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

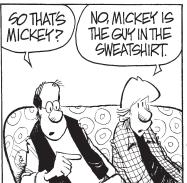








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Dr. Joyce **Brothers**

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. Yesterday, after hearing the doorbell, I was horrified to find him grasping the leg of the UPS man. I thought he would outgrow it, but his behavior shows no signs of abating. While it's embarrassing, it's dangerous, too. What can I do to control his hugs? – J.N.

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. Learning to differentiate between friends and strangers is an important process. Your role is to be "hug goalie" to help your child know when it's proper to display affection, and with whom.

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. Do some soul-searching before focusing solely on his behavior. What type of parents are you and your husband? Do you usually kiss or hug your child goodnight, or are you less demonstrative? It's easier for a child to realize he's cared about when he gets a hug. The security of lots of hugs in childhood could save the child from looking for love in the wrong places later.

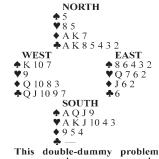
Dear Dr. Brothers: Ever since we were teens, my sister has copied everything I do. Whether it's bands, movies or clothes, she would glom onto my interests. Now we are in our 30s, and she continues to do this. I got extremely annoyed recently when she met a nice guy who was into the same stuff. She's totally misrepresenting herself. How do I get this to end? - C.F.

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. Or, if you are into confrontation and drama, you can pick a fight with her and demand she stop copying you, but you risk coming off like some jealous sibling who never outgrew the family squabbles. Your sister might not even realize she is using you as a role model inappropriately and she might not even know you are upset. If you think she's clueless, it might be productive to ask her, kiddingly, to lay off. But only if you are M sure she doesn't realize what she is doing.

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? Perhaps she has more success with the things you claim as your own. You've heard about imitation being the sincerest form of flattery. But if the imi- C L M B N C D tation beats the original, you may be more than annoyed. If that's the case, maybe you need to put distance between yourself and your sister. Most siblings have moved on, by this time, to their own separate lives - and a little distance may be just what your battered ego needs right now.

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Bridge • Steve Becker



was composed many years ago by Sidney Lenz. The object is to make Seven Hearts against the queen-of clubs lead. Best defense is assumed and, of course, declarer is allowed to see all 52 cards.

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. Lead a diamond to the ace, lead anything at all from dummy, and East's Q-7-6 of trumps succumb to your A-K-J.

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: North

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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

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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

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Cryptoquip

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals O

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Rawls 48 Feathery neckpiece

