

Drano rumors unfounded

Rumors that Drano and soap form a cement like compound are unfounded, says a University chemistry professor, but local plumbers oppose the use of Drano or any other chemical drain cleaner.

The calcium salts that are found in hard water may mix with traces of carbonate found in Drano to form a precipitate similar to limestone. But not to the extent that it would clog

drains, says the chemistry professor, who asked to remain anonymous.

"We don't recommend using chemicals (drain cleaners) and we don't use them ourselves," says Mark Carmickle, general manager of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 481.

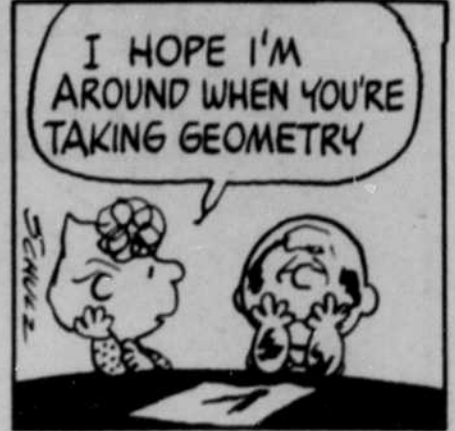
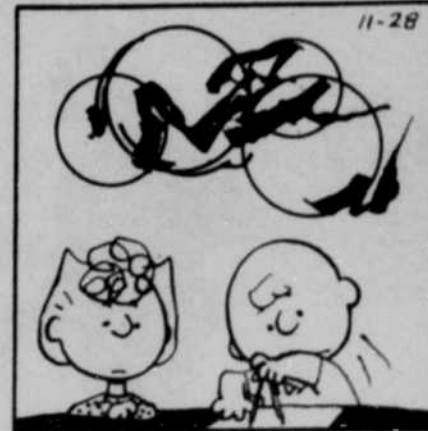
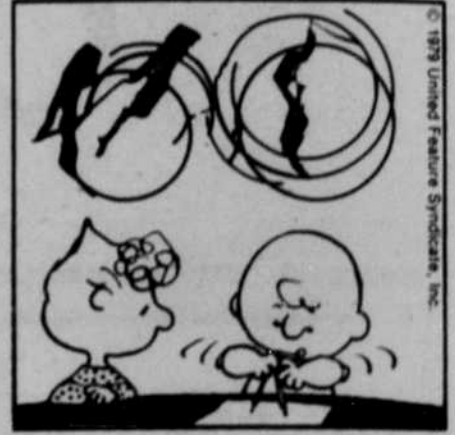
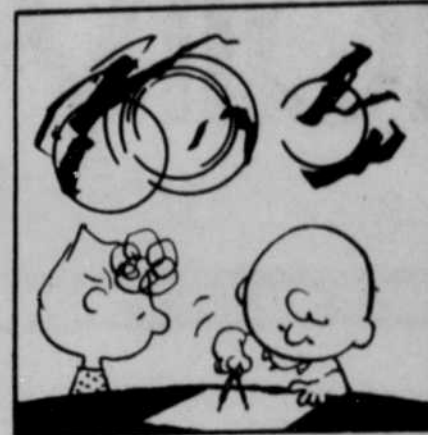
Drano, which is composed largely of sodium hydroxide, forms a caustic solution when mixed with water.

The Drano solution burns skin and clothing which is the main reason plumbers do not like working with it.

Drano and water form a basic solution which will act just like acid, only slower, says Ralph Barnhard, a University Chemistry professor.

The worst problem, is if the Drano is not properly flushed with lots of water it will begin to deteriorate pipes, he says.

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MEETINGS

SOLAR, a new student group organized to support the initiative to implement Article XI-D, will hold an informational meeting at 12:30 p.m. today in the EMU (room number to be posted). For more information call 484-6258.

U of O for Better Biking will meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the EMU (room to be posted). For more information call 686-3724.

There will be a workshop for affirmative action liaison officers today from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. in the EMU (room to be posted). For more information call 686-3123.

Students for a Nuclear-Free Future will meet in the EMU today at 5 p.m. (room number to be posted). For more information call 686-4356.

There will be a meeting for people interested in officiating intramural basketball winter term today at 3:45 p.m. in the RIM office, 103, Gerlinger.

INFACIT will meet today at 12:30 p.m. to discuss the latest Nestle promotional materials. The group meets at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. For more information call 485-1755.

English majors are invited to an informal coffee-klatch and discussion of the undergraduate program today at 3:30 p.m. in the Faculty Club.

LECTURES

There will be an **energy forum** tonight at the Eugene Public Library at 7 p.m. The panel discussion will be on "Local and Regional Energy Issues."

Dr. Dean Inman, research associate of the Center on Human Development, will lecture on

"Preliminary Experimental Analysis of Movement Disorders in Spastic/Athetoid Adults" today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 317, Sci II.

"The Problems of South Africa" will be the topic of a lecture by Ahmed Abdulwahhab, a specialist in African and Middle-eastern affairs. The lecture will be given at 7:30 p.m. today at 1236 Kincaid St. For more information call 687-9256 or 485-3965.

There will be a workshop on Contemporary Management Planning today from 8 a.m. until noon in the Gold Room of Carson Hall. Guest speaker, Doug Bridges, Superintendent of the Portland Parks and Recreation Bureau, will speak on "Management by Objective."

"The Nuclear Industry: Moral and Economic Bankruptcy" will be the subject of a lecture by EWEB commissioner Jack Craig at 12:30 p.m. today in the EMU (room to be posted). For more information call 484-6258.

Sculptor Sam Hernandez will present a lecture slide show on Day of the Dead — a Mexican ritual honoring the dead. The presentation will be held in the EMU Forum Room at 7:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

There is an **open swim** Monday through Friday 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in Gerlinger Pool. Caps are required. For more information call 486-4121.

People who fasted during the Oxfam Fast for a World Harvest are reminded to drop their contributions by the Koinonia Center, located at 1414 Kincaid St. For more information 485-1755 or 484-1707.

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