her some kind of thrill. (I’m sure it also gives the viewers something to talk about around the dinner table.)

DEAR ABBY: Please remind beachgoers that they need to leave their fire pits OPEN and not cover them with sand. My 16-month-old grandnephew was walking on a beach in Carmel, California, with his mom and dad when he suffered burns to his feet from walking across sand beneath which were hot coals. It will take at least three weeks for this dear baby’s feet to heal from those burns.

People don’t realize that covering the coals with sand hides them and keeps them hot for up to 24 hours! Beach fires must be treated differently from those in a

forest, where they should be covered with dirt because of the surrounding trees. — **BEACH ETIQUETTE**

DEAR B.E.: I’m printing your letter not only as a warning to beachgoers who might be using fire pits, but also to the parents of small children because hot buried coals can be a hidden danger to their little ones. Because the coals cannot be seen, children sometimes confuse fire pits ringed by rocks with “sandboxes,” and the results can be tragic.

According to the University of California Irvine’s Regional Burn Center, “coals should be extinguished by drenching them with water, waiting five minutes and drenching them AGAIN.” (Italics are mine.) When water isn’t available, the coals should simply be allowed to burn out.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, “Patrick,” and I were married last year. On the

morning of our wedding, his grandmother, “Sally,” died. It was very sudden. Everyone assumed we’d postpone it, but we didn’t.

Abby, my husband is still emotionally distraught over her death. Patrick’s parents were absent from his life and Grandma Sally had raised him. Did we make a mistake by not postponing our wedding? How can I help him? — **SAD NEW WIFE IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR SAD NEW WIFE: Life is for the living. I don’t know how large your wedding was, but if there were contracts involved (hall, flowers, music, caterer, guests coming in from out of town, etc.), you were right to follow through with your plans. I am sure that’s what Grandma Sally would have wanted.

Please convey to your husband how sorry I am for his loss. Because he is moving so slowly through the grieving process, it would be helpful for him to contact a grief support group. To find one, he can ask a doctor, clergyman or hospice for a referral.

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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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This Question Gets a Fair Shake

Dear Heloise: We got some new SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS. One has a few tiny holes; the other has lots of bigger holes. Which one holds the salt? — Cynthia M. in Tennessee

This is an interesting question, and one that comes in often! According to the Salt and Pepper Shaker Museum, it is your preference! There is no law that I know of, so don’t worry if someone tells you otherwise.

Since many people are watching their sodium intake, it is generally agreed that the shaker with fewer holes is for salt. The other thought is that because salt flows more easily than pepper, it should be placed in the shaker with smaller holes, so the pepper has the larger holes to come out of. Bottom line, though, is that it is your decision -- unless you buy shakers that are clearly marked “S” and “P,” saving you from having to decide anything. — Heloise

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English Muffins

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint for readers who like English muffins but prefer to eat only one half at a time: Separate the muffins in halves and stack them, back to front. Place them back in the plastic sleeve and then freeze. One half at a time can easily be separated from the rest and toasted as needed. — L.N. in Maryland

Tomato Juice

Dear Heloise: Could you please tell me the ratio of water to tomato paste when attempting to make tomato juice? With the cost of canned tomato juice, it would be nice to be able to mix this up instead of paying the high cost of tomato/vegetable juice. — Cydney M. in Texas

This is easy as pie and will save you a lot of money! Mix 3 parts cold water with 1 part tomato paste. Now all you have to do is make your own adjustments so it tastes the best to you. Place this mixture and any other ingredients in a blender and blend until it is smooth.

Try adding salt, pepper, other vegetables and spices to really make this juice your own. — Heloise

Mini Peppers

Dear Heloise: Sweet mini peppers are my newest addiction! Packaged in bags, they are red, orange and yellow. Mini peppers have lots of flavor, which makes them a great snack. These have hardly any seeds and can be eaten right from the bag, but I always rinse mine before eating them. I toss some on the grill and use them in salads to add color and crunch. — Juan in Laredo, Texas

Reuse Cups

Dear Heloise: The individual plastic cups for apple sauce and other fruit treats are perfect for gelatin. I place six in my muffin tin and make gelatin as usual. I fill the gelatin to the rim of the plastic cup. Since I now live alone, I find this a handy way to portion out my meals. The same process can be used for instant puddings. — Thelma D. in California

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 French friends
- 5 “Non-sense!”
- 9 Bar mixer
- 11 Because
- 12 Led
- 13 Zeppelin’s “Whole — Love”
- 13 Hungry, probably
- 14 Verb for you
- 15 Purpose of certain machines
- 17 Like active beacons
- 19 Rebel general
- 20 Real bargain
- 21 Director Craven
- 22 Tag number
- 24 Easy victim
- 26 River to the Caspian Sea
- 29 Put in stitches
- 30 Darning
- 32 Undecided
- 34 Baseball’s Hodges
- 35 Opera songs
- 36 Bakery output
- 38 Some change

DOWN

- 1 One of the Titans
- 2 Julianne and Demi
- 3 Purpose
- 4 Canine command
- 5 Tough spot
- 6 Available for reference
- 7 Play parts
- 8 Bushy boundary
- 10 Canapé topper
- 11 Crooned
- 16 Pep up
- 18 “Ed Wood” star
- 21 Fuse together
- 23 Winding dances
- 24 Be furious
- 25 Storefront sight

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Previous Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Cain’s victim
- 5 Office aides
- 10 Dance party
- 11 Be thrifty
- 12 Aid illegally
- 13 Tennis score
- 14 Place to sit
- 16 Place to sit
- 20 Have high hopes
- 23 Carnival city
- 24 Eccentric
- 25 Capital on the Nile
- 27 Writer Rita —
- 28 Deer’s home
- 29 Place to sit
- 32 Place to sit
- 36 Play opener
- 39 Say “aye,” say
- 40 Yellow fellow
- 41 Since
- 42 Some students play it
- 43 Eye part

DOWN

- 2 Rum-soaked cake
- 3 At any time
- 4 Say inadvertently
- 5 Western resort
- 6 Pandora’s box held them
- 7 Sea, to Simone
- 8 Deposit
- 9 Mole, e.g.
- 11 Kitchen fixture
- 15 John Major, for one
- 17 Pennsylvania port
- 18 Haughtiness
- 19 Horn sound
- 20 — mater
- 21 Take wing
- 22 Frost work
- 25 Spring shape
- 26 Airport announcement
- 28 Stood up to
- 30 Frog sound
- 31 Patriot Patrick
- 33 Plane part
- 34 Harrow rival
- 35 Field workers
- 36 German cry
- 37 Pigeon call
- 38 Binary base

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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.

9-3 CRYPTOQUOTE

W L S H V B F H E M C B J D X
D L F F D C H V B F H Y V B N C C Q
H V B B F L J S . — K V M L H F B Q V C M
G B M D C X

Previous Cryptoquote: IN SCHOOL, YOU’RE TAUGHT A LESSON AND THEN GIVEN A TEST. IN LIFE, YOU’RE GIVEN A TEST THAT TEACHES YOU A LESSON. — Tom Bodett

COMICS

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Peanuts



Baby Blues



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