

Clandestine family affair needs complete confession

DEAR ABBY: I recently found out my daughter has been having an affair with her sister's husband. This will tear our family apart. It will also have a huge impact on my grandchildren.

I have not yet told my wife, who will be devastated, but I'm having trouble carrying this burden alone. I feel they should be held accountable. Should I look the other way, or make them responsible for their actions, knowing the hell it will create? — **STRESSING IN THE USA**

DEAR STRESSING: What an unfortunate mess. Please do not assume that you are responsible for any damage that may result from this affair. Because you know about it, it's logical to assume that it's only a matter of time until others find out what has been going on.

That's why you should talk to your daughter. Tell her you know about the affair and will now have to inform her sister, who deserves to know that her marriage is in serious trouble and why. If you do, it may save the marriage.

DEAR ABBY: In the past few months I have gone to different parties for friends from my church group. I always go to the celebrations eager to meet and chat



DEAR ABBY

with people I haven't seen in years.

However, one thing bothers me about these get-togethers. Toward the middle of the event, I often get approached by the host who will ask me to assist with a certain task such as setting up the table, clearing or even doing the dishes. No one else is ever asked to help.

I was raised in a family that emphasized good manners and to always be willing to help a friend. But in these situations I feel uncomfortable because I don't want to refuse my host and I was invited as a "guest."

Isn't it rude for a host to ask a guest to help clean? If so, what would be the appropriate response? — **INFRINGED UPON IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR INFRINGED UPON: Whether it's presumptuous to ask depends

upon how close the host is to the guest being asked to lend a hand. Some people would consider it a compliment; however, if you're not close, it IS presumptuous. And if you prefer not to be recruited, all you have to say is, "I'd rather not."

DEAR READERS: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and no Thanksgiving would be complete without my sharing the traditional prayer penned by my dear mother:

Oh, Heavenly Father,
We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.
We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service,
That Thy gifts to us may be used for others.
Amen.

Have a safe and happy celebration, everyone! — Love, ABBY

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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 Feast of Food Faux Pas

Dear Readers: Wow and double wow! It seems like a lot of you have had some pretty funny "mistakes and mishaps" IN THE KITCHEN! I had no idea so many of you would "fess up" to some pretty silly food foul-ups! Here are just a few:

■ Ilona, via email, said: "In my first month of marriage, I used a recipe calling for a clove of garlic. I thought it meant the whole head. Boy, did my kitchen reek of garlic for hours after!"

■ Maria C., via email, said: "I grew up with three brothers. When learning to cook, I made my first cake from scratch and left out any leavening. The cake turned out flat and rubbery. My family still laughs about how my brothers had a great time using it as a flying disc in the backyard!"

■ Marie W., via email, said: "My mother baked the best cherry pie on Earth, so I wanted to impress my father with mine. I cooked a cherry pie. The problem was, I used canned cherries with the pits still in them. My father ate it, declaring that it was the best he had ever eaten, while spitting seeds along the way. I will always adore him for that!"

Look for even more stories next week! — Heloise

Malt Vinegar

Dear Heloise: I enjoy eating fish and chips, and I love the malt vinegar sprinkled on the fish. I put some on the "chips" or fries by accident, and I loved the taste. To make ordinary french fries tastier, sprinkle with malt vinegar. — Ally T. in New York

What a great hint, and I often do the very same. I do love vinegar on salads and veggies, and tasty red-wine vinegar with fresh chilled cucumbers and carrots. With so many flavored vinegars available, it's easy to experiment with different foods for a new (and no-calorie) taste experience. For more hints and recipes, order my Heloise's Fantabulous Vinegar Hints and More pamphlet by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Use balsamic vinegar to add to salads or sliced tomatoes and mozzarella for a quick and healthy meal! Try it on egg rolls for a no-sodium alternative to soy sauce. — Heloise

How Long?

Dear Heloise: Pumpkin pie is a traditional dessert at Thanksgiving in our home. How long will it keep on the table? -- Kelly D. in Kentucky

Pumpkin pie is always on the menu during Thanksgiving (here in Texas, it's pecan pie). It should be refrigerated within a two-hour window of time. The same guideline goes for most food that sits out. — Heloise

Plastic Helper

Dear Heloise: My husband came up with this hint: Save the little plastic "tables" that often come inside pizza-delivery boxes. They work great when poked into a frosted cake, pan of bars or meringue-topped pie. They keep the plastic wrap or aluminum foil cover from touching the food. — Cherie M., via email

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Final

5 Cry like a baby

9 Open, as a pill bottle

11 Indian coin

12 Around

13 "Three Sisters" sister

14 French friend

15 PC replacements

17 Rents from a renter

19 Guest's bed

20 Paris river

21 Chess pieces

22 Theater feature

24 Gallery fill

26 Tale tellers

29 "— we there yet?"

30 Fancy glasses

32 Gravy morsels

34 Baseball's Ripken

35 Korean or Thai

36 Martini extra

38 Grammar topic

39 Famous

40Some

linemen

41 Harry's wife

DOWN

1 "Star Wars" creator

2 Hostility

3 Manuscript copier

4 One of three in a row

5 Singer lves

6 Individually

7 Continued

8 Minimal amount

10 Gizmo protector

- 11 Umbrella parts
- 16 Pigged out
- 18 Shopping aid
- 21 Cook's creation
- 23 Martini's kin
- 24 Out of bed
- 25 Fix, as an old book
- 27 Speak from memory
- 28 Barrel parts
- 29 Banded rock
- 30 Drummer Krupa
- 31 Some coasters
- 33 Young girl
- 37 High hit

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Uneven

5 Deadly

10 Go it alone

11 Gourmet's sense

12 Hammer or sickle

13 Destroyed

14 Thanks-giving dinner offering

16 Thanks-giving dinner offering

20 Arc unit

23 Nabokov novel

24 "Cats" poet

25 Arsonists, in slang

27 Print units

28 Scarab, e.g.

29 Thanks-giving dinner offering

32 Thanks-giving dinner offering

36 Con quest?

39 Clip contents

40 Wed in secret

41 Grace finish

42Salaman-

ders

43 Physics amount

DOWN

1 Swift jets

2 Owl comment

3 Baseball's Moises

4 Course coach

5 Animal life

6 Put in a row

7 Almond

8 Had dinner

9 Went ahead

11 Tag info

15 Yard units

17 Component

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Previous Puzzle

- 18 Fan's favorite
- 19 Facility
- 20 Profound
- 21 Sailors' saint
- 22 Basic idea
- 25 Quick look
- 26 Polite agreement
- 28 Yawning, perhaps
- 30 Take as one's own
- 31 Yarns
- 33 Jane Austen book
- 34 Iowa city
- 35 Massive amounts
- 36 Signing need
- 37 Hearty brew
- 38 Squabble

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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.

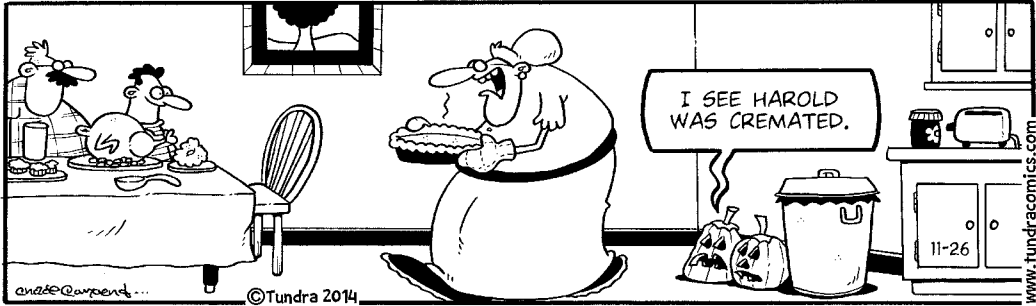
11-26 CRYPTOQUOTE

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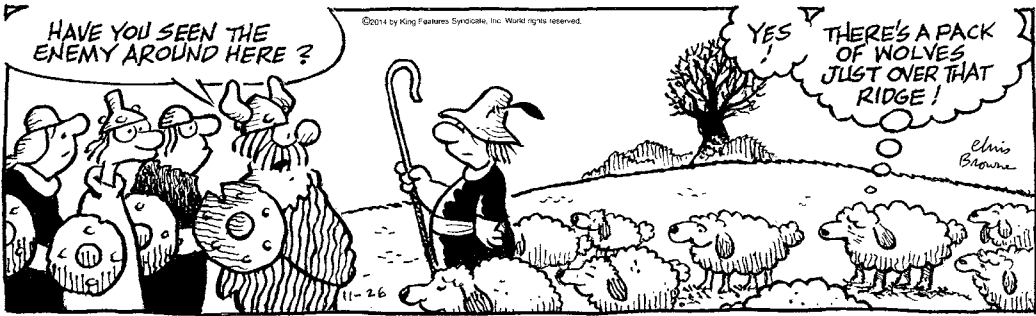
Previous Cryptoquote: YOU CAN PRETEND TO BE SERIOUS; YOU CAN'T PRETEND TO BE WITTY. – Sacha Guitry

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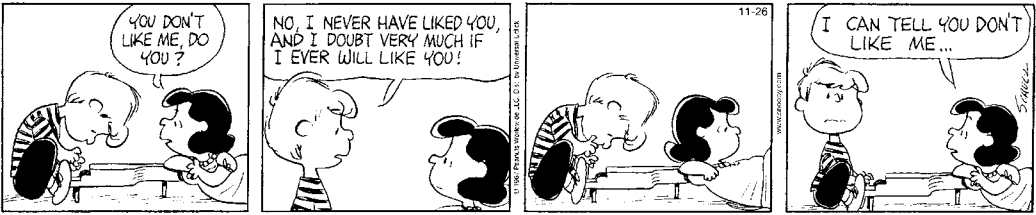
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