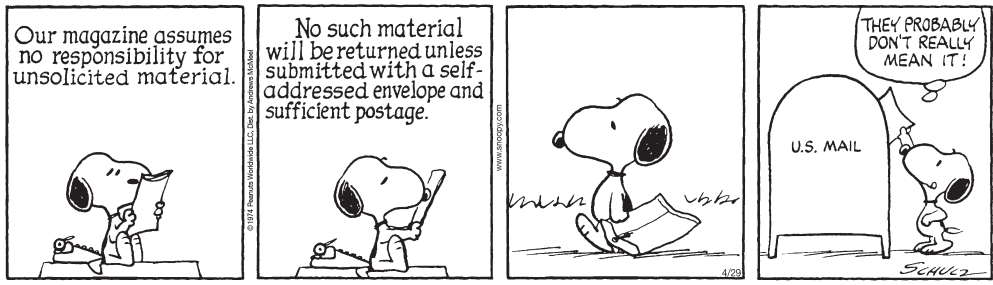


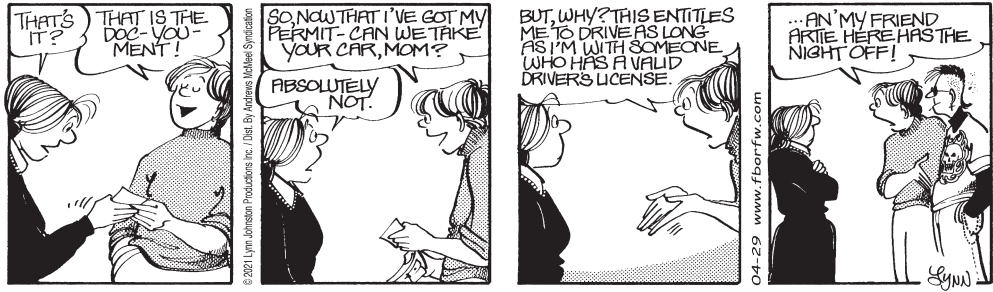
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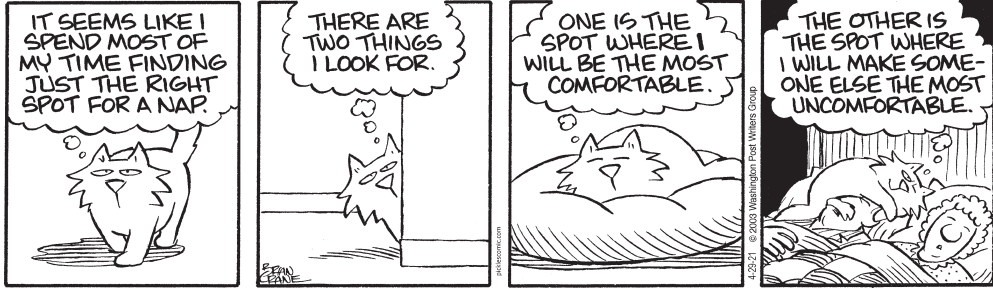
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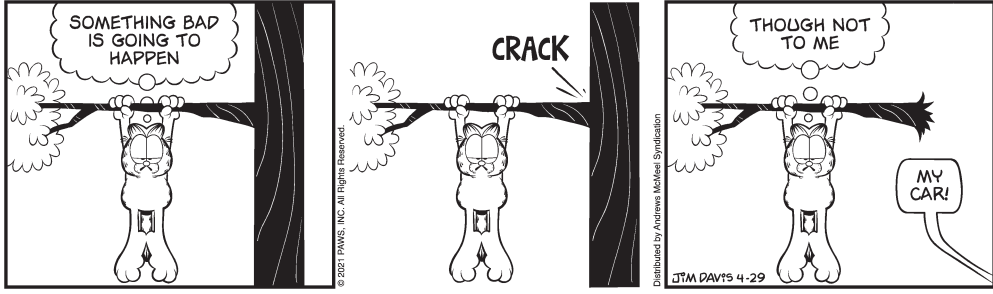
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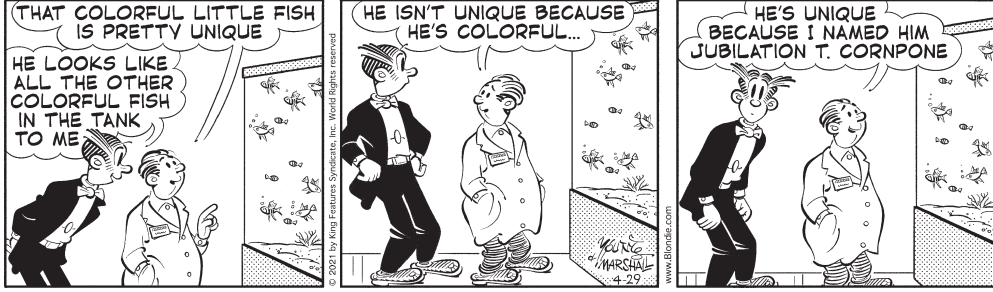
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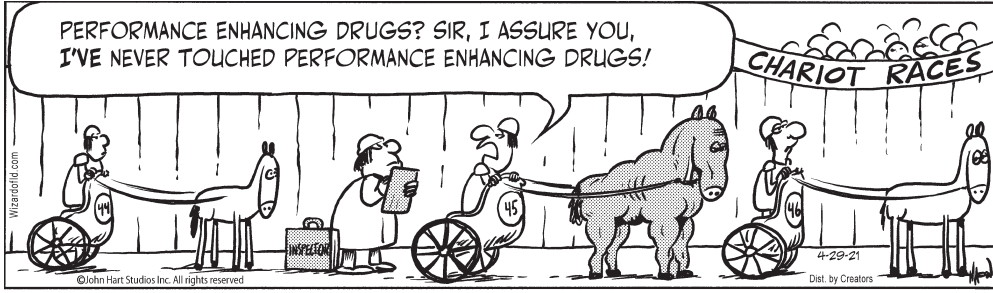
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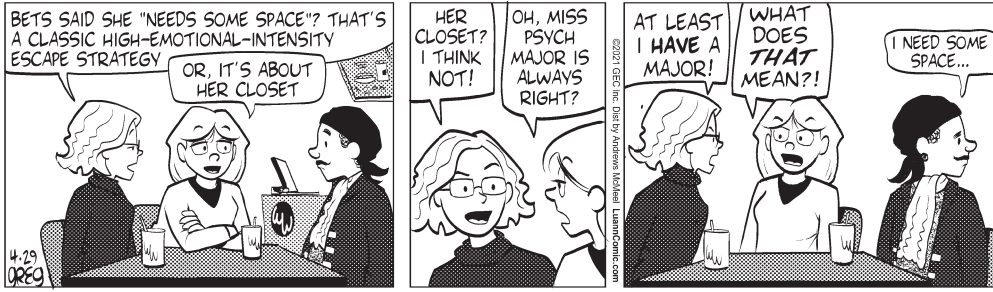
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DEAR ABBY

Receptionist hears doctor and staff ridicule patients

Dear Abby: I work as a receptionist in a small medical office. I love my job, but I cannot tolerate when my co-workers make fun of our patients. Sometimes it happens while the patients are still in the exam rooms, maybe within earshot. Even the doctor contributes to this crudeness.



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Some examples: "Did you see the size of that guy's nose?" or, "What's with the color of her hair?" or, "He smells like he hasn't had a bath in weeks." This goes on throughout the day every day. Is there anything I can do or say to change this mindset? We have great patients.

At A Loss For Words

Dear At A Loss: The person who's responsible for the lack of respect for the patients is your employer, the doctor. If this is happening sometimes within earshot of the patients, I am, frankly, shocked that he or she has a medical practice.

There is nothing you can do to change the culture in that environment. Because it upsets you — and I can certainly see why it would — you might be happier working for another doctor.

Dear Abby: My daughter "Tiffany" is 12. Her best friend, "Wendy," lives down the block. We are good friends with her parents.

How do I put this: Wendy is a thief. She has no impulse control. When she comes over, she helps herself to whatever is lying around, mostly candy and trinkets. For this

reason, we no longer allow friends into our children's rooms.

Recently, another item went missing, and my daughter spotted it at Wendy's house. I told her she should say something and take it back, but she is shy. I want to say something to the parents, but I'm afraid it will ruin our friendship. I don't think the mother knows her daughter does these things. Any ideas? — Sticky Fingers

Dear Sticky Fingers: If the shoe was on the other foot and your daughter was stealing things from her friends' homes, wouldn't you want to know what was going on so you could deal with it? Talk to Wendy's mother! Tell her you don't want to spoil a friendship you treasure, but Wendy has a problem she needs to know about. If you ignore it, the problem will only escalate.

Dear Abby: Would you please settle an argument between my husband and me? One of us thinks it's OK to dry our everyday dishes with the same dish towel we clean our dog's bowl with. The bowl is first rinsed with soap and water then wiped with the dish towel. One of us thinks it's disgusting. The other disagrees. Would you wash your dishes with said towel? — Curious in Kettering, Ohio

Dear Curious: Although the dish may be perfectly clean after being washed with soap and water, because of the "ick" factor, I sure wouldn't.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago April 29, 1921

Mrs. Eula Ingles, a native of Pendleton, is held in the city jail in Astoria and may face a murder charge as the result of the shooting last night in a local rooming house. A.J. Burns, her victim, is lying in the hospital in a critical condition, the bullet having perforated his intestines. He is not expected to live. The two had been living together for several years as man and wife, the woman says, and came to Astoria a month ago. The shooting was the result of a moonshine party during which Burns is said to have beaten the woman. Mrs. Ingles says her maiden name was Eula Cox and that she was born in Pendleton in 1891, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Cox, and left that city after finishing the grade school.

50 Years Ago April 29, 1971

When an era of railroading ends here Friday with the last runs of passenger trains through Pendleton, three jobs go with it. Three Union Pacific telegraphers will be transferred to other jobs within the UP

system. The door to the Pendleton passenger depot will be locked. Not that it will make much difference. Except for the last couple of weeks, the depot for years has been about as empty at midday as at midnight. "But it's a shame," said Vern Bryant, car desk clerk at the Pendleton depot. He's worked here 30 years. "You'd think that at least one passenger train could have been left on the line."

25 Years Ago April 29, 1996

The Crook County Cowgirls never got word that their softball doubleheader against the Bucks Saturday was moved up an hour to accommodate Pendleton's prom. Consequently, the cowgirls were an hour late. After what the Bucks did to them, though, the Cowgirls will probably never be late again, especially on such an important date. Pendleton crushed the tardy Cowgirls 24-1 and 13-0 to move to 5-1 in the InterMountain Conference standings, just a game back in the loss column to La Grande. On Saturday, just about every Buck who might have been in a slump got out of one.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On April 29, 1992, a jury in Simi Valley, California, acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped beating of motorist Rodney King; the verdicts were followed by rioting in Los Angeles resulting in 55 deaths.

In 1913, Swedish-born engineer Gideon Sundback of Hoboken, New Jersey, received a U.S. patent for a "separable fastener" — later known as the zipper.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp. Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun inside his "Führerbunker" and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz president.

In 1946, 28 former Japanese officials went on trial in Tokyo as war criminals; seven ended up being sentenced to death.

In 1957, the SM-1, the first military nuclear power plant, was dedicated at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

In 1967, Aretha Franklin's cover of Otis Redding's "Respect" was released as a single by Atlantic Records.

In 1961, "ABC's Wide World of Sports" premiered, with Jim McKay as host.

In 1983, Harold Washington was sworn in as the first Black mayor of Chicago.

In 1991, a cyclone began striking the South Asian country of Bangladesh; it ended up killing more than 138,000 people, according to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In 1997, Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson, a drill instructor at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, was convicted of raping six female trainees (he was sentenced to 25 years in prison and dishonorably discharged). A worldwide treaty to ban chemical weapons went into effect.

In 2000, tens of thousands of angry Cuban-Americans marched peacefully through Miami's Little Havana, protesting the raid in which

armed federal agents yanked 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez from the home of relatives.

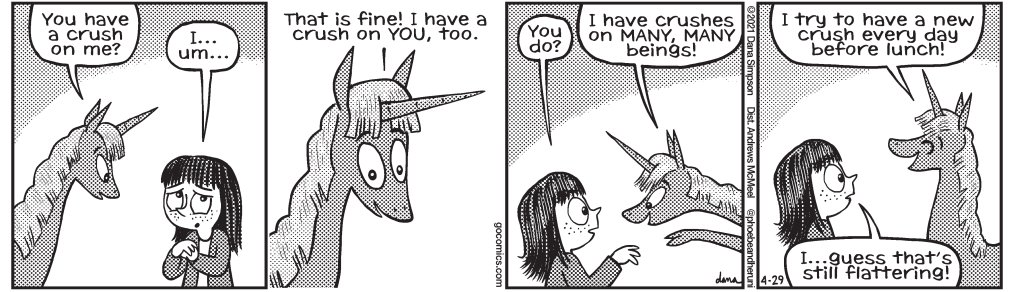
In 2008, Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama denounced his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, for what he termed "divisive and destructive" remarks on race.

In 2010, the U.S. Navy officially ended a ban on women serving on submarines, saying the first women would be reporting for duty by 2012. The NCAA's Board of Directors approved a 68-team format for the men's basketball tournament beginning the next season.

Today's Birthdays: Conductor Zubin Mehta is 85. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., is 71. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is 67. Actor Daniel Day-Lewis is 64. Actor Michelle Pfeiffer is 63. Singer Carrie Wilson (Wilson Phillips) is 53. Actor Uma Thurman is 51. Rapper Master P is 51. Rock musician Mike Hogan (The Cranberries) is 48.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

