Grandchild born to widow calls another man 'daddy'

DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: My grandson passed away three months before his daughter was born. When she was 6 months old, her mom moved in with her new boyfriend. We were allowed visits for a couple of years, but then that stopped, so we had to take the mom to court to get visitation again.

We learned our visits had been stopped because we referred to her boyfriend by his name instead of "Daddy." We are not allowed to tell our grandchild who her father is. At what age should a child be told the truth, and how is all this going to affect my granddaughter? — **TRUTH TELLER IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR TRUTH TELLER: Your former daughter-in-law may prefer her little one call her boyfriend "Daddy" because the man is the only father figure your granddaughter has ever known. The time for her to be told all the facts would be when she's old enough to understand the information AND her mother chooses to tell her about her biological father. The truth should not negatively affect her.

DEAR ABBY: How do you deal with a relative whose child is autistic when they come for holiday dinners and let their child climb on the furniture like it's a playground and walk around the house eating and touching everything with soiled hands?

These parents constantly post about "treating him like a normal child," but they don't treat him normal with expectations. I'm tired of having to constantly supervise him and feel intimidated about saying things like, "Please don't climb on the furniture, sit at the table when you eat, wash your hands, please," etc. What's your advice? — **TENTATIVE IN FLORIDA**

DEAR TENTATIVE: Quit allowing yourself to be "intimidated" and tell these parents you would prefer your socializing to be adults only — for the reasons you stipulated in your letter. Or, when you would like to spend time with them, arrange for it to be al fresco rather than inside your home. (Thank heavens you live in a state with a mild climate!)

DEAR ABBY: I need your thoughts about a good friend who, at the end of the month of my birthday or the first week of the next one, hits me with a birthday card. Then she says she doesn't know my exact birthdate but at least she remembers the month and, therefore, I should be thankful.

Four years later, I am tempted to tell her if it's not important enough to remember the day, then why bother? Am I wrong for feeling this way, or should I just be thankful she at least remembers the month? — **BIRTHDAY BOY IN TEXAS**

DEAR BIRTHDAY BOY: Frankly, you are being a bit picky. Not everyone feels as strongly as you do about personal milestones. That said, however, gratitude can't be ordered like an item on a takeout menu, which your friend appears to be trying to convince you to do. Because those birthday cards, which are supposed to invoke warm feelings, have the opposite effect, express that you would prefer she save her postage money.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Cruise ship headed to Miami changes course after U.S. judge orders seizure

The Associated Press

MIAMI — A cruise ship that was supposed to dock in Miami sailed to the Bahamas instead after a U.S. judge granted an order to seize the vessel as part of a lawsuit over unpaid fuel.

Cruise trackers show Crystal Symphony currently docked in the Bahamian island of Bimini.

Passengers were taken by ferry to Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale on Sunday, Jan. 23.

"We all feel we were abducted by luxurious pirates," passenger Stephen Heard Fales posted on Facebook.

It was unclear how many passengers were aboard, with one news outlet reporting 300 and another, 700. According to the company website, the vessel can carry up to 848 passengers.

The ship was scheduled to land in Miami on Jan. 22. But a federal judge in Miami issued an arrest warrant for the ship on Jan. 20, a maritime practice where a U.S. Marshal goes aboard the vessel and takes charge of it once it enters U.S. waters.

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The cruise liner Crystal Symphony leaves the harbor in Charleston, S.C., on May, 21, 2013. Scheduled to arrive in Miami on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, the ship, with hundreds of passengers aboard, was diverted to the Bahamas after a U.S. judge granted an order to seize the vessel as part of a lawsuit over unpaid fuel.

Passengers and entertainers said on social media they were surprised to find out about the legal case. One guest posted a letter on Facebook from Crystal Cruises Management that said the change in itinerary was due to "non-technical operational issues."

The lawsuit was filed in a Miami federal court by Peninsula Petroleum Far East against the ship under a maritime procedure that allows actions against vessels for unpaid debts. The complaint says Crystal Symphony was chartered or managed by Crystal Cruises and Star Cruises, which are both sued for breach of contract for owing $4.6 million in fuel.

Crystal Cruises announced earlier this week that it was suspending operations through late April. Besides Crystal Symphony, it has two other ships currently cruising, which end their voyages on Jan. 30 in Aruba and on Feb. 4 in Argentina.

"Suspending operations will provide Crystal's management team with an opportunity to evaluate the current state of business and examine various options moving forward," said the company in a statement earlier this week.

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	Some clouds	Areas of freezing fog	Freezing fog in the a.m.	Partly sunny and chilly	Partly sunny
Baker City	17	31 12	29 14	29 15	32 16
Comfort Index™	3	3	0	0	1
La Grande	25	37 14	34 22	34 23	37 24
Comfort Index™	2	1	0	0	3
Enterprise	19	36 17	38 20	38 20	38 26
Comfort Index™	4	3	4	4	4

Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	29°	36°	38°
Low Sunday	22°	22°	22°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.38	1.24	3.73
Normal month to date	0.53	1.29	2.52
Year to date	0.38	1.24	3.73
Normal year to date	0.53	1.29	2.52

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	S at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	6.3
Evapotranspiration	0.05
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)	
Phillips Reservoir	2% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	26% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	19% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	33% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	20% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	31% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	1950 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	15 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	444 cfs
Minam River at Minam	163 cfs
Powder River near Richland	54 cfs

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 78° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: -37° Embarrass, Minn.
Wettest: 0.33" Akron, Ohio

OREGON
High: 71° Brookings
Low: 15° Meacham
Wettest: none

WEATHER HISTORY

On Jan. 25, 1821, thousands crossed the Hudson River from New York City to Hoboken, N.J., on ice that formed when the temperature dropped to 14 degrees below zero that morning.

SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	7:21 a.m.	7:20 a.m.
Sunset	4:49 p.m.	4:51 p.m.
Moonrise	12:21 a.m.	1:37 a.m.
Moonset	11:06 a.m.	11:33 a.m.

MOON PHASES

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

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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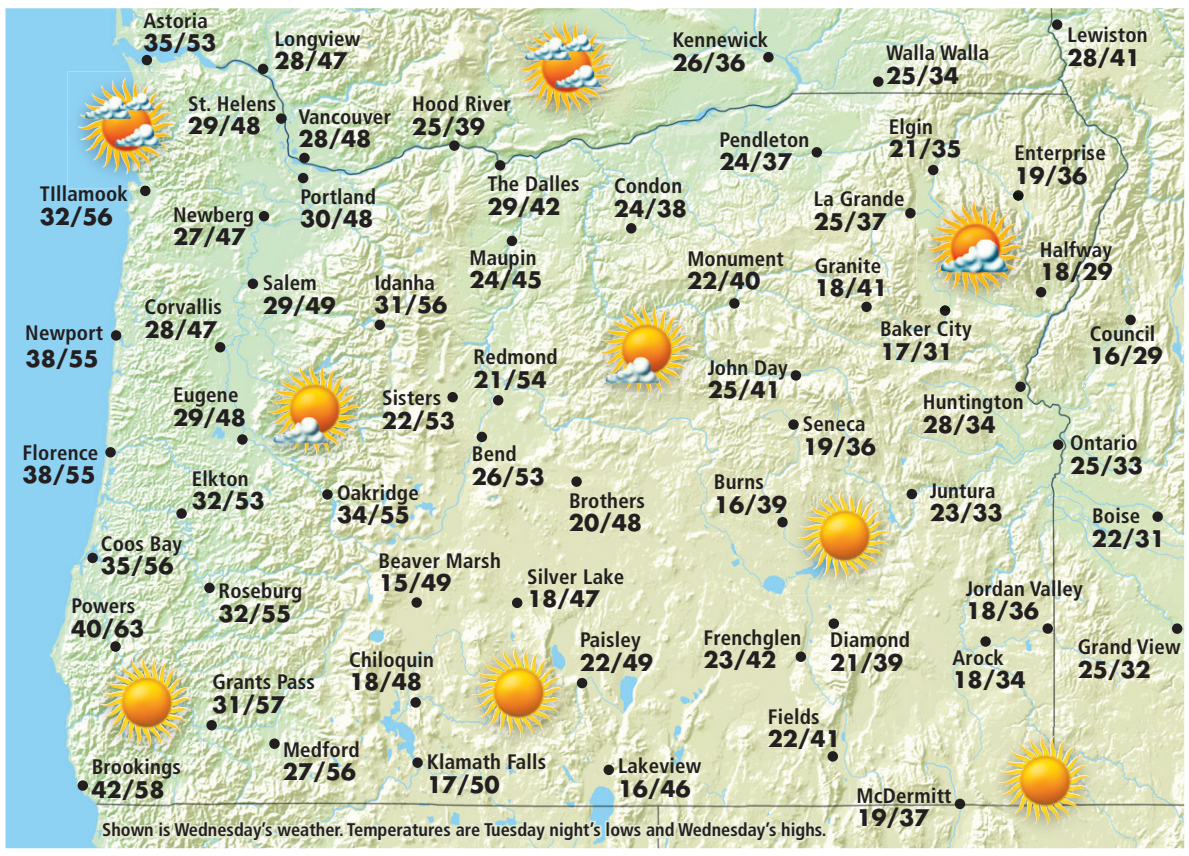

REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W	City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	53/38/s	52/37/s	Lewiston	41/26/pc	43/25/s
Bend	53/18/s	56/24/s	Longview	47/26/pc	49/28/s
Boise	31/19/s	31/16/s	Meacham	37/14/s	36/15/pc
Brookings	58/42/pc	58/43/pc	Medford	56/28/s	57/31/s
Burns	39/16/s	37/15/s	Newport	55/37/s	54/39/s
Coos Bay	56/32/s	57/36/pc	Olympia	49/33/pc	51/31/pc
Corvallis	47/27/pc	46/32/pc	Ontario	33/19/pc	32/19/pc
Council	29/8/s	26/7/s	Pasco	36/24/c	38/22/c
Elgin	35/13/s	34/8/pc	Pendleton	37/20/pc	36/18/pc
Eugene	48/29/pc	49/32/s	Portland	48/34/pc	49/32/pc
Hermiston	38/21/pc	37/20/pc	Powers	63/36/s	63/40/c
Hood River	39/27/pc	38/27/pc	Redmond	54/17/s	53/21/s
Imnaha	45/20/pc	45/28/pc	Roseburg	55/34/s	57/35/pc
John Day	41/22/s	41/24/s	Salem	49/28/s	51/31/pc
Joseph	38/21/s	40/27/pc	Spokane	32/22/pc	35/20/pc
Kennewick	36/22/c	32/19/c	The Dalles	42/27/pc	42/27/pc
Klamath Falls	50/17/s	53/22/s	Ukiah	40/20/s	43/19/s
Lakeview	46/17/s	46/21/s	Walla Walla	34/22/pc	33/22/pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES
Freezing fog
31 15

MT. EMILY REC.
Freezing fog
34 21

EAGLE CAP WILD.
Freezing fog
31 10

WALLOWA LAKE
Freezing fog
38 21

THIEF VALLEY RES.
Freezing fog
31 12

PHILLIPS LAKE
Freezing fog
38 18

BROWNLEE RES.
Plenty of sunshine
37 17

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38 14

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39 22

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37 14

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