

Daughter-in-law who flashes needs message to cover up

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, “Jerry,” has a daughter-in-law who flashes both of us intimate parts of her body. At a recent gathering, she went down to the floor 2 feet away from where Jerry was sitting and gave us both a full view up her dress. Abby, she did it deliberately!

I thought the time one of her breasts popped out of her blouse was a “wardrobe malfunction.” I no longer feel that way.

Jerry is a pushover. He doesn’t say anything; he just runs away from it. I’m afraid things will only get worse. She must be trying to run me off. I can’t think of any other reason for her behavior.

We have decided to not go on vacation with them this year because of this. Jerry is doing what he can for us to avoid being around her, but he has his 1-year-old granddaughter he adores to consider. What do you think is going on? — **COVERING MY EYES IN TEXAS**

DEAR COVERING: I think the daughter-in-law either has no sense of modesty or she’s an exhibitionist who enjoys shocking people. Because it bothers you and embarrasses your fiance, he should tell his son and explain how it makes the both of you feel. If the son delivers the message to his wife, it shouldn’t cause a family rift.



DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, I broke up with a guy who was emotionally and sexually abusive. We had been seeing each other for eight months. We weren’t living together, but I still was scared to break up with him because of what he might do to me. He would often call me bad names if I disagreed with what he wanted to do, and have angry outbursts during which he would throw things.

I have looked up how to safely exit an abusive relationship, but everything I find deals with what to do if you are living with the abuser. They don’t teach us in high school how to safely drop an abuser; they just tell us to drop him. How do you safely break up with an abuser when moving to the other side of the country is impractical? — **RECOVERING IN THE USA**

DEAR RECOVERING: Here is what I recommend:

If you have mutual friends, tell them why you ended the relationship with him. In addition, stop going places where you know he hangs out.

If he continues to call you, tell him to stop and hang up. Then screen your calls. If he emails, delete his messages without looking at them. However, if he follows or continues to pursue you, make a police report.

DEAR ABBY: Last year my unmarried 30ish niece became a mother. Never once at family gatherings has there been any mention of a father.

I am more than a little bit curious. A one-night stand? A fertility clinic? A do-it-yourself turkey-baster job? Would I be wrong to bring up the subject? — **CURI-
OUS UNCLE IN OREGON**

DEAR UNCLE: Yes, you would. I can 100 percent guarantee that a male was involved at some point in the conception of that child. And if the father’s identity was any of your business, you would already know the answer to that question.

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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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This Idea Lacks a Peel

Dear Heloise: You are never too old to learn an easy way to PEEL HARD-BOILED EGGS. I boiled 10 eggs and put them in the refrigerator. A few days ago, I wanted hard-boiled eggs, but I didn’t want cold eggs. I put two eggs in the microwave for 20 seconds. I cracked the shell on the large end and peeled. — W.D., via email

Your hint is a good reminder of how to reheat eggs, but here is what we learned a couple of years ago after testing it at Heloise Central: The eggs must already be OUT OF THE SHELL before microwaving. Additionally, you must insert a toothpick in the egg to keep it from exploding while heating. — Heloise

Peking Roast

Dear Heloise: In your recipe for Mother’s Peking Roast, it says to use vinegar. Is that white or apple-cider vinegar? — Louise, via email

You can use either! For those readers interested in the recipe, gather the following:

- First, to marinate:
 - 3-5 pounds roast beef
 - Garlic and/or onion slivers
 - 1/2 to 1 cup apple-cider or white vinegar
- To cook:
 - Cooking oil
 - 2 cups brewed, strong coffee
 - 2 cups water
 - Salt and pepper

Using a sharp knife, cut slits all throughout the roast, and stick the slivers of garlic, onion or both into those slits. Place the roast in a bowl and pour the vinegar over it, making sure to get it into the slits. Cover with plastic wrap and let marinate in the refrigerator for 24-48 hours.

To cook, remove the roast from the bowl and dump out the vinegar. Use a heavy Dutch oven or similar pot to brown the roast on all sides in oil. Once browned, pour the coffee over the meat and add the water. Cover and cook slowly for about 6 hours on the stovetop. Check while cooking, as you may need to add more water as the roast cooks. About 20-30 minutes before serving, season well with salt and pepper. For more favorite recipes, order my Heloise’s All-Time Favorite Recipes pamphlet online at www.Heloise.com or by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/All-Time, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Use the leftover roast to make delicious hot or cold sandwiches the next day! — Heloise

Graham-Cracker Hint

Dear Heloise: My way of making graham-cracker crumbs is to put graham crackers between two pieces of wax paper and use a rolling pin to roll over them until they are crumbly. When finished, just pull up the wax paper on either side and put the crumbs into a bowl. No mess! It is cheaper than buying the already-crumbled graham crackers. I learned this from my mom, who is now 87. — Joanne Rasmussen, Huntington Beach, Calif.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Walk, in slang
- 7 Jazz style
- 11 Ask
- 12 Went fast
- 13 Less civil
- 14 In the past
- 15 Comedy club offering
- 17 Swiss peaks
- 20 Sprightly
- 23 Golf goal
- 24 More frequent
- 26 In the past
- 27 Spelling contest
- 28 Sedan or SUV
- 29 Arts section pieces
- 31 Time for planning
- 32 Prunes
- 33 Previously owned
- 34 “Taken” star
- 37 Print unit
- 39 Pinball palace
- 43 Midmonth day
- 44 China collection
- 45 Prone to prying
- 46 Sevilla’s nation

DOWN

- 1 That fellow
- 2 Wallet bill
- 3 Future embryos
- 4 The end
- 5 Gossip bit
- 6 Maryland player, for short
- 7 Patsy
- 8 Wins over
- 9 Compass trace
- 10 Casual shirt
- 16 Assesses
- 17 Set off
- 18 Brewery product
- 19 Quebec and Ontario
- 21 Head out
- 22 Goofed
- 24 Past plump
- 25 Handful of words
- 30 “Nashville” song
- 33 Open, as a pill bottle
- 35 Surfeit
- 36 Refinery rocks
- 37 Seamstress’s aid
- 38 Swearing-in center
- 41 Cozy retreat
- 42 Seventh Greek letter

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ACROSS

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- 10 Manhattan Project product
- 12 Unaided
- 13 Buc-caneers’ base
- 14 Devilfish
- 15 Ethan’s “Gattaca” co-star
- 16 Wrench, to a Brit
- 18 Seeker of gold
- 20 Bonanza stuff
- 21 Resting on
- 23 Rocker Nugent
- 24 Remote button
- 26 Commemorative piece
- 28 Chess piece
- 29 Khar-toum’s river
- 31 Try out
- 32 Preserving expert
- 36 Checkout device
- 39 Groom’s answer
- 40 News-caster Couric
- 41 Bisected
- 43 Put up
- 44 Letter stroke
- 45 Refinery sights

- 46 Mafia heads

DOWN

- 1 Showed sudden interest
- 2 Bush’s successor
- 3 Eternal City resident
- 4 Napoleon or Nero: Abbr.
- 5 Hindu hero
- 6 Cumming of “The Good Wife”
- 7 Signify
- 8 Came in
- 9 Brought up
- 11 We count in it
- 17 Debate side
- 19 D.C. baseballer
- 22 Sailor’s star
- 24 Makeup buy
- 25 Left on the plate
- 27 Signing need
- 28 Colonial weapon
- 30 Motel freebie
- 33 Blasting stuff
- 34 Moses of the track
- 35 Thatcher creations
- 37 Shaving mishap
- 38 Brooklyn team
- 42 Homer’s neighbor

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here’s how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is LONGFELLOW

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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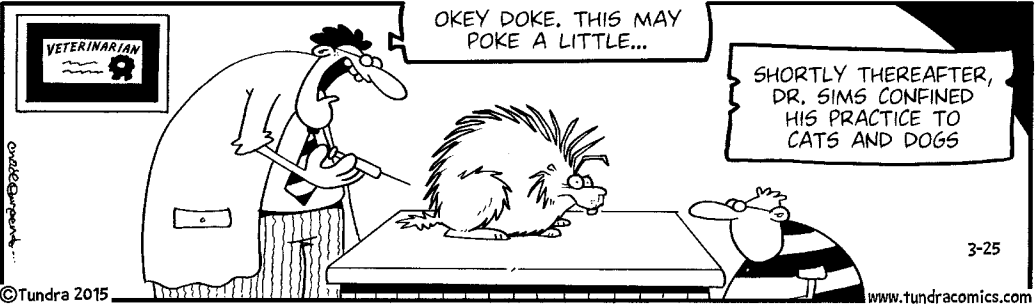
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— U J A P R E R R

Previous Cryptoquote: HOPE IS BEING ABLE TO SEE THAT THERE IS LIGHT DESPITE ALL OF THE DARKNESS. – Desmond Tutu

COMICS

Tundra



Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts



Baby Blues



Dilbert

