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## How would you solve this problem?

### Last week's problem

Dear Editor: I have two children, a boy 3 years old and a baby 4 months old.

My son was completely toilet trained a year and a half ago but lately he's been having "accidents" once in a while.

My husband and I punished him for his accidents,

but now he's started something worse. He's wetting his bed.

We have punished him for this too, but it seems to be getting worse instead of better.

Could you give us any advice? A worried mother.

### This week's problem

Dear Editor:

I have a problem on which I need help. Maybe your readers can tell me what to do.

I have three teenage children. They have many friends, and there is a constant flow of kids in and out of our house (and our refrigerator and bread box, I might add). Our "open house" attitude makes these youngsters feel at home here and they act like members of the family. I believe that this is a good atmosphere for teenagers. I prefer having my own children being at home, and liking it, as much as possible.

My problem is that one of these teenage friends has been stealing money from us. Money in rather large

amounts (approximately \$50) has disappeared from my older son's bureau and from my purse. It could only have been taken by someone quite familiar with our home.

I am convinced that no one in my own family is responsible. In fact, I am almost entirely certain about the identity of the thief. He is a neighbor, the child of good friends of mine, and worst of all, my older son's best friend.

What should I do? I can't "lock up" our entire house to prevent further thefts. It does not seem sensible to mention my strong suspicions to any of the people involved — the "thief", his parents, or my son.

What should I do?

A Puzzled Mother

### Solutions to problem

Dear Worried Mother,

Put yourself in your son's place. Three years old, and feeling you are losing your parents to a DEAR adorable little four month old baby, whom he can't hold or play with like he would a toy. He is told baby needs this—to be fed—bathed—diapered—and cuddled when he cries.

You say, "My husband and I punish him for having accidents". Can you imagine wanting love and time with your parents and being deprived of both, because you use the only weapon you have to get attention. His weapon is accidents and bedwetting. Now give him credit for trying to get your attention the only way he knows how.

If he were getting the attention he needs from both parents he WOULDN'T be having accidents. A little cuddling before bed time and a visit to the bathroom before bedtime, and then a visit to the bath again before both parents retire, will help break what could turn into a bothersome habit.

Having parents who punish him will not solve his problem. He needs more love and attention than baby does. You taught him what love is and it must have been done wisely, for him to value it so much he doesn't want to lose it. No matter what the punishment.

Try Love and Tender Care.

A little extra time, while the baby is asleep, will give him the security he needs at this time.

Above all, do not ridicule him about the matter. In fact, the best solution is to ignore the whole thing. It too will pass.

A mother, grandmother & RN

### Change our name?

Dear Editor:

My husband and I are opposed to the changing of the *Susquehanna Bulletin* to the *Donegal Bulletin*. As you stated, it started out in Marietta and East Donegal adding the circulation of the *Mt. Joy Bulletin* to it. We would like to see the name stay the same so the complete identity is not lost from the joining of the two newspapers.

Thank You,  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lippold

Dear Editor:

You can see by our three year subscription we do enjoy the *Susquehanna Bulletin*. You publish so many pictures and we like this because we know so many of the people in the area.

Concerning changing the name of your paper again I guess *Donegal Bulletin* would be more appropriate. Either one suits us. Just continue the good coverage of the local news.

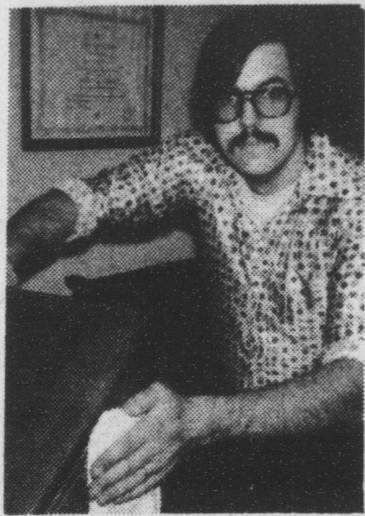
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Robert Eshleman

Dear Editor:

Why change the paper's name? It is such a welcome change just to have the paper called *Susquehanna Bulletin*, as we already have *Donegal Mills*, *Donegal High School*, *Donegal Church*, *Donegal Springs*, and there was or is *Donegal Airport*.

Now if you want to blend in, then *The Donegal Times* would be fine.

If you want to be outstanding, then I prefer *Susquehanna Bulletin* and may it flow on forever like our beautiful, ever-changing river.



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To Worried Mother:

Re: Wetting accidents  
Punishment is NOT the answer to your son's problem of wetting himself.

He is apparently reacting to a new baby in the family and, in his own way, is telling you that he, too, would like to have some more attention shown to him.

He could be given small chores, such as bringing diapers, etc. to you when you must do the necessary things for the baby.

It could be explained to him that he, too, was once very small like the baby and wet his pants. But now he is a 'big' boy and no longer needs to wet himself.

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