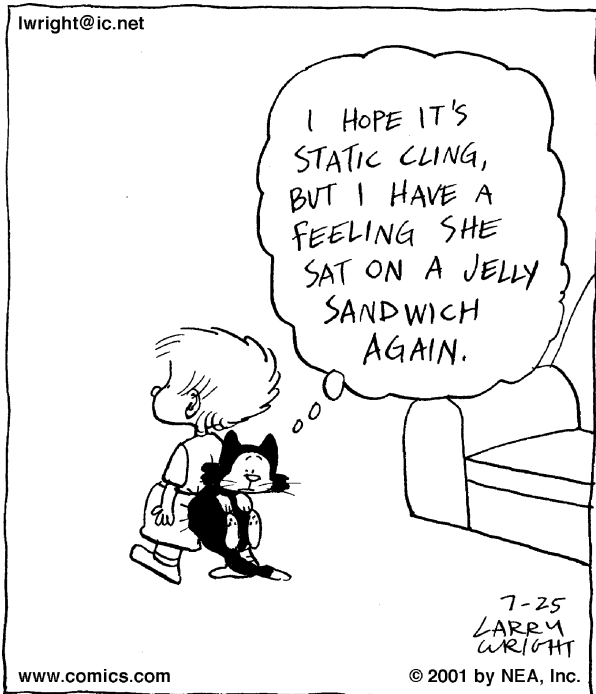


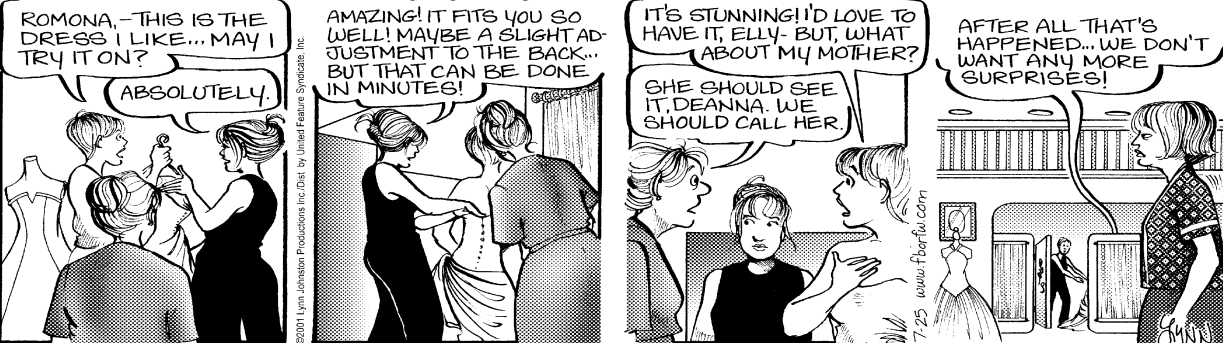
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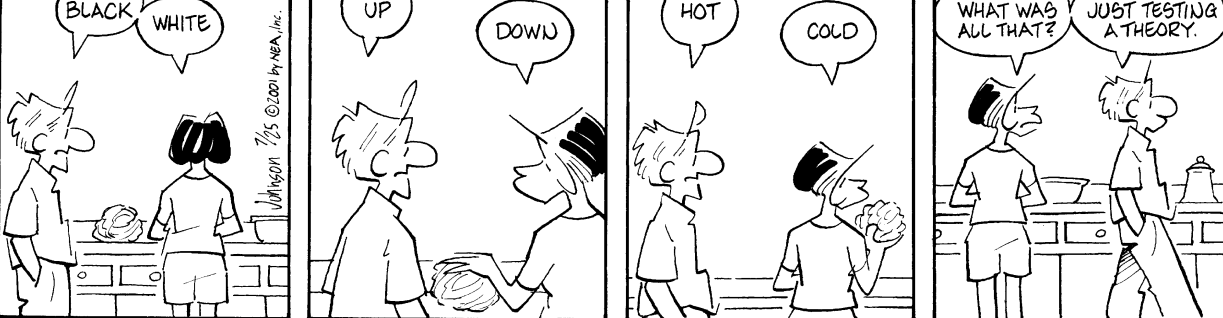
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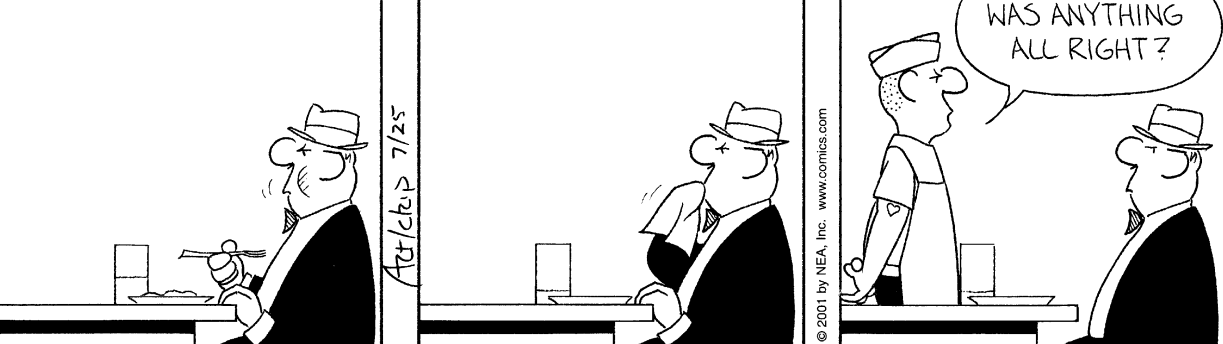
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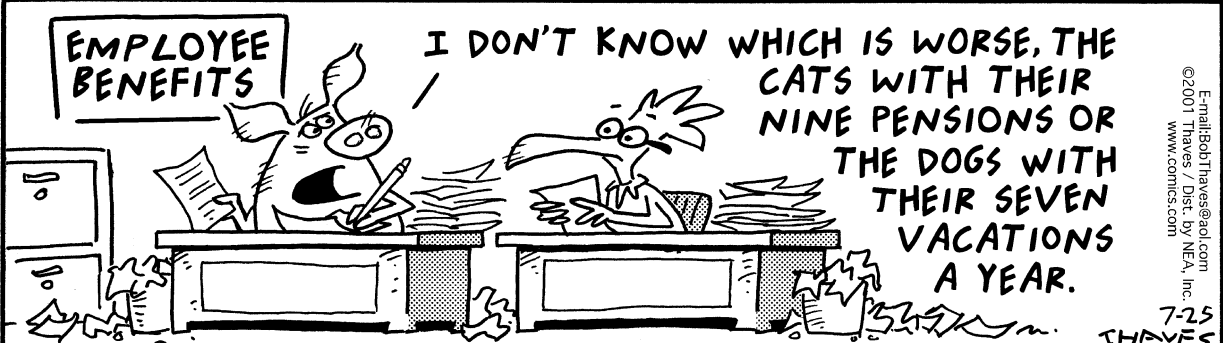
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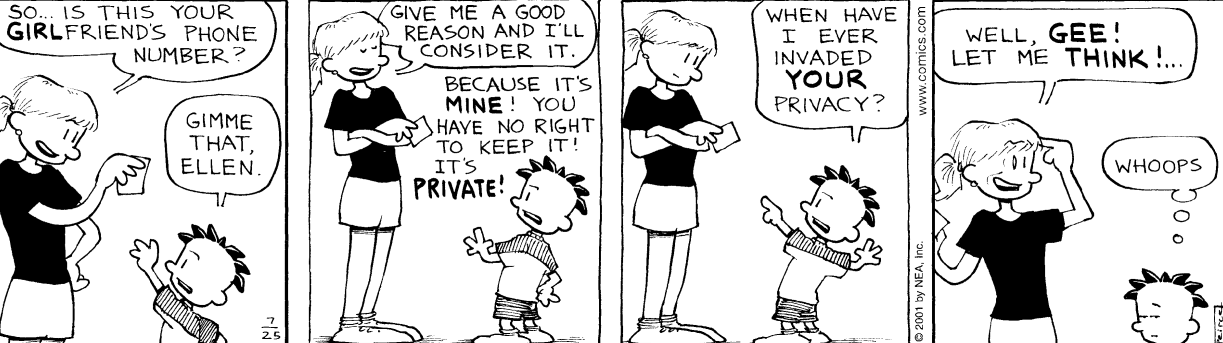
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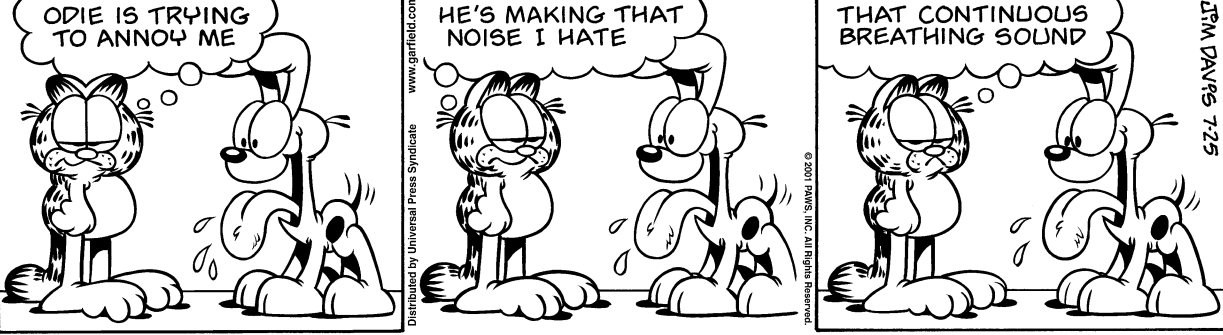
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Anonymous note caused hurt feelings

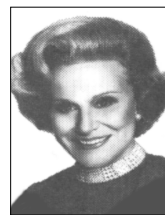
DEAR ABBY: Over the years, you have recommended to readers that they clip one of your columns and show it to a particular person who may need to be made aware of some character flaw.

May I ask that you recommend to your readers that they not send these columns anonymously?

A dear friend of mine received a column of yours by mail with no return address or postmark. My friend was very hurt because she didn't feel the column applied to her — and after having read it, I agree with her.

After receiving that column, she has missed at least one social event because she was afraid of offending someone. It is very sad.

I understand that in some circumstances, someone might think an anonymous note is in order, but I urge your readers to stop and think before sending one. The recipient is placed in the awkward position of knowing that someone she



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• dear abby

knows is annoyed with her, but doesn't know who. — SCARLETT IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR SCARLETT: When I tell people to "clip this column and share it" with someone, what I have in mind is a face-to-face conversation — using the column as a tactful way of showing that the breach of etiquette is common. For someone to send it anonymously is cowardly, unkind and cruel. For shame.

DEAR ABBY: I got chills when I read the letter from Dave Brown about how he found a brand-new 2001 penny in his car.

That very day I, too, found a brand-new shiny 2001 penny in my truck. I thought of my dad the instant I saw it. He has been gone more than 12 years. I still have it; I carry it in my wallet. — B.D., ORANGE, CALIF.

DEAR B.D.: I'm glad the discovery of a penny makes "cents" to you. Since you find it comforting — that's terrific. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I loved the stories about the pennies from heaven. To my chagrin, my late husband would pick up any and all loose change he found on the ground, proclaiming himself to someday be rich because of what others threw away. Even if it was just one penny he would stop, bend over and pick it up. He has been gone just over a year, and whenever I saw a coin on the ground I would

think of him and be a bit sad.

No more! After reading your interpretation of what these coins could mean, I smile each and every time I see a shiny penny. Thank you, Abby, for taking a sad memory and turning it into a happy one. — RICHER BECAUSE OF PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

DEAR RICHER: You're welcome. The "pennies from heaven" letters were a subject that many people have taken to heart and commented upon. I catch myself singing "... and if it keeps on thundering, don't run under a tree, there'll be pennies from heaven for you and for me" in the mornings when I'm taking my shower. (The acoustics are great in there.) Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Recent letters in your column about the symbolism of finding pennies prompt my own.

I am 74 years old. Every time I see a penny on the ground I bend down to pick it up and say to myself, "99 more bends and I'll have a buck!" — OL' MAN TOM IN LONG ISLAND, N.Y.

DEAR OL' MAN TOM: You are indeed penny-wise. However, if you crouch down to pick up a dollar's worth of pennies, you won't have to spend them on medication to relieve the pain in your lower back you'll get from bending.

Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$7.90 (\$9 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Cookbooklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

daily horoscopes



Thursday, July 26, 2001

Conditions that are not of your making could have an affect upon your career, status or ambitions. They may show a marked improvement in the year ahead. The important thing is to make the most of them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A promise to do something you've been hoping would come about may come from a very unanticipated source today. You'll be able to count on this person's word. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — An opportunity that normally isn't open to you might drop in your lap today, just when you're not looking. It will be instrumental in helping you fulfill a career ambition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If things haven't been too nifty lately for you in the romance department, hold onto your hat. Dan Cupid is shooting his arrows today, and you could get swept off your feet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A plan you have in mind to help enhance your material security appears to be right on target, but execute it quickly, because it may be fleeting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Chances are your first thoughts will be your best ones today, so should you have to make a snap decision, trust your judgment, even if you think it's a bit risky.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The financial winds are blowing pretty strong in your direction today, but they could shift without warning. Take quick advantage of anything that comes your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Even though you might meet someone today through abnormal circumstances, any social contacts you make could end up having greater significance than usual.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Not one, but two possible rainbows may be on the horizon today, with each carrying a pot of gold for you at its base. Claim them quickly before someone else spots the loot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — An associate may surprise you today by making something possible for you that you couldn't do on your own. You'll recognize that he or she is a better friend than you realized.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A financial situation that comes into being today strictly by chance is going to work out to your advantage. It may make it possible for you to purchase something nice for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Members of the opposite gender are likely to find you far more appealing today than usual. If you're unattached, a romance could even be in the winds at this time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — More than one person with whom you are involved today could unexpectedly do something nice for you, purely on impulse. It'll be because of the pleasant manner in which you conduct yourself.

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: I equals P

' G U F T Z H N G T P T C G T G T R P C

Z H . ' - I X Z S K C G T T X Y T P

' R F R S ' H G U F T Z H G Z H N Z B T ' H

D R H C X T . ' - R X T W R S Y T P D G R H T

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." — Maya Angelou

daily crossword

- ACROSS
  - 1 Makes less sharp
  - 7 Explosions
  - 13 Set of clothing agreement
  - 14 Rowboat part
  - 15 Space vehicle
  - 16 Baltimore symbol
  - 17 Waiter's reward
  - 18 Choose
  - 20 Gums
  - 21 Cut
  - 23 Crony
  - 24 Not new
  - 25 Acquire by labor
  - 27 Fenced
  - 29 Above (poet.)
  - 31 House pet
  - 32 Edgar Allan —
  - 33 "Gram" start
  - 34 "90210" twin
  - 37 Sea pheasant
  - 40 Cake layer
  - 41 "Auction" finish
  - 43 Ampersands
  - 45 — — standstill
  - 46 Language suffix
  - 47 Illuminated
  - 48 Brook
- DOWN
  - 1 Gravy holders
  - 2 Wolfish
  - 3 Ideal place
  - 4 Gridlers' org.
  - 5 Sesame plant
  - 6 Bend
  - 7 Tie it!
  - 8 Guardian spirit
  - 9 Jackie's 2nd husband
  - 10 Mate
  - 11 Cultivated
  - 12 Gilder's org.
  - 19 Canine's foot
  - 22 Prim and —
  - 24 Last syllable of a word
  - 26 Gas for signs
  - 28 Race circuits
  - 30 Coupon user
  - 34 Nipped



- 35 Brought up
- 36 He ran against DDE
- 38 Join the army
- 39 "People" person
- 40 Savor
- 42 Picture puzzle
- 44 Unemotional
- 49 When Paris sizzles
- 50 "Eureka!"
- 52 Compass pt.
- 53 Author

