

# Separated husband feels ambushed by stealth photo

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have been separated for a year. I have been seeing another woman in a city nearby, and my wife is aware of it.

I took my lady friend out for dinner recently while visiting her in her town. A couple from home who know my wife and me were also eating at this restaurant. I greeted them as we walked by their table.

The next day, my wife approached me and showed me a picture of me and my date that had been taken by this couple without my knowledge. I was furious about the invasion of privacy. My wife claims I am just angry because I got “caught.” If I were worried about getting caught, I wouldn’t have been in a public restaurant in a city frequented by people who know me.

What are your thoughts on people who secretly take photos like this? Do they really think they are doing their civic duty? — **VIOLATED IN IOWA**

**DEAR VIOLATED:** You have a right to your privacy. If you and your wife have been separated for a year, then with whom you socialize is your own business. The same applies to your wife.

I fail to see what kind of “civic duty” this couple



DEAR ABBY

was performing by taking a picture of you and your date. Frankly, I think it was in poor taste and served no good purpose.

**DEAR ABBY:** I’m 30 and have felt pretty happy with my life. I enjoy my job, my social life, staying fit and extensive stays abroad. I thought I was going along OK, even though there is still room for improvement.

My biggest (or most obvious) shortcoming, however, is that I’m not attractive in any way, and guys have never been attracted to me, so any chance at a future with someone is not an option. I thought I was learning to accept it, but it’s harder than I thought – especially because of reactions from other people.

Now that I’m older, people look at me with pity or treat me strangely. I don’t know how to handle the constant questioning about whether

I have found someone yet. It is not going to happen. Is there something wrong with me? I’m starting to feel like a total loser and complete failure. — **LOSER IN LOVE**

**DEAR LOSER IN LOVE:** If you are asked whether you have “found someone yet,” tell the person the truth, that Chris Pine hasn’t found YOU yet.

There are worse things than singlehood. You have so many positive things going for you in your life, it’s time you recognized it. The person who deserves pity isn’t someone who is single; it’s someone who is trapped in a marriage to a husband she doesn’t love or who treats her badly.

Your problem isn’t that you are a “loser”; it’s that you have low self-esteem. You could benefit from talking to a counselor about this, because everyone has something to offer, including you, and for others to appreciate your finer qualities, you need to stop being so hard on yourself.

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

## HELOISE’S KITCHENEERING BY HELOISE

### Solutions for Kitchen Conundrums

Dear Readers: The KITCHEN is the perfect place to hang out, be with family and experiment with cooking. However, may I say to please keep in mind, when watching cooking shows on TV, that what you see probably is NOT how it happens in real time. A lot gets edited out; some steps are skipped or just talked about. Most times, the final dish has been prepared by someone else.

Here are a few Heloise hints to help you take care of an “uh-oh” problem:

■ Ketchup won’t come out of the bottle easily? Use a drinking straw to reach the bottom, break the vacuum and help the ketchup flow.

■ Onions too strong? Soak onion rings or chopped pieces in water or milk for about an hour.

■ Whipped cream not sweet enough? Use confectioners’ (powdered) sugar rather than granulated sugar.

Have a kitchen hint that got you out of a kitcheneering disaster? Let me know, and you could see your hint in the column! — Heloise

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### All About Allspice

Dear Heloise: I have a question about allspice. I see some recipes that use it, but I’ve never cooked with it. Is it just a blend of a few spices, like pumpkin-pie spice is? — Eva W. in Oregon

No, it’s not a blend of other spices. Allspice comes from a berry that grows on a tropical evergreen tree. It does smell, I think, like a blend of cloves, cinnamon and maybe a touch of nutmeg. However, allspice has a flavor and an aroma that is uniquely its own.

Don’t be afraid to try a new recipe with a new spice. I do like allspice and sometimes put a dash in my morning coffee for a hint of flavor. — Heloise

### Come Clean

Dear Heloise: My pizza stone has gotten grease on the bottom of it. How do I remove it? I tried scouring powder, but that didn’t help. Can you help me? — Arita R., Kerrville, Texas

Arita, I don’t know if I can help, but let’s see if I can. Scouring powder will remove only the top layer of grease. A pizza “stone” can be made from different materials, some very porous and absorbing. You can try to pull out the grease using baking soda. Dump on a lot of baking soda, scrub in with a little water and let the pizza stone sit for a few days. The baking soda may pull the grease out. If not, it’s time to “reuse” this one for something else. How about a doorstep? — Heloise

### Graham-Cracker Crust

Dear Heloise: I make my own graham-cracker crust. I had a problem crumbling up the crackers until I hit on a method that worked. Using a square-bottom bowl, I mashed the graham crackers with a potato masher. It worked great! The potato masher I use is round with little squares. Then I just add butter, put it in the pie pan, spread it out and it’s done. — Janeen Miller, Santa Maria, Calif.

## CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

1 Minor blunders

6 “The Wizard of Oz” author

10 Writer Cather

11 African tongue

12 Cove

13 “The King”

14 Flow into

15 Rehab target

16 Gentle pull

17 Pole worker

18 Place down

19 Junk mailers

22 Fresh reaction

23 Reunion attendee

26 Lockups

29 Chemist’s place

32 Shelley work

33 Actor Morrow

34 Bowling sites

36 Green stone

37 Play place

38 Burdened down

39 Private’s boss

40 Plain silly

### DOWN

1 Swallows’ cousins

2 Rosters

3 Criminal

4 Be-

5 Was inactive

6 Lacking locks

7 Ear bone

8 City on the Mohawk River

9 In need of airing out

25 Poseidon prop

11 A head-board is part of it

15 Bar choice

17 Staffer mothers

20 Rural Add up

21 Reno resident

24 Reno resident

25 Poseidon prop

27 TV spots

28 Play parts

29 Ranch rope

30 Church feature

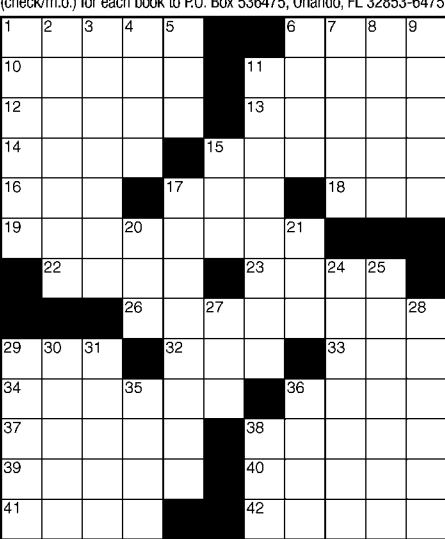
31 Trumpet sound

35 Quiche base

36 Miss Marple

38 Ignited

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### ACROSS

1 Ship of 1492

6 “Aladdin” villain

11 Homer work

12 Writer Brontë

13 Spanish hero

14 Spine feature

15 Chooses

17 — Diego

19 Parched

20 Unite

23 Magic word

25 Ring of light

26 Coward

28 Single

29 Pasta shape

30 Veto vote

31 Chestnut

32 Writer Kesey

33 Easter event

35 Office desk fixture

38 Backpack material

41 Car choice

42 F. Scott’s wife

43 Borders

44 To this point

### DOWN

2 Suffering

3 Prudish person

4 Kite feature

5 Augmented

6 Landing pier

7 Writer Martin

8 Suitable

9 Maximum amount

10 Reuben base

16 Prying aid

17 Watch secretly

18 Concert spot

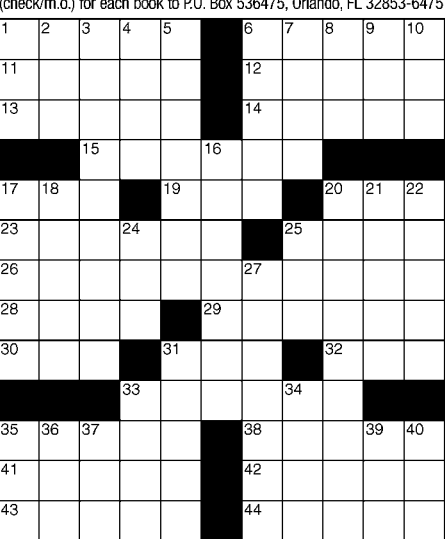
20 Pogo’s creator

21 “Dallas” mom

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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.

2-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

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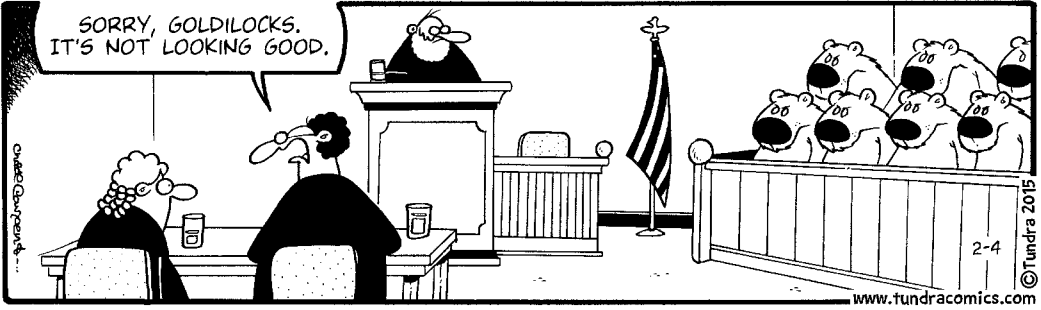
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X A H D L . — K R M D Z H D T O H L

Previous Cryptoquote: RESEARCH IS FORMALIZED CURIOSITY. IT IS POKING AND PRYING WITH A PURPOSE. — Zora Neale Hurston

## COMICS

### Tundra



### Hagar the Horrible



### Peanuts



### Baby Blues



### Dilbert

