

Wife’s birthday gag gift turns out to be a turn-on

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, I turned 50 and my co-workers held a small celebration. When we celebrate birthdays, we all have agreed to regift an item (usually a gag gift).

One of my presents was a black leather miniskirt and matching vest. I never planned on wearing it, but my husband, “Tom,” and I were invited to an ‘80s-themed Halloween party and I didn’t want to spend a lot of money on a costume, so we decided to go as a rock star and his groupie.

I left work early to get ready for the party. When Tom arrived home, he couldn’t keep his eyes or hands off me. We never made it to the party and had the best sex we’d had in years. Before that night, our love life had been practically nonexistent.

Abby, please remind readers to always keep intimacy in their relationships. Apparently, Tom and I just needed to be creative and spice things up a little. — **HAPPIER IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR HAPPIER: That’s a great suggestion. Now I know why your jack-o-lantern was smiling.

DEAR ABBY: I was married for six years and had three children with my husband. He always said he hated people who cheat on their spouse, but then he had an affair with a married co-worker, a woman



DEAR ABBY

who had three kids. We had a huge argument about it. I called her names and he beat me up. I called the police, he was arrested, jailed, and I filed for divorce.

It has been six years and I have moved on, but I’m still angry over their cheating. They got married and invited mutual friends who knew of their affair. All of them attended the wedding.

When I questioned a few of them about why they didn’t tell me he was cheating on me, they said it was “none of their business.” (Oddly enough, those people thought nothing of socializing with the cheaters.)

I’d like to know how many of your readers would tell someone their spouse was cheating. I know I would, because affairs aren’t innocent fun.

Just to add to the end of my story, my ex and his trophy wife are now divorcing after three years of marriage. The reason? He caught her cheating! — **THE EX-MRS. IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR EX-MRS.: These “friends” may not have told you because they either didn’t want to get involved, or they had already chosen whose side they planned to be on.

I suspect many readers will want to chime in on your question. And I also suspect that, unlike years ago when folks opted to remain silent, the majority will say they feel the spouse has a right to know because they would want to be told.

DEAR ABBY: Please provide advice on hugging a woman without it seeming like I am more interested in experiencing a free feel of her breasts than in just hugging her. Any help or suggestions will be appreciated. — **HEALTHY AMERICAN MALE**

DEAR H.A.M.: If you are hugging women you don’t have much of a relationship with, your intention could be misconstrued. If you think your attempt to be warm and friendly might be regarded as making a pass, then you shouldn’t do it, or you may be considered less a “healthy American male” than a creepy lecher.

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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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Where Do Pine Nuts Come From?

Dear Heloise: When dining recently, I had a dish with PINE NUTS. When I looked for them in the grocery store, I noticed how pricey they are. Why are they so expensive, and do they come from actual pine trees? — Charlotte W. in Indiana

Yes, Charlotte, they really come from the pine cones of a pine tree! The seeds (yes, they are seeds, NOT nuts) are inside the cones. This is why they are not cheap - it takes a lot of effort to get these tasty little nuggets to market! The cones are harvested, dried and processed so the “scales” (sort of like pulling off the leaves of an artichoke) come open and the seeds can be removed.

Pine nuts have a very sweet and nutty flavor. They are used in pesto sauces, added to cookies and other baking items, or tossed in salads. Usually they are heated and roasted to bring out their flavor. Do store them in the refrigerator. — Heloise

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Heloise Olive Nut Dip

Dear Heloise: I am looking for your mother’s Olive Nut Dip recipe. How can I get a copy? — Jay D., via email

Hey, Jay, all you had to do was ask! This recipe for Heloise’s Olive Nut Dip or Spread is one of the most-asked-for Heloise recipes! I remember as a child sneaking some to put on crackers for an afternoon snack. With the holiday season here, you can make this and keep it in the refrigerator (hidden, if needed!) for quick sandwiches or as a dip for veggies and chips. Gather the following ingredients:

8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup real mayonnaise
1/2 cup pecans, chopped
1 cup sliced or chopped green “salad” olives (see P.S.)

2 tablespoons juice from the olive jar

Dash of pepper

Mix the ingredients until blended and smooth, then refrigerate for at least an hour or two. It is so easy to make, and so yummy! This is just one of many family recipes included in my All-Time Favorite Recipes pamphlet. To order one, please send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Recipes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. For added flavor, try adding some finely chopped jalapeños, a dash of hot sauce or some garlic black pepper to the recipe. — Heloise

P.S.: Salad olives are bits and pieces of green olives, and they are cheaper than whole or sliced green olives. Oh, you can use black olives if you prefer, but then you might need to add a dash of salt for taste.

Clean Sink

Dear Heloise: When washing my face in the evening, I put the stopper in the sink. When done, I add a squirt of soap and wash out the sink. A quick rinse, and it stays clean all the time. — Deni A., Midland, Texas

CROSSWORD

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17 Take in

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34 Recently

36 Tortoise’s

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20 Grass

21 Hit show

24 Sing-along

25 Mixed, in

27 Tell tales

28 Swift

29 Party

30 Burning

31 Winter

35 A long

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32 Have a

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33 Guiding

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25 Sis’ sibling

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31 Runway

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34 Painter

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35 Easy

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36 Ring