# Guess you could call They were a good bunch of people it a super-duper mess Harry Higgins' daughters asked for recollections and stories about

My home is a wreck. It wasn't this big of a mess when I had three

children at home. After refinancing the house last year, we decided to do a little redecorating. We've lived here for 10 years and

have only painted one room — actually the children painted it and it's a lovely blue.

The rest of the house, however, needed an overhaul, and with 10 years of equity and a lower interest rate, we were able to talk the bank into some remodeling money.

We are in the process of painting three bedrooms, a sitting room, the living room, the dining room and two bathrooms. We've also decided to do the kitchen but not until everything else is done. We will be recarpeting three rooms and two stairways.

The painters have been in and out for the last two weeks. They have finished our bedroom and it is in pretty good shape. I was worried that we wouldn't be able to sleep there for the two nights that it was being done, but the fumes were minimal and it hasn't been too bad.

The rest of the house is a different matter. We couldn't use the downstairs bathroom for two days and that drove me crazy both because that's where the tub is upstairs we have a shower — and because like a little child. I'm used to rushing in the back door at the last minute and now I had to run all the way upstairs.

While our bedroom is usable, the other three are not, that includes the one the kids painted last year. Two of the bedrooms are full of furniture that belongs somewhere else and the third is the repository of all the painter's equipment.

The sitting room is getting back into shape, but I still can't find half my stuff and there is a two-wheeler sitting under one edge of the couch. That worries me a little.

visit me. The only way to get super-duper mess.



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through the house is to walk side-

The dining room table is sitting in the middle of the living room and the china cabinet and cedar chest are in the middle of the dining room. Everything had to be moved to the center of the room so the painters

At the same time we've had electricians putting up a new light fixture in the dining room. At the moment the old fixture is stored in the basement and the dining room ceiling has a bare bulb. The new fixture will have a ceiling fan and that requires more work than just pulling one thing down and shoving another up. Still, I'm not complaining. The single 100-watt bulb gives more light than the ornate antique fixture that was just removed. It had five sockets and none of them

To add to the mess, we had wallpaper in both bathrooms and the dining room that had to be removed. There are little bits and pieces of it everywhere. I'm sure the cats are responsible for a good deal of the mess, but the house looks like there has been a confetti war and it lost.

I can't wait for the painting to be done. Then the crew will come in and pull up all the carpeting. Even the room the kids painted needs new carpet. All those things stored in there and in the other bedrooms will have to be moved — not to where they belong — that area is still under construction—but somewhere, probably my bedroom.

I know everything will look great when the painting and carpeting is done and we have a new light fixture. Then everything will go back The living and dining rooms are in its place and we'll be back to our total disasters. Please, please don't normal messiness instead of this

their father for his funeral.

I couldn't think of one single story that would tell you about Harry, which is odd, because I've known him all my life.

Where do I start?

Harry and his wife Betty were part of a circle of friends who lived their lives, raised their children and enjoyed each other's company in Emporia, in eastern Kansas.

Harry decided that he wasn't getting enough from dialysis treatments to make it worth the pain and suffering. He told the doctor he was going home and having a shot of

That was Harry. He loved his scotch, and he knew when to fold.

I'm sure it wasn't an easy decision. Betty had a stroke several years ago and is in a nursing home. I know he hated to leave her. They'd been together since before the war, 64 years.

The last day, he waited until the girls could bring their mom up to see him before he let go. Everyone figured he just wanted to say good-

My folks were part of that social



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group. Their lives and their families were intertwined over the years in a unique bond that almost defies description. They all led middleclass lives, striving for the American dream in that GI-bill era after World War II. They thought they could raise their kids well in a small Kansas town.

Harry and Betty had come down from Kansas City, Kansas, as my folks had. Harry was a salesman, my dad a lawyer. There was Lamar and Zelma Dee Markowitz; Lamar profane and funny, a contractor who built a good business but always talked like a ditch digger. Bob and Lucy Foncannon rounded out the group; he was a banker.

None of the wives, in those 1950s-Leave-It-to-Beaver, days, had an regular outside job. They thought raising kids and keeping house was work enough.

The group wasn't constantly together. I don't remember that many times when all four couples were in one place, and there were others who came and went.

But we were always at somebody's house to visit in the evening. The adults would have highballs. The kids went to play.

joined, but those four were eternal. My brother said the thing he remembered was when they got together, they were having fun. There wasn't a jerk in the bunch.

They were all nice people, honest, hard-working, successful. Their children turned out the same way.

They were good couples. There was never a divorce. If there was infidelity, it must have been awfully discreet.

four couples bought cabins at the city lake, and the social life shifted out there. It was a great place to be, but as pre-teens, we hated the iso-

There are times when I'd give anything to go back to those simple

days, though.

Harry was the successful sales manager of a successful local firm. Then the company changed and they bought him out. That was hard, but as things turned out, maybe for the best.

He and Betty lived well in their retirement as they watched the others die off one by one.

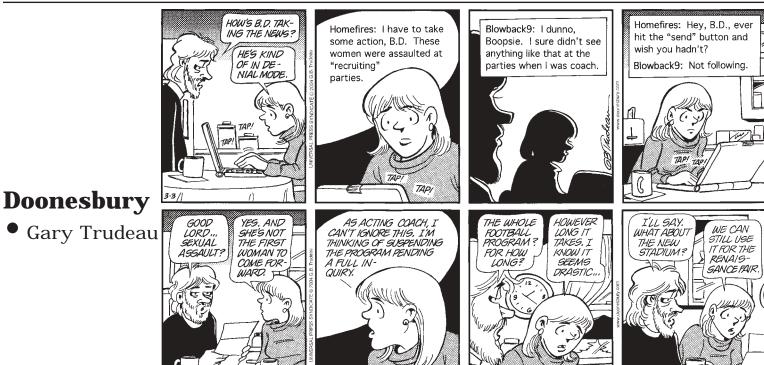
That era is pretty much gone. Rare is the marriage where both There were other couples who partners don't work. There may be people who form

that kind of lifelong bond, but the way we move around today, I think it's harder.

More of us live in cities, and the social structure is different.

But that was a time, and that was a gang. I miss them all.

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	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 6	News		Good Morning America			The John Walsh Show		The View		Holly- wood	News	
KSNK/NBC 8 9	News Cor	nt'd	Today	,					Live With Regis and Kelly		Martha Stewart Living	
KBSL/CBS	News				The Early	Show	The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG 3	World News	Priscilla- Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou	Boohbah	Barney- Friends	Dragon Tales	Lions	Sesame S	treet	Clifford- Red	Teletub- bies
WGN 13	Creflo A. Dollar Jr.	Believer Voice	Celebrity Justice	Hillbil- lies	Hillbil- lies	Happy Days	Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Rockford Files	
NICK 29	Oddpar- ents	Rocket Power	Rugrats	Spon- geBob	Max & Ruby	Rubba- dubbers		Blue's Clues	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Little Bill	Maggie- Beast
FAM 30	Digimon	Bey- blade	Power Rangers	Digimon	Growing Pains	Living the Life	The 700 Club		7th Heaven		Full House	Growing Pains
USA 31)	JAG		Nash Bridges Movie			Varied Programs		Movie			Varied	
TBS 37)	Saved Saved by Bell		Movie			Dawson's Creek		Dawson's Creek		Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	
TNT 38	The Lost	World	The Pretender Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy			
DSC 42	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied	Paid Program	Assignme Discovery		The Christopher Lowell Show		It's Christopher Lowell!		Rally Round the House	
A&E <b>47</b> )	Varied Pr	ograms	Movie			Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		City Confidential		
ESPN (49)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
HBO	Movie		Varied Pro	ograms	Movie Varied Programs		ograms			•	Movie	
DISN 17	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	The Wiggles	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley	Rolie Polie	Rolie Polie	Out of the Box	PB&J Otter	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles
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KSNK/NBC	News	Family Feud	Days of O	of Our Lives Passions			Inside Edition	Family Feud	Million- aire	Jeop- ardy!	News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the Wo	rld Turns	Turns   Guiding Light			•		Oprah Winfrey		CBS News
K15CG 3	Reading Rainbow	Mister Rogers	Varied Pro	grams	Shrinks			Liberty's Kids	Cyber- chase	Arthur	Zoom	Busi- ness
WGN 13	News		In the Hea Night	t of the	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Will & Grace
NICK 29	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explorer	Rugrats	,	Hey Arnold!	Angela Anacon.	Oddpar- ents	U-Pick	Spon- geBob	Amanda	U-Pick	Hey Arnold!
FAM 30	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	So Little Time	Full House	7th Heave	n	Switche- d!	Knock First	Full House	Full House
USA 31	JAG	Varied	Texas Ranger	Varied Pro	ograms						Walker, Texas Ranger	
TBS 37	Cosby	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld
TNT 38	Law & Ord	der	NYPD Blu	е	NYPD Blue Judging A		lging Amy Angel		Charmed			
DSC 42	Surprise b	y Design	Surprise b	y Design	Rally Rou House	nd the	Double A	gents	Varied Pro	ograms	-	
A&E 47	American	Justice	Movie				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		City Confidential	
ESPN 49	Varied Pro	ograms	-				Billiards		Around the Horn	Interrup- tion	SportsCenter	
HBO	Movie	Varied Pro	ograms					Movie Varied Programs		ograms	-	
DISN 17	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	Winnie- Pooh	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Recess	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister
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## **THURSDAY**

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KSNK/NBC 8 9	Ne ws	Wheel of Fortune	Friends (CC)	Will & Grace			Princess Diana: The Secret Tapes		News The Tonig (CC)		ht Show	Late Night (N)	
KBSL/CBS	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Survivor: Outraged (						News (CC)	Late Show Mortensen		Late Late	
K15CG 3	The News With Jim L		Sun- Kansas The flower Spotlight Hou		The New 1 House Ho				BBC World	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
WGN 13	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Columbo Identity Crisis A cunning advertising consultant leads a double life.					Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Elimi- date	The 5th Wheel		
NICK 29		Spon- ge Bob		Nick- toons TV	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose - anne	Rose - anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
FAM 30	<b>7th H</b> e <b>av</b> e Death (Par	<b>n</b> Life and rt 1 of 2)					Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC) America's Full Home Videos				
USA 31)	JAG Flight (CC)	t Risk	Law & Order: Movie: Bring It On ** Special Victims cheerleaders vie for a				★½ (2000, Comedy) High-school coveted national title. Movie: Jawbreaker ★★ (1999 Comedy) Rose McGowan. (Comedy)						
TBS 37)	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)		Movie: Rush Hour ★★★ (1998) (PA) Two detectives join forces in a kidnapping case.				Movie: Jackie Chan's First Strike ★★½ (1996, Adventure) (PA) Jackie Chan. (CC				\ /\ /\ /	
TNT 38		NBA Bask 76ers. Wa				delphia	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Portland Blazers. Rose Garden. (Live) (CC)				Trail	Inside the NBA	
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A&E 47	American (CC)	Justice	Cold Case Files Homicide detectives take a lovers-lane bandit into custody. (CC)				With Malice Bodies on a rundown estate.		Third Watch Judgement Day		Cold Case Files (CC)		
ESPN 49		NHL Hockey: New York Rangers at Boston Bruins. FleetCenter. (Live) (CC)							SportsCel	SportsCenter (Live)		Rome Is Burning (N) (CC)	
HBO 7	Movie: Shallow Hal ***/2 (2001, Comedy)   Movie: Feard Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black. (CC)   Horror) Stephe									ons 7	Movie: Antwone Fisher (2002) (CC)		
DISN 17	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	Movie: Yo Trauth, Sp		003, Fantas lin. (CC)	y) <i>A.J</i> .	Sister, Sister	Boy Mts. World	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	
MAX 21	(5:20) Movie: Movie: Deliver Us From Eva ** Private Parts (1997) Romance-Comedy) LL Cool J. (0						Movie: Half Past Dead ★			BestSex Ever	Movie: Hot Club California (2000)		

### **FRIDAY**

### MARCH 5

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KLBY/ABC	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight		Married- Kellys	Hope & Faith (N)	Life With Bonnie	20/20 (N) (	(CC)	News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kii (N) (CC)	mmel Live	
KSNK/NBC	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline N	Dateline NBC (CC) Dateline NBC (CC)		IBC (N)	Third Watch Family Ties (N) (Part 2 of 2)		News	The Tonig (CC)	ht Show	Late Night (N)	
KBSL/CBS	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	ds Joan of Arcadia (CC)		JAG Touchdown 48 Hours (CC) (DVS) Investigat				Late Show (N) (CC)		Late Late		
K15CG 3		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wall- Fortune	Market- Market				BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Ro (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
WGN 13	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Columbo A network executive plans to murder her boss.		News (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Elimi- date	The 5th Wheel			
NICK (29)	Rugrats (CC)	Spon- geBob		Spon- geBob	Spon- geBob	Spon- geBob	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
FAM (30)		7th Heaven Life and Death (Part 2 of 2)  Movie: Summer Cat Comedy-Drama) Free						The 700 Club (CC)		Paid Program	Paid Program		
USA (31)	<b>JAG</b> JAG	AG JAG TV (CC) Law & Order: Special Victims			Law & Ord Special Vi		Monk Mr. Monk Goes to Jail (N) (CC)				Monk Mr. Monk Goes to Jail (CC)		
TBS (37)	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Ru cops in Ho		(2001) Vac earch for a b			Movie: Rush Hour 2 (2001) Vacationing cops in Hong Kong search for a bomber. Guy ★★½ (1					
TNT (38)	Law & Ord Scrambled		Law & Ord Fire This T				(1995) A killer dispatches his Deadly Sins. <i>Brad Pitt.</i> (CC)					cula 2000 ★ (2000, stopher Plummer.	
DSC (42)	Monster H Mardi Gras		Monster H (CC)	Monster House (CC)  American Chopper Leno Bike 2			American Alumatub 2		Monster House (CC)		American Chopper Leno Bike 2		
A&E 47	American Killing Field		Movie: Escape From Alcatraz ★★★ (1979) plots to escape from the notorious island pris				A convict son. (CC)	A convict Airline Third V on. (CC) (CC) Firestal					
ESPN (49)	NBA Shootaround (Live) (CC)  NBA Basketball: Dallas Ma Spurs. SBC Center. (Live) (					ks at San A	ntonio			v Jersey Ne n Oakland.	ets at Golden State (Live) <b>(CC)</b>		
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