

#### **Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



#### **Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



## **Blondie** • Chic Young

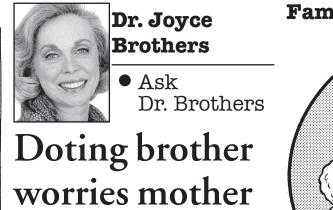


## Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



## Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters





Dear Dr. Brothers: I came from a large family, and my four siblings and I were always squabbling. So it is freaking me to have a little boy, 7 years old, who is so kind and loving toward his baby sister, who is 3. He spends so much time trying to please and take care of her I am wondering where the jealous older sibling might be? I should be grateful, but I wonder how long this can go on. She's already taking advantage! - M.F.

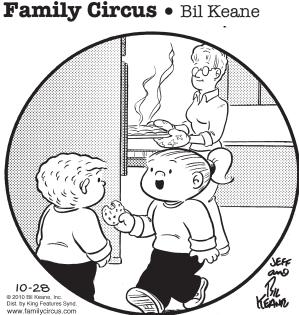
Dear M.F.: This behavior is not quite as rare as you might believe. When you were growing up with all those siblings, you probably had to fight for the attention of your parents. And when you got it, the attention was probably not all that positive! So eventually you learned to get along, although I'm sure you can recite a list of things that were done to you and that you did to your brothers and sisters that were mean and unfair. But you also can conjure up images of kindnesses and sharing and fun things that made having siblings so worthwhile. Well, your son is in the same boat, only without all that competition.

It could just be part of his personality to be generous, loving and giving. He may honestly feel only warm fuzzies toward his little sis. But if she starts to take advantage of him, that could change quickly. So don't think this will last forever. The other possibility is that you have a little boy who feels that the best way for him to keep his parents' love is to do things for his sister so he will be praised. Make sure you each set aside time for him alone. A sensitive child can feel abandoned when he has a cute baby sister who gets the attention. He's doing the best he can to feel special.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I am the mother of a sweet 8-month-old daughter. She is a good baby, except when it's time for bed. Sleeping through the night is out of the question, and she wakes up several times. She also has a lot of trouble getting to sleep in the first place. We have a regular routine we have used since the beginning - reading, walking, bottle, etc. I always thought consistency would do the job, but it doesn't. Any tips? – A.H.

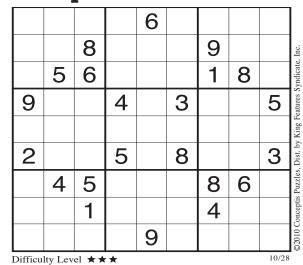
Dear A.H.: It is frustrating for parents who feel they are doing the right things and the baby doesn't cooperate. After all, the baby should appreciate good parenting and hard work and go to sleep. Staying asleep all night would be nice, too. Babies don't have a sense of obligation, and they don't necessarily have all the tools to get to sleep and let you get some shuteye, too. And since new parents are sleep-deprived, they don't make the most patient judges of the best course of action.

A new study may give a clue as to what's most important for parents at bedtime, and it isn't the choice of the correct bedtime book. Researchers at Penn State University, reporting in the Journal of Family Psychology, report that the communication of a supportive and receptive emotional environment is important in providing the best setting for infants and children to go to sleep and stay asleep throughout the night. Using direct observation of babies and parents at bedtime, the researchers focused on the emotional availability of parents and their response to the babies' cues. So rather than try to entertain your child with toys or books, try focusing on lowering the frustration level and building in a period of just being there for your child at bedtime. It might help both of you.



"I wanna be a grandma someday so I'll know how to bake 'licious cookies."

#### **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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# Cryptoquip

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals O

# Sally Forth • Greg Howard



## Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



# **Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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# **Bridge** • Steve Becker

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#### Thirteen Is a Lucky Number

The backbone of really good bridge is sound reasoning, and much of this starts with the notso-startling revelation that each player is dealt 13 cards. The expert never allows himself to forget this all-important fact, while the less-experienced player quite often loses sight of it.

Take this case where declarer is in six notrump and wins the opening club lead with the ace. Thirteen tricks seem highly probable, but when South plays the ace of diamonds, West shows out, 39 T and when he then plays the A-K of spades, West **41** L shows out again!

The odds against such a development are truly astronomical, but if South keeps his wits about him, he can still make the slam. He simply calls into service his knowledge that East was dealt exactly 13 cards. South already knows that 10 of them consist of five diamonds and five spades.

Declarer does not have to employ calculus to determine that East was dealt only three cards in hearts and clubs. One of them, a club, has already appeared. All South has to do to ensure the slam is to extract East's two other side cards and then endplay him. There can be no doubt as to the outcome, because East's hand is virtually exposed.

So declarer cashes the K-Q of clubs, forcing East to discard his heart in order to retain his guards in diamonds and spades. South then cashes the K-Q-J of diamonds and throws East into the lead with a diamond, compelling him to return a spade from the 10-8-7 into dummy's Q-J-9, and the slam is home.

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# **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

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