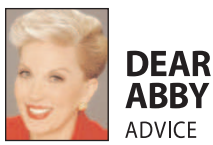


# Parent of child isn't ready to get married



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** My girlfriend, "Dyanne," and I recently had a baby conceived not long after we started dating. While I love my child with all my heart, Dyanne is constantly dropping hints that she wants an engagement ring or a "promise ring." I understand why because she has explained her reasons. But she's pressuring me to provide something I believe should come when I feel comfortable doing it. While some would say I don't

act like it, I'm traditional in some ways for a millennial. I believe that when I give someone a ring, it should be because I plan to marry her. I don't consider marriage the way most do, and think I can just get divorced and it's no big deal. I think Dyanne puts too much emphasis on what others think and that's one of the reasons she wants a ring. Am I wrong to stall until I feel ready to actually propose and not just say, "Sure. One day we will, and here's a ring in the meantime"? — **UNENGAGED IN CALIFORNIA**  
**DEAR UNENGAGED:** Nowhere in your letter did you mention that you love Dyanne.

You should not give her a ring and keep her in a holding pattern if you aren't sure you want to follow through with the commitment. Be honest. Tell her you care about her and love your child and intend to responsibly co-parent with her, but you are not ready for marriage and don't know when you will be. That's the truth.  
**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a volunteer tour guide for several historic sites. One of them is a cemetery. My fellow guides and I are concerned — not to mention saddened — when we see children running around unsupervised, and standing on and climbing on the gravestones. Cemeteries are sacred places

in which the dead should be remembered and honored. When parents or caretakers allow children to use the cemetery as a play area, they fail to teach them respect for the dead or for the survivors who are visiting the graves of their loved ones. They also place their children in danger. Gravestones can fall or tip over. Children have been killed or seriously injured by toppling stones. Flat grave markers can be tripping hazards. When we caution parents about these dangers, we are often met with indifference. Please urge your readers to take our concern for their children's safety seriously and control

their children's activities in cemeteries. — **CONCERNED TOUR GUIDE**  
**DEAR CONCERNED:** I'm pleased to pass along your message because it is an important one. Cemetery etiquette is simple: Treat the graves as you would the graves of your own cherished loved ones, or as you would like your own to be treated. This includes no loud chatter, and because there are people in mourning there, not walking on the graves, not leaving chewing gum on the gravestones, keeping pets leashed — if they are brought there at all — and teaching children the difference between a cemetery and a playground.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Final valuation of Prince's estate accepted at \$156.4 million

The Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS** — The six-year legal battle over pop superstar Prince's estate has ended, meaning the process of distributing the artist's wealth could begin next month. The Minneapolis Star Tribune reports that the Internal Revenue Service and the estate's administrator, Comerica Bank & Trust, agreed to value Prince's estate \$156.4 million, a figure that the artist's heirs have also accepted. The valuation dwarfs an earlier \$82.3 million appraisal. The IRS in 2020 had valued the estate at \$163.2 million.

Prince, who died of a fentanyl overdose in 2016, did not leave a will. Since then, lawyers and consultants have been paid tens of millions of dollars to administer his estate and come up with a plan for its distribution. Two of Prince's six sibling heirs, Alfred Jackson and John R. Nelson, have since died. Two others are in their 80s. "It has been a long six years," L. Londell McMillan, an attorney for three of Prince's siblings, said at a hearing Friday in Carver County District Court. In the end, the estate will be almost evenly divided between

a well-funded New York music company — Primary Wave — and the three oldest of the music icon's six heirs or their families. The IRS and Comerica settled last spring on the real-estate portion of Prince's estate. But the trickier task of valuing intangible assets such as rights to Prince's music was not completed until October. As part of the agreement, the IRS dropped a \$6.4 million "accuracy-related penalty" it had levied on Prince's estate. The Minnesota Department of Revenue, which agreed on the estate's valuation, also has dropped an accuracy penalty, the filing said.



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**Prince performs in Miami on Feb. 4, 2007. The six-year legal battle over pop superstar Prince's estate has ended, meaning the process of distributing the artist's wealth could begin in February 2022.**

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**THU**

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**FRI**

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**SAT**

Clouds and sunshine

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
<b>Baker City</b>	23	36	27
<b>La Grande</b>	32	39	34
<b>Enterprise</b>	29	36	29

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**TEMPERATURES** Baker City La Grande Elgin

High Sunday 30° 36° 40°

Low Sunday 27° 25° 31°

**PRECIPITATION** (inches)

Sunday 0.00 0.00 0.00

Month to date 0.27 0.83 2.78

Normal month to date 0.37 0.92 1.78

Year to date 0.27 0.83 2.78

Normal year to date 0.37 0.92 1.78

**SUNDAY EXTREMES**

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 80° Key West, Fla.

Low: -28° Saranac Lake, N.Y.

Wettest: 2.64" Beaufort, N.C.

**OREGON**

High: 57° Brookings

Low: 16° Lakeview

Wettest: Trace Hermiston

**WEATHER HISTORY**

On Jan. 18, 1978, the weight of snow and ice caved in the roof of the Hartford Civic Center. In winters with excessive snowfall, loads on roofs increase dramatically.

**SUN & MOON**

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	7:26 a.m.	7:26 a.m.
Sunset	4:40 p.m.	4:41 p.m.
Moonrise	5:21 p.m.	6:29 p.m.
Moonset	8:22 a.m.	8:53 a.m.

**MOON PHASES**

	Last	New	First	Full
	Jan 25	Jan 31	Feb 8	Feb 16

**RESERVOIR STORAGE** (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	1% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	25% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	19% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	27% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	19% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	26% of capacity

**STREAM FLOWS** (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	1260 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	15 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	244 cfs
Minam River at Minam	129 cfs
Powder River near Richland	57 cfs

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	WED.		THU.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	50/45/r	51/43/r	Lewiston	44/38/c
Bend	49/39/pc	58/29/c	Longview	49/46/r
Boise	39/24/c	40/28/c	Meacham	39/32/pc
Brookings	55/45/pc	57/45/c	Medford	55/37/c
Burns	40/27/pc	45/25/sh	Newport	51/46/r
Coos Bay	52/43/r	54/43/sh	Olympia	48/43/sh
Corvallis	49/44/r	55/41/c	Ontario	37/27/c
Council	34/25/c	33/25/sn	Pasco	43/34/c
Elgin	39/33/pc	41/34/r	Pendleton	42/37/c
Eugene	50/45/r	56/42/c	Portland	48/47/r
Hermiston	44/37/c	54/38/sh	Powers	56/46/pc
Hood River	44/40/c	51/37/r	Redmond	50/38/pc
Imnaha	44/37/c	43/37/r	Roseburg	53/44/r
John Day	43/38/c	46/35/r	Salem	51/47/r
Joseph	37/31/c	44/32/r	Spokane	36/34/c
Kennewick	40/35/c	55/32/sh	The Dalles	44/38/sh
Klamath Falls	47/28/pc	51/26/pc	Ukiah	42/34/c
Lakeview	41/24/pc	44/23/s	Walla Walla	42/36/c

**RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY**

Location	Forecast	Temp
ANTHONY LAKES	Low clouds	28 27
MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly cloudy	32 30
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Low clouds	32 24
WALLOWA LAKE	Low clouds	37 31
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Partly sunny	36 27
PHILLIPS LAKE	Partly sunny	39 34
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly cloudy	40 34
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Mainly cloudy	38 32
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Partly sunny	44 39
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Mostly cloudy	39 34

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