

# Pregnant teen needs support and guidance, not rejection

**DEAR ABBY:** My best friend from school is pregnant. Her baby's father is practically nonexistent, and she has no other friends besides me and one other person. I am the only one so far who knows about her pregnancy. She hasn't told her dad and her grandparents because she's scared they'll kick her out. She has nowhere to go. My parents have told me to cut her off. What should I do? — **UN-SURE IN TEXAS**

**DEAR UNSURE:** Because your friend is afraid to tell her family, she should talk to a counselor at school. The family will have to know soon because her pregnancy will become obvious, and she will need prenatal care so her baby will be born healthy. I don't agree with your parents that you should "cut her off." She needs friends right now – and you can learn much from watching this scenario from the sidelines. Stress to her how important it is that she graduates from high school, because if she keeps her baby, she will need to be able to support it. Your state department of social services should also be contacted for guidance.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am engaged to a man, "Keith," who has numerous female "friends." I suspect they are



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something more. Recently, during my second pregnancy, one of his "friends" decided to follow me, but would never say a word to me.

When I tell Keith I am uncomfortable with these women, he says I have "no right to dictate his personal life."

I want to know if I'm wrong for not wanting to have to deal with these "friends," even if they were his friends before we got together. — **ADRIFT IN LOS ANGELES**

**DEAR ADRIFT:** Listen to your gut. If one of Keith's "friends" was stalking you, your feelings about her are probably accurate.

You have already had at least one child with your fiancée. Recognize that Keith won't change much if you manage to drag him to the altar. If he is telling you now that your feelings don't matter ("you have no right to dictate his personal

life"), I hope you realize this is how his attitude will be forever.

Personally, I wouldn't wish a life with someone this self-absorbed on anyone I cared about. But if more of the same is what you are prepared to settle for, then all anyone can do is wish you luck.

**DEAR ABBY:** Two friends decide to take a road trip to Miami. One lives in New York and the other in North Carolina. They agree to use the New Yorker's car and split the cost of the gas.

The New Yorker says the amount to be split is the cost of the fuel from New York to Miami and back to New York. The North Carolinian says the cost to be split should be from North Carolina to Miami and back to North Carolina. Which is fair? — **ROAD WEARY**

**DEAR ROAD WEARY:** Really? If you two can't agree on your own, I have a suggestion for you: Cancel the trip. If you do, it may save the friendship.

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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

You impress everyone with your creativity this week, Aries. Allow this creativity to be the inspiration behind projects you have been putting off of late.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Keep your goals relatively simple for the next few days, Taurus. You can benefit from the positive reinforcement of completing tasks and getting things done.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you have been immersed in work and are starting to show the ill effects of keeping long hours. Now is a great time to take a few days off or enjoy a mini-vacation.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you have a lot to get done, but resist the urge to micromanage every detail, as this could be a sure-fire path to burnout. You need to take a few breaths.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, avoid the temptation to get started on another new project. You already have plenty of other things on your plate. Finish those tasks before moving on to something new.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

It is sometimes easy to miss the forest for the trees, Virgo. Try taking a step back so you can look at a puzzling project from a new perspective.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you may be searching for a new adventure, but try to appreciate the here and now as well. It's easy to get swept up in fantasies, but don't let them carry you too far away.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you suspect that someone is hiding something, and that very well may be the case. Perhaps a welcome surprise is coming your way. Resist the urge to dig too deep.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You can probably talk your way out of trouble, Sagittarius, but this time it's better to let things play out. Keep conversations light and free from controversy.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, find balance between your personal ambitions and things you have to accomplish at work and at home. Finding a middle ground is the best approach.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you need a few extra people to contribute to a special task, but you do not know who to ask. If you think hard enough, you will know who you can depend on.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Your demeanor makes it easy for others to enjoy your company, and that will come in handy as your social schedule fills up in the days ahead.

## FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

**MARCH 1**  
Ron Howard, Director (61)

**MARCH 2**  
Daniel Craig, Actor (47)

**MARCH 3**  
Jessica Biel, Actress (33)

**MARCH 4**  
Whitney Port, Actress (30)

**MARCH 5**  
Joel Osteen, Religious Leader (52)

**MARCH 6**  
Tim Howard, Athlete (36)

**MARCH 7**  
Bryan Cranston, Actor (59)

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

1 Glade

5 Informer

9 Start a set

10 "You can't make me!"

12 Shrek and Fiona

13 Copter part

14 Fisher of "Resurrection"

16 Hostile

17 Asian holiday

18 Market increases

20 Halts

22 Optimal

23 Come into being

25 Pork serving

28 Current rage

32 Home of the Rockets

34 First número

35 Gifted

36 Michigan neighbor

38 Dizzying designs

40 Take as one's own

41 Musical transition

42 Neck parts

43 Woodwind part

### 44 Iowa city

### DOWN

1 Arc unit

2 Book blunders

3 Tied up

4 Firefighter, at times

5 Historic event

6 — Jima

7 Spot

8 Door sounds

9 It sounds like S

11 Secret meeting

15 Letter after delta

19 "Yeah, right!"

21 Easy targets

24 Rock's Carlos

25 Anarchist's goal

26 "Night-hawks" painter

27 Power problem

29 Atlas sec-

30 "Blade" star

31 Horn sounds

33 Lugged

37 First person

39 Wish undone

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Previous Puzzle

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### ACROSS

1 King with a golden touch

6 Milk choice

10 Take as one's own

11 Lushes

13 Cruise ship

14 "— of Two Cities"

15 Great weight

16 Have lunch

18 Confessional topic

19 Texters' devices

22 Play division

23 Smoke source

24 Western spread

27 Calendar items

28 Lake near Buffalo

29 Lively dance

30 Wise guys

35 Glutton

36 Reuben bread

37 Near the ground

38 Make a speech

40 New Zealand native

42 Glossary entries

43 Ore sources

### 44 Speaker's stand

### 45 Regions

### DOWN

1 Soda fountain treats

2 Figure of speech

3 Disco's Summer

4 Gorilla, for one

5 Start calisthenics

6 Mown strip

7 First aid case

8 Peeved

9 "Tartuffe" writer

12 Taste and smell

29 Crested bird

17 Fitting

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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

F W D B K Q M A G S N N B N B  
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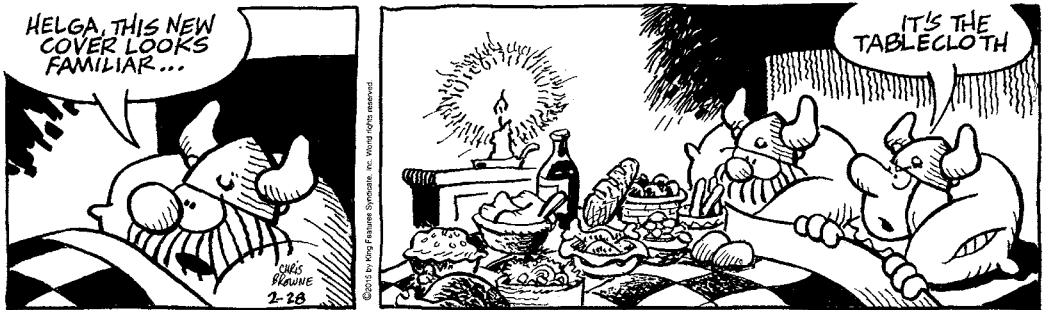
Previous Cryptoquote: WE MUST FREE OURSELVES OF THE HOPE THAT THE SEA WILL EVER REST. WE MUST LEARN TO SAIL IN HIGH WINDS. – Aristotle Onassis

## COMICS

### Tundra



### Hagar the Horrible



### Peanuts

