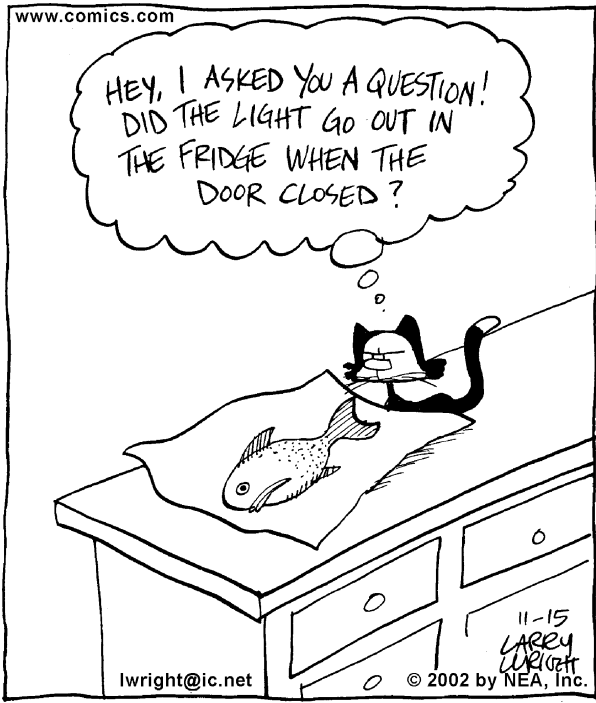


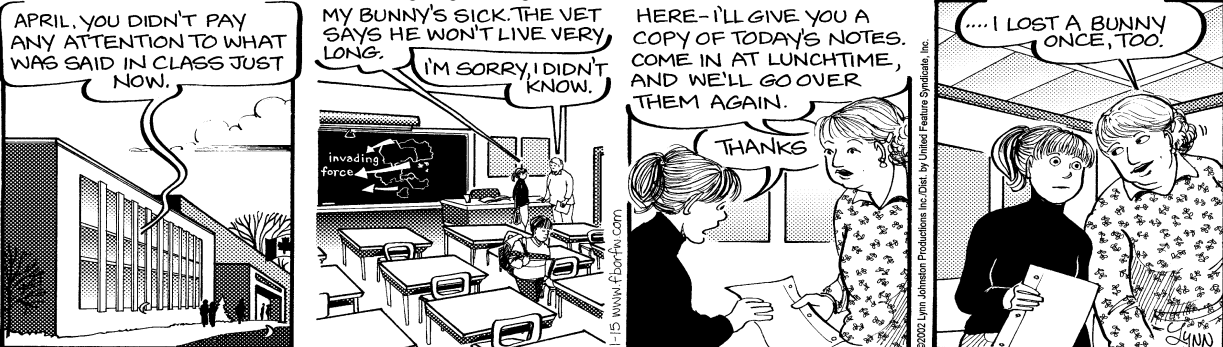
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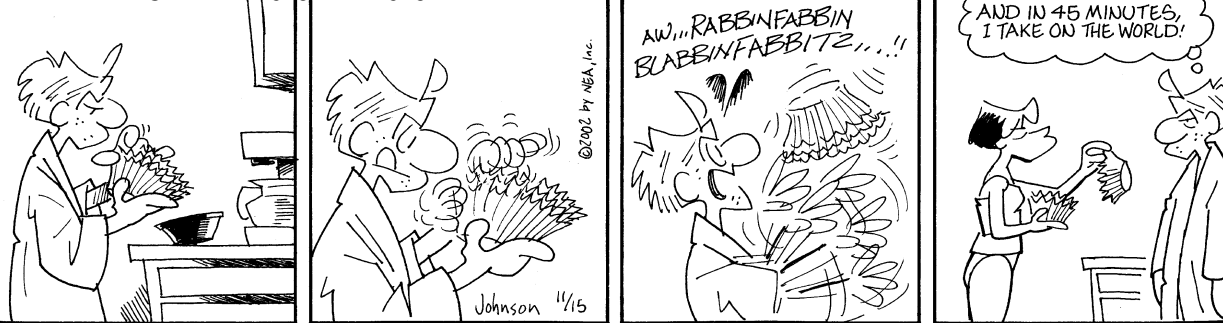
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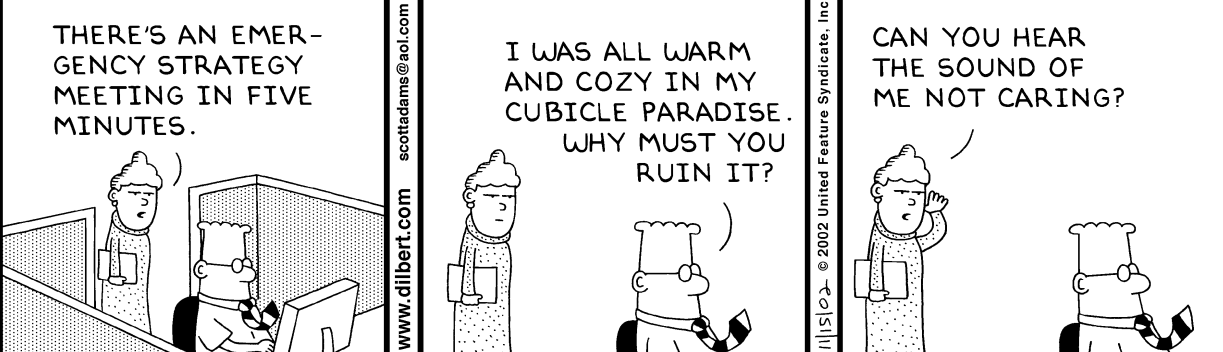
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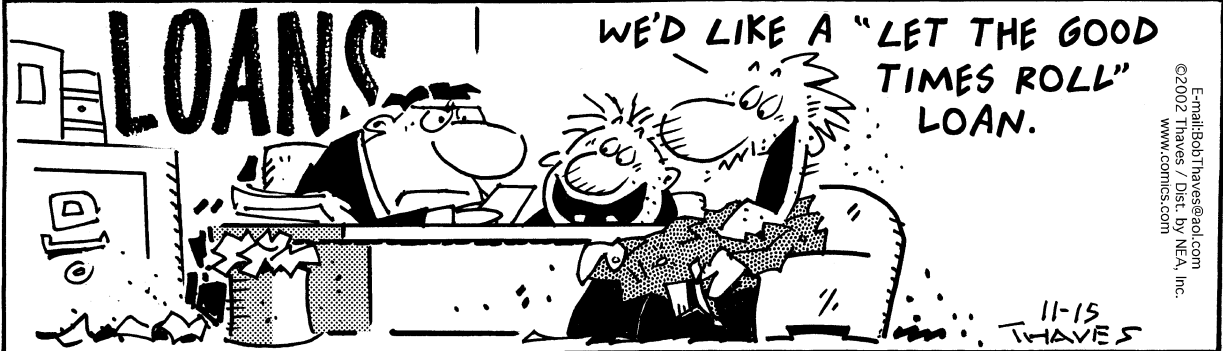
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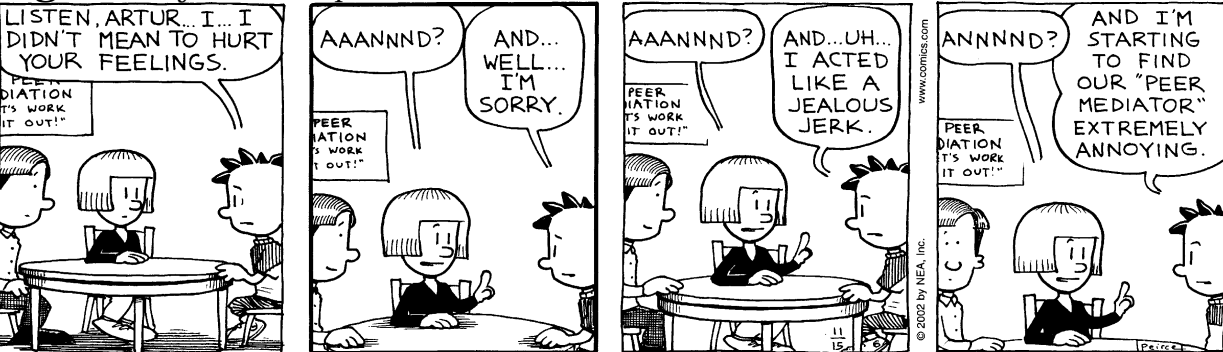
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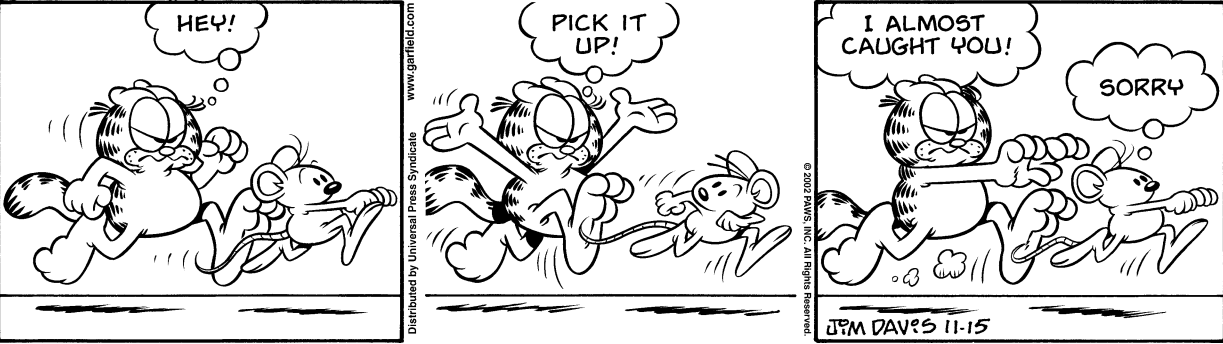
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Student plans post graduate dating

DEAR ABBY: I'm in love with my teacher. I'm 18; he is 23 and single. I have been in love with him since I met him 18 months ago.

He hasn't done anything that could cost him his career, but there have been times when he has shown interest in me. Recently, though, I was told by the principal to "be careful." Not to stop, mind you — just be careful.

I still love him as much as I ever did, but I can't show it. I graduate in December and was planning on talking to him about this then. Between now and then, though, what should I do? — IN LOVE IN LA FAYETTE, GA.

DEAR IN LOVE: Until then, you and the teacher should do as the principal urged. Be careful. If you don't, you could harm your reputation and this young man's career.



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• dear abby

The best advice I can offer is to play it cool — very cool — until at least six months after you graduate. That way, if your interest is reciprocated, he cannot be accused of jumping the gun and starting a relationship while you were still a student. This may seem like a long time to wait, but it's best for both of you. Tongues will wag even then, so I urge you not to give them grist for the rumor mill.

DEAR ABBY: My live-in boyfriend constantly gives me hickies. Despite the fact that I have asked him not to, he intentionally marks my neck and throat on a weekly basis.

I am in my mid-20s and find these bright-red marks both unprofessional and unnecessary. I have also tried wearing perfume or moisturizer on my neck to get him to stop.

How do I prevent the hickies, or do I have to get rid of the boyfriend? — EMBARRASSED IN ORLANDO

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Either your boyfriend has an immature sense of humor, or he is making the marks so others will know he is intimate with you. I can understand your embarrassment in the workplace. Tell him the hickies have to go

— or he will. You shouldn't have to spend the rest of your life wearing turtle-neck sweaters because you have a boyfriend who is insecure unless he has "marked his territory."

DEAR ABBY: Prior to my older sister's recent death, she shared a family secret. She told me that in the 1960s, while he was serving in the U.S. military in a foreign country, our brother had fathered a child. He was young and fresh out of high school.

My sister said our now-deceased mother had opened a letter addressed to my brother from the baby's mother saying his child was born. She read it — and tore it up. To my sister's knowledge, Mother never shared the news with my brother.

Now that I am over the shock, I am struggling as to what to do with this information — if anything. (My brother is happily married with grown children.)

What would you do? — CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR CAUGHT: Since the woman had your mother's address in the States, she clearly was more than a one-night stand. If I were you, I would tell my brother privately. He has a right to know.

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daily horoscopes



Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002

There will be ample opportunities for entering into new ventures or enterprises in the year ahead, but if you find you need a partner, be sure to choose one whose mettle has already been tested.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A larger workload than you anticipated may be foisted upon you today. However, keep a good attitude and keep plugging away. What you accomplish will be the source of great pride. 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) — Things will turn out luckier for you today when you handle things yourself instead of allowing another to lay out your game plan. Follow your thinking whenever you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — What starts out looking like a bum deal could turn out to be a profitable development for you. It may be best to let events run their natural courses today and see where they lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Try not to get locked into preconceived notions today. Information of considerable value will be revealed only from free-flowing exchanges.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Trying to hop a ride on someone else's wagon will fizzle on you today. However, personal gains have excellent chances for success when you're prepared to earn them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You might be forced to make alterations today on something that means a lot to you, but don't get upset. The options available to you are likely to be better than your original concept.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Should you find yourself hampered by roadblocks or opposition today, rely on your ingenuity or intuition to find your way around them. Chances are they'll get you out of the squeeze.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Even when it appears as if everything is going against you today, remain hopeful about the eventual outcome. Lady Luck will intervene at the appropriate time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Although all of your affairs might not go exactly as you would like them to today, you'll be quite lucky in matters that really mean something to you, such as in financial dealings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Turn the other cheek today should someone who is not getting his/her way get a bit hostile with you. By maintaining your dignity, all within earshot will side with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Joint ventures may not be all they promise to be today. Should you see this to be true, back out gracefully. You'll be far luckier being your own person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If your decision about a personal matter isn't turning out as you envisioned, don't be doubtful about changing your game plan in mid-stream. Your second thoughts are likely to be your wisest ones.

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 W

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P JXUTEG TEG XKZKE OPRCGHKE,
U JN RN NJHEKG DJN NPK DNPKH
BTS THDJEG." - CTET NJHEKH

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "Dancing is a sweat job." — Fred Astaire
"Dance is the hidden language of the soul." — Martha Graham

daily crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Sugar Loaf locale
- 4 Entree choice
- 8 Do alterations
- 11 Battery word
- 12 Margarine
- 13 Extreme degree
- 14 Kind of film
- 15 Zip
- 16 Poker card
- 17 Holds a grudge
- 19 Zero
- 21 Tigger's pal
- 22 Subzero comment
- 23 Lock or curl
- 26 Not wholesale
- 29 Rowboat need
- 30 Loaf end
- 32 Downtown Chicago
- 34 Sooner city
- 36 Soft mineral
- 38 Gist
- 39 Polar buildup
- 41 Survives
- 43 Tap gently
- 44 Tune
- 45 Clumsy
- 48 Radio
- 52 Lubricate
- 53 Within reach
- 55 Honda rival
- 56 Luau banjo
- 57 Settled
- 58 Three, in Munich
- 59 Dry, as wine
- 60 Pocket bread
- 61 Stomach muscles
- DOWN
- 1 Cad
- 2 Troubles
- 3 River mammals
- 4 Keno kin
- 5 Cry of woe
- 6 All dads
- 7 Filmom's Sam
- 8 Catch
- 9 Engrave
- 10 Sharpen
- 11 TV hookup
- 18 Raid the fridge
- 20 Caspian tributary
- 22 Round starter
- 23 Sock filler
- 24 Jaipur princess
- 25 Novelist — Ambler
- 26 Glean
- 27 Solar wind components
- 28 Boor
- 31 Oregon, to Yvette
- 33 "This Old House" network
- 35 Actor Johnny — Muse of history
- 40 Snooze
- 42 Ship fleet
- 44 Heart outlet
- 45 Debtors' notes
- 46 Winged Victory
- 47 Mo. expense
- 48 Worm or minnow
- 49 Commuter's home, for short
- 50 Keats' works
- 51 Livy's dozen
- 54 Cotton gin name

