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Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young

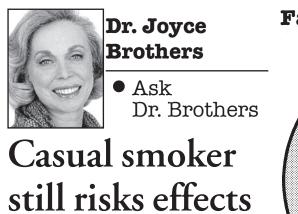


Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters





Dear Dr. Brothers: I smoke every once in a while, mostly at parties or with friends at a bar. I know it's bad for me, and I plan to quit eventually, but right now I can't think what I'd do instead, in those situations. My friend told me smoking once a day can be just as bad as smoking a pack a day, but I don't think that's true. Is it really a big deal if I'm just a casual smoker? - T.B.

Dear T.B.: There are more and more young people who claim they only smoke "part-time," or in certain situations. While some only smoke to enhance their image, others use cigarettes to help them relax at the end of a long day. You need to think about why you smoke, and address those issues. Unfortunately, casual smokers can be just as addicted as those who smoke a pack a day, and can have just as tough a time quitting.

Your friend may be right about the serious health consequences involved. Experts say that any amount of cigarette smoke - even just those few on the weekend - exposes your body to toxins and carcinogens that can lead to disease. In addition to the cancers, lung disease and heart disease that we all hear about, there also are side effects specific to younger people. Premature aging of the skin, including wrinkles and blotching, can be caused by cigarettes. Smoking can cause fertility issues: Smokers are more likely to have damaged eggs, problems getting pregnant and higher miscarriage rates.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I've been trying to follow a new diet, and for the most part it's been going well. The only time I slip up is when I find myself eating because I'm stressed. If I have a hectic day, or get in a fight with a friend, I automatically reach for the ice cream and hot fudge. I'm so good most of the time, and it's really frustrating to lose control like this. How can I stop binging just because I'm stressed or upset? - L.W.

Dear L.W.: This is a common problem, and unfortunately it isn't addressed in most of the diet or weight-loss programs right now. While lots of us turn to comfort food when upset or stressed, for those trying to lose weight, it can be detrimental to the long-term success of diet plans. If you're used to coping with your emotions by downing ADUM-NCFDQNRNCW LDURZZC ice cream, it's impossible to cut out this practice without a new way to deal with those feelings.

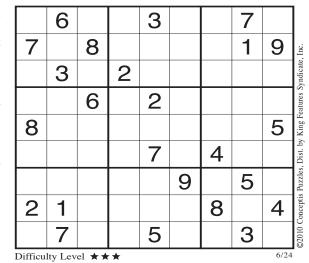
The first step is to identify the emotions that trigger you to binge. Simply realizing you're reaching for ice cream after every fight can go a long way toward stopping or reducing the amount feeling, and take a step back, you can change your automatic reaction to that emotion. Additionally, you need to start figuring out healthier ways to handle stress and emotions when they come up. There are any number of ways people have come up with, and you just have to find a few that suit your personality and lifestyle. Find something you love doing – whether going for a hike with the dog, gardening, reading a trashy novel or taking a nap - and use that as your new go-to move for stress release.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Gosh, Daddy! They sure gave you a lot of homework today."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

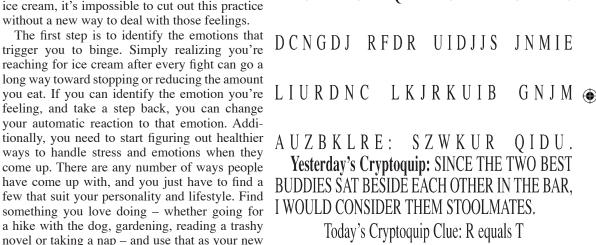


This is a logic-based number placement puzzle.

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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Sally Forth • Greg Howard

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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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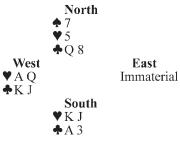
Bridge • Steve Becker

Double Trouble

When your opponents voluntarily undertake a slam, you should not double them unless you are absolutely certain you can defeat the contract. This is especially true if your double gives declarer information that might allow him to make a contract he would not otherwise make.

28 Lis In the present case, for example, West clearly should not have doubled six notrump. In doing so, he revealed to declarer where the missing 31 Su high cards were located.

Armed with this knowledge, South made the slam by adopting a somewhat unnatural line of play. He won the spade lead with the queen, led a low diamond to dummy's jack and returned a diamond to the queen. After West showed out on the second round, leaving South with just 11 tricks, declarer cashed the A-K of diamonds and 36 Ea dummy's A-K-J-10 of spades to produce this position:



When South next cashed dummy's last spade and discarded the jack of hearts, West found himself in dire straits. He could not afford to discard the jack of clubs, which would have given declarer two club tricks instead of one, so he discarded the queen of hearts instead. This did not help West at all, because South simply led a heart to the king and won the last two tricks with the queen and ace of clubs.

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