

Long friendship suffers after man makes a pass at neighbor

DEAR ABBY: Our neighbors of 14 years watch our dog while we are away, which is quite often. They have free access to our home with the key we have given them.

Two months ago, the husband hit on me, really pushing the issue for me to have sex with him. Then he apologized like it was nothing. I was upset, scared, shocked and told my husband because I was concerned. My husband was not happy about it.

We have not been able to look at him or his wife (my friend) since then. We are all middle-aged. Should I tell her why we have been absent, or can you help me figure out what to do? — **BADLY IN NEED OF ADVICE**

DEAR BADLY IN NEED: Make other plans for your dog when you travel, change the locks on your doors, and if your friend asks why you have been “absent,” tell her why. She may not like to hear it, but she should know that if your friendship with her is going to continue, it will have to be without her husband being included. (She should have herself checked for STDs in case her husband has managed to get lucky with a neighbor who WAS willing.)

DEAR ABBY: I’m 31 and have been married to my husband for 2 1/2 years. He wants a baby in the worst way. I don’t, and I have been clear about it.

Abby, my husband helps with nothing. I’m constant-



DEAR ABBY

ly cleaning, doing the laundry and cooking meals. That’s OK, but I’d like some help. I have asked him many times to do things before football comes on or to take a break from Netflix and get something done. It never happens. I have been nice about it, and I have been angry.

We agreed to buy a bigger house and then have a baby, but at this rate, I already have one—MY HUSBAND! Is there any hope? — **MAMA ALREADY**

DEAR MAMA ALREADY: No, I don’t think so. You married a man who is lazy, or passive aggressive and angry at your refusal to have a baby, or has been so spoiled by his mother that he thinks this is a normal way to live. Counseling might help you get through to him, but I wouldn’t bet on it.

DEAR ABBY: I am 10 years old and I have a major boy problem. My ex (Bob) broke up with me, and I felt funny around him and a little mad. So I kind of moved on. I went to my crush who had previously asked me out, and I said yes.

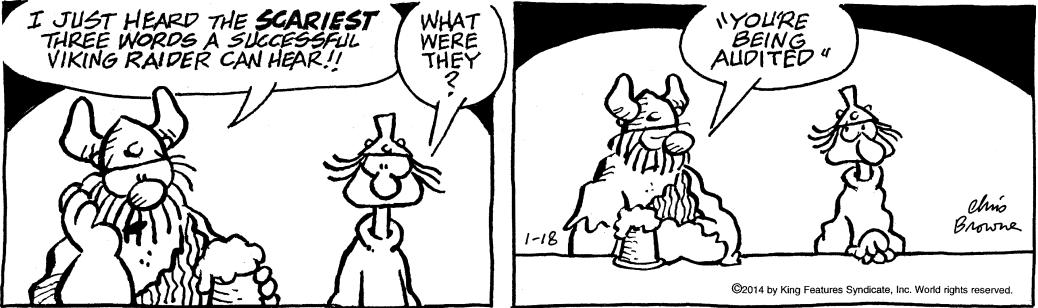
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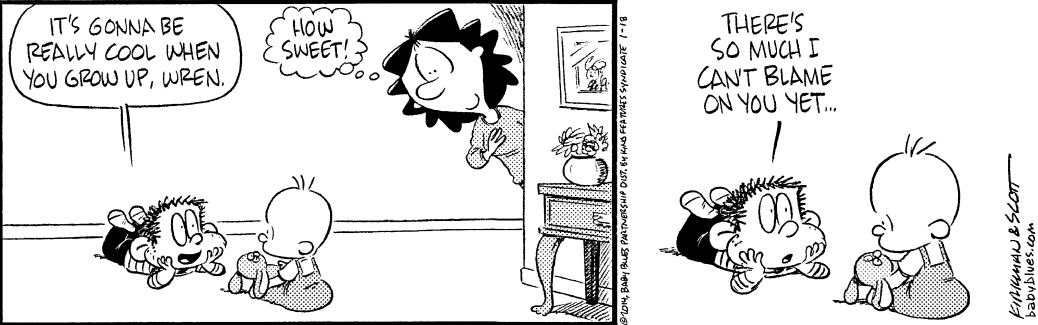
Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts



Baby Blues



Dilbert



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

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.

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

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, though you are eager to plow through your to-do list, certain plans may have to be postponed due to circumstances beyond your control. Go with the flow.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, uncover the source of a disagreement with a friend and try to come to a resolution before the disagreement escalates. Handling things promptly will pay off.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, attention to detail this week will prevent delays down the road. Keep this mind when tending to personal as well as professional matters.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
You may find your mind wandering this week, Cancer. You cannot seem to focus on the tasks at hand, but work hard to limit distractions and get your work done.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, respect a loved one’s decision to keep a certain matter private. There’s not much you can do other than offer your support and respect.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, carefully schedule your time this week. You cannot afford to get behind in work or miss any important appointments. Stay focused and leave some time free for the unexpected.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you are drawn to creative endeavors these days and have less patience for tasks that are not nearly as fun. Find a healthy balance between the two.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, expect to serve as a mediator for your loved ones this week. The issue that arises is relatively small, but your calm demeanor and cool head will be needed.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you may be floundering a little in the romance department this week. Stick to what your intuition is telling you, and you will come out just fine.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you are focused on your work, but distractions beyond your control figure to prove frustrating. Try to remain as patient as possible, and everything will work itself out.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, take a breather and stop to give some careful thought to your recent experiences and your expectations going forward. You will benefit from this reflection in the long run.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, expect some valuable insight on your future to arrive in the next few days. It won’t be difficult to set plans in motion.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
JANUARY 19
Shawn Johnson, Gymnast (22)

JANUARY 20
Paul Stanley, Singer (62)

JANUARY 21
Jerry Trainor, Actor (37)

JANUARY 22
Steve Perry, Singer (65)

JANUARY 23
Tiffany Amber Thiessen, Actress (40)

JANUARY 24
Ed Helms, Comedic actor (40)

JANUARY 25
Xavi, Athlete (34)

CROSSWORD

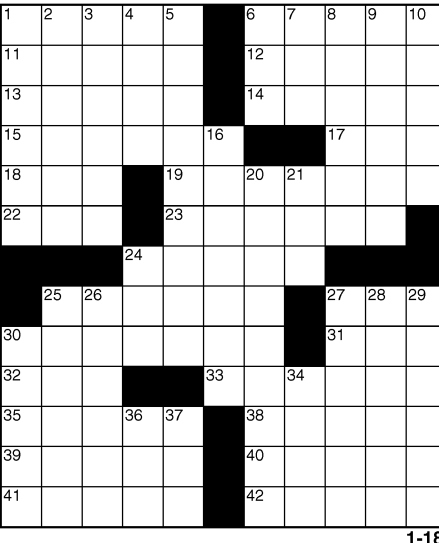
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ACROSS
1 Skylit foyers
6 Half of a 1960s rock group
11 Bulls and Bears
12 Be real
13 Field covers
14 “Beau —”
15 Van Gogh subjects
17 Kickoff aid
18 Director’s cry
19 Cardinal
22 Bond, for one
23 Immune system components
24 Dianne of “The Birdcage”
25 Vacuum tube
27 High deg.
30 Painter’s need
31 King, in France
32 Workout unit
33 Laundry problems
35 First letter
38 “Ghosts” playwright

39 Running mate of 2008
40 Past plump
41 Cleaned, in a way
42 Unpleasant

DOWN
1 Top stories
2 Shred
3 Uncommon item
4 Little devils
5 Avowal
6 Cribbage need
7 Tin Man’s prop
8 Flower part
9 Fall
10 Mount
16 Breaks away
20 Cause for a court martial
21 Diner order
24 Finish first
25 It may be laid down
26 Wee wave
27 Uses a lever on
28 Truthful
29 Mickey’s creator
30 Catches
34 “Waterloo” group
36 Roof part
37 Busy worker

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ACROSS
1 Prepares for a trip
6 Principled
11 Once more
12 Find charming
13 Summer of song
14 Pine product
15 Determination
17 Feeling down
18 Dove
22 Singer Guthrie
23 Stabbed, in a way
27 Tree parts
29 Slyly sarcastic
30 Frightens
32 Bleak
33 Against
35 Passing craze
38 School on the Thames
39 Visitor from space
41 Bangor’s state
45 Jeweler’s unit
46 Ohio city
47 Contest form
48 Requires

DOWN
1 Small tablet
2 In the past
3 Soup buy
4 Indian reptile
5 Trap
6 Purple swallows
7 Poem of praise
8 Flag creator
9 Opera piece
10 Give for a while
16 Pen fill
18 Chums
19 Rock’s Clapton
20 — mater
21 North American reptile
24 Smoke source
25 Fix copy
26 Sample recording
28 High highway speed
31 Ready to go
34 Eternal City resident
35 Clock part
36 Actor Cumming
37 Grime serving
40 Corn approval
42 Anger
43 Silent approval
44 Print measures

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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.

1-18
CRYPTOQUOTE
Y Q D N C X Y P F X Y D B B F Z C S
F M M G X Y Q F Y C T P Q G K Q P D
Q F U D T C Y M F R H Q D B . —
X D I F X Y G D T O C K Q T G K C M F X
K Q F N S C O Y

Previous Cryptoquote: IN A GREAT ROMANCE, EACH PERSON BASICALLY PLAYS A PART THAT THE OTHER REALLY LIKES. – Elizabeth Ashley