

COMICS

MARMADUKE



“Stop fetching my serves!”

HERMAN

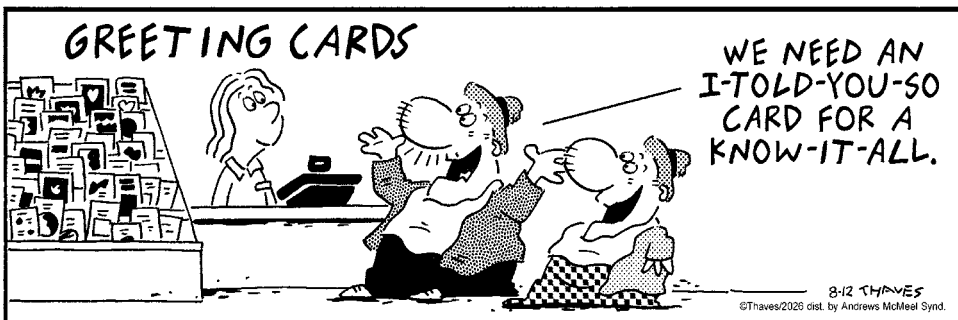


“Nothing your mother does surprises me anymore.”

REALITY CHECK



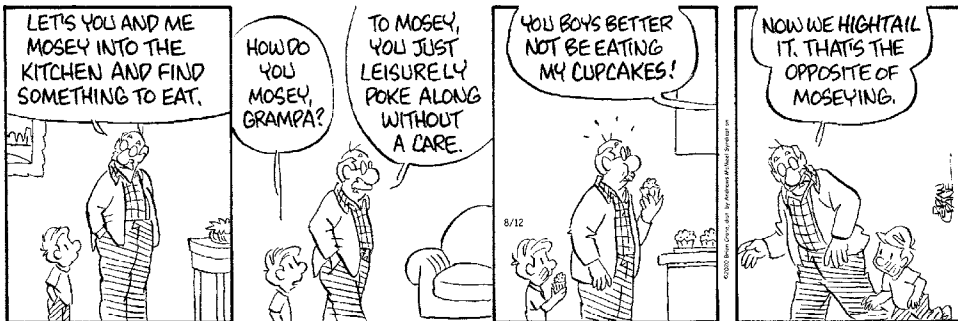
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THE GRIZZWELLS



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CRABGRASS



Couple Indecisive Over Interfaith Marriage

Dear Annie: I am Jewish and have been dating a wonderful Catholic man for almost two years. We love each other and have started talking seriously about marriage. Until recently, our different religions did not seem like a problem. We respected each other’s traditions, celebrated holidays with both families and never pressured one another to change.

Now that marriage and children are becoming real possibilities, the differences feel much bigger. I want to raise my future children Jewish and give them the same traditions and sense of identity that shaped me. My boyfriend wants them baptized and raised in the Catholic Church. Neither of us is extremely religious, but our faiths are deeply connected to our families and backgrounds.

Our parents have also started weighing in. My family worries that I will lose an important part of myself. His family assumes we will have a Catholic wedding and raise Catholic children. My boyfriend keeps saying we will figure it out later, but I am afraid that “later” will only make



ANNIE LANE

Dear Annie

the disagreement more painful.

Can two people with different faiths build a happy marriage when neither wants to give up the traditions that matter most? -- In Love but Divided by Faith

Dear In Love but Divided by Faith: Love can bridge two faiths, but you need to talk about your needs before you get married.

Consider things such as who will officiate your wedding, what the holidays will look like and how future children would be raised. A counselor familiar with interfaith couples may help. Neither of you should agree to something now and quietly hope the other will change later. Do not leave the hardest questions for later.

Dear Annie: I work closely with a co-worker

whose style is completely different from mine. I like to plan ahead, meet deadlines early and keep detailed notes. She prefers to wait until the last minute and says she works best under pressure.

We recently shared responsibility for an important presentation. I completed my portion a week early, but she did not send me her work until the night before. I stayed up late fixing mistakes and putting everything together. The presentation went well, and our boss praised both of us equally. My co-worker acted as though we had been a perfect team.

This has happened more than once. She is friendly and talented, so I do not want to create tension. But I am tired of carrying the stress while she shares the credit. How can I address our different work styles without sounding controlling or damaging our relationship? -- Tired of Last-Minute Scramble

Dear Last-Minute: Different work styles are fine. Your co-worker making you clean up her mess is not.

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Happy Birthday: Showing discipline will lead to accomplishment. Organize and specify to ensure you earn respect and success. You have plenty to gain if you are forthright with those trying to redirect you. Make your mission clear, and encourage others to either help you or stay out of your way. Change begins with you and depends on how you handle others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Participate in something that motivates you. Bringing about change will attract attention and the people who can help you find the path to satisfaction and the confidence to continue to pursue your objective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Take a moment for yourself. Refrain from letting anyone push you into making a premature decision. Align yourself with positive people and pastimes that bring out the best in you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Hit the ground running. You can accomplish plenty if you are willing to test your strength, endurance and energy levels. Refuse to let resentment ruin your day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It’s in your best interest to slow down, observe and assimilate to what’s happening around you. Blending in will give you a chance to explore possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Assess your lifestyle and surroundings, and consider what makes you happy and comfortable. Home is the best place to start when you want to take responsibility for your peace of mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Refrain from blaming others before you get the facts. Let things play out in real time, and

make suggestions and decisions that are good for everyone, not just you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Call on and enlist the help of those you trust to make positive contributions. Avoid hasty purchases or agreements that lack continuity. Agree to and sign off on only what you feel will benefit you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Walk away from disruptive situations. Put your time and effort into making personal changes that ease stress and give you room to rethink what’s in your best interest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Process information, consider your options and put a foolproof plan in place before you act. Don’t let anger motivate you when intelligence and the will to make your life better are the paths to positive results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Take a moment to breathe, process and formulate a plan that is within your means. Refuse to let bravado take over when showing restraint and having a polished plan are necessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Keep moving. The more you do, the better. Your ability to think and react fast will help you carve your way forward. Making personal gains, updating your look and learning something new are all highlighted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Channel your energy wisely. Situations will turn negative if you aren’t careful with your words. Don’t trust body language. Ask questions, and prepare to meet in the middle if you want to put situations behind you.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Boring routine
 - 4 Wine containers
 - 9 Spot
 - 12 — loss for words
 - 13 Town in Maine
 - 14 Wall St. debut
 - 15 Tibetan beast
 - 16 Brown pigment
 - 17 Clear liquor
 - 18 Clippers
 - 20 White fur
 - 22 Fall mo.
 - 23 External
 - 24 “All I — To Do Is Dream”
 - 26 Demonstrates
 - 29 Be indebted
 - 30 Showy performer
 - 31 False coin
 - 35 Microbe
 - 37 “... — I saw Elba”
 - 38 DDE’s nickname
 - 39 Command
 - 41 Plant part
 - 42 Soothing ointment
 - 45 Luau fare
 - 46 Beliefs
 - 48 Hazard
 - 51 CD —
 - 52 Overturn
 - 54 English festival
 - 55 Down Under bird
 - 56 Bird housings
 - 57 Sports org.
 - 58 Deadly conflict
 - 59 Way in
 - 60 Paving material
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Sunbeams
 - 2 Four Corners state

Answer to this puzzle

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- 3 Assume control (2 wds.)
- 4 Woo
- 5 Weapons
- 6 Weep
- 7 Part of a leg
- 8 Sadness
- 9 Finger or toe
- 10 Speak one’s mind
- 11 Ink for printers
- 19 High card
- 21 Touse
- 24 Farm denizen
- 25 Solomon fear
- 26 Storage structure
- 27 Rabbit
- 28 Old Hebrew measure
- 32 Party in a lawsuit
- 33 Luau instrument
- 34 Jewel
- 36 Relocate
- 40 Cut down
- 41 Favorite —
- 42 Hardware item
- 43 Pleasant smell
- 44 Ring-tailed animal
- 45 Fall guy
- 47 Bridge
- 48 Doe
- 49 Italian island
- 50 — admiral
- 53 Mil. rank