DEAR ABBY

Young divorcee is reluctant to talk about her marriage

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ADVICE

Dear Abby: When I was 18, I married someone who, at the time, I loved very much. It happened sort of spur of the moment. Not even six months into the marriage, he cheated on me.

I am now 20, divorced and finally feel ready to move on. But how do I go about dating at my age being a divorcee? I don't know how to talk about it. I have friends who don't even know I was married. How should I handle it? — **Divorcee in Illinois**

Dear Divorcee: Unless you are planning to meet men on a dating site that requires you to disclose that information as part of your profile, I see no reason why you have to mention it. If you are asked, however, be honest about your status. All you need to say is that you married, very briefly, at the age of 18, and it didn't work out because you were both too young. It's the truth, and there is no shame in it.

Dear Abby: I am a 39-year-old female, and I want to know more about my ancestors so I can tell stories about them to my kids. The thing is, my boyfriend doesn't like the idea, and anytime I say or do something, he criticizes me about it. He's also very controlling and manipulative. He feels it's his way or the highway. That's why I want out — for the sake of my life and the kids. I have no money and nowhere to go. What should I do? — **Crying in Western Washington**

Dear Crying: I agree the situation you describe isn't healthy for you or the children. If you have no family to help, you will have to work toward independence in small steps. Contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline (thehotline.org or 800-799-7233) for suggestions on how to disengage from your abuser (oops! I meant "boyfriend") without any of you being harmed. Then find a job so you won't be penniless, and start saving your money.

Dear Abby: I feel petty complaining about this, but my wife has a habit I can't stand. We keep a stick of butter on a butter dish and replace it when it's used up. However, when my wife uses it, instead of cutting off thin slices, she scrapes her knife across the entire top of the butter cube, gradually whittling it down. Not only do I find it unsightly, but I also think it's unsanitary.

Needless to say, when I've mentioned it to her, she has strongly disagreed. I'm reluctant to bring it up anymore as it is settled, in her mind. I have tried using a different stick of butter, which I keep in the refrigerator and unwrap every time I want to use it, but she criticizes me for it, saying we shouldn't have two sticks in use at the same time.

I suppose there's an upside — I'm using less butter, which my doctor approves of. What do you think about this habit of hers? — **Butter Wars in California**

Dear Butter Wars: It seems there is a power struggle going on between your wife and you. Because you have expressed to her more than once that you find what she's doing unappetizing, she should respect your wishes. However, if she continues, she should look the other way when you use your own butter stick.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 16-17, 1919

We know know why the kaiser quit. Nine hundred ruddy faced, strong armed, strong limbed men of the 65th Coast Artillery arrived here this morning en route home from St. Michael, the Argonne and way points. One good look at them shows why the Germans grew tired and yelled "kamerad." The splendid physical appearance of the men attracted the attention of everyone. Despite their 70 days in the fighting line on the western front, the Sixty Fifth is still ready to go, though the one desire of the boys now is to see the folks at home and bite a pumpkin pie or smoother class of food not carried by the army kitchens.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 16-17, 1969

Eight hundred cattle took to the hills today when someone opened eight gates at the Johns-Smith-Beamer feed lot near Rieth. Bob Sphar, manager of the feed lot, reported the gate opening to the sheriff's office and then started a round-up.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 16-17, 1994

A Stanfield police officer is in serious condition today at a Portland hospital after he was run over by a burglary suspect trying to escape in a patrol car Tuesday. Ralph "Butch" Parrish, 24, suffered several broken bones and a spinal injury after he was struck by the car and dragged around the parking lot at Premier Apartments about 2 a.m. The suspect, Damon Lee Petrie, 28, also was taken to Good Shepherd with a gunshot wound to the left arm. Stanfield Police Chief Alan Humphrey shot Petrie to stop the rampage. Petrie's wound was superficial and he was taken to the Umatilla County Jail in Pendleton.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 16, 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba a month and a-half after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates during the First Barbary War.

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Fort Donelson in Tennessee ended as some 12,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered; Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the moniker "Unconditional Surrender Grant."

In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

In 1961, the United States launched the Explorer 9 satellite.

Thought for Today: "There are two kinds of man: the ones who make history and the ones who endure it." — *Camilo Jose Cela, Nobel Prize-winning Spanish author (1916-2002)*

PUZZLES

WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

Five actors who have played Batman ☑☐☐☐☐
Four six-letter words related to music ☐☐☐☐
Four numbers ending with Y ☐☐☐☐
Two opposite test answers ☐☐
Two mammals with EA in the middle ☐☐

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: CLOONEY KEATON KILMER BALE WEST / ANTHEM MELODY BALLAD CHORUS / TWENTY THIRTY FORTY FIFTY / FALSE TRUE / SEAL BEAR

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W	Y	N	A	N	T	H	E	M	T	B	T
K	E	A	T	O	N	Y	K	B	W	A	R
M	N	S	J	K	C	J	Z	E	E	L	U
E	O	Y	T	V	I	H	X	A	N	L	E
L	O	T	S	E	A	L	O	R	T	A	B
O	L	F	A	L	S	E	M	R	Y	D	A
D	C	I	F	O	R	T	Y	E	U	V	L
Y	Z	F	T	H	I	R	T	Y	R	S	E

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 home of NBA's Raptors (7)	_____
2 oceanic "equine" (8)	_____
3 easily read (7)	_____
4 change fundamentally (11)	_____
5 smooth, luxurious fabric (7)	_____
6 Gandhi's title (7)	_____
7 main pasta sauce ingredient (6)	_____

ONTO	RSE	FE	AHO	TA
LEG	RE	CTU	LE	TOMA
TOR	IB	TAF	HAT	STRU
SE	MA	TO	RE	MA

Today's Answers: 1. TORONTO 2. SEAHORSE 3. LEGIBLE 4. RESTRUCTURE 5. TAFFETA 6. MAHATMA 7. TOMATO

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★★

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

240×			2÷	5−	
5		8+		1−	3÷
36×			6		
	3−	10+		6+	
		3−	13+	2	12×
	2				

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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.

SOLUTION:

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

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Universal Crossword

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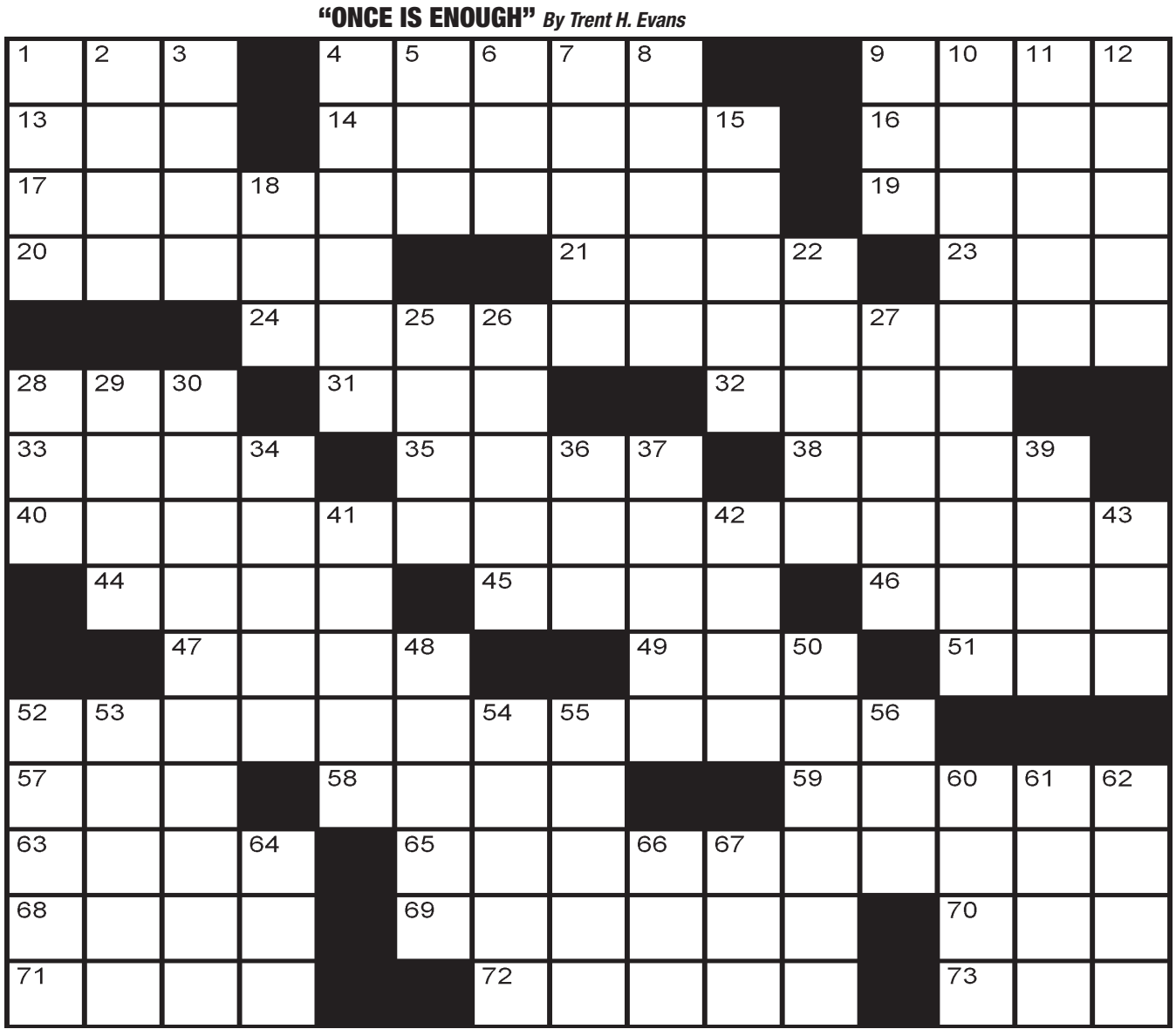
ACROSS
1 Put on
4 Lumberjack's remnant
9 Los Angeles NFL team
13 Actress Thurman
14 Cooking oil choice
16 Yemen neighbor
17 Evacuation, redundantly
19 Zilch
20 Big shrimp
21 $$$ sources
23 Laser sound
24 Result, redundantly
28 Like 3 but not 4
31 ___ liver oil
32 College bigwig
33 Greek life group
35 Bygone Swedish automaker
38 Nights before
40 Outlook, redundantly
44 Filly's mom
45 Poi root
46 High heel, e.g.
47 Where nickels are made
49 Easter mo., usually
51 Carry a balance
52 Unite, redundantly
57 Drawback
58 "___ & Ollie" (2018 film)
59 "Star Trek" officer
63 Miami University's state
65 Extra, redundantly
68 Give temporarily
69 ___-loo (gawker)
70 Martinique, par exemple
71 Trim, as a lawn
72 One at an awkward age
73 Green or black drink

DOWN
1 Landfill
2 Actor Epps
3 Probing org.?
4 Naturally beautiful
5 Luxury ___ (Monopoly space)
6 Game with Reverse cards
7 Jazz or verb type
8 Demoted planet
9 Director Howard
10 Alexa's device
11 Polite address
12 Potions professor Severus
15 Clear ___ (unclear)
18 Personal ad abbr.
22 Really expensive
25 Sensitive bloodhound part
26 Get used (to)
27 Stalactite locales
28 Not quite right
29 Bongo, for one
30 Pattern-finding process
34 Famous shroud site
36 Notre Dame's Parseghian
37 Fictional Kazakh journalist
39 Pack away
41 Leases
42 Tenth grader, briefly
43 "Told ya"
48 Completely wreck
50 Corned beef sandwich
52 "Kevin's Heart" rapper
53 Gasped with amazement
54 Wonder Woman portrayer
55 Fund
56 Greek P
60 Group of troops
61 "No running," e.g.
62 On the Caribbean, say
64 "___ to Joy"
66 Barely make it (by)
67 Craps roller

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