Daughter's new lifestyle puts mother in an awkward position

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, the mother of six children, has left her husband and is now involved in a three-way with a man and woman. She has not shielded her kids from these "new friends," as she calls them. Because I won't let her "friends" come along, she refuses to visit me.

I love my daughter, but I consider this relationship to be sick, and I hate that she's exposing her children to these people. Am I wrong to tell her to leave her bedroom activity out of the picture and visit me for just a day without them? We were always very close, but no more. — **DISTRESSED MIDWESTERN GRANNY**

DEAR DISTRESSED: I'm sure you love your daughter, but sometimes the way we phrase things can get in the way of the message we are trying to convey. Perhaps if you invited her to visit "because you love her and would like to spend some mother-daughter time with her," it would be perceived as less judgmental and more welcoming.

She may be reluctant to spend time alone with you because she knows it will result in a lecture from you about her lifestyle. Remember, she's an adult woman and can make decisions about her sex life for herself. While you and I may think it's unwise for her to expose her children to this triad, that message might be more appropriate coming from THEIR father, rather than HER mother.

DEAR ABBY: For the past few months I have been dating a man I'll call "Barry." This is my first relationship in five years and we get along well.

When we first met, I was physically attracted to Barry for many reasons, but in particular because he had a gorgeous beard. A beard is kind of important for me. Some women like tall men, others like long hair. I'm a "beard woman."

The problem is, Barry has told me I ogle any beard I see (not true). And he now gets annoyed if I look at or compliment HIS beard. A few days ago, he shaved it off.

I care about Barry, but I'm not as attracted to him when he's clean-shaven. I think he did it as an act of defiance. How can I get him to understand that I don't ogle every beard I see, and convince him to keep his whiskers without hurting his ego? — **FUZZ-LOVING IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR FUZZ-LOVING: Barry may have shaved the beard as "an act of defiance" – or not. He may have done it because it was uncomfortably hot or itchy, and he prefers being clean-shaven. My advice is to ask him – in a non-hostile way – why he got rid of it.

Many people think that the person BEHIND a beard is what's most important. However, if you're not one of them, because he's no longer willing to wear one, you may have to look elsewhere for a furry friend.

DEAR ABBY: I am at a loss about what to tell certain friends and family members about my job. I work in the adult industry to put myself through college, and I'm having a hard time finding a lie I can stick to. While I am not ashamed of what I do, I certainly can't tell my grandfather. This puts me in the awkward predicament of having to be dishonest with someone I love. Do you have any advice? — **LIVING A DOUBLE LIFE**

DEAR LIVING: Yes. Because lying to your friends and relatives makes you uncomfortable, consider some other way to pay for your education.

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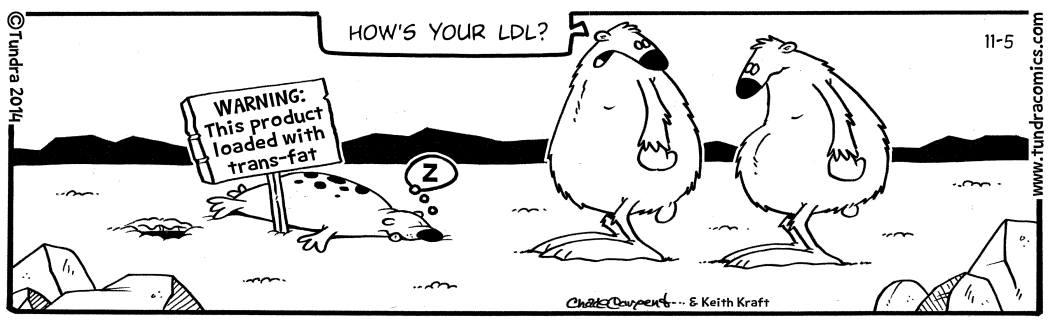

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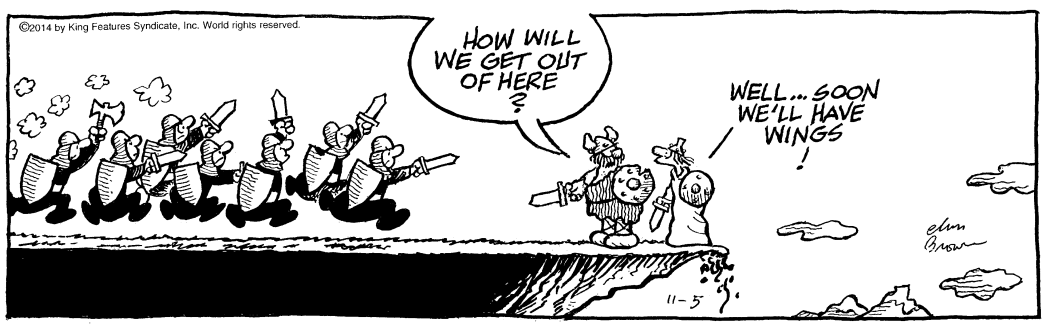

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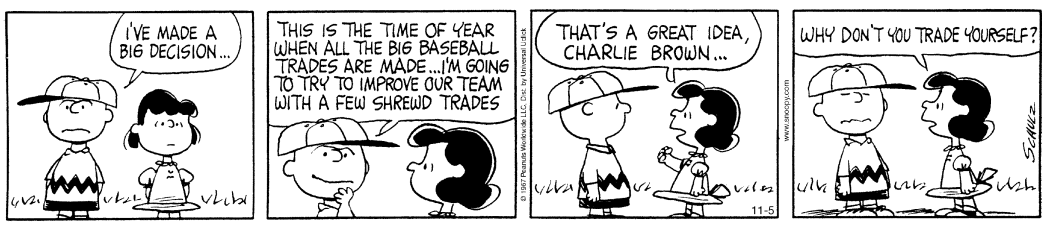

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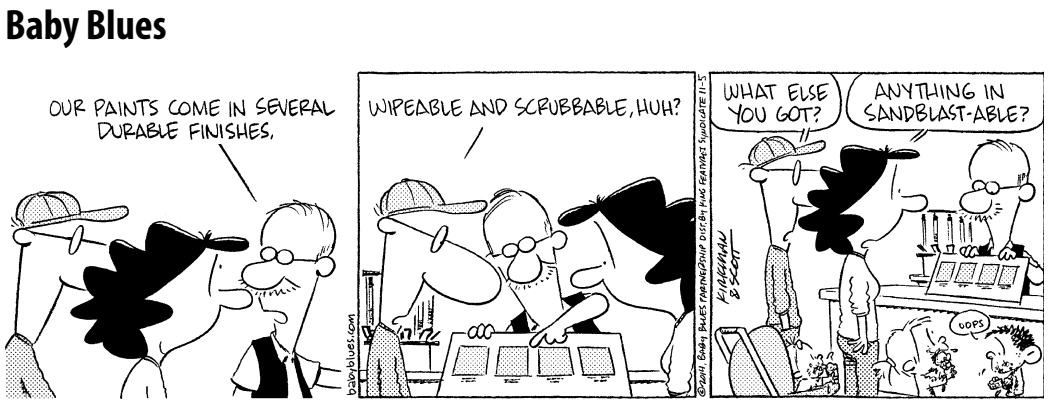

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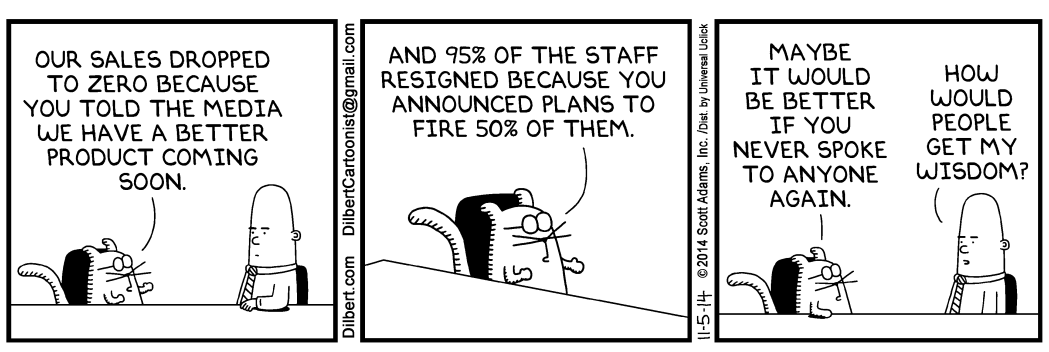

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Instructions for play: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

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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5	6	8	4	9	7	3	2	1
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HELOISE'S KITCHENEERING
BY HELOISE

Biscuits From Heaven

Dear Readers: With the holidays coming up, many will be going home for Thanksgiving. Who can resist home-baked goods and the smell of something yummy when you walk in the door that says "Welcome home"?

So many keep asking about the HELOISE ANGEL BISCUIT recipe that my mother, the original Heloise, printed more than four decades ago. And yes, they are just as soft as little angels. So here is my family recipe just for you.

This dough can be made up to three days in advance and stored in the refrigerator in a covered bowl. Gather the following ingredients:

1 package dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water
2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/8 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup buttermilk

Dissolve the yeast in warm water and set aside. Place all the dry ingredients (in the above order) in a bowl and mix. The shortening should be cut in, similar to when making pie crust. Stir in the buttermilk and the yeast mixture. Mix well and refrigerate in a covered bowl.

Take the dough out when ready to make biscuits. Knead it LIGHTLY on a floured counter or board. Roll out the dough gently and cut into shape. I use a small juice glass to "cut" out just the right-size biscuit. Place the biscuits in a greased pan and allow to rise slightly. Bake in a 400 F oven for 12-15 minutes. Enjoy! — Heloise

P.S.: Make a double batch, because they will just "float" away, they are so light.

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Honey For Sugar?

Dear Heloise: I do a lot of baking and am alarmed at the amount of sugar required. I want to substitute honey. Can I substitute honey for sugar? — Gaylen C., Bella Vista, Ark.

Yes, you can substitute honey for sugar! Here are a couple of hints: Use a one-to-one substitution (1 cup of honey in place of 1 cup of sugar). However, when a recipe calls for more than a cup, reduce the liquid in the recipe by 1/4 cup per cup. Then lower the oven temperature by 25 degrees to prevent overbrowning. — Heloise

Healthy Rinse

Dear Heloise: I love coleslaw, but everything sold in my area is too rich and sugary. I purchase a package, put it in a strainer, then pour water over it and watch the excess mayonnaise and sugar go down the drain. My coleslaw now has a sensible calorie count, and to me it tastes better. -- Marvin P., Torrington, Conn.

Marvin, you also could buy a package of pre-cut or shredded slaw and add your own dressing. — Heloise

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Javier of "Skyfall"
7 Silicate mineral
11 Carry too far
12 "One" on a one
13 Begins with enthusiasm
14 Dance unit
15 Stiffness
17 Writer Kingsley
20 Vigilant
23 Oxford bigwig
24 Party participant
26 Morse E
27 Saloon supply
28 Some gametes
29 Herald
31 Arles answer
32 Tick off
33 Ready for business
34 Pulpit delivery
37 Computer symbol
39 Canada's capital
43 One-sided victory
44 New York's — Island
45 Phone downloads
46 Critic's annual list

DOWN
1 Gift topper
2 Gardner of movies
3 Wine choice
4 Attire
5 Fix text
6 Poet Van Duyn
7 Brawn
8 Fully informed
9 Pool need
10 Guitar blaster
16 Baltimore pro
17 Make sense
18 Antlered animal
19 Experiencing a bad situation
21 Variety show
22 Use the gym
24 Less common
25 Quarterback Manning
30 History makeup
33 Like bar beer
35 Largest amount
36 "Beetle Bailey" dog
37 Writer Levin
38 Flatfoot
40 Lawyer: Abbr.
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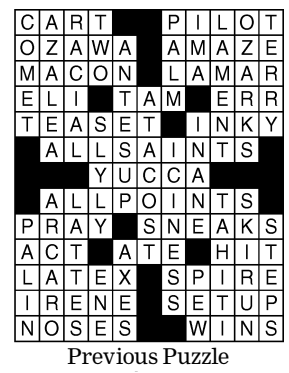
42 TV's Curry



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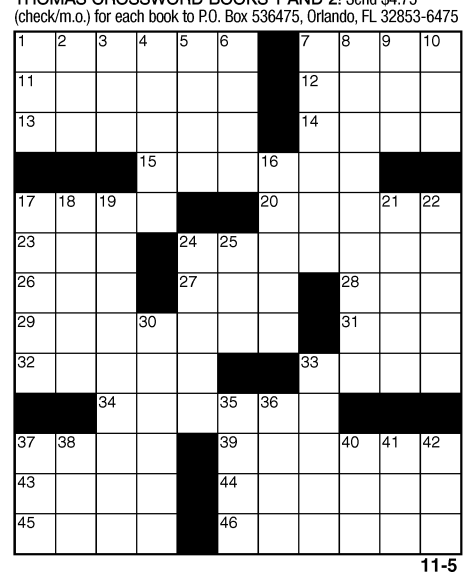

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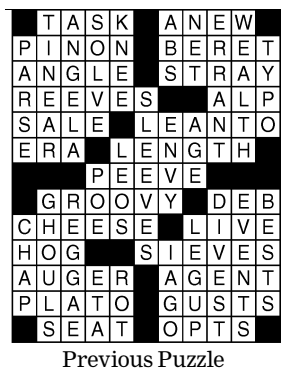
CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Hold tightly
5 Dry up
10 Went fast
12 Hilo hello
13 Menzel of "Frozen"
14 "— is an island"
15 Writer Anaïs
16 GI IDs
18 Bookmark, in a way
20 Scottish denial
21 Wasn't honest
23 Suffering
24 Talks and talks
26 List-ending abbr.
28 Stimpy's pal
29 Folded food
31 Much of N. Amer.
32 Golf hole with a bend
36 Flowering tree
39 Rower's tool
40 Filmdom's Flynn
41 Upper crust
43 Asp or adder
44 Binge
45 Big books
46 Transmit

DOWN
1 Dull routine
2 Ham's need
3 Cake cover
4 Stock holder
5 Hunger reminder
6 Heaps
7 Bucharest setting
8 Painter Marc
9 Grimm boy
11 Max Ernst, for one
17 Mine yield
19 Antlered animal
22 Breaks, in a way
24 "What's it gonna be?"
25 Servant for taverns, e.g.
27 — up (dress)
28 Least polite
30 Hoopla
33 River through Nantes
34 All gone
35 Avarice
37 Came to
38 Flamenco cries
42 CDs' forerunners



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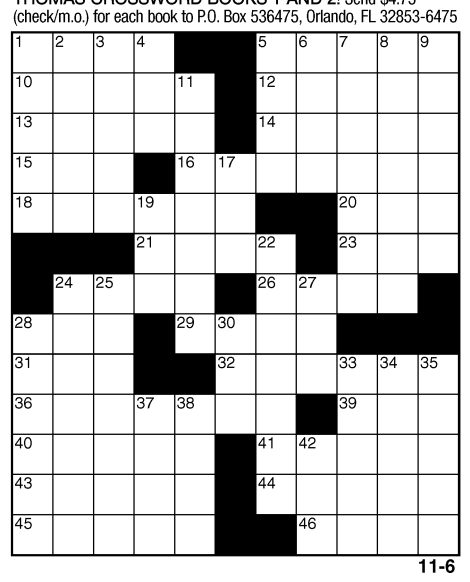

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here's how to work it:

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.

11-5 CRYPTOQUOTE

U E P U V O Y M N U E P W M F P X D P F Q S V U M X L O D M U U M S Q U F M H D C Q D B J P O , Z Q U U M L X X L B V U P F P O P X U O . — S . O . J P H L O

Previous Cryptoquote: WITH FREEDOM, BOOKS, FLOWERS, AND THE MOON, WHO COULD NOT BE HAPPY? – Oscar Wilde