

# Husband hopes wife is willing to spice up their love life

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have been married for quite a while, and our intimate life became monotonous and unimaginative a long time ago. Over the years I have suggested we try things like role-playing and other non-extreme variations during intimate times. My suggestions were met with rolling eyes and retorts like, “I’m your wife, not a hooker.” I finally gave up and try to be content with what we have together.

Then one evening she surprised me and did one of the things I had suggested. It was very nice and she seemed to like it, too. I didn’t know what to say to her. “Thank you” somehow seemed condescending. We have done nothing like it since.

I doubt if the answer is in the etiquette books. What should I have said to her to let her know how much I appreciated her loosening up and hope it will perhaps make her more comfortable spicing things up in the future? — **ETIQUETTE ADVOCATE IN SAN DIEGO**

**DEAR ADVOCATE:** Praise is a powerful incentive. Flowers would have been nice. But since you didn’t send any, try this: Invite your wife out to dinner at a nice restaurant. Tell her how surprised and delighted you were with the special surprise she gave you. A small gift to



DEAR ABBY

commemorate the occasion couldn’t hurt either.

A satisfying sex life is all about communication, and if my mail is any indicator, if more wives were uninhibited in the bedroom, there would be a lot less business for the “professionals.”

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating a wonderful man for two years and am in hopes of getting a proposal soon. We are both committed to staying pure before marriage and have not been intimate.

My question to you is, do I have to tell him, now or ever, that I have had breast implants? I did it several years ago, and it greatly improved my self-esteem. I’m glad I did it.

Since he has never felt any breasts, if I tell him, my fear is he will get hung up on the thought, “I wonder what REAL breasts feel like.” On the other hand, if I don’t tell him and sometime in the future he finds

out, he may be like, “I can’t believe you kept that from me.” What would you advise? — **RETICENT IN KENTUCKY**

**DEAR RETICENT:** Many women have breast enhancement surgery so their figures will be more balanced. For the reason you have mentioned, you should tell your boyfriend. It should make no difference to him. However, if it does, it’s better that you know now before you spend any more time on someone who measures the worth of a woman by how “real” her breasts are.

P.S. If he wants to know what “real” breasts feel like, tell him to go hug his mother.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** I’ll pass along this pithy sentiment shared with me by former California Gov. Gray Davis. In a commencement speech to students graduating from Columbia Law School, Davis told them: “School is fair. Life is not. Just get used to it.”

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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](http://www.sudoku.com) to find the solution.

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## HELOISE’S KITCHENEERING BY HELOISE

### Red Spices Stay Cool

Dear Readers: Take a peek in your spice drawer or spice rack. What do you see? If you see RED, then you might want to rethink where you should be seeing red! Most of us know to store spices within easy reach of the stove or cooktop. Of course, spices should be kept away from high heat, moisture and bright light.

But did you know that certain spices (a clue here to the color red) should be stored in the refrigerator?

Yep, red spices such as paprika, chili powder and cayenne pepper are best kept in the refrigerator to maintain color and flavor. This is especially true if you don’t use a lot and a bottle lasts a long time. — Heloise

### Grease Fire

Dear Heloise: I have known for years that baking soda was good for extinguishing grease fires, but never gave it much thought. Recently, a pan of hot grease suddenly burst into flames.

Fortunately, I had been using baking soda for a cleaning chore and left the box in plain sight on the counter. I grabbed the box and tossed a handful of the soda on the flames (Heloise here: Toss the baking soda toward the base of the flames). The fire disappeared immediately! — Wanda B., Sawyer, Okla.

So glad you were able to handle the fire and stay safe! Remember, this is for small kitchen flare-ups! Always try to put the lid on to smother the fire, and turn off the heat. Yes, baking soda is handy for many situations, and I have more hints available in my Heloise’s Baking Soda Hints and Recipes pamphlet. To order one, please send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Your hint about keeping a box of baking soda handy is sound advice. It’s a cheap product that serves so many purposes. — Heloise

### Potato Tacos

Dear Heloise: When I make real mashed potatoes, I bake the whole potatoes first. Then I scoop out the insides, “flake” them, then add butter, salt, pepper, finely chopped onions and a dash of garlic juice.

I save the skins (as whole as possible), and we use them for “fake tacos” the next night. I put out all the toppings: chili, beans, cheese, lettuce, diced tomatoes and hot sauce. Everyone makes his or her own “flavor.” — Yvette in Georgia

### Peeling Bananas

Dear Heloise: My nephew recently pointed out to me that it is usually easier to peel a banana from the bottom rather than from the stem end. He’s right! — Bonnie C. in Florida

### Sugar-Cone Funnel

Dear Heloise: I needed to put a mixture of dried spices into small bottles, and the opening on my funnels was too small for the mixture to flow through. I cut off the small end of a sugar cone so it would fit the bottle opening, and the mixture went right through. — Jane A., Beavercreek, Ohio

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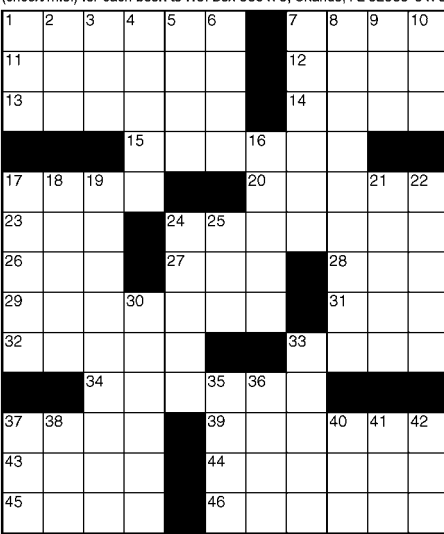
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- 23 King topper
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- 26 Buddy
- 27 Curved path
- 28 “— your loss!”
- 29 Comes into view
- 31 Old soldier
- 32 Brown shade
- 33 Towel word
- 34 This evening, in ads
- 37 Narrow cut
- 39 Kind of fin
- 43 Make lots
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- 46 Shakespearian work

### DOWN

- 1 Crayon makeup
- 2 Important time
- 3 ID card issuer
- 4 Dagwood’s dog
- 5 Perfect place
- 6 Challenge
- 7 Warrior woman
- 8 Open to suggestion
- 9 Whale group
- 10 Count start
- 16 Sprawling tales
- 30 Revolted

- 17 Breaks, perhaps
- 18 Start of a Caesar quote
- 19 Misleading
- 21 Complete
- 22 Fence supports
- 24 Heathen
- 25 Vein yield
- 33 Wading bird
- 35 Altar exchange
- 36 Dorothy’s dog
- 37 Restful resort
- 38 Indulgent
- 40 Junior, to senior
- 41 Brewery product
- 42 Rent out

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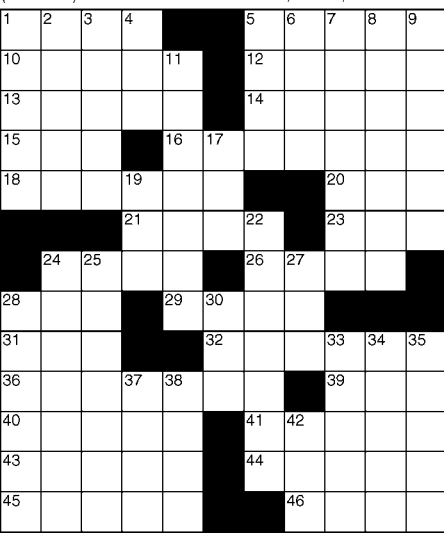
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- 18 Campaign backer
- 20 Reverent wonder
- 21 Sales dept. workers
- 23 Blue
- 24 Catalan painter
- 26 Low card
- 28 “— folly to be wise”
- 29 Wine valley
- 31 Music’s Yoko
- 32 Jazz fan
- 36 World War II fighter plane
- 39 Verb for you
- 40 Some messages
- 41 Skirt

### DOWN

- 43 “Taxi” character
- 44 Out of bed
- 45 Go undercover?
- 46 Turn down
- 1 Inflexible
- 2 Opera’s Callas
- 3 Dizzying posters
- 4 Obtain
- 5 Camel feature
- 6 Tar’s call
- 7 Magazine holder
- 8 Passage between buildings
- 9 Was a fink
- 11 Ten-sided figure
- 17 Giant Mel
- 19 Train unit
- 22 Noted gate-keeper
- 24 Bare-bones
- 25 Set apart
- 27 Ludacris’ music
- 28 Locker room stack
- 30 “So that’s it!”
- 31 Train unit
- 33 Lead to
- 34 Old English forest
- 35 Wee
- 37 Sea wall
- 38 Thunder sound
- 42 Pot cover

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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.

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## CRYPTOQUOTE

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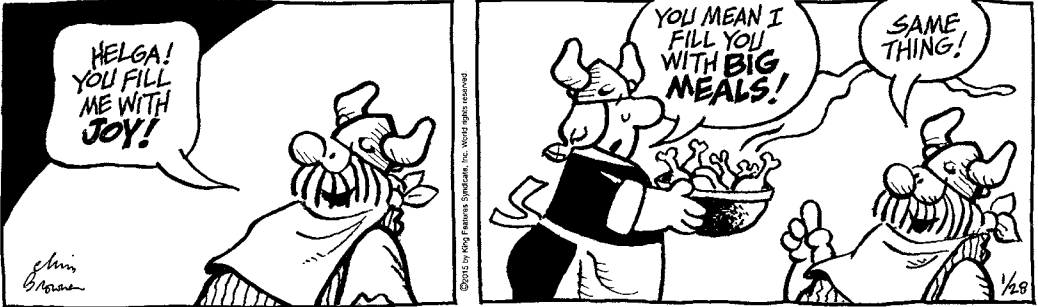
Previous Cryptoquote: TRUTH IS FOUND NEITHER IN THE THESIS NOR THE ANTITHESIS, BUT IN AN EMERGENT SYNTHESIS WHICH RECONCILES THE TWO. — Georg Hegel

## COMICS

### Tundra



### Hagar the Horrible



### Peanuts



### Baby Blues



### Dilbert

