

## BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ



P.S. If you feel your banking transactions are not being kept confidential, either change financial institutions or arrange for private banking, which is available for high-net-worth

individuals.

**Dear Abby:** I am raising two of my grandchildren because their parents can't take care of them. The kids are still learning acceptable behavior because they were never taught.

I'll give you an example of something that happens often: I was paying for an item at a store and my granddaughter sneaked behind the counter and reached into the display case. Cupcakes were involved. The saleslady asked her to stop. I immediately got ahold of my wayward offender, glued her to my side until I was finished and then made her apologize.

The problem was, the saleslady immediately said, "Oh, it's OK." I then had to ask the saleslady to please NOT tell my granddaughter that it was OK, but instead to accept my granddaughter's apology, because my granddaughter really would think it WAS OK. Your thoughts? — **Raising Grandkids**

**Dear Raising:** I think the salesperson was simply being polite and professional, and that those children are lucky to have such a caring grandmother watching out for them.

## DAYS GONE BY

**100 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
April 14, 1916**

“Guilty as charged” was the verdict brought in this afternoon at 1:45 by the jury that heard the evidence in the case against W.J. Martin, accused of an attempted criminal assault upon 16-year-old Cizerine Fegy of Milton. The defendant was his own principal witness. He sought, by plain statements, to make the jury believe that the girl had been a willing party to his alleged crime. He introduced three witnesses, one his own daughter, to testify that the girl’s character was bad. However, Deputy District Attorney Keator had 11 witnesses to testify that her character was good. Also he had the evidence of a number of witnesses to the alleged attack besides the girl’s own story. The law provides imprisonment in the penitentiary from one to ten years.

**50 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
April 14, 1966**

Do plans for new wells in the Ordnance and Boardman areas threaten existing wells? That question will be explored in a public hearing June 3 in the Civic Recreation Center, Hermiston. Jerry Haines, Pendleton, district

watermaster, said wells in that area are dropping three to five feet a year under existing use. New wells could worsen the situation. Permits are required from the state engineer for any well that will irrigate more than a half-acre. Several new wells are proposed to irrigate land that now grows only sagebrush and jackrabbits. Thousands of other acres will be watered by the Columbia River if present plans materialize.

**25 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
April 14, 1991**

Toxic materials were reported leaking from cars of a Union Pacific freight train that derailed Friday evening near Gibbon crossroads 20 miles east of Pendleton. The derailed cars were a few hundred yards from the Umatilla River, Umatilla Indian Conservation Tribal Police official Gary Lytton said. There were no injuries to the train's three-man crew, Union Pacific spokesman Alex Tice said. The derailment is in a remote area with few nearby inhabitants. At least one home in the vicinity of the derailment was apparently being evacuated about 8 p.m., however. The 86-car train was eastbound from Pocatello, Idaho, to Hinkle when it derailed on a siding at about 6:15 p.m.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 105th day of 2016. There are 261 days left in the year.

## Today's Highlight 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.

**On this date:**  
**In 1775**, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was formed in Philadelphia.

**In 1828**, 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 1935, the “Black Sunday” dust storm descended upon the central Plains, turning a sunny afternoon into total darkness.

**In 1939**, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published by Viking Press.

**In 1949**, the “Wilhelmstrasse Trial” in Nuremberg ended with 19 former Nazi Foreign Office officials sentenced by an American tribunal to prison terms ranging from four to 25 years.

**In 1956**, Ampex Corp. demonstrated the first practical videotape recorder at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago.

**In 1965**, the state of Kansas hanged Richard Hickock and Perry Smith for the 1959 murders of Herbert Clutter, his wife, Bonnie, and two of their children, Nancy and Kenyon.

**In 1975**, Academy Award-winning actor Fredric March, 77, died in Los Angeles.

**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.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Actor Bradford Dillman is 86. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 84. Actress Julie Christie is 76. Retired MLB All-Star Pete Rose is 75. Rock musician Ritchie Blackmore is 71. Actor John Shea is 67. Actor-turned-race car driver Brian Forster is 56. Actor Brad Garrett is 56. Actor Robert Carlyle is 55. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 54. Actor Robert Clendenin is 52. Actress Catherine Dent is 51. Actor Lloyd Owen is 50. Baseball Hall of Famer Greg Maddux is 50. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 48. Actor Adrien Brody is 43. Rapper DaBrat is 42. Actor Antwon Tanner is 41. Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar is 39. Actor-producer Rob McElhenney is 39. Rock singer Win Butler (Arcade Fire) is 36.

**Thought for Today:** "I am a man of fixed and unbending principles, the first of which is to be flexible at all times." — *Everett Dirksen, American politician (1896-1969).*

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