

Shower guest questions need for giving a bride a second gift

DEAR ABBY: My niece on my husband's side was engaged to be married two years ago. There was a bridal shower, and everyone gave gifts or gift cards. Two weeks after the shower, the wedding was canceled because of the groom-to-be's infidelities. The shower gifts and gift cards were never returned nor was anyone reimbursed.

The same niece is getting married to someone else now. Another shower is being given for her. Everyone on her side of the family is invited. Are we required to give gifts again? Can we attend the shower and not give a gift? Should we all just not attend? Please help.

—ALREADY GAVE ONCE

DEAR ALREADY GAVE: Any unopened gifts from the first shower should have been returned to the givers. Because they weren't, you are not "obligated" to give the bride another gift. However, if you plan to attend this shower, in my opinion, you should not go empty-handed.

DEAR ABBY: Last week, I was in my college's cafe, minding my own business and studying for a test. I looked toward a group of guys that hang out there and made eye contact with a guy friend I've known since preschool. He made his way to my table, sat down and we started talking about classes and whatnot. Suddenly, he changed the subject and asked me if I was seeing anyone. I said no, and he blurted out that he's in love with me! He said he has loved me for a very long time, that I am perfect in his eyes, and that I'm too harsh and doubt myself. Then he said he wants me to give him a chance.

The thing is, I don't like him that way and never have. He's not the type of guy I'm attracted to. How do I go about rejecting him without losing him as a friend?

—FRIEND ZONE IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR FRIEND ZONE: Tell him the truth — that you like him, too, but only as a friend, and hope he will find someone soon who can reciprocate his romantic feelings. He may not like the message, but he will respect you for your honesty and for not wasting his time.

DEAR ABBY: I have many older friends, and when we go out for lunch or dinner, all they talk about is their aches and pains and other

medical stuff. I will always be their friend and support them, but sometimes it's such a downer, they even get depressed listening to each other.

What's the best way to change the conversation to happy subjects while being sensitive at the same time?

—HAPPY SUBJECTS ONLY

DEAR HAPPY: Older people sometimes dwell on their aches, pains and other medical stuff because they have little else to occupy their minds. If you are sensitive, you will listen sympathetically for a period of time, then propose you all change the subject to something more upbeat — and SUGGEST something.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 20 years. He is now on vacation in Thailand with his best buddy (without me again) for the third time in as many years.

After doing some research, I have discovered that this place is a major sex tourism destination also known as "Sodom on the Sea." My husband says he stays away from all the hanky-panky and goes there only for the beach, the food, the culture and "guy time" with his best friend. My girlfriends all tell me I am foolish and naive. Am I?

—SUSPICIOUS IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: I have my opinion, but not knowing your husband, I'm hesitant to accuse him of being an adulterer. However, you know him pretty well by now. (I assume that having researched your husband's chosen vacation spot, you have seen your doctor to be checked for STDs.) My questions to you would be — in your heart of hearts — what do you think? And if you agree with your girlfriends, what are you prepared to do about it?

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago, my wife and I decided we would help each other write our obituaries. I know this may seem macabre, but when she died a few years ago, after 48 years of marriage, it was less stressful to just fill in the date and age. What do you think?

—PRACTICAL UPSTATE NEW YORKER

DEAR PRACTICAL: I think that if it worked for you, other readers might consider it. Many people wonder what will be said of them after they're gone. This way, they can add or delete as they wish.

Plane skids off Istanbul runway, breaks apart; 120 hurt

By Suzan Fraser and Mehmet Guzel
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL — A plane skidded off the runway Wednesday as it tried to land in bad weather in Istanbul, crashing into a field and breaking into pieces. Passengers had to evacuate through cracks in the smashed plane and authorities said 120 people were injured.

The low-cost Pegasus Airlines plane with 177 passengers and crew on board was arriving at Istanbul's Sabiha Gokcen airport from the western Turkish city of Izmir when it had what the Transportation Ministry described as a "rough landing." The ministry said no one died in the incident.

Istanbul Gov. Ali Yerlikaya said the plane landed in bad weather, failed to "hold onto the runway" and skidded some 50-60 meters (yards) before crashing into a ditch from a height of some 30 meters. He said 120 people were injured and had been hospitalized.

"We are deeply saddened ... (But) we are very happy that we escaped a greater accident," he said, adding that the plane could have burst into flames.

The airport was shut down after the accident, which occurred at around 6:30 p.m. local time and flights were being diverted to Istanbul's main airport.

Turkey's state-run Anadolu news agency said a chief prosecutor's office had launched an investigation into the accident.

Video obtained by The Associated Press showed the wreckage of the plane in a field adjacent to the end of the runway. The video shows heavy rain and strong winds at the time, with smoke coming from one of the engines as passengers climb out of the fuselage onto the wings of the plane and away from the crash site.

Eyewitness Hasan Eraydin, who shot the video, said he had been driving home from work when he heard a rumble.

"We were about 30 meters away ... we tried to get to the scene to help, but there was some sort of a canal in between and it was impossible. We thought 'God willing, no one has died.'"

Dozens of rescue crew members swarmed around the flood-lit fuselage, including around the cockpit, which had flipped over. The plane was a Boeing 737 that was 11

years old, according to the flight tracking website Flightradar24.

"We are aware of the media reports and we are gathering more information," Peter Pedraza, a Boeing spokesman, said.

NTV television said the injured included the plane's two pilots, who it said were in serious condition. NTV broadcast a recording of the communications between the pilots and air traffic control in which the pilots are told that previous flights had reported strong tail winds.

"According to the information we have, there was a rough landing. The accident occurred after (the plane) could not decelerate and rammed into a field from the end of the runway," state-run Anadolu Agency quoted Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Mehmet Cahit Turan as saying.

Pegasus is a privately-owned, low-cost carrier based in Istanbul that flies 97 routes, mostly within Turkey and to destinations in Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia. It is majority owned by Turkish billionaire Sevet Sabanci and his family, who have big investments in the country in areas as varied as real estate, clothing, health clubs and packaging materials.

The accident comes a month after a Pegasus plane with 164 people on board skidded off the runway at the same airport in Istanbul. There were no deaths or injuries in that incident on Jan. 7.

In January 2018, another Boeing 737-800 in the Pegasus fleet slid off a runway at northeastern Turkey's Trabzon Airport and down a dirt embankment. The plane came to rest in the dirt above the Black Sea with its nose pointed toward the water. None of the 168 passengers and crew members were injured.

In 2013, the tail of an Asiana Airlines Boeing 777 broke off after the jet hit a seawall during approach to San Francisco International Airport. Three people died, 49 were seriously injured and scores more suffered minor injuries, according to the U.S. accident report.

That same year, a Lion Air Boeing 737 split in two after landing in shallow water short of the runway in Bali, Indonesia. All 101 passengers and seven crew members survived.

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TEMPERATURES

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	37°	33°	35°
Low Tuesday	24°	22°	23°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Tuesday	Trace	0.05	Trace
Month to date	0.03	0.11	0.29
Normal month to date	0.08	0.15	0.32
Year to date	0.31	1.66	8.88
Normal year to date	0.88	1.78	3.49

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 83° Naples, Fla.

Low: -24° Gunnison, Colo.

Wettest: 1.61" Henderson, Texas

OREGON

High: 49° Brookings

Low: 7° Odell Lake

Wettest: 0.01" Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

The "Blizzard of '78" was in its early stages on this date in 1978. A prolific snow producer, it dumped 14 inches in Baltimore, 16 inches in Philadelphia and 18 inches in New York City.

SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	7:06 a.m.
Sunset	5:06 p.m.	5:07 p.m.
Moonrise	2:13 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
Moonset	5:16 a.m.	6:12 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 23	Mar 2

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES				RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY			
City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	52/42/r	50/35/r	Lewiston	51/41/sh	48/33/sh	ANTHONY LAKES	Mostly cloudy
Bend	52/31/c	40/24/c	Longview	52/41/r	46/33/r	32 15	Mostly cloudy
Boise	52/36/sh	46/26/sh	Meacham	43/30/pc	36/25/sf	MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly cloudy
Brookings	55/43/pc	51/39/sh	Medford	57/40/pc	46/33/pc	Mostly cloudy	38 25
Burns	49/27/pc	39/21/c	Newport	51/42/c	49/37/r	EAGLE CAP WILD.	Mostly cloudy
Coos Bay	53/43/c	49/36/sh	Olympia	51/39/r	48/32/r	Mostly cloudy	34 19
Corvallis	55/40/c	49/34/r	Ontario	54/36/sh	49/30/c	WALLOWA LAKE	Spotty showers
Council	40/32/sh	37/21/c	Pasco	58/42/pc	54/31/c	Spotty showers	43 29
Elgin	45/33/c	38/26/sh	Pendleton	53/40/pc	45/30/c	THIEF VALLEY RES.	Mostly cloudy
Eugene	56/41/c	49/35/r	Portland	54/41/r	49/34/r	Mostly cloudy	47 33
Hermiston	58/41/pc	49/32/sn	Powers	56/40/c	45/34/sh	PHILLIPS LAKE	Mostly cloudy
Hood River	51/38/c	45/32/c	Redmond	55/34/c	43/25/c	Mostly cloudy	42 28
Imnaha	45/32/pc	38/30/sh	Roseburg	59/42/c	48/35/sh	BROWNLEE RES.	Spotty showers
John Day	45/31/c	36/27/c	Salem	54/40/c	49/34/r	Spotty showers	46 33
Joseph	43/29/sh	35/24/sf	Spokane	41/34/pc	42/25/c	EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Rather cloudy
Kennewick	57/42/pc	52/32/sh	The Dalles	56/40/pc	48/31/sn	Rather cloudy	41 28
Klamath Falls	54/29/pc	40/23/c	Ukiah	42/29/pc	34/23/c	MCKAY RESERVOIR	Partly sunny
Lakeview	48/27/pc	38/19/pc	Walla Walla	53/41/pc	47/30/sn	Partly sunny	52 38

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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