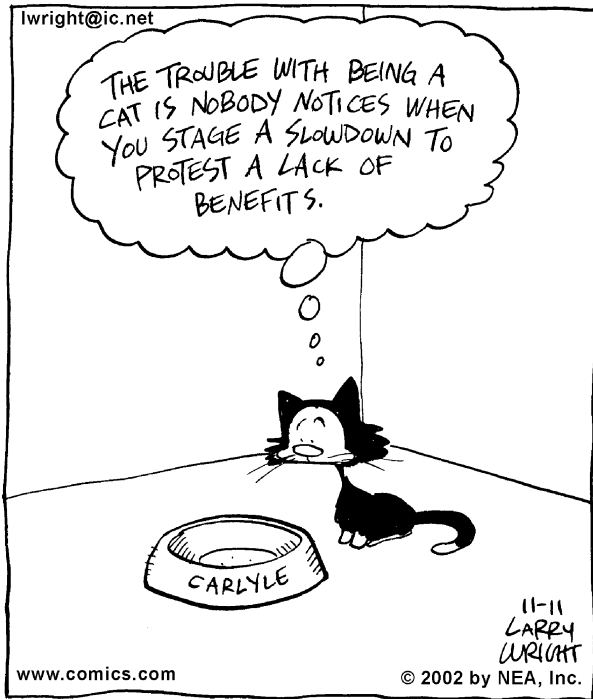
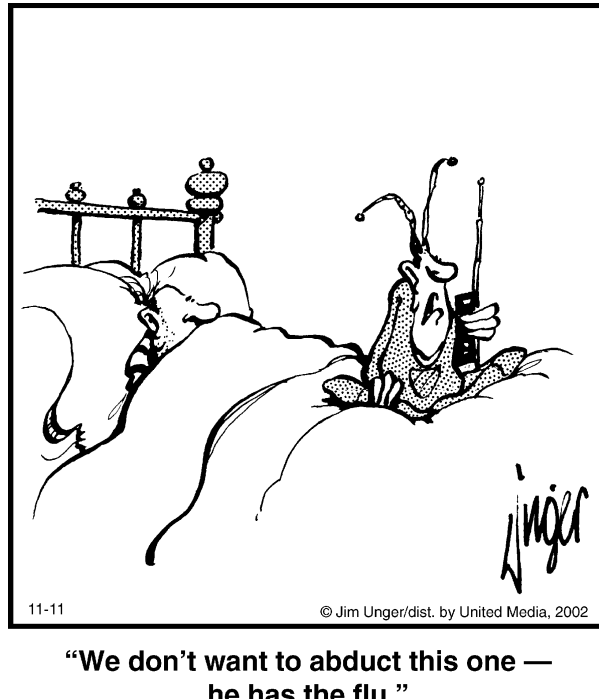


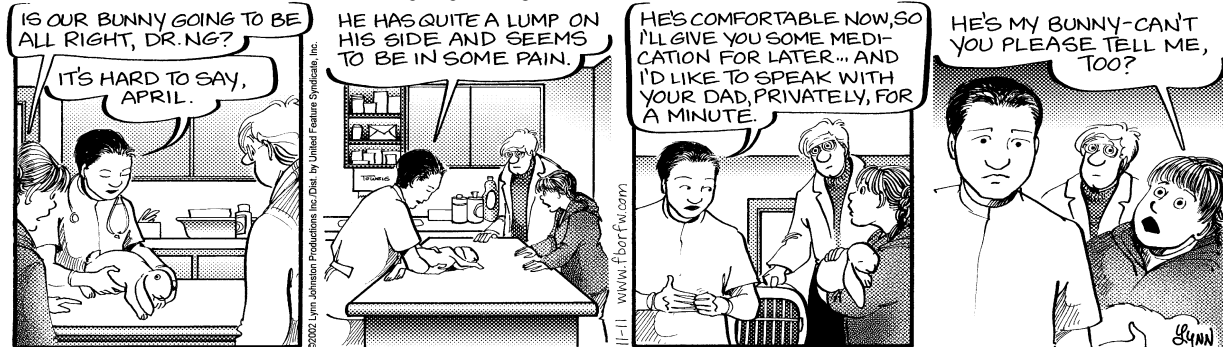
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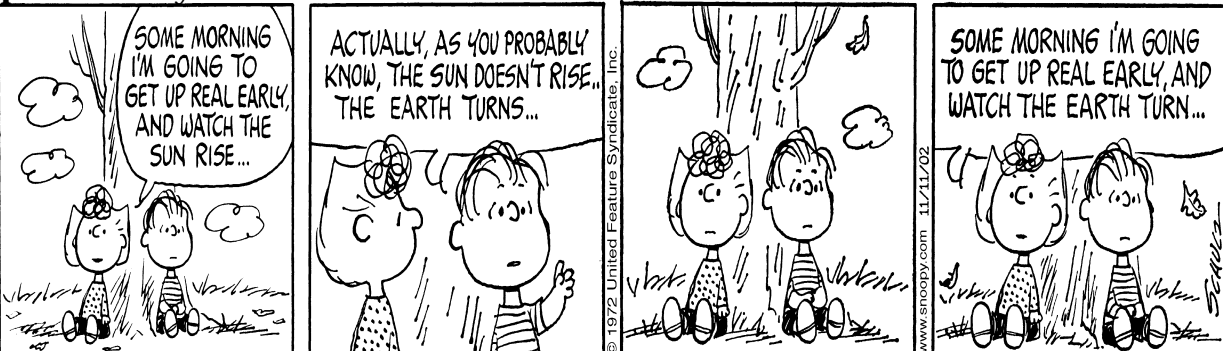
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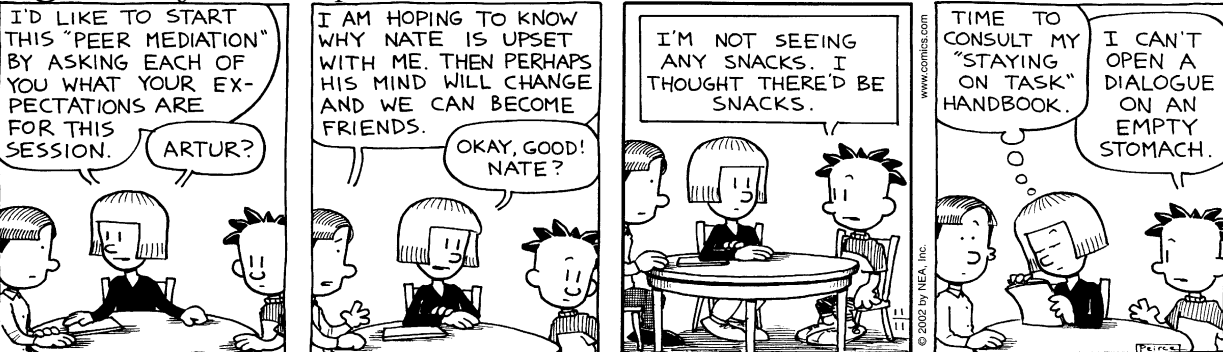
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Soldier asks if we are worthy of sacrifice



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• dear abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired soldier. Some time ago, I wrote the following verse for those who are now fighting for us. What can we do for them? Write, yes! But better than that, LIVE. — CORTLAND E. RICHMOND, ROHNERT PARK, CALIF.

DEAR CORTLAND: Thank you for granting me permission to use excerpts from your poem. Today is Veterans Day, and I am sure it will strike a responsive chord with all who read it.

CURRENCY
Do not give medals for our death; Where we are, we cannot know. Do not raise flags and hold parades; Where we are, flags don't go.

We ask but one thing of our land, Of you who had us fight: "Please be WORTH the blood we

shed, "Be worth the eternal night."

We are the currency you spend For freedom, fear or oil; Our blood, the coin you pay, Dark on some foreign soil.

DEAR ABBY: In the year 2000, I graduated from law school. Since then I have been unable to pass the state bar exam, which is offered only twice a year. It's a tough exam for someone like me who has never tested well. I have tried four times. The last time I was only 24 points away from passing.

Last month I was laid off from my job, and my husband has been supporting me and our two sons, 4 and 2. My husband is wonderful in that he not only supports me, but also encourages me to study harder and try once again to pass the bar. He knows that if I pass, I could one day double our current income.

I would be happy as an attorney, yet I think I could also find happiness in ANY job where I can help people. With the education I already have, I might be able to obtain a state or federal job, so I'm wondering if I should continue trying to pass the bar.

Do you think I should move on with my life and find another job, so I can begin repaying my student loans and not feel so guilty all the time?

Abby, looking back, I don't know if my four years of college and three more in law school were worth it. Perhaps my repeated failure to pass this one exam is really fate trying to tell me something. What do you think? — FEELING GUILTY IN MISSOURI

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: I do not agree. You've worked hard; please don't give up now. However, before you take the bar exam again, be sure you're mentally and physically prepared. Take the bar review courses until you know the material backward and forward.

Consult your physician about your anxiety. He or she may be able to recommend an anti-anxiety medication to help you relax. The day before the bar exam, treat yourself to a full-body massage and listen to relaxing music. In the morning, eat a nutritious meal, look in the mirror and say, "I CAN DO THIS!" — then take the bar exam. My readers and I are pulling for you.

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daily horoscopes



Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002

Your chart indicates that in the year ahead there will be a large amount of balance in your life between your esthetic needs and your material requirements. This will set up harmonious conditions for you in general.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today you could be endowed with the rare ability to manage and direct others — and make them like it. This deft touch will lead and inspire your peers. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astrograph 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 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Give credence to that small, inner voice of yours that tells you that everything is going to work out for you in ways that you need — and then act on it. It knows more than you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't be discouraged if things haven't been going your way. Today is another day that is promising to set things right with a number of happy developments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Concentrate on your career today, because conditions that have a direct bearing on it could be a bit more beneficial at this time than usual. Make hay while the sun is shining.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Charm, wit and tact always do wonders for dealing with members of the opposite gender. Be sure to utilize these tools to your advantage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A person who is quite fond of you may do something for you today that you lack the power to do for yourself. You'll be very pleased with it, so remember to express your gratitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could get the chance today to improve upon an important alliance that can make your life a lot brighter. Take whatever constructive action you can when the opportunity arises.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Deal with your co-workers today in a manner that encourages them to go that extra step for you when needed. If you take the lead in doing so, they'll follow suit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The positive attitude you have today allows you to see the bright spots that exist in the world. Chase those rainbows: they really do have pots of happiness at the end of them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Fortunate are those today who are closest to your heart. By putting their interests ahead of your own, you'll be gratifying their desires and they, in turn, will love you all the more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Companions will find you a most pleasant person to be around today. You know how to help them come out of the shadows and view the sunshine that exists all around them.

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: C equals K

"MB VO INO HSNTRD, TLN HSNORDSP VMKK HAIOC BTN MSHOKB. MB VO INO VOIC, VTNUH VMKK GO TB RT POKA." — XTPR B. CORROUE

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "My image is a little wearing. I don't always want to be heavy. It depends on the material." — Robert De Niro

daily crossword

ACROSS	42 Kind of insurance	HEX ADE MIL
1 Ticket info	45 Ogled	UKE DIRE CUTE
4 Whack a fly	49 All-purpose vehicle	DEN OVID ORCA
8 Uncooked	50 "Soft Watches" painter	DABBING AAHS
11 — out (scrapped by)	53 Crazy, to Pedro	YES EARLY
13 Charter	54 Scarlet	OBOE OASES
14 Kyoto sash	55 Verve	AA TRY REACH
15 SEATO counterpart	56 Fabric measure	RAKES LAO GEO
16 "Puppy Love" singer	57 Uh's cousins	BANAL SOOT
17 Summer mo.	58 Kitchen herb	LIBRA MGR
18 Mollusk	59 Pitchen	RANI PEALING
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22 Charge		ANT ACE SKY
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31 Zen question		
32 — wrestling		
34 Ottoman		
35 Dosage unit		
36 Dog name		
37 Firstborn		
39 Hardens bricks		
40 Brown-truck logo		
41 Reunion crowd		
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1 Gambler's town	20 Shriek	36 Delicately
2 Approve	22 Young horse	38 Unpaid
3 Sprinkles	23 Long time	39 "Phooey!"
4 Portion	24 Cookie-selling org.	41 Actor Kevin —
5 Come out on top	25 Desdemona's enemy	42 Bait
6 Mo. neighbor	26 Bottle	43 Highway, to Ben-Hur
7 Hot brew	27 Wild West revolver	44 G-men
8 Hearty laugh	28 Qatar ruler	46 Boulevard
9 Snug as — in a rug	29 Tenderfoot	47 Neutral color
10 Fashion accessories	31 Smooch	48 Nonflying bird
12 Speckled	33 Old PC system st.	50 — Plaines, Ill.
19 German article	35 Energy	51 Crimson Tide
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