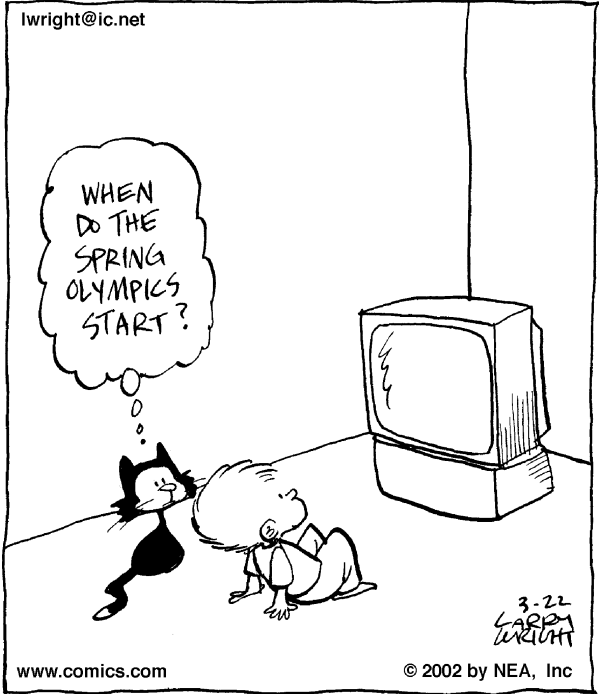


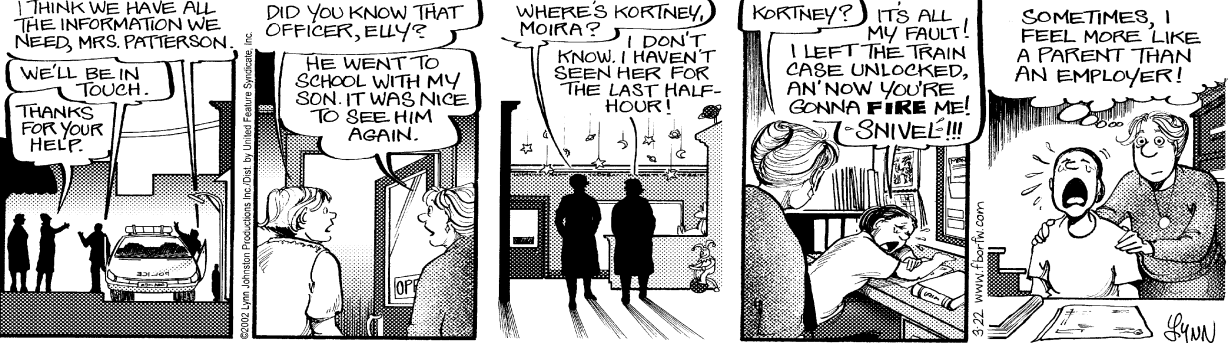
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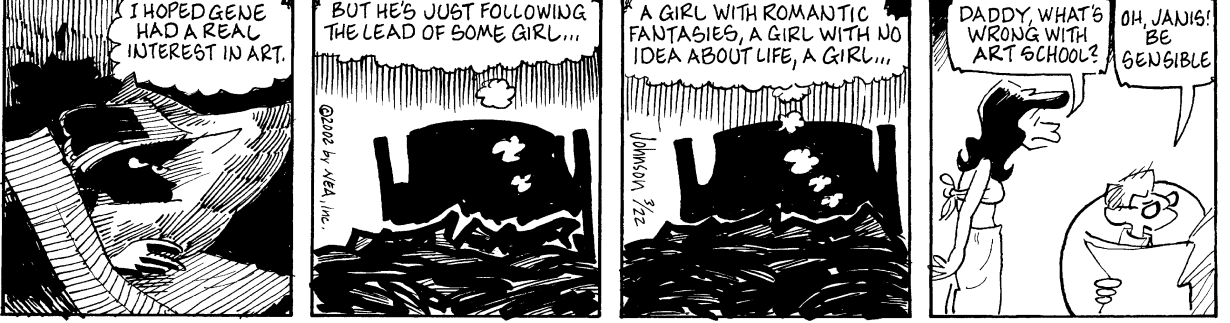
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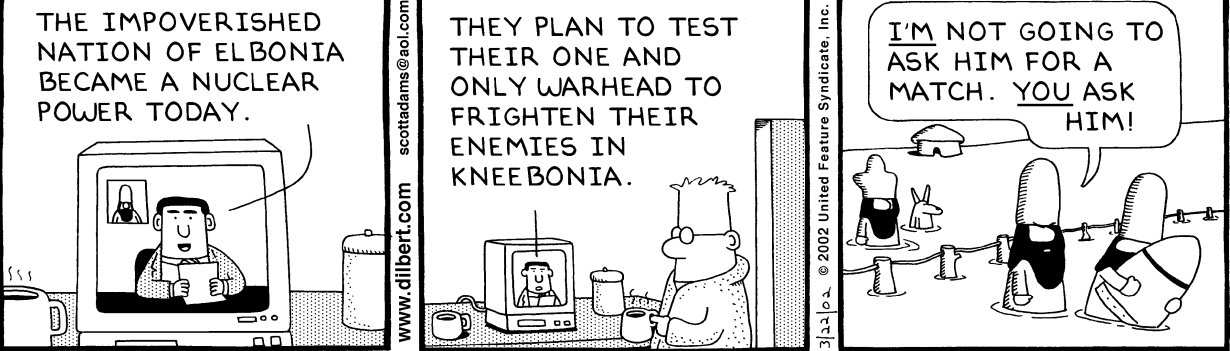
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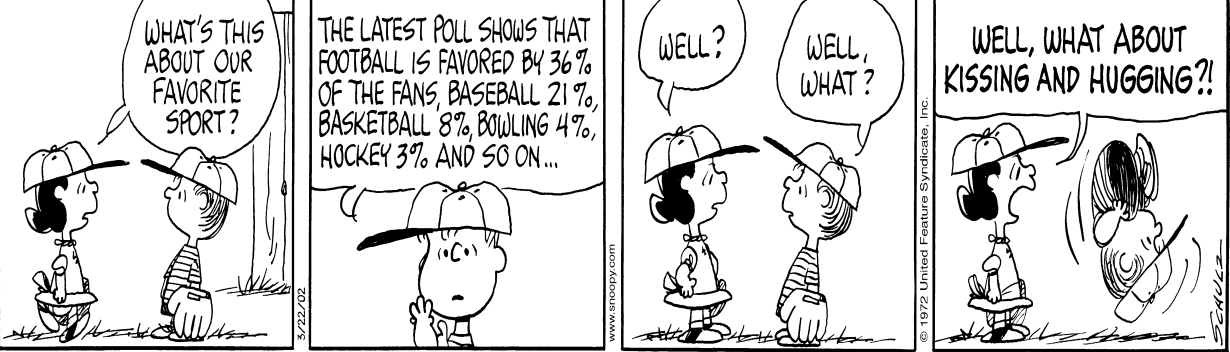
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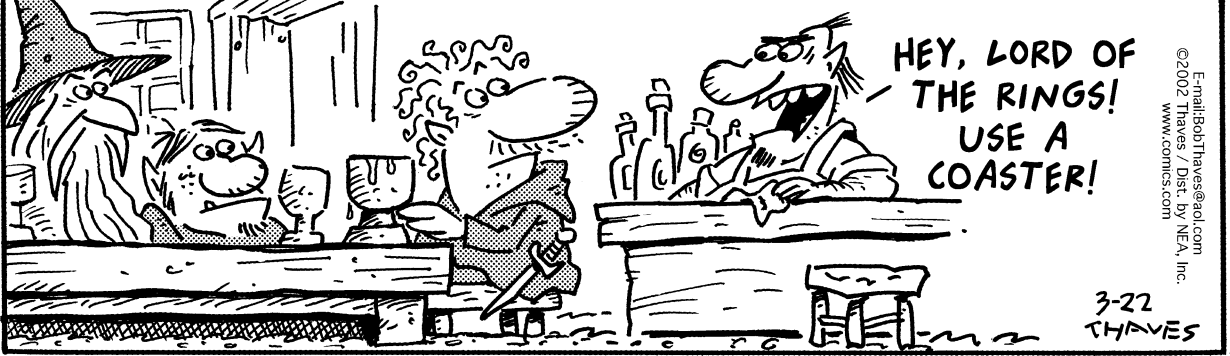
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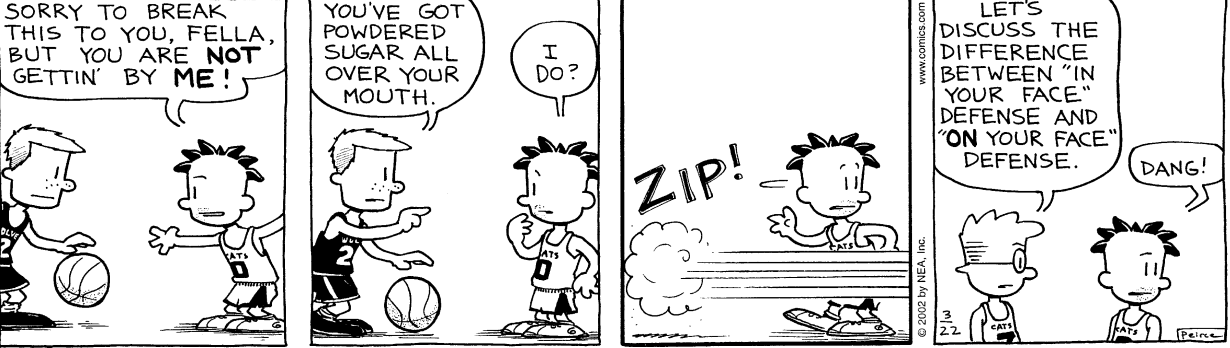
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Men can find help when suffering abuse

DEAR ABBY: In the past, you have printed letters from men who have been physically abused by their wives. We want to thank you for helping to make the public aware of this aspect of domestic violence. Male victims of domestic violence face grave difficulties. Chief among them is having few places to turn for information and help.

One of the first things these men need to know is that they are not alone. A national survey funded by the Centers for Disease Control found that nearly 40 percent of all domestic violence victims — or 835,000 men a year — are physically abused by their intimate partners.

SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone) has a Web site where male victims (straight and gay) and lesbian women can share their stories with others. It is

daily horoscopes



Saturday, March 23, 2002

In the year ahead, you'll be better able to control important matters than you have in the past. Once you get a handle on things, success should follow in your wake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - You may be able to finalize a domestic matter that you've been eager to dispose of. You'll breathe a sigh of relief that it is finally over. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This might be a good time to incorporate emotional thinking into your mental considerations. It will coat the harshness of reality and make it more palatable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Even if you spend a bit more than you should, you'll still feel good about it, because it's likely to be something a loved one would greatly appreciate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Center your efforts on advancing your personal desires, because it looks like you might be able to do just about anything you want without outside interference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A quiet place free from outside disturbances could help you figure out a complicated issue that you need to unravel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - An intriguing departure from your usual interests could take a beneficial turn, which will quicken your hopes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Nice people finish on top, as you'll find out. Your pleasant demeanor, coupled with kindness and consideration for all those you meet, will win you many gold stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You'll use your sensitivity to season your logical evaluations, and you'll be endowed with wisdom. Others will take your thoughts seriously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll constructively use all the resources at your disposal, and a project in which you'll participate will work out remarkably well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There shouldn't be any trouble getting the cooperation you need from your mate or from those with whom you share a partnership situation. They'll go right along with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Settle down to business, and you can make this both a productive and a profitable day. Don't let frivolous interests distract you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Tackle that project that you want to reorganize, and you will be able to get it off on a fresh footing. You'll begin to be able to control it, instead of it controlling you.

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www.safe4all.org. The Web site lists services that are sympathetic to this underserved population, as well as a number of highly qualified professionals ready to provide training to law enforcement, health-care providers, social service, crisis lines, etc. in how to identify, support and properly refer male victims of domestic violence.

SAFE also provides a brochure for male victims and their concerned family and friends. It identifies domestic violence, lists typical reactions and provides specific advice.

Anyone wishing a copy of this brochure should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with a \$1 suggested donation to SAFE-Male Victims Brochure, P.O. Box 951, Tualatin, OR 97062. SAFE is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and donations are tax-deductible. — PHILIP COOK, NATIONAL VICE-CHAIR, SAFE

DEAR PHILIP: Thank you for your important letter. The complex problem of domestic violence will not be resolved until government, private agencies and the public become aware that domestic violence is not a gender issue — but a human one.

celebrity cipher

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.
Today's clue: B equals Y

' M K D T G L C J Z L N H H D K D Z J T N H
S N L O Z , U R J N H H D M G J T
G L J N C H G J B . ' - J . F N E E N H D Z L
' J T N E K J T N H Z E T G D P Z R L J H B . '
- E H K L P G D U K G A N B

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "A photograph is a secret about a secret. The more it tells you the less you know." — Photographer Diane Arbus

daily crossword

ACROSS		44 Vexation	ABYSS		BELOW	
1	Hearth residue	46 Que. or Ont.	IRENE		LAURA	
4	French friend	47 Pools	MANORS		CURSES	
7	Consumer protection org.	51 Competent	WEEPER		HOP	
10	Pipe joint	52 Sonic bounce	SIP		LAD	
11	Orchestra	53 Luau strings	JADE		FRAU	
13	Loyal	55 Debt securer	AHEAD		ARM	
14	Historical period	56 The other guys	VIA		OYL	
15	— spumante	57 Youngest	ABS		MULL	
16	Antler	Cratchit	KEA		ESS	
17	Wall paintings	58 Corporate abbr.	UTA		JOLTED	
19	Woosnam and Fleming	59 McMahon and Sullivan	FALCON		ELOPED	
20	Pasture	60 Mach 2 flier	OLDIE		SWALE	
21	Some Iraqis		SCADS		ANNIE	

DOWN		23 Wool producer	40 Dot in a river
2	Devoured	24 Director Howard	41 Sign before
3	Vassal	25 Rubber-stamps	42 Moon's path
3	Mythical archer	27 Spark coil	43 Plied a gondola
26	Coarse files	29 Lowly laborer	45 Dorm units
28	Stir-fry pan	31 Tenth inning cause	46 Become tiresome
29	Links goal	32 — out a living	48 Long for
30	Web-toed mammal	33 Legal matter	49 Bolt holders
34	Come next	35 Lopsided	50 Schusses
36	Larry King's channel	37 Whinnied	54 911 responder
38	"I Like —"		
39	Unwanted sound		
41	Dregs		
42	Uses the key		