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#### **Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott OH! THERE'S YEAH. YOU LEFT IT'S ON. I DON'T KNOW, IT -IN ... THE ... WREN DIDN'T THE CAMERA! WAS SITTING THERE. SHOWER .. IT IN HERE.



OH, SHE TOUCHED

### **Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



#### **Blondie** • Chic Young

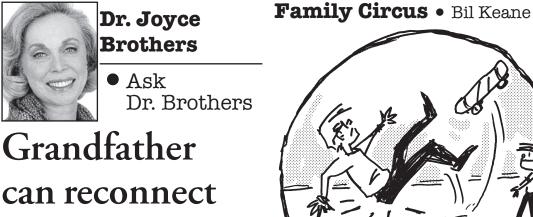


#### Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



## Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters





Dear Dr. Brothers: Everyone in my entire family has had children at a young age, so I am a young grandfather, and my college-age grandson and I are very close. I recently went to visit him for a weekend at his fraternity. I thought we were all just having fun, and I was reliving my college days at a party, but later he told me that he thought I was really inappropriate and that he didn't want me to visit again. How can I apologize, when I don't think I did anything wrong? - B.R.

Dear B.R.: It can be really hard to bridge generations in this day and age, when many children don't ever even meet their grandparents, and when they do it is often in a nursing home once a year. It is great that you and your grandson have gotten to know each other so well. Undoubtedly, your grandson has learned a lot from you. You should now give him the benefit of the doubt and trust his opinion of your behavior. You might have thought everything was going just fine, but your grandson probably has a better feeling for how his friends were reacting to the situation.

That being said, it would be a shame to lose the close friendship that you have with your grandson over this one argument. You should talk to him and apologize. If you still don't think you did anything wrong, ask him to explain what he thought was inappropriate, or what made others feel uncomfortable. You can ask him to listen to your side of the story, and he should respect you enough to at least hear you out. There is no reason that you can't keep visiting - it might be hard to visit on his terms, but you have to realize that you are coming to his home and must respect the way he wants to be treated in it. As long as you can do that, you can easily salvage your relationship and stay as close as you are now.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I think my son might be using steroids. He's always been athletic and tall, but recently he's really bulked up. He started getting moody, and then he was kicked off his highschool basketball team for fighting with a teammate. This is totally out of character, and while people keep telling me he's just going through a rebellious phase, I'm worried. Are these signs just a coincidence? How can I be sure? – J.J.

**Dear J.J.**: It is better to be safe than sorry when it comes to your children and illegal drugs. Steroid use is on the rise in teenagers hoping to get a competitive edge in athletics. It's true that mood swings, irritability and aggression are signs of steroid use, but you also should look for changes like increased energy or sexual activity, forgetfulness, confusion and depression. Other physical signs besides bulking up, include acne and, particularly, greasy skin, hair loss, jaundice and increased breast size.

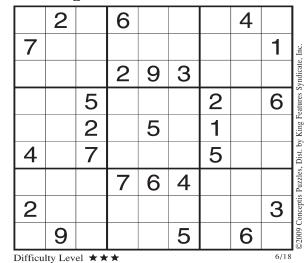
As a parent, you should understand the pressure that your son is under. Before you accuse your son of anything, you should talk to him about healthy competition and healthy habits.

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While Daddy takes this week off, Billy continues his look at the family.

#### **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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Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/17								

# Cryptoquip

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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

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Opening	lead — 1	cing of clui	hs

Opening lead - king of clubs.

#### It's All in Your State of Mind

Some deals that look very easy when play begins turn out to be a real struggle for declarer, usually because a key suit is divided unfavorably. But if he doesn't panic, many of these hands can be salvaged with careful play.

Take this case where, at the outset, making four spades seems a lead-pipe cinch. Indeed, if 23 the spades divide 2-2 and the heart finesse works, South will finish with 12 tricks.

But after ruffing West's second club lead, declarer receives a nasty jolt when he cashes the ace of trumps and East shows out. Since he may now lose two spades and a heart, the contract is suddenly in jeopardy.

South must therefore try to find some way to avoid staking the outcome on a heart finesse, if possible. He starts by taking three rounds of diamonds ending in dummy. There's no real risk in 35 this because if West ruffs a diamond, it costs him one of his trump tricks. Next the jack of clubs is trumped, leaving declarer with the K-5 of spades and four hearts while dummy has the 10-7-6 of spades and three hearts.

The king of hearts is cashed, and a second heart is led toward the A-J. When West follows, the contract becomes assured provided the heart finesse is not attempted. Instead, the ace is played and the jack of hearts is returned. It does not matter which defender wins this trick. Either way, declarer is home free.

If West has the queen, he wins but must then lead from the Q-J-9 of spades. Regardless of which card he chooses, he can't make more than one trump trick.

In the actual case, East wins the heart as West discards a club. Whatever East leads next, South plays his last heart. Again West has a choice of losing plays from his Q-J-9 of trumps. No matter what he does, declarer scores two of the last three tricks to make his game.

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## **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

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