

Swinging parents undermine values taught to their kids

DEAR ABBY: A short time ago, I discovered my parents are “swingers.” I had picked up my mother’s phone to take a picture and an incoming text caught my attention. When I read it and investigated further, I learned the truth.

I don’t mind what they do with their marriage, and I respect their choices. However, my siblings and I were raised in a strict Christian home. My parents taught us the opposite of what they are doing. Now I feel they are hypocrites.

How can they tell me to act a certain way when they don’t practice what they preach? I’m not sure if I should talk to them about it or drop this entirely. Help! — **DISILLUSIONED DAUGHTER**

DEAR DAUGHTER: What exactly do you mean when you “investigated further”? If it means you searched the history in your mother’s phone, you crossed the same line children do when they search through the drawers and closets of a parent’s bedroom looking for things that are none of their business.

Before labeling your parents as hypocrites, please remember that they raised



DEAR ABBY

you with basic values that are shared by the majority of people. If they have “strayed from the path,” it’s their choice – and it may have happened AFTER they taught you your good Christian values.

I think you should talk to your mother about what you did and what you found. If you do, she may have a few more lessons to impart.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are avid sports fans and have season tickets to several sporting events. Our seats are in the middle of a row. Before we go to our seats, we check to see which way has fewer people seated so we disturb the fewest possible. We also try to leave our seats only during halftime or between innings and always apologize for disturbing anyone.

However, I am bothered that we are forced to climb over certain individuals who don’t stand up to let us by. Sometimes I feel I’m almost bumping into the folks in the row ahead of us.

Is there a rule of etiquette that states that people should stand to allow others to get by? I don’t want to step on toes or spill drinks on anyone. What should I do in these situations? — **SQUEEZED OUT IN HOUSTON**

DEAR SQUEEZED OUT: Emily Post does have a rule regarding crossing in front of people in theaters and at sporting events. According to her, you should say, “Excuse me” or “Pardon me” on your way to your seat and “pass with your back to those already seated.” (Personally, I would rather that someone face my navel than my posterior at eye level, but I didn’t write the rule.)

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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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A Date With Your Pantry
Dear Heloise: Here is how to be sure that the food in your PANTRY is edible and not expired -- with only about 15 minutes of work per year!

On Jan. 1, 2015, I wrote a “15” on top of every can and box in the pantry. If I found any food with a “14” written on it, that meant it was there a year ago in January of 2014. I separated that food, checked the expiration dates and will try to use it up as soon as I can.

Now, when I reach a can that has no handwritten number, I know that it has been purchased during the current year. There is no more wondering, “How long has this been here?” This gives me peace of mind and only takes 15 minutes of effort. — Kathy P. from the Upper Peninsula in Michigan

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Veggie Scrub Gloves

Dear Heloise: I read the question from Jim in Indiana regarding washing fruits and vegetables (Heloise here: Jim asked how to “wash” them, and the answer was with plain, running water -- no soap or detergent -- while rubbing them with your hands or a paper towel).

I use a pair of exfoliating gloves found in any drug-store or discount store. They make scrubbing vegetables and fruit quick and easy by removing grit, grime, peach fuzz, etc., without harming the skins. I keep a pair in the kitchen dedicated to just this purpose. I never miss your column. — Sylvia P., San Angelo, Texas

Sylvia, brilliant! Say “Hi” to my friends in San Angelo and at the San Angelo Standard-Times! I think this is perfect, especially when scrubbing potatoes. Really, just one glove would do. — Heloise

Lemon Grating

Dear Heloise: Very often, parts of the lemon are wasted when the recipe only calls for the rind or the juice. You can use the entire lemon at one time, avoiding any waste of this useful fruit.

I use a grater and use (or freeze) the grated rind of the lemon. Be careful and don’t go into the white part of the rind, which will make it bitter. Then I cut the lemon in half and use the juice (or freeze it). — N. Sneigle, Parkersburg, W.Va.

Lemons can be used in so many dishes and in so many different ways. When they are on sale, buy a few extra. Pop them into a freezer bag, then into the freezer, and you’ll have “fresh” lemon juice anytime you want it. — Heloise

Neat Brownies

Dear Heloise: I have received many compliments on how neat my brownies look. The secret? A pizza cutter. After the brownies have cooled, I use a pizza cutter to make 24 squares. Then I use a table knife to score the edges, as the cutter cannot go that far. Presto! Perfect brownies (and other bars) with no mess on the sides. — Eloise Farris, Holiday, Fla.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Hotel room feature
- 5 Cartoonist Kelly
- 9 Static problem
- 11 River vessel
- 12 “Help!” drummer
- 13 Inert gas
- 14 Homer’s dad
- 15 NBA team
- 17 NBA team
- 19 Golfer Trevino
- 20 Mailer’s need
- 21 Despondent
- 22 Inclined
- 24 Bill stamp
- 26 High points
- 29 Director Burton
- 30 NBA team
- 32 NBA team
- 34 Do a yard job
- 35 Visitor from afar
- 36 UV stopper
- 38 Harvest goddess
- 39 John — Garner

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- Serpent’s spot
- Couplet creator

DOWN

- 1 Throw away
- 2 Suspects’ stories
- 3 Of the best quality
- 4 Major lang.
- 5 Tip off
- 6 Lansbury of Broadway
- 7 Pillaged
- 8 Uptight
- 10 Leave work

- 11 2006 Pixar film
- 16 In theory
- 18 Yam
- 21 RBI or ERA
- 23 Wrestling hold
- 24 Used an old phone
- 25 Strike caller
- 27 Geisha garb
- 28 Torch holder
- 29 Vestige
- 30 Debate group
- 31 Adorable
- 33 Prom attendee
- 37 Use a ray-gun on

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ACROSS

- 1 Course activity
- 5 Trouser material
- 10 October birthstone
- 11 Evening bash
- 12 Opera star
- 13 Firstborn
- 14 Car part
- 16 Car part
- 20 Applies, as finger paint
- 23 Zodiac sign
- 24 Be miserly
- 25 Wine buys
- 27 Tiny worker
- 28 Portions out
- 29 Car part
- 32 Car part
- 36 Botch
- 39 Clinton’s veep
- 40 Fly or flea
- 41 Foray
- 42 Gaggle group
- 43 Keats poems

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- Mayberry kid
- Kilauea flow
- Rail carrier
- 5 Bridge costs
- 6 Shoe specification
- 7 Anger
- 8 “— Misérables”
- 9 Rented out
- 11 Appears
- 15 Post-singer
- 17 To boot
- 18 Yard units
- 19 Chuck

- 20 Carpet type
- 21 “— Lisa”
- 22 Chow
- 25 Chowder chunk
- 26 Brisk tempo
- 28 Take as one’s own
- 30 Ends of the earth
- 31 Draw out
- 33 Swamp croaker
- 34 Pennsylvania port
- 35 Some wines
- 36 Mediterranean fruit
- 37 Small bill
- 38 Exploit

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here’s how to work it:

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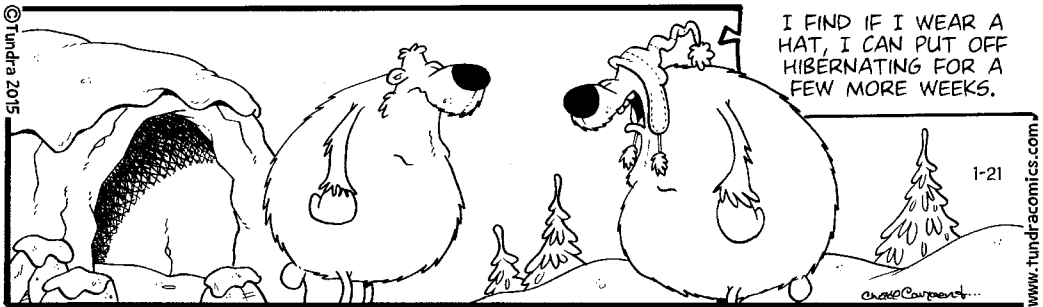
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L’s, X for the two O’s, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

1-21 CRYPTOQUOTE
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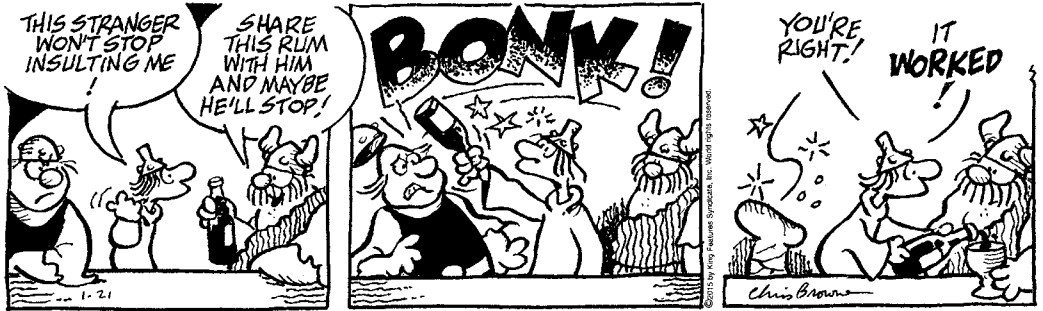
Previous Cryptoquote: THE PARTITION BETWEEN THE SAGE AND THE FOOL IS MORE SLENDER THAN THE SPIDER WEB. – Kahlil Gibran

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Peanuts



Baby Blues



Dilbert

