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Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



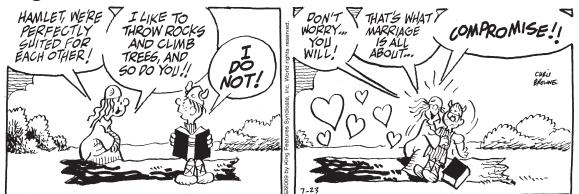
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young

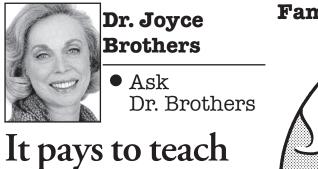


Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters





kids perseverance

Dear Dr. Brothers: I've always felt like a quitter in my life, and don't want my son to have the same issues with failing to follow through. I've worked on my own perseverance and have gotten a lot better, but I want my son to always feel as though he's done his best in life. He's only in elementary school, but I wanted to start early to help him. What can I, as a parent, do to nurture perseverance in my son? – A.K.

Dear A.K.: It is great that you're self-aware enough to recognize this fault in yourself and to try to do what you can to prevent your son from going through the same thing. And, indeed, starting early certainly will help, since perseverance can be built throughout life. At this stage, it is helpful to allow your son to find things he enjoys, and not force him to do every activity under the sun. That being said, you should expose him to a variety of activities to allow him to find the one or two that really spark a passion in him.

Constructive criticism, and teaching your son how to give and receive it, also can help maintain your son's sense of motivation. Children also learn from their parents' behavior, so your own ability to persevere in the face of obstacles will help your son learn that this is to be valued, and attempt to copy it. This also should give you more motivation to progress in this area. You can inspire your son by giving him challenges and encouraging him. Succeeding in the face of an obstacle will provide gratification, and your son will continue the behavior that led to it.

Dear Dr. Brothers: My girlfriends from college and I have an annual reunion, and recently it's gotten awkward because they are all married and I am not. I'm not overly sensitive, I don't think, but it makes me uncomfortable when they all have their husbands there and I'm alone. I also miss spending time with my friends, because it's not the same when the husbands are there. How can I bring this up without sounding like I don't like my friends' husbands? – C.G.

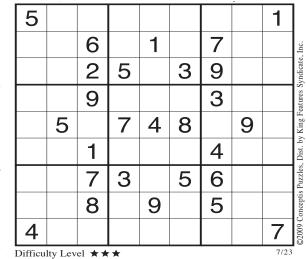
Dear C.G.: It can be hard to negotiate the commitments of friendship and significant others, especially if you find yourself single among married friends. The best you can do is be honest V Rwith your friends about how you feel. You can explain that you enjoy getting to spend time with your mind, and that you value their friendships enough to want to preserve that special bond.

It's likely your friends don't know you are uncomfortable, especially if you are friendly with their husbands as well. Now married, your friends may forget what it's like to be the only single one in a group. Just remember to stress the fact that you want to spend quality time with them for this one time each year, and try to stay positive. This way, when you are in the position of being the friend with a significant other, your friends will continue to support you and your choices, since you were able to work through this problem



"Mommy, what does #@X&! spell?"

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

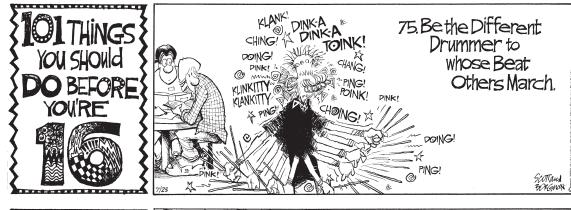
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott





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Bridge • Steve Becker

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A Shaggy-Horse Story

The American Contract Bridge League, which conducts all national, international and regional championships in North America, had about 6,000 members in the 1930s. By 1945, the 21 membership had expanded to 8,000; in 1950, to 22,000; in 1955, to 56,000; in 1960, to 94,000; in 1985, to an astounding 185,000; and today, nearly 200,000!

In fact, duplicate bridge is now so popular that, at a recent ACBL tournament conducted in Texas, a horse showed up to play!

After paying his entry fee, the horse sat down at his assigned table and, on the very first deal, found himself with the South hand. Naturally, he **31** opened two spades (the horse was playing strong two-bids). After his partner raised him to three spades, the horse bid four clubs. When his partner then cuebid the ace of diamonds, the horse bid seven spades.

Ordinarily, the grand slam would have been made quite easily, but it turned out that the clubs were divided 5-0. South won the heart lead with the ace, played five rounds of trumps, cashed the king of hearts and led a club to the queen, on which West showed out.

The horse shook his head sadly, cashed the ace of diamonds and A-K-J of clubs, and lost a club trick at the end to East, going down one in his maiden effort.

Of course, a great many spectators had been watching the horse play. It's not every day that a horse enters a bridge tournament.

One of the kibitzers turned to the horse after the deal was over and asked: "Why didn't you take the diamond finesse after West showed out of clubs? It was surely your best chance.'

"Don't be ridiculous," replied the horse. "Who ever heard of a horse taking a finesse?"

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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motion	41 "—	3 Orsk's	angle
13 Part of a	Foolish	river	26 Neighbor
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14 Carnival	43 Soda	measure	27 Prejudice
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