

Husband's neglect is root of problem — not the obit

Dear Cheryl: My father-in-law recently passed away. His obituary in the local newspaper omitted our two children's names. I mentioned this to my husband, and he said he'd take care of it.



TALES FROM THE FRONT

By Cheryl Lavin

You can imagine the shock I felt when four days later, during the service, the minister again omitted our children, although he read the names of the other grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I looked over at our two children, ages seven and 10, and saw a look of surprise on their faces. I became very upset.

After the service, I asked my husband why he had not taken care of the matter. He stated he didn't want to upset his mother. He said I was overreacting. I feel she would have wanted to know and would have wanted to correct it.

How she failed to mention them and then not notice it herself is an entirely different matter. To this day, she's never acknowledged to me or the children that there was a mistake.

My husband said his mother's feelings were more important than the obituary and the kids would get over it. We've been mar-

ried 18 years, and this may sound silly, but it's the last straw. I've lost all respect for my husband. This is not the first time he has failed to show me any consideration when it comes to his family and his career. Am I overreacting? — Tired of Being Left-Out

Dear TOBLO: Look, it's obvious the obituary and the minister's eulogy are not the problems. So let's not dwell on them. Both your husband's actions and his mother's could be excused in light of the situation — the stress and grief of a death and a funeral, etc.

But they represent a pattern of neglect, and that's what you're responding to.

There's no such thing as a real marriage if the husband neglects the feelings of his wife and the wife doesn't respect her husband. You and your husband need to get into therapy immediately so you can decide whether your marriage is worth saving or

if it's time to part. **Dear Cheryl:** I'm a single guy, 38, never married. I'm athletic and intelligent and have an interesting job. I'm told I'm good-looking and fun to be around. So why have the last four women I've dated gone back to their ex-boyfriends after a few weeks or months of dating? I fell for one woman last year, and she said it was mutual. We were even talking marriage. But then after a few months she went back to her ex. Why do these women date if they're not over their exes? And why are they attracted to me? — Burned Too Often

Dear BTO: There's something called the Transition Man, and you're it. He's the first guy a woman dates after her divorce or breakup. She's very needy and rushes into a relationship so she's not alone. The Transition Man helps her get her confidence back. In fact, he makes her feel so good she decides to see who else is out there. Things rarely work out well for the Transition Man, as you've learned.

So, don't give up on women. Just don't get involved with anyone who's fresh out of a relationship.

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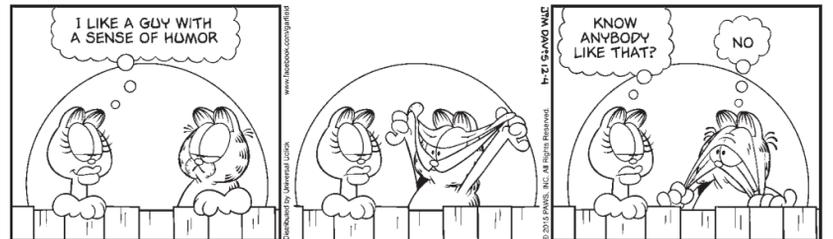
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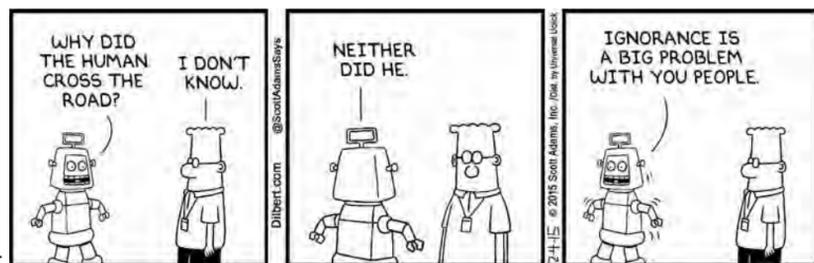
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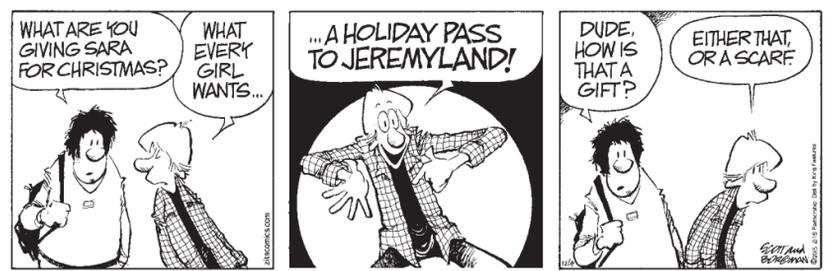
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{ **CELEBRITY CIPHER** }

By Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ T A V R M O H X Y B O R R O N . . . V J N Y X
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 — J T D Z O B B O J T D Z I B R

Previous Solution: “With ‘Star Trek,’ it was a natural ... what you see in Scotty is 99% James Doohan and 1% accent.” — James Doohan

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{ **CROSSWORD** }

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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8 Bowie's last stand
9 Grant
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13 Bookish one
18 Physique, slangily
22 Gallivant
23 Pop's partner

24 Mont. neighbor
25 Recent (pref.)
27 April forecast
29 Cheap nightspot
31 Skipper's OK
32 Trail behind
33 CD precursors
35 Got more out of
37 Surprise
40 Prose piece

41 Grass skirt go-wise
42 More wise
43 Virginia caverns
45 Huffs and puffs
46 Embrace
48 Card after deuce
49 Without feeling
50 Sundance Kid's girl
51 Contradict

{ **BLONDIE** }



{ **BORN LOSER** }



Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 12/04

Place numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 box contains the same number only once.

{ **CLOSE TO HOME** }



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"Nuts! I think I failed my driver's ed exam."