

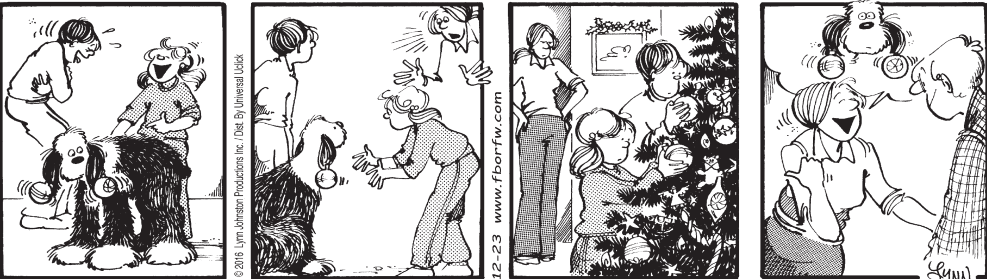
PEANUTS

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FOR BETTER OR WORSE

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DEAR ABBY

Young son confused by sex is ready to have ‘the talk’

Dear Abby: I divorced last year after 14 years of marriage. We have a 10-year-old son together. While staying with his father on weekends, he has overheard his father and new girlfriend having sex. It has happened a couple of times, and each time my son comes home in tears. His father has promised to not let it happen again.

My son is now worried that I’m doing the same thing, and he is treating me like I am the child and he’s the parent. He seems to think that people have sex only to have babies, and he is worried.

Do I need to get him some kind of counseling, or will this get better as he gets older and matures? I’m angry that his father didn’t use his head before choosing his actions, and now I’m the one being punished for it. — **Too Much For My Son**

Dear Too Much: If your son hasn’t had “the talk” with you or his father, it should start immediately so he knows that having sex doesn’t always mean the result will be babies. And while you’re at it, tell your son that you are not planning to have any more children anytime soon, so he has no reason to worry about you.

Dear Abby: I volunteer at a local hospital. We were told in training not to come to work if we were sick. One volunteer I work with didn’t heed what he was told and showed up last week sneezing and coughing. When I asked if he wanted to go home, he declined. Although I cleaned his workstation with an antiseptic, a few days later I came down with the worst cold I have had in years.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

I take care not to do anything to jeopardize my good health, but I had no control over this situation. I think it is extremely thoughtless of sick people to expose co-workers to their germs. Please, people, stay home when you are sick! — **Still Recovering In Oklahoma**

Dear Still Recovering: I hear you loud and clear, and I agree. Your co-worker should be ashamed of himself. If he infected you, I can only wonder how many of the patients

were put at risk or infected. As soon as you saw your co-worker had come to work sick, you should have informed your supervisor. If you had, it might have saved you some misery.

Dear Abby: My so-called boyfriend asked me to marry him. The problem is, he’s already married to a woman he married for financial reasons. He doesn’t believe in divorce, so where does that leave me? Yes, I love him, but I feel hurt and my heart is heavy. He doesn’t know that I know all of this, and if he did, he would probably be upset. What should I do? — **Hurting Heart**

Dear Hurting Heart: I know your heart is heavy. Any woman’s heart would be if she found herself in your situation. If your boyfriend’s wife knew what he was proposing, I’ll bet SHE would believe in divorce.

Tell him to get lost, and run in the opposite direction! Whether it “upsets” him is irrelevant. The last thing you need is a cheater. He will never marry you because he’s already married — to his meal ticket.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 23, 1916

Coming as a Christmas contribution to Pendleton is the announcement today of a new \$35,000 theater which is to be built soon for the accommodation of road shows and vaudeville. The proposed theater is to be built just back of the present Temple theater and will have an entrance from Main Street through the Temple building. The undertaking is backed by Dr. I.U. Temple who has secured from George Darveau a contract to buy the lot back of the Temple building. The plans call for a theater 65 feet by 110 in dimensions with a seating capacity of approximately 1000. The stage will be 40 by 65 which will make it large enough to accommodate all of the large road shows.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 23, 1966

Increasing malicious damage to public and private property in the area with B-B guns and .22 caliber rifles has caused the Umatilla City Council to order the police to confiscate

any guns, including air rifles, that are fired within the city limits. The action was taken Monday in the regular council session, after reports were given of considerable damage.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 23, 1991

Mark Miller, president of the Rocket Booster Club, trophy maker and play-by-play man for KUMA radio, is nursing cracked ribs and a bruised shoulder after being run over by his own pickup Friday. Miller had been at Pilot Rock High School, preparing for a Rockets Christmas Tournament, then rushed home to pick up some more items. “I parked in the driveway and left it running. The door was open and I’d just got out when it started rolling,” Miller said. The GMC pickup was rolling toward the neighbor’s car and house across the street. “I grabbed the steering wheel but it turned in my hand and I lost my balance. It drug me for several feet, then the door knocked me down and the front left tire ran over me.” The pickup, by the way, made a complete turn and stopped in the next-door neighbor’s shrubs. No property was damaged.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 358th day of 2016. There are eight days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Dec. 23, 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

On this date:

In 1788, Maryland passed an act to cede an area “not exceeding ten miles square” for the seat of the national government; about 2/3 of the area became the District of Columbia.

In 1823, the poem “Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas” was published in the *Troy (New York) Sentinel*; the verse, more popularly known as “‘Twas the Night Before Christmas,” was later attributed to Clement C. Moore.

In 1893, the Engelbert Humperdinck opera “Haensel und Gretel” was first performed in Weimar, Germany.

In 1913, the Federal Reserve System was created as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Federal Reserve Act.

In 1928, the National Broadcasting Company set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt restored the civil rights of about 1,500 people who’d been jailed for opposing World War I.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war leaders were executed in Tokyo.

In 1954, the first successful human kidney transplant took place at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston as a surgical team removed a kidney from 23-year-old Ronald Herrick and implanted it in Herrick’s twin brother, Richard.

In 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months after they had been captured.

In 1986, the experimental airplane Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first non-stop, non-refueled round-the-world flight as it returned safely to Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Today’s Birthdays:

Actor Ronnie Schell is 85. Emperor Akihito of Japan is 83. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Paul Hornung is 81. Actor Frederic Forrest is 80. Rock musician Jorma Kaukonen is 76. Rock musician Ron Bushy is 75. Actor-comedian Harry Shearer is 73. U.S. Army Gen. Wesley K. Clark (ret.) is 72. Actress Susan Lucci is 70. Singer-musician Adrian Belew is 67. Rock musician Dave Murray (Iron Maiden) is 60. Actress Joan Severance is 58. Singer Terry Weeks is 53. Rock singer Eddie Vedder (Pearl Jam) is 52. The former first lady of France, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, is 49. Rock musician Jamie Murphy is 41. Jazz musician Irvin Mayfield is 39. Actress Estella Warren is 38. Actress Elvy Yost (TV: “The Catch”) is 29. Actress Anna Maria Perez de Tagle is 26.

Thought for Today:

“Life began for me when I ceased to admire and began to remember.” — *Willa Cather, American author (1873-1947).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

