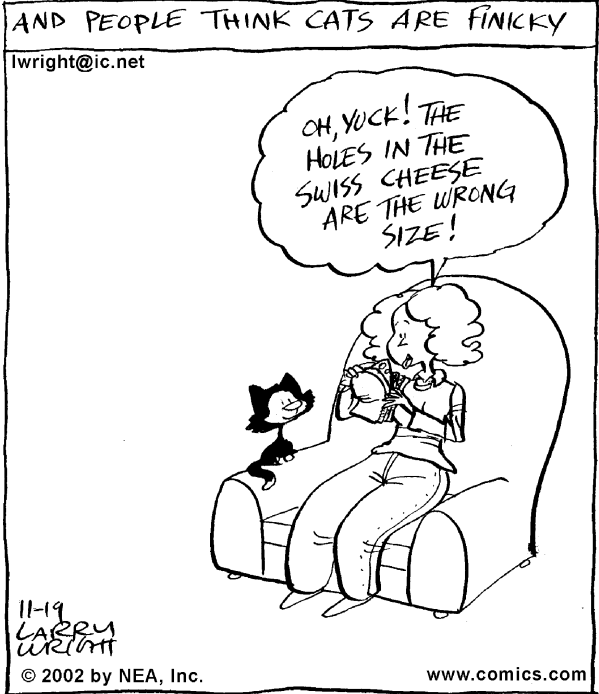


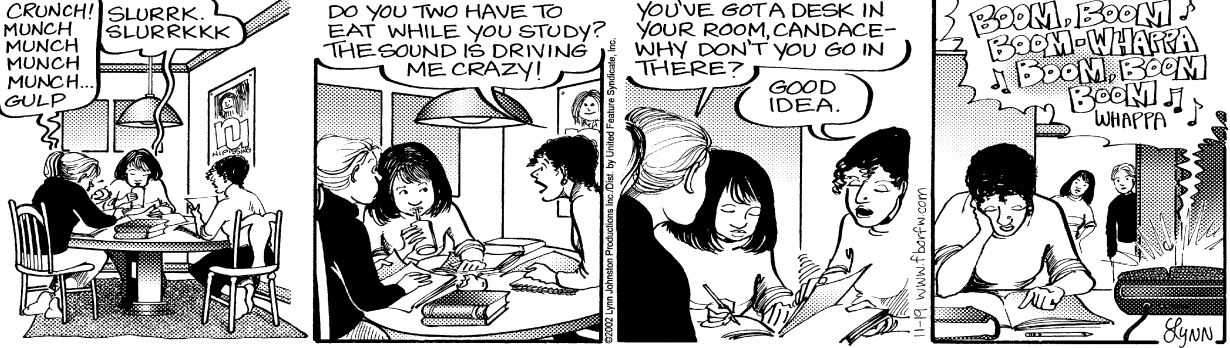
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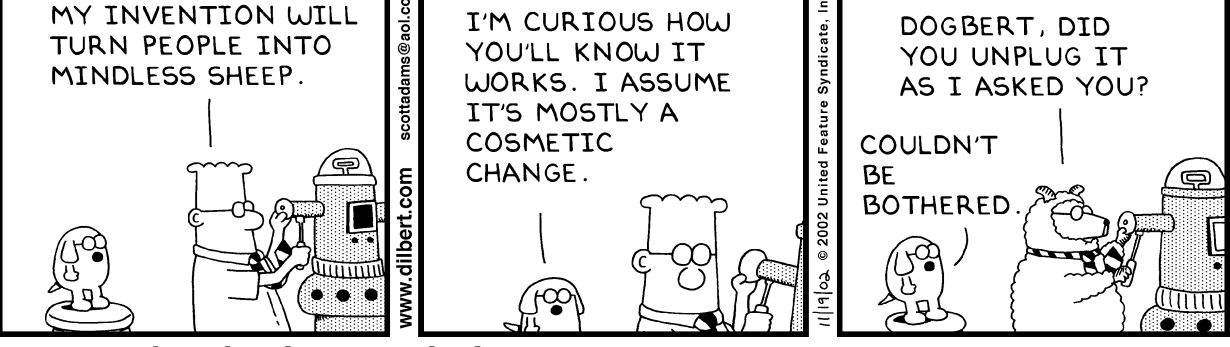
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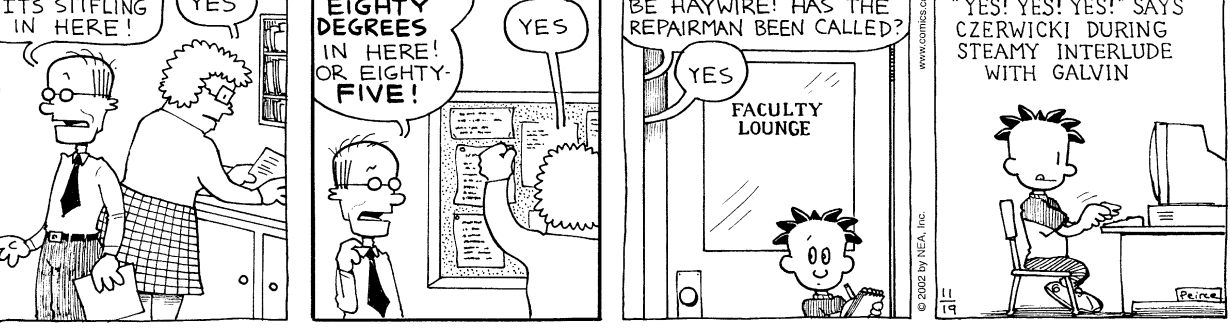
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Cheating spouses leave various clues

DEAR READERS: At the end of a recent column, I printed a short letter from a reader signed "Suspicious Texan," asking what are the telltale signs of a cheating spouse. (I listed eight — secretiveness, a sudden change in manner of dress or grooming, unexplained absences, less affectionate, unfamiliar charges on credit card bills, strange numbers on the phone bill, hang-ups on your home phone, and more business trips than usual.) I then asked readers if they cared to add to the list. The response was so great, it nearly gave my mailman a hernia! Read on:

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- You find birth-control pills in her medicine cabinet, and you've had a vasectomy.
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- He stops confiding in you and seeking advice from you.
- Sets up a new e-mail account and doesn't tell you about it.
- He leaves the house in the morning smelling like Irish Spring and returns in the evening smelling like Safeguard.
- He refuses to let you take him to the airport when he's leaving town.
- He carries condoms and you are on the pill.
- Begins to delete all incoming phone calls from Caller ID.
- Deletes all incoming e-mails when they used to accumulate.
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- Raises hypothetical questions such as, "Do you think it's possible to love more than one person at a time?"
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daily horoscopes



Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002

In the year ahead you are likely to reap substantial rewards from showing consideration, tolerance and amiability both in your work-day world and in your social sphere. This generosity of spirit will be rewarded 10 times over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A problem at home that has been causing frustrations can be rectified today by smothering it with love and kindness. Nothing can withstand such power.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Today's events may prove that things are much better than you think and will serve to brighten your outlook and perspective quite a bit. The difference will come from eliminating negative elements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Put forth your best efforts today and don't be afraid to ask for fair and proper compensation. People who hold the purse strings will loosen their grip for genuine accomplishments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you take some time to engage in a social activity today, let go and enjoy yourself. Remember, you are there to have fun and relax a bit, not to treat it as a waste of time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Domestic responsibilities could be uppermost in your thoughts today and you may not have true peace of mind unless you give them priority over all else. Doing for your family gives you solace.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you've been neglecting someone you've been close to for some time, pick up the phone and call this person today. Your old pal is hurt that s/he hasn't heard from you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Somebody in a high place wants you to know how much you are appreciated and today s/he may do something to reward you for a job well done. This person feels you're due an honorarium.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You won't just talk about big ideas or what should be accomplished, you'll take the lead and show others how to go after them today and come out a winner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Give free rein to your imagination today when it comes to your commercial or financial involvements. An ability to see further than the other guy is what will give you an edge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's possible that you'll be given an opportunity today to reinforce a friendship that has been a bit wobbly lately. Do your part to shore up the relationship; it'll be worth it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Business associates will respond in kind if you treat them in a friendly, outgoing manner today. People always take the time to accept kindness and a spirit of congeniality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The best way to turn mountains back into molehills is to treat events philosophically today. It's amazing how, with an easygoing attitude, things that appeared bigger than life are dwarfed.

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 D

“ W J B F J L T N F P L L V G D L W Z J K J R G O W B G B F E J R . O N L R Z L W O L G O O N K J R K J D K S L K G O F P L L V B F E Z X K J U B F E J R . ”

— N L J Z B S F Z U

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — “Some people are born on third base and go through life thinking they hit a triple.”

— Former Dallas Cowboy coach Barry Switzer

daily crossword

ACROSS

- 1 CD precursors
- 4 Peruse
- 8 Scoop
- 11 Long time
- 12 Thus
- 13 Osaka sashes
- 15 Turkish official
- 16 Sketched
- 17 Gold leaf
- 18 "Snow White"
- dwarf
- 20 Church part
- 21 Ritzy rock
- 23 Primate
- 24 Cherry variety
- 27 Frizzy hairdo
- 29 Gullet
- 32 Mr. Montand
- 33 — de plume
- 34 Unlock, poetically
- 35 Want-ad abbr.
- 36 Hoedown
- honey
- 37 Network
- 38 Worker's ID
- 39 Flag holder
- 40 Bifocal
- 41 — -relief
- 42 Prefix for angle

DOWN

- 1 Guide
- 2 Comic-strip
- possum
- 3 Break
- 4 Change colors
- 5 Foul up
- 6 Mellow
- 7 Financial
- average
- 8 Stray calf
- 9 Wading bird
- 10 Tablet
- 14 Fr. holy woman
- 19 Ham and —

44 Weak

47 Residence

51 Magazine stand

52 Competed

55 Swat

56 Hideous giant

57 Numerical

prefix

58 Charged

particle

59 Always, to

Tennyson

60 At what time?

61 Mouths, in zoology

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22 Fruits

23 Kind of bracelet

24 Tournament

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25 Currier and —

26 Light in a tube

28 Young horse

29 Additional

30 Neat as —

31 Marries

37 Facile

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41 Hog rider

43 Ecological hazard

44 To and —

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46 Rancher's measure

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49 Famous label

50 Mediterranean landmark

52 Promise

53 I, to Fritz

54 Riviera

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