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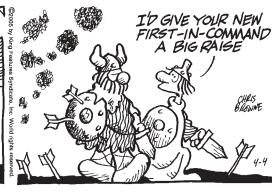






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# **Cryptoquip**

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: SINCE THE MASSEUF WAS HARDLY MAKING ENOUGH MONEY, HE KNEADED SOME NEW CLIENTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals R

# Teacher fights ill-mannered students

DEAR ABBY: I work as a teacher's aide at a private religious elementary school. You would think the children here would be better mannered than most; however, I haven't found that to be true. Rarely do I ever hear a "please"

or "thank you." The other teachers and I politely remind the students to say both "please" and "thank you," but the lesson never seems to sink in. The children tell us their parents don't require such things at home, so they shouldn't have to say "please" and "thank you" or even "excuse me" at school. We have talked to these parents, and they side with their children. What else can we do?

- STUNNED IN SACRA-**MENTO** 

**DEAR STUNNED:** What else can you do? Talk to the children in terms of their own self-interest.

Tell them that words like "please," "thank you" and "excuse me" are magic words with great power. People who hear them are far more inclined to accommodate the person who uses these words than someone who doesn't.

Parents who fail to teach their children basic good manners do their children a grave disservice, because good manners and respect for others are essential for

DEAR ABBY: My sister and her family live in the Southwest. I live in North Carolina. Ever since their children were born, I have sent them money for birthdays and for the holidays. My husband and I were not blessed with children of our own. The adults in the family exchange cards, but not gifts. We have decided that when the

nieces and nephews reach the age of 18, we would like to stop sending them money. We are not terribly close, but I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. My nephew will **Bridge** 

Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH** 

**SOUTH** 

**Pass** 

**♦** K Q 6 5 **♥**J42

**♦** 10 8 3

♣K 8 4

Opening lead — king of diamonds. **Famous Hand** Sometimes a bit of knowledge about prob-

South

**↑** 10 7

**♥** A Q 8

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North

**↑** A J 8 4 **♥** K 7 ◆ A 7 4 ♣A Q 7 2

East dealer.

WEST

**♠**932 **V** 10 9 6 5 3

♦ K 2

The bidding:

East

**Pass** 

# **Abigail** Van Buren

## Dear Abby

soon be 18. Any suggestions? -AUNT MOLLY

**DEARAUNTMOLLY: It is not** uncommon to stop sending gifts when younger relatives reach adulthood. Look at it this way: Gift-giving puts a burden on young people, too, because they often can't afford to reciprocate, or they aren't particularly close to the sender.

for his birthday. And at holiday time, send one gift — such as fruit or flowers — for the entire family to enjoy.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old woman who wants very much to get married. I have been dating a wonderful man who wants to marry me. I'll call him "Byron." Byron is intelligent, kind, generous, comes from the same background I do, and shares my values. In short, he is absolutely everything I have ever dreamed of in a husband. He's not family.' bad-looking, either.

The only problem is I feel very little physical attraction to him. It is not Byron's fault; the chemistry just isn't really there.

reasons that physical passion tends to fade over the years anyway, and I would be crazy to pass up a man who has so much else to offer. Another part of me feels that I'm not really in love with Byron, so it would be a mistake to marry him. What should I do? Please hurry

answer.

your reply — he is waiting for an

**DEAR CONFUSED: Before** you discard a man who has all of the attributes you describe, I suggest you ask him to wait just a little longer. You could benefit greatly by talking this out with a counselor who, in a nonjudgmental and unbiased way, can help you to organize your priorities.

DEARABBY: We all hear that it's Send your nephew a nice card hard work maintaining a good marriage or parenting an adolescent. However, really small but loving gestures often have the most impact.

My college roommate's father is

a wonderful example of that. Every night at the dinner table, he thanks his wife for the meal she just served. And every night at bedtime, he kisses the back of his daughter's hand and tells her that he loves her. Is it any wonder that their family

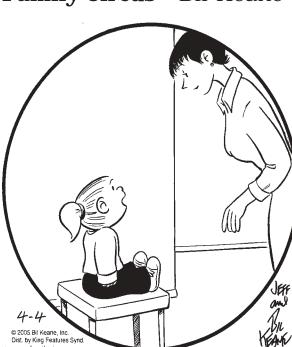
doesn't complain of feeling unappreciated or unloved? I feel privileged to be a part of their "second

- PRIVILEGED IN BALTI-**MORE** 

DEAR PRIVILEGED: The gestures you have described are not "small." They are important I am very confused. Part of me messages that spouses and children need to hear. Yes, actions speak louder than words — and expressions of affection and gratitude do no one any good if they're hoarded.

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### **Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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the United States and Denmark at the 1993 World Team Championship. When a Danish pair held the North-South cards, Dorthe Shaltz became the declarer at four spades on the bidding shown. Shaltz won West's king-of-diamonds lead with the ace, drew trumps and led the eight of clubs to the queen, on which East, Bobby Levin, dropped the ten. Declarer returned a club to her king as Levin followed with the jack.	ACROSS 1 "— good deed" preceder 4 Beast of burden 43 Sticky stuff 11 "Carmina Burana" 46 Bullwinkle composer 13 Mischiefmaker 14 Not in operation 19 Deuter-onomy preceder 44 Scoff 44 Scoff 46 Bullwinkle foe 50 Lima's land 53 Be below par	
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monds, Shaltz elected to play East for the doubleton J-10 of clubs. Accordingly, she led a club to the seven, whereupon Levin won with the nine and cashed two diamonds and the ace of hearts for down At the other table, the opponents were silent throughout, and Mike Becker and Ron Rubin reached three notrump with Rubin, North, as declarer.

East led the diamond queen, ducked all around, and continued a diamond to West's king, which also held. West returned a low heart to East's queen, and East reverted to diamonds, driving out the ace. Rubin cashed four spades, East discarding a

diamond and a heart, and then had to confront He cashed the club ace, also taking care to

unblock the eight, and led a club to the king, noting the fall of East's clubs. After much thought, Rubin led the club four and, when West followed low, also finessed the

seven! East won and cashed his remaining diamond and the heart ace for a two-trick set and a 2-IMP

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gain for Denmark. Tomorrow: Bridge is a logical game.

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