Freeloading baby daddy refuses to hit the road

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My 22-year-old daughter and her two young children live with me. She doesn't work, which is fine. I don't mind supporting her because I'd rather have the kids see their mom.

I spent most of my life as a single mom, working long hours and not seeing my kids. My work has finally paid off, and I'm at a point where, while not rich, I can support my daughter and grandbabies.

The problem is the baby daddy. He has a history of drug abuse, theft and jail time. He works only part-time jobs, which he loses monthly. He gives my daughter nothing and treats her as if she owes him.

I don't want to support him, but he has moved in and won't leave my house. I have told him to go, that he's welcome to visit the kids, but he ignores me. It's like talking to a wall. He won't even acknowledge that I told him to leave. He acts like he's king of the castle when it's my home! I can't take it anymore. I pay all the bills.

I told my daughter, and she ignores me as well. My oldest son has offered to talk to them for me. I don't want to lose my grandbabies. They are my purpose in life. Please help. — **FURIOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR FURIOUS: Part of your problem may be the degree to which you enable your daughter. You won't be around forever. She needs to learn to be independent so she can support herself and those children. Clearly, Baby Daddy isn't man enough to be of any assistance.

If he has lived with you for a while, you may need a lawyer to get him out. According to Los Angeles attorney Lee Dresie: "You can get rid of the freeloader by giving him a 30-day 'notice to leave' in writing. It should say, 'You have 30 days to leave my home. If you don't, I will bring an action to evict you.' If he still refuses to go, consult an attorney who specializes in eviction law."

This is Abby again: Be sure you have a witness present when the notice is given so Baby Daddy can't deny receiving it. Your son could be that witness, and yes, he should be asked to lead the discussion on how to resolve this situation.

It is also troubling that the daughter for whom you provide food and shelter is ignoring you. You're treated this way because you don't assert yourself. Please do it before Baby Daddy impregnates her again and you have four people to support.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 27 and have an issue that has bothered me for most of my life. I have overly hot/sweaty hands and feet. When I was dating women, they wouldn't want to hold my hand, which bothered me a lot. Also, my friends sometimes make fun of me for it.

I am entering a profession that will require lots of handshaking with potential clients. This will be an issue for me because I don't want to make a bad impression. Do you have any suggestions? — **SWEATY IN NORTH DAKOTA**

DEAR SWEATY: Yes! There is help for your problem, and the way to get it is to talk with a dermatologist. There is a product that can curb the excessive sweating (hyperhidrosis), but a doctor must prescribe it for you. Botox injections could also help, but they should be administered by a physician. There is also a machine used to treat this condition. The dermatologist can help you decide which solution would be the best for you.

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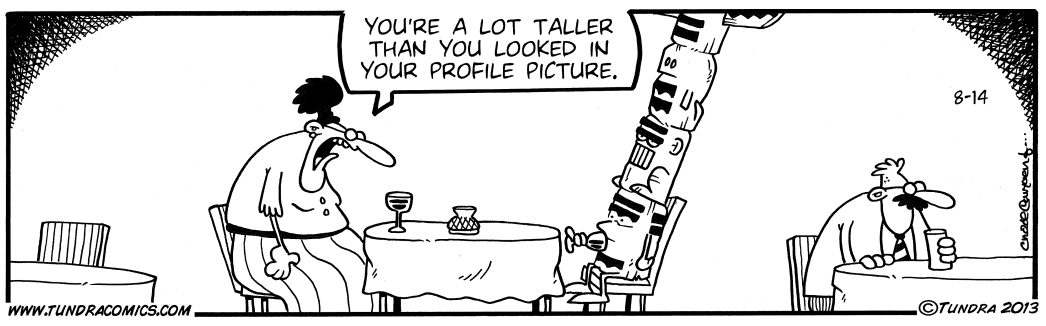

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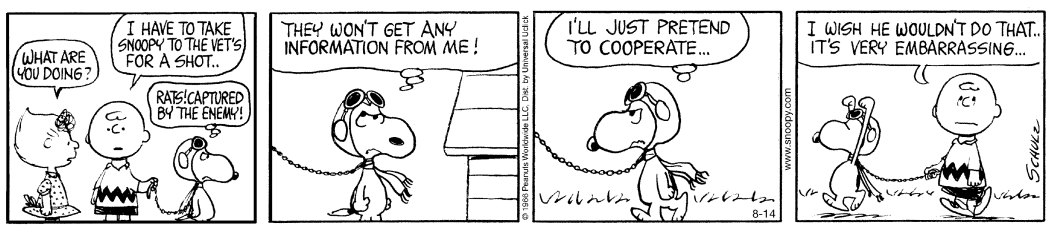

Baby Blues

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

HELOISE'S KITCHENEERING
BY HELOISE

The Season for Cast-Iron Pans

Dear Heloise: Several years ago, I bought my wife a new CAST-IRON FRYING PAN that is now starting to develop small rust spots on the cooking surface. I later learned that cast-iron pans are supposed to be "seasoned" to prevent this from happening. Can this pan be fixed, or should we just buy a new one? And what is the proper care of cast-iron cookware? — Jim T., via email

Don't throw out the pan! Rust can develop when the pan is air-dried or even scrubbed with steel wool. The pan should be washed and dried immediately. Many cooks (me included) put the pan back on the still-hot stove burner to dry.

To season or re-season, use hot water, only a drop of soap and a nylon scrubbie or plastic brush to clean (NEVER place the pan in the dishwasher). Rinse and dry well. Then, to season, use melted vegetable shortening. Wipe it all around the pan until the entire surface is covered. Place in a 375 F oven, upside down on a cookie sheet. "Bake" for an hour. Turn the oven off and let the pan cool completely before taking it out. —Heloise

P.S.: Wipe the pan with a little vegetable oil on a paper towel every time you clean it to prevent rust.

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DON'T WASH

Dear Readers: Are there certain foods you should NEVER wash before cooking? According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, raw meats and poultry should NOT be washed because of possible cross-contamination from the juices spreading to the sink, counters, dishes and utensils. Cooking meats thoroughly will kill all the bacteria that may be present.

People sometimes soak meat, like country ham, because they think it reduces the salt content. But the USDA advises that this does not remove much salt anyway, so don't. — Heloise

NO-STICK S'MORES

Dear Heloise: I have a hint that I wanted to share. We love making s'mores around the campfire but don't like the mess that the sticky marshmallows make on our hands.

Instead of taking the marshmallow off the stick with our hands, I make the s'more while the marshmallow is still on the stick. I have someone else hold the stick while I use two pieces of graham cracker to sandwich the marshmallow, and then just pull the stick out. No more sticky marshmallow all over your hands. — Julie Kane, Shippensburg, Pa.

STORING PIE

Dear Heloise: My family loves eating pies, both store-bought and homemade. My question is, Do all pies have to be refrigerated? -- Gayle L., via email

No, not all pies need to go in the refrigerator. Pies that contain eggs (for example: pumpkin, cream or custard pies) should be refrigerated. Fruit pies, however, don't have to be refrigerated (unless your kitchen is on the warm side) and can be kept at room temperature for about two days, if they last that long. Most people prefer to keep all types of pies in the refrigerator. — Heloise

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Unrefined
7 Slant
11 Otherworldly
12 Onetime Peruvian
13 Bring to mind
14 Crockpot contents
15 Scarcity
17 "Lucky Jim" author
20 Put up
23 Freight weight
24 Not at all
26 Tipsy
27 Bolt's partner
28 Little rascal
29 Depth charges, in slang
31 Confederate general
32 Girder material
33 Inactive
34 Daydreamer Mitty
37 Sacred bird of Egypt
39 Orbital point
43 Sugar source
44 League of Nations base
45 Goals
46 Sonnet part

DOWN
1 Nasty dog
2 Count starter
3 Pendulum path
4 Goes through
5 Mall come-on
6 First name in jazz
7 Café's cousin
8 Outside of captivity
9 Superb serve
10 Cutting tool
16 Doesn't own
17 One of the Titans
18 Like some brownies
19 Afoot
21 Caravan creature
22 Melville novel
24 Counting everything
25 Convent resident
30 Stops
33 "The Borgias" star
35 Graffiti signatures
36 Dueling weapon
37 Bar cubes
38 Prohibit
40 Attain
41 Second person
42 Have something

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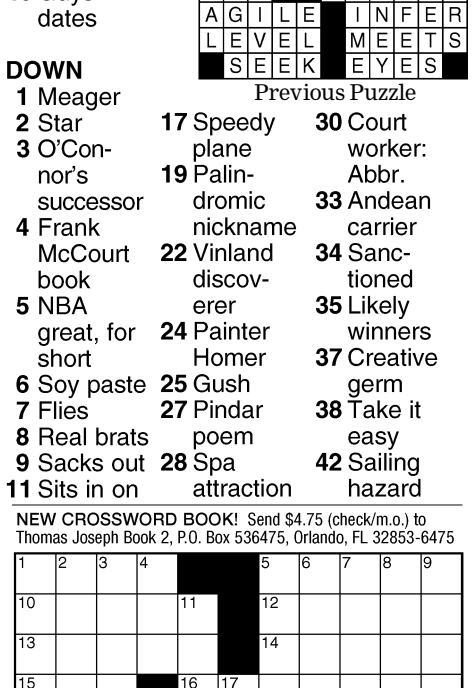

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CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Jazz style
5 Baseball card data
10 Singer Cruz
12 Squalid home
13 Hollywood's elite
14 Burning
15 Pay stub line
16 Drafting aid
18 Steakhouse choices
20 Kid's spinner
21 Price to play
23 Hosp. sections
24 Make one's way
26 Historic seamstress
28 Take the title
29 Uttered
31 Colony member
32 Immune system components
36 Souvenir shop stack
39 "Life of Pi" director
40 Steer clear of
41 No longer a minor
43 Derby winner's prize
44 Wanderer
45 Work byproduct
46 Guys' dates

DOWN
1 Meager
2 Star
3 O'Connor's successor
4 Frank McCourt book
5 NBA great, for short
6 Soy paste
7 Flies
8 Real brats
9 Sacks out
11 Sits in on
17 Speedy plane
19 Palindromic nickname
22 Vinland discoverer
24 Painter Homer
25 Gush
27 Pindar poem
28 Spa attraction
30 Court worker: Abbr.
33 Andean carrier
34 Sanctioned
35 Likely winners
37 Creative germ
38 Take it easy
42 Sailing hazard

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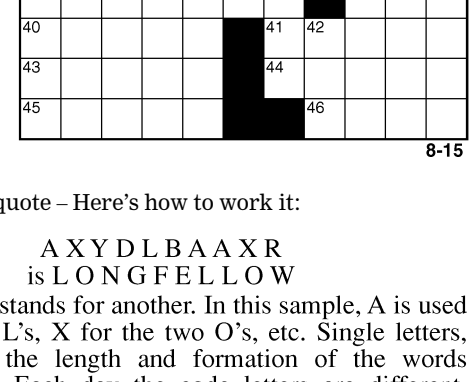

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here's how to work it:

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.

8-14 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

C B E U D T S W X A C D O U Y N D C M P B T U , H U Y W G D K W C Y I M X Y C S , H W G N D C C D I R G B M P Y N H C B B M D I D G T M U K U I T U . — S Y P O B E U P H V

Previous Cryptoquote: WHEN A MAN RETIRES, HIS WIFE GETS TWICE THE HUSBAND BUT ONLY HALF THE INCOME. – Chi Chi Rodriguez