

Sister who’s out of control needs her reins pulled tight

DEAR ABBY: I’m 21, and my 16-year-old sister is out of control. She told me she smokes marijuana, drinks alcohol, abuses painkillers and recently mentioned she does coke.

Abby, she is beautiful, and I don’t want to see her do this to herself. She’s living with me about an hour away from my parents because Dad is an alcoholic and he abuses our mother. I brought my sister here to get her away from all that because I know what it was like growing up there.

I’m having trouble giving her advice to stay away from those things because I did them, and I feel like a hypocrite. My parents can’t get through to her, either. Please help. — **TRYING TO BE A BIG SIS**

DEAR TRYING: You’re lucky you were able to straighten out without becoming addicted to any of the substances you experimented with, but your sister may not be so lucky. Because she’s out of control, you MUST step in and put a stop to it for her sake. Your sister needs counseling, and if she is going to remain your responsibility, it is imperative that you assert control. Talk to her school counselor about getting her the help she needs. You may have to drug-test your sister on a random basis as a condition of her continuing to live with you. Kits are available at your pharmacy. Stop feeling guilty, stay



DEAR ABBY

strong, and you may be able to steer your sister back on the right path.

DEAR ABBY: I’m a 23-year-old soldier in the Army, currently deployed overseas. I’m less than a month away from returning home to my husband. However, I have not been faithful to him during my tour. I have had sex with several people over here, and if that’s not complicated enough, I appear to be pregnant. I don’t know what to tell my husband. I actually still kind of love him. Advice? — **DEPLOYED AND PREGNANT**

DEAR DEPLOYED: You need to make certain you are pregnant and that this is not a false alarm. Whether you are or not, you have some difficult decisions to make.

While it won’t be pleasant, you and your husband are due for an honest conversation upon your return. If you both “still kind of” love each other, forgiveness is possible, and couples have been known to get beyond this and have

successful marriages.

DEAR ABBY: The “rule” that white pants can be worn only from Memorial Day to Labor Day needs to be amended. I love my white pants. They go with nearly everything, and I almost cry when they must be stored away for another nine months. Ridiculous! My proposal would be to extend the grace period so it begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until Halloween. How does that sound? — **MARILYN IN SAN MARCOS, CALIF.**

DEAR MARILYN: You will be delighted to know that according to “Emily Post’s Etiquette, 18th Edition,” that old rule about wearing white no longer applies. What’s important isn’t the color, but the weight of the fabric.

Here in Southern California, summer can start late and continue through October. Lightweight fabrics such as cotton and linen are acceptable during hot weather, and when the temperature drops, “winter whites” in wool, corduroy, silk and satin are common, although usually in off-white shades rather than a stark one.

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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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HELOISE’S KITCHENEERING BY HELOISE

No Bagging These Vegetables

Dear Heloise: I read your column in The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer newspaper.

My hint is for people who find it expensive and wasteful to buy BAGS of onions, carrots and stalks of celery when cooking for one or two. Check out the salad bars in grocery stores, where you can buy smaller amounts of what you need. No waste, and all the items are already washed and clean. You save money, and it is convenient, too. — Sylvia C., Parma, Ohio

This is a “delicious” hint. You are so right. Quick, lots of variety, and already cleaned and chopped! — Heloise

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SALAD BAR

Dear Heloise: When I have guests over for a meal, I put salad ingredients on a counter near the table: a large bowl of lettuce, vegetables and other ingredients in individual containers, bottles of dressing, vinegar and olive oil, salt, pepper and salad plates. The guests love being able to make their own salads and even go back for seconds. — Helen H., Baton Rouge, La.

KIWI BERRIES

Dear Readers: A new fruit is in town: kiwi berries, a cousin to the kiwi! They are like the kiwi fruit you are used to, but different! The inside of the fruit is a green color and has a texture similar to traditional kiwi. These little jewels have a smooth outer skin, do not need to be peeled and can be popped into your mouth like grapes!

They grow on a vine that takes six years to mature and provide a marketable harvest. There are farms now in the U.S. (Oregon and Pennsylvania) growing the fruit.

Found in specialty grocery stores, the berries should be kept refrigerated and dry, but let warm to room temperature before eating. If you see these berries, grab them fast, because they are available only for a couple of months, September and October! — Heloise

LESS MESS

Dear Heloise: When you make jam or jelly, the mixture has to be at a full, rolling boil. The mixture cannot be stirred down well, because it splatters. I had a long wooden spoon to stir it, but I would always end up with burns on my hands and jam on my clothes.

My neighbor suggested getting a paint-stirring stick. My son bought me two of these sticks, which I ran through the dishwasher before using. They work awesome! I can now stand off to the side of the boiling pot. It still splatters, but it is not splattering on me. — Lynn C. in Alabama

EASY ALMOND PEELING

Dear Heloise: I had to remove the skins from about 2 pounds of almonds. I discovered that after blanching them in hot water and draining them, if I put about half a cup at a time on a clean cotton dish towel and then vigorously rubbed them, the skins were either removed completely or came off much easier. Boy, it saved me a lot of time. -- R.T., Colorado Springs, Colo.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Tenor Carreras
- Islands off Portugal
- Line of symmetry
- Comment
- Sleep sites
- Sort of
- Compass dir.
- Rider’s strap
- Prepared for prayer
- Failure
- Figure of speech
- Music’s Lena
- Air pipe
- Style
- Trout homes
- Mist
- Golfer Ernie
- Idiosyncrasy
- Mystique
- Conditions
- Brewing item
- “Get lost!”
- Attraction
- Gumbo vegetable
- Tried to lose
- Manual reader

DOWN

- Boxing moves

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| 21 Glade grazer | 37 Flag feature |
| 22 Not active | 38 Young fellow |
| 23 Twofold | 39 Quarter-back Manning |
| 25 Poet Khayyám | 40 Saloon supply |
| 29 Town center | 41 Old French coin |
| 30 By way of | |
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ACROSS

- “Art of the Fugue” composer
- Northern capital
- Northern capital
- Blue Sesame Street character
- Close
- Least common
- Get used to a new home
- Bind
- Hair clusters
- Gloss
- Bowling challenge
- Negative link
- Thurman of “Kill Bill”
- Sung drama
- Provide food for
- Awaits
- Tiny laborer
- Off-speed pitch
- Party wildly
- “Deal — Deal”
- Cohesive
- Funny Foxx
- Funds

45 Fusses

DOWN

- Company head
- Court star Arthur
- Like some desks
- Real looker
- Story monster
- Characteristics
- Distraught
- Broad st.
- Director Craven
- Trickery
- Writer Deighton
- Flapped

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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.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

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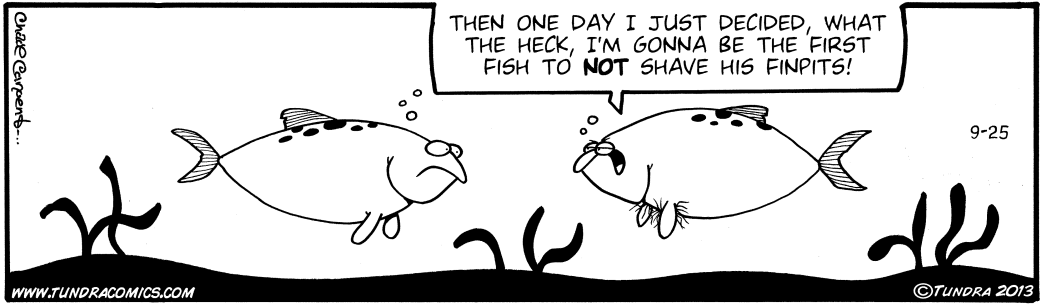
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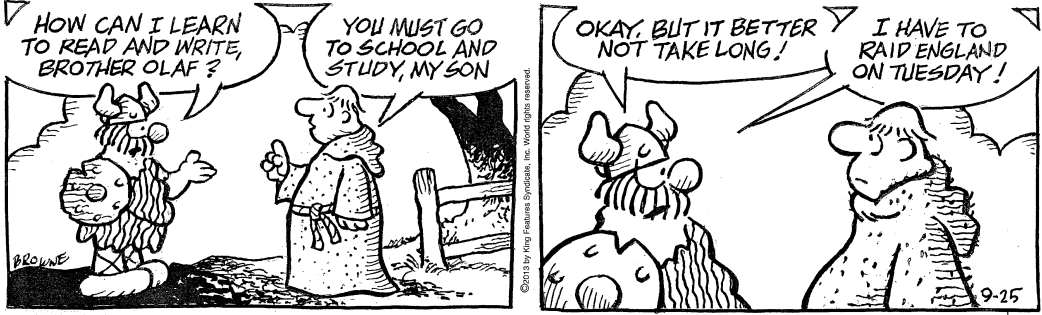
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Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts



Baby Blues



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