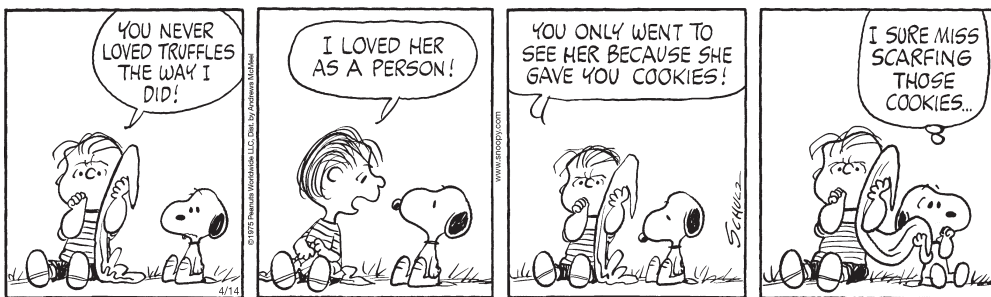


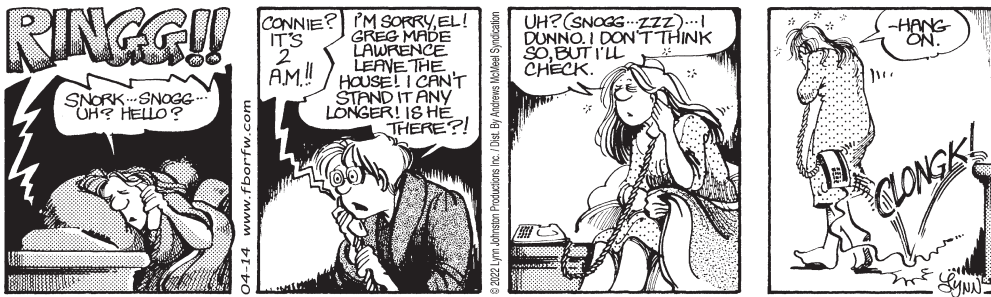
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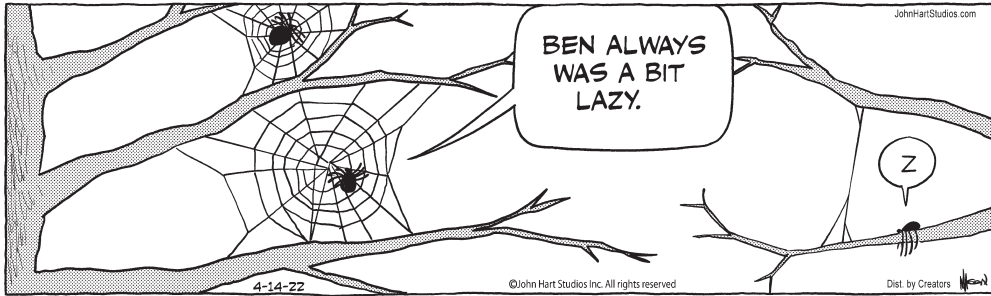
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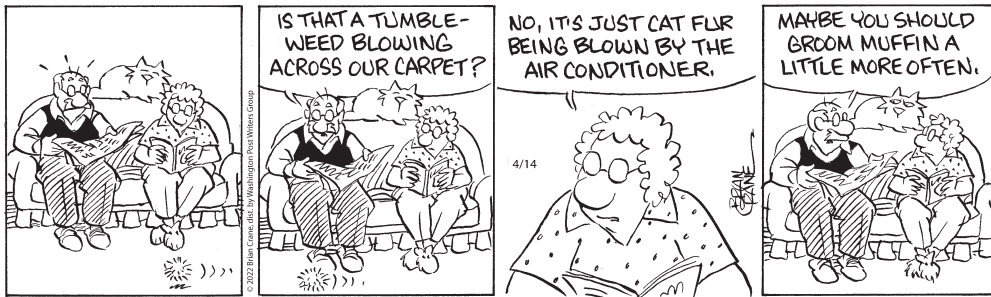
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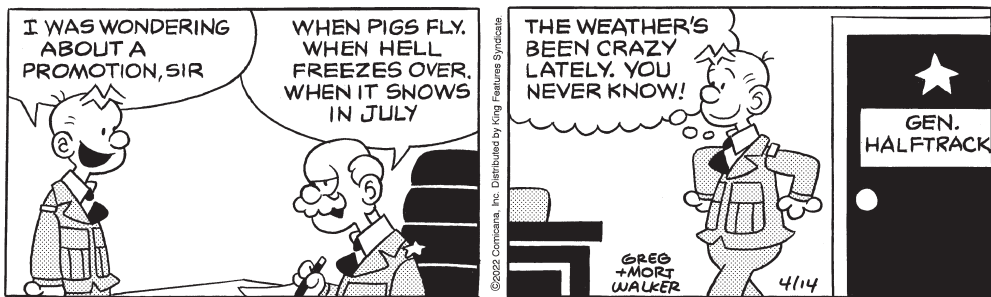
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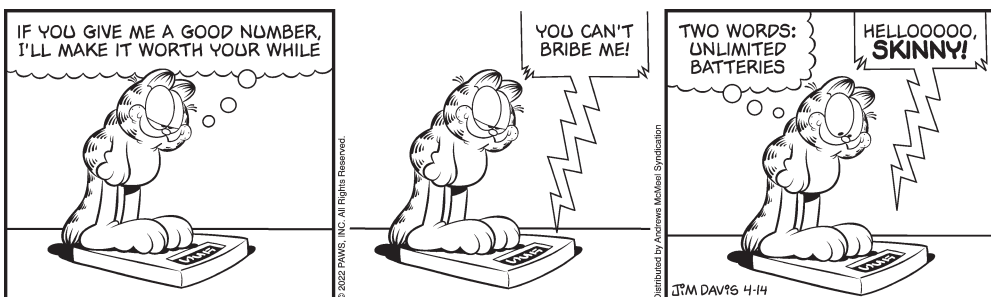
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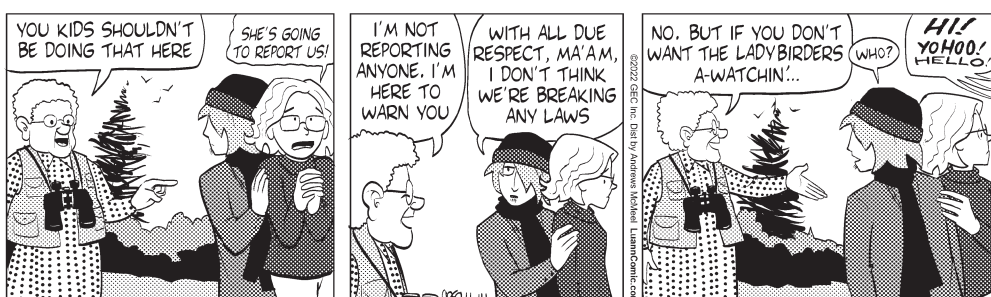
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DEAR ABBY

Family's intolerance irks accepting grandmother



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My adult granddaughter, "Kaia," is in a relationship with "Jenny." Jenny's stepmom doesn't believe in gay marriage or homosexuality. Kaia is excluded from all holidays and family functions.

They are getting married in two months, and Jenny's family is still shunning her. How do I deal with these "holy rollers"? — **Supportive In California**

Dear Supportive: If Jenny's family are truly good Christians, they may not dislike your granddaughter. They may be following a misguided directive to love the "sinner" but hate the "sin."

I cannot advise strongly enough that Kaia and Jenny discuss the ramifications of that family's stance BEFORE they marry. I am surprised Jenny would attend family gatherings from which Kaia is excluded. If this continues after the marriage, it could damage their relationship. A counselor at the nearest LGBTQ center would be helpful in facilitating this discussion.

Be as supportive to your granddaughter and Jenny as you can so they know you're always in their corner. Encourage them to cultivate their own "chosen family" as they move into their future.

Dear Abby: My husband, "Jonah," comes from a large family. They are rude people who live in a small, rural town, and they don't like outsiders. Jonah and I have been together 15 years (married

for eight), and I have never been invited to his mother's home or some of his siblings' homes.

We love to entertain, so they attend our holiday parties, where they literally walk in without greeting me. They eat all our food and leave without saying goodbye or even helping with the cleanup. It's "pack behavior." They do this all together.

I have reached the point that I no longer want to host these events. I feel uncomfortable in my own home. Jonah and I have started cutting back on the number of parties we host, and now they are making rude comments about it. My husband acknowledges that they're a bunch of miserable, rude people, but that doesn't help the situation.

I don't want anything to do with them, and I don't want to be forced to keep inviting a bunch of ungrateful individuals who don't have even the common courtesy to speak to me. How can I make Jonah understand how I feel? Please help. — **Annoyed In New Jersey**

Dear Annoyed: If you have expressed to your husband what you have written in your letter, he DOES understand, but doesn't want to acknowledge it. If you don't wish to entertain them, let your husband buy and prepare the food and do the cleanup with no help from them afterward, while you go and do something alone or with people whose company you enjoy. He can also visit his relatives without you if he wishes.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Rev. Alfred Lockwood, for the past five years pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, has been asked by Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, to succeed Dean R. T. Hicks as dean of St. Stephens' Cathedral in Portland. The position is left vacant by Dean Hicks' recent resignation. Rev. Lockwood, in a statement this morning, said that he is as yet undecided whether or not to accept the offer, but that he will decide within the next few days. The offer is an important one, the Cathedral being one of the largest churches in Portland.

50 years — 1972

Eight years ago, Esther Parks, Hermiston, told a few of her friends they should do something for someone besides themselves. Since then nine Hermiston women, calling themselves the Ragpickers, have been doing volunteer work for Eastern Oregon Hospital and Training Center in Pendleton. The women have made 3,383 bibs, 537 lap robes and seven coverlets. How do they get the money to make all these things? Each Monday they quilt. "Since 1964 we have done 50 quilts," said Julia Penney, treasurer of the group. "It takes us four to five weeks to do a quilt. We

charge by the spool. I figured out once that we get 10-cents an hour for our work. If we charged by the hour no one could afford us," said Mrs. Harold Keane. When the women finish their 50th quilt, they have 14 more waiting for them.

25 years ago — 1997

Bucky, the Pendleton High School mascot, is not headed to the glue factory or out to pasture. However, Bucky will have to bow to a new groomer. Bucky became the focus of controversy earlier this year when PHS Principal Jim Krout deemed the horse "a mangy nag" that "doesn't represent what we are all about." Krout, who felt that a more appropriate mascot would be a cowboy, not a horse, refused to sign a purchase order for a new mascot — even though the needed money had been donated by the Buck Booster's club. The student body, having grown fond of the faithful nag and objecting to the suggested change, collected 622 petition signatures to keep a horse as their school mascot. Principal Krout has relinquished the reins on a mascot change and sketches are under way on a refurbished Bucky, whose new groom job should be completed in time for an appearance at Round-Up next September.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington.

In 1912, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. ship's time and began sinking. (The ship went under two hours and 40 minutes later with the loss of 1,514 lives.)

In 1910, President William Howard Taft became the first U.S. chief

executive to throw the ceremonial first pitch at a baseball game as the Washington Senators beat the Philadelphia Athletics 3-0.

In 1935, the "Black Sunday" dust storm descended upon the central Plains, turning a sunny afternoon into total darkness.

In 1960, Tamla Records and Motown Records, founded by Berry Gordy Jr., were incorporated as Motown Record Corp.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1994, two U.S. Air Force F-15 warplanes mistakenly shot down two U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 26 people, including 15 Americans.

In 2007, riot police beat and detained protesters as thousands defied an official ban and attempted to stage a rally in Moscow against Russian President Vladimir Putin's government.

In 2020, President Donald Trump announced that he was cutting off U.S. payments to the U.N. health agency, the World Health Organization; Trump said it had not done enough to stop the coronavirus from spreading.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

