

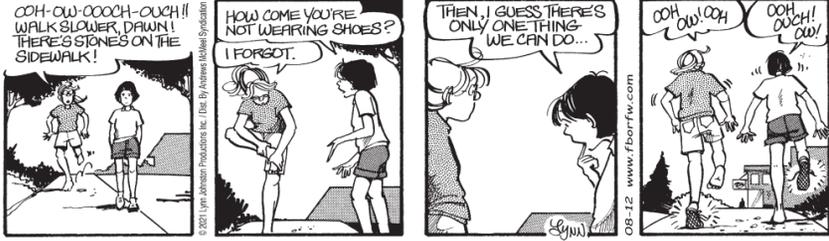
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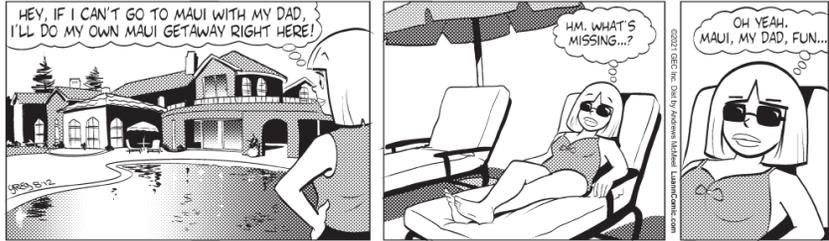


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DEAR ABBY

'New' father insists baby girl be kept a secret

Dear Abby: My fiance, "Nathan," and I met in college 12 years ago. At the time, he was helping to raise a child he thought was his. He was crazy about his son, "Joey." Everywhere we went, he would show him off, post pictures of them together on social media and talk about Joey nonstop.

of our child? — Can't Figure It Out

Dear Can't: I don't think Nathan is ashamed of his daughter. He may be being overly careful about news of his baby girl because he was so badly burned. He went overboard posting pictures and talking nonstop about his "son"; this time he has gone overboard in the opposite direction. Could this have anything to do with a fear that Nathan's ex will find out he has another child? You won't know unless you ask him. Between you and me, unless you're willing to go along with this secrecy business — which I don't think is healthy — your fiance should be urged to consult a licensed psycho-



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therapist who can help him regain his balance. When Joey turned 9, Joey's mother finally told Nathan that Joey was not his son. When a DNA test proved it was true, the stuff hit the fan. Not only had the mom known from the beginning that Joey wasn't Nathan's, it turned out so did his family and all his friends. It took a while for Nathan to overcome the shock. Once he did, he decided he wanted to start a family. He proposed to me, and we welcomed our baby girl. (I never cheated on him, but to avoid any doubts he might have, once she arrived, we did a DNA test.) Nathan has her spoiled rotten.

therapist who can help him regain his balance. Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married for 13 years. He is a kind of optimist. After a night of arguing and distancing, the next day he acts as though nothing has happened. He texts me from work, "Hey Babe! Good morning. I love you." Our arguments are not screaming matches but little spats that bother me a lot. Am I just a nagging wife? — Fighting Mad in New York

The problem is, he acts very peculiar where she is concerned. Before she was born, he wanted few people to know we were expecting. He said it was because he didn't want to get everybody's hopes up in case anything went wrong, which was understandable. Now our baby is 3 months old, and he's still keeping her a secret.

Dear Fighting Mad: Not necessarily. Your husband may get past these fights faster and more completely than you do. However, if his way of dealing with unresolved issues is to pretend they don't exist, I can understand your frustration. If this happens often, a text the next morning isn't going to improve the situation. Your communication problem won't improve until you both agree to talk about this with a marriage and family therapist. If he is not willing to do that, you might find a few sessions for yourself helpful.

He doesn't want to take family pictures and doesn't post her on social media like he did with Joey. He has asked his family and friends and even me not to tell anyone about the baby, and he gets mad if we do. When I asked why he's acting this way, he said it's because our child is "nobody's business." I love Nathan, and I understand that he was hurt once, but I'm starting to wonder. Is my fiance ashamed

DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

100 Years Ago Aug. 12, 1921

Charles A. Weatherford is in the hospital with a bullet in his back as a result of a shooting fray last night in which he is said to have attempted to shoot his former wife, Mrs. Osla Weatherford, and then turned the gun on himself. Mrs. Weatherford was not injured beyond the burns inflicted on her neck by powder, and the condition of Weatherford is not at all serious, it is thought. Weatherford came here from his home in Washington, and Henry Keys, owner of the house where Mrs. Weatherford and her four children are living, declared this morning that Weatherford has attempted to get Mrs. Weatherford to forget their past difficulties. She was granted a divorce about a month ago.

is the son of a 4-foot-11 mother and a 5-5 father. By modern athletic standards, he's a midget at 5-7 and 140 pounds. That is, Fouquette says he's 5-7 and 140. His high school coach, Don Requa, thinks his little quarterback exaggerates. "When he says 5-7, he's including his fluffy hairdo," Requa said. "And he seemed to disappear every time we tried to get him on the scales. I'd say he's closer to 125 pounds."

25 Years Ago Aug. 12, 1996

A helicopter built over the past year and a half by a Hermiston air hobbyist fell to the ground during testing Friday, slightly injuring the man. Steve Jonas, who had put 275 hours into the 1989 Rotorway Homebuilt, walked away from the wreck with cuts and bruises but was nonetheless transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital for observation. "I'm depressed, disappointed and broke," Jonas said after the wreck. "But alive," added Glen Phillips, a paramedic who responded to the scene. Having completed it only six weeks ago, Jonas was testing the craft's turning and hovering ability at a height of between 10 and 15 feet above a field west of the Hermiston Municipal Airport when the helicopter fell. The rear rotor, essential to keeping the craft stable, is suspected to have failed.

50 Years Ago Aug. 12, 1971

You'd think college athletic recruiters would flock around Dean Fouquette like photographers around Raquel Welch in a bikini. Saturday, he will become the only person ever to play in all three Oregon prep all-star games: football, basketball and baseball. Yet when Fouquette enrolls next month at Oregon State University, he'll be paying his own way for lack of a scholarship, all because of heredity. Dean

TODAY IN HISTORY

On August 12, 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Airlines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people. (Four people survived.)

Wisconsin, three days before opening in Hollywood.

In 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

In 1960, the first balloon communications satellite — the Echo 1 — was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral.

In 1964, author Ian Fleming, 56, the creator of James Bond, died in Canterbury, Kent, England.

In 1981, IBM introduced its first personal computer, the model 5150, at a press conference in New York.

In 1994, in baseball's eighth work stoppage since 1972, players went on strike rather than allow team owners to limit their salaries. (The strike ended in April 1995.)

In 2000, the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk and its 118-man crew were lost during naval exercises in the Barents Sea.

In 2013, James "Whitey"

Bulger, the feared Boston mob boss who became one of the nation's most-wanted fugitives, was convicted in a string of 11 killings and dozens of other gangland crimes, many of them committed while he was said to be an FBI informant. (Bulger was sentenced to life; he was fatally beaten at a West Virginia prison in 2018, hours after being transferred from a facility in Florida.)

In 2017, a car plowed into a crowd of people peacefully protesting a white nationalist rally in the Virginia college town of Charlottesville, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and hurting more than a dozen others. (The attacker, James Alex Fields, was sentenced to life in prison on 29 federal hate crime charges, and life plus 419 years on state charges.) President Donald Trump condemned what he called an "egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides."

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

