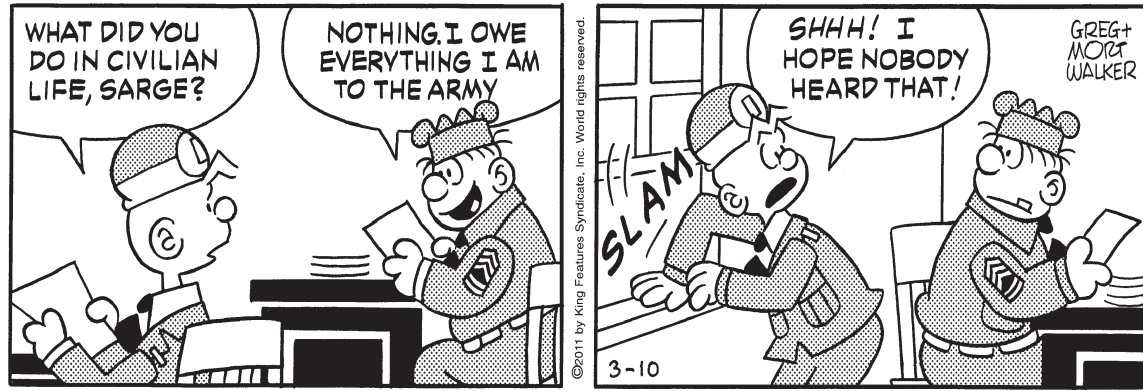


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



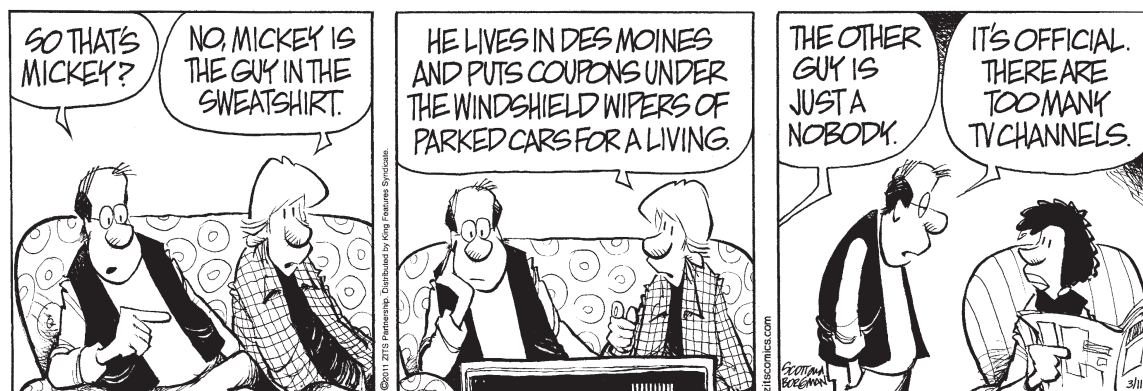
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Dr. Joyce Brothers

Ask Dr. Brothers

Son hugs all, just too friendly

Dear Dr. Brothers: Our son, who just turned 6, hugs nearly everybody. Hugging the delivery man was the last straw...

Dear J.N.: A child's world is innocent. Children see the world through welcoming eyes and can't conceive of someone wanting to do harm.

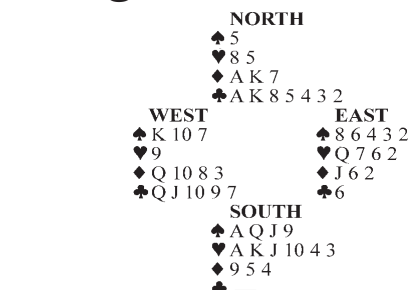
But you also need to address the root cause. It's possible your son feels a lack of physical affection. He may be hugging strangers to make up for it.

Dear Dr. Brothers: Ever since we were teens, my sister has copied everything I do. Whether it's bands, movies or clothes, she would glom onto my interests.

Dear C.F.: Lifelong habits die hard, and you might want to adjust to your sister's ways instead of wishing and hoping she will change after 30 years.

It is more likely she is trying to get your goat, and this time she's done so, big time. Why should she use your interests to hook a guy?

Bridge • Steve Becker



This double-dummy problem was composed many years ago by Sidney Lenz. The object is to make Seven Hearts against the queen-of-clubs lead.

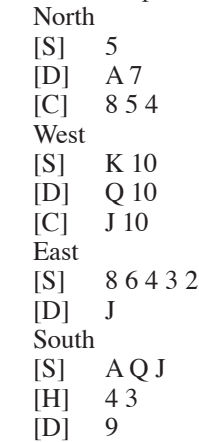
Double-Dummy Problem

Win the queen of clubs with the king, discarding a diamond, and continue with the ace of clubs. Then:

1. If East ruffs, overruff, cash the ace of spades and lead the queen through West's king. He must play the king of spades on this trick or the next one, whereupon you ruff in dummy and finesse the ten of trumps to score the rest of the tricks.

2. If East discards a spade on the ace of clubs, trump the ace, play the A-Q of spades as before and take a trump finesse. Then cash your remaining spade or spades, enter dummy with a diamond to the king and ruff another club, reducing your hand to the A-K-J of trumps and nine of diamonds.

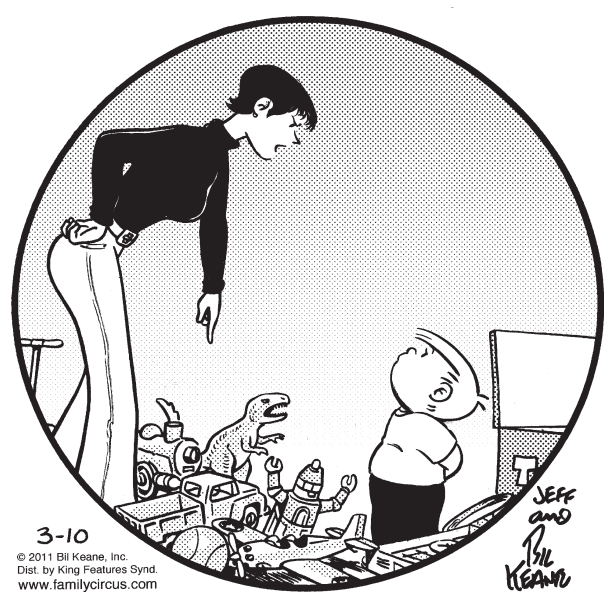
3. If East discards a diamond on the ace of clubs, discard your nine of spades and take a trump finesse. Then enter dummy with a diamond and repeat the trump finesse. After you cash the A-K of trumps, this becomes the position:



When you now play the four of hearts, West can discard the ten of clubs as dummy also discards a club, but when you next play the three of hearts, West is caught in a three-suit squeeze. No matter which suit he discards, the rest of the tricks are yours.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"No, you're mistaken. Clean rooms are NOT a MYTH."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Difficulty Level ★★★

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.

Completed 9x9 Sudoku grid.

Cryptoquip

M R Q W D R N F D Q E D Q I V

E Z I I R D X N D B N L Y D Q R N R

C L M B N C D E D I N E C Z B V

A Q B V I N Y Z F Z A Z I N A D B V R X Z B.

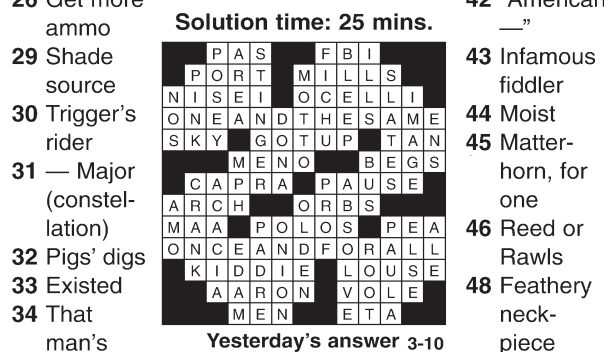
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN FOLKS ON A LARGE PACIFIC CHINESE ISLAND GET DRUNK, DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY TAIWAN ON?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS 1 Houston acronym 5 Have a bug 8 Urban pall 12 Black, in poetry 13 Expert 14 Hemingway nickname 15 Join with a blowtorch 16 Ultra-modernist 17 Formerly, formerly 18 Moe, or Shemp 20 Croon 22 Property 26 Get more ammo 29 Shade source 30 Trigger's rider 31 Major (constellation) 32 Pigs' digs 33 Existed 34 That man's

- DOWN 11 "Roscoe" 19 Jewel 21 Doctrine 23 "Eat Cake" 24 Ripped 25 Spud's buds 26 Rhine feeder 27 Huron neighbor 28 Booth, e.g. 32 Trace precision 33 Employed 35 "CSI" evidence 36 Commandment count 38 Daft 39 Full, as eyebrows 42 "American"



Yesterday's answer 3-10

11x11 crossword puzzle grid with numbers in the corners.