

Teenage girl’s boyish figure is often deceiving to others

DEAR ABBY: I’m a 14-year-old girl with a problem. Because of my buzzed short hair, slim hips and flat chest, I frequently get mistaken for a boy. It really bothers me because, despite my haircut and body shape, I have a feminine face and I wear women’s clothes and makeup. I’m not too much of a tomboy.

Sometimes when someone addresses me with a male pronoun or in some other way mistakes me for a male, I’m too nervous to correct them. Is there a clever or witty way to correct the mistake? — **NOT A BOY IN BROOKLYN, N.Y.**

DEAR NOT A BOY: The person who made the mistake is the one who should be embarrassed, not you. If it happens again, all you need to do is smile and say, “I’m all girl.”

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a woman, and I am considering proposing to her. We have discussed engagement rings and she wants to design her own, which I think is great. However, I am unsure exactly what to do regarding the actual proposal. What ring should I give her, knowing that whatever I give her will not be her



DEAR ABBY

changed the beneficiaries and is now leaving almost half a million dollars to two animal shelters.

It’s her money to do with as she chooses, and I don’t judge her. I do, however, have a problem executing an estate that gives that much money to animal care when it could help so many people. I don’t fault her for wanting to do it; I just don’t want to be part of it. I’m afraid asking her to find another executor would damage or end our friendship. Please tell me what to do. — **DILEMMA IN TEXAS**

DEAR DILEMMA: Let’s face it. You ARE judging the woman and you DO fault her for wanting to leave a fortune to four-footed needy creatures instead of bipeds. Because you are uncomfortable with her plan, you must tell her she needs to find another executor who is as committed to animal causes as she is. You’ll be doing her a favor.

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ultimate engagement ring? — **SOON TO POP THE QUESTION**

DEAR SOON TO POP: Marriage proposals happen in many situations and in many ways. There are no rules, and dropping to one knee and offering a ring is optional. The engagement does not begin when a woman starts wearing a ring; it begins when she accepts the proposal. All you need to do is say, “Will you marry me?” When she says yes, you can then decide when you both would like to select a stone for her engagement ring.

DEAR ABBY: A long-time friend asked me to be executor of her estate a few years ago, and I agreed. As time has passed, the details of the estate have changed several times. After the recent death of her husband, she again

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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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3	6	1	2	8	9	7	5	4
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, your self-confidence and enthusiasm have made you a natural leader. This week belongs to you, and others will rely on your leadership skills.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
A unique experience has inspired you to make a difference, Taurus. If you want to volunteer, there are many organizations that need help. Find the right fit for you.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Change is right around the corner, Gemini. Take the time to listen to what the stars are trying to tell you so you can make the best decisions.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
You are very good at bringing together people, Cancer. Use this ability to create a social forum this week. Encourage those closest to you to exchange ideas.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Don’t let others make decisions for you, Leo. This week take control of your life and be more assertive regarding the goals you want to accomplish.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, technology is foremost on your mind this week. Focus on ways that technology can better your life and advance your career. Seek the advice of others.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, seek guidance from friends and family when faced with a puzzling problem. Different perspectives can shed light on the problem and make it easier to solve.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, give ample thought to what you really want out of a particular relationship or situation. You might have to make big changes, but such changes are worth the effort.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Try to show others this week that you are a thoughtful person who has a lot of life experience, Sagittarius. Assert yourself calmly and effectively to get your point across.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Trust the people you love, Capricorn. They may grow weary of not knowing which way you lean. Be firm when making decisions and others will respect you for it.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
It is not always easy to think and act differently from those around you, Aquarius. But your willingness to take the road less traveled is why you’re such an effective leader.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, someone close to you is having problems that he or she cannot express. Your intuition will save the day.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
APRIL 20
Miranda Kerr, Model (31)

APRIL 21
James McAvoy, Actor (35)

APRIL 22
Marshawn Lynch, Athlete (28)

APRIL 23
Craig Sheffer, Actor (54)

APRIL 24
Shirley MacLaine (80)

APRIL 25
Jason Lee, Actor (44)

APRIL 26
Stana Katic, Actress (36)

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Iowa city
- 5 Court sport
- 10 Washes
- 12 Cupid’s missile
- 13 Game spot
- 14 Good judgment
- 15 Darling of baseball
- 16 Pool unit
- 18 Put away
- 19 Multipiece artwork
- 21 Dance move
- 22 New England storm
- 24 Many an arty movie
- 25 Software surprise
- 29 Reasonable
- 30 Classic car
- 32 Place of refuge
- 33 MoMA setting
- 34 Spoil
- 35 Trap
- 37 “Crazy” singer
- 39 Long lunches
- 40 Gold unit
- 41 Men of Medina
- 42 Competes

DOWN

- 1 Burglar’s bane
- 2 Strand
- 3 “Just the same ...”
- 4 Capitol Bldg. worker
- 5 Door fastener
- 6 Mine material
- 7 Florid
- 8 Wall art
- 9 Check for bugs
- 11 Conspicuous
- 17 West Point, e.g.
- 20 Happen

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Previous Puzzle

- 21 Spirited horse
- 23 Hot wind from Africa
- 25 Breadwinner
- 26 Turkey’s capital
- 27 May sign
- 28 Quick look
- 29 One of the Obama daughters
- 31 Kilmer poem
- 33 Capone’s foe
- 36 Hold up
- 38 Comedy nominated for a 1965 Tony

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ACROSS

- 1 Gift attachments
- 5 Newspaper section
- 9 Fashionably dated
- 10 Chairs
- 12 Cast member
- 13 Chapel topper
- 14 Cook’s herb
- 16 Skillet
- 17 The Emerald Isle
- 18 Go to
- 21 Glimpse
- 22 Frightened
- 23 Drummer’s partner
- 24 Sundae topper
- 26 —
- 29 Decided, parentally
- 30 Identical
- 31 Industrious insect
- 32 Cook’s spice
- 34 Surprised sounds
- 37 Dinner setting
- 38 Hawaiian hello
- 39 Catkin-bearing tree

DOWN

- 1 Computer expert
- 2 Clothes
- 3 Clump of trees
- 4 Aching
- 5 Burro
- 6 Agent, for short
- 7 Asian capital
- 8 String of pearls
- 9 Track events
- 11 Dispatch
- 15 Cook’s coloring

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Previous Puzzle

- 19 Deuce beater
- 20 Black goo
- 22 Broadcasts
- 23 Nourished
- 24 Venice byways
- 25 Tries to pick up
- 26 Letter after kappa
- 27 Egggy dish
- 28 Rocker Bob
- 29 Sweeping story
- 30 Hackneyed
- 33 Nevada neighbor
- 35 Letter after upsilon
- 36 Tree fluid

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here’s how to work it:

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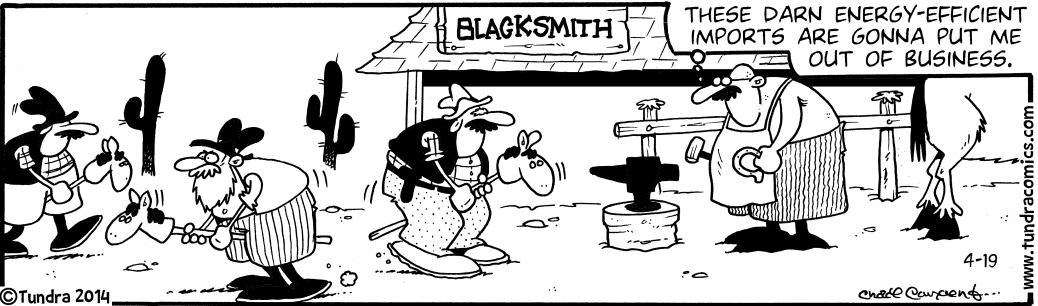
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L’s, X for the two O’s, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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S E K C K G M , Z B S K C Z J J , Z
L G D Q N B E Z O O G D K M M G D
R D E Z O O G D K M M , G B G S ’ M
S E K C G V E S R D E Z O O G D K M M .
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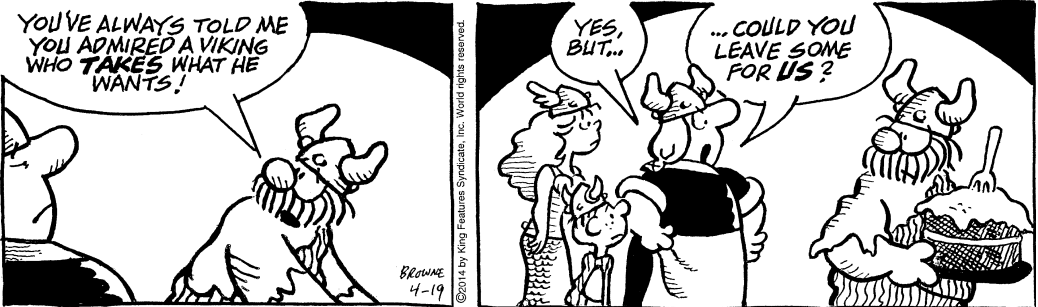
Previous Cryptoquote: NO PASSION IN THE WORLD IS EQUAL TO THE PASSION TO ALTER SOMEONE ELSE’S DRAFT – H.G. Wells

COMICS

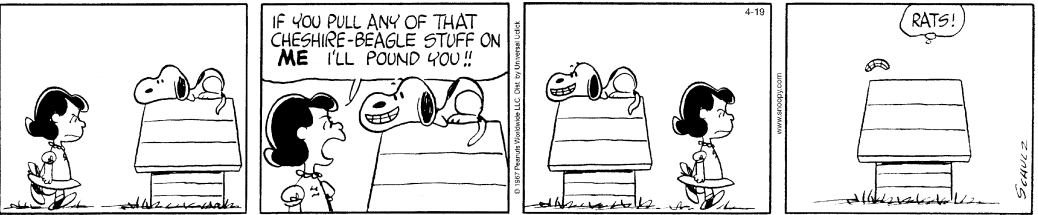
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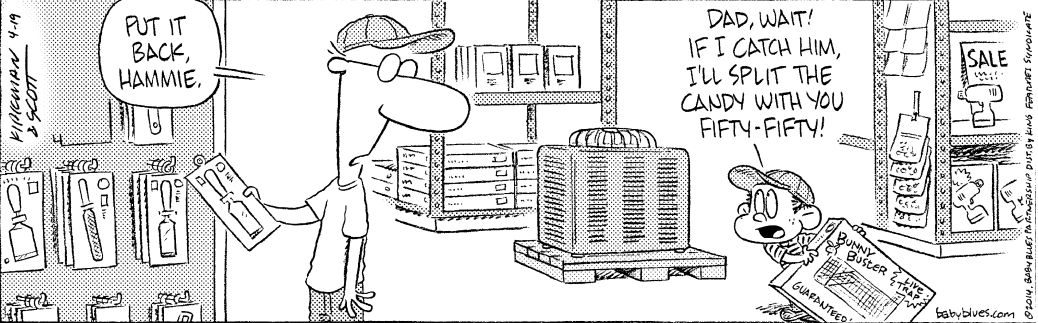
Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts



Baby Blues



Dilbert

