

# Unhappy blonde sees red in battle over hair color

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 17 and my mom won't let me dye my hair! Earlier this year she finally let me color it red, which I have wanted for years. I went blond for my sister's wedding, but I'm naturally blond and I don't like it because it's boring. A ton of people compliment me on my hair, but I don't care what people think, I just want to be me and not anyone else.



DEAR ABBY

spread so thin you make yourself sick.

Your first responsibility must be to yourself, your immediate family and your parents. If looking out for your aunts and uncles becomes more time- and energy-consuming than you can handle, consider enlisting the help of a social worker.

**DEAR ABBY:** During meals, my girlfriend uses her fingers to push the food on her plate onto her fork. She does it not only when we're at home -- just the two of us -- but also out in public at restaurants. This can't be proper manners, can it? How can I get her to stop without upsetting her? Or am I better off not bringing up the subject? — **UNCERTAIN IN SAN FRANCISCO**

**DEAR UNCERTAIN:** What your girlfriend is doing is considered poor table manners. Because she's having trouble maneuvering her food onto her fork, suggest to her that she should do what some Europeans do -- push it onto the fork using the blade of her knife.

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ishing up two degrees at university. I am an only child, and my mother is one of the youngest among 10 siblings, so I have many cousins.

I have always been the "good one," the one who is responsible, not addicted to drugs and who has a promising future. Because of this, my childless aunts and uncles and those with irresponsible children have looked to me for moral support and guidance during their golden years. Many of them are now in their 60s.

Abby, I already have to take care of my parents as they grow older. This stress as an only child and the "responsible cousin" weighs heavily on me. What would you advise? — **THE GOOD ONE**

**DEAR GOOD ONE:** Recognize what your limitations are and pace yourself accordingly. As you start your professional life and, eventually, your own family, it's important that you not allow yourself to be

So, my mom is being too controlling. She says I have to stay blond until I can pay for it myself, and I don't have a job. My parents are very strict and I would never be allowed to get a tattoo, but I want my red hair back. How do I go about convincing her that no matter how much people love the blond, I don't like it and I want a change? — **NATURAL BLONDE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEAR NATURAL BLONDE:** When a person changes hair color more than twice in one year, it can seriously damage the hair. Also, red is the hardest color to keep up because it tends to oxidize and turn "brassy." (I am speaking from experience.) It can also be expensive.

If you want to "go red" once you're working and can afford it, you can make your own decision. But in the meantime, listen to your mother -- she's looking out for your interests.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a woman in my 20s and fin-

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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](http://www.sudoku.com) to find the solution.

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## HOROSCOPES

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, containing your emotions may be challenging this week. Exciting events begin to unfold, so enjoy them as much as possible. Enlist some friends to join the fun.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Practice discretion this week, Taurus. You do not know how a particular situation will unfold, so it is better to stay neutral until the entire situation settles. Then you can take action.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Some colleagues may want to goof off all week long and get nothing accomplished, Gemini. But you have other goals and know some hard work now means fun later.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

It is time for you to step up and take the reins, Cancer. Your leadership skills have long been an asset, and it's time to put them to use for the greater good.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, an upcoming adventure has you brimming with excitement. Some people are drawn to your vigor, while others are a little uncomfortable.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Downplay your authority this week, Virgo. Newcomers to your place of employment will feel more comfortable around you if they don't have to worry about rank.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, it is impossible to postpone a commitment any longer. It may not seem like the right time just yet, but you need to forge ahead anyway and handle things as they come.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

It is easy to feel burnt out before you achieve a goal, Scorpio. You just need to learn how to pace yourself a little better and to ignore distractions that result in delays.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Express your creativity this week, Sagittarius. You have long felt the desire to display this other side, and now is a great time to do so. Encourage others to do the same.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, express your emotions this week even if you think your ideas will not garner much support. Exercise diplomacy, as you do not want to engage in any conflicts.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

You may explore different interests and hobbies this week only to find that nothing seems to be the right fit, Aquarius. Do not let it get you down. You will find the answer.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Don't squander money on a lavish purchase this week, Pisces. There are better ways to spend your money in the coming weeks.

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 9  
Eric Dane, Actor (42)

NOVEMBER 10  
Miranda Lambert, Singer (31)

NOVEMBER 11  
Leonardo DiCaprio, Actor (40)

NOVEMBER 12  
Wallace Shawn, Actor (71)

NOVEMBER 13  
Gerard Butler, Actor (45)

NOVEMBER 14  
Taylor Hall, Athlete (23)

## CROSSWORD

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5 Pants part

9 Farm

machine

10 Mal-

function

12 Acid type

13 Baseball

manager

Joe

14 Old brass

instrument

16 Road-

house

17 New

Haven

student

18 Bird with

flippers

20 Starts a

set

22 Game

callers

23 Fall flower

25 School

near

Windsor

28 Arctic

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32 Made still

34 Singer

Carly

— Jepsen

35 Ornate

planter

36 U-235,

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38 Comic

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worker

40 Overly

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41 Bother-

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42 Obdurate

### 43 Scott of

history

### 44 Chow

### DOWN

1 Tex-Mex

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2 Magic

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3 Dis-

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4 Acting

compa-

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5 "Paradise

Lost"

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6 Green

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7 Glass-

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8 Ruta-

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### 11 Actors

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### 15 Close

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### 19 Wise

teacher

### 21 Wind

pointer

### 24 Back

### 25 Outfit

### 26 Deflected

### 27 Glutton,

slangily

### 29 Asimov

classic

### 30 Gimme

putts

### 31 Run-down

### 33 Trite

### 37 "See ya!"

### 39 Night

before

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14 Name for

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15 Luau

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22 Charged

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23 Chablis or

Cabernet

24 Serving

perfectly

27 Ranch

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28 Newborn's

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29 Target

30 Garments

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Hawaiian

dancers

35 Fireplace

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36 Common

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37 Have

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38 Select

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40 Fry lightly

42 Jeans

material

### 43 Surprise

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### 44 Lairs

### 45 July

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### DOWN

1 Full range

2 Conjure

up

3 Black

bird

4 1002, in

old Rome

5 Iditarod

animal

6 T-shirt

size

7 Commo-

tion

8 Takes up

residence

9 Feign

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