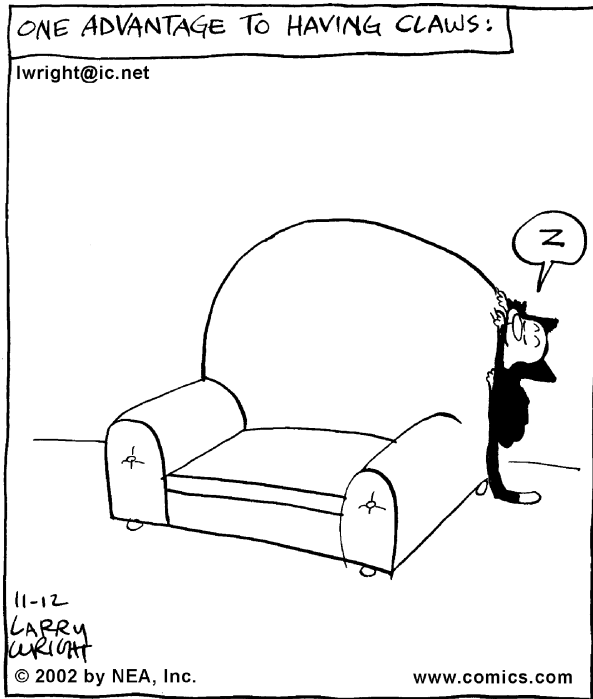
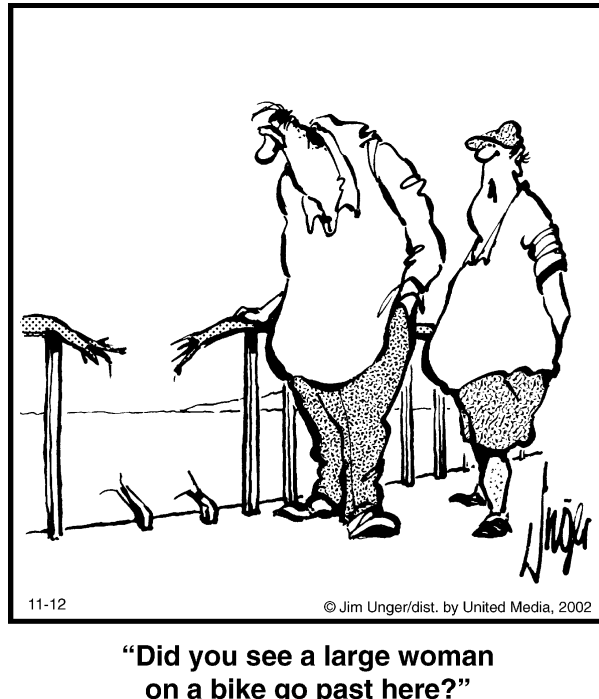


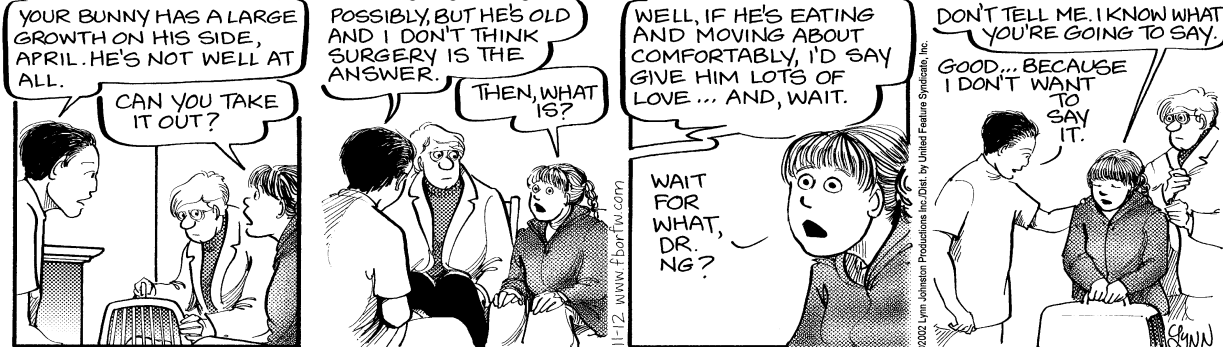
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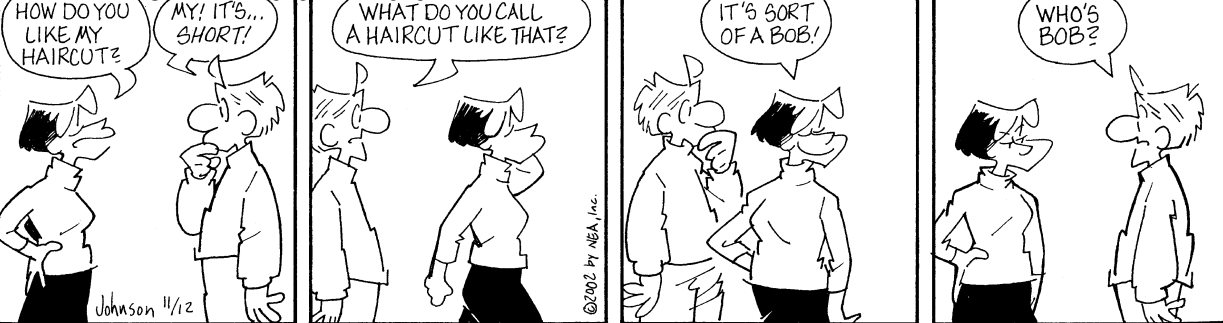
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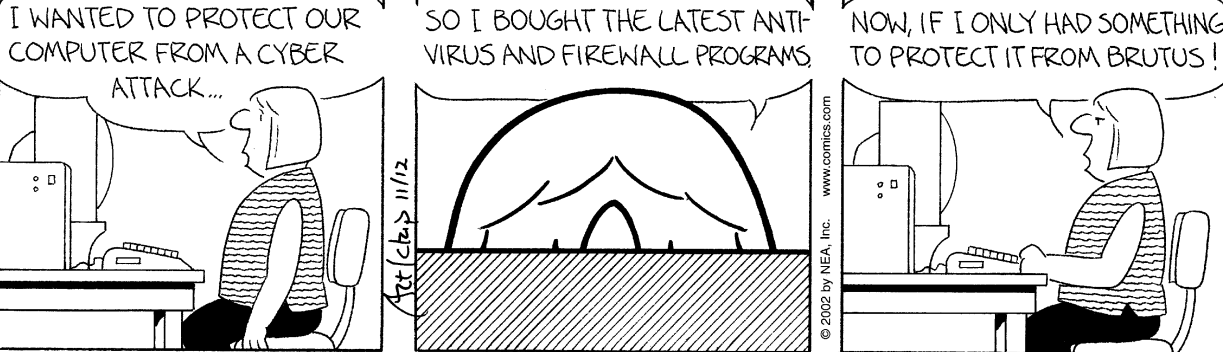
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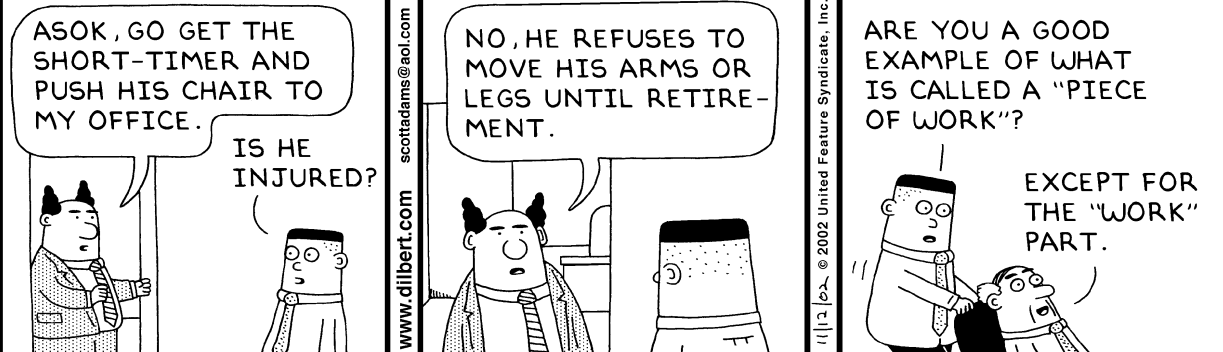
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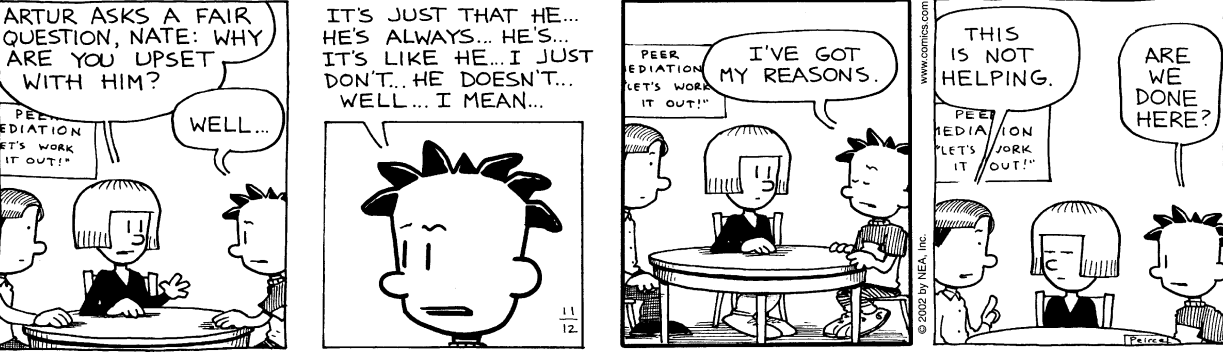
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# Loveless marriage is not part of God's plan



**abigail van buren**

• dear abby

DEAR ABBY: "Sick at Heart" wrote that she is trapped in a loveless marriage because after being divorced, she made a religious commitment that she would never leave her second husband. She said the love is long gone and that her doctor has not been able to successfully medicate her severe depression. You advised her to talk with her spiritual adviser.

I am a spiritual adviser, and I would like to direct my comments to that woman:

I strongly feel that in a marriage made by God, two people become one. From your description of your marriage, it is clear that it was never sanctioned by God, therefore you are released from any pledge that you made.

The Bible tells us that God is present everywhere. This includes you. His spirit is within you. God is love and wants love to fill our

lives. God does not want anyone to live in a situation such as you have described. There is no spiritual law that demands you stay in your loveless marriage.

Learn to forgive yourself for this "mistake" as Jesus forgave "the woman at the well who had five husbands and the one she was living with was not her husband." Listen to the Holy Spirit within you and you will be free to go your way. — THE REV. NORMAN L. CONAWAY, EUSTIS, FLA.

DEAR REV. CONAWAY: You are obviously a caring and compassionate man of God. I hope "Sick at Heart" sees your letter, and that it gives her the courage to do what she must for her own mental, physical and spiritual health. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a female ordained minister and spiritual counselor, I would like to comment on the letter from "Sick at Heart."

God has admonished us to love everyone. "Sick" must remind herself that "everyone" includes HER. Loving herself cannot include living with a spiritually and emotionally absent man.

Adultery comes in many forms. Being neglectful, inconsiderate and emotionally absent is a form of adultery. Such negligence is also abusive — and no scripture, teach-

ing or God condones the continuation of a marriage where either adultery or abuse or both exist.

She is not only doing a grave disservice to herself, but also to her husband, because she is unable to love him. She is far better off leaving him so they BOTH can be free to find mates who will truly love them in the way God desires for them both.

It is never God's will for any of us to be sick, especially in our hearts. Medication cannot and will not cure such deep heartache as this woman is experiencing. The God in whom she believes is more than happy to grant her a new beginning. God desires to set her free. — THE REV. DR. KATITI L. CESANA, ALISO VIEJO (LAGUNA BEACH), CALIF.

DEAR DR. CESANA: Bless you for writing, because your message is an important one. We cannot love another person until we first learn to love ourselves — and we cannot make another person happy unless there is happiness within us.

FROM MY COLLECTION OF LIMERICKS:

There was a young lady from Trent

Whose TV antenna got bent.

The neighbors went crazy

Their screens all got hazy

For instead of receiving, she sent.

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## daily horoscopes



Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002

Although you may choose a course in the year ahead that you know going in won't be easy, you'll understand its true worth and will be willing to do what it takes to achieve it. You'll succeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Playing the one-upmanship game could be extremely costly today, so do not be tempted to buy something similar to a friend's purchase that you can't afford just to do him/her one better. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astrograph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and an SASE to Astrograph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Guard against temptation to blame others for your mistakes or shortcomings. Your remarks will be carried back and cost you the friendship of someone you need. Keep your feelings to yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A negative attitude could cost you victory before you even enter the fray today. Talk yourself into raising your hopes and expectations to a level that gives you optimism for success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This is one of those days when you could be too generous to the wrong people and ignore or overlook those who are truly deserving. Put your priorities in good order.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Unless you are free to operate as you see fit today, you're not likely to be very effective. Don't allow yourself to be put in a position where others are in control of your agenda.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you are entering into any legal agreement today, take the time to read all the fine print. It will be the hidden clauses that prove to be troublesome for you down the line.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Disappointment is likely today if you are unrealistic concerning your work or business dealings. Hopes built upon faulty premises will come tumbling down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Should you find yourself in an unworkable relationship today, move on and do things your own way if you hope to achieve your goals. Get rid of dead weight as soon as possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Show proper gratitude to someone who has gone out of his/her way to help you today. Should this person feel unappreciated, your pal will find an excuse to back off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Pressuring people into doing your bidding will not work today. If you want their cooperation, you are going to have to explain your aims and what's in it for them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Beware of bringing up an old money issue with your mate today where you and s/he may have been playing the blame game. Once Pandora's box is opened, it'll be difficult to close it again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Co-workers will follow the type of example you establish today. If you're too pushy or not prepared to handle your share of the load, they will match your behavior exactly.

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## 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: E equals B

"NMY'P NDYR PFZWFTGWR FL M  
YWH DRWM YWAWZ CLWP EMTS  
FL DFP LZDCDYMJ RDNWYDLYP."  
- LJD AWZ HWYRWJJ GLJNWP

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "If we are strong, our strength will speak for itself. If we are weak, words will be of no help." — John. F. Kennedy

## daily crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Mineral spring
- 4 9-digit ID
- 7 Fresh
- 11 Kind of rack
- 12 To — it may concern
- 14 "Et tu" time
- 15 Military addr.
- 16 Drachma successor
- 17 Caravel of 1492
- 18 Whale or elephant
- 20 Room warmer
- 22 Hagen of "The Other"
- 23 Well-put
- 24 Recently
- 27 Pinches
- 30 Aloud
- 31 Yoda's student
- 32 That woman
- 34 Musician's job
- 35 Fronts of overalls
- 36 Fly in the ointment
- 37 Meat on skewers
- 39 Stoops
- 40 Flub
- 41 House pet
- 42 Eye part
- 45 Beset
- 49 OPEC member
- 50 Rear-ends
- 52 Deep distress
- 53 Wolf tooth
- 54 Cry of dismay
- 55 Had brunch
- 56 Clucking sounds
- 57 Santa Fe hrs.
- 58 Talk, talk, talk



- DOWN
- 1 Pillow cover
- 2 Family member
- 3 Physician's study
- 4 Hot and humid
- 5 Football coach Don —
- 6 Also not
- 7 Fiesta decor
- 8 Revise
- 9 Artist —
- 10 Bygone despot
- 13 Punk hairdos
- 19 Ruminant
- 21 Light sword
- 24 Egg drink
- 25 Estrada of films
- 26 Carry on
- 27 Bathroom fixtures
- 28 Tatar chief
- 29 Fax button
- 31 Book source
- 33 Legal matter
- 35 Silo companion
- 36 Wagers
- 38 Creatures
- 39 Long-eared hound
- 41 Roughs it
- 42 Crevice
- 43 Memorable times
- 44 Water reservoir
- 46 Out, in
- 47 Wee bit
- 48 Mild onion
- 51 Intend

