

Mixed-race baby would be a surprise but not an outcast

DEAR ABBY: I am five months pregnant with my second child and engaged to a wonderful man, “Tony.” We get along well with my ex-husband with whom I share custody of my first child. But problems may arise when the baby is born.

I had a night of sex with a friend who is of a different race. Tony knows about it and the possibility that the baby will be mixed. He feels strongly that he will help me raise the child as his own.

My family knows nothing about this, nor does my ex. How should I handle the possible backlash and confusion if this child is, indeed, the product of my one-night stand? — **SCARED IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR SCARED: Say nothing prematurely. If your baby turns out to be mixed race, deal with it matter-of-factly. While there may be confusion, all you have to do is say that you and Tony plan to raise this child together in a loving family. If they wish to participate, they are welcome. If not, make it clear that you will do it without their help.

Your baby will not be alone. According to the Census Bureau, the population of mixed-race Americans



DEAR ABBY

grew 32 percent from 2000 to 2010.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, “Donna,” and I have been together for eight years. We have a great relationship, respect each other and never argue. She has a low-paying job, and I don’t ask much of her in regard to rent or other bills, but she does buy a few groceries now and then.

I have always told Donna that if she ever needs money, all she has to do is ask me and I’ll help with what I can. My dilemma is that she “borrowed” about \$50 in change I had been saving in a coffee can and didn’t tell me. When I asked her about it, she said she’d put it back. That was more than a month ago.

Am I being petty? I’d hate for this to become an issue between us. Should I say something again, or just wait to see what

Donna does? — **SHORT-CHANGED GUY**

DEAR SHORT-CHANGED: That Donna would take the money, not tell you, and not pay it back or start “feeding the kitty” is disappointing. Because it bothers you to the point of writing to me, tell her what’s on your mind. If you don’t, it will fester until there is an eruption. Better to air this now, before it grows out of proportion.

DEAR ABBY: Upon going into a public women’s restroom where the doors of the stalls are closed, what is the polite way to check if someone is in a stall? Should I try to open the door or look under to see if there are feet? — **GOTTA GO IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR GOTTA: The time-honored, foolproof method is to check if there are feet. It’s less disruptive than pushing on the door, which might startle an occupant.

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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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Previous Puzzle

HELOISE’S KITCHENEERING BY HELOISE

Is Worcestershire Best Served Cold?

Dear Heloise: I have read the label on my original Worcestershire sauce and cannot find the answer to my question: Should you REFRIGERATE Worcestershire sauce after opening it? — Danny P., via email

The answer is no, you don’t HAVE to, but yes, you can. NO, it’s not a food-safety concern (unless your kitchen stays at, oh, around 90 degrees!). YES, for the best taste and freshness. Also, how long does a bottle last in your house? A month? A year? -- Heloise

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Salmonettes Recipe

Dear Heloise: My family loves your Heloise Salmonettes recipe, but we moved, and I cannot find the recipe. Please reprint it! — Judy W. in Idaho

These are so delicious and easy to make! Here you go:

- 1 can of salmon or tuna (14-16 ounces)
- 1/4 cup liquid saved from the salmon or tuna
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup flour
- Pepper to taste
- 1 heaping teaspoon baking powder

Fill a skillet halfway with oil and preheat. Drain the salmon or tuna, but keep 1/4 of the liquid. Place fish in a mixing bowl and break up with a fork so that it’s flaky. In small amounts, add egg, flour and pepper. Mix well to just blend everything — don’t overmix.

Add the baking powder to the saved liquid and beat with a whisk or fork until frothy. IMMEDIATELY add it to the fish mixture and fold/stir to blend. Don’t let it sit! Start scooping the mixture onto a small spoon (I use two iced-tea spoons – they are perfect) and drop into the hot oil.

Watch them carefully, since they do brown quickly. Drain on a paper towel and serve. -- Heloise

P.S.: You can’t make up the mixture ahead of time, but you can cook the little “fish balls” and reheat them later.

Why Horseradish?

Dear Heloise: I was asked to a friend’s house for dinner, and her young son asked me where the word “horseradish” came from. Well, I didn’t have the answer. Could you help us out? — Bernice S. in Nebraska

Here’s the answer, straight from the Horseradish Information Council – who knew there was one? The theory is that horseradish came from Central Europe, where it was called “meerrettich” in German, meaning “sea radish.” The word “meer” sounds like “mare” in English, so the English started calling it “mare-radish.” Eventually, it became known as horseradish, so I guess there is a “mare” in there somewhere! — Heloise

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Want to know
- 7 Bushy hairdo
- 11 Fit for farming
- 12 LummoX
- 13 Cheapen
- 14 Muscle quality
- 15 Inexperienced
- 17 In a frenzy
- 20 Bumbling
- 23 Settle the bill
- 24 Exclusive group
- 26 Towel word
- 27 Really impress
- 28 Outlaw
- 29 Whole number
- 31 Break off
- 32 Plow maker
- 33 Altar exchange
- 34 Scoundrel
- 37 Long sandwiches
- 39 Dawn-to-dusk
- 43 Understanding words
- 44 Campaign event
- 45 Cincinnati team
- 46 Play parts

DOWN

- 1 Hunk of gum
- 2 Bauxite or magnetite
- 3 Collar
- 4 Arizona player, for short
- 5 “Born Free” lion
- 6 Lively folk dance
- 7 Play opener
- 8 Place for posies
- 9 Harry’s friend
- 10 Pindar poem
- 16 Soda bottle size
- 17 Plant pest
- 18 Portland setting
- 19 Place for pearls
- 21 Cabaret fixture
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- 25 Need to pay
- 30 Wipes out

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ACROSS

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- 5 Army group
- 10 Funny
- 12 “Emani,” e.g.
- 13 Lover of drama
- 14 Majestic
- 15 Simile center
- 16 Championship emblem
- 18 School-bag item
- 20 Tea cooler
- 21 Occupied
- 23 Homer’s neighbor
- 24 Lusty look
- 26 Senator
- 28 Energy
- 29 Declares
- 31 One-time link
- 32 Booth
- 36 Fine
- 39 Genesis name
- 40 Use a soapbox
- 41 Icicle holders
- 43 Inform against

DOWN

- 1 Scuffle
- 2 Untethered
- 3 Capital of Jordan
- 4 Kind of chart
- 5 Hokey stuff
- 6 Frank
- 7 Wins back
- 8 Cavorts
- 9 Like some peanuts
- 11 Office machines
- 17 Building wing
- 19 Friend of Fidel
- 22 Unmoved
- 24 Not loose
- 25 Come forth
- 27 Ensign’s org.
- 28 Fumes
- 30 Suitable

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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.

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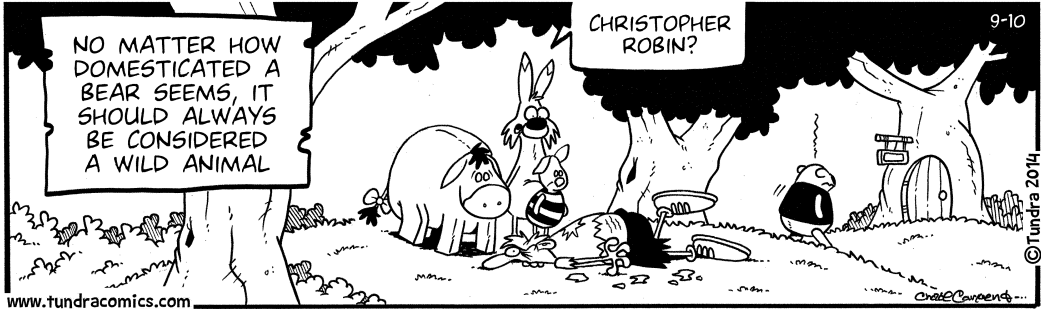
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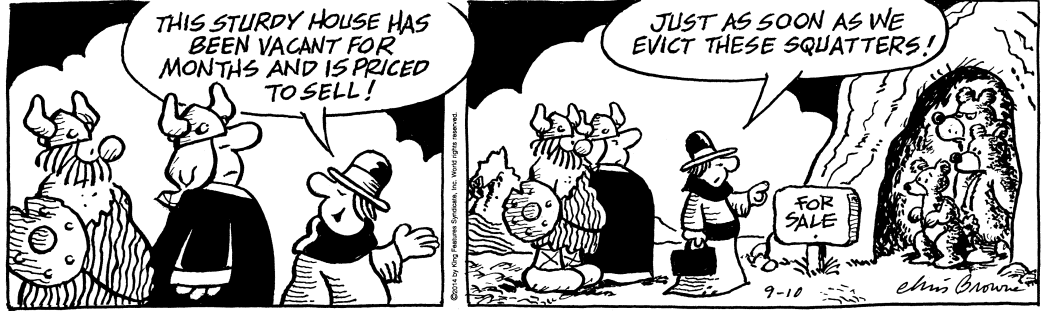
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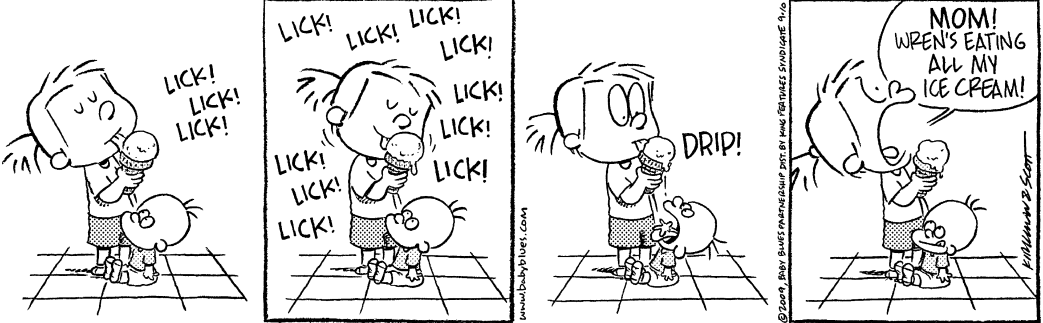
Hagar the Horrible



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Baby Blues



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