

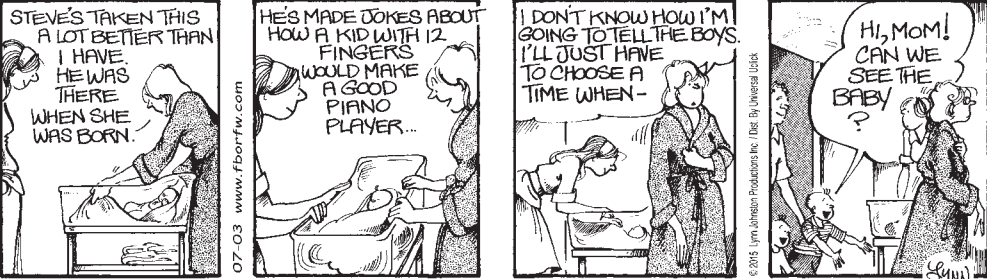
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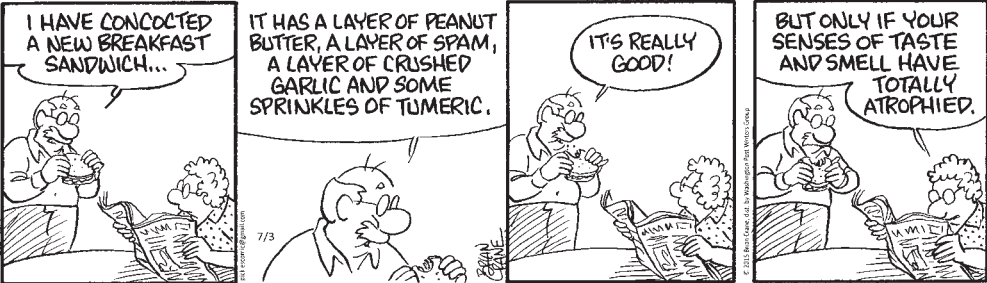
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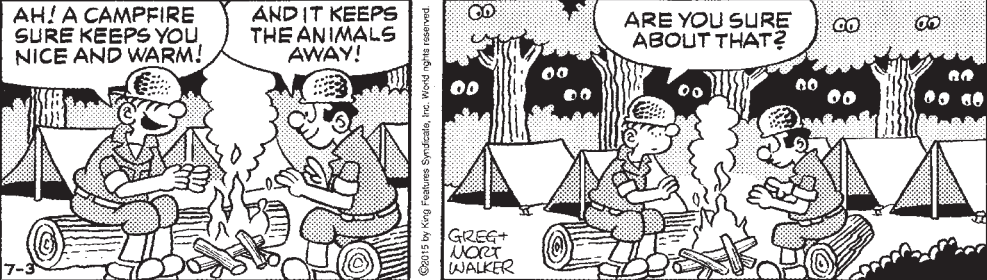
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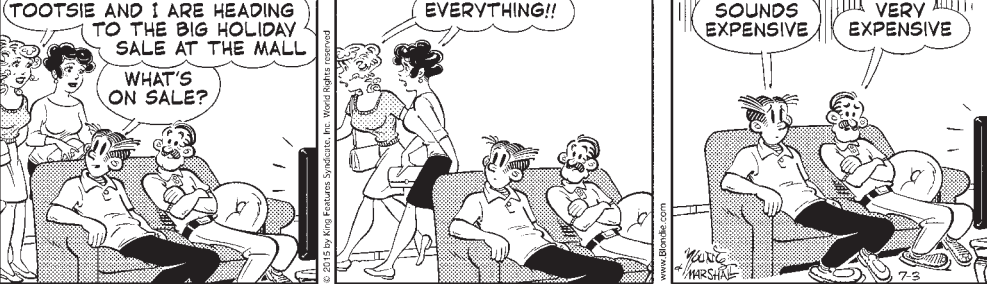
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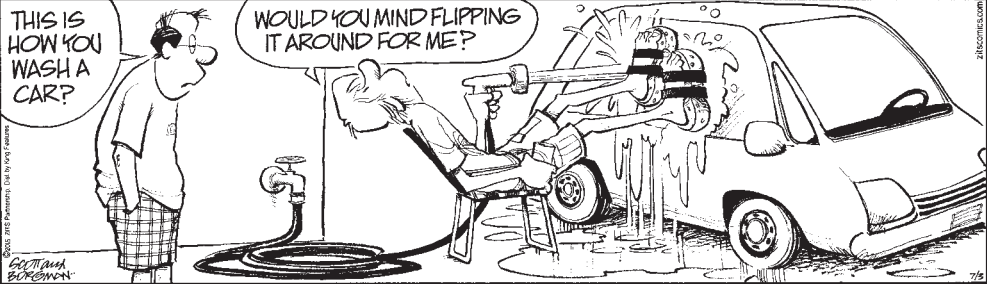
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DEAR ABBY

Girlfriend expects fireworks when her parents meet his

Dear Abby: I have been with “Tom” for two years, and I suspect that he will be proposing soon. He is 27 and I’m 24. Here’s the problem: He wants our parents to meet before he asks.

Abby, I have put this off because I’m sure they will have nothing in common. My parents are small-business owners and conservative. His parents are pot-smoking swingers — literally.

How do I prepare my parents (and myself) for what I expect to be a tense and uncomfortable meeting? Should I suggest talking points? Should I fill my parents in on what is to come? I want this to go as smoothly as possible. I would appreciate any wisdom you may have. — **No Words On The West Coast**

Dear No Words: Your dilemma reminds me of the plot from the movie “Meet the Fockers.”

I’m sure the one thing your parents WILL have in common is a desire for you and your boyfriend to be happy together. Building on that, you and Tom should talk to your folks and prepare them for the encounter. Trying to hide or minimize their differences would do no good because they will soon become obvious. Do not waste your time or energy preparing “talking points” for Tom’s parents, because if they show up stoned, they probably wouldn’t be able to remember them.

Dear Abby: Three months ago, my sister “Diane” said she would like to get the family together for some professional family photos. The photographer she chose was available only on one particular day. Unfortunately, my husband couldn’t get off from work that day.

Diane then suggested we take the pictures



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without him. I said it was inappropriate and refused. When I asked if we could use a different photographer at another time, my sister told me to forget the whole thing.

Today I was visiting my parents and I saw the family photos — taken without me, my husband and our child. I had no idea they had gone ahead and taken the pictures without us. I am angry and hurt. I’m especially mad at my mom because she knew how bothered I was that Diane

suggested excluding my husband.

Am I justified in feeling this way? Should they have waited until the whole family was able to get together? Or should I suck it up and not expect everyone to accommodate my husband’s work schedule? — **Out Of The Picture In Houston**

Dear Out Of The Picture: Yes, yes and yes.

Dear Abby: Until my daughter was 18, we did all the traditional birthday celebrations. On her 18th birthday, she turned the tables saying, although she was born on that day, I had done all the work of giving her life.

Now, at her request, we spend her special day celebrating each other. She takes me to dinner and buys me flowers, and I let her. And now on my special day, I do the same for my own mother.

This has become a tradition, and my grandchildren now follow it. The only gift necessary is the time we give each other. — **Appreciated In Idaho**

Dear Appreciated: I like your daughter’s idea very much. It makes perfect sense to me. In my opinion, what makes any holiday special is the time people who care about one another spend celebrating together.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 3, 1915

Helix will celebrate the national holiday with a big program Monday. The sport events will be unusually fast and furious, according to James Hill, one of the committee on sports who was in Pendleton yesterday. The sports program will start at 1 o’clock with horse racing. Following the horse racing foot races from a 50 yard dash to a 440 will be held and there will be some interesting contests. Some boys from Touchet are coming to the celebration with the expectation of coping the prizes, particularly in the relay race. After the races a ball game will be played between the Helix and Touchet teams. Capping the climax of the afternoon program will be a bucking contest in which a number of unridable mules will act the star part if they come up to expectations. In the evening a band concert and dance will constitute the entertainment.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 3, 1965

The state Department of Health has called for a skunk hunt to determine whether the Milton-Freewater area has a rabies outbreak. The hunt was prompted after a Milton-Freewater was bitten by a rabid baby skunk. Ralph Lettenmaier, animal control biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who will direct

the hunt, also cautioned the public to beware of small wild animals and to leave them alone. Mrs. Herbert March of Couse Creek Road near Milton-Freewater had taken five baby skunks on June 19 to a veterinarian to have them vaccinated for rabies and deodorized in preparation for making them pets. A few days later one of the skunks bit Mrs. March. Then it died, as did two others. The brain of one of skunks was sent to the Oregon State Laboratory for examination. The report was the skunk died of rabies but it was not know whether the rabies were brought on by the vaccine or by natural causes.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 3, 1990

A large amount of Federal Reserve Bank money believed stolen from the Pendleton Post Office apparently has been recovered from a mailbox in southeast Portland. Postal inspectors said the recovered money is a major part of the shipment of cash mailed May 29 and destined for a La Grande bank, said Pierce McIntosh, postal inspector in charge of Portland. “Inspectors who have been concentrating the efforts in the Pendleton area believe they have been in contact with the person responsible for the theft,” McIntosh said. The amount of money and the name of the suspect has been withheld by postal inspectors, pending the completion of the investigation.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 184th day of 2015. There are 181 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops failed to breach Union positions during an assault known as Pickett’s Charge.

On this date:

In 1608, the city of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.

In 1913, during a 50th anniversary reunion at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania,

Civil War veterans re-enacted Pickett’s Charge, which ended with embraces and handshakes between the former enemies.

In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt marked the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg by dedicating the Eternal Light Peace Memorial.

In 1950, the first carrier strikes of the Korean War took place as the USS Valley Forge and the HMS Triumph sent fighter planes against North Korean targets.

In 1962, French President Charles de Gaulle signed an agreement recognizing Algeria as an independent state after 132 years of French rule.

In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27.

Today’s Birthdays:

Actor Tim O’Connor is 88. Jazz musician Pete Fountain is 85. Playwright Tom Stoppard is 78. Writer-producer Jay Tarses is 76. Actor Michael Cole (TV: “The Mod Squad”) is 75. Folk singer Judith Durham (The Seekers) is 72. Humorist Dave Barry is 68. Talk show host Montel Williams is 59. Actor Tom Cruise is 53. Rock musician Kevin Hearn (Barenaked Ladies) is 46. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is 44. Actress Elizabeth Hendrickson is 36.

Thought for Today: “I suppose it can be truthfully said that Hope is the only universal liar who never loses his reputation for veracity.” — Robert G. Ingersoll, American lawyer, politician (1833-1899).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

