Girl suspects her grandpa has become a dirty old man

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I am a 12-year-old girl, and my grandpa is 75. I love him very much, but I have noticed lately that he stares at women's breasts when they are jogging, and he smiles when a gust of wind blows a girl's skirt up. This embarrasses me, and I am embarrassed for him. He must have realized it by now.

Is my grandpa a creepy, dirty old man? I hope it's not true. Please answer this in the newspaper because I don't want my family to see it. — **CARRIE IN CLEVELAND**

DEAR CARRIE: I'm sorry, but the fact that your grandfather would be so unsubtle as to act this way when you're with him IS creepy, and I'm sure it is embarrassing. Tell your parents about it so your mother or father can tell him to tone down his "enthusiasm." And if it doesn't happen, spend less time with Grandpa.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancee, "Caitlyn," and I are in our 40s and have been living together for a year. My family has invited us to go on a cruise for New Year's, all expenses paid. Because Caitlyn can't get time off from her job at the hospital, she doesn't want me to go, either.

Also, in the fall I will be traveling to Europe with my dad to visit relatives. (He's 80.) These trips don't happen all the time; it's an unusual year.

Should I refuse the cruise and miss out on being with my extended family to stay home with her while she works? I think Caitlyn's being selfish to expect me to. We spend all our free time together. We have been to Las Vegas and on a cruise recently. Please advise. — **HELD BACK IN OHIO**

DEAR HELD BACK: You and Caitlyn are adults in your 40s. At that age, Caitlyn should be independent enough to tell you to go and have a good time with your family. And you should be mature enough to discuss this with her without involving me.

DEAR ABBY: My sister loaned me her car when she went out of town so I could drop her at the airport and pick her up. (I don't have a car of my own, but share one with my husband.) While I was driving her car, one of the tires blew. She says I should pay for the replacement tire because I was driving the car on an errand that was unrelated to picking her up when the tire blew. I disagree. Who is right? — **JENNIFER IN FLORIDA**

DEAR JENNIFER: If the agreement between you and your sister was that her car was to be used only to take her to the airport and pick her up, then you owe her a new tire. However, if her tires were so worn that they could cause an accident, then she should replace her own tire – and the other three as well.

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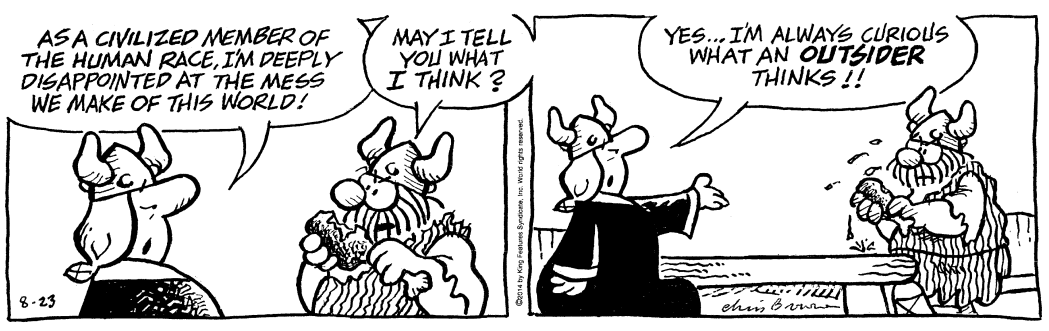
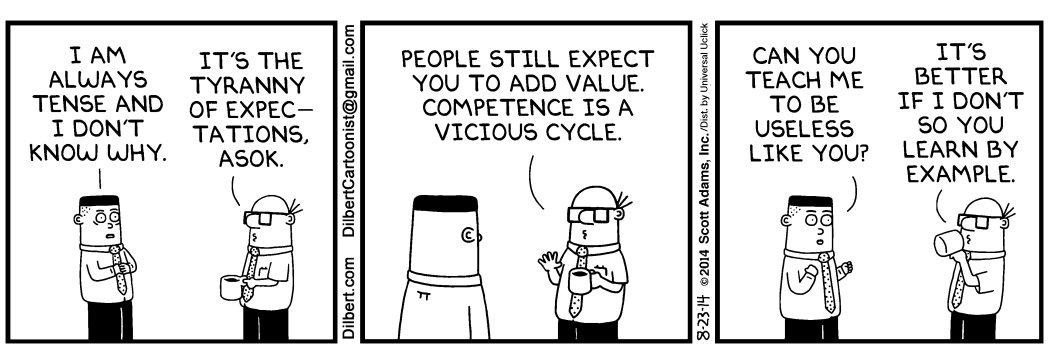
Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts

Baby Blues

Dilbert



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

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.

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

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, exercise caution when expressing your needs. It can be difficult to stop when you are drumming up so much excitement. Now is not the time to take a risk.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may have overextended yourself this week. You didn't realize you had taken on so much until it was too late, but there is still time to backtrack.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, committing to a daily routine can have a strong impact on your overall health. Consider tailoring a new routine for yourself, and you'll reap the healthy rewards.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Take things slow with a budding relationship this week, Cancer. You don't want to go too fast and find yourself in over your head. Let things develop gradually.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, carefully consider any offer that seems too good to be true this week. While the person making the offer is not ill-intentioned, you still must exercise caution.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Big ideas sweep in this week and leave you with a lot of inspiration, Virgo. Don't get too lost in fantastical ideas, though. Wait a little bit before finalizing plans.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Err on the side of caution with regard to spending this week, Libra. You have to save up for a bigger purchase that's on the horizon, so try to save as much as you can now.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, only now do you realize how much you have on your plate. Think about postponing a getaway until your schedule is less packed and you can enjoy the trip even more.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, turn work into play and things will move along that much more quickly. Split up the tasks at hand with a friend or colleague, and the week will fly by.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, even though you don't have much time for yourself, you feel compelled to spend more time with others. Make some time for yourself as well.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you secretly enjoy when others come to you for advice. Think carefully before making any suggestions, and your friends will be more appreciative because of it.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Now is the time to further your studies, Pisces. Figure out how to finance a return to school and make the most of the opportunity.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 24
John Green, Author (37)

AUGUST 25
Blake Lively, Actress (27)

AUGUST 26
Melissa McCarthy, Comic actress (44)

AUGUST 27
Cesar Millan, Dog Trainer (45)

AUGUST 28
LeAnn Rimes, Singer (32)

AUGUST 29
Jay Ryan, Actor (33)

AUGUST 30
Cliff Lee, Athlete (36)

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Ship spars
7 "World War Z" star
11 Bride-to-be's agreement, for short
12 Plot unit
13 Become depleted
14 Brightly colored
15 Include
16 Easy two-pointer
17 Final, for one
18 Compliant
19 Composer Satie
21 Nasty dog
22 Counter workers
25 Big truck
26 Traffic marker
27 Football team
29 Years gone by
33 Chopped finely
34 The present
35 Crystal gazer
36 Make definite, as plans
37 Samovars
38 Tempt
39 Spot
40 Frittered away

DOWN
1 Jack of rhyme
2 Priggish person
3 Tears apart
4 Put down in writing
5 Game round
6 Mole, for one
7 Irrational fear
8 Chipping tool
9 Cressida's love
10 Sawbuck
16 Game piece
18 Burgundy city
20 Entered Indy
22 "Amadeus" role
23 Words under the Lincoln Memorial
24 Does the news
25 Against
28 Bard's creation
30 Let on
31 Pasta topper
32 Used a keyboard
34 Singer Turner
36 Handful of

S	P	A	S	M	■	■	D	A	T	A
M	A	C	H	O	■	F	I	N	E	S
A	R	R	O	W	■	A	N	G	R	Y
R	I	O	T	■	A	R	O	U	S	E
T	A	B	■	A	G	E	■	S	E	T
S	H	A	L	L	O	W	S	■	■	■
■	S	T	E	P	■	E	A	R	S	■
■	■	■	S	H	A	L	L	O	T	S
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P	A	R	A	D	E	■	T	U	R	N
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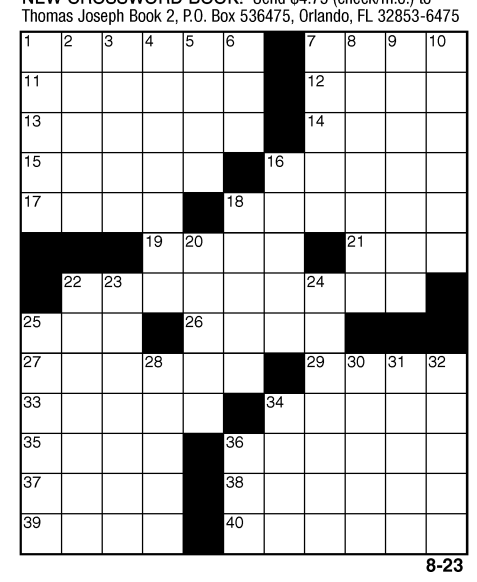

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ACROSS
1 Imitated
5 Sleepy mammal
10 Sandwich shop
11 Chatty bird
13 N. Mex. neighbor
14 German chancellor Merkel
15 Bird's stomach
17 Spots on TV
18 Stritch and May
19 Use a chair
20 Conclusion
21 Fibula or femur
22 Came up
25 Breathing organs
26 Diatribe
27 Entertainment industry, slangily
28 Gardner of film
29 Crosswords and the like
33 Auction action
34 With consequences
35 Bored by routine
37 Stellar bear
38 Red shade
39 Hard journey
40 Passover feast
41 "Auld Lang —"

DOWN
1 Wise saying
2 Danger
3 "My Fair Lady" heroine
4 Most giddy
5 Didn't punish
6 Comes to earth
7 Assn.'s kin
8 Crime against the state
9 Football foul
12 Tries a bite of
16 Writer Rice
21 Army barber's offerings
22 Language of Qatar
23 Deep gorges
24 If challenged
25 Judy's daughter
27 Stick in the fridge
29 Brief rest
30 Brit's truck
31 German steel city
32 Tent anchor
36 Free (of)

D	A	N	T	E	■	Q	U	A	R	T
A	L	O	H	A	■	U	R	B	A	N
M	I	S	E	R	■	I	N	E	P	T
■	■	E	N	A	C	T	S	■	■	■
M	A	C	■	C	O	O	■	P	O	E
C	L	O	T	H	E	■	T	I	P	S
C	I	N	D	E	R	C	O	N	E	S
O	N	E	S	■	C	A	M	E	R	A
Y	E	S	■	P	E	P	■	C	A	Y
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E	L	G	A	R	■	C	Y	N	I	C
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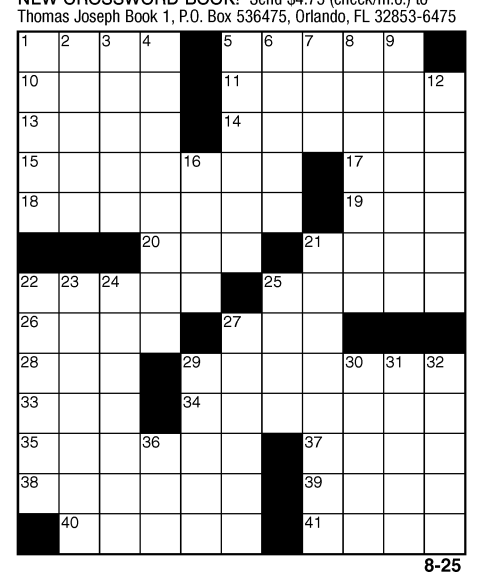

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here's how to work it:

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.

8-23 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

P L G L T P W W G R W B J B A N X M
X T E X L E G W G P A G L H P A G H B Z
G Y A X P W W X C X L B Y B W T
A X R B M B U X O Z B M . — Q X L Z P M
P M B L P O B Z

Previous Cryptoquote: LOVE IS THAT CONDITION IN WHICH THE HAPPINESS OF ANOTHER PERSON IS ESSENTIAL TO YOUR OWN. – Robert A. Heinlein