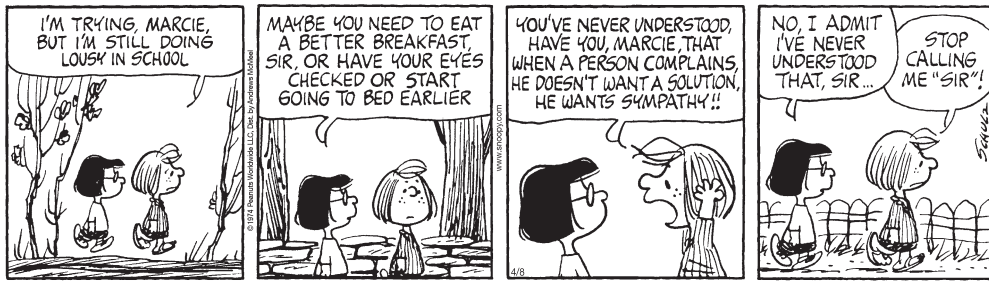


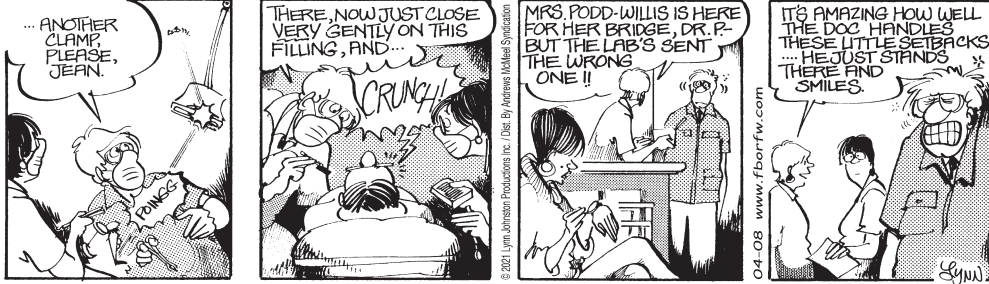
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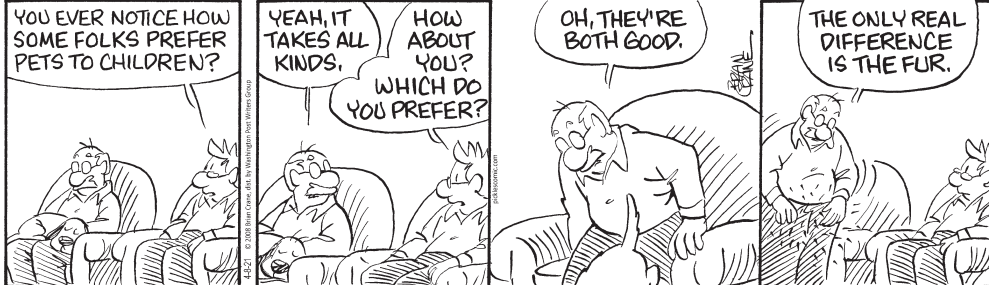
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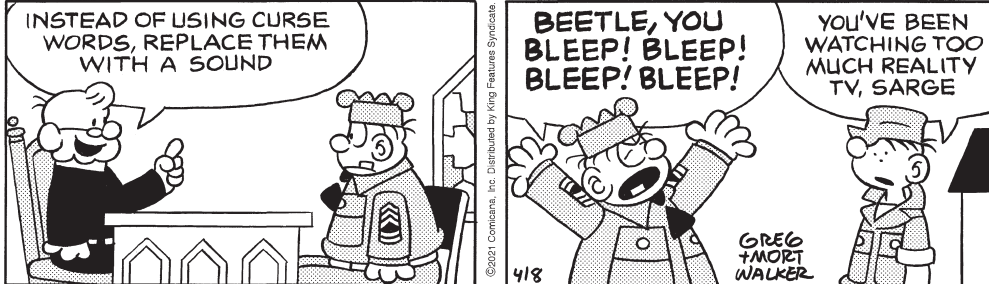
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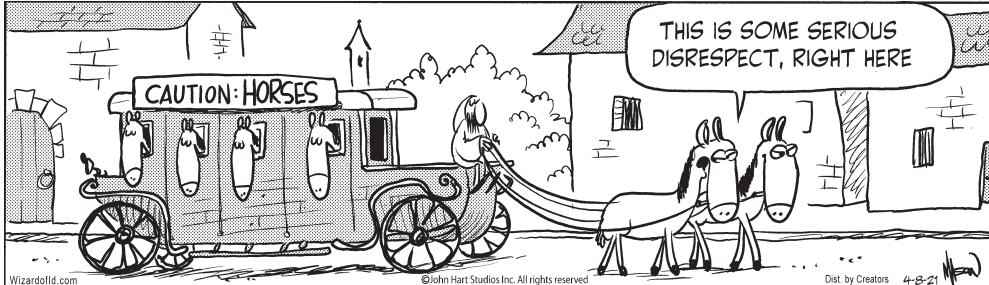
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DEAR ABBY

Pregnancy changes dynamic of women's friendship



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm in my late 20s, married and happily child-free. My best friend recently became pregnant, and I am having a hard time with it. I don't enjoy children, and it feels like I am losing my best friend. All she wants to talk about is the baby. I've tried hinting that I'll be here when she and her husband need a break from being "Mom and Dad," but she continues to talk on and on about the all-consuming baby.

labor job in a skilled trade. Abby, it seems like every other day he picks a fight with me because he thinks I should have the house clean, chores done and dinner cooked when he returns from work, despite the fact that I have been working at my job all day.

He equates my being home to me being able to take care of all the chores. He criticizes me and calls me lazy and other names all the time. Regardless of what he thinks,

I know this is a big change and a huge part of her life, but I also know she has plenty of other support for this child. I would hope she realizes that I do not care for children or wish to be around them. How can I let her know — without offending her — that the last thing I want to hear about are diapers and prams? — **Child-Free in Wisconsin**

Dear Child-Free: I am sorry you feel so negative about the topics of babies and children, because your intolerance will eventually isolate you from friends and peers. If you voice what you are thinking, you will alienate your best friend, who is rightly thrilled to be embarking on the adventure of parenthood.

Because her talk about babies, diapers and the process she's going through affects you like nails on a chalkboard, limit the conversations and visits you have with her. Do not write her off, however, because it is possible that in time she will be reaching out to you, craving conversation that goes beyond the playpen.

Dear Abby: As the pandemic has forced many to work remotely, I feel certain I'm not the only person with this dilemma. I have been working from home since last March. My fiance, on the other hand, has a manual

I have a demanding job in an IT field, which is no less demanding because I'm home. It involves numerous conference calls all day.

I have an opportunity now where some of us can come back to the office, but because I have an autoimmune disease, I'm hesitant. Should I go back to the office to keep the peace or remain working from home, which I actually enjoy? I have talked to him about this repeatedly, and it not only doesn't seem to be getting any better, it's getting worse. Your thoughts? — **Telecommuting in Florida**

Dear Telecommuting: Your physical health must come first. If returning to the office will endanger your health, you must stay home and protect it.

Your mental health comes next. Your fiance appears to be having a chauvinistic fever dream in which he has been transported back to the 1950s. For the last quarter of a century — and more — men have been helping their partners with the "chores" he's harassing you about. If he can't dig deep and find it in his heart to chip in, then for the sake of your health and your sanity, please rethink this engagement, because it is unhealthy.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago April 8, 1921

Harold Hatton, Pendleton boy who is now in Portland, is winning notice as a swimmer and is entered in two events in the annual Amateur Athletic Association national diving meet to be held tomorrow night at the Multnomah Athletic club pool. Young Hatton is entered in the 50 yards junior, for boys 16 years and under, and also in the 100 yards junior. Collie Wheeler, former of this city, is entered in the 200 yards.

50 Years Ago April 8, 1971

A solution of the vexatious McKay Creek bridge problem apparently was reached at a meeting of the Umatilla County Court Wednesday. Residents of the area, who have been trying for 3½ years to get the county to provide them with a new, public bridge, will pay Gilbert J. Struve, who says the bridge on

SW Kirk is a private bridge that he owns, to erect a new structure in place of the present one. Struve, in turn, will pay the county to install the bridge, a railroad flatcar.

25 Years Ago April 8, 1996

A new subdivision being developed in an effort to ease the housing crunch in Heppner is the first subdivision planned for the city since 1977. The small town in south Morrow County has seen an influx of people in the last year or so, tying up the existing housing market and sending real estate values climbing rapidly. Most of the new residents are senior citizens or people who are looking for the quiet rural lifestyle, said City Administrator Gary Marks. To meet the new need for housing, the Heppner Economic Development Corporation is working with the Port of Morrow to develop a piece of land next to the Heppner cemetery overlooking Willow Creek Lake.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On April 8, 1864, the United States Senate passed, 38-6, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolishing slavery. (The House of Representatives passed it in January 1865; the amendment was ratified and adopted in December 1865.)

In 1820, the Venus de Milo statue was discovered by a farmer on the Greek island of Milos.

In 1911, an explosion at the Banner Coal Mine in Littleton, Alabama, claimed the lives of 128 men, most of them convicts loaned out from prisons.

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman seized the American steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority, opening the way for a seven-week strike by steelworkers.)

In 1963, "Lawrence of Arabia" won the Oscar for best picture at the Academy Awards; Gregory Peck

won best actor for "To Kill a Mockingbird" while Anne Bancroft received best actress honors for "The Miracle Worker."

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

In 1987, Al Campanis, vice president of player personnel for the Los Angeles Dodgers, resigned after saying on ABC's "Nightline" that Blacks might lack some of the "necessities" for becoming baseball managers.

In 1990, Ryan White, the teenage AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance had gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

In 1993, singer Marian Anderson died in Portland, Oregon, at age 96.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from

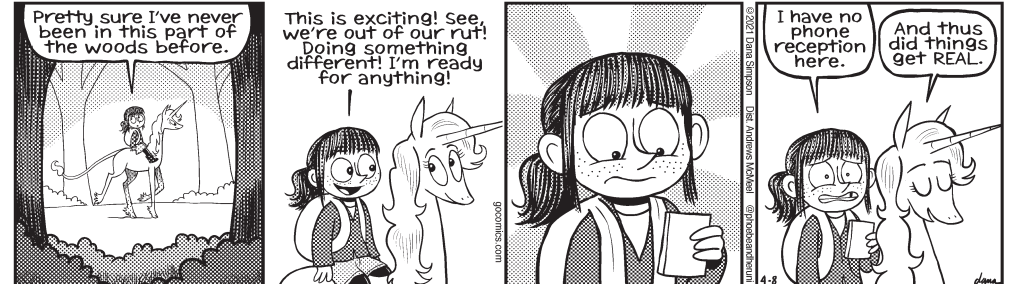
an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

In 2009, Somali pirates hijacked the U.S.-flagged Maersk Alabama; although the crew was able to retake the cargo ship, the captain, Richard Phillips, was taken captive by the raiders and held aboard a lifeboat. (Phillips was rescued four days later by Navy SEAL snipers who shot three of the pirates dead.)

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Shecky Greene is 95. "Mouseketeer" Darlene Gillespie is 80. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 80. Rock musician Mel Schacher (Grand Funk Railroad) is 70. Actor John Schneider is 61. "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch is 60. Singer Julian Lennon is 58. Rapper Biz Markie is 57. Actor Robin Wright is 55. Actor Patricia Arquette is 53. Actor Emma Caulfield is 48. Actor Katee Sackhoff is 41. Actor Kirsten Storms is 37. Actor Sadie Calvano is 24.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

