

# Slumber party with mom is an every-night event

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother has this odd habit that my younger sister, “Sara,” and I don’t agree with. It’s only the three of us in our house, and Sara and I are in high school and college.

Our mother forces one of us to sleep with her in her room every night. Sara sleeps in Mom’s room more often than I do, and rarely gets a chance to sleep in her own bed. On the few occasions when Sara is sick, I sleep with Mom. But if we’re both sick, she picks one of us anyway.

Abby, this has persisted for years. I have tried many times to convince my mother to let us sleep in our own rooms, but she ignores me or accuses me of “not loving her enough.” She says the same things to Sara.

I’m worried about my mother. I feel as though she’s depressed or worried about being abandoned. At the same time, I don’t want us sleeping in Mom’s bed forever. We have our own lives and rooms. What would be the best thing to do in this situation? – **SLEEPOVER IN MARYLAND**

**DEAR SLEEPOVER:** Your mother is an adult who should long ago have learned to sleep alone. She should not be trying to “guilt” you and your sister into sleeping with her by accusing you of not loving her enough if you don’t spend the night in her bed.



DEAR ABBY

The two of you should ask her together why she’s doing this.

You young ladies are old enough to simply refuse if you would rather sleep in your own rooms. But breaking this habit may not be easy for your mother, so if she says she can’t sleep without one of you with her, volunteer to stay with her until she falls asleep and THEN go to your rooms.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am divorced after a 38-year marriage. The divorce was the result of an affair my husband had. Needless to say, it was – and still is – very painful. The betrayal almost killed me.

I have been seeing a therapist who has helped me immensely, but I wonder if I will ever fully recover from the hurt. My ex has started a new life with this woman, who is almost 30 years younger than we are, and he acts like, “Oh well, it’s over.” Even though I have moved on, starting a new life at 60 wasn’t easy.

Is it unreasonable to still have lingering pain and anger as a result of the lies and deceit I experienced from a man I loved and trusted? I can’t seem to pretend that nothing happened. — **STILL HURTING**

**DEAR STILL HURTING:** I think your feelings are normal. Something DID happen to you, and it was cataclysmic. The question is, to what degree are you willing to allow this to rule your life?

You shouldn’t pretend that nothing happened, but it’s important that when your thoughts drift backward that you make a conscious effort to steer them back to the present. Devote the same energy that you spend nursing hurt and anger to focusing on the future and what makes you happy. WILL yourself to stay in the present and keep moving forward.

This takes focus, practice and determination, but it can be done. And continue to maintain a relationship with your therapist, because if you do, it will provide a much-needed “reality check” when you need one.

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

## HOROSCOPES

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, expect to be called into action several times this week. You may prefer to avoid the spotlight, but that won’t be the case this week. Make the most of this opportunity.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, all of a sudden you are so busy it can be difficult to find a few moments to rest. Thankfully, you are able to keep up with all of the activity.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, seek advice from a trusted confidante as you contemplate a major life-style change. This person will provide valuable insight as you look to make the best decision possible.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, going solo on a project may not seem like the ideal situation. But you don’t want to be distracted this week, so going it alone is the best way to tackle the tasks at hand.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, following your gut may not always work out, but this week everything works out for the best. Curb impulsiveness as much as you can, though.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, although you might be dreaming of a lavish vacation and an escape from the daily grind, it’s just not possible at this time. Start saving for this dream excursion.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, although it’s noble to offer assistance to everyone you meet, you may be struggling to take care of yourself in the process. You must put your needs first.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

A desire to detach from others and be entirely self-sufficient can have some challenges, Scorpio. You don’t need to give up independence to have the support of others.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your energy levels are high and there is nothing you can’t accomplish this week. Avoid extra caffeine because you’re already buzzing.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Find a balance between caution and carelessness, Capricorn. You cannot control every situation, and this week you may have something unexpected come your way.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, if you’re on the lookout for new work opportunities, look no further than your own supervisor for guidance. He or she may be your biggest ally.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You have boundless creativity, Pisces, and this week you get to channel it into a special project. Don’t overextend yourself until everything gets done.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 30  
Kaley Cuoco, Actress (29)

DECEMBER 1  
Bette Midler, Actress (69)

DECEMBER 2  
Monica Seles, Athlete (41)

DECEMBER 3  
Julianne Moore, Actress (54)

DECEMBER 4  
Carlos Gomez, Athlete (29)

DECEMBER 5  
Paula Patton, Actress (39)

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

1 Edison’s middle name

5 Prepares leftovers

10 Pillages

12 Alaska native

13 Like bar beer

14 Singer Reese

15 Phone bill item

16 Surgeon eggs

18 Under the weather

19 Of the clan

21 Disrobe

22 Road blocker after a storm

24 Football’s Merlin

25 Start of a gridiron possession

29 Small dogs, for short

30 Old Testament book

32 Hold up

33 Skill

34 Ram’s mate

35 Exemplary

37 “Skyfall” singer

39 Heat setting

### 40

Tore down

41 Small, to Simone

42 Ottoman rulers

### DOWN

1 Up in the air

2 Solitary sorts

3 Elect

4 One — time

5 Walk through water

6 Pub product

7 Charitable aid

8 Much-mocked hairstyle

9 Stable section

LAST	CIRCA	AMI	SUB	SEINE	ART	ARE	GIBLETS	ASIAN	TENSE	ENDS
BAWL	RUPEE	TABLETS	LETS	MEN	LIARS	GLOBLETS	CALE	OLIVE	NOTED	BESS

Previous Puzzle

- 11 Stretches out
- 17 Senior citizen
- 20 Churlish ones
- 21 Wine grape
- 23 Soviet symbol
- 25 Restaurant fan
- 26 Pooped person’s utterance
- 27 Breathe with effort
- 28 Anthony who wrote “The Candy Man”
- 29 Use a mirror
- 31 Oboe parts
- 33 Settled
- 36 French pal
- 38 Wee dollop

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### ACROSS

1 Singer

McEntire

5 Like some cheese

9 Showed over

10 Government income

12 Turn away

13 Historic period

14 Knocked down

16 Three, in Torino

17 Liberal study

18 Spiraled

21 In medias

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22 Uncommon

23 Spacious

24 Celtic priests

26 Convent resident

29 Weak

30 Trig function

31 Play part

32 Century part

34 Paris river

37 Went fast

38 Fork features

### 39

Assumed name

40 Bar bills

41 Dispatch

### DOWN

1 Idolize

2 Puts up

3 Sounds from

4 Poker payment

5 Had lunch

6 Opening

7 Strangely different

8 Edict

9 Air traffic aid

SHAG	SOLO	TOOL	STUFFING	PECANPIE	DEGREE	ELIOT	EMS	POTATOES	DARKMEAT	PAROLE	ELOPED	NEWS
FATAL	PALATE	RUINED	ING	PIE	ADA	PYROS	BEETLE	TOES	KMEAT	AMMO	AMEN	MEN

Previous Puzzle

- 11 Storage building
- 15 Solved
- 19 River
- 20 Parched
- 22 Root spot
- 23 Massage
- 24 Lying
- 25 Eye part
- 26 One of the B vitamins
- 27 Zombies
- 28 Must have
- 29 Speedy
- 30 Deli fixture
- 33 Historic periods
- 35 S. Dak. neighbor
- 36 Twisty turn

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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.

11-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

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ETFLO UMR SJGAE OJ RABTRA

LJG UMWPJRW JE UMWOLTMF

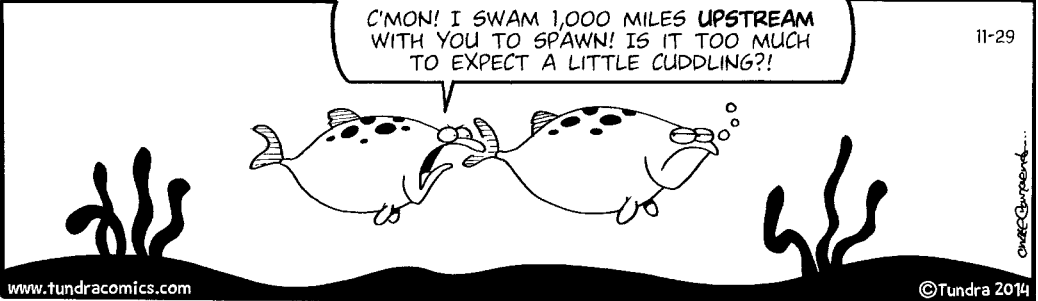
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UZZABO XH. — HOASLAM BJCAW

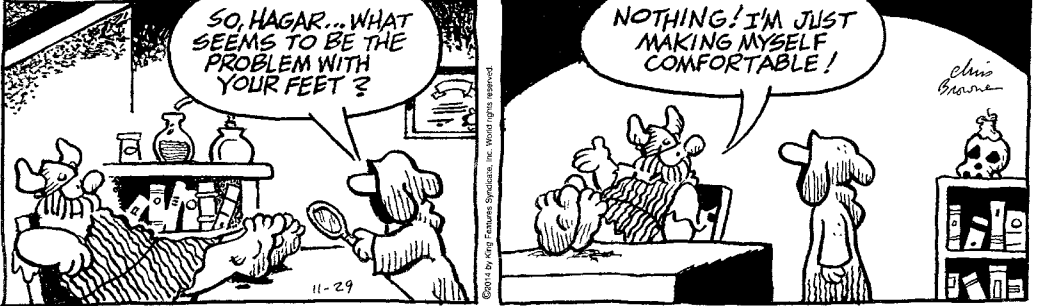
Previous Cryptoquote: INSTEAD OF GETTING MARRIED AGAIN, I’M GOING TO FIND A WOMAN I DON’T LIKE AND JUST GIVE HER A HOUSE. – Rod Stewart

## COMICS

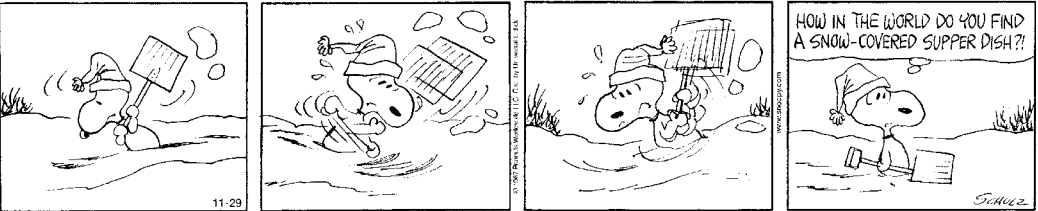
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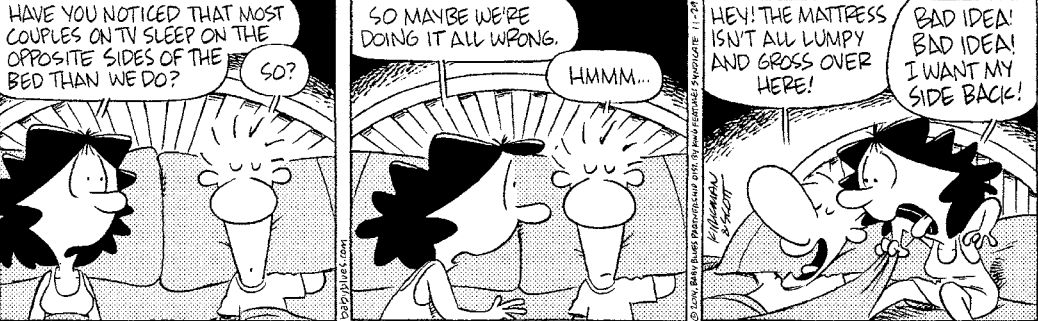
### Hagar the Horrible



### Peanuts



### Baby Blues



### Dilbert

