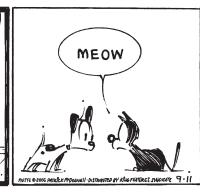
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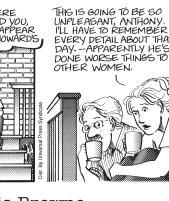






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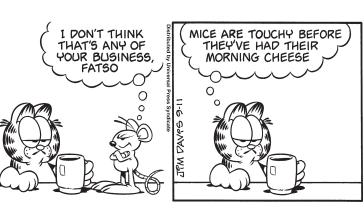
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Boy's sexual comments big problem

DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-yearold divorced man dating a wonderful 24-year-old woman. She lights up my life and is very kind to my daughter and me.

I love her very much. However,

old son. Everything seemed fine at first. He got along pretty well with my 5-year-old daughter, playing and having a good time.

there is a problem — her 7-year-

As time went on, though, my daughter told me about strange sexual comments he made to her.

At first I thought he just had a dirty mouth, as his mother lacks somewhat in the discipline department. But this is turning into a problem.

My daughter recently reported that he told her he was going "to have sex with her."

He has been investigated by

occasions for similar behavior around other children. So now the children are no longer allowed to be together at all because I refuse to have my daugh-

have her one week on, one week I cannot imagine combining families at this point when her child has so many problems. It's not that I don't want to help him; it's that I need to protect my daugh-

I love his mother very much, though, and feel terrible about what she's going through.

Is this relationship worth working for, or is this little family "dam-

Abigail Van Buren

> Dear Abby

aged goods"? - WONDERING IN WASH-**INGTON**

DEAR WONDERING: Because you say you love this woman, the answer to both of games and she is feeling sad. your questions is "yes." You have described a boy who

appears not to understand what boundaries are, and who very likely has either been sexualized (molested) or exposed in some other way to adult sexual activ-Child Protective Services on two The child needs professional

should be entirely separated. ter talked to like that by anyone. I However, they should not be to-including your friend in any acgether unless they are supervised by an adult at all times.

Does this mean you should not marry this woman?

My advice is to take a waitand-see attitude. It's not like you are racing down the home stretch toward a finish line. The mother needs parenting

classes and the boy needs the-

might have a happy life together. 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069.

DEAR ABBY: I am 14, and my best friend's brother died recently. The football season will be starting soon, and one of our favorite things to do is hang out at football

My friend mentioned that it's going to be hard for her, since her brother used to play. (Her brother

was 17.) He was smart and funny and a great football player.

I was wondering if you have any suggestions on how I can make this year her best one ever, and what to do when we are at football

- CARING FRIEND IN **SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR CARING FRIEND: The kindest thing you could do for your friend is let her know that if she wants to talk about her brother, you will be there to listen to what she needs to say. Too often, people are afraid to

help, and I hope he is receiving listen and try to change the subject because it makes them un-I am not sure that the children comfortable. You can also make a point of

> tivities you can share, but if she doesn't feel up to joining you, tell her you understand and will ask her again.

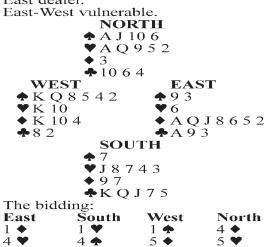
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Bridge East dealer.

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Opening lead -



Famous Hand

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four of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the final of the 1994 World Team Champion ship, which saw the United States come from behind in the last quarter to defeat Poland for the title. The deal is notable in part because it featured a highly competitive auction during which three consecutive bids were made on singletons!

The auction started innocently enough when Krzysztof Lasocki of Poland opened the East hand with one diamond, but when Michael Rosenberg of the U.S. elected to overcall on his skimpy heart suit, things heated up in a hurry, After Piotr Gawrys' one-spade bid, North, Roger Bates, leaped to four diamonds, a "splinter" bid showing heart support and a singleton or void in diamonds.

Lasocki responded in kind by bid ding the opponents' suit, and Rosenberg, perhaps carried away by the giddiness of the moment, returned the compliment. After eight consecutive bids, Lasocki made the first pass of the auction, and Rosenberg ended up at five hearts doubled.

With only two minor-suit tricks to lose and the king of hearts favorably placed, it appeared Rosenberg would have the last laugh. But when he played trumps, Rosenberg forsook the normal percentage play of finessing, playing for East to hold the singleton king. When the king did not fall under the ace, he was down one for a loss of 100 points.

At the other table, with a Polish pair holding the North-South cards, the auction was decidedly more subdued. Chip Martel and Lew Stansby, East-West for the United States, reached four spades in an uncontested auction. Cezary Balicki, looking at four virtually sure tricks in the North hand, doubled, and Stansby lost three spades, a heart and a club to finish down two - minus 500. The 600-point combined gain gave the Poles a 12-IMP pickup on the deal, and a 21-IMP lead

overall, before the U.S. began its surge at the end of the third quarter.

Cryptoquip

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals F

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Daddy! My hugger's empty!"

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