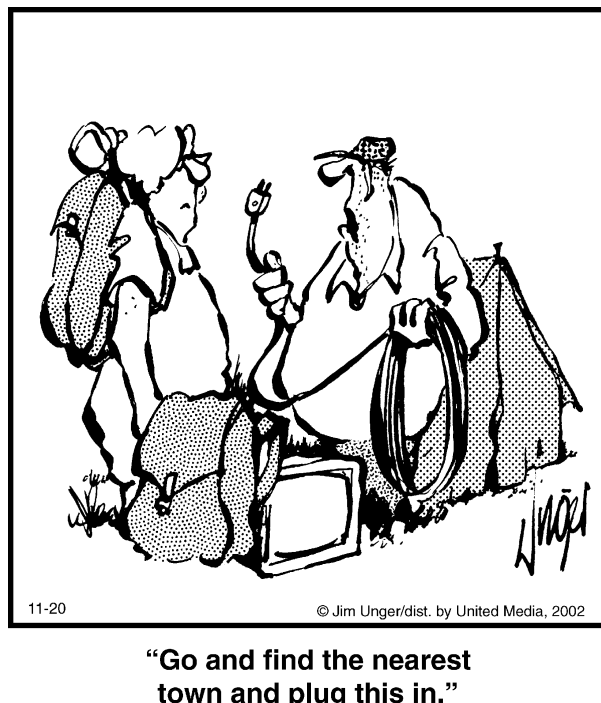


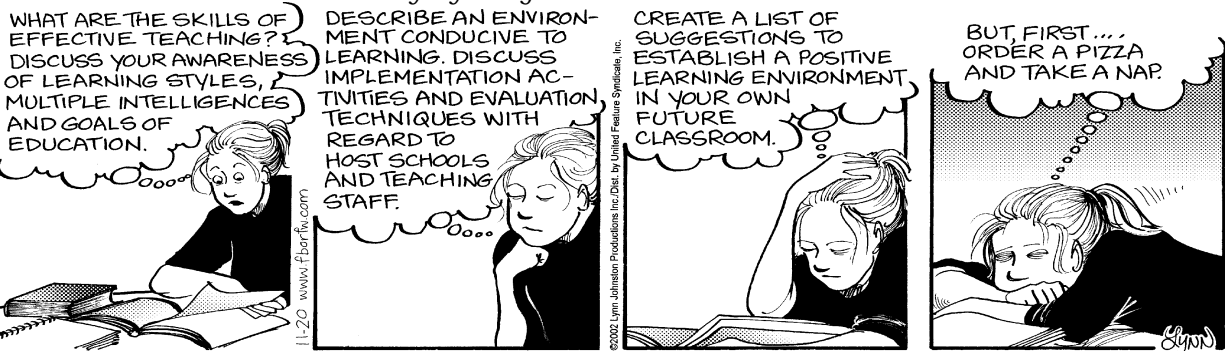
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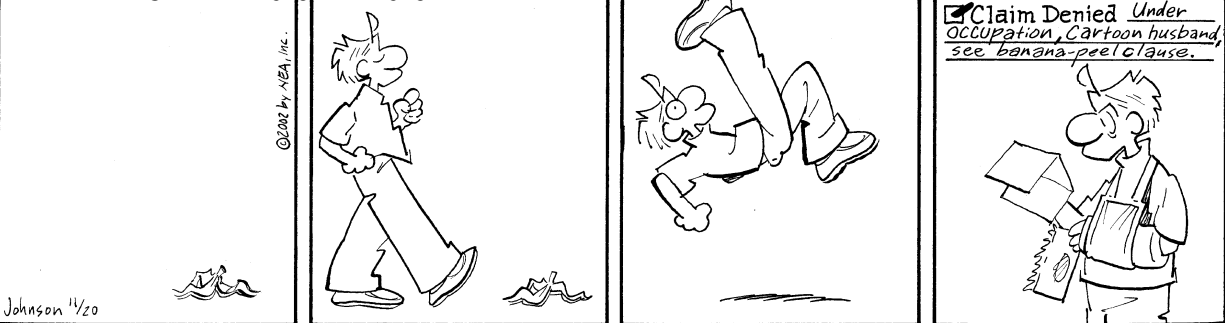
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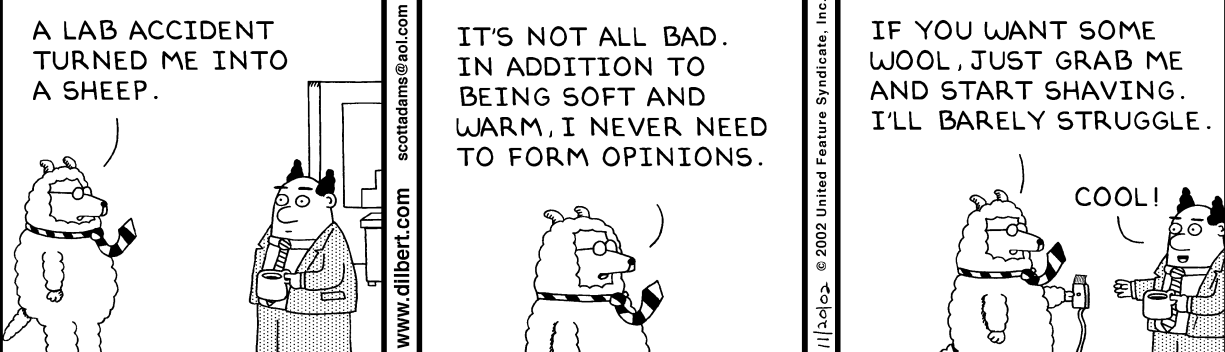
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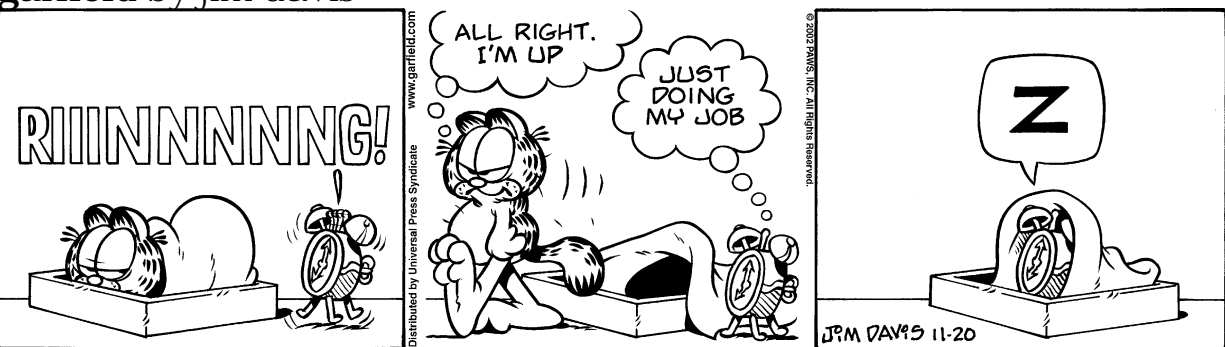
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Family passes buck for overdue book



abigail van buren

• dear abby

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law allowed my 7-year-old daughter to use her library card. Unbeknownst to me, my daughter picked out a book and brought it home. A few weeks later, Grandma received a late notice from the library. My daughter and I found the book and walked it over to Grandma's house and laid it on her dining room table where she would be sure to see it and return it.

Later that same day, my 20-year-old daughter, who was helping Grandma move some things, inadvertently picked up the book and put it in her car. The book hasn't been seen since.

Grandma now wants my 7-year-old to pay the library \$13 for the lost book. I know we should have taken the book back to the library ourselves, but I don't think this is fair. Who do you think should pay for the book? Grandma, my oldest

daughter or my younger daughter? — WHY-O-WHY-O IN OHIO

DEAR WHY-O: YOU should. And while you're at it, you should also get your young daughter her own library card and explain the rules to her. You'll be doing her a favor by giving her an early start in the right direction. Libraries are treasure troves for children.

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I are arguing over what is proper attire for an evening wedding in December. My nephew is being married, and the wedding will be held at 5 p.m. I want to wear a dressy black suit with a couple of strands of pearls, but my mother is furious with me! She feels it would be inappropriate to go to a wedding dressed "like I'm attending a funeral."

I have tried to explain that these days black is always acceptable regardless of the occasion, as long as the dress is in good taste. However, my mother says she will never believe that until she sees it in print. Can you help? — FASHION SAVVY IN TEXAS

DEAR FASHION SAVVY: I'll try, but your mother is obviously a member of the "old school."

In recent decades, the old rules have relaxed to the point that black is now acceptable at weddings. In fact, some sophisticated brides opt

for "black-and-white" weddings in which all attendants are requested to wear black.

Your dressy black suit for an evening wedding in December seems conservative, proper and tasteful to me.

DEAR ABBY: I am 13, in the eighth grade, and have been reading your column faithfully for two years.

I have become good friends with a freshman boy I will call "Tad." We were in a play together last year. He now plays in the high school band. Here is where the problem lies: The rest of my friends in the band don't like Tad. When I ask them why, their exact words are, "He's a fag" and "He's just weird."

Yes, he is quite weird, which is the reason I am drawn to him. My friends think I am absolutely nuts! Recently I revealed to one of them that I have a slight crush on Tad. She looked at me as if I were some kind of disgusting beast. I know I should ignore their comments, but I have the feeling there is something more I should do. What do you think? — ODD DUCK IN SOUTH TEXAS

DEAR ODD DUCK: I think you have done enough already by defending Tad to your friends. Not every teen would be as brave or resolute and would knuckle under to peer pressure. Some of the most interesting and worthwhile people in the world are those who didn't fit into the mold when they were your age. Don't let anyone else choose your friends for you.

daily horoscopes



Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002

There are indications that in the year ahead you could fare quite well in dealings you have with others commercially or in business. Any good association you establish will have mutual benefits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Let the other guy make the overtures in your commercial or business affairs today. There's a chance that s/he will offer you far more than what you would have asked and you'll fare a lot better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — When dealing with others today, especially on a one-on-one basis, you can open the way for better-than-average cooperation by treating others exactly the way you would like to be treated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Have well-defined objectives in mind today and proceed optimistically toward achieving them. Conditions are working in your favor for furthering your ambitious interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Try using a positive attitude today on problems that you believe have no immediate solutions and watch in wonder what happens. The results will both surprise and amaze you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't simply wish for things to happen, make them happen today. You can conclude to your satisfaction at least two matters that are significant to you if you'll merely try.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Teaming up with another for a joint purpose is likely to be luckier for you today than attempting to accomplish something alone. Having a strong ally can be extremely beneficial.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — By piecing together a number of tidbits picked up in chance conversations today, there's a possibility that, collectively, they could add up to make for some very valuable information. Be a good listener.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A personal interest of yours has an excellent chance of being successful today. It'll be your enthusiasm combined with a positive attitude that will attract Lady Luck to your cause.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The best way to gain momentum for your interests today is by showing others how they could benefit from it. With their support you can make great progress toward completion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This might be a good day to sneak in a little time for yourself. Doing something that is fun and refreshing can help alter your outlook, which, in turn, will spur successes in your more serious affairs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today could be a lucky day for you, so it might behoove you to expand upon and develop your present financial goals. There are indications that good things can be made better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There is nothing wrong with viewing things on a grand scale today, because that which you conceptualize at this time will be both logical and promising. Think big, gain big.

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: G equals Y

" J U H B C W S W V H C H X N V H Z
H X D Z W X W , A N X J Y H J I P G I N W B
J C B U W H X H C I R E C R W C X V H X J E C ."
- R D N R T C E V V J B

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young." — Henry Ford

daily crossword

- ACROSS
1 Reach
6 More sporting
11 Telescope lens
13 Froth
14 Actress — Reynolds
15 Coarse, as humor
16 Landscape or portrait
17 Boise's st.
18 John — Passos
21 Pint fraction
23 Wrestler's pad
26 Corporate abbr.
27 Street salutation
28 Drill
29 Waterproofing
31 Rainbow goddess
32 Thick mud
33 Acrobat
36 Jai
37 Clock numeral
38 Remick or Trevino
39 Attorney's
- honorary deg.
40 Ebbud
42 Conclusion
43 Toolshed item
44 Strong soap
46 Falling star
49 Trickery
53 Go to extremes
54 Vast desert
55 Papa
56 Shake awake
- DOWN
1 Fishing gear
2 Floe or berg
3 Tavern
4 Island near Corsica
5 Kenya's capital
6 Show the way
7 Swedish pop group
8 Exec's degree
9 Annex
10 Sunburned
12 Homecoming
13 — a-brac
18 Bleak



- 19 Former Speaker Tip —
20 Pharaoh's charm
22 Head, slangily
23 Team spirit
24 Up and about
25 Did an experiment
28 Coal storage
30 Oahu welcome
34 Harvests
35 Kind of exam
40 "Bananas"
- name
41 Flying prefix
43 Rustler's target
45 Mountain refrain
46 Trendy, sixties-style
47 A Gabor
48 Koppel of the news
50 — Claire, Wis.
51 Capone foe
52 Make lace

