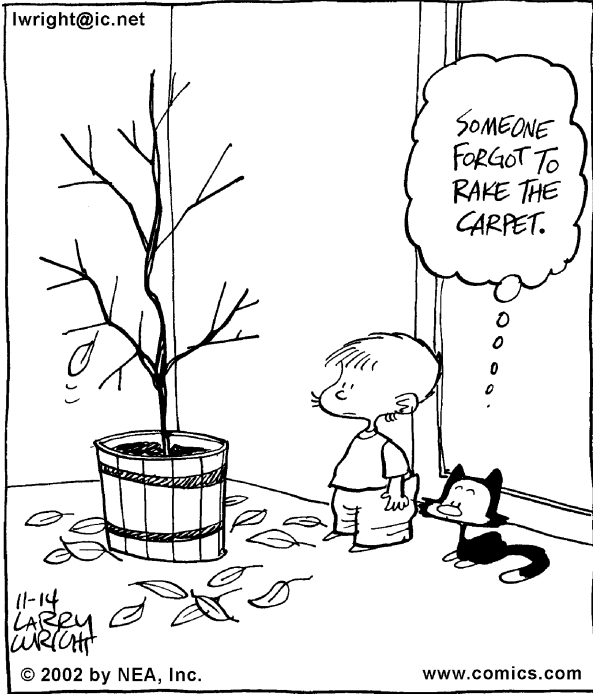
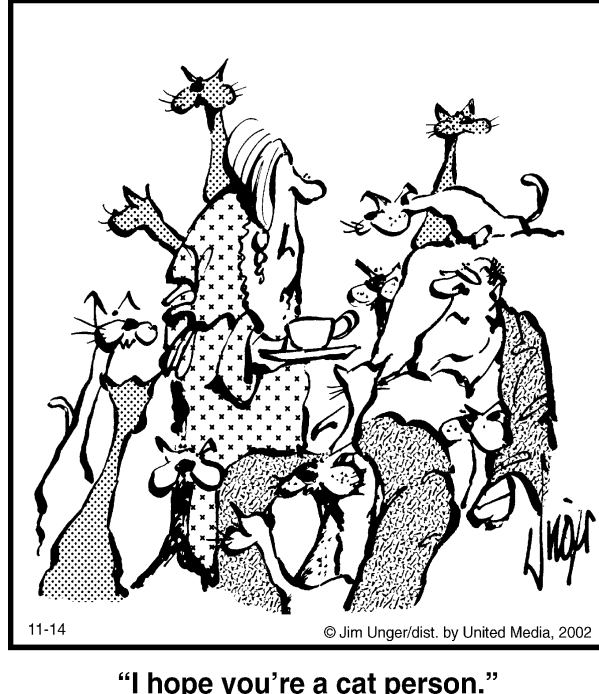


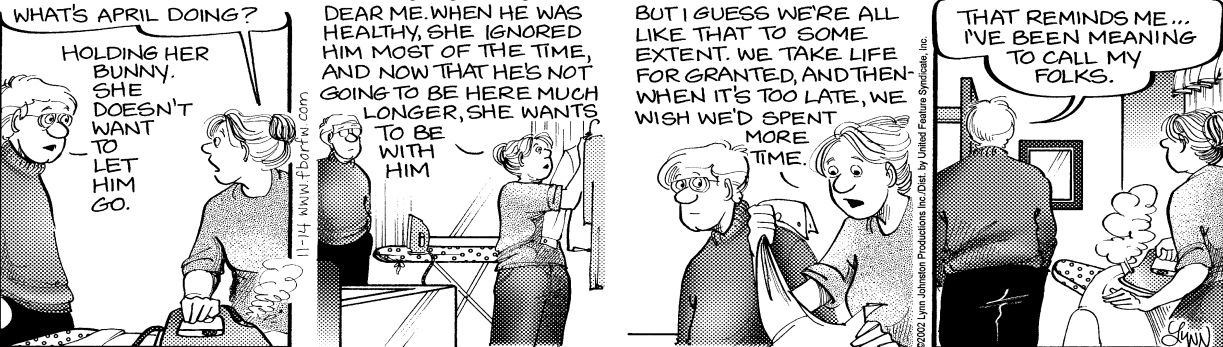
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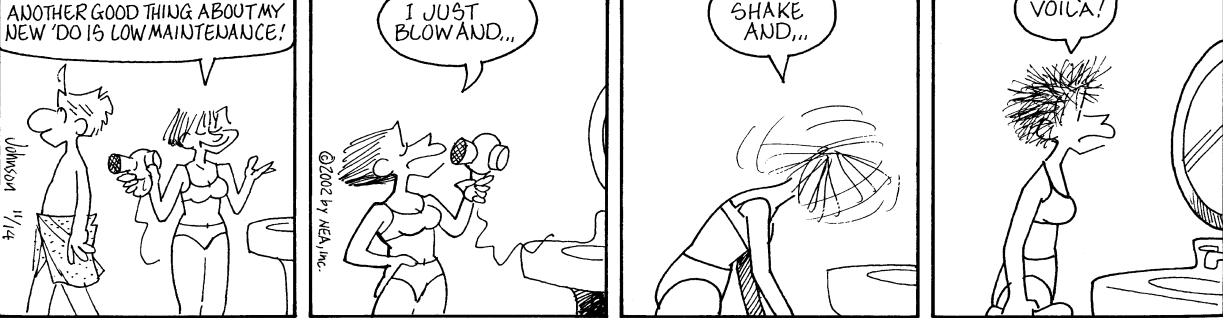
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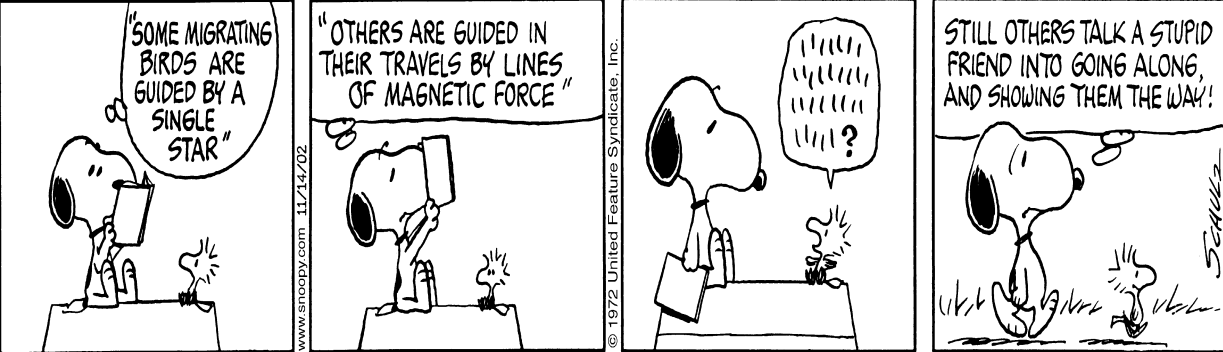
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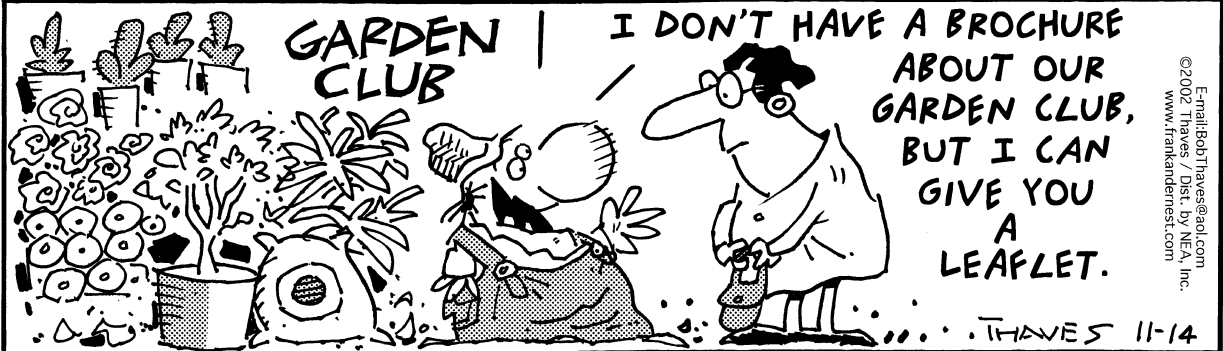
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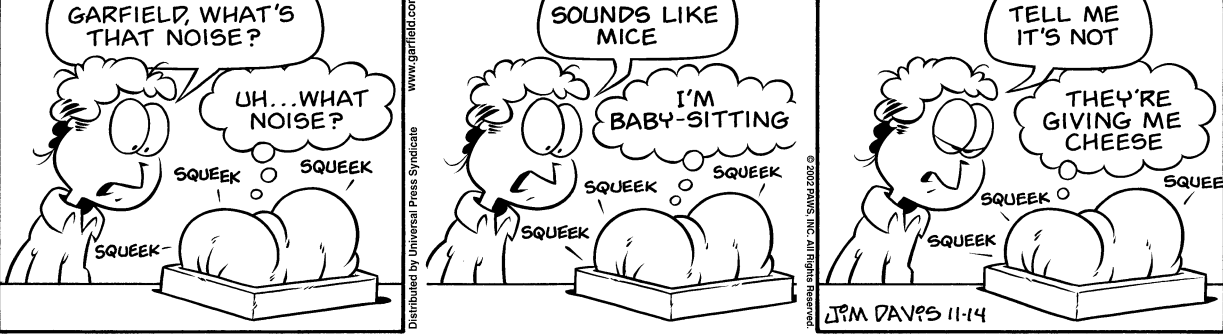
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Lack of affection puts love in doubt



abigail van buren

• dear abby

DEAR ABBY: I have a somewhat heart-wrenching dilemma. Last night, I told my fiance that I loved him so much I would be devastated if something happened to him. He didn't say anything. Then I asked him if he felt the same way. He said, "Well ... probably." Abby, he is not affectionate and there have been many times when I have doubted his love for me. He treats my son like his own, though. We've discussed this, and he always tells me I overreact. What should I do? — FEELING HURT IN RENO

DEAR FEELING HURT: You are looking for reassurance; he's a poor communicator. Clip this column and be sure he sees it. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I enlisted shortly after Pearl Harbor. Thirty-six days later, I was on my way to the Philippines. En route, the Philippines

fell to the Japanese, and we were routed to Australia. Eleven days after we landed, I met the most beautiful girl in the world.

On our first date, I told her I was going to marry her. I did, 18 months later, while on a 10-day R-and-R leave from New Guinea.

After more than 57 years of marriage and two children, my beloved "Mary" died five days before Christmas. Although we agreed that our ashes were to be scattered over the mountains, I found I could not part with hers.

While Mary was alive, she would frequently say, "You don't know how much I love you." I'd reply, "Likewise." I never said, "I love you." Now her ashes are on my dresser, where I tell her several times a day how much I love her, but it's too late. Although I wrote poetry to her, I could not bring myself to say the three words I knew she wanted most to hear.

As my dearest was dying and we thought she was comatose, I told her, "There aren't enough words to tell you how much I love you." A few hours later, she whispered, "Not enough words" and died.

The reason I'm writing is to urge men to express their feelings while their loved ones are alive. I don't know why, but many men are reluctant to express the depth of their

feelings. — MISSING MARY IN COLORADO

DEAR MISSING MARY: Perhaps it's because they were taught as boys that it's unmanly to express emotion — which they have interpreted to mean that expressing heartfelt emotion is a sign of weakness. Fortunately, in these "liberated" times, that philosophy is changing because we now know that expressing one's feelings is healthy for both men and women.

DEAR ABBY: My siblings and I need your advice. We know our stepfather is cheating on our mother, but we don't know what to do. We love our stepdad and would never have thought this could happen — but it's become a cold reality.

We cannot just sit and watch our mother be taken advantage of. It feels like we are betraying Mom by not telling her what we know.

She reads your column faithfully and has often clipped it for us to read. Abby, please help us. We're at a loss. — NEEDING ADVICE ASAP IN KENTUCKY

DEAR NEEDING ADVICE: You have been placed in a terrible position. Tell your stepfather what you know, and give him a deadline to break off the affair — or else YOU will tell your mother. And if he doesn't do it, follow through.

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daily horoscopes



Your Birthday

Friday, Nov. 15, 2002

Maintain your lofty ideals and standards because they will become the magnets that attract success for you in the year ahead. There is great promise for success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Deal with a matter today that you may have been avoiding, because even difficult issues can be concluded easily and to your satisfaction at this time. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astrograph predictions 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) — One of your greatest assets today will be your ability to express your ideas with great clarity. This can be an advantage that will work effectively for you both commercially and socially.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A financial opportunity that comes about today through the kindness of another will have long-lasting, beneficial effects. You'll make the most of it by letting it work for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Sprinkle the points you're trying to make to associates today with a touch of theatrics and they'll be more easily accepted and remembered. Curtain up.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although the way things unfold today may appear a bit mysterious, the possibilities for acquiring something material you've been wanting may fall right in your lap.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Give a wide berth to your imagination today, but be sure to keep your visionary thinking realistic. When they are backed up by positive action, those dreams can become true.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't be too proud to ask for assistance today from persons you've helped previously, especially in matters that are relevant to your work or career. They owe you and want to help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Today, when you see a friend in need, remember the kind gestures that others have done for you and let them inspire you to perform a similarly compassionate act for someone else.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today you may achieve something in which you can take great personal pride, but the tooting of the horn should be done by others, not by you. Be humble about your accomplishment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Cooperation and consideration will evoke reciprocal responses in all your dealings with others today. By establishing the example, shared assignments become relatively easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — When inspiration strikes today, put it to work for you, especially in areas involving your work or career. Your perceptions will enable you to pick up on things others overlook.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's all the nice things you say and the gracious way you handle yourself when out with others today that makes you so popular among your peer group. Enjoy the attention, you deserve it.

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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: U equals J

"CRWBEWHEDRDSYRLUAP."

- NXYC RDLREXY

"CRWBYEDLMYMECCYW

GRWHIRHYANLMYDAIG."

- KRXLMRHXRMRK

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work." — Stephen King

daily crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Lions' manes
 - 6 Hoarded
 - 10 Suffused
 - 12 Pool
 - 14 Damsel
 - 15 Actress
 - Lansbury
 - 16 Huge beings
 - 18 Got acquainted
 - 19 Newshawk's query
 - 21 "— no idea!"
 - 23 Scientist's question
 - 24 Clean a fish
 - 26 Takes a chair
 - 29 Grade-schooler
 - 30 Be nosy
 - 32 Wedge up
 - 34 Nimble
 - 36 Murmur soothingly
 - 37 Wyo. neighbor
 - 38 Go on a voyage
 - 40 Bubble
 - 42 Stylist's goop
- DOWN
- 1 Basketball hoop
 - 2 Thurman of films
 - 3 G-man's org.
 - 4 Hot — sundae
 - 5 Witnessing
 - 6 Toto's home
 - 7 Souffle ingredient
 - 8 Jingle
 - 9 Painted tinware
 - 11 Chromosome letters
 - 12 Strip of wood
 - 13 — "King" Cole
 - 17 Part of the



- atmosphere
- 19 Trounces
 - 20 Nine-headed monster
 - 22 Be rude, slangily
 - 23 Mo. parts
 - 25 Mdse. bars
 - 27 Exercise target
 - 28 Agrees with
 - 31 One of us
 - 33 "Bien" opposite
 - 35 Sharp bark
 - 39 Roofer's need
 - 41 Dark red
 - 44 Expense
 - 46 Houston pro
 - 47 Sports org.
 - 48 Dutra of golf
 - 49 Taj Mahal feature
 - 51 Make a choice
 - 53 Cockney's optimism?
 - 55 Equip
 - 56 Aunt, in Mexico
 - 57 Strange

