

Woman considers her place in affayir with married man

DEAR ABBY: I am a twice-divorced woman who has never been good at choosing the men in my life. Two years ago, I met a man who is 12 years my senior. He is sweet, thoughtful and caring, and would do just about anything for me. What started as companionship has turned into a full-blown love affair. The problem is that he is married.

His wife is not well. She has a chronic disease and other medical problems. The way he cares for her is what attracted me to him in the first place. He spends what time he can with me, but mostly he is there for his wife.

I am OK with the situation, as I don't want him to leave her for me. I have tried breaking it off with him, but he gets me to take him back, saying he doesn't know what he would do without me in his life. He is very strong-willed.

Abby, I feel like I'm in the background waiting for her to die so I can take her place as his wife, and I hate this feeling. What should I do? — **GUILTY IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR GUILTY: Your feelings are well-founded. You ARE waiting in the background for this man's wife to die. But what if she doesn't?

You say you have never been good at choosing men, and I have to agree. Please don't think I am unsympathetic, but it's time to ask



DEAR ABBY

yourself why you chose to get involved with someone who isn't available except for a few stolen moments. If marriage is what you really want, your priority should be to find a man who doesn't have the kind of previous commitment this one does.

DEAR ABBY: I have recently been contacted by an old boyfriend who is now incarcerated. He claims I was the love of his life and he thought about me often after our breakup. He is now asking me to become his pen pal and send him money occasionally.

I have bitter memories of our relationship, so it's hard to believe he cared for me as much as he says. He is begging me not to "abandon" him or forget about him, but I don't want the role of pen pal and provider. How do I share my thoughts without hurting his feelings? — **RELUCTANT IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR RELUCTANT: If you are smart, you won't respond to him at all. I have printed letters from more

than one prison guard who wanted to warn kind-hearted, gullible women that inmates send multiple "solicitations" of this kind in the hope that SEVERAL of the recipients will send money.

You are not responsible for this man's well-being. Since your breakup, your lives have obviously gone in polar opposite directions. My advice is to keep it that way, for your own sake.

DEAR ABBY: What is the proper way to dispose of leftover milk in your cereal bowl? To dump it out is wasteful, to spoon it up like soup seems a bit much, and to drink it right from the bowl seems rather cat-like. Does the answer differ if you are in your own kitchen vs. a restaurant or other residence? — **GOT MILK IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR GOT MILK: If you're in a restaurant, you should not lap liquid from the bowl. If you're at home — anything goes. And if you have so much milk left in your bowl after the cereal has been consumed, you are pouring too much in and need to adjust the amount.

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HELOISE'S KITCHENEERING BY HELOISE

Cinnamon Butter Is a Toasty Treat

Dear Heloise: Could you please reprint the Heloise recipe for CINNAMON BUTTER that was in our newspaper and that I forgot to save? Thank you very much. — Judy, via email

Happy to share this Heloise recipe for all readers to enjoy. It is such a tasty addition to your morning toast, bagel, waffles or pancakes. You just need the following ingredients:

- 1/2 pound of butter or margarine (not diet)
- 3 tablespoons of cinnamon
- 1/2 pound of powdered sugar

Mix all of the ingredients using an electric mixer. Once well blended, place the butter in a container or old margarine tub, and store in the refrigerator. For even more delicious, favorite recipes like Heloise's Olive Nut Dip and Heloise's Apricot Preserves (one of my favorites), order my All-Time Favorite Recipes pamphlet. To receive one, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (66 cents) envelope to: Heloise/All-Time, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Cinnamon-sugar is a great addition to French toast. Combine 3 cups of sugar with 1/2 cup of ground cinnamon. Store this mixture in a container with your spices. — Heloise

DRIP PANS

Dear Heloise: After replacing my stove's drip pans for the umpteenth time, I had an epiphany. I was setting my self-cleaning oven to clean overnight, and I placed the grimy drip pans inside. In the morning, I just had to wipe them down, and they were good as new. — Natalie Schuldt, via email

Readers, be sure to check YOUR oven's manual. You can leave oven racks in and place the electric range drip pans inside the oven when self-cleaning. But do this only if your manual recommends it, and be aware that the racks may change color and be hard to slide out. — Heloise

BASIC BAKING

Dear Heloise: Being a military wife, we move often. I have learned that no two ovens cook at the same temperature. Familiar recipes need new cook times.

When making a meal or baked good, start checking it 20 minutes earlier than you expect it to be done. Keep checking every five minutes to ensure that you catch the proper cook time. Once you have that recipe's time, you can adjust cook times for your other recipes. — Kimberly J., Abilene, Texas

ANNATTO SEED

Dear Readers: Cleaning out my spice cabinet, I found a jar of annatto seed (also known as achiote seed) and couldn't remember why I'd bought it! Used in Latin American and Mexican cooking, it adds rich yellow and orange colors to foods. The seeds can be added to soups and stews, and rice, pork or fish dishes, providing a peppery flavor. Try some in your next dish! — Heloise

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 Fleet members
- 6 Cronies
- 10 Gold measure
- 11 Asian land
- 12 Tusk material
- 13 Profound
- 14 Inclined
- 15 Bouillabaisse ingredient
- 16 Sky sighting
- 17 Hotel feature
- 18 Wide shoe marking
- 19 Diego Rivera, for one
- 22 Adopted son of Claudius
- 23 Sub shop
- 26 Increase
- 29 Young fellow
- 32 Fork over
- 33 Huge snake
- 34 Charm
- 36 Relate
- 37 Asparagus unit
- 38 Deep pink
- 39 New York's — Island
- 40 Make speeches
- 41 Take a breather

- 42 Harrison's successor

DOWN

- 1 Slopes frequenter
- 2 "Enjoy yourself!"
- 3 Smelter's need
- 4 Component
- 5 Hog home
- 6 Diner desserts
- 7 Humble
- 8 Embankment
- 9 Panache
- 11 Thanks-giving, e.g.
- 15 Avril follower

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Previous Puzzle

- 17 Some DVD extras
- 20 Tattoo setting
- 21 Bus. card no.
- 24 Conservative's foe
- 25 Set apart
- 27 Scoundrel
- 28 More statuesque
- 29 Surgery tool
- 30 More than sufficient
- 31 Formal fights
- 35 Café au —
- 36 Conservative, in London
- 38 Bed for a guest

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ACROSS

- 1 Partners
- 6 "The Metamorphosis" writer
- 11 Martini extra
- 12 A second time
- 13 Vegas action
- 14 Bookish, perhaps
- 15 Ambassador's agents
- 17 Polite address
- 19 Big galoot
- 20 Restful resort
- 23 Preposterous
- 25 Obsessed captain
- 26 Elevator door feature
- 28 "What's Going On" singer
- 29 Goddess of wisdom
- 30 Farm female
- 31 Seventh letter
- 32 By the unit
- 33 Does refinery work
- 35 Touch base
- 38 Castle of dance
- 41 Like good watchmen

- 42 More coquettish
- 43 Muscular
- 44 Herd member

DOWN

- 1 Down yard work
- 2 Imitating
- 3 Quartz variety
- 4 Tied up
- 5 Butler, for one
- 6 West of music
- 7 Historic times
- 8 Way off
- 9 Billy's baby
- 10 Some amount of
- 16 Run

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Previous Puzzle

- 17 Prolonged attack
- 18 Acquired relative
- 20 Amorous glance
- 21 Golfer Stewart
- 22 "Fuzzy Wuzzy was —"
- 24 Dogfight pro
- 25 German cry
- 27 Stressed type
- 31 Gas gauge
- 33 Ride the waves
- 34 Easy run
- 35 Bar bill
- 36 Bar choice
- 37 "My word!"
- 39 Once called
- 40 Mess up

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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.

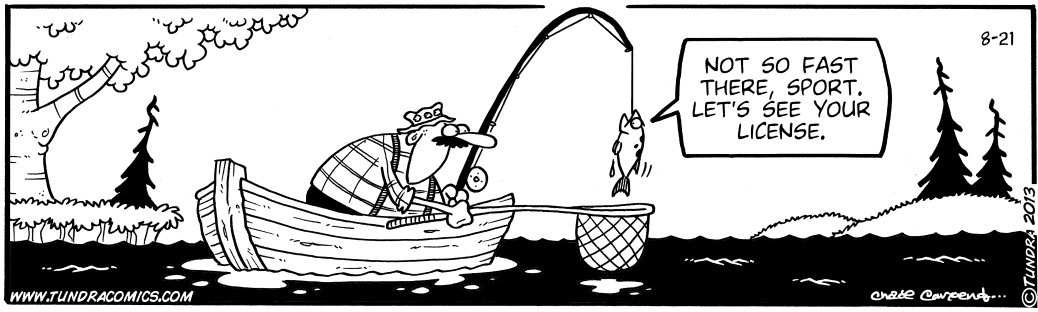
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Previous Cryptoquote: OTHER THINGS MAY CHANGE US, BUT WE START AND END WITH FAMILY. – Anthony Brandt

COMICS

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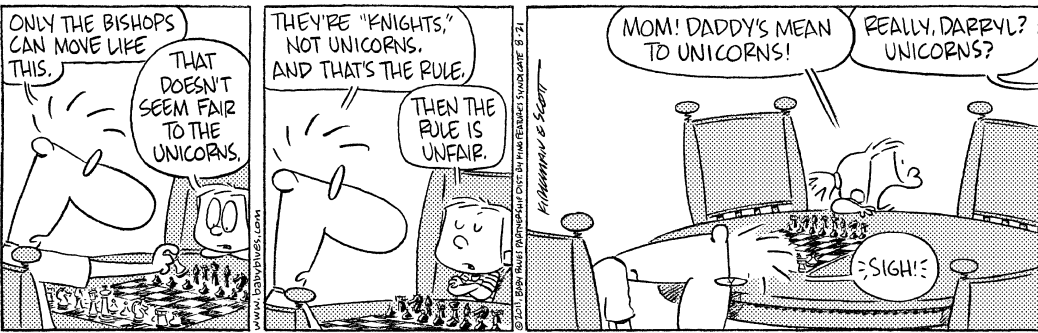
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