

Boyfriend’s denial of viewing porn is reason for mistrust

DEAR ABBY: I’m 18 and smarter than many people realize. I carefully evaluate every situation to find the best solution, but I can’t find one for this problem. My boyfriend, who I’ve been with for two years, has recently started watching hermaphrodite porn on a website where there are naked pictures of local girls.



DEAR ABBY

there in the first place if I hadn’t been doing her a favor. I offered to pay \$15 if she’d pay the rest. She refuses.

If I’m stuck with the whole thing I will resent it and won’t speak to her. After all, I am a mother, too, and if I caused something like this to happen to any of my children, I would without question pay for the whole ticket. Who is right? — **HELPFUL DAUGHTER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR DAUGHTER: It’s a shame your mother reneged on her offer, but she wasn’t the person who was driving that day. I sincerely hope you won’t let \$20 cause a rift in your relationship because it would be childish.

In the future, look more carefully to see how the parking is posted -- and now that you know your mother can manage, be less solicitous when you’re choosing a spot. (If she really isn’t able to walk far, then her doctor will give her a handicapped parking tag for you to hang on your rearview mirror when you’re driving her.)

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it. I don’t blame you for feeling uncomfortable right now. Rather than search for shortcomings within yourself, take a long, hard look at Roy. Do you need a boyfriend you can’t trust, particularly if you think he may have had sex with some of the individuals who appear on a porn site?

DEAR ABBY: My mother asked me on one hour’s notice to take her on an errand. Although I wasn’t planning on going out that day, I obliged. Because she’s elderly, I parked as close to the door of the business as I could. I honestly didn’t see any signs or any parking meters. When we came out, there was a \$25 ticket on my vehicle. I was so upset Mom gave me a \$20 bill to help.

She now says she did it because I made her feel guilty and, since it is my car and she’s my mother, I should pay for the whole thing and return her money! I wouldn’t have been

I don’t know what to do. I feel uncomfortable with him now. I feel like I’m not satisfying him or that he wants someone else. — **INSECURE IN MASSACHUSETTS**

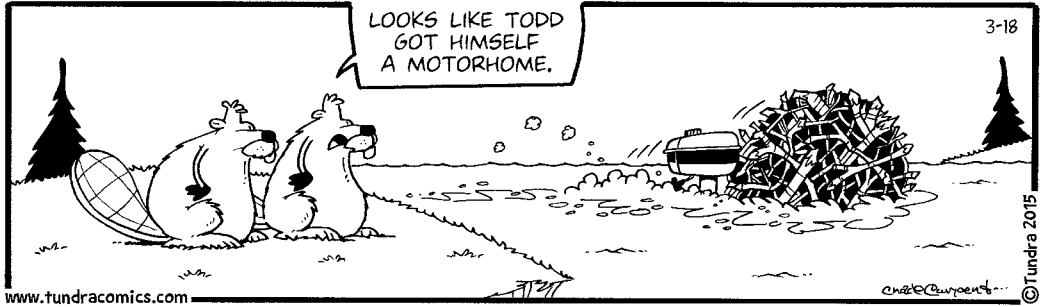
DEAR INSECURE: While Roy may have been embarrassed to have been caught, I am still troubled by the fact that he wasn’t honest with you. Whether you’re not satisfying him is beside the point.

That he lied to you in the face of evidence to the contrary should be a wake-up call. The question becomes – what ELSE has Roy been less than truthful about? Does he have a fetish? Is he bi-curious?

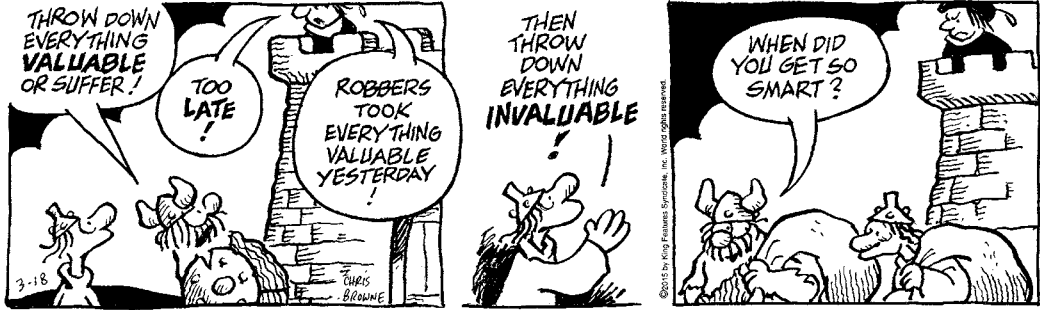
It would benefit you if you could have an honest conversation with him about

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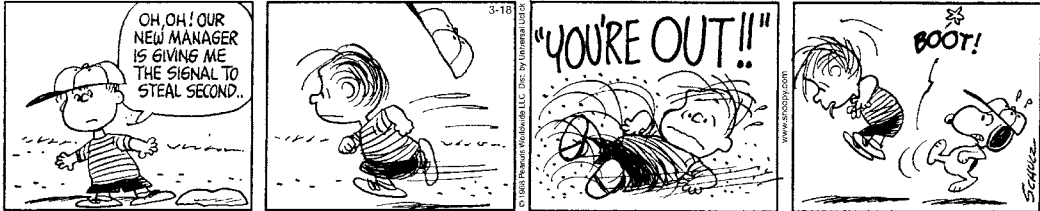
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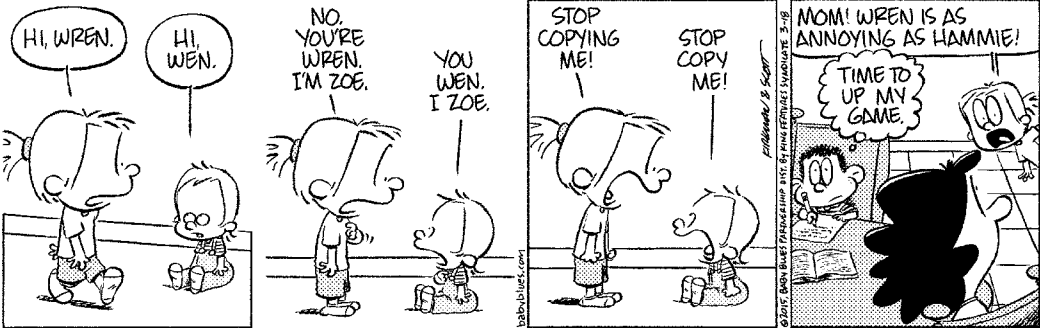
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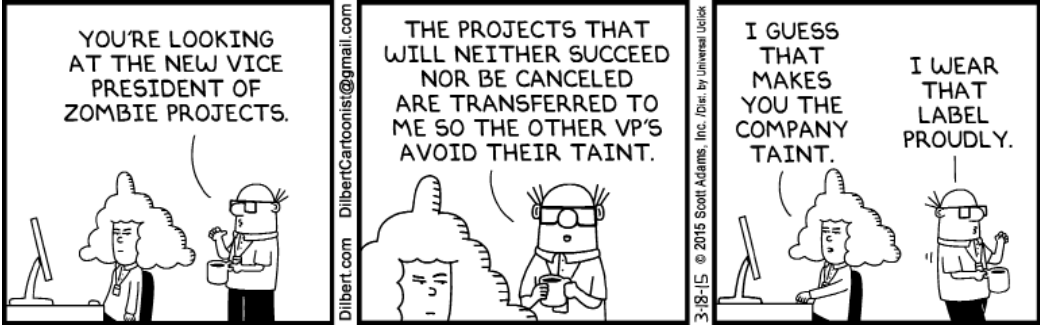
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Instructions for play: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

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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HELOISE’S KITCHENEERING BY HELOISE

A Query Worth Its Salt
Dear Heloise: I would like to know the DIFFERENCES in table salt, kosher salt and sea salt. Also, how would you use each one? — Jo G. in Nebraska

You would think salt is salt! However, there is a slight difference in the processing. Sodium chloride is the chemical name for all.

Table salt is the one most of us use daily. It has some calcium silicate added to keep it from clumping; this salt can be used in all cooking and baking recipes.

Kosher salt has no preservatives. This salt is a favorite of many chefs because of its texture. Use a pinch or two, and sprinkle it over the food you are making.

Sea salt is evaporated from seawater, so it gets pretty close to Mother Nature. I have a small grinder with “pink” sea salt that we use, but honestly, I can’t taste any difference. Oh, yes, it’s pricey! — Heloise

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Stoneware
Dear Heloise: Regarding your reply to the reader in Kerrville, Texas, about removing grease from the bottom of a pizza stone: Several years ago, we discovered that placing the stone in a self-cleaning oven and then running the cleaning cycle left the stone in nearly new condition. Not a spot of grease. — Kenneth F. in Texas

Kenneth, you were one of many readers who wrote in about placing the pizza stone in a self-cleaning oven and running the “clean” cycle, with great results.

However, the stone can break when doing this, so this is not recommended by the manufacturers. You are taking a chance cleaning it this way, but many of my readers say they have done this without a problem. — Heloise

Garbage Day
Dear Heloise: I know you have written the hint about keeping smelly food scraps in the freezer until garbage day so they don’t stink up the house. I would like to add my hint that when possible, I plan meals with shrimp (that will have shells to be thrown out) and whole chicken for the day before garbage pickup. This way, they can go straight into the garbage and out to the curb for pickup.

I also do this with fresh fruits, like pineapple, watermelon, cantaloupe, etc. I cut them completely up and then throw away the rinds just in time for garbage pickup. — L.W. in Pennsylvania

Quick Cuts
Dear Heloise: Here is a hint for when making breakfast for kids or grandkids: Most mornings, whether I’ve made waffles, pancakes or even French toast, the kids need their food cut up. For quick, easy cuts, I use my pizza cutter. The cutter makes bite-size pieces in a flash. — Diana W. in Pennsylvania

CROSSWORD

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1 Inspector in Poirot mysteries
5 Satyric
9 Female friend, to Fernando
11 “Tiny Bubbles” singer
12 Deep pink
13 Bitter
14 “... man — mouse?”
15 Money business
17 Support
19 Horse-shoe shape
20 Deception
21 Peas’ place
22 Baggy
24 Do something
26 Waits in the dark
29 In the style of
30 Watch-dog’s activity
32 On the sundeck
34 Writer Rita — Brown
35 Pale
36 Conjure up
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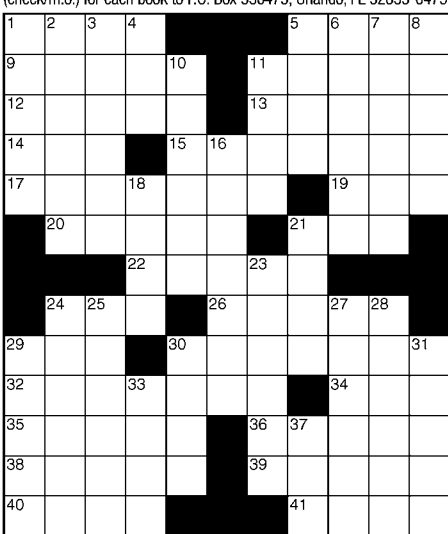
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8 Avoid
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11 “Phooey!”
16 Luanda native
18 Tartan garment
21 Job extra
23 Swelled
24 Denali setting
25 Redeem

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27 Geisha garb
28 Medusa’s hair
29 Disconcert
30 Storage spots
31 Gaggle group
33 Burns and Berry
37 Mover’s truck

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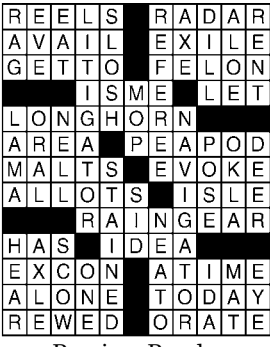


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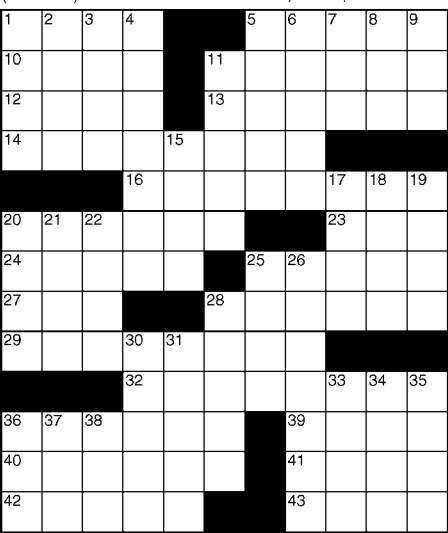
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10 Open space
11 Goof
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13 Danish, e.g.
14 “Don’t fight!”
16 Confirm
20 Predicament
23 Lawn makeup
24 Canadian birds
25 “Superman” star
27 Rainbow shape
28 “Stalag 17” star
29 Clear the schedule
32 Succeed
36 Zit
39 Qualified
40 Gladdens
41 Seasonal song
42 Strata-gems
43 Midterm, for one

2 Diva’s piece
3 Smell awful
4 One on a diamond
5 Site
6 Stands
7 Make a choice
8 Cat coat
9 Secret agent
11 Piton, for one
15 Snoozes
17 Not new
18 Wander
19 Perfect place
20 Close with a bang
21 “Downton Abbey” countess
22 Scissors beater
25 The Eternal City
26 Swanky walks
30 Vacant
31 Yarns



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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.

3-18 CRYPTOQUOTE

J L Y G M M V Y G M M I E M M I Q
P J M M P Q R J M F A P F U Q M I E M J
G F N H F N N J P P R Q E V L E H S
A V Y J M G , I Q V Q J H M I J G N F V P T
E H T M I Q P J A Q M F B F L Q .
— I Q H V J H F Y N Q H

Previous Cryptoquote: IF YOU’RE NOT MAKING MISTAKES, THEN YOU’RE NOT DOING ANYTHING. I’M POSITIVE THAT A DOER MAKES MISTAKES. – John Wooden