

Teen shares in friend’s grief without shedding any tears

DEAR ABBY: I’m 15. Yesterday, they told our class that one of my friend’s parents had died suddenly. Every single person in our grade cried, except for me. I felt bad about not crying for my friend’s loss, but I just didn’t.

Another friend told me that last night people were texting, and it had been mentioned several times that I wasn’t crying and that it looked like I didn’t care, even though I do. I feel bad about not crying, but I don’t want to lie and say that I did. Please help me. — **DRY-EYED IN COLORADO**

DEAR DRY-EYED: If you feel that any explanation is called for, simply say that when you heard the news you were so stunned that you couldn’t cry. Your reaction is very common. When bad news is conveyed, some people are just struck numb. Believe me, not everyone who can cry on command is necessarily grieving.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, “Chico,” and I have been going together for six years. We have discussed marriage, but for the past few months he has become distant and not as loving as he once was. Chico is the dependent type who often needs to be reminded by his



DEAR ABBY

parents or me about things he needs to do.

When I asked Chico what was going on, he said he is confused and he thinks he relies too much on his parents and me for direction.

He said he didn’t want to break up, but he would like some time alone. He assured me there is no one else involved and he wants to continue talking on the phone to me once in a while.

I don’t know what to do! Should I believe what he is saying about needing time, or do you think this is Chico’s way of telling me it’s over? — **HEARTBROKEN IN HOBOKEN**

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Frankly, I think Chico is trying to break it to you gently that it’s over. Wish him well and let him go.

You probably meant well, but the problem with giving someone “directions” is, it prevents that person’s own compass from guiding him

where he needs to go. Look at it this way: This may be a period of growth for Chico and for you as well.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating someone over the last two years and our relationship has had a lot of ups and downs. We are in our 50s and we have both been married before.

The problem is, he thinks he always has to be right. He’ll never admit to being wrong. We love each other and spend most of our time together, but every time we have an argument, he calls our relationship off. I am always the one who calls to patch things up. Should I let this relationship go once and for all? — **TIRED OF THE DRAMA IN ATLANTA**

DEAR TIRED OF THE DRAMA: Yes, I think so. Your gentleman friend has an unhealthy way of dealing with conflict. Unless your idea of a happy marriage is one in which you are always the peacemaker, I doubt it would last.

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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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2	7	4	1	3	5	9	6	8
3	6	8	7	4	9	5	1	2

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, despite a full workload, you are already looking ahead to some much-needed rest and relaxation. Focus on what’s on your plate at the moment.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your personal life follows you to work this week. You can often compartmentalize things, but you are finding it difficult to do that this week.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, information that may alter your future plans is brought to your attention this week. It is not necessarily bad news, but you will need to alter your plans a little.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, financial responsibilities must be a priority this week. Now is the time to make important financial decisions that you have been putting off for several weeks.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Your feelings are transparent this week, Leo. You can’t hide much from others, especially your romantic feelings. The person you admire will soon learn of your feelings.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a lot of drama is going on behind the scenes this week. How much you get involved is entirely up to you. Just be prepared for the consequences.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you might have to set your personal needs aside this week in order to help a friend out of a difficult situation. You are ready to provide any assistance you can.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Responsibility comes naturally to you, Scorpio. However, sometimes you just have to let loose and show off how you are feeling. Others will have a new appreciation for you.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You are on the brink of a breakthrough, Sagittarius. You just don’t know when it is coming. Be patient and you will be pleasantly surprised with events that unfold.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

A serious issue arises this week, Capricorn. You may have avoided addressing this issue in the past, but there is no putting it off now. Approach the issue with an open mind.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

When an associate presents a problem, you are the perfect one to present a solution, Aquarius. Make the most of this opportunity and others will appreciate your efforts.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Responsibilities at work may be a bit overwhelming, Pisces. You are held to a higher standard than others, and now is the time to show why.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 6
Paul Rudd, Actor (45)

APRIL 7
John Oates, Singer (65)

APRIL 8
John Schneider, Actor (54)

APRIL 9
Elle Fanning, Actress (16)

APRIL 10
Kasey Kahne, Race Car Driver (34)

APRIL 11
Dustin Rhodes, Wrestler (45)

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Takes illegally

7 Bit of smoke

11 Second-largest nation

12 Pay to play

13 Vigor

14 Of two minds

15 Audacity

16 Showed again

17 Villa d’—

18 Hockey’s Howe

19 Octavia’s husband

21 Break off

22 “Locked Out of Heaven” singer

25 Ruby of films

26 Fair

27 One way to travel

29 Ultimate

33 Poor

34 Polo in Asia

35 Big do

36 Aisle alternative

37 Layer

38 Broadway opening

39 Riviera seasons

40 Less distant

DOWN

1 Play part

2 Declines

3 Unmoving

4 Upstart

5 Beat, but barely

6 For example

7 Oasis find

8 Numerically, perhaps

9 Tries hard

10 Wrote

16 Hotel units

18 Tile holder

20 Relish

22 Charity event

23 Field worker

24 Falcons’ home

25 Be generous

28 Air freshener’s targets

30 Passion

31 Teatime treat

32 London landmark

34 Cinderella’s helpers

36 Pale

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Gushing review

5 Closes with a bang

10 Flair

11 Warsaw’s nation

13 “Shane” star Alan

14 Car from a repair shop

15 Parent’s warning

17 Singing Sandra

18 Trumpets’ cousins

19 Important time

20 Neon or helium

21 Ran away

22 Indy auto

25 Small nails

26 Smell

27 Behold

28 Scary shout

29 Place to order scones

33 Online address

34 Active

35 Cosine’s reciprocal

37 Suffers

38 Wall Street worker

39 March time

40 Tale

41 Carnival attraction

DOWN

1 Archaeology find

2 Texas landmark

3 Sky-walker’s father

4 Imperil

5 Breaks apart

6 Pillages

7 In the style of

8 South African hero

9 Showed scorn

12 Is fearful of

16 Close

21 Outdoor atmosphere

22 Vigorous

23 Fans

24 Jazz fan

25 Thrash

27 Gate tender

29 Copier supply

30 Girl of the Alps

31 Gawked at

32 Marshal’s group

36 Commotion

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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.

4-5 CRYPTOQUOTE

T Z R U P W X S N U M X T X P W X

N S X U P X J P N G R P U V Z L V X

I L O A K N G M X U V L P W X S

Y X S J L V : W X Q X A G X M X K

G V T X . — B G T M U A M U V L

Previous Cryptoquote: ANYONE WHO HAS NEVER MADE A MISTAKE HAS NEVER TRIED ANYTHING NEW. – Albert Einstein

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