

Woman’s texts to her ex threaten her marriage

DEAR ABBY: I’m a twice-divorced woman who found my present husband late in life. I’m in my early 60s, and my husband is in his 70s. We married quickly because I didn’t want to be alone in life and I thought I loved him.



DEAR ABBY

My husband works while I stay at home because of a medical condition. Because I get bored, I spend some of my time communicating with and texting male friends from the past and one of my ex-husbands.

We have fun texting and sometimes it goes a little beyond that. I realize I am married and my ex is engaged, but how harmful can this be? I don’t think I’m hurting anyone, and it helps the day go by.

Is this considered cheating? I don’t think it is because my ex and I live in different states and the chances of us ever getting together again are slim to none. — **PASSING TIME**

DEAR PASSING TIME: This isn’t harmless fun; it’s a threat to your marriage. Whether I consider it cheating is beside the point. Whether your husband and your ex’s fiancée would consider it cheating is the question. If they got wind of your “pastime,” I suspect both would be hurt, angry

and feel violated. Not only that, you could lose Husband No. 3.

DEAR ABBY: My 2-year-old daughter has recently become boob-obsessed. The first thing she does in the morning is point at my chest and say, “Boobs!” If she hugs me, she tries to grab them. Sometimes I catch her staring at my chest in fascination. I scold her when she grabs at them, but it’s disturbing.

I never taught her the word “boob” and feel annoyed that she probably learned it from our sitter. When I spoke to the sitter about it, she laughed and said it’s perfectly normal and that a lot of kids are boob-obsessed. But it doesn’t seem normal to me, and I’m creeped out.

I have started wearing sweatshirts to keep covered up. My little girl has also

started grabbing my butt and lifting up my shirt, and I’m nervous about how she’s acting around the sitter and other women in the family. Is this behavior normal? — **CREEPED OUT IN VALENCIA, CALIF.**

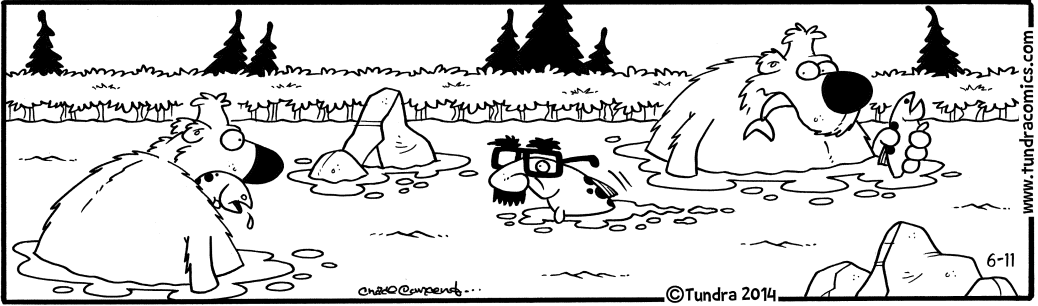
DEAR CREEPED OUT: Children have been known to act out to get attention. If a parent acts shocked at something the child does or says, the child will repeat the action for its shock value. Because you are concerned that your daughter’s behavior isn’t normal, the person to discuss this with would be her pediatrician. The doctor can put your fears to rest or alert you if there is something to worry about.

Another thought: Ask your baby sitter to be more circumspect in the language she uses around your child if the word “boob” offends you, because children build their vocabularies repeating the words they hear.

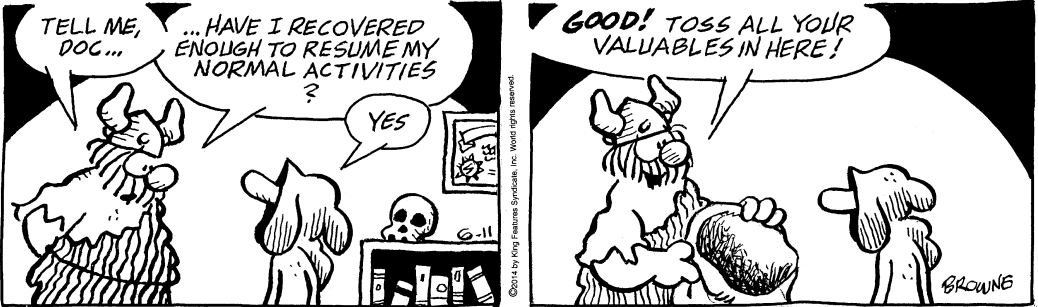
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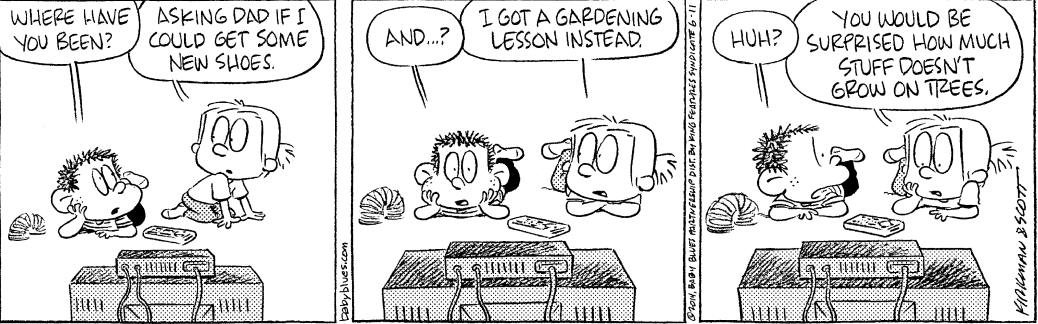
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What Makes This Yogurt Greek?

Dear Heloise: Can you tell me the difference between GREEK YOGURT and regular yogurt, other than the price? — Hazel B. in Idaho

An obvious difference is that Greek yogurt is thicker than regular yogurt because it is strained of all the whey (or extra liquid). This is what makes Greek yogurt not only thicker, but also healthier, because sugar and carbohydrates also are strained out with the liquid. Many people find that Greek yogurt has a tangy taste that’s different from regular yogurt, and almost double the protein, which is why people are really going crazy for it.

If you don’t care for the taste of Greek yogurt by itself, try using it in dishes in place of sour cream. Another popular way to eat it is as a dip or salad dressing. — Heloise

Salt Hints

Dear Heloise: After chopping onions, the odor can remain on your hands for days, and washing your hands doesn’t always help. What works well is to wet your hands, pour on a generous amount of salt and then rub your hands with the salt like it’s soap. Be sure to get it under your fingernails, too. If a faint odor remains, a second washing should do it.

Also, if your coffee cups are stained with coffee, rinse them with water and dampen a paper towel. Then pour a small amount of salt into the cup. Scrub the inside of the cup with the damp paper towel. The stain easily comes out. This is especially handy in an office break room, where cleaning supplies are limited. — Mary A. in Nebraska

Mock Apple Pie

Dear Heloise: You have a recipe for an apple pie that doesn’t actually contain apples. Can you please reprint it? — Callie H. in Oregon

This Heloise’s Mock Apple Pie is delicious, and you’re right – it has no apples in it! Gather the following ingredients:

- Pastry for a double-crust-ed 9-inch pie
- 2 cups water
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 20 regular, salted, single-stack, square saltine crackers
- Butter (for dotting)
- Ground cinnamon (for sprinkling)

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Line the bottom of a 9-inch pie pan with the pastry. In a saucepan (medium size), boil the water, sugar and cream of tartar. Add the soda crackers and boil, but ONLY for 1 minute. Spoon the mixture gently into the pie shell. Dot the top with butter, and sprinkle with some cinnamon to taste. Cover the pie with the top crust and cut vents into it. Bake for 35 minutes.

Let the pie cool completely before cutting into it. This recipe and more are in my Heloise’s All-Time Favorite Recipes pamphlet, which you can order by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Recipes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. — Heloise

Keep Fresh

Dear Heloise: When you open a container of ice cream, before you put the lid back on, put a piece of waxed paper over it. It will be just like when you first opened it. — Betty B. in Ohio

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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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Organ part
- 5 2000 Super Bowl champs
- 9 Chocolate substitute
- 11 Venice sight
- 12 Let up
- 13 Sprightly
- 14 Horror star Chaney
- 15 Lost it
- 17 “Rats!”
- 19 TV spots
- 20 Paris sight
- 21 Crafty
- 22 Stable sound
- 24 Long of “Soul Food”
- 26 Chess castles
- 29 Swindle
- 30 Flipped
- 32 Depleted
- 34 Receipt line
- 35 Get on
- 36 Use a soapbox
- 38 Highway sections
- 39 Frisco player

40 Whirl of water

41 Yester-year

DOWN

- 1 Burn with water
- 2 No-nos
- 3 Juicer fruit
- 4 Poker prize
- 5 Latest fad
- 6 “20 Questions” category
- 7 Ailment
- 8 Winter gliders
- 10 “Shoo!”
- 11 Walking aid
- 16 Golfer’s cleek
- 18 Gershon of “Bound” one
- 21 Oxford, for
- 23 Continued
- 24 Commis-sion-free
- 25 Not on the coast
- 27 Samurai sword
- 28 Outpour-ings
- 29 Elevator lifter
- 30 Olympus group
- 31 Wield, as power
- 33 Neutral color
- 37 Tear

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Previous Puzzle

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- 10 Touch on
- 11 Put away
- 12 Robin Cook book
- 13 Under-mine
- 14 “I agree whole-heartedly!”
- 16 “That’s so not true!”
- 20 Gallery star
- 23 Future embryos
- 24 Is sulky
- 25 Caesar’s language
- 27 Flow out
- 28 Find a new star
- 29 “Oh my!”
- 32 “Alright, I get it!”
- 36 Worn down
- 39 Entice
- 40 Router connections
- 41 Turkey neighbor
- 42 Strata
- 43 Ear centers

2 Clarinet cousin

3 Arizona city

4 Like clear nights

5 Cut off

6 Strand unit

7 Yellow-stone grazer

8 Cain’s mother

9 Bear’s lair

11 Work byproduct

15 Radiator sound

17 Greek vowel

18 Rara —

19 Tirade

20 Made fun of

21 Lounge attire

22 Sousa-phone’s kin

25 Remini of TV

26 Type of paint

28 Peruses

30 Winona of films

31 Considers

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here’s how to work it:

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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.

6-11 CRYPTOQUOTE

T X C L L N X Q I Q B S Q W X D T L B A
N F Q A T V Q V Q B F A V C X J I Q X ;
E C A A N S B Z T A V Q B F X
P Q A A T F P B I N F P U T A D L Q N L I Q .
— V B D B A V B P B F S D T

Previous Cryptoquote: EMANCIPATE YOURSELVES FROM MENTAL SLAVERY, NONE BUT OURSELVES CAN FREE OUR MINDS! – Bob Marley