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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young

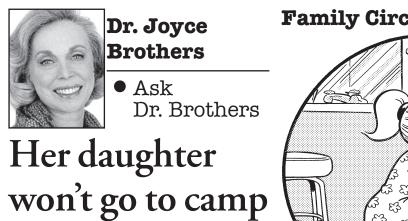


Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters





Dear Dr. Brothers: I have a large extended family, and it has been tradition for us to go to a wonderful old camp. We have always sent kids when they were 8, but now, one of the cousins is refusing to go. That would be my daughter. She says it is "scary." She has visited the camp since she was small and knows everyone else is going. I know she will enjoy it. Should I not listen to her and sign her up with the rest of the kids? – C.G.

Dear C.G.: Family traditions can be wonderful ways of passing meaningful experiences to younger members of the clan. It's easy to get caught up in the continuity of things that "everyone" "always" does and be secure in the knowledge the whole family will have great memories to share and pass down. But in carrying out traditions, we sometimes forget the kids are individuals who may be marching to the beat of a different drummer. Your daughter may be perfectly fine with going to the camp, just not yet.

Eight years old may be too young for her to separate from you. She probably has enjoyed seeing the camp, but when she visits, she may be thinking she's glad she doesn't have to go there and leave her mom and dad. She may need time to adjust to being away from home. So maybe you could send her to a day camp this summer and let her have sleep-overs with friends. She probably has plenty of kids to hang out with around home, and by next year she may be eagerly awaiting sleepaway camp. So try having some patience.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I have been anxious since my daughter was a little kid, worrying about her popularity. You see, I was a loner as a child. I wasn't bullied or anything like that, but had few friends. I have been making sure my daughter is surrounded by kids and made her room a fun place and invited children over. How can I get them to invite her back? She is only 6, but I would like her to be more popular. She's on the quiet side, like I was. - V.S.

Dear V.S.: You might not realize it, but you still seem anxious. It appears that just thinking about your childhood sets you off - and the feelings attached to being a loner are just under the surface. The more your child reminds you of yourself, the more anxious you become. It is obvious you are a sensitive person who feels your daughter's experience as though it were happening to you. So daughter's needs are, as opposed to your own.

Of course, everyone wishes for popularity for their children. But many kids are capable of being happy while being on their own much of the time, or while having only a few close friends as opposed to a crowd of adoring minions. You have set up the environment for your daughter to make friends. Now step back and let whatever happens happen, instead of obsessing. Try not to project your worries. When you do that, you let her know you don't think she is capable of being a friend unless you engineer everything.

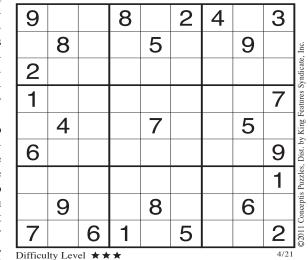
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Mommy, we have a problem. Jeffy's already gone to bed and his toothbrush is DRY!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



This is a logic-based number 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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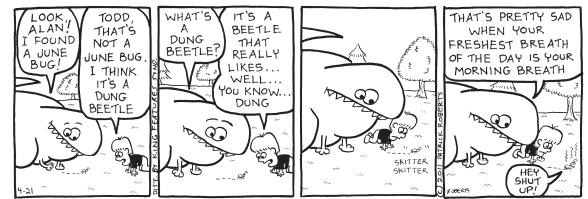
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard

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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH ♠ A 10 9 5 2 ♥ K 8 7 2 A 7 4 WEST EAST ♠84 ♥J54 **v**O 10.9 3 ♦ 9 6 3 2 ♣J 10 8 6 Ř Q 10 8 7 5 ♣K 9 SOUTH ♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ A 6 ♦ A J ♦ Q 5 3 2 The bidding: North East 1 **4** 4 NT 6 **4** Pass Pass 4 ♦ 5 ♥ Pass singleton or void in diamonds. Opening lead - king of diamonds.

The Better Way

Many declarers are guilty of choosing the line of least resistance in trying to make their contract. When the chosen approach fails, they blame the outcome on an unfavorable lie of the cards.

That was the excuse South used on this deal after he went down in six spades. He won the opening diamond lead with the ace, drew two rounds of trumps and ruffed a diamond in dummy.

Since it appeared that the slam could not be made unless East had the king of clubs, declarer next cashed the ace of clubs and led a club to the queen. West won with the king and returned a heart to South's ace. Declarer later lost a club to East to finish down one.

South's line of play left something to be desired in that it made no provision for the possibility that West might hold the doubleton king of clubs, in which case the slam was makable provided the proper preparatory steps were taken.

After winning the ace of diamonds and drawing two rounds of trumps, declarer should have cashed the A-K of hearts, ruffed a heart, ruffed the jack of diamonds and ruffed dummy's last heart. The purpose of these plays would be to eliminate West's hearts so he could not later safely exit with that suit.

In the process, South would have learned that West had started with four hearts as well as a singleton spade and five or six diamonds for his overcall. And if West had six diamonds, then he could hold only two clubs. This in turn would mean that, whether West had the king of clubs or not, the slam was assured.

After ruffing dummy's last heart, declarer next plays the ace and another club to the queen. This loses to West's king, but it no longer matters. Since West has nothing but diamonds left, he must return one, allowing South to discard dummy's remaining club as he ruffs in his hand, and the slam is home.

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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