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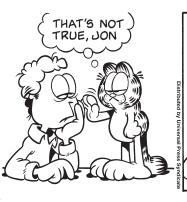
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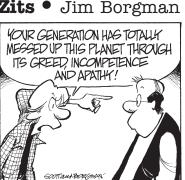


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# Woman uses job to track down man

DEAR ABBY: I recently got a phone call from a woman I hadn't heard from in 30 years. "Vivian" and I once had a short fling. We had a long talk, catching up, and she said she had gotten my number from my sister, who lives out of state.

I was surprised not only to hear from Vivian, but also that she lives only 25 miles away. She mentioned that when she moved south 19 years ago, she worked in a law enforcement office. When I spoke with my sister, she said that when Vivian contacted her, Vivian told her she had always loved me and was going to marry me. All of a sudden, I began getting

her my address. In every letter she would pour her heart out to me, but never included her return address. She would call me, sometimes three times a day. I didn't answer because she was coming on too strong. Every message Vivian left was full of emotion,

letters from her — but I never gave

much she loves me and wants to be with me. A few nights ago, she showed up at my door, demanding to know why I was "avoiding her." I didn't invite her in. We sat on my front porch, and

sometimes sobbing, telling me how

I had a long talk with her. I explained that a lot has changed in both our lives; I had come out as gay and was just out of a 10-year relationship. I said I was feeling depressed and confused, and didn't want to get into a relationship with anyone — male or female — at this time. My being gay didn't faze her. She seemed to think she could change me instantly.

to the law enforcement office and some of the old employees had done a search on me. They told her where I was living

As our conversation progressed,

she admitted that she had gone back

and gave her directions on how to get to my home, information on how many vehicles I own and the license **Abigail** 



Dear Abby

numbers, and who knows what else. I feel violated. I feel Vivian has crossed a very fine line. I feel I'm being stalked, and it's giving me nightmares.

Was what she did legal, and how should I handle this?

— VIOLATED IN THE

**DEAR VIOLATED: It should** be apparent by now that your old "fling" has mental problems. Her behavior could, indeed, be considered stalking. If you still have the letters and recordings of her messages, give them to your legal counsel with the explanation that she located you through information given to her by a law enforcement agency where she used to work.

The law enforcement agency that got you into this mess should get you out of it. You should document every incident of harassment, and while you're at it, consult your physician about the nightmares and stress you've been subjected to. Your attorney at his or her disposal.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to resolve something between me and my boyfriend. I bought him three yellow roses, and he was insulted! He says yellow roses mean only friendship. My grandmother says three roses mean love. I think ANY rose says I love you.

means I love you? — HURT IN LOUISIANA

and yellow roses symbolize friendship, my mother's favorite color of rose is yellow, and that is Van Buren what she receives from my father on every special occasion.

Your boyfriend's reaction was extremely ungracious. He should have thanked you for the roses in the spirit in which they were given. Please give him a message for me: When someone reacts that way to a gift, it reduces his chances of getting any more.

DEAR ABBY: My infant son has a medical condition that requires occasional visits to a local hospital. SOUTH On each of the last two visits, I have run into an acquaintance in the hospital hallway — once someone from work, and another time, someone from church. After stopping and exchanging

greetings, both of these individuals asked me why I was at the hospital. I think that question is inappropri-Medical matters are personal. I

was very uncomfortable because I don't want to share my son's condition with others. They were both asking out of con-

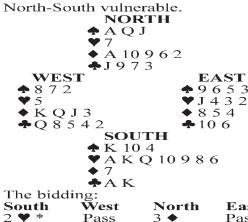
cern, but in my opinion, the question just should not be asked. Do you agree?

STRICTLY PERSONAL. ROCHESTER, N.Y.

**DEAR STRICTLY PERSO**should have all of this information NAL: The question may seem intrusive in a situation like yours, but is also natural and spontaneous. Because your son's condition is of a private nature, I suggest that when you are asked that, you "deflect it" by responding, "What are you doing here?" And then change the subject.

Editor's note: Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also Is red the only color rose that known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.-**DEAR HURT: Although tradi**- Dear Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, tionally red roses symbolize love Los Angeles, Calif. 90069.

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### **Haste Makes Waste**

Assume you're in seven hearts and West leads the king of diamonds. There seems to be nothing to the play, and, if you're a happy-go-lucky sort by nature, you win the diamond with the ace and play the A-K of trumps. West shows out on the second heart and you go down one, eventually losing a trump trick to East.

You can attribute the outcome to bad luck, since the odds were about 3-1 that you wouldn't lose a trump trick by this method of play. But if you consider the matter more objectively, you realize you could and should have made the contract by adopting a slightly different line of play.

Instead of playing a trump to the ace at trick two which seems a normal thing to do — it is better to ruff a diamond first and then play the A-K of trumps.

After the 4-1 division is disclosed, you can then take steps to try to eliminate East's trump trick. You stop playing trumps and instead cash the A-K of clubs, lead a spade to the jack, ruff a diamond, then play a spade to the queen and ruff a club. As a result of these maneuvers, your last three cards

are the king of spades and Q-10 of trumps. Dummy has the ace of spades, a diamond and a club, while East has the nine of spades and J-4 of trumps.

When you next play a spade to the ace and lead a diamond or a club from dummy, East's J-4 of trumps succumb to your Q-10.

The success of this line of play can be traced to the farsighted play of ruffing a diamond at trick two to allow for the possibility that East might have been dealt four trumps to the jack. If you don't ruff the diamond, you wind up leading from your hand instead of dummy at trick 12.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. (c)2006 King Features Syndicate Inc.

## Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A FRATERNITY CONSISTED ONLY OF COWS, DO YOU SUPPOSE

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T

# Family Circus • Bil Keane



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Yesterday's answer

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