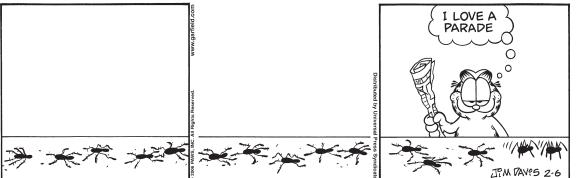
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# Molestation still haunts woman

DEAR ABBY: When I was 7, I spent the night at the home of a friend and was molested by her father. It happened again when I was older. That time it was a cousin who spent the night with us. I never told my mother. I was afraid she would blame me. My father never spent time with me – I am one of several children — so it didn't occur to me to tell him.

I have lived with this all my life. I have suffered from low self-esteem and had relationship problems since childhood. Few days have gone by that I haven't thought about it and felt deep personal guilt. I never told anyone what happened until after my mother died, when I finally confessed it to a psychiatrist.

Now I would like to tell my older brother. Should I? Or would it be more difficult for me if my family knew?

- SAD, SCARED AND CONthroughout the dinner, with Cheryl FUSED IN FLORIDA and the dog alternating bites off the same fork.

DEAR SAD: Not knowing your family, I can't predict how they'll react. However, this I do know: You were victimized twice as a child. You have done nothing for which to feel guilty. THE VICTIM IS NEVER AT FAULT.

Because you still have difficulty accepting this, it appears your sessions with the psychiatrist were not as helpful as they should have been. Please pick up the phone and call the Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (R.A.I.N.N.). The toll-free number is (800) 656-4673. Counselors there will guide vou to specialized services that can help you. Their entire focus is on helping victims of sexual assault, and the fact that your assault happened long ago should not be a

deterrent. After you have been counseled, mother and am having all of my policy in a situation like yours.

## Bridge



and accept that you were never at

fault for what happened, it will be

safe to tell your brother because, at

that point, his reaction will not be

DEAR ABBY: I recently at-

tended a birthday dinner celebra-

tion for my father at my brother and

his girlfriend's home. While the girlfriend, "Cheryl," was eating,

she speared a bite of her food with

her fork and then held it down to

the floor for the dog to eat. Then

she put another bite of food onto

her fork and ate it. This continued

When she was finished eating,

she placed her dinner plate on the

floor for the dog to finish eating. It

Dad and I just sat there, stunned,

and stopped eating, not knowing how sanitary the plates and dinner-

ware were. How would you have

- HORRIFIED IN HOUSTON

DEAR HORRIFIED: I would

have handled it as you did, having

your brother and his girlfriend

have a dishwasher with an extra-

hot and sanitizing cycle, the plates

DEAR ABBY: I recently pur-

chased a "mother's ring" for my

was revolting.

handled this?

(Yech!)

all-important to you.

siblings' stones added to it. However, last Thanksgiving, my bro-**Van Buren** ther, the baby of the family, passed away unexpectedly.

Should I still add his birthstone Dear Abby to the ring, or just the survivors'? Your thoughts, please.

- TORN IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TORN: By all means, add your brother's birthstone to the ring. To do otherwise would imply that he never existed. Please believe me when I say that when your mother looks at the ring, your brother's stone will remind her of the precious time she had with him. What would make her sad would be knowing that one stone was missing.

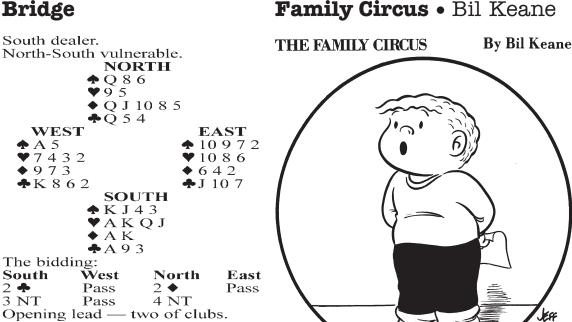
DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful woman for the past 16 months. She comes from a good family, is well-educated, is financially and emotionally stable, and has two great kids who hero-worship me.

Last night she told me she has fallen in love with me - andherein lies the problem. Although we have much in common and have a blast together, I'm only soso attracted to her physically, and she's starting to notice.

I don't want to lose her friendship, but I also don't want to hurt her or her kids, and I'm afraid I already have. What should I do?

WANTS TO DO THE **RIGHT THING** lost my appetite, too. However, if

DEAR WANTS TO DO THE RIGHTTHING: The right thing is to tell her how fond you are of her were probably "safe" to eat from. and her children and it's something that will never go away, but that you think of her more as a sister than a lover. It won't be easy to say or to hear. But honesty is the best

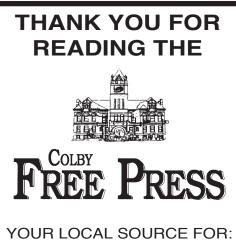


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## I THINK THERE'S SOME CAPRI SUN IN THE FRIDGE Cryptoquip

WT V LCRRGX'Q QLWUUWUF

RMWUF BGXG KCUQRXIKRGS

CT WXCU, W BCIAS KVAA

V TGXXCIQ BMGGA. WR Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A SQUIRREL BOOKS A HOTEL, I IMAGINE HIS FIRST REQUEST MIGHT BE A NUTCRACKER SUITE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals L



## **Famous Hand**

Strange as it may seem, it is sometimes harder to make a game contract than it is to make a slam in the same denomination! For a dramatic example of this paradox, consider the accompanying deal from the 1984 International Team Trials.

At the first table, the bidding went as shown, South rejecting North's invitational raise to four notrump. When West led the club deuce, declarer made the technically correct play of a low club from dummy and won East's ten with the ace.

South then cashed the A-K of diamonds and led a spade toward dummy. Had West followed low, declarer would have had no difficulty scoring five diamonds, four hearts, a spade and a club for 11 tricks in all.

But West, multinational champion Ron Andersen, did not mechanically follow low on the spade lead. Instead, he rose with the ace and made the diabolical return of a low club!

Holding the Q-5 of clubs in dummy opposite the 9-3 in his hand, declarer now had to guess the adverse club position. If West had the jack and East the king, the winning play was a low club from dummy; if West had the king and East the jack, the winning play was the queen.

Declarer stewed for a long, long time and finally elected to play low from dummy. East won with the jack and returned a club to West's king, and the eight of clubs scored the setting trick.

At the second table, Andersen's teammates arrived at six notrump and easily made 12 tricks after an innocuous heart lead from West. Had West led a club, however, South would have had no choice but to play dummy's queen at trick one, and the slam would have come rolling home.

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#### "How many days left before I'm all grown up?"

## Crossword

ACROSS 1 Honest politician 4 Ninny 7 October	37 High- ranking Turk 39 At ease 41 Lure	60 Cube root of 42-Down 61 Caustic solution	<ul> <li>23 Gridiron meas.</li> <li>25 "Animal Crackers" surname</li> </ul>
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