

# Boyfriend’s man-of-mystery act causes woman to wonder

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend and I have been dating for a year, and it has been wonderful. He’s amazing and sweet.

We went to the movies for our anniversary and about 50 minutes into it, he turned to me, said he didn’t like the movie and he wanted to leave. I was enjoying it, but I didn’t want to force him to watch it, so we left. When we were out of the theater I asked him why he didn’t like it, and he told me he didn’t want to discuss it. I pressured him for an answer a little bit, but he told me to forget it.

This has been bugging me. Should I leave it alone? I understand it’s not that big a deal, but he has done this a few times before -- not explaining things when I ask. I am confused about why he won’t tell me. — **PUZZLED IN THE MULTIPLEX**

**DEAR PUZZLED:** There may have been something in the movie that made your boyfriend uncomfortable. Perhaps it triggered a memory of something in his past that he didn’t want to be reminded of. Or, he may have been bored by the film and so centered on himself that he didn’t care that you were enjoying it.

Your boyfriend may be wonderful and amazing, but he also appears to be a poor communicator. This would be a deal-breaker with some women. Only he can tell you why he’s this way, but if he hasn’t opened



DEAR ABBY

up in the year you have been seeing each other, it isn’t likely to change.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband has erectile dysfunction for which he takes medication. He gets it from a friend. I have discovered he takes the medication with him when he travels. He swears he isn’t cheating on me and that he’s faithful. Should I believe him? — **SUSPICIOUS IN ARIZONA**

**DEAR SUSPICIOUS:** I confess, my knee-jerk reaction after reading your letter was, “Uh-oh!” Then I picked up the phone and called Bruce Landres, M.D., in Los Angeles. His first words were, “That’s an interesting question.” He then went on to say that if your husband has prostate problems in addition to his erectile dysfunction, you should believe him, because last October the FDA approved a low dose of one particular E.D. drug for the treatment of benign prostate hypertrophy (BPH). (This low dose is not enough to assist in infidelity.)

You should discuss this further with your husband because it would be much safer for him to get this kind of medication from his physician, who knows his medical history, since E.D. drugs can sometimes cause serious side effects.

P.S. Another thought: It’s also possible your husband watches adult videos when he travels and needs “the pill” for his own entertainment. You’ll never know unless you ask him.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother-in-law passed away five months ago. I was given the option of taking a winter coat of hers, which I gladly accepted. When would it be appropriate to wear it around my husband’s family? — **STILL MOURNING IN WISCONSIN**

**DEAR STILL MOURNING:** I’m sorry for your loss. The time to wear the coat would be when the temperature drops enough that you feel you need it. And when you do, if someone should recognize it and comment, just say you are wearing her coat because it helps you feel closer to her; it’s like a warm hug from heaven.

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

## HOROSCOPES

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, a challenge arises that requires you to have the utmost confidence in your abilities. Some self-confidence and hard work are all you need to successfully tackle this challenge.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you can choose from among many paths, but this week you will have to carefully think about which way to go. Otherwise you may end up having to backtrack and start over.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, unless you change your line of thinking, you may have trouble in the romance department this week. You don’t have to be a smooth operator, but just sweeten your sentiments.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, sometimes you like being the center of attention, and other times you are content to blend into the background. This week you will have to embrace the spotlight.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, after letting things slide for awhile, you will need to get a better handle on your finances this week. If you feel as though things have gotten out of control, then talk to a professional.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Issues at work may have you contemplating a career change, Virgo. But you may want to hold off on changes for a little while longer until things settle down.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

A quick visit with family can make you feel refreshed and renewed, Libra. There is nothing like spending time with the ones you love to improve your mood.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, catch up on some overdue health screenings. There has never been a better time to get these things done, and you don’t want to put your health on the back burner.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, there is only so much persuading you can do before you must let others choose their own paths. A difficult conversation has you second-guessing something.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Do something for yourself this week, Capricorn. It’s a good time to treat yourself before you must devote more of your time to others in the near future.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, something has been on your mind but you just can’t put your finger on it. Forget about it for awhile, and you just may come to a realization.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Few things that escape your notice this week, Pisces. Always detail-oriented, you need to figure out how to use the information.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JULY 28  
Manu Ginobili, Athlete (36)

JULY 29  
Josh Radnor, Actor (39)

JULY 30  
Hope Solo, Athlete (32)

JULY 31  
Dean Cain, Actor (47)

AUGUST 1  
Tempestt Bledsoe, Actress (40)

AUGUST 2  
Britt Nicole, Singer (28)

AUGUST 3  
James Hetfield, Singer (50)

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Humiliated
- 7 Secluded spot
- 11 Second-largest nation
- 12 Angers
- 13 Found darling
- 14 Organ part
- 15 Murdered
- 16 Third-largest nation
- 17 Proofing mark
- 18 Contributes to a fund
- 19 On the roof of
- 21 Santa — winds
- 22 One of the X-Men
- 25 Road goo
- 26 Ollie’s pal
- 27 Occurs
- 29 Dyeing tubs
- 33 Bellow
- 34 Pink shade
- 35 Pinochle score
- 36 Group in power
- 37 Warring god
- 38 Steered clear of
- 39 Inquisitive
- 40 Isn’t colorfast

### DOWN

- 1 A bunch
- 2 Taken all one can
- 3 Battery end
- 4 Kind of bliss
- 5 Perfect place
- 6 June honoree
- 7 Filled with gossip
- 8 Craftsman
- 9 Like Simba
- 10 Sevilla’s nation
- 16 “It Happened One Night” director
- 20 Family room fixture
- 22 Medal recipient
- 23 Maryland team
- 24 Stylish
- 25 New Zealand discoverer

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Previous Puzzle

- 18 Burns and
- 28 Lathered up
- 30 Take for — (trick)
- 31 Broken
- 32 Goes down-hill
- 34 Con quarters
- 36 Yank’s foe

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### ACROSS

- 1 Not naked
- 5 Passes over
- 10 Ear part
- 11 Singer
- 13 Spoken
- 14 Sneaker part
- 15 Fulfill
- 17 Neckline shape
- 18 Carry out
- 19 Put a stop to
- 20 TV spots
- 21 Casino cubes
- 22 Bed boards
- 25 Taxi part
- 26 Freshener scent
- 27 Rap’s — Kim
- 28 Actor
- 29 Summer buzzers
- 33 Conk out
- 34 Place to dip a quill
- 35 Ritzy home
- 37 Lotion additive
- 38 Corrupt
- 39 Writer Ayn
- 40 Must have

### DOWN

- 41 Facial pair
- 1 Nearby
- 2 Dr. Seuss’ environmental character
- 3 Let up
- 4 Frail
- 5 Work schedules
- 6 Rapper West
- 7 Tax agcy.
- 8 Skeptic’s challenge
- 9 Library request
- 12 Sowing machine
- 16 Lather
- 21 Maryland neighbor
- 22 Web spinner
- 23 Go-between
- 24 Frankie’s co-star
- 25 Jagger of the Rolling Stones
- 27 Sheets and such
- 29 Referred to
- 30 Holdup
- 31 Unescorted
- 32 Winter gliders
- 36 Had brunch

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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.

## 7-27 CRYPTOQUOTE

B N A O R Q N Z O S E N F P N E K J B T H G

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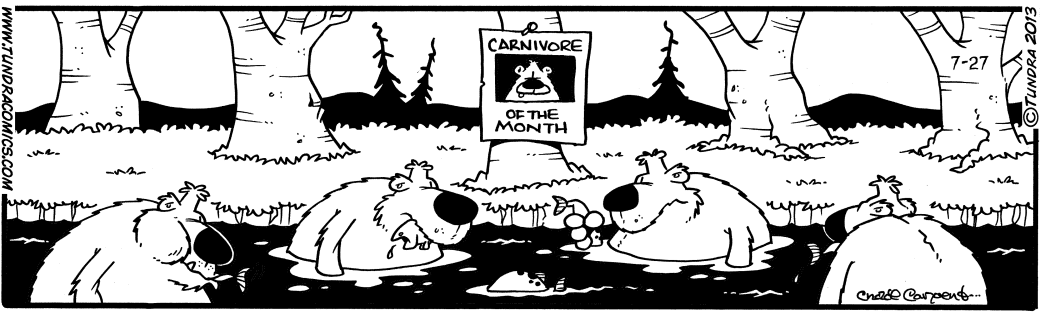
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R Z M N . — T . B . F Z M Q W N F F Z B

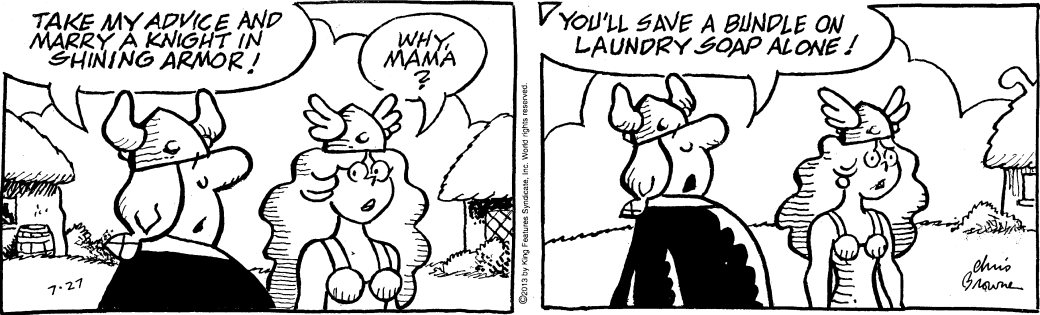
Previous Cryptoquote: I’M NOT BUDDY-BUDDY WITH THE PLAYERS. IF THEY NEED A BUDDY, LET THEM BUY A DOG. – Whitey Herzog

## COMICS

### Tundra



### Hagar the Horrible



### Peanuts



### Baby Blues



### Dilbert

