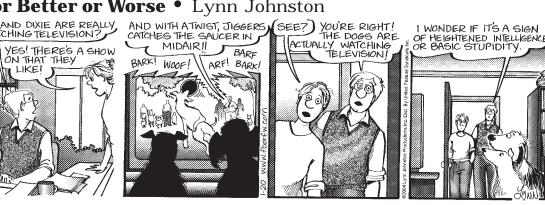




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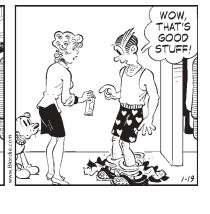




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Saturday's Cryptoquip: I BELIEVE THAT A CUSTOMS INSPECTION COULD BE LOOKED UPON AS A TRAVELER'S CHECK.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals M

Teasing concerns one classmate

DEAR ABBY: I am a girl in the fourth grade, and there are some mean people in my class. They are always making fun of this girl from China.

When I see them teasing her, I want to be nice to her — but I'm afraid if I am nice to her, they will make fun of me.

I am one of the cool kids. Abby, please tell me if I should be her friend.

> — TRYING TO BE NICE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR TRYING: You are an intelligent, compassionate girl. The time to be a friend is when somebody needs one, and your classmate certainly needs one now. One effective way to defuse this kind of harassment is to speak up and say that YOU don't think what the bully is saying is funny.

Another way is to tell your parents, your teacher and the principal what is happening. That girl is being harassed because of her race — and it is against the law for it to be ignored. So don't wait. Speak up now. I commend you for writing.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-yearold divorced mother of two boys, ages 12 and 14. My boyfriend, "Nat," is divorced and has no three years. He is my best friend, and we get along great.

marry again. I try dating other men, but they don't measure up

Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby

along fine without me in his life. appreciated. I don't feel the same. Tell me, Abby, what's his problem?

— WAITING IN THE **SOUTHWEST**

DEAR WAITING: Nat does not have a problem. You do. You have fallen in love with a man who has made it clear that he is unwilling to make a commitment to you and the boys. I give him credit for being honest with you.

DEAR ABBY: My co-worker's 20-year-old son recently committed suicide. His mother was a single parent and the young man had long-standing emotional problems.

We are a department of about 20, and all her co-workers felt heartsick for her. All of us contributed toward the funeral spray. When the funeral arrange-

ments were finalized, the information was e-mailed to only about half of us. The rest — including me — were not invited. On the day of the funeral, the "invitees" came to work dressed children. We've been dating for in dark suits. It was very awk-

I am very much in love with mother is justified in doing what-Nat, but he says he will never ever makes her comfortable, I feel my feelings were not considto Nat. It seems Nat could get my gesture of sympathy was un-

— SLIGHTED IN NEW **JERSEY**

DEAR SLIGHTED: Get overit. Your co-worker lost her child. You seem to feel that because you weren't invited to the funeral you somehow lost face. A funeral is not a party. It's also not a social gathering.

Your grieving co-worker wanted those people to whom she felt closest around her when she buried her son. She does not deserve to be criticized for it.

CONFIDENTIAL "FEELING REVENGEFUL IN CLEVELAND": In the words of Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday we remember today:

"To retaliate in kind would do nothing but intensify the existence of hate in the universe. Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough, and morality enough, to cut off the chain of hate."

Editor's note: Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, While it is true that a grieving also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or ered at all. I am deeply hurt that P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles,

Bridge

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable. **NORTH**

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♦ K Q 6

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♣Q854 WEST

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♥86 **♦** J 9 5 3

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SOUTH

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♣A 3 2

The bidding:

East South West North Dble 1 **Y** Pass Pass Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — eight of hearts.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the final of the 1993 World Team Championship. It demonstrates the caliber of play one would expect to find at the highest levels of the game.

North-South were Tarje Aa and Glen Grotheim of Norway, pitted against Jan Westerhof and Piet Jansen of the victorious Netherlands team. Grotheim became declarer at three notrump

after an opening heart bid by Westerhof and a balancing double by Aa.

Jansen led the heart eight, covered by the queen, king and ace. It might appear that declarer has only seven

tricks — two spades, three hearts, a diamond and a club — but Grotheim found the way to pick up two additional tricks. Furthermore, there was nothing the oppo-

nents could do to stop him.

Grotheim cashed the ace of clubs at trick two,

then led a second club and played low from dummy, felling East's king and establishing dummy's queen. This left Grotheim only one trick short of his mark. Westerhof did the best he could by shifting

to the diamond queen, but Grotheim was in control. He ducked the queen and also the king when East continued the suit, then won the third diamond with dummy's ace. A spade to the jack was followed by the jack

of hearts, queen of clubs and ten of hearts, after which Grotheim exited with the heart five. Westerhof won with the nine but had only the

K-4 of spades left. Regardless of which spade he returned, Grotheim was sure to score the last two tricks with the queen and ace of spades to make his

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Billy! Do you realize you're asking to be written out of the feature?"

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