

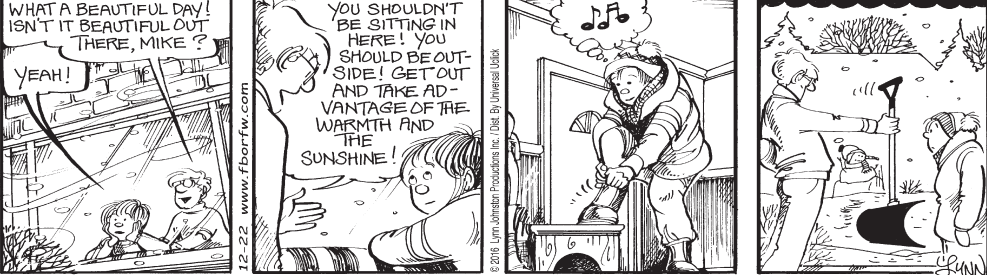
PEANUTS

BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ



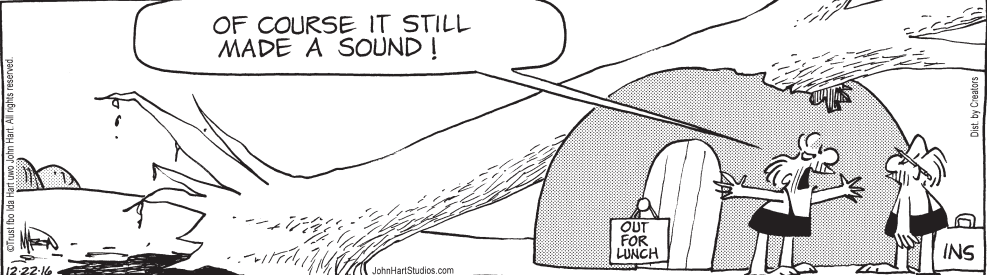
FOR BETTER OR WORSE

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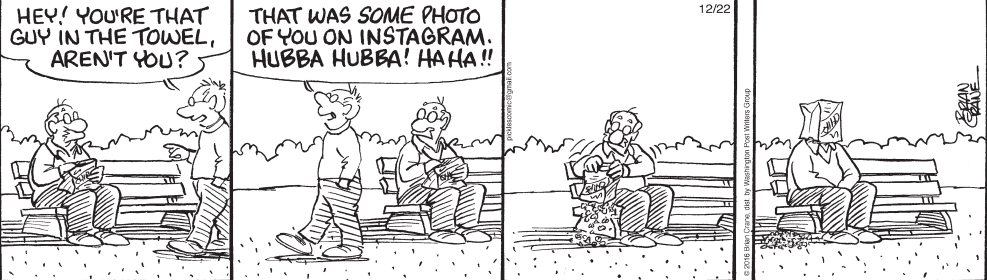
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DILBERT

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DEAR ABBY

Young teen acting out needs to find new role

Dear Abby: I am writing regarding my almost 13-year-old daughter. She's a sweet girl but lately has been involved in a lot of drama. Recently my husband and I saw what we believe to be two hickeys on her neck, one on each side. She has denied, denied, denied it, but we know what we know.

I'm worried because a few months ago she was called into her counselor's office for "roasting." She was asked to roast two specific girls, and the information got back to them and back to the counselor. Our daughter is not allowed to date, and although she has friends who started dating at 10 or 11, I don't allow her to go to their homes. I do allow them to come to our home instead.

I just need to know how to handle this situation before it gets out of control. I have tried talking calmly and patiently with her, but it doesn't work. She believes she knows it all and I know nothing. — **Unsure In New Jersey**

Dear Unsure: Girls who mock others and say cruel things are less "nice" than you would like to believe. It's a form of bullying. You need to nip this in the bud. A way to handle your daughter's misbehavior would be to institute consequences for getting called to the counselor's office and/or lying to you and your husband. By consequences, I mean the removal of privileges — cellphone, television, internet, or having friends over for a period of time.

Also, if your daughter is coming home with hickeys, she may have too much unsupervised time on her hands. So if you haven't already, involve her in SUPERVISED activities such as church youth groups, sports and special-interest clubs if her school offers

them. If she's going to a friend's house, be sure an adult will be there. Parenting is a full-time job. In time your daughter will mature and this, too, will pass. But for now she needs watching.

Dear Abby: My best friend — who is 19 — was concerned that she might be pregnant because her period was late. She told me that she and her husband (yes, she's married) have been having unprotected sex. Lo and behold, she took multiple tests and she is pregnant.

I know they are not ready to have a baby, even though she says she's excited. They are currently living in a hotel, and she doesn't have a job. Her husband's mom doesn't even know they're married. I feel bad, but it makes me not want to be her friend anymore because of the choices she's made and where she has ended up. Any advice? — **Don't Know What To Do**

Dear Don't Know: Yes. If you prefer not to be part of her drama — and it doesn't take a crystal ball to see that there is likely to be plenty — back off. And tell her honestly that you are not equipped to handle her problems right now.

Dear Abby: I sent out save-the-date notices for my wedding in November. One couple has stopped talking to me and refuses to tell me why. Must I send them an invitation to my wedding? — **Wedding Blues**

Dear Wedding Blues: According to Emily Post, the rules of etiquette dictate that "EVERYONE WHO RECEIVES A SAVE-DATE CARD *MUST* RECEIVE AN INVITATION." (The italics are Emily's.) However, because the couple has stopped speaking to you, do not be surprised if you hear nothing from them.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 22, 1916

In order that Pendleton people may get their packages by Christmas day, the local postal force will deliver parcels and packages all day Sunday and will clean out the office by Sunday night. On Christmas day the delivery office will be kept open between the hours of 9:30 and 10:30 to permit of the receiving of such package as come in overnight. That this will be the biggest Christmas Pendleton has ever had is evinced by the volume of business done at the local office. Last evening the receipts for the month of December were \$600 ahead of the receipts at the corresponding time a year ago.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 22, 1966

Four boys who were stealing outdoor Christmas tree lights were apprehended by city police Wednesday, and today were

pondering over the question of whether their vandalism was smart after all. The quartet, two 15 years of age and two 14, were located after Mildred Petri, 1003 SW Goodwin, reported the theft to police. The boys will be required to replace the lights, talk with the owner, and in addition a report of the matter is being turned over to the Umatilla County Juvenile Department.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 22, 1991

You are what you throw away, says Bryan Cable, a man who ought to know. Cable and his partner, Ron Wildman, start each day at 4 a.m., moving through neighborhoods from house to house collecting the city's garbage. The two "pick-up" men for Pendleton Sanitary Service say they learn about their customers from the stuff they toss into trash cans. Further, Wildman offers, "You can tell what a person is like by the way he keeps his garbage can."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 357th day of 2016. There are nine days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 22, 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

On this date:
In 1775, Esek Hopkins was appointed the commander-in-chief of the Continental Navy.

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

In 1910, a fire lasting more than 26 hours broke out at the Chicago Union Stock Yards; 21 firefighters were killed in the collapse of a burning building.

In 1937, the first, center tube of the Lincoln Tunnel connecting New York City and New Jersey beneath the

Hudson River was opened to traffic. (The second tube opened in 1945, the third in 1957.)

In 1940, author Nathanael West, 37, and his wife, Eileen McKenney, were killed in a car crash in El Centro, California, while en route to the funeral of F. Scott Fitzgerald, who had died the day before.

In 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe rejected a German demand for surrender, writing "Nuts!" in his official reply.

In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising. Playwright Samuel Beckett died in Paris at age 83.

In 2010, President Barack Obama signed a law allowing gays for the first time in history to serve openly in America's military, repealing the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Hector Elizondo is 80. Country singer Red Steagall is 78. Former World Bank Group President Paul Wolfowitz is 73. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Steve Carlton is 72. Former ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer is 71. Rock singer-musician Rick Nielsen (Cheap Trick) is 68. Rock singer-musician Michael Bacon is 68. Baseball All-Star Steve Garvey is 68. Golfer Jan Stephenson is 65. Actress BernNadette Stanis is 63. Rapper Luther "Luke" Campbell is 56. Country singer-musician Chuck Mead is 56. Actor Ralph Fiennes is 54. Actress Lauralee Bell is 48. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jordin Sparks is 27. Pop singer Meghan Trainor is 23.

Thought for Today: "The way you overcome shyness is to become so wrapped up in something that you forget to be afraid." — *Lady Bird Johnson (born this date in 1912, died 2007).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

