

Girl is cruising for a bruising with daredevil antics in car

DEAR ABBY: What can I do about a child I see in an automobile who is hanging out the window when she passes my house? The child is around 4 years old.

Today when I saw the little girl, the only parts of her in the car were her lower legs and feet. Her mother, father and grandmother allow her to do this. It scares me because when I was a child, I fell out of a moving car, and I still have scars on my arms because of it.

I am not close to these neighbors, so can you help me with some advice? — **SCARED FOR HER IN FLORIDA**

DEAR SCARED FOR HER: Seat belt laws have been enacted to protect children from this kind of ignorance or negligence. Children (and adults) who fall from moving vehicles can die of their injuries, or be crippled for life.

You should report your concerns about this to the police to ensure the little girl's safety. The next time you see her hanging out the car window, immediately call 911. The dispatcher will determine which agency should be notified.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife, "Kristy," and I have been divorced for five years and she has since remarried. We have a 15-year-old daughter, "Taryn."

When it's Kristy's birthday, Mother's Day, etc., Taryn looks to me to help out with gifts for her mother. I have asked my daughter if she talks to her stepfather about this, and she says no.



DEAR ABBY

I feel it isn't my duty to do this. It should be the current husband who is assigned this task. I want Taryn to be happy giving her mother a gift, but I am not comfortable with this. Am I thinking right? If so, what should I say to my daughter? — **UNCERTAIN IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Explain this to your daughter just as you have written it to me. Taryn isn't a little girl. I presume she has chores to do and earns an allowance. If she wants to give her mother a gift or a card, she should pay for it. But if she wants to spend more money for it than she has, she should ask her stepdad to chip in.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-year-old girl. I find it very hard to be a teenager where I live. It seems most of my friends have boyfriends, but most of my friends have gone very far with their boyfriends. I'm too scared to. I don't feel ready for something like that.

I kind of want a boyfriend, but it's hard to find one because most guys want to go too far. I don't want to talk about this kind of stuff

with my mom. I hope you get the chance to answer. — **TEEN OUT WEST**

DEAR TEEN: I'm sorry you can't discuss this with your mother because if you did, she could share her experience with you, and that's a valuable asset to have.

I have always advised that when people start dating, they do it in groups, which takes away a lot of the pressure of feeling you have to do anything you don't want to do. If that ever happens to you, you have the right to say "no," "stop!" "I'm not ready for that," etc. Some girls are reluctant to say it loudly and clearly, which is a big mistake. Most men understand that no means no -- but if a girl doesn't state it clearly, they think it's OK to continue. If you follow this advice, your problems will be greatly minimized.

DEAR READERS: If you live in a state that observes daylight saving time, don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed tonight. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow. You know what that means -- it'll be lighter later and, as a comfort to those of you who are suffering through an extraordinarily harsh winter, spring is on the way!

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

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

This week you need to be the follower instead of the leader, Aries. It may be difficult to go against your normal grain, but it is for the best. Keep an open mind.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Your confidence may wane sometime this week, Taurus, but some friends will boost your morale to help you get back on your feet. Saturday will be a big day.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, certain things that have to get done this week are out of your realm of expertise. Do your best to tackle these projects but have a helper on hand just in case.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you have a lot on your plate, but you don't know where to start. Make a list of your tasks, and it will help you better tackle one thing at a time until you are all done.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, learn to laugh at yourself as a means to relieving stress. Things can't always be serious, so lighten up and take some time to relax. Work with Virgo this week.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Give yourself a much-deserved break, Virgo. You've been working nonstop for the last several months, and now is a great time to take a vacation or enjoy a weekend getaway.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You don't have all of the answers, Libra, so don't even think about saying you do. Relationship concerns are at the forefront of your mind lately.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, it might be hard to bite your tongue, but that's just what you have to do this week. Wait until you are called on for help before you get involved.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Take a few days to get all of your affairs in order, Sagittarius. Use this time to adjust to some changes that have happened over the last several weeks.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Burning the candle at both ends again, Capricorn? This is not the best way to get things done. Take a more steady approach, and give yourself time to recover.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you can't put your finger on it, but something positive seems to be on the horizon. The truth will reveal itself in the next few days.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, fight against the current for something you truly believe in. Unexpected events arise on Thursday.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 9
Matthew Gray Gubler, Actor (34)

MARCH 10
Carrie Underwood, Singer (31)

MARCH 11
Alex Kingston, Actress (51)

MARCH 12
Liza Minnelli, Actress (68)

MARCH 13
Danny Masterson, Actor (38)

MARCH 14
Grace Park, Actress (40)

MARCH 15
Dee Snider, Musician (59)

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Wear

down

7 Tooth-

paste buy

11 Entice

12 Pinnacle

13 Like agate

14 Proofing

note

15 Borders

16 Boosted

17 Took in

18 Intercede

19 Golden

Rule word

21 Lowly

worker

22 Appli-

cation

advertised

but never

released

25 Diner

treat

26 Grating

sound

27 Freeway

entrance

29 "Dog-

gone!"

33 Halts

34 Sachet

scent

35 Bar bills

36 City near

Mt.

Rainier

37 "A Death

in the

Family"

writer

38 Made

amends

DOWN

1 "Tiny

Alice"

play-

wright

2 Like birds'

eyes

3 Mountain

group

4 Made

sense

5 Bucks'

partners

6 Halt

7 Designing

asset

8 Satisfac-

tory

9 Straight

path

10 Scope

16 Puts away

18 Backpack

20 Usual

values

22 Classic

23 Organ-

isms that

need

oxygen

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Previous Puzzle

9	Jam fruit
25	Mail-
28	Church
30	Without
31	Circus
32	A bunch
34	Past due
36	Phone
	bug

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Dainty

drinks

5 Throw

away

10 Arduous

journey

11 Inventor

Edison

13 Depend

14 Milne's

morose

donkey

15 Stag's

rack

17 Sewer

rodent

18 Longs for

19 Make a

choice

20 Sticky

stuff

21 Sword

fight

22 Weary

sounds

25 Hurried-

ness

26 Easy gait

27 Utter

28 Go bad

29 Crumples,

as a sheet

of paper

33 Termite's

cousin

34 Solar

event

35 Shower-

cleaning

buy

37 Bike part

DOWN

1 Valued

violin

2 Marie

Curie's

daughter

3 Furs

4 Ceiling

window

5 Sound

system

6 Mating

game

7 Singer

Orbison

8 Lustful

9 Castle

part

12 End a

lawsuit

16 Aphro-

dite's

son

21 Vampire's

undoing

22 Rake with

gunfire

23 Some

patches

24 "I'm outta

here!"

25 Corridor

27 Holy

29 Designer

Geoffrey

30 Harpoon

31 Gram-

mar

topic

32 In itself

36 Wire

measure

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