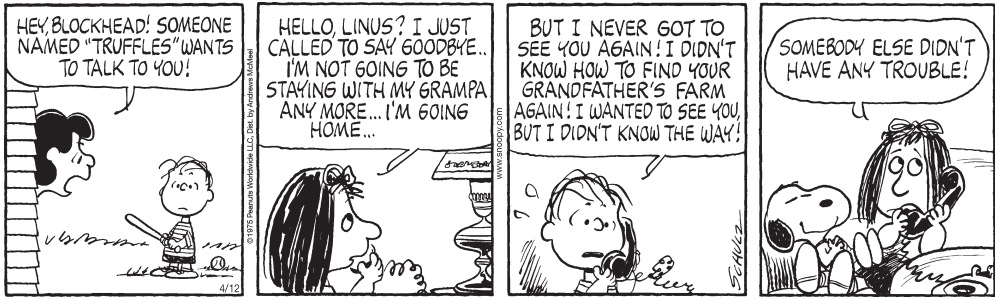


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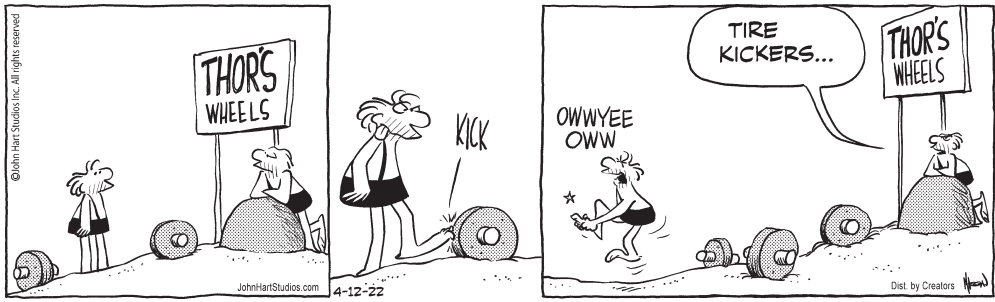
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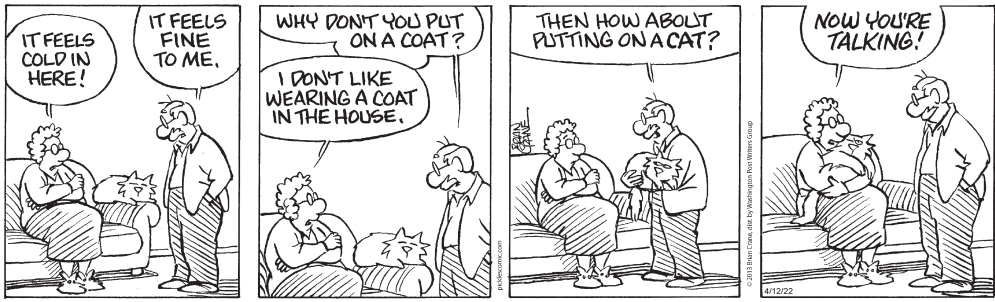
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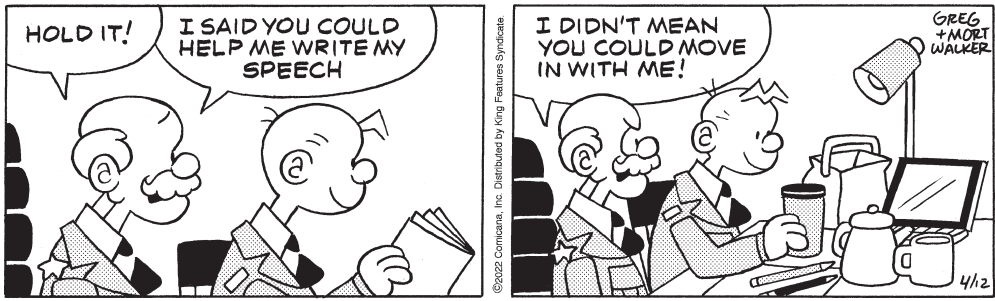
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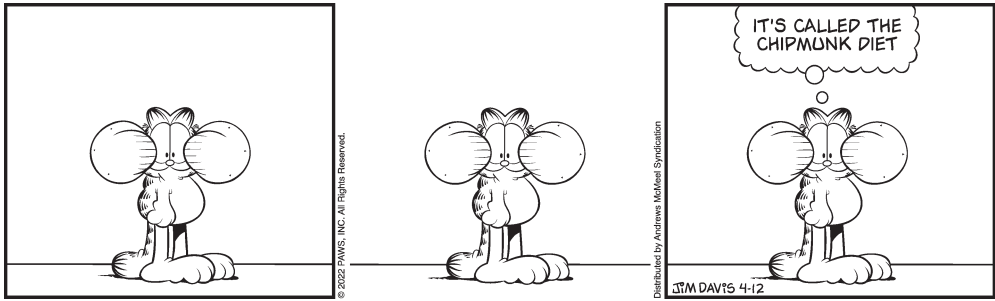
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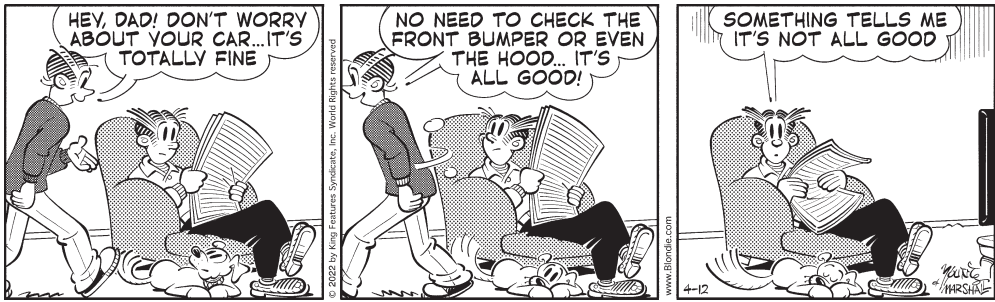
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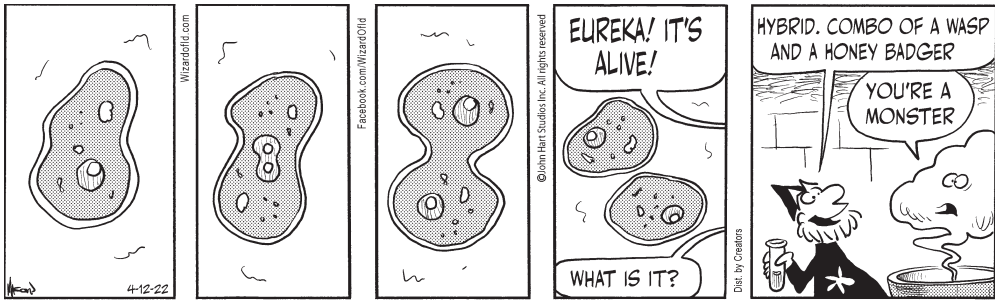
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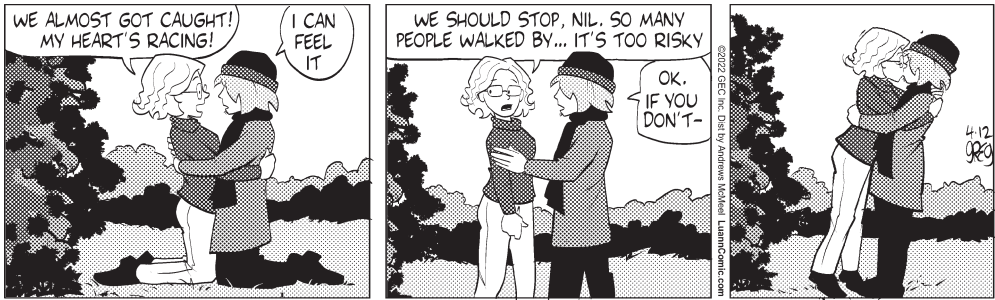
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DEAR ABBY

Man's stance on vaccines causes end of friendship



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: Last year, I lost my best friend of 40 years over the COVID vaccines. This friend decided he and his family would not take the jab. He quit his job rather than get vaccinated. This caused a rift so wide that, in his eyes, he and his family could not continue being friends with our family. I'm sad about it.

The big problem my wife and I are contending with concerns our 8-year-old daughter. She has been best friends with my (former) best friend's daughter since birth. We can't keep telling our daughter the pandemic is the reason she can't see her best friend. What do I tell my daughter about her best friend? — Victim Of The Times

Dear Victim: Tell your daughter the truth — that her friend's parents will no longer allow it. Then explain why. That way she won't think that this is in any way her fault.

Dear Abby: I was recently contacted by my graduating class to help organize a reunion. Since then, one of the organizers has decided that our committee is an inseparable trio.

We were not in touch before the reunion and we have little in common, but I can tell she's lonely, so I've indulged her so far. However, she now wants to convene periodically for long weekends at a nearby inn. I do not want to leave my spouse for long weekends or spend money and time on a person whom I don't care to befriend.

When I've tried to demur with "unavailability" excuses, she insists we are a trio and we simply will wait a few weeks until I can find an open date. I don't want to be rude, but I can't figure out how to politely tell her that I have no interest in accepting her suggestions for an extended slumber party. How should I handle this? — Reluctant Alumna In The West

Dear Alumna: Handle it by being frank with this needy individual. Tell her, "This isn't going to happen. I do not wish to leave my husband for a weekend. I don't mind helping with the reunion, but your demands on my time have increased to the point where they are too much for me."

Dear Abby: The season of pleasant weather and outdoor concerts is approaching. Invariably, we end up sitting by the chatterboxes. These folks seem oblivious to anyone else, including the performers and the rest of us who want to enjoy the performance. I realize these are free concerts, but I don't want to have to listen to these rude people. Any suggestions for silencing them so we can hear what the rest of us came for? — Disgusted In South Carolina

Dear Disgusted: Keep your tone civil. You might ask, "Would you please talk more quietly?" We are trying to enjoy the performance." However, if they aren't receptive to your suggestion, consider moving as far away from them as possible.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

The definite organization of a county council representing the various posts of the American Legion in the county will be undertaken Friday evening when a meeting will be held in the office of the Pendleton Commercial Association. A meeting was held in March to initiate the move, and several of the posts showed enthusiastic desire to see the organization underway. At present the posts, from Weston-Athena, Pilot Rock, Echo and Pendleton are pledged to the organization. The idea of the body is to bind the posts together more closely and give ex-service men a common meeting ground where the problems of the various posts may be aired and suggestions made by other comrades

50 years ago — 1972

Hermiston High School's 22-member stage band will participate in an international jazz workshop in London and Paris this summer for two weeks, if it can raise some money. At a meeting Monday evening, John Sheeley, band director, told the parents of the band members that the stage band's audition for the 1972 Jazz Internationale had been accepted. The jazz internationale brings together outstanding student jazz groups from this country in

an atmosphere of learning and competition, according to Sheeley. He said invitations were sent only to top groups throughout the country.

25 years ago — 1997

With little more than the press of a button, tons of rock were sent skyward Tuesday afternoon when a Pilot Rock construction company blasted a hillside in Reith. Hatley Construction used 10,000 pounds of ANFO, the same explosive used in the Oklahoma City bombing, to produce more rock for Blue Mountain Lumber Products' log yard in Reith. The explosive agent is a common, stable mixture used on many construction sites. More than 10,000 cubic yards of rock were blasted. Holes are drilled into the rock and then loaded with explosive. The holes are then filled in with leftover rock material so when the blast begins, the power generated is used to fracture the rock and not shoot back out of the hole. After timed delays are set between rows of holes, primer cord, which burns at about 22,000-feet-per-second, is tied between the holes and walked away from the blast site to a safe distance. Within a second of pressing the button, the explosion is over and what's left is fractured rock.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On April 12, 1861, the Civil War began as Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Georgia, at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1963, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested and jailed in Birmingham, Alabama, charged with contempt of court and parading without a permit. (During his time behind bars, King wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail.")

In 1985, Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, became the first sitting member of Congress to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off.

In 1988, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a patent to Harvard University for a genetically engineered mouse, the first time a patent was granted for an animal life form.

In 2015, Hillary Rodham Clinton jumped back into presidential politics, announcing in a video her much-awaited second campaign for the White House.

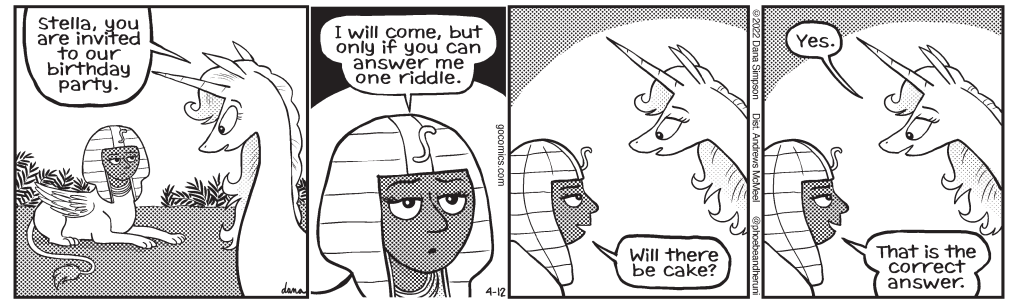
In 2018, police in Philadelphia arrested two black men at a Starbucks; the men had been

asked to leave after one of them was denied access to the restroom. (Starbucks apologized and, weeks later, closed thousands of stores for part of the day to conduct anti-bias training.)

In 2020, Christians around the world celebrated Easter Sunday isolated in their homes by the coronavirus. St. Peter's Square was barricaded to keep out crowds. Pope Francis celebrated Easter Mass inside the largely vacant basilica, calling for global solidarity in the face of the pandemic and urging political leaders to give hope and opportunity to people who had lost jobs.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

