Boyfriend's sister complicates woman's plans for the future

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and recently decided to move to Denver to live with my high school sweetheart, "Logan." His sister "Emily" had been living with him for about a month before I moved in, and I expressed concerns about that. Logan assured me she'd be moving out soon and he didn't want to lose any time with me.

Since day one Emily and I have butted heads. She's a bartender who works three nights a week. She sleeps all day and doesn't help with bills or with cleanup. She also wastes money on her "habits." She has been mean to me, said spiteful things and caused problems between Logan and me.

I love Logan, and I want to spend the rest of my life with him, but I'm at a loss as to what to do about his sister. We have talked about it many times, but things are only getting worse. Please help. — **CROWDED IN COLORADO**

DEAR CROWDED: As you have probably noticed, you have nothing to gain and much to lose by further alienating his sister. A departure date for Emily should have been agreed upon before you moved in. Because that didn't happen, you are now in the position of an "interloper," and because you are judgmental about her lifestyle, that she would resent you and act out is understandable.

Be smart. Recognize that the current living arrangement isn't healthy for your relationship with Logan and move out. Do NOT ask him to choose between you and his sister. If Logan is as serious about you as you are about him, he may decide to choose on his own and encourage Emily to find a place to live as was originally planned.

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Margaret," cheated on her husband for 30 years out of their 30-year marriage. Her husband had a visual impairment that led to blindness, and for the last 10 years he was completely dependent on her. I'm the only one in the family she confided in about her affairs all these years. We're both now in our 60s.

Margaret's husband died last year of cancer, and then her boyfriend left her because he wanted a real relationship and she did not. She was devastated about both events, but cannot let go of being rejected by her boyfriend.

I am sick and tired of hearing about this boyfriend and his and her choices. I never approved of how my sister lived her life. Margaret's husband was a good man who would do anything for her.

I recently suggested she speak to her grief counselor about this so she can find some peace in her life. Now she tells me she has cut me completely out of her life, but she continues to send me nasty emails. She's also bad-mouthing me to my brother and my children (who know nothing). How do I deal with this? — **TIRED OF HER DIRTY LITTLE SECRET**

DEAR TIRED: You gave your troubled sister some good advice; it's a shame she didn't heed it. Now here's the way I recommend you deal with what she's doing: Tell your brother and your children EVERYthing you have written to me. After that, direct any emails you receive from your sister into trash without reading any more of them, ever. Do that, and you will find that like magic there will be less drama, turmoil and stress in your life.

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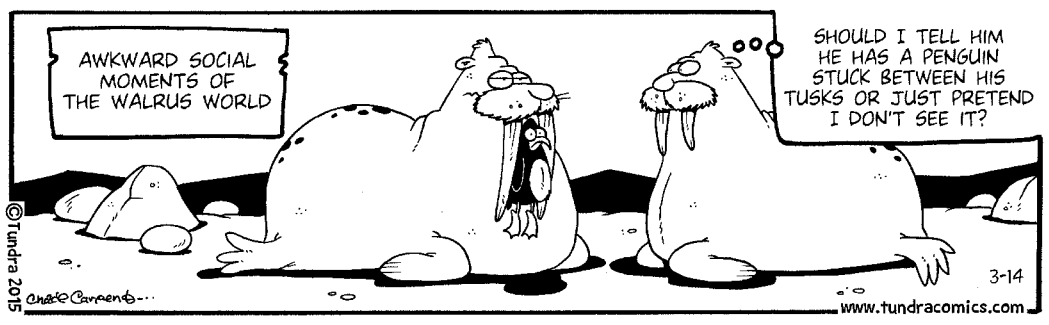

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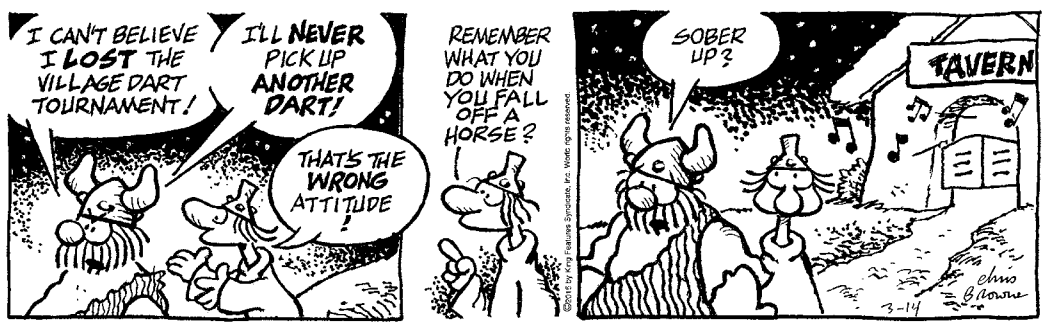

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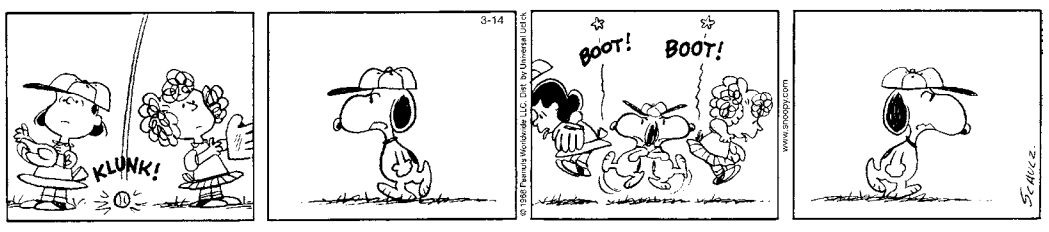

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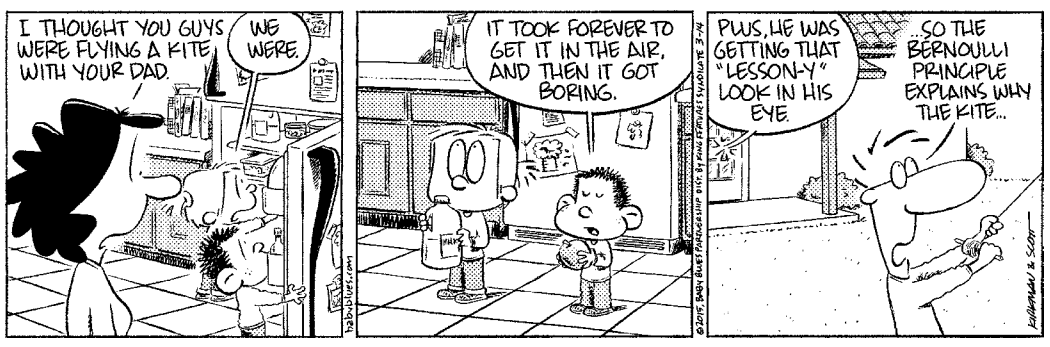

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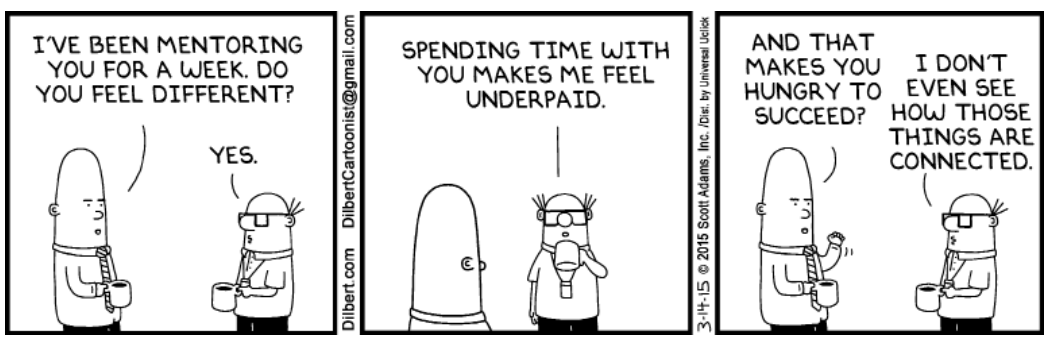

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Instructions for play: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

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.

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

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
A debate forces you to reconsider some long-held opinions. Use this time to reflect on your point of view and if there is anything you might want to change.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Life gets better and better as the week goes on, Taurus. Expect a few obstacles, but remember there's nothing you cannot tackle, especially when you get some help.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
A situation arises at work that evokes strong emotions among your coworkers. Stay neutral on the issue until you have had enough time to gather more information.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
A recently started relationship is going great, Cancer. Now might be a great time to take the next step with your special someone. Expect this person to share your feelings.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
A rush of adrenaline this week will help you sail through any projects that need completion, Leo. Take a break every now and then so you don't burn out.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you and a superior at work are seeing eye-to-eye this week. This could mark the beginnings of a great partnership, so continue to work hard.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you will sort out a complex problem in due time. Don't let any initial struggles to find a solution keep you down. Continue to focus on the bigger picture.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, use this week to address an unresolved issue. Tackle every project thrown your way head-on and with vigor. Others will notice your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, try not to over-think things this week. Sometimes the simplest solution to a problem is the best solution. Keep this in mind at the office.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, a distraction this week proves so fascinating that you neglect other responsibilities. While you may like a challenge, don't let it consume your life.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
You yearn for privacy this week, Aquarius. Make the most of any opportunity to seek out a quiet corner and spend some time deep in reflection and thought.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Chores are completely unappealing this week, Pisces. But they must get done one way or another. Delegate some tasks.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 15
Kellan Lutz, Actor (30)

MARCH 16
Lauren Graham, Actress (48)

MARCH 17
Mia Hamm, Athlete (43)

MARCH 18
Sutton Foster, Actress (40)

MARCH 19
Evan Bourne, Wrestler (32)

MARCH 20
Spike Lee, Director (58)

MARCH 21
Gary Oldman, Actor (57)

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Body shop challenges
6 Motherless calf
11 Outfit
12 Supreme Court Justice Kagan
13 German pistol
14 Fuses
15 Touches base
17 Common verb
18 Finished off
19 Star on a map
22 Determined
23 Book wrap-up
24 Blissful spots
25 Quell concerns
27 In the style of
30 Understood
31 Empty talk
32 Congress creation
33 Baltimore team
35 Perhaps
38 Show pain
39 Blundered
40 Mayflower name
41 Romantic dozen
42 Baker's need

DOWN
1 River areas
2 Compare
3 Prospector's find
4 Makes a bow
5 Neatened
6 Grass coating
7 Flamenco call
8 Frozen dessert
9 How Hoffman played Tootsie
10 Stand for art
16 One working on a wall
20 Languished
21 They, to Merimee
24 Snaky shape
25 Jockey Eddie
26 Nymph chasers
27 Meeting slate
28 Cavalry weapons
29 Nod
30 Arcade patron
34 Despicable
36 Garden visitor
37 Harris and Asner

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J	A	D	E	D	■	S	N	A	R	L	
A	X	O	N	■	■	■	O	S	L	O	
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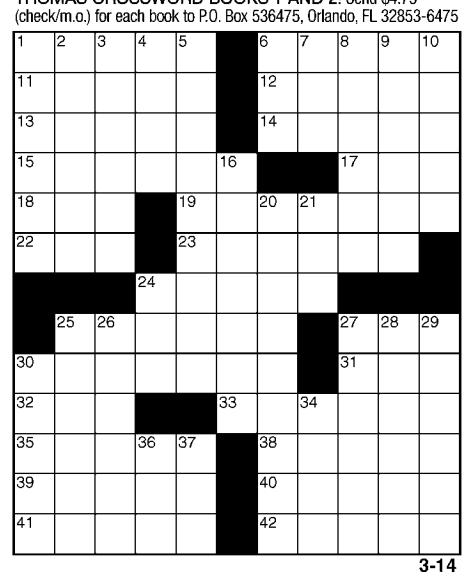

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ACROSS
1 Staggers
6 Air traffic aid
11 Use
12 Banish
13 Reach
14 Major criminal
15 "Woe —!"
17 Give permission to
18 Texan grazer
22 Region
23 Chinese food veggie
27 Soda fountain orders
29 Summon up
30 Portions out
32 Cruise stop
33 Slickers and the like
35 Possesses
38 Concept
39 One with a record
41 "Once upon —"
45 Without aid
46 Right now
47 Marry again
48 Make a speech

DOWN
1 Cloth scrap
2 Cain's mother
3 Consume
4 Courtroom lawyer
5 Spill over
6 Game official
7 Chopping tool
8 Kitchen herb
9 Lotion ingredient
10 Monthly expense
16 Janitor's tool
18 Asian monk
19 Uttered
20 Dickens girl
21 Cockpit worker
24 Do some modeling
25 Tex. neighbor
26 Glade grazer
28 Tough to clean
31 Rocker Vicious
34 "Swell!"
35 Get news of
36 Wheel connector
37 Flat-bottomed boat
40 Start of a count
42 Lupino of films
43 Yoga need
44 Retina setting

G	O	D	S	■	P	U	L	P	I	T	
I	D	E	A	■	O	N	E	I	D	A	
R	O	M	P	■	K	L	A	X	O	N	
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B	O	O	■	■	■	■	■	V	I	E	
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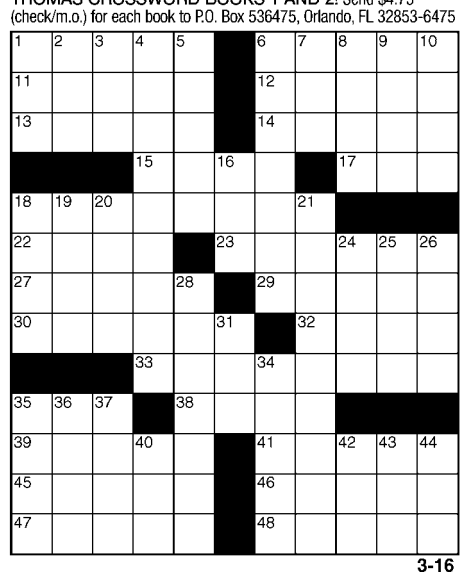

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here's how to work it:

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.

3-14 CRYPTOQUOTE

Z D W N J ' P M S N R A V U Z S L A Z B R V U M B , R G M S W N J ' P M S N R O N Z S L V S W R G Z S L . Z ' A Q N B Z R Z E M R G V R V O N M P A V U M B A Z B R V U M B . — C N G S K N N O M S

Previous Cryptoquote: NO DISTANCE OF PLACE OR LAPSE OF TIME CAN LESSEN THE FRIENDSHIP OF THOSE WHO ARE THOROUGHLY PERSUADED OF EACH OTHER'S WORTH. – Robert Southey