

**ACROSS**  
1 Possessive for Batman  
4 Q, for one country name  
7 Cute aquatic mammal  
12 One of many that a parent passes on  
13 Gloom's partner  
15 Pirate's plunder  
16 Jessica of "Sin City"  
17 Jafar's parrot in "Aladdin"  
18 One of eight in a cup  
19 \*What helps ensure a wizard is using the right incantation?  
22 Tended a terrier, perhaps  
23 Yellowfin tuna  
24 "The Lovebirds" actress Rae  
25 Smear (on)  
29 \*Picture of a rabbit in a hat, say?  
31 Edamame casings  
33 National garment of Japan  
34 Snake that bit Cleopatra  
37 Part of a set at the gym  
38 Racket  
39 Psychic's "ability," for short  
40 Sculpt, as a marble physique  
42 Change for a five  
44 \*Sorcerer's alternative to a wand?  
47 You may cram for it  
50 "Divine Secrets of the \_\_\_\_ Sisterhood"  
51 The way, per Lao-tzu  
52 Largest digit on the foot

**DOWN**  
1 Aided  
2 Still being tested  
3 Securely closes  
4 Decree  
5 Guy who rescued animal pairs  
6 Bookmark alternative  
7 Bassoon relative  
8 Big industry for Hawaii  
9 Whole bunch  
10 And so on: Abbr.  
11 Loaf at a Jewish deli  
12 Reaction to someone juggling chainsaws, perhaps  
14 Sweet rice cake  
20 One toiling away  
21 Start having an effect  
25 Pump or wing tip  
26 Chris, Liam and Luke, to Leonie and Craig Hemsworth  
27 Resting on  
29 Recipe amt. bigger than a dash  
30 Caused by motion

**Abacadabra! by Carly Schuna**

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

R	I	P	E		U	S	S	R		Y	E	T	I	
O	M	A	R		G	A	L	E		E	X	A	M	S
B	O	R	I	N	G	P	O	P		S	T	P	A	T
Y	U	C	C	A		M	A	C		R	I	P	A	
N	T	H		B	O	N	O	V	A	C	A	N	C	Y
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A	B	E	T		L	Y	E			R	A	S	P	S
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O	M	E	G	A		I	P	A	D		C	L	A	M
A	L	E	X		A	S	K	S		E	L	L	A	

# Adult son resists rent orders from parents



JEANNE PHILLIPS

**Dear Abby:** Should a 23-year-old son pay room and board even though he spends little time at home and eats out often? He doesn't do laundry or help around the house. His argument is, we shouldn't take money so he can save and buy a condo.

We are middle-class people and, at times, some bills are hard to pay. Our 20-year-old daughter contributes \$100 a week, but she earns considerably more than he does. He is laying a guilt trip on us, and now I'm questioning whether our daughter should pay if he doesn't. Your advice will help us clarify how the household should run. — Temporarily Confused Mom

**Dear Temporarily Confused:** Your adult children should both contribute because the income is needed. Since your son earns less than your daughter and can't afford to pay as much as she does, perhaps he should pay the same PERCENTAGE of his income as his sister. However, if that's not feasible, he should absolutely be doing chores around the house to make up for it. The longer you coddle him, the heavier his guilt trips will become and the greater your frustration will be.

**Dear Abby:** Does it seem to you that the definition of the word "fiance" has changed? It used to mean a future spouse,

someone whom you were committed to marry after a planned engagement period. Now, though, it seems to mean merely the person with whom you are currently having sex, or with whom you have a baby in common. Am I right? — Old Fogey in Phoenix

**Dear "Fogey":** The definition of fiance has definitely changed since the inception of this advice column. Well into the 1960s, when a couple said they were engaged, it meant they would be married — usually within a year. However, over the last 20 years or so, I have received mail from women referring to the father of their children or the men they have been living with for an extended period as their "fiance." (Men, not so often.)

For anyone interested in reading more about this subject, go online and search for a fascinating article that appeared on Slate.com. The title is, "What Do You Call the Person You Are Probably Never Going To Marry?" by Hanna Rosin. I highly recommend it.

**Dear Abby:** I was recently invited to a potluck baby shower. I have also been invited to potluck weddings! I always thought the point of a shower/wedding was providing for your guests while they provide gifts. Food is not expensive, and if money is an issue, one could schedule a shower outside of mealtimes, or with simple tea and cookies. I'd appreciate your thoughts on this. — Potluck Baby Shower

**Dear Potluck:** My thought is: If the concept of a potluck baby shower or wedding is offensive to you, rather than judge, you should send your regrets.

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## HOROSCOPE FOR JULY 20

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Be yourself, make decisions based on what you want, and refuse to let anyone push you around. Speak on your behalf and make the adjustments that add to your comfort and convenience. It's your turn to shine, so tell it like it is. Do your own thing.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Put more thought into money matters, health and contracts. Keep the peace at home, and channel your energy into something physical that will take your mind off your worries and clear your head. Help, not hindrance, will encourage a workable solution. 5 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Too much of anything will work against you. Limit your intake, your spending and the promises you make. Change begins with you; focus on being your best instead of trying to change everyone around you. Make health a priority. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take care of red-tape issues to avoid delays. Listen to what others say, and step in if someone offers false information. Take care of details, and leave nothing to chance. 4 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Practice what you preach. Take the initiative to live life your

way. Use your skills and knowledge to help you achieve peace of mind and a lifestyle that brings you joy. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Do whatever it takes to improve mentally, physically and emotionally. Discipline and hard work will encourage you to set high standards and goals. Strive to reach your goals. 5 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Take care of issues before they escalate. A practical approach when dealing with an over-the-top person will help you avoid becoming part of someone's melodrama. Concentrate on being productive, and an unexpected opportunity will develop. Personal growth is in your best interest. 2 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't waste time arguing over something you cannot change. Use your time and energy to accomplish your goals. You aren't likely to anticipate a change at home, but the outcome will prove to be a blessing. 4 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Seek an unusual way to learn or educate others. A change in how you deal with peers, friends or relatives will result in an optimistic transition that will help you bring

about positive change. Travel and spiritual growth are featured. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Test your skills. Use your strength and agility to reach physical goals or challenges, and don't give anyone the chance to mess with you. An investment that interests you will have underlying problems. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Opportunity knocks, and a potential gain is within reach. A partnership with someone who shares your sentiments will blossom into something exciting. Your negotiating skills will help you get your way. Speak on your behalf. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't follow in someone's footsteps. Choose a path that encourages you to use your attributes to advance. You can be loyal without being submissive. Encourage others to do as they please. 4 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Put your emotions on the back burner and head down a path that brings you closer to your dream. A creative opportunity will encourage you to follow your heart. 2 stars

**By Eugenia Last**

## SUDOKU

**9 2 1 3 4 6**

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

**DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆**

Directions: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

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

## WORD GAME

**TODAY'S WORD -- DECIDUOUS**

(DECIDUOUS: dih-SIJ-oo-us: As leaves, falling off or shed at a specific time or season.)

Average mark 18 words  
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 23 or more words in DECIDUOUS?  
The list will be published tomorrow.

**YESTERDAY'S WORD -- ADHERED**

adder	deer	hear	earred
adhere	dread	heard	read
dare	hard	heart	redhead
dead	hare	heed	reed
dear	head	herd	
deed	header	here	

**RULES OF THE GAME:** 1. Words must be of four or more letters.  
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed. 3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" July not be used. 4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed. Contact Word Game creator Kathleen Saxe at [kzsaxe@gmail.com](mailto:kzsaxe@gmail.com).

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**KEN KEN**

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

6+		2÷		4	2÷
1-		3	3÷		
1-	6	2÷		4-	
	1-	3+		90X	24X
4-		5X	1-		
					3

**RULES**  
1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating.  
2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.  
3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

**PREVIOUS ANSWER**

1	2	3	6	5	4
4	5	2	1	3	6
3	4	5	2	6	1
5	3	6	4	1	2
6	1	4	5	2	3
2	6	1	3	4	5

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## 7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 ornaments (11)	_____
2 tempestuous (6)	_____
3 inspiring fear (11)	_____
4 what a GI wears on a day off (7)	_____
5 happy accident (11)	_____
6 assaults (8)	_____
7 blocked for protection (10)	_____

RRA	OR	DEC	GHTE	IONS
ST	NCE	MY	CIVV	CIDE
FRI	GES	IES	ORAT	ICA
BARR	DED	BA	COIN	NING

Monday's Answers: 1. STARCHING 2. REGARDS 3. RISKY 4. GUNS 5. BONNEVILLE 6. IMPASSABLE 7. INSEPARABLE