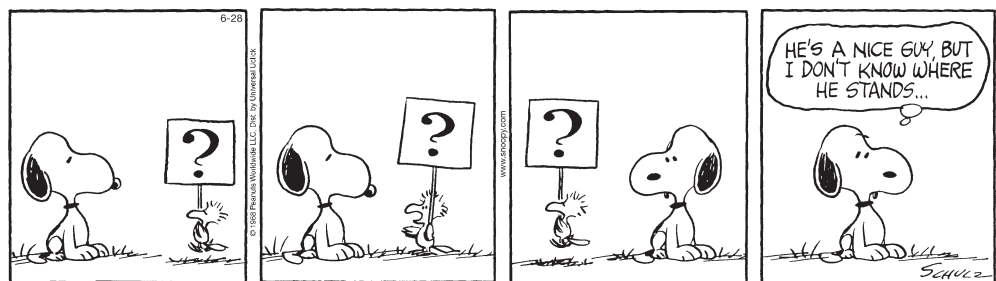


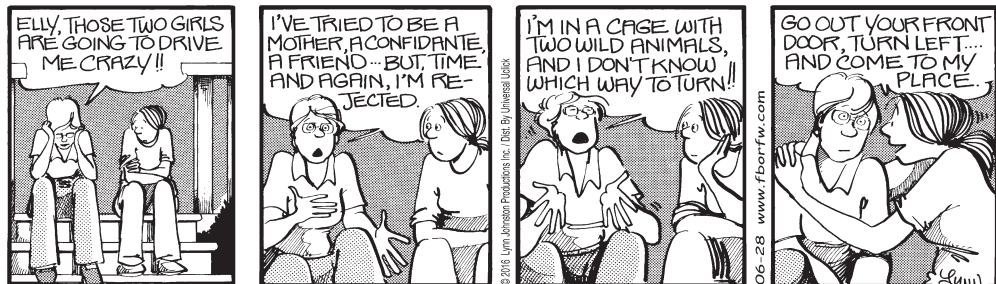
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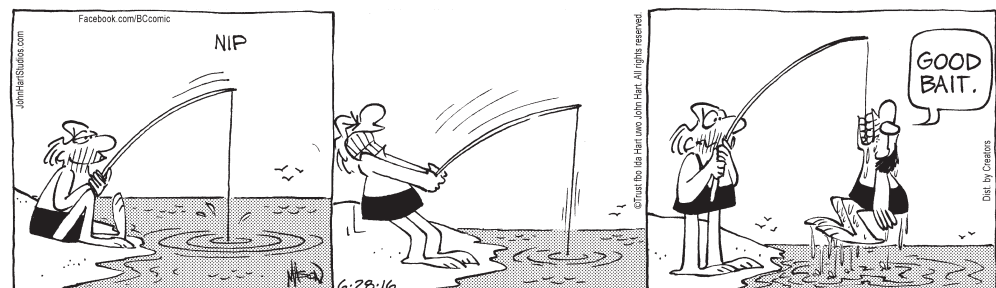
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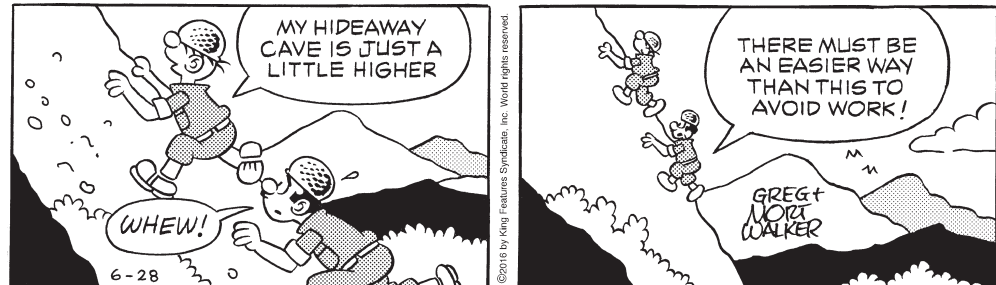
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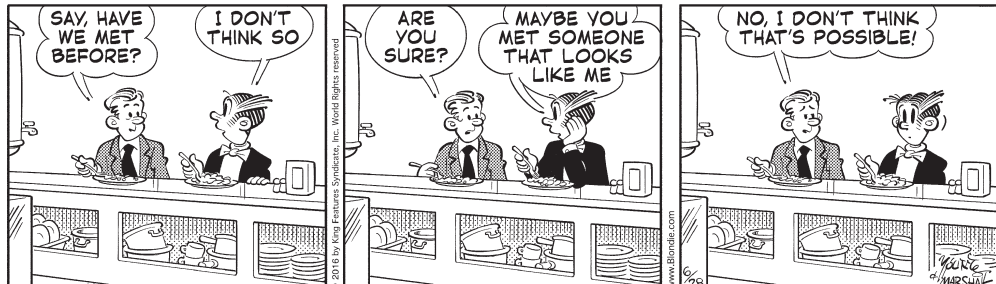
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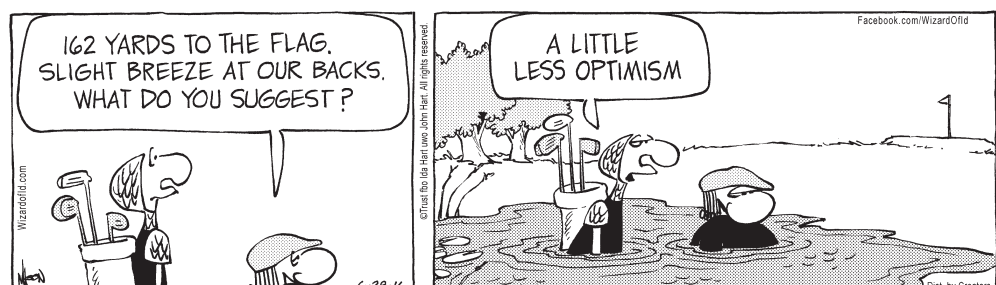
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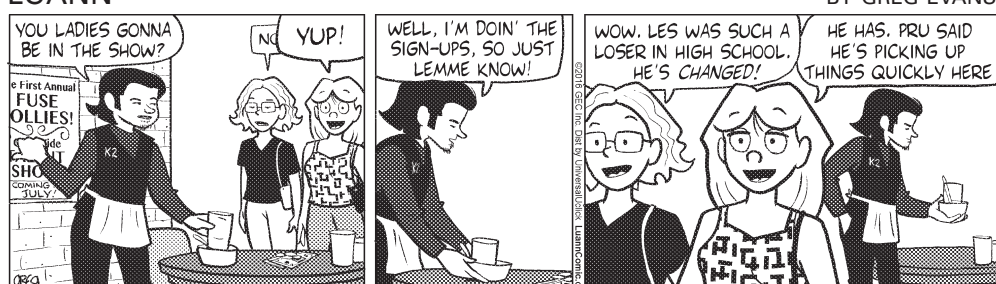
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DEAR ABBY

Boyfriend's mom's disapproval looms over couple's future

Dear Abby: My boyfriend, "Paul," and I have been together for five years. We want to get married, but his mother is Catholic and she doesn't approve because I am an Alaskan native, which from her perspective makes me a pagan.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

dice, and that's all it is. It is no longer the position of the Catholic Church to excommunicate people who marry out of the faith.

You asked my advice; here it is: The woman is a religious bigot. She's unlikely to ever approve of you or stop trying to convert you, and it has gone beyond the point of concern for your soul to just plain insulting. She isn't going to change, and as long as your boyfriend is afraid of "devastating" her, your situation won't change either.

Paul hasn't attended church or held any Catholic views for many years, but he won't tell his mother because he's afraid it would devastate her. She has told me we are living in sin, that our marriage could cause him to be excommunicated, and if we have children, they'll be bastards who will go to hell.

I am hurt and confused over this and don't know what to do or say about it. Every time I try to talk to her, she tries to persuade me to convert, which I don't want to do. I'd like to have a relationship with her, but I don't want to have to change who I am for her to approve of me or my future children.

Dear "Doomed": Are you sure your boyfriend WANTS to be married? Your problem isn't his mother; it's that he can't find the backbone to tell her he plans to marry you with or without her approval.

Paul's mother's thinking is outdated. Non-Catholic Alaskan natives are not "pagan"; the majority are Christian. As for your future children being "bastards doomed to hell" — she's repeating an ancient preju-

Some good friends of mine were unable to have kids because of a medical issue. They recently adopted a preteen daughter, and the adoption became final a few months ago.

They are now having an "adoption party" where everyone can come and hang out and just have a good time. What is the etiquette for such a celebration? It's being held at a park where there is lots to do. Should I bring a card, a gift for the child, something for the parents or nothing?

Dear Confused: What a wonderful occasion to celebrate! It would be thoughtful, generous and welcoming if you brought along a gift for the girl, and I'm sure it would be appreciated not only by their daughter but also by the new parents.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 27-28, 1916

Ed McBroom is minus one Ford automobile today as a result of the storm of yesterday afternoon but he is very grateful that he didn't meet the same fate as his car, which was caught by a wall of water flooding down Stage Gulch, carried a mile and a half and torn to pieces by the water.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 27-28, 1966

Joe Green, local CPA; S.O. (Chub) Whiteman, retired businessman; Lowell Suttle, insurance executive; and Dr. Carl Calhoun, physician, all escaped serious injury when their light plane ran off a short runway at Scum Lake, British Columbia, and crashed into some downed trees.

It ran out of runway and they went into the trees. The craft bounced around considerably before it finally flipped over, leaving the four men hanging upside down by their seat belts. Whiteman apparently was the most seriously injured, suffering possible cracked ribs, as did Dr. Calhoun.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 27-28, 1991

Police officer Marty Ray has apparently burned his bridges with the Athena City Council, which voted this week to suspend him without pay for at least two years. The action doesn't carry much sting, however, since Ray was being laid off at the end of this month due to budget cuts.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 180th day of 2016. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 28, 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; from this battle arose the legend of "Molly Pitcher," a woman who was said to have carried water to colonial soldiers, then taken over firing her husband's cannon when he became injured.

On this date: In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Virginia.

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were shot to death in Sarajevo by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip — an act which sparked

World War I.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending the First World War. In Independence, Missouri, future president Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Alien Registration Act, also known as the Smith Act, which required adult foreigners residing in the U.S. to be registered and fingerprinted.

In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul, the capital of South Korea.

In 1996, the Citadel voted to admit women, ending a 153-year-old men-only policy at the South Carolina military school. (The unanimous decision by the school's governing board came two days after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the all-male admissions policy at Virginia Military Institute.)

Today's Birthdays:

Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 90. Former Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 82. Comedian-impressionist John Byner is 79. Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is 78. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 71. Actor Bruce Davison is 70. Actress Kathy Bates is 68. Actress Alice Krige is 62. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 56. Record company chief executive Tony Mercedes is 54. Actor John Cusack is 50. Rock musician Tim Nordwind (OK Go) is 40.

Thought for Today:

"Man is born free; and everywhere he is in chains. One thinks himself the master of others, and still remains a greater slave than they." — Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Swiss-born philosopher (born this date in 1712, died in 1778).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

