

Family’s dirty little secret is better left unexposed

DEAR ABBY: My husband’s family are hypocrites! They talk about everyone and their problems, yet when something arises in their family, they want it kept hush-hush.

My sister-in-law, “Gina,” had a baby recently. Her husband, “Allan,” was suspicious because their sexual relations had stopped years ago. He did a store-bought DNA test (twice) and realized the baby was not his. When he confronted her, she wouldn’t tell him who the father is, but said she had discussed the pregnancy with the father, and they had decided it would be best for her to raise the baby as her husband’s.

Well, Allan and Gina are now being divorced, and he’s having his name removed from the baby’s birth certificate. Of course, everyone but me wants this to stay quiet. I want the wife of the man to know, and I want ALL the people my in-laws trash all the time to know!

Perhaps this seems mean, but DANG IT, why shouldn’t everyone know that Gina isn’t Miss Perfect? What do you think? — **TICKED OFF IN LOUISIANA**

DEAR TICKED OFF: Please don’t act on impulse. I think that as disgusted as you are with your in-laws,



DEAR ABBY

you should keep your mouth shut. If you spread this around, it could become the talk of the community and eventually embarrass the CHILD, who is blameless in all this.

DEAR ABBY: I am a man who has recently fallen in love with a beautiful male-to-female transgender. She considers herself a woman, but on social media lists herself as male.

I am wondering whether I should consider myself gay, bisexual or straight? I always considered myself straight until recently. — **NO LONGER SURE IN TEXAS**

DEAR NO LONGER SURE: Because the person presents herself to you as female, then you are a straight man who has fallen in love with a transgender woman. If you were attracted only to members

of the same sex, then you would be a homosexual. People who are attracted to both men and women are bisexual.

DEAR ABBY: I use public transportation to commute to and from work. I use the time to read and unwind from my day. People often start talking to me, and I find myself trapped for the next 45 minutes listening to an unwelcome monologue about their lives. The fact that I have earplugs in and a book on my lap is no deterrent.

I don’t want to be rude. What’s the best way to tell someone I prefer to chill out and not listen to his/her ramblings? — **BOOKWORM IN CALGARY, CANADA**

DEAR BOOKWORM: Smile at the person and say, “I need this time to catch up on my reading.” That’s asserting your right to privacy, and it’s not rude.

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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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Funny Little Kiwifruit

Dear Readers: Have you enjoyed the delicious taste of the funny little brown, furry KIWIFRUIT? These small, fuzzy fruits are just plain fun to eat!

They do have a great taste, sort of like strawberries, but not really. When buying, pass over extremely soft or bruised fruit. Squeeze the little fuzzball (not too hard), and it should “give” a little. Time to eat and enjoy.

If still firm, you can ripen the fruit at room temperature (they do look nice in a bowl on the kitchen counter), or in a paper bag with an apple to speed up the process. Once ripened, kiwifruit can be kept in the refrigerator for up to four weeks, or left at room temperature for a few days. — Heloise

P.S.: Did you know you can eat the skin of a kiwifruit? It is completely edible, but most people peel the skin before eating. However, now that I have learned this, I’m going to try one with the skin on!

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Ice-Cream Cones

Dear Heloise: Here are two summer hints my kids can’t do without. First, I always place a small marshmallow in the bottom of ice-cream cones to keep the ice cream from coming out of the bottom.

Second, I place a layer of hazelnut spread or peanut butter around the inside of the cone before the ice cream is added for an extra-special flavor surprise. — Tara W. in Florida

Shiny Or Dull?

Dear Heloise: I have always wondered if it matters which side is up or down when using regular aluminum foil: the shiny side or the dull side. Any hints? — John W. in Illinois

It makes absolutely no difference which side you use – they are the same!

It’s simply how it’s manufactured. One side is polished by the steel rollers and is shiny, and the “poor” other side is dull. — Heloise

Test Your Hint IQ

Dear Readers: Which of these items can be used when seeding jalapenos or hot peppers?

- A. A grapefruit knife
- B. Rubber gloves
- C. A vegetable peeler

If you chose A, B or C, you are correct! All can be used when seeding hot peppers, but you should wear rubber gloves. — Heloise

P.S.: If you don’t have rubber gloves, rub some cooking oil on your hands BEFORE dealing with any hot peppers. And for gosh sakes, DON’T rub your eyes, nose or any other body part! It’s very painful, and it’s happened to lots of folks!

Cutting Cantaloupe

Dear Heloise: I cut a cantaloupe into quarters, and then I use a grapefruit knife to cut the fruit from the skin. This works great, as the knife is curved and serrated on both sides. -- Jeanette W. in New Hampshire

I’m going to look right now and see if I have a grapefruit knife! — Heloise

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Face card
- 5 Sacred beetle
- 11 Clarinet cousin
- 12 Parish head
- 13 Friend
- 14 Let up
- 15 “The Matrix” hero
- 16 Thick cut
- 17 Out of bed
- 19 Beat walker
- 22 Act the coquette
- 24 Push rudely
- 26 Judy’s daughter
- 27 Writer Waugh
- 28 News subject
- 30 Bird on a baby announcement
- 31 Marry
- 32 Visitor from afar
- 34 Linen source
- 35 Descartes conclusion
- 38 Flute’s cousin
- 41 Poet Pound
- 42 Set right
- 43 Rider’s strap
- 44 Campaign contest

45 Throws in

DOWN

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- 2 Skilled
- 3 Like some once black-and-white films
- 4 Crucial
- 5 Deli counter sight
- 6 Some cigars
- 7 Saudi native
- 8 Informer
- 9 Had lunch
- 10 Garden area
- 16 Retired jet
- 18 Persia, today
- 19 Settled
- 20 Finished
- 21 Quick kiss
- 22 Took wing
- 23 Not recorded
- 25 Despise
- 29 Natural gift
- 30 Middling card
- 33 Espresso order
- 34 Hound hopper
- 36 Like a desert
- 37 Supplies with staff
- 38 Zeus or Apollo
- 39 Metal source
- 40 Shirt protector
- 41 Pitcher’s stat

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- 14 Shortly
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- 17 Guitarist Paul
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- 22 Closet pairs
- 24 Intent look
- 25 Overly
- 26 Convent occupant
- 27 Good quality
- 30 Betrayed nervousness
- 32 Davis of “Beetle-juice”
- 33 Writer Tan
- 34 Stowe tows
- 38 Subscription units
- 41 Faucet problem
- 42 Impulse relay
- 43 Big rig
- 44 Sidewalk stuff

45 Freshman, usually

DOWN

- 1 Refer to
- 2 Shortly, in poems
- 3 Unencumbered
- 4 Menu choice
- 5 Tag sale words
- 6 Decimal fractions
- 7 China buy
- 8 Check-cashing needs
- 9 Rebel general
- 10 Pendulum path
- 16 Battleship letters
- 19 Unencumbered
- 20 Factual
- 21 Dispatch
- 22 Antlered animal
- 23 Garden aid
- 28 Guarantee
- 29 Hire
- 30 Buddy
- 31 In the thick of
- 35 “— It Roman-tic?”
- 36 Clock reading
- 37 Take turns
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- 39 Behold
- 40 Total

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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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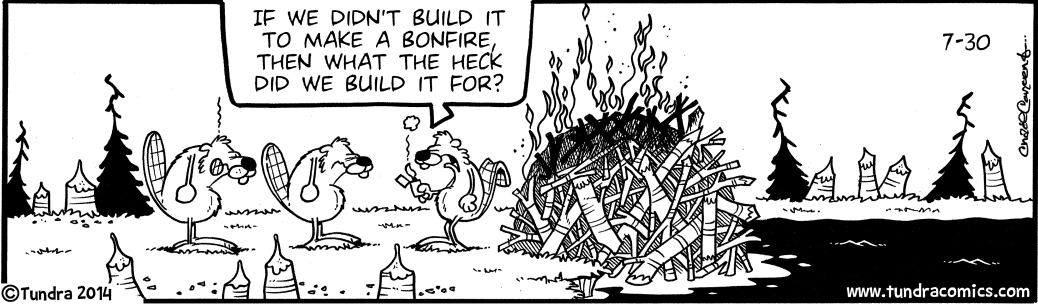
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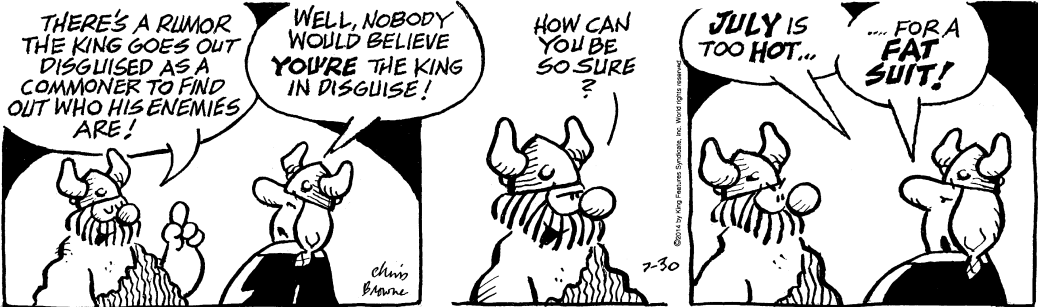
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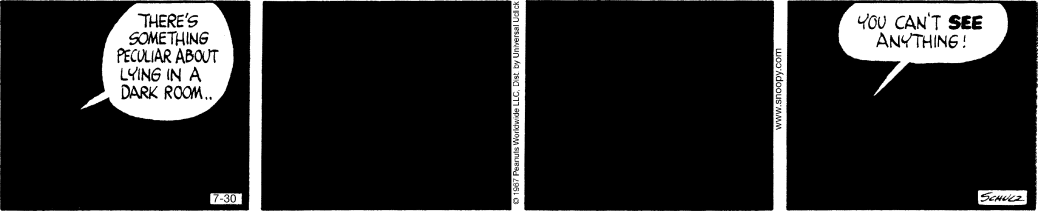
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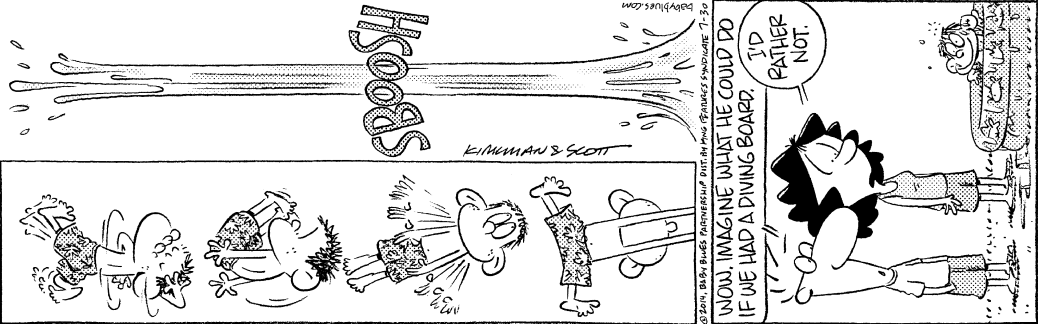
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