

### Dorothy Dix Boy Friend Wants To Sky Dive

By DR. JOYCE BROTHERS

Dear Dr. Brothers: My boy-friend wants to take up sky-diving. The idea scares me and I've tried to talk him out of it. I can understand his love of football and skiing, which are a little dangerous; but wanting to jump out of an airplane for the fun of it is beyond me. — T. G.

Dear Miss G.: Normally in our daily life we try to take the safest course of action and avoid risk. We are not eager to place ourselves in a position in which we might suffer loss of money, property, affection, or life. In the average person's life there are few real opportunities for him to deliberately place himself in serious jeopardy.

Some people seem naturally drawn to risky activities. The wheeler-dealer businessman, the steepjack and the boxer all have one thing in common. They are willing to gamble their life or livelihood for a living.

There is a sporting quality to their gamble but there is also assurance of greater financial reward to encourage their risk-taking.

#### No Cash Rewards

It is more difficult to understand the individual who seeks out dangerous activity purely for entertainment. He gets no money for his efforts and usually very little in the way of public recognition. The skier, the mountain climber and the sport parachutist perform their potentially dangerous feats in relative isolation, usually in the presence of those who share a similar love of adventure and excitement. Of course some sportsmen may achieve public renown but for the most part their avocation remains a highly personal and individual performance.

Obviously people differ in their degree of inhibition about engaging in risky activities. For example, studies of families have found that first born children are less likely than later born to participate in dangerous sports. And those from large families are more likely to participate in dangerous sports than those from smaller families.

#### A recent study of sport parachutists in "Aerospace Medicine" found that these individuals tended to be more alert, more ambitious, have greater drive, and possessed more need for excitement than a comparison group of non-parachutists. This same study also found that the sport parachutists were more inclined to prefer high-risk gambles than the comparison group.

#### Need For Excitement

Sociologist Erving Goffman relates the desire to participate in risky ventures with a need to be "where the action is." Action is defined as enterprises undertaken which are outside the normal realm of activity, which could be avoided if the in-

## POLLY'S POINTERS

DEAR POLLY — I have a red dress with white collar and cuffs and the red keeps running when it is washed. I have tried salt water, cold water and even washing the white after the main part of the dress and then hanging the cuffs and collar above the rest of the dress! The color still runs. Is there a way to solve this problem? — PENNY

DEAR PENNY — The easiest solution I know is to remove the collar and cuffs and sew one side of dress snaps to the collar and cuffs and the other halves to the dress and remove them when the dress needs laundering. Right now I have on a black pique dress with a white collar and dickey that are fastened that way. It doesn't take a minute to unsnap them or to put them back on. The white part can even be bleached if necessary. The snaps on mine are about three inches apart. — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — My Pointer is for holding down a plastic cover put over a swimming pool. Every time the wind gets hold of it or when it rains our cover used to slip off. Take about four pieces of old rubber hose, about a foot long, and slit one side lengthwise and clamp them over the rim of the pool. They will hold the cover on but not tear it. — MRS. J. M.

DEAR POLLY — Hope I can help Mrs. B. G. P. bying the shine back to her damask tablecloth. If it is linen it needs nothing added. Just the right

dividual chose. To be involved in the action the gambler is willing to risk his paycheck, the businessman his security, and the sky diver his life.

The supreme moment for all these gamblers is the actual involvement in the moment when the outcome of their venture is not yet known. Time is distorted and the risk taker feels the thrill and excitement of suspense, accentuated by his belief that his acumen and skill will determine the outcome.

Considering that all your boy-friend has done so far is to talk about his desire to sky dive, it may be that his intention is weak. He may be enjoying provoking your concerned and frightened reaction which both demonstrates your affection for him and attests to his courage. He may only be indulging in self-glorifying fantasy that is satisfying enough in itself, enough at least to make the actual performance of the action less than crucial.

If, on the other hand, he is serious about his willingness to try the sport, your attempts to dissuade him may only irritate him and serve to force him into action to demonstrate his independence. A man may be acutely sensitive to behavior that resembles "mothering." Any suggestion of attempts at female dominance or suppression may set off internal alarms and warning bells that may jangle your whole relationship.

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## Junior Reporter Club

**TINY TURTLE FAVORITE**  
By DED WORTLEY  
Uniontown  
My favorite paper is the "Tiny Turtle," starring Tiny Turtle. I like it because it is fun. My brother Charles wrote about his books and forgot his favorite. It is "Turkey Proudfoot." He enjoys reading it almost as much as "The Giant Tortoise."

**I AM A GIRL SCOUT**  
By CATHERINE COLE  
West Leisencring  
I am a Girl Scout and I have two badges. When we started back, I got my pins, one is gold and the other is blue and gold.

**SCHOOL IS FUN**  
By SHARON BURNETT  
Cardale  
I am in the eighth grade at Redstone, Junior High. My homeroom teacher is Miss Segedy. She is very nice to the class and me. School is really fun.

**Birds Get Blame For Missing Grain**  
JAIPUR, India (AP) — State officials felt the explanation of a government warehouse keeper over some missing imported wheat was "for the birds."

**Onion Peeler Has Real Tearful Time**  
BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP) — Carl Herring let himself in for a tearful time by volunteering to peel enough onions for 2,000 persons at the Northeast Oklahoma Farmers Union's 14th annual fish fry.

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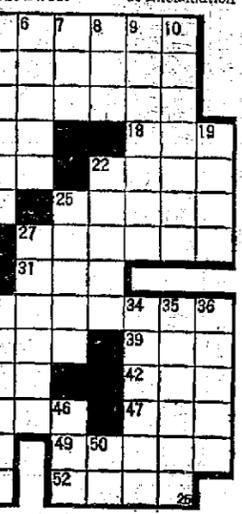
Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-52.

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

WHERE'S THE GLAZED POPPY? I GAVE HIM A GLAZED POPPY ABOUT 5 A.M. HE WAS WEARIN HIS ALPINE OUTFIT AND A HMA ALL DETERMINED LOOK, SO I TURTLED BACK INTO MY SLEEPING BAG!

WE DESERVE A DRY OFF! IF WE'D BEEN BUILDIN THE PYRAMIDS FOR POP, THEY'D BE TWICE AS HIGH AND HAVE BALCONIES!

FACE FACTS, BOYS — YOU WERE OUT OF SHAPE!



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

## OUT OUR WAY

HE DOESN'T HAVE A FOOTBALL HELMET OF HIS OWN, SO YOU'RE LETTING HIM WEAR YOURS? THAT'S GENEROUS OF YOU!

WELL, IT WASN'T SO MUCH GENEROSITY AS NECESSITY! HE AIN'T VERY GOOD AT CATCHING FUNTS — AN HE WAS GONNA QUIT ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOOTBALL WAS BOUNCIN OFF HIS HEAD SO OFTEN IT WAS GIVIN HIM A HEADACHE!

OUT OUR WAY

Blondie comic strip panels 1-4. Blondie is at a desk, looking at a document. She says, "I'M SORRY, DEAR, BUT MY SUGGET RAN LOW." She then says, "JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES AND PRETEND IT'S STEAK." She asks, "HOW ABOUT IT?" and says, "I' PEEKED AND IT'S STILL MEAT LOAF!"

Bugs Bunny comic strip panels 1-4. Bugs is talking to a man. He says, "GET THOSE TOYS OFF TH' FLOOR! CICERO! PETUNIA LIKES THINGS NEAT!" The man says, "OKAY, AN' PHOOEY!" Bugs says, "NOW THAT YER BACK I'LL BE GON', PETUNIA!" The man says, "HERE'S FOR BABY SITTING WITH CICERO!" Bugs says, "YA GOTTA BE FIRM WITH THAT KID OR HELL STEP ALL OVER YA!" The man says, "GANK!"

Joe Palooka comic strip panels 1-4. Joe is talking to a man. He says, "NOW I'M READY TO PUT AN AD IN THE PAPERS WITH A LIST OF THE BIG NAMES WE HAVE SO FAR! AND WITH LUCK, WE OUGHTA HAVE A SELL-OUT!" The man says, "OH, I JUST KNOW WE WILL!" Joe says, "KNOBBY... YOU HAVE DONE A MARVELOUS JOB!" The man says, "THERE ISN'T ANYONE ELSE WHO COULD HAVE GOTTEN THESE RESULTS... ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE!" Joe says, "THANKS! BUT MY JOB WAS EASY..." The man says, "ALL I HADDA DO WAS TALK TO THE STARS! THEY WANT TO APPEAR BECAUSE OF THE RESPECT THEY HAVE FOR YOU, JOE... AND FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOIN'!"

Freckles comic strip panels 1-4. Freckles is talking to a man. He says, "DOCTOR, HOW LONG WILL POP BE ABSENT- MINDED AND CONFUSED?" The man says, "WELL, IF I WERE MAKING AN EDU- CATED MAN TO SAY THAT IT'S HARD TO TELL." Freckles says, "BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM! I CAN ASSURE YOU OF ONE THING!" The man says, "WHAT'S THAT?" Freckles says, "HIS CONDITION WILL DISAPPEAR AS SOON AS HE GETS OVER IT."

Steve Roper comic strip panels 1-4. Steve is talking to a man. He says, "FRUSTRATED BY BUBB'S REFUSAL TO SEE HIM, MIKE LEAVES THE HOTEL —" The man says, "OKAY, BABY! — IF YOU WON'T TALK, MAYBE COUSIN TOMASZ WILL! — HE'S PROBABLY OUT HOME RIGHT NOW, FEEDIN' MY DAD A LINE OF LIES!" Steve says, "BUT COUSIN TOMASZ IS HAVING AN ARGUMENT WITH HIS PRETTY PARTNER IN CRIME!" The man says, "MAYBE HE'S ONTO SOME THING, TOM? — LET'S PACK UP — RIGHT NOW — AND BLOW TOWN!" Steve says, "AND, AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE NOWAK SPARE BEDROOM — BIG BUSINESSMAN! HAD-LIKE A PIG IN THE MUD HE LIVES! SOMEBODY SHOULD TELL PAPA'S COUSIN WHAT BOOKS ARE FOR!" Steve says, "AND LEAVE ALL THESE PLUMS HANGIN' — WE HAVE A BIG INVENTORY IN THE NOWAK GARAGE!" The man says, "BESIDES, LIKE THE OLD LADY'S COOKING."

Captain Easy comic strip panels 1-4. Captain Easy is talking to a man. He says, "ONE SIDE, CALVIN! I'LL HOSTE THIS SNOOP WHELP!" The man says, "OOPS! UN' AND ME I SAY!" Captain Easy says, "OH, OH! DUCK, CALVIN!" The man says, "YOU'RE A HARD MAN TO CATCH, LEADOCK!" Captain Easy says, "BUT YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG MAN! I WAS KNOWERS HEAR THAT DECOO COUNTY BANK HOLD-UP!"

The Phantom comic strip panels 1-4. The Phantom is talking to a man. He says, "WERE CAUGHT IN THAT PLACE?" The man says, "HOW MANY? ONLY ONE — BILL — UNLESS HE GOT OUT, TOO." The Phantom says, "HOW DID THE FIRE START?" The man says, "NO, TALK!" The Phantom says, "WHEN WE FOUND ANY TRUCKS, WE WERE SUPPOSED TO RING THE ALARM, WE DID." The man says, "WE HAD TEN MINUTES TO FIND THE TROUBLE — WE DIDN'T."

Alley Oop comic strip panels 1-4. Alley Oop is talking to a man. He says, "COVERING A WAR'S NEVER AN EASY ASSIGNMENT, SO WATCH YOUR STEP." The man says, "WE'LL DO ALL RIGHT, BUT KEEP AN EYE ON THAT VIEW-SCREEN..." Alley Oop says, "...WE MIGHT NEED A LIFT IF THE GOING GETS TOUGH!" The man says, "OKAY..." Alley Oop says, "OTHERWISE WE TERMINATE ONLY ON SIGNAL!" The man says, "RIGHT! LET'S GO!"

Mark Trail comic strip panels 1-4. Mark Trail is talking to a man. He says, "YOU BRUTE! AMAROK WAS ONLY SMELLING THIS HIDE!" The man says, "MR. CLYDE, DON'T EVER TOUCH MY DOG AGAIN!" Mark Trail says, "GET OUT OF MY WAY, ISAK, AND I WARN YOU DON'T TRY TO INTERFERE WITH MY BEAR HUNTING!"