

Daughter-in-law’s pregnancy tears husband’s family apart

DEAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law had an affair with a co-worker and is now pregnant by him. She swears she loves my son and won't leave him, but insists that her lover be a part of the baby's life. My son is torn. They have two small children and he doesn't want to break up the family. How can he continue to trust her?



DEAR ABBY

the high road anyway. So try to be supportive.

passwords to my Twitter, Facebook and email accounts. I understand they're trying to protect me, but the fact that they don't trust me by now is upsetting.

I tried telling them this, and they say they DO trust me, but they still want my passwords. Is this a contradiction? I need some independence, and they don't seem to understand that. — **LOSING MY MIND IN TACOMA, WASH.**

DEAR LOSING YOUR MIND: It's not a contradiction if you read some of the news coverage on the Internet about young people who have committed suicide because they were hounded by cyber-bullies. It's not a contradiction if you consider that sometimes bad things happen at parties that aren't properly supervised. If, God forbid, you should "disappear," your parents – and the police – would want to know who had been communicating with you and what was said.

Please do not overreact to their concern. While it would have been better if they had given you a reason for their request, I doubt they'll be reading over your shoulder. Most parents don't spend a lot of time doing that unless they have some reason to mistrust their teenager.

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DEAR ABBY: I met a woman who seems to be everything I have been looking for. We have similar interests and share many of the same goals.

My problem is I'm only 5 foot 9 and she's 6 feet tall. Am I foolish for feeling like less of a man when in her company? What will people think? — **NOT SO TALL IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR NOT SO TALL: If you would allow a 3-inch difference in height to keep you from pursuing a woman who "seems to be everything you're looking for," then you ARE foolish.

Being taller than a woman doesn't make a man more manly. What makes a man manly is his level of self-confidence, which you appear to lack. Until you understand and accept that what other people think is THEIR problem, I'm not sure you'll find the happiness you're looking for.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-year-old girl who's involved with social media. My parents have always been protective. A few days ago they asked me for the

DEAR MOTHER: If I were you, I'd stop trying. Your son has made his choice, which is to keep his family together. If that means accepting that his wife will maintain a relationship with her lover and, in essence, her baby will have "two daddies," that's the way it's going to be. While I understand your husband's anger, as long as your son is willing to tolerate the situation, there is nothing to be gained by banning your daughter-in-law from the premises.

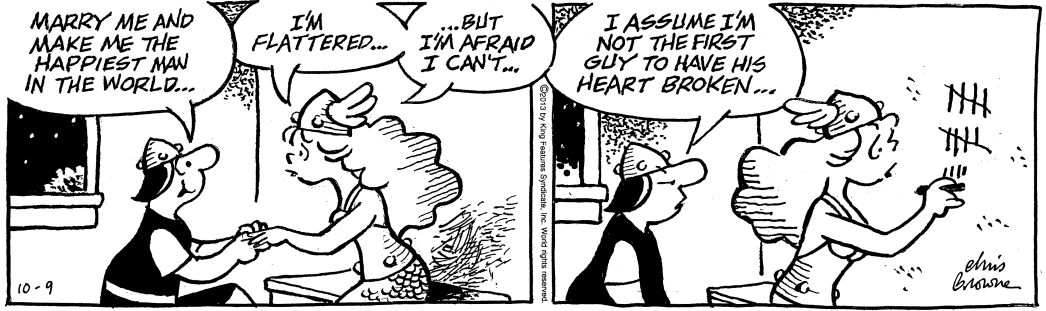
Because you mentioned church, pray for the strength to support your son through this because he's going to need it. I'm sure he is fully aware that his wife isn't "good" for him, but he's trying to take

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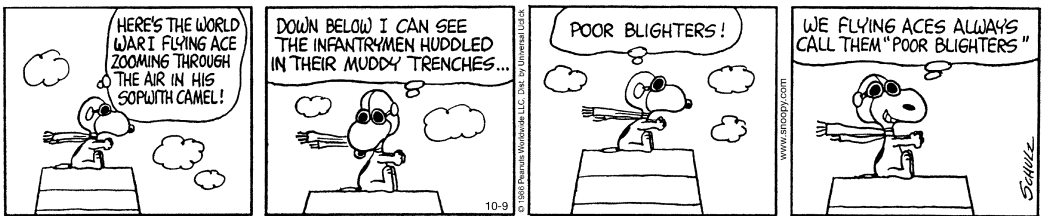
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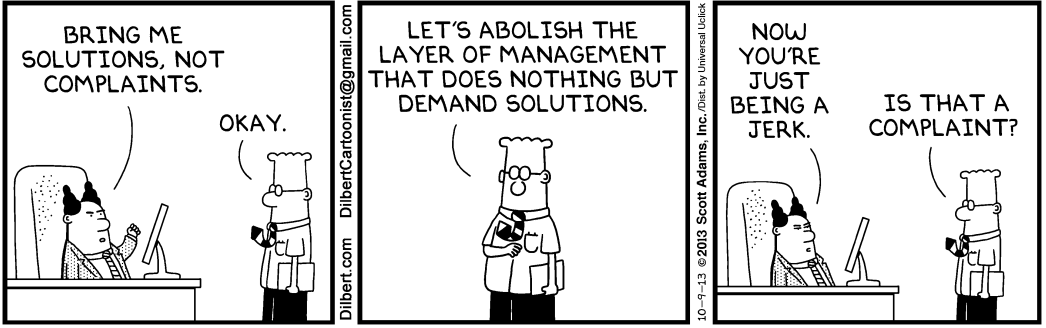
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Instructions for play: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

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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Reader Sad That His Parmesan Is Blue

Dear Heloise: One cannot purchase small amounts of freshly ground PARMESAN CHEESE in most supermarkets. We don't use much, and by the time we've gotten about halfway through, we see blue spots in the Parmesan, which we then discard. Any suggestions? — John Campbell, via email

Yes, and it's very simple: Buy a small block of cheese and grate it yourself. The shelf life for fresh-ground Parmesan is about two weeks (after opening). Be prepared to use it within this time. Once grated, store it in an airtight glass or plastic container in the refrigerator.

When buying a wedge/whole piece of Parmesan, wrap the cheese in wax or brown paper, followed by plastic wrap around the outside. The cheese will be able to breathe, but will remain airtight. — Heloise

BEAN DIP

Dear Heloise: I could have cried when I realized I'd thrown away my copy of your recipe for refried bean dip. Please reprint it for me. — Cora J. in Texas

Cora, don't cry! Hard to believe this recipe was first printed in 1971 by my mother (the original Heloise, 1919-1977), but it is just as good today! Gather these ingredients:

2 cups of pinto beans, cooked or canned (drained and rinsed)

2 slices of very crisp bacon

A pinch of garlic

A pinch of chili powder

Place all the ingredients in a blender. Depending on your preference, blend until the mixture is smooth, or leave slightly chunky. Refrigerate until cool.

I add a couple of drops of hot sauce at times, but you can add chopped jalapeños, green olives or any other extra to make it your own. All recipes can be changed to fit one's personal taste. Some of my favorite recipes that you can add your own ingredients to, such as my Olive Nut Dip and Taco Casserole, are available in my Heloise's All-Time Favorite Recipes pamphlet, which you can order by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (66 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Recipes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Keep a selection of different canned beans in the pantry for making dips and adding to soups, stews or casseroles. — Heloise

COOKING SAFETY

Dear Readers: Here is a reminder hint when cooking in the kitchen: Make sure to turn all pot handles to the inside, where little hands, or even adults walking by, can't hit them while on the stovetop. Small hands or an accidental hip bump can cause serious injury.

Also, don't wear long sleeves that hang loosely and can get caught on anything on the stove. Make it a point to change before you start cooking, especially if you just got home from work. — Heloise

NO-DRIP BATTER

Dear Heloise: After years of putting up with batter dripping down the sides of my waffle irons, I found an elegant but simple solution. After pouring in the batter, leave the lid open for 30 seconds. Voilà! No more overflowing batter. — Jack G. in Middlesex, N.Y.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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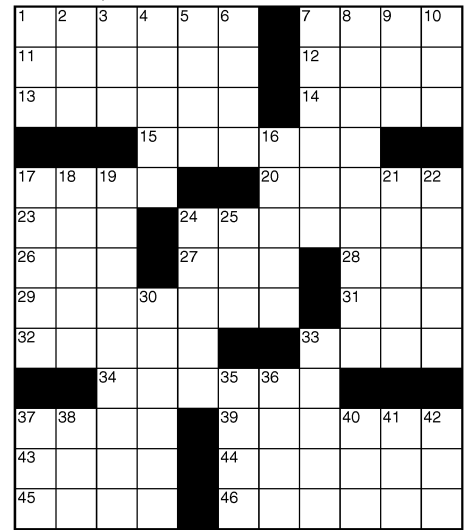
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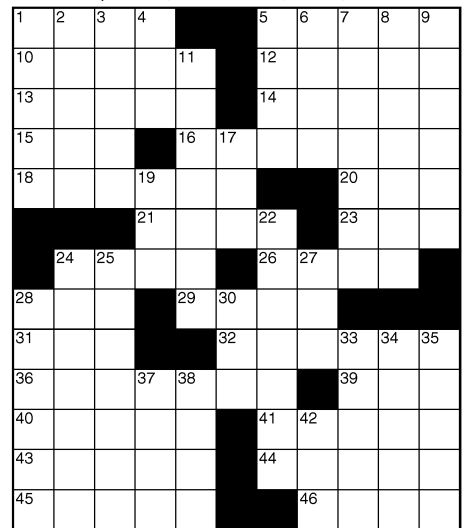
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Daily Cryptoquote – Here's how to work it:

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.

10-9 CRYPTOQUOTE

B Q W L D J F X Y W B Y D V H

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B U W L D Z D U W W D X Y L D F .

— K X T X B T X P X

Previous Cryptoquote: THERE IS NOTHING SO EASY TO LEARN AS EXPERIENCE AND NOTHING SO HARD TO APPLY. – Josh Billings