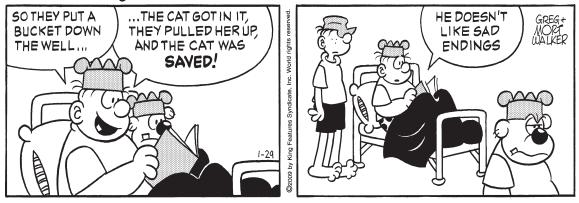


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Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young

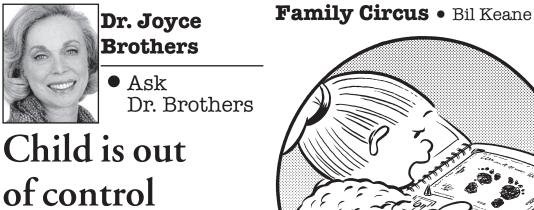


Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters





Dear Dr. Brothers: My 7-year-old son has developed a very annoying habit that is driving me nuts. I don't have a baby sitter, so I have to take him with me to all my shopping. This worked fine when he was riding in a cart, but now he runs around the store and often hides. No matter how much I yell at him, he does it again. Is this normal behavior for a kid, and how do I get him to stop it? - C.S.

Dear C.S.: Your child has started to build a habit that you seem to find merely annoying, but that actually could be a very dangerous game. The irony is that he actually could be putting himself at risk for being harmed or abducted, and he must be told in no uncertain terms that his behavior is unacceptable. He is way past the stage of being a toddler or preschooler who gets "lost" for a few moments when Mom's back is turned - this child is deliberately running off to try to amuse himself.

Your son may simply be bored by shopping most kids are, if the shopping spree isn't for toys - and is trying to amuse and entertain himself. But if he truly enjoys seeing you upset and desperate not to lose him, you may be at the point of benefiting from some family counseling. In the meantime, please arrange to do your shopping when he's in school, and spend a little more quality time with him at home.

Dear Dr. Brothers: My wife and I and several friends are very active in a community group that is in a long battle to fight an industrial park in our town that would be really bad news for the environment and our quality of life. One of our other friends often sits in on our conversations, though he hasn't been active. We were stunned to find out that he had written a letter of support to the county government about this development! Should we confront him? We feel is he twofaced. - N.F.

Dear N.F.: I'm sure it must have been quite a shock when you found out your friend was not on your side. Perhaps his willingness to sit and listen to you and your friends was balanced by his willingness to also listen to what the other side had to say - and there usually are two sides to every development issue.

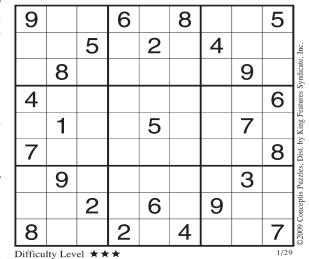
So, while it may not be as strange as it seems for him to have ended up with a position diametrically opposed to yours, I agree that his behavior could be construed as two-faced. He should have - at the point when he decided he was on in a way that gave the appearance of being a fellow traveler. He didn't want to tell you for fear And because it makes you all feel foolish to have included him, your disgust is justified. But only you can decide if it's worth a confrontation or if you'd rather concentrate your energy on defeating that project.

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"Those are PJ's paw prints."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



This is a logic-based num-

ber placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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Cryptoquip

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Sally Forth • Greg Howard

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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Bridge • Steve Becker

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Chalk One Up for Declarer

Assume you're declarer at six notrump and West leads the ten of spades. How would you play the hand?

You can count 11 sure tricks at the outset - four spades, four clubs, two hearts and the king or 17 queen of diamonds. To make the slam, you need to score a trick with the jack of hearts, and the 18 best way to do this would seem to be to finesse East for the queen. In the actual case, though, the finesse would fail, and you'd go down.

When the deal occurred, South found the notion of entrusting the outcome to a simple finesse to be distasteful, so he sought a way to improve on his chances and wound up making the slam.

After taking the first spade with the queen, he immediately led a diamond toward the king. 27 West could not afford to take his ace without establishing declarer's 12th trick, so he let the king 32 win. South then cashed all his spades and clubs, coming down to the K-J-4 of hearts and queen of diamonds in his hand opposite dummy's A-6-5 of hearts and seven of diamonds.

West, meanwhile, had elected to hang on to the Q-10-3 of hearts and ace of diamonds, discarding the diamond jack on the last club. Reading the situation perfectly, declarer now led the diamond queen, forcing West to win with the ace and return a heart, which handed South the slam.

It's true that West could (and should) have given declarer a far more difficult problem by discarding a heart rather than a diamond on the last club. South would then have had to cash the A-K of hearts, dropping West's queen, to make the slam, certainly no easy task without peeking. But what West could or should have done is not

really the point. By playing as he did, declarer gave himself an extra chance, and in the end it yielded a dividend worth about 1,000 points.

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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