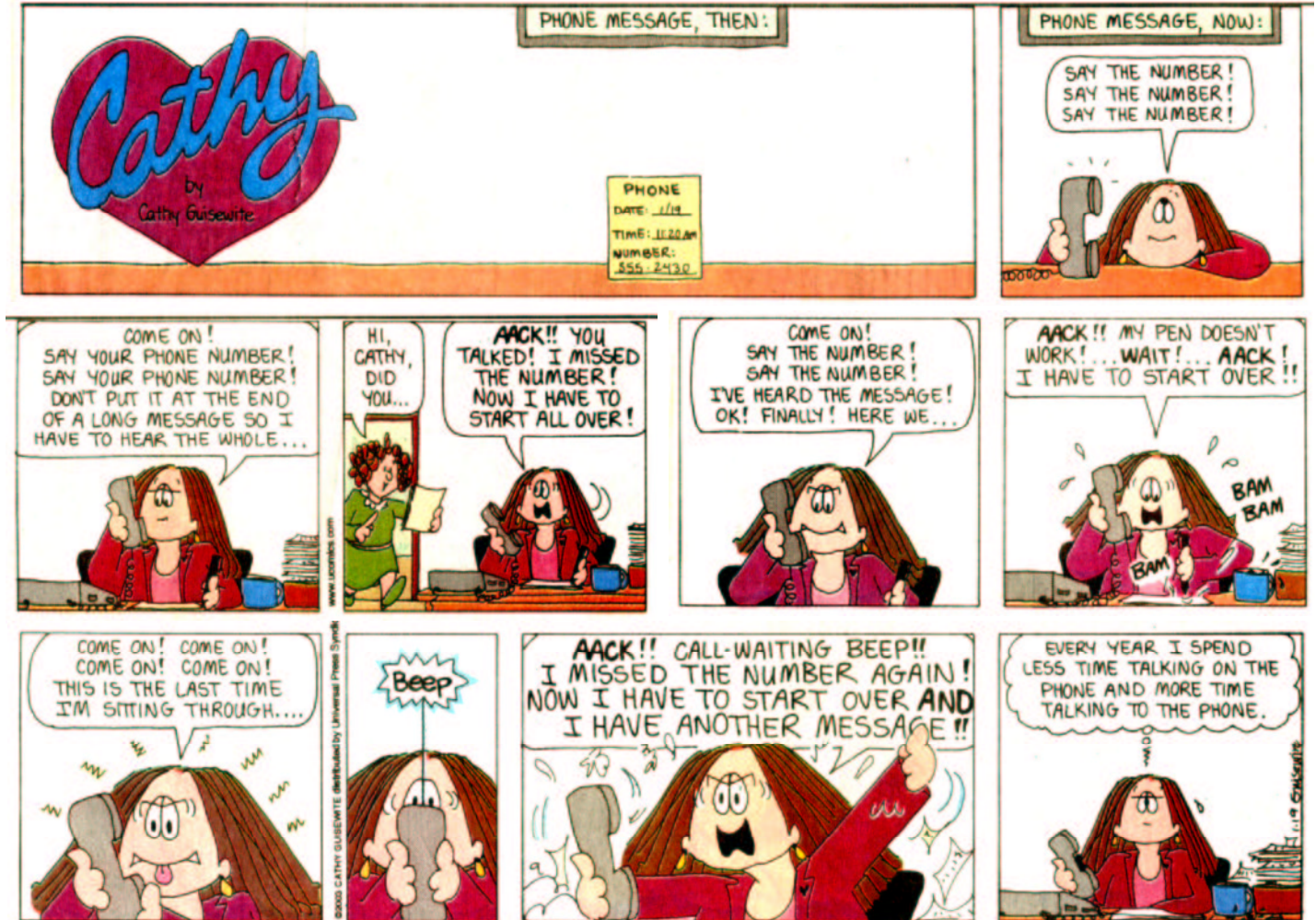


Whale Hotline Update

Hotline to Link Directly to Live Person

This is the first year the sighting hotline, 1-888-97-WHALE, will ring directly into a cell phone instead of a pager. This will help us reply to your call faster than in the past. You may still have to leave a voicemail message if we are taking another call. Please enjoy the *Cathy* cartoon below and imagine how much we enjoy this minor change with the hotline!



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Stay Informed with Whale Websites

MRC plans to post this whale newsletter on our website again this season. You'll be able to find it at www.mrcirl.org. We will let you know when it is posted. It will also have color pictures in it, rather than the black and white pictures you always see in our printed copies.

In order to stay informed of right whales making news and the people who are working to protect them, you can subscribe to a free newsletter, **Right Whale News**. It is available online at www.GEPInstitute.com or you can contact **Hans Neuhauser** at the Georgia Environmental Policy Institute, 380 Meigs Street, Athens, GA 30601; call 706-546-7507, or email: gepi@ix.netcom.com.

In addition to *Right Whale News*, there will soon be an electronic archive of right whale studies available at www.rightwhaleweb.org. The upgrade to the website has not yet taken place, but will contain scientific papers and reports to keep interested parties informed. In the meantime, there is still some great information at this website and is well worth a visit! You can still find reports from the Early Warning System aerial survey team and photos and info on individual right whales.

As in previous years, the U.S. Navy in Jacksonville posts right whale sightings during the calving season. Although their website, www.facsfacjax.navy.mil, is updated daily during the week, keep in mind that delays are necessary for the protection of the animals.