

Trust in relationship involves more than knowing passwords

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship for two years. We gave each other our phone passwords as soon as we made it official to avoid keeping things from each other.

One night I had a sudden urge to go through his phone. I had never done it before, and when I looked at his Facebook messages, I saw he had been exchanging inappropriate pictures with someone. I was shocked and angry, and it almost ended our relationship.

He deleted and blocked this person, and I forgave him. We don't talk about it anymore. I haven't noticed any other red flags, but now, when he's asleep or goes somewhere and leaves his phone at home, just looking at it upsets me. I'll put a pillow or a blanket over it so I can "forget" it's there. I don't know if I should take another peek to make sure he's staying on the straight and narrow, or if ignorance is bliss. What do you think? — **UNSURE GUY IN TEXAS**

DEAR UNSURE GUY: Ignorance ISN'T bliss. Being able to trust the man you're with is, and if it turns out you can't, it's better that you know sooner rather than later. It appears you still have some unresolved trust issues with him that need to be discussed.

Between you and me, if he was trying to conceal something, he probably



DEAR ABBY

wouldn't be leaving his phone exposed and vulnerable to checking.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 39 and have been married for 12 years. My wife is 35. When we first got together, my wife did not want to have kids right away. She said maybe after I graduated from college, or perhaps we could adopt. It took more time because of some surgeries, but I have graduated now and I want to start a family.

She now says she thought I was kidding when we were talking about it all those years ago, and that I knew she never wanted kids. I am at a loss. I love this woman, but I do want children, or to adopt a baby if that's not possible — but she says she's unwilling to do either. What am I to do? — **WANTS TO BE A DAD IN CHARLOTTE, N.C.**

DEAR WANTS TO BE A DAD: You either accept that you will be childless, or talk to an attorney about divorcing a woman who appears to

have deceived you. How sad!

DEAR ABBY: I was engaged to my ex-girlfriend for three years. We broke up more than a year ago — her choice. We reconciled briefly, but are now broken up for good, and she's dating someone else.

My question is about the engagement ring. It didn't bother me that she kept it until recently. Should I ask for the ring back or let it go? If you think I should ask for it, should I do it face-to-face or through some other messaging? — **MOVING ON IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR MOVING ON: When your ex-girlfriend broke the engagement, she should have returned the engagement ring. That she didn't indicates she is either ignorant regarding the rules of etiquette, or that she plans to keep it regardless of what the custom is. (If it's the latter, you're fortunate to be rid of her.)

I do NOT recommend asking for the ring via text or a phone call out of the blue. Your chances might be better if you ask in person. I wish you luck!

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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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A Good, Clean Apple
Dear Heloise: Every morning, I enjoy reading your hints in the Tyler (Texas) Morning Telegraph. I have a question about how to WASH MY APPLES. The skin has a waxy feel on the outside. Someone told me to just peel them, but that takes time and is messy. I sure would like to have a good, clean apple! — Carolyn S. in Texas

You can get one very easily while preserving the skin, which contains fiber and some nutrients. You can run it under water, rubbing with your hands or a paper towel, or use a vegetable brush. The Food and Drug Administration does not recommend using any detergents or soaps.

Did you know that apples make their own natural wax coating? Most of that natural wax is removed when the apples are harvested and washed. An approved (safe to eat) wax is then applied before apples are sold. This wax keeps moisture in and prolongs the shelf life. But mainly, most people just prefer the look of a nice, shiny apple! — Heloise

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Mayo Vs. Dressing
Dear Readers: In Heloise Central, we were talking about mayonnaise and salad dressing spread, and we started wondering if they are the same, but if not, what is the difference? Here is what we found:

They are similar, but not the same thing. Mayonnaise is thicker and is made of oil, egg and vinegar. To be labeled as "mayonnaise," it must have at least 65 percent oil by weight.

Salad dressing spread is not as thick, is made with less oil and has added spices (like paprika), which makes it sweeter-tasting.

What you prefer often comes down to which was used in the household when you were growing up. — Heloise

Microwave Magic
Dear Heloise: Sometimes microwaving stale baked goods can make them seem fresher. If a roll or breakfast pastry is old, wrap it in a damp paper towel (one that has been thoroughly wet and then wrung dry). Microwave at the lowest setting for about 10 seconds. The end result is amazingly like fresh. — Susan J. in Virginia

Egg Substitute
Dear Heloise: We have a lot of recipes we want to try that call for "egg substitute." Since we never buy that, we are wondering if you could tell us how much one raw egg would equal if you are using an egg substitute. — R.I.H., via email

Very good question, and many people are using egg substitute to watch cholesterol intake and calories. So, here is the conversion chart:

One large egg equals 1/4 cup of egg substitute.

Two large eggs equal 1/2 cup.

Four large eggs equal a cup.

— Heloise

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Supplies with staff
- 5 Painter Klee
- 9 Steer clear of
- 11 — d'Or (Cannes award)
- 12 Social group
- 13 Throat dangler
- 14 — stand-still
- 15 Boxer George
- 17 Governor George
- 19 Squirrel's snack
- 20 Gasp, say
- 21 Humorist
- 22 Wild card, at times
- 24 "Golly!"
- 26 Hops in place
- 29 Determined
- 30 Actor George
- 32 Singer George
- 34 Tell tales
- 35 Fireplace stuff
- 36 Spanish resort isle
- 38 Break the rules
- 39 Radio part
- 40 Automaker Benz

41 Army chow

DOWN

- 1 Bright parrot
- 2 James Cameron movie
- 3 Old cash register reading
- 4 Canine command
- 5 Make roads
- 6 Homecoming group
- 7 Vowel topper
- 8 Inclined
- 10 Mar
- 11 Undiluted

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Previous Puzzle

- 16 Multiply by eight
- 18 Stow cargo
- 21 "Here — again!"
- 23 "Settle down!"
- 24 Japanese entertainer
- 25 Rem-brandt, for one
- 27 One way to shop
- 28 Grabs
- 29 Open-handed hit
- 30 Play group
- 31 Decade parts
- 33 Get better
- 37 Lazy fellow

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ACROSS

- 1 Sleep like —
- 5 In the middle of
- 10 Composer Bartók
- 11 Flowering shrub
- 12 Dutch cheese
- 13 Hide-bound
- 14 Fragrant flower
- 16 Fragrant flower
- 20 Servant's uniform
- 23 Water, in the Seine
- 24 —
- 25 Fake gems
- 27 Maiden name label
- 28 Put into piles
- 29 Bright flower
- 32 Bright flower
- 36 Sanction
- 39 Wander
- 40 Contacts, in a way
- 41 Writer Hunter
- 42 Fourth-down plays
- 43 Car scar

DOWN

- 1 Cain's victim
- 2 Helen's mother
- 3 Norwegian king
- 4 Small fowl for roasting
- 5 Ancient Mexican
- 6 New Zealand native
- 7 Ancient
- 8 Not pos.
- 9 Kind of pride
- 11 Clear —
- 15 Songwriter Laura
- 17 High home
- 18 London gallery

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Previous Puzzle

- 19 Tinted
- 20 Breathing organ
- 21 Words of understanding
- 22 Turn suddenly
- 25 Fluffy garment part
- 26 Like tanks
- 28 Makes finer
- 30 Let in
- 31 Manicure targets
- 33 Peace symbol
- 34 Infamous czar
- 35 Spring period
- 36 Vitality
- 37 Aussie bird
- 38 Sprinted

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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.

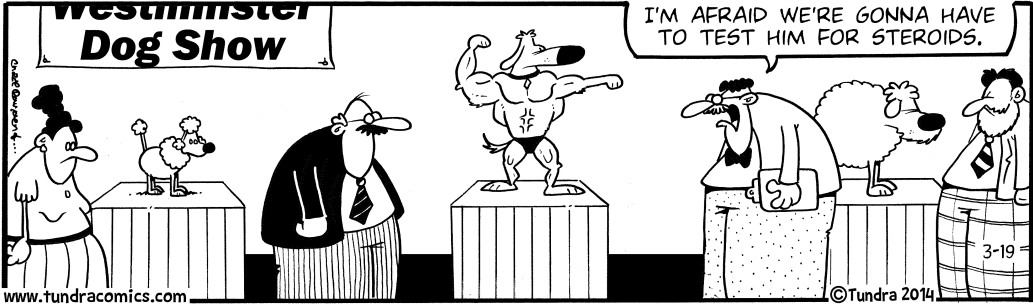
3-19 CRYPTOQUOTE

Q Z W T O N C W V G J Q Z W L N W Q V X
N T V W L V N R I B Q G N M . G Q G J
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W Q W V M H O J W R I B Q G K W M W J J
N T O G T W . — F W H M D G V H I R N I S

Previous Cryptoquote: HE WHO HAS IMAGINATION WITHOUT LEARNING HAS WINGS BUT NO FEET. — Joseph Joubert

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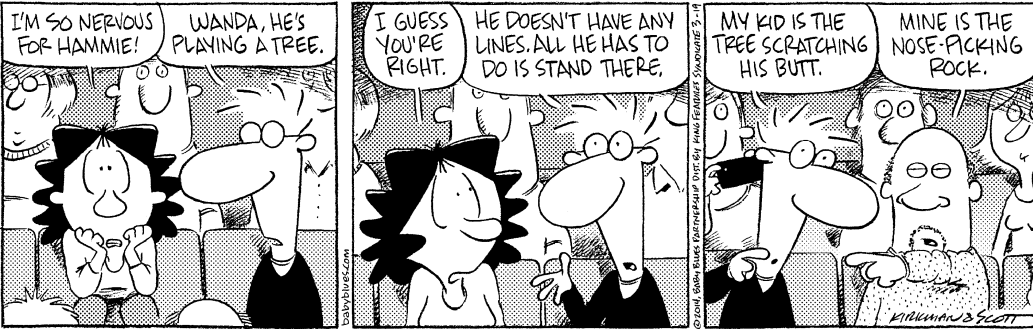
Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts



Baby Blues



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