

### Conceptis Sudoku

by Dave Green

	3	7						
		1			5			
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This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to today's Sudoku puzzle below.

## Do sexual stereotypes influence success at work?

Dear Dr. Brothers: My sister has finally landed a job in an office environment, after working for years as a waitress at a casual restaurant and pub.

She is a smart woman, but she doesn't seem to have a clue about how her work clothes are going to affect her success in the office. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but sometimes when I meet her after work for a drink, I can't believe the sexy clothes she is wearing, and it's hard to keep quiet.

Should I tell her I think that people aren't going to take her seriously at work if she dresses that way? — L.J.

Dear L.J.: Unfortunately, your sister could have the brains of an Einstein, but, as you have concluded, if she doesn't dress for success she will have a tougher time convincing people at her new job that they should take her seriously.

And in today's business climate, she has plenty of looks to choose from — but she really can't miss if she could be persuaded to buy a couple of tailored suits.

I know you don't want to hurt her feelings, but it might make her less defensive if you asked her to go shopping with you for office clothes and then persuaded her to try on some suits with you.

Then you could point out how powerful and businesslike they make her look — and how they would probably draw a lot of positive attention at her new job.

A recent survey reported in Allure magazine showed that when men and women saw two video-



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tapes of the same women dressed provocatively and in a business suit, they assumed she was a competent receptionist but not a competent manager.

Sexual stereotypes based on clothing still exist, and if your sister wants to get ahead, she doesn't need the old image dragging her down. She might be longing for a makeover.

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Dear Dr. Brothers: I am concerned about my younger sister, who is in her early 20s. She was always a nice girl, but lately she has told me two stories involving fake behavior.

First, she told me proudly that she pretended to be interested in something a relative was saying, even though she couldn't stand the person.

Then she listened with pretend enthusiasm to a potential employer's rambling tale of a favorite hobby in the hopes of getting her foot in the door.

Is my little sis on her way to a life of insincerity and deceit?

— G.T.

Dear G.T.: There are a couple of ways of looking at the examples your sister has told you about.

The first way will give her the benefit of the doubt.

Almost everyone — yourself probably included — uses fake enthusiasm or feigned interest from time to time in an effort to be polite to whomever they are listening to without having any real sense of excitement.

This is the price we pay for trying to live in a civil society, and perhaps this is where your sister was coming from.

The second view is less charitable toward your sister.

It could be that she has figured out that by flashing a smile and murmuring some enthusiastic sounds, she can benefit in some way (get a job) or fool people into thinking she is great (the disliked relative).

I don't know which scenario is correct, but if she "proudly" told you what happened because she was pleased at getting away with something because of her insincerity, it would be worrisome.

Try to probe a bit and see if she was just being her old, nice self — and was happy to see both of the people feel fascinating enough to keep her interested in their conversation.

Let her know you like her old, sweet, sincere self.

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## Astronaut charged with kidnapping

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Lisa Nowak for a decade before she took her first and only space shuttle flight last summer during Discovery's 13-day trip to the international space station.

It took only a half year from her return to Earth for her to lose her job as an astronaut.

NASA dismissed Nowak on Wednesday, a month after she was charged with trying to kidnap a woman she regarded as her romantic rival for the affections of a space shuttle pilot.

Nowak's dismissal did not reflect the space agency's belief in her guilt or innocence, NASA officials said. The agency said it lacked an administrative system to handle the allegations because Nowak is a naval officer on assignment to NASA, rather than a NASA civil servant.

If Nowak were a civil servant, NASA would have the choice of placing her on administrative leave, leave without pay or indefinite suspension until the charges are resolved, said NASA spokesman James Hartsfield in Houston. But because she is an officer, those options are not available.

Nowak, a Navy captain, instead will return to the military.

She will be assigned to the staff at the Chief of Naval Air Training in Corpus Christi, Texas, starting in two weeks, Navy Cmdr. Lydia Robertson said. Robertson said she didn't know what specific job

Nowak would be doing.

The space shuttle pilot who was the object of Nowak's affections, Navy Cmdr. Bill Oefelein, remains on active duty while working for NASA. Robertson said she could not speculate whether his status is under review.

Chief astronaut Steve Lindsey notified Nowak late last month that she was to be terminated from the astronaut corps. After her arrest,

NASA placed Nowak on a 30-day leave, which was to end Thursday.

It was the first time NASA has publicly fired an astronaut, according to space historian Roger Launius of the Smithsonian Institution. She is also the first active astronaut to be charged with a felony, he said.

She received a commission from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1985 and joined the astronaut corps in 1996.

### Sudoku answer

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