

Young wife expecting first child faces adult decisions

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and a new bride. My husband is in the Army. We're very happy, but I just found out that I'm pregnant – I'm not sure how far along yet – and I feel torn about what to do.

My husband wants a child very badly, but he did say he would support whatever decision I make. While I have no objection to having a child, I know my family will make me feel guilty if I do by saying they are disappointed, that I should have waited and that I'm "throwing my life away."

Abby, I am so confused. I don't know what to do. I want my family to support me and be there when I have our first child. — **PRESSED AND CONFUSED**

DEAR PRESSURED: Was your family disappointed and saying you were throwing your life away when you married your husband? If the answer is no, then why would they accuse you of doing so because you are pregnant?

You are an adult, albeit a young one, and a wife. The first thing you need to do is see a gynecologist and find out how far along you are. Your next step is for you and your husband to decide if you are emotionally and financially ready to be parents.

No one can decide this for you, but your family's possible "disappointment" should not enter into your decision. If they are not supportive, your in-laws might be.

DEAR ABBY: Before my son met his fiancée of five years, "Shelby," he went



DEAR ABBY

with another girl, "Dana," for three years. During that time we became good friends with Dana's parents (the "Smiths"). After the breakup, we stayed in touch with the Smiths and go out occasionally.

Recently, Mrs. Smith invited us to her husband's retirement party. When we told our son we were going, he mentioned it to Shelby, who told us we were being disrespectful to her by continuing our relationship with the Smiths.

Shelby's position is that all ties to Dana and her family should have been severed when the boyfriend/girlfriend relationship ended. Our position is the Smiths became friends of ours before Shelby was in the picture, and we don't think we are being disrespectful to anyone by continuing our relationship with this couple. Are we wrong? — **JIM IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR JIM: Of course not. Your son's fiancée appears to have serious insecurities. I sincerely hope you won't allow her to control your lives and your relationships, because if you do, this is just the

beginning of how she will try to control you -- and your son. This is Shelby's problem. SHE will have to deal with it. Please do not make it yours.

DEAR ABBY: I have friends who exclude me or take off with other friends before I can get to where they are meeting. What can I do to get them to call me? Why am I their whipping post? — **FRIEND-CHALLENGED IN OVERLAND PARK, KAN.**

DEAR CHALLENGED: Friends don't treat friends the way you are being treated. There is nothing you can do to get them to behave differently. You are letting them do this because you're hoping that if you ignore their insensitivity and rudeness, they will accept you.

Please stop trying to cling to them. Join activities where you'll meet people with whom you REALLY have something in common. If you do, you will be much happier than you are today.

DEAR READERS: Once again, here is my "timely" reminder that daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday – so don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before bedtime.

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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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Previous Puzzle
yesterday's answer

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Don't race ahead to get the early advantage this week, Aries. Practice patience in all that you do this week, and you may find greater success.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, there is a high level of uncertainty in your life right now, so it is best to take a conservative approach regarding your finances. Take big decisions seriously.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Keep your options open, as things look promising this week, Gemini. Many things will catch your eye, but you will have to make some tough decisions.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, your career takes an unexpected turn that leads you in an exciting new direction. But these changes may take a few weeks or even months to fully develop.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you may have your sights set on an exotic vacation, but you just don't have the money to make it happen right now. Save for your dream getaway or take a quick jaunt to recharge.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may prefer clearly defined relationships, but this week someone comes into your life who you just can't read. This person makes a lasting impression.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, although your vision for the future is grand, you may not know how to execute your rise to success right now. Find a mentor who can show you the ropes.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you may not have the time to be a shoulder to cry on this week, but a trusted confidante will need your assistance. Take the time out for this special friend.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You are not in complete control of your feelings this week, Sagittarius. Make a concerted effort to control your emotions when conflict arises.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, surprises are coming your way. Though you may want to control the situation, you have to sit back and let the chips fall where they may.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, don't allow daydreaming to distract you from the tasks at hand. Distractions will only derail your plans, so do your best to keep them at a minimum.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, an ongoing issue must be addressed this week. Procrastination will only delay the inevitable, so tackle this issue head-on.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 3
Dolph Lundgren, Actor (56)

NOVEMBER 4
Ralph Macchio, Actor (52)

NOVEMBER 5
Kevin Jonas, Singer (26)

NOVEMBER 6
Maria Shriver, Journalist (58)

NOVEMBER 7
David Guetta, Musician (46)

NOVEMBER 8
Gordon Ramsay, Chef (47)

NOVEMBER 9
Chris Jericho, Wrestler (43)

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Gusted
- 5 Some college students
- 10 Debussy work
- 12 Put a cap on
- 13 Rust, for one
- 14 Vibrant
- 15 Musician's job
- 16 Rotter
- 18 Wee bite
- 19 Try hard
- 21 Addition column
- 22 Imminent
- 24 Enticed
- 25 All set
- 29 Burger joint
- 30 Staircase posts
- 32 Leaf lifter
- 33 Pricing word
- 34 Gloss spot
- 35 Trombone part
- 37 "— at the office"
- 39 Asian peninsula
- 40 Consumed
- 41 Adorable
- 42 Cruise stop

DOWN

- 1 Online journals
- 2 Loose-ness
- 3 Asylum seeker
- 4 Tie the knot
- 5 Not naked
- 6 Motor need
- 7 "Lose Yourself" rapper
- 8 Heavenly
- 9 Flight units
- 11 Spoke from memory
- 17 Pain reliever
- 20 Travel aid
- 21 Thus far up the sun
- 23 Clique
- 25 Near depletion
- 26 Complete
- 27 Frozen dessert
- 28 Twist of fiction
- 29 Soaks up the sun
- 31 Wasn't thrifty
- 33 Natural fuel
- 36 Scottish river
- 38 Opening

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ACROSS

- 1 Shut with a bang
- 5 Speedy
- 9 Japanese cartoon art
- 10 Supple
- 12 Eternal City resident
- 13 Place in order
- 14 Takes care of the final details
- 16 Need to pay
- 17 — out (barely makes)
- 18 Put on the line
- 21 Performed
- 22 Threw a party
- 23 Answer
- 24 Unrefined
- 26 Kanye's music
- 29 Attention-getting call
- 30 Convoy truck
- 31 Commercials
- 32 Appears unexpectedly
- 34 Explosive stuff
- 37 Baggy
- 38 Prepare for prayer

DOWN

- 1 "Jersey Shore" star
- 2 Walked unsteadily
- 3 Stockpile
- 4 List of choices
- 5 Ga. neighbor
- 6 Ventilate
- 7 Painter's motion
- 8 Melted
- 9 Ready for battle
- 11 Looked over
- 15 Braces
- 19 Land in the sea
- 20 Pig's place
- 22 Valiant one
- 23 Beam of light
- 24 Giving up
- 25 Pearl producer
- 26 Vacation spot
- 27 Entertains
- 28 Voice, in slang
- 29 Singer Snow
- 30 Coffee stirrer
- 33 Gymnast Korbut
- 35 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
- 36 Antique

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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.

11-2 CRYPTOQUOTE

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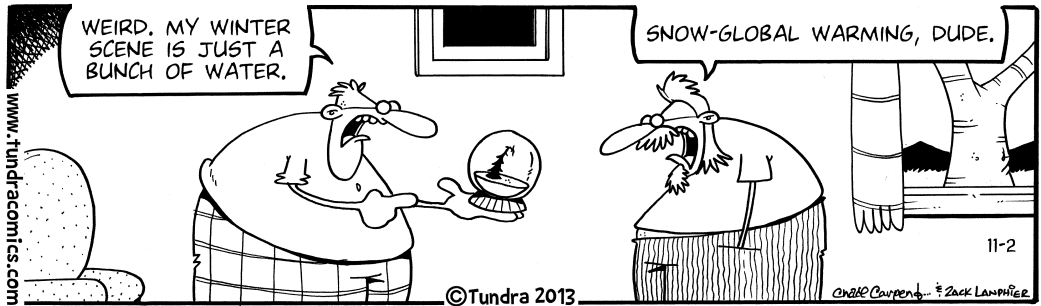
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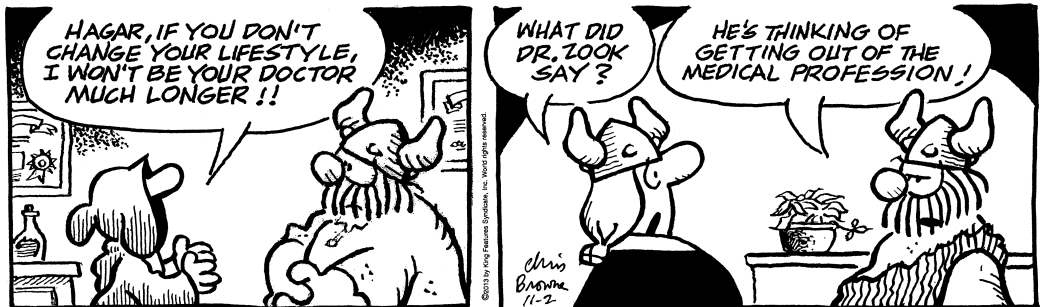
Previous Cryptoquote: NO ONE CAN GET AN EDUCATION, FOR OF NECESSITY EDUCATION IS A CONTINUING PROCESS. – Louis L'Amour

COMICS

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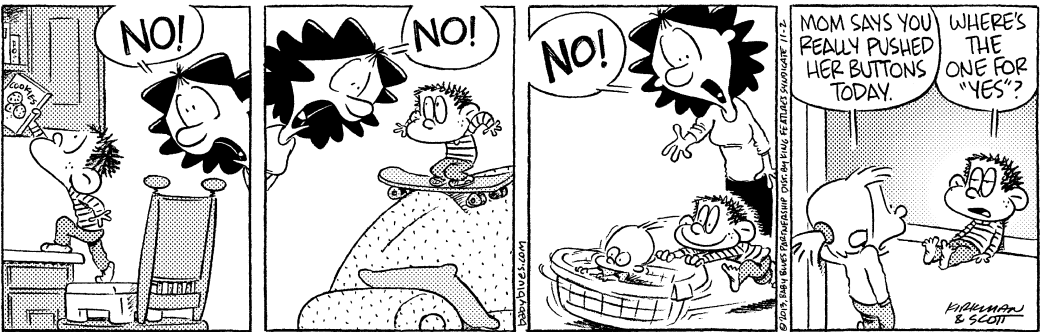
Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts



Baby Blues



Dilbert

