

Remarriage after 60, infidelity

Dear Dr. Brothers: I married a man whom I thought was the love of my life in my mid-20s, shortly after we had both graduated from college and were beginning to establish ourselves professionally. We hadn't known each other well at school, and when we met later, it was like love at first sight. The first few years of our marriage were wonderful, but then it started going downhill. It was like the man I'd known and loved had ceased to exist. We divorced, lost track of each other, met two years ago and now weremarried to each other. We both have nice kids from other partners, and we're both absolutely sure that this marriage will last. We feel as if we've found our old love. He's lost all those domineering, unpleasant traits that cropped up and led to the divorce. They really aren't there anymore. What happened? — A.G.



Dr. Joyce Brothers

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ways. As men and women start to grow older — in their 60s and for the remaining years — males tend to be more gentle, more passive, and women are more independent, less needy and more ready to take on responsibilities.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I guess I had a crazy response to a feeling I got, a hint of my husband's infidelity. Whatever it was, I had another hunch that it was apt to be a one-time thing. My reaction was to cancel a business appointment I had for that evening, then I got a baby sitter for the night, picked my husband up at his office in the sexiest dress I could find, and practically kidnapped him. Since I was driving, he couldn't do much except complain. I took him to an expensive hotel, said I wanted a night out and booked a room. We had a fantastic night, and I never mentioned that I suspected infidelity. My mom and my girlfriend said I was nuts. — N.F.

Dear N.F.: Sometimes, intuition leads us in the right direction, and it sounds as if your hunch may have paid off. You added the element of surprise — you broke the old routine and established patterns of what you do and how you behave together. This is the kind of thing that's bound to create new interest and excitement. He must've been amused, and perhaps he started to see you in a new light or was re-

mindful of the you he knew in the early days of your marriage. Too often, couples allow their marriage to become predictable and boring.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I was dumped by a man I've lived with and deeply loved for the past eight months. I truly believed him when he said he loved me and he'd found the one person he knew was right for him. I honestly thought we were going to marry. Six weeks ago, he walked out, and I understand he's had several other women. Last week, I read in our local paper that he married a woman who must be rich, because they're living in what I'd call a mansion. My problem is that I can't put him out of my mind. I'm so obsessed that it's almost impossible for me to read, or to watch or concentrate on a film, and I am barely able to drag myself to work. — P.L.

Dear P.L.: It sounds as if you're suffering from withdrawal symptoms, in many ways not unlike the pain, stress and feelings of emptiness and frustration that hit those addicted to a drug or who are trying to give up any compulsive behavior over which they appear to have no control. The intensity of your withdrawal symptoms is not an indication of the quality or power of your love for this man; it only underlines the strength of your addiction. You need to learn to recognize and accept this. If you have a friend or, better yet, friends you can trust, it's important to talk about your feelings, and they might respond by attempting to get you involved in new interests.

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Conceptis Sudoku

by Dave Green

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

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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 today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

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

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