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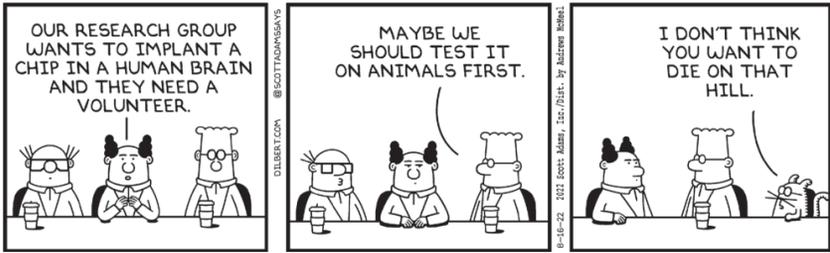
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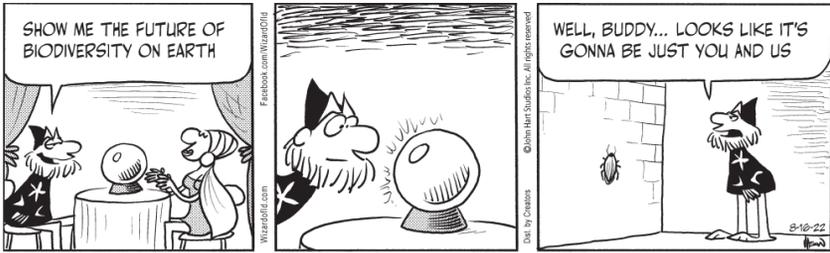
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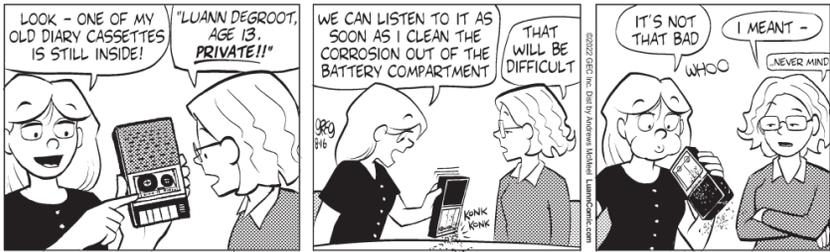
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DEAR ABBY

Man often compares his family to his partner's



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My boyfriend of seven years is very competitive. There is constantly this underlying contest about whose kid is better, whose dog is better, etc. I suspect he likes to brag about his 11-year-old daughter just to publicize that she's "great."

He often criticizes my son. He also has "house rules" for us that he doesn't hold himself or his daughter to, and becomes upset if I bring it up. I like doing things with him and with his daughter, but not when they're together because it's always them against us. She also hangs on him constantly and whines when I'm around.

I realize I can't change how he acts, but I feel like I constantly need to prove myself to him and stick up for my son. Sometimes I'm a little jealous because he treats his daughter so differently than he treats us. Can you help me come up with a different way of reacting to it? — Weary In Wisconsin

Dear Weary: Frankly, your question, "Can you come up with a different way of reacting to the way your boyfriend treats you and your son?" surprised me. The traits you have described are obnoxious. I find it hard to believe that for seven years you've tolerated the double standard he exhibits and his constant criticism of your son — who by now probably thinks there is something wrong with himself — because of it. Insist that he stop criticizing your boy and displaying the double

standard. If he doesn't comply, end the relationship.

Dear Abby: Last year a friend of mine had a baby shower, which I attended, and I bought her an expensive gift. Shortly after, her baby was, unfortunately, stillborn. Rather than return the gifts or save them for a future child, my friend sold them on an online virtual yard sale. I was upset because I had spent a lot of money and, had she returned

the item, I could've used it because I was pregnant. I didn't tell her how I felt.

Now, one year later, she's pregnant again. Honestly, I'm happy for her, but she's having another baby shower. What would be the rule of etiquette here? I want to go, but I don't feel I should have to buy her another gift. — Upset In The East

Dear Upset: It's regrettable that the gifts from the first pregnancy weren't returned to the givers or kept for a future pregnancy, but chances are that your friend was an emotional wreck after having lost her baby, and she wasn't thinking straight. If you plan to attend this shower, you should absolutely bring a gift.

I recalled that although the practice is well-entrenched here, not all cultures have baby showers before a child is born. In China, Egypt and France, the celebration is held after the birth. And in Ireland, Russia and Japan, it's considered bad luck to have a baby shower before the baby arrives.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago in the East Oregonian

Along with having all the fun they could find, Pendleton boy scouts also found time to do a little sleuthing while they were in their summer camp at Emigrant Springs, according to H.J. Kirby, scoutmaster, who was in charge of the two patrols. The first day out two of the boys located some old moonshine mash in a dugout not more than a mile from the springs. News of the find was immediately communicated to Mr. Kirby, and he sent word to the sheriff's office. By the time representatives from the office reached the field there was no sill to be found, but the boys' had plenty of excitement over their discovery.

50 years ago in the East Oregonian

The opening of schools in Helix have been postponed due to inclement weather delaying completion of harvest. The school board decided at a special meeting Wednesday night that school would not begin until Sept. 5, Supt. Pat Martin reported. It had been scheduled to begin Aug. 29. Harvest was late starting in this area, and the wet weather this week has allowed only about

an hour and a half in the fields each day. Many farmers only have four to eight days of harvest left, but Martin said the school board decided not to count on good weather and then have to delay the opening of school at the last moment.

25 years ago in the East Oregonian

While many young adults are delivering pizza or serving burgers for their summer job, members of the Northwest Youth Corps are making a difference in their environment and in themselves. For the past three weeks, 10 members of the corps, ages 16-19, have been planting trees, piling slash and building trails, fences and bridges in wilderness areas throughout the Northwest. This week they built hiking, biking and horse trails in the woods of Emigrant Springs State Park, about 23 miles east of Pendleton off Interstate 84.

Crew leader Jason Allen said the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service contact the NYC to do "anything that they need done for the environment, within reason." The organization has similar groups working in the Wenatchee, Wash., area and in Idaho.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Aug. 16, 1977, Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tennessee, at age 42.

In 1777, American forces won the Battle of Bennington in what was considered a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Native American forces in the War of 1812.

In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln issued Proclamation 86, which prohibited the states of the Union from engaging in commercial trade with states that were in rebellion — i.e., the Confederacy.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

In 1962, the Beatles fired their original drummer, Pete Best, replacing him with Ringo Starr.

In 1978, James Earl Ray, convicted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., told a Capitol Hill hearing he did not commit the crime, saying he'd been set up by a mysterious man called "Raoul."

In 1987, people worldwide began a two-day celebration of the "harmonic convergence," which heralded what believers called the start of a new, purer age of humankind.

In 2003, Idi Amin, the former dictator of Uganda, died in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia; he was believed to have been about 80.

In 2014, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency and imposed a curfew in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, where police and protesters repeatedly clashed in the week since a Black 18-year-old, Michael Brown, was shot to death by a white police officer.

In 2018, Aretha Franklin, the undisputed "Queen of Soul," died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76.

In 2020, California's Death Valley recorded a temperature of 130 degrees amid a blistering heat wave, the third-highest temperature ever measured.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

