

DADDY'S HOME



BLONDIE



PICKLES



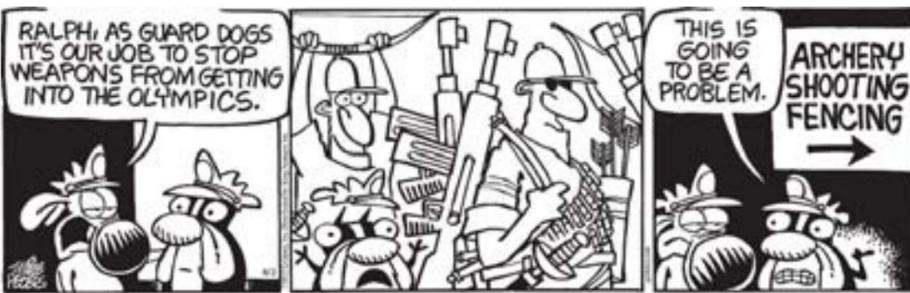
BETWEEN FRIENDS



BABY BLUES



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



GARFIELD



BETLE BAILEY



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



REX MORGAN, M.D.



Baby may be her niece, and grandparents don't know



DEAR ABBY
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Dear Abby: My younger brother confided that he got a girl pregnant. I'm the only one he has told, and it's killing me. The baby is about 2 months old, and my folks don't know they could be grandparents. My brother doesn't want to tell them right now, and he also doesn't want a paternity test to see if the baby is his because he doesn't want to face the reality that he could really be a father.

Knowing that I could have a niece out there is killing me because there are so many children who harbor resentment toward their absentee fathers. I really want to do the right thing and get my parents involved, but if I do I'll lose my brother's trust. If I don't tell, I will have to live with the fact I am abetting my brother being a stereotypical dead-beat dad. Please help. — Aunt in Disguise

Dear Aunt in Disguise: How old is your brother? From your description, he is acting like a 14-year-old. Have another talk with him and tell him that because he is old enough to father a child, he's also old enough to accept responsibility for his actions. The time is now to tell your parents everything and start supporting his child in every way.

Of course, before making any

announcements, he should be sure the baby is his. A paternity test will let him off the hook if he isn't the father. So give him a deadline to have the test done, and if it shows he is the baby daddy, set another one for him to inform your parents or *you will*.

Dear Abby: I recently discovered that my mother has been buying catalog items using my name and not paying for them. I have confronted her, but she denies it even though the items are in her home. My mother is much better off financially than I am and has no need to use my credit.

I have spoken to the companies and had mixed results. Some have agreed to put the bill in her name, others refused. I don't know what to do.

— Joanna in Brooklyn, N.Y.
Dear Joanna: Your mother's behavior is shameful. Talk to your credit card companies and ask for new cards. If this is allowed to continue, your mother will destroy your credit. Tell her that you expect her to pay the charges she has incurred immediately, and you want proof of payment. Warn her that if it doesn't happen, you will inform the fraud division of your local police and let them deal with her. Then follow through.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GILOC
SSIIHW
TERMPI
TRUFOH

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: _____ HIS _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MESSY WHARF HIDDEN BICEPS
Answer: He was this as a result of his booming airboat business — SWAMPED

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SUDOKU SOLUTION

4	5	6	8	9	3	1	2	7
2	9	8	7	1	4	6	3	5
1	3	7	5	6	2	9	8	4
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7	6	5	2	8	9	4	1	3
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- Across
- You might give this to someone you don't like
 - When to have a nosh
 - Football break
 - Baseball brother
 - Out of port
 - Requiem Mass word
 - Part
 - Floppy disk?
 - General Motors product
 - Understanding responses
 - Joined in secret
 - Pond youngster
 - Rehab problem
 - Cardinal of Rome?
 - "Exodus" figure
 - Calculus calculations
 - Betray, in a way
 - Letters that should never be published?
 - Temporary gift
 - Kong
 - Window, of sorts ... or a hint to completing 10 answers in this puzzle
 - Rat-__
 - Sistine Chapel chap
 - Good grilling?
 - Steps in a salon
 - French cake
 - Alphabet trio

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

S	T	O	R	M	A	R	S	H	Y					
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- When a zookeeper makes the rounds with a bucket
- Map (out)
- Lucy's man
- Render harmless
- Mrs. __, "Beauty and the Beast" character
- Sectionals, e.g.
- Con
- Dove's perch
- Instrument in a Picasso painting
- Some Wharton alumni
- Flight board listing
- Actress Ashley of "High School Musical"
- Willa Cather title heroine
- Eye cream additive
- 1970s cop show
- Focused face-to-face contact
- Poster subject, maybe
- Advice heeded by a pioneer
- "Bleah!"
- Even
- TV screen meas.
- Up, with "up"
- Ethel Waters' " __ Blue?"

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