

# Man trolling on dating sites is not ready to fall in love

**DEAR ABBY:** I met the most wonderful man on a dating site. We seemed to hit it off. In fact, we are falling in love with each other. But he isn't ready for an exclusive relationship and still wants to date. He gets on the dating sites when I'm asleep in his bed.

I really care for him, but I don't want to pressure him. He has told me he loves me, but right now he just wants to be friends. He says I should also date, but how do you turn off love? — **SAD AND CONFUSED**

**DEAR SAD AND CONFUSED:** Please don't think I'm unkind, but when a man is falling in love with a woman, he does not creep out of bed in the dead of night to visit dating sites. He also doesn't tell her to date other people.

Although you may love this guy, from where I sit, when he said he "just wants to be friends," it appears he meant friends with benefits. Because you are looking for more than that, the next time he gets out of bed to peruse a dating site, you should go with him -- on your way out the door.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a friend, "Michelle," who is attractive, intelligent and



DEAR ABBY

works as a teacher's assistant in a public school. What I can't understand is, she refuses to go anywhere without her 33-year-old daughter, "Chloe." They even dress alike.

Chloe is pretty and doesn't have a boyfriend. When Chloe goes out with friends, her mother rings her cellphone over and over until Chloe turns it off.

What do you think is the problem? If Michelle and I go someplace, she wants to bring Chloe, or she calls her and has her come to where we are. Chloe complains to me that she wants her freedom, but Mom accuses her of not loving her, and cries and makes her feel guilty.

Chloe is a college graduate. Her mother allows her to work, but she must come straight home afterward. I'm confused, Abby.

What can I do? — **SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT**

**DEAR SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT:** How sad for Chloe. Michelle's relationship with her daughter is more "smotherhood" than motherhood. It's not healthy for either of them. Your friend appears to be unable to see Chloe as separate from herself -- which is why she wants them to dress like twins and becomes anxious when Chloe is with friends instead of by her side.

The kindest thing you could do for the young woman would be to tell her to discuss this with a licensed mental health professional, because she will need help and support in severing the umbilical cord at this late date. That won't be easy. There will be pain involved for both Chloe and her desperately possessive mother, but if Chloe is going to have an independent life, it has to happen.

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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

### Parchment Management

Dear Heloise: I have a problem with PARCHMENT PAPER. Every time I use it, I cannot keep it on the pan. It slides off so easily, even when I am being careful. Cookies go everywhere. I've tried binder clips, but they pop off. Do you have any hints for preventing this? — Tammy P. in Texas

Here are some hints to try: Cut parchment paper ahead of time and lay between two cookie sheets to flatten. When you need the paper, it should now remain flat while you use it.

Use magnets to hold the corners of the parchment paper while putting cookie dough on it. Just make sure to remove the magnets before baking. — Heloise

### Heloise's Salt Substitute

Dear Heloise: Some time ago, you ran a recipe for a salt substitute. I made up a batch and gave it to friends. Now I need it for myself, and I have lost the recipe. Can you please reprint it? — Jo in Florida

Sure can! This healthy salt substitute is great for anyone watching the amount of salt he or she eats. You need:

- 5 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon white pepper (or black, if preferred)
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seeds

Mix all ingredients together. Place in a tightly sealed container and store with your other spices (don't forget to label the container!) in a cool, dry place. If you would like other seasoning recipes, along with sauces and hints on food substitutes, order my Heloise's Seasonings, Sauces and Substitutes pamphlet by sending \$3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/SSS, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. In a hurry? Marinate meat in a simple mixture of equal parts soy sauce and Worcestershire sauce. Delicious! — Heloise

### Repackaging Meat

Dear Heloise: When I buy large packages of hamburger or other meats and want to repackage them in freezer bags, here is my hint: I turn the bag inside out, stick my hand into the bag and grasp the amount of meat wanted for bagging. When pulling my hand out, I turn the bag right side out at the same time, zip the top shut and am ready for the next one.

Since most people have sandwich bags as well, you can use them to grasp the meat when putting it into a larger freezer bag. Toss the sandwich bag away when done. Clean hands, and no need to wash utensils. — Robin N., Omaha, Neb.

### Rotate Dishes

Dear Heloise: When I empty the dishwasher, I take the plates and silverware and put them on the bottom of the pile of clean dishes instead of the top. That way, I am rotating the dishes and silverware, and not using the same plates and silverware over and over. — Joan in California

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Moved the speed
- 6 Enthralled word
- 10 Throat dangler
- 11 Book's page number
- 12 Bottle parts
- 13 Like monsoon season
- 14 Pupil sur-rounder
- 15 Chide
- 16 Sauna site
- 17 Supporter's vote
- 18 Lawn material
- 19 Dog show participants
- 22 Tooth part
- 23 Corn Belt state
- 26 Rigid contact
- 29 Bodily pouch
- 32 Lobster eggs
- 33 Nabokov novel
- 34 Hope's frequent co-star
- 36 Lingerie items
- 37 Famed lover
- 38 Planet circlers
- 39 Friendship
- 40 Keen

### DOWN

- 1 Ground, say
- 2 Like a duffer, usually
- 3 Colleague of José and Plácido
- 4 Antlered animals
- 5 "— Kapital"
- 6 Lion sound
- 7 Fake name
- 8 Spotted horse

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- 28 Was pert with
- 29 "Get lost!"
- 30 Kitchen come-on
- 31 Humorous
- 35 Son of Adam
- 36 Lauderdale neighbor
- 38 Bonkers

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### ACROSS

- 1 Flat floaters
- 6 Photo holder
- 11 "The Waste Land" poet
- 12 Shrek's love
- 13 Under-handed
- 14 Genesis event
- 15 Vivacious wit
- 17 Yak it up
- 19 Cowboy nickname
- 20 Diet no-no
- 23 Suspects' stories
- 25 Verdi opera
- 26 Military targeting
- 28 Lose color
- 29 Horror director George
- 30 Twisty letter
- 31 Score amts.
- 32 Dramatist Jonson
- 33 Former Spanish coin
- 35 Bayou native
- 38 "The Hobbit" hero
- 41 Squirrel's treat
- 42 Burns' partner

### DOWN

- 1 Checkers side
- 2 Ring legend
- 3 Orioles
- 4 Young ones
- 5 Bleeding stopper
- 6 Tack on
- 7 Bouncy tune
- 8 Scary cry
- 9 One, for Juan
- 10 Steamed
- 16 Travel meccas
- 17 Social blunder

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Previous Puzzle

- 18 Rap sheet item
- 20 Energetic people
- 21 Find darling
- 22 Eagle's claw
- 24 Pollen collector
- 25 Money machine
- 27 Oats holder
- 31 Bit of change
- 33 Contented sound
- 34 Floor unit
- 35 Truck part
- 36 Super serve
- 37 Coffee, in slang
- 39 Put on the line
- 40 Afternoon hour

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here's how to work it:

A XYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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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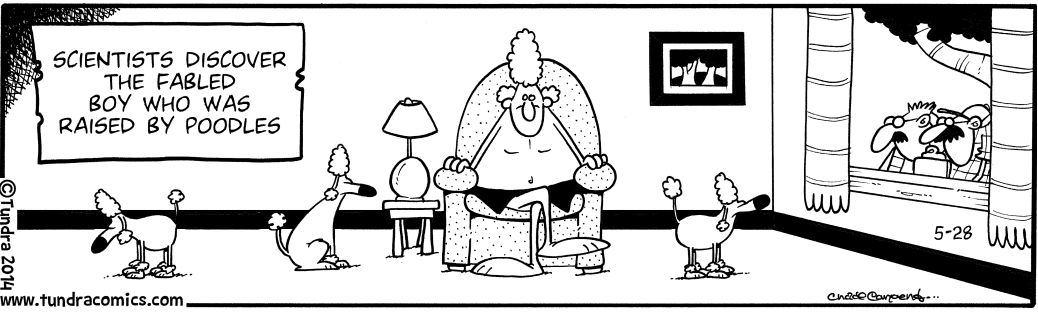
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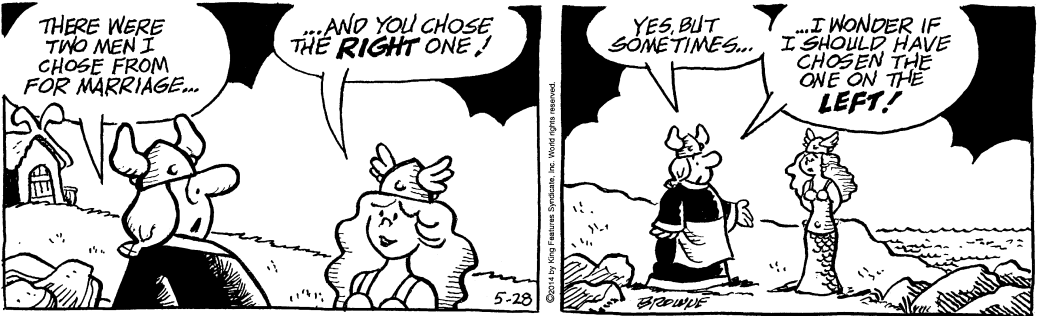
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## COMICS

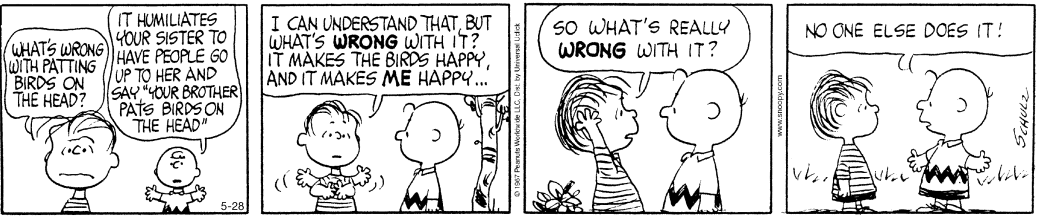
### Tundra



### Hagar the Horrible



### Peanuts



### Baby Blues



### Dilbert

