# **COFFEE BREAK**

BY LYNN JOHNSTON



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# **DEAR ABBY Boyfriend makes a grab for** woman's child tax credit

Dear Abby: My daughter received her tax refund recently. It amounted to \$8,700. Approximately \$5,000 is for overpaying on taxes. Approximately \$3,000 is the child tax credit she receives for her two children. Her boyfriend, the father of the two boys, thinks he's entitled to some of her money.

Now, I understand the child tax credit is given for financial help for the children. My daughter and I agree that the \$5,000 is hers exclu-

sively as she is the one who paid those taxes. As far as the child tax credit is concerned, her boyfriend thinks that he should be entitled to at least half of that because he's the father. We think because she is the one paying for the year's health insurance, doctor copays, prescriptions and most of the diapers, wipes, pull-ups and other incidentals, it should all be hers.

Don't get me wrong. Her boyfriend does contribute to the household and is a great guy. They split most of the bills. After five years, this is their first big disagreement.

He chooses to get money during the year, so of course he gets a lower tax refund at the end of the year. FYI, she pays less for the baby supplies because she works at a wellknown warehouse. He contributes when they are low by picking some up at the grocery store. What advice do you have? - Money Woes in the East

Dear Money Woes: Watch your daughter's "great" boyfriend closely because his



stance is troubling. Because he is the father doesn't mean he has a right to any portion of the child tax credit. If he needs reimbursement for the items he picks up for his children at the grocery store, your daughter should repay him out of her salary, not by forking over half of her tax credit. That money is intended for the kids, not for any one parent. If things aren't clear enough, consider putting the tax credit money in a separate account.

Dear Abby: My brother "Frank" passed away last month. He didn't have any underlying medical conditions, so it was a shock. My problem is, when I was 9 and he was 14, he used to molest me while my mother was working.

For years, I never told anyone, but when I was 40, I told my mom and big brother. Both of them believed me. For the past five years, I had been there for Frank and his daughter, but I was always waiting for an apology from him that never came. Now it's all I dwell on. How can I move past this and try to remember the good times? — Perplexed in California

Dear Perplexed: Your religious adviser may be able to help you with that. However, if you are not religious, it may take some sessions with a licensed mental health professional. Your niece, Frank's daughter, should be asked if her father ever did anything that made her uncomfortable because, if he did, she may need professional help.

# DAYS GONE BY From the East Oregonian

by 1973.

100 Years Ago May 6, 1921

An orchestra has recently been organized by the musicians of Pendleton and is holding rehearsals every Sunday morning in the auditorium of the library. It is under the direction of George E. McElroy who came here recently from Seattle where he played first violin with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra during the past six seasons. The orchestra is composed of the best musicians in Pendleton and has shown wonderful progress and the plans are to give a series of concerts in the near future.

### 50 Years Ago May 6, 1971

Stuart Roosa, the man who orbited the moon while his fellow astronauts walked on it, said today that the Boardman Industrial Park in Eastern Oregon is being considered for use as a giant spaceport. Roosa said the space program is interested in using the Boardman site, now leased to Boeing, for a launch site for a space shuttle program. Roosa say he expects the program to be under way

## 25 Years Ago May 6, 1996

Robert Bynum has been star struck since about the fourth grade. So landing a summer internship with the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., one of NASA's main research facilities, is a dream come true. Goddard is the home base of the Hubble Space Station and one of the largest research facilities in the field. Bynum, who commutes from Pendleton to La Grande to attend Eastern Oregon State College, applied with about 10 summer research programs. About three weeks ago, he received an email message at Eastern from a researcher at a Goddard who asked if Bynum would be interested in helping with a study of the sun's solar flares. In a word: Yes! Bynum will head to Maryland soon after completing his finals at Eastern the second week of June. His wife, Susan, a sixth grade teacher at McKay School in Pendleton, plans to join him there for most of the summer.

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TODAY IN HISTORY





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BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART DINNERTIME, ALREADY?

On May 6, 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3:59.40.

In 1527, unpaid troops loyal to Holy Roman Emperor Charles V attacked Rome, forcing Pope Clement VII to flee to safety; some scholars mark the ensuing sack of the city as the end of the Renaissance in Italy.

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which barred Chinese immigrants from the U.S. for 10 years (Arthur had opposed an earlier version with a 20-year ban).

In 1910, Britain's Edwardian era ended with the death of King Edward VII; he was succeeded by George V.

In 1915, Babe Ruth hit his first major-league home run as a player for the Boston Red Sox.

In 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg caught fire and crashed while attempting

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to dock at Lakehurst, New Jersey; 35 of the 97 people on board were killed along with a crewman on the ground.

In 1941, Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov. Comedian Bob Hope did his first USO show before an audience of servicemen as he broadcast his radio program from March Field in Riverside, California.

In 1942, during World War II, some 15,000 American and Filipino troops on Corregidor island surrendered to Japanese forces.

In 1957, Eugene O'Neill's play "Long Day's Journey into Night" won the Pulitzer Prize for drama; John F. Kennedy's "Profiles in Courage" won the Pulitzer for biography or autobiography.

In 2010, a computerized sell order triggered a "flash crash" on Wall Street, sending the Dow Jones industrials to a loss of nearly 1,000 points in less than half an hour.

In 2013, kidnap-rape victims Amanda Berry,

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HAVE ANY TIME

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"Should recess be five minutes longer

Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight, who went missing separately about a decade earlier while in their teens or early 20s, were rescued from a house just south of downtown Cleveland. (Their captor, Ariel Castro, hanged himself in prison in September 2013 at the beginning of a life sentence plus 1,000 vears.)

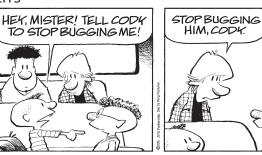
In 2015, the NFL released a 243-page report on "Deflategate" that stopped short of calling Patriots quarterback Tom Brady a cheater, but did call some of his claims "implausible" and left little doubt that he'd had a role in having footballs deflated before New England's AFC title game against Indianapolis and probably in previous games.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Willie Mays is 90. Rock singer Bob Seger is 76. Gospel singer-comedian Lulu Roman is 75. Rock singer John Flansburgh (They Might Be Giants) is 61. Actor Clay O'Brien is 60.

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