

# Woman looking for good man won't find him cruising online

**DEAR ABBY:** I have an awful time meeting men. I'm not considered beautiful by any means, so that means meeting any good guys won't happen. I use Craigslist a lot to meet sexual partners. I am so tired of giving up my body for a few minutes of pleasure and then feeling empty on the inside. Please tell me what to do. — **WHERE ARE THE GOOD GUYS?**



DEAR ABBY

**DEAR WHERE:** I'll try, but first let me tell you where the good guys AREN'T. They are not on Craigslist trolling for sex partners. As my grandfather used to say, "If you're looking for trout, don't go fishing in a herring barrel."

Your problem isn't your looks; it is your extremely low level of self-esteem. It's important that you discuss this with a psychologist who can help you recognize the positive qualities you have to offer, because until you do, you will only repeat these empty, depressing encounters. Please don't wait.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 17-year-old girl who was raised to be polite. When I meet someone, I offer a handshake and a smile and make eye contact. However, I have found that because I'm female, adults -- especially men -- will go in for a hug even when I offer my hand to shake. This is followed by comments like, "You're too sweet to just shake hands," or, "Girls don't shake hands."

I like hugs, but they make me uncomfortable when they're from someone I don't know well, and I find the comments insulting. How do I avoid this awkward moment and respond to the comments? — **TEEN IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR TEEN:** The next time someone lunges forward, take a step back and say, "I prefer to shake hands!" Say it with a smile and don't be confrontational, but DO defend your personal space if you feel it is being invaded. It is not impolite to do so.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm single, have no kids and I'm about to turn 62. I own my own home and have no debts. After years of earning a modest but steady income and watching my expenses, I have saved enough and I am eligible for good retirement benefits. So what's my problem?

Friends and family insist I'm crazy to leave a job at which I could work for another five to 10 years. I know retirement is practical for me because I have gotten professional finan-

cial planning advice. There are many things I really want to do -- classes, hobbies, volunteer work and travel before I'm too old.

My friends need to work to support their extravagant lifestyles, lavish vacations, expensive restaurants, plus their new cars, clothing and electronics. I did things my way and can afford to retire now, so why can't my friends keep their mouths shut and let me enjoy what I have worked for? — **READY TO RETIRE**

**DEAR READY:** They may be jealous, or they may be genuinely concerned about you. Not knowing them, I can't answer for them. I can, however, suggest this: Before quitting your job and the steady, modest income it provides, talk with another financial planner and get a second opinion. You'd do that with a doctor if you had a serious question about your physical health, and I'm recommending you do it because this decision will affect your financial health for the rest of your life. If you wait a few more years, you won't be over the hill, and you will have even more money to enjoy in your retirement.

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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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## HELOISE'S KITCHENEERING BY HELOISE

**Roasting Garlic**  
Dear Heloise: Is there an easy way to ROAST GARLIC without using (or buying) an actual garlic roaster? — Jennifer C. in Florida

There sure is, Jennifer. Roasted garlic is so delicious! Peel each bulb's skin layers. Leave the individual cloves "wrapped." Cut about 1/2 inch off the top of the bulb, or until you see each little garlic clove.

Next, line either a muffin pan or a baking dish with aluminum foil, and place the garlic bulbs in it. Coat each with a dribble of olive oil. Cover the pan with aluminum foil and bake at 400 F for about 35 minutes. The cloves will get soft, and you will smell it! Watch out -- they may be hot! Remove each clove by squeezing it or using a small fork. Eat the garlic straight out of the skin, or add it to your favorite recipe! — Heloise

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## REFREEZING FOOD

Dear Heloise: If I thaw food (for example, ground meat for dinner) and then I don't make it that night, can I refreeze it? — Wanda D., via email

Good question, and the answer is yes, in most cases. The United States Department of Agriculture tells us it is safe to refreeze foods if they were properly defrosted in the refrigerator. If not properly defrosted, then be sure to cook it before refreezing.

Because there may be some water loss from the defrosting, the meat may not TASTE the same after refreezing, then thawing and cooking. However, it is STILL safe to eat. — Heloise

## NOTICEABLE CUTS

Dear Heloise: I make a lot of pasta salads, with many different foods added to the pasta so it's not always the same. Some people like bell peppers, olives, carrots, artichokes, tomatoes, etc.

My hint is that no matter what food you put in with the pasta, make sure to cut it in large-enough pieces that anyone can easily remove it. You also can do this when you make regular salads. I have many people thank me for making it easy for them to pick out the added foods they don't like or want. — Linda G. in Ohio

## CARVING MEAT

Dear Heloise: I have a cutting board that I use for carving meats that has an indentation all around it to catch the juices. I find that the juices still run over and cause a mess on the counter. So, I place a baking sheet with an edge under the cutting board, and I no longer need to worry if the juices run! — Wendy T. in Delaware

## FROZEN CHIPS

Dear Heloise: I was given a bag of potato chips from a friend who was leaving the island. After I opened the bag and ate only a few, I sealed it and put it into the freezer. Now, every time I want chips, I open the bag, and they are as fresh as the first time I opened them. — Susan in Marco Island, Fla.

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Spring month
- 6 Gift tag word
- 10 English county
- 11 Hot spot
- 12 Unspoken
- 13 Roman garment
- 14 Amorous archer
- 15 Grand Canal setting
- 16 Scoundrel
- 17 Immoral act
- 18 Beatty of film
- 19 System of symbols
- 22 Locks
- 23 Gust
- 26 Turn
- 29 Lamb's father
- 32 Pot part
- 33 Surgeon eggs
- 34 Red-and-black bird
- 36 Ballet leap
- 37 Edible tubes
- 38 Lose one's mind
- 39 Computer key

### DOWN

- 40 Wise words
- 41 Utters
- 42 Had a longing
- 1 Toward the rear
- 2 Egyptian ruler
- 3 Soft cheese
- 4 Fancy flower
- 5 Rent out
- 6 Satyr's kin
- 7 Altercation
- 8 Chilled
- 9 Sprayed, as an attacker
- 11 Spot to jot

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Previous Puzzle

- 15 Clock numeral
- 17 Baby's transport
- 20 Vacuum lack
- 21 Bonbon center
- 24 Blaze fighter
- 25 Film editor's material
- 27 Bind
- 28 Requisite ring
- 29 Boxing borders
- 30 Fight site
- 31 Like some toothpaste
- 35 Bills from tills
- 36 Author Picout
- 38 Opening

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### ACROSS

- 1 Like Superman
- 6 Made cookies
- 11 "Get —!"
- 12 Martini extra
- 13 Strand unit
- 14 Mayflower name
- 15 Official witness
- 17 Stew sphere
- 19 Ancient
- 20 Fourth-yr. students
- 23 Like some cuisines
- 25 Related
- 26 Early
- 28 "Brian's Song" star
- 29 Laundry holder
- 30 Put a stop to
- 31 Heir, perhaps
- 32 Say further
- 33 Pool sound
- 35 Donny's sister
- 38 Attach, in a way
- 41 Fancy marble
- 42 Non-sensical
- 43 Snared, as a steer
- 44 Handed over

### DOWN

- 1 Pinnacle
- 2 Dogfight pro
- 3 Be prepared, in a way
- 4 Mark's replacement
- 5 Shoulder muscle
- 6 Get on
- 7 Crony
- 8 Young goat
- 9 Holiday lead-in
- 10 Private room
- 16 Hooch
- 17 Dove's desire
- 18 Hawke of films
- 21 Coated with frost
- 22 Dummy Mortimer
- 24 Photographer Goldin
- 25 Money machine
- 27 Nut
- 31 Haste

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Previous Puzzle

- 20 Jump to the end of the story
- 21 Coated with frost
- 22 Dummy Mortimer
- 24 Photographer Goldin
- 25 Money machine
- 27 Nut
- 31 Haste
- 33 Locale
- 34 Cosecant's reciprocal
- 35 Blemish
- 36 In the past
- 37 Jay-Z's music
- 39 Count start
- 40 Bush-ranger Kelly

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R  
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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## CRYPTOQUOTE

E ' G A L F R Z C C D - R Z C C D J E F B

F B Y X T P D Y I U . E N F B Y D

A Y Y C P R Z C C D , T Y F F B Y G

R Z D P C L K . — J B E F Y D B Y I W L K

Previous Cryptoquote: THE GREATEST MISTAKE YOU CAN MAKE IN LIFE IS TO BE CONTINUALLY FEARING YOU WILL MAKE ONE. – Elbert Hubbard

## COMICS

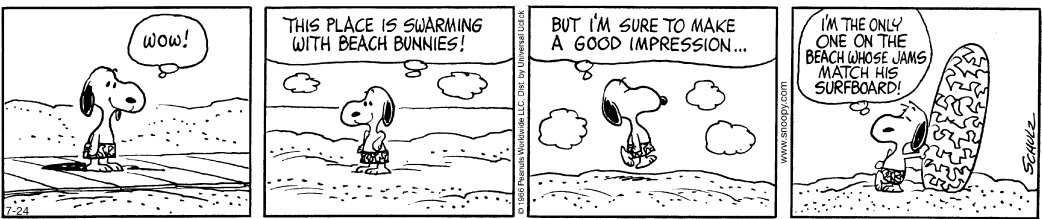
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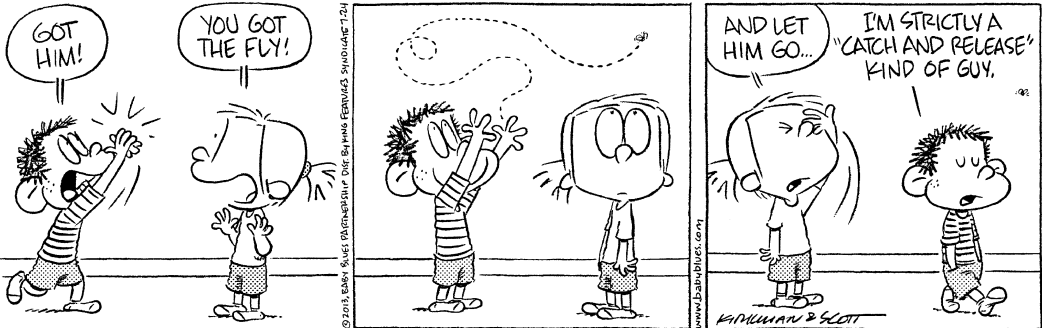
### Hagar the Horrible



### Peanuts



### Baby Blues



### Dilbert

