

DEAR ABBY

Grandparents are 'Mommy' and 'Daddy' to toddler

Dear Abby: My daughter passed away last year, and we received custody of our grandson, who was 15 months old at the time. He is now nearly 2½ years old. My daughter wanted him to call me Mamaw because that's what she called my mother, so I've always referred to myself that way, but recently, he has started calling me Mommy. I say Mamaw back to him and sometimes he will say Mamaw, but more often it's Mommy.

I'm uncomfortable not honoring my daughter as his mommy. We display her photos, and he will say that that's his mommy, but I also don't want to hurt his feelings by saying I'm not his mommy. His father isn't in the picture, so my husband and I are the only parents he knows. My husband seems uncomfortable with him calling me Mommy and when he hears it, he tries to correct him. Should we allow him to call us Mommy and

Daddy or continue to correct him? — **Getting It Right in North Carolina**

Dear Getting It Right: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your daughter. I see nothing positive to be gained by not allowing your grandson to call you what he wants. You and your husband have made clear that his mommy is in heaven, but right now the boy needs a "Mommy" right here on Earth. It is not disrespectful of your late daughter's memory to allow him that.

Dear Abby: I have been happily married to my husband for five years. When we married, money was tight, so we agreed to use temporary wedding rings and upgrade to our final official set later. Well, we finally did it, and my ring is what I always wanted. It is stunning.

The problem: When friends and family (and sometimes even strangers!) compliment me on my ring, it is often accompanied with, "Can I try it on?" or more forcibly, "Let me try that on!" I would never ask to try on something so precious to someone else, and I never want to see someone else wearing my wedding rings. How can I politely tell them "No way"?

— **Shocked in New York**
Dear Shocked: The women want to see it on their own hand and imagine for a moment that the ring is theirs. Feeling as you do, smile and reply, "I never remove my wedding rings other than to clean them."

Dear Abby: I live in Florida, and the rest of my big family lives in Canada. Last year, five of my nieces/nephews were admitted to

the hospital for varying health reasons. Rather than send flowers, I sent each a check for \$50. I thought money would be more useful.

Well, last week my daughter was diagnosed with malignant melanoma after a mole was removed. After I emailed the news to my sisters, I received one response from a sister saying, "Give your daughter our best!" Other than that, there have been no cards. Am I petty in thinking they should have at least sent my daughter a card?

— **Petty in Florida**
Dear Petty: Your relatives apparently didn't consider the thoughtfulness you displayed to their children something to be reciprocated. How sad. In situations like this, it isn't the tangible item that's most important, it's the thought, and it appears your relatives didn't want to put in the effort. I do not think it's petty to recognize that fact and feel disappointment. You are human.



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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago Aug. 14, 1921

Who killed Matt Jepson? While a crime wave is breaking all over the country, developments in the case of the aged recluse who lived on the mountain south of Milton, whose body was found Saturday in an open well, leads the authorities to believe that as black a mystery as has ever been recorded in the annals of Umatilla county surrounds the death of Jepson. An axe which bears unmistakable evidence of having been used to inflict the wounds that the authorities believe caused Jepson's death, the arrangement of a pair of shoes near the open well to make suicide appear plausible, and other clues which have been gathered but which are withheld by the officers are some of the things that lead to the belief that Jepson was murdered.

50 Years Ago Aug. 14, 1971

Oregon's dairy industry may be headed for a big turnaround and the Hermiston area and Columbia River water

may be the key. Instead of hauling alfalfa and other feeds to the dairy farmers in Western Oregon, the dairy farms may move into the Hermiston area with the possibility of a "Dairy Row" being established in the Juniper Farms area northeast of Hermiston. Sun Best Farms is located in the area. Land developer Ervin Edmonds, Pasco, Wash., said Saturday that "at least ten" dairyman have been here looking at the proposal "and they are anxious to come here." The dairy complex idea, according to Edmonds, is for the "small" dairymen who have up to 200 cows.

25 Years Ago Aug. 14, 1996

Former Rep. Bob Smith said today he would seek the Republican nomination for his old seat in Congress. Smith, who retired two years ago after six terms in the House, will bid to replace disgraced U.S. Rep. Wes Cooley. Smith said he wanted to keep the seat in GOP hands. The 2nd District, covering the vast, mostly rural reaches of Eastern and southern Oregon, has been represented by Democrats only twice since its formation in 1892.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law.

In 1848, the Oregon Territory was created.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill issued the Atlantic Charter, a statement of principles that renounced aggression.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced that Imperial Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

In 1948, the Summer Olympics in London ended; they were the first Olympic games held since 1936.

In 1973, U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

In 1975, the cult classic movie musical "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," starring Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick, had its world premiere in London.

In 1980, workers went on strike at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, Poland, in a job action that resulted in creation of the Solidarity labor movement.

In 1992, the White House announced that the Pentagon would begin emergency airlifts of food to Somalia to alleviate mass deaths by starvation.

In 1995, Shannon Faulkner officially became the first female cadet in the history of The Citadel, South Carolina's state military college. (However, Faulkner quit the school less than a week later, citing the stress of her court fight, and her isolation among the male cadets.)

In 1997, an unrepentant Timothy McVeigh was formally sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing. (McVeigh was executed by lethal injection in 2001.)

In 2009, Charles Manson follower Lynette "Squeaky"

Fromme, 60, convicted of trying to assassinate President Gerald Ford in 1975, was released from a Texas prison hospital after more than three decades behind bars.

In 2015, the Stars and Stripes rose over the newly reopened U.S. Embassy in Cuba after a half century of often-hostile relations; U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry celebrated the day, but also made an extraordinary, nationally broadcast call for democratic change on the island.

Today's Birthdays: Broadway lyricist Lee Adams ("Bye Bye Birdie") is 97. College Football Hall of Famer John Brodie is 86. Singer Dash Crofts is 83. Rock singer David Crosby is 80. Country singer Connie Smith is 80. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 76. Movie director Wim Wenders is 76. Actor Antonio Fargas is 75. Singer-musician Larry

Graham is 75. Actor Susan Saint James is 75. Author Danielle Steel is 74. Rock singer-musician Terry Adams (NRBQ) is 73. "Far Side" cartoonist Gary Larson is 71. Actor Carl Lumbly is 70. Olympic gold medal swimmer Debbie Meyer is 69. Actor Jackee Harry is 65. Actor Marcia Gay Harden is 62. Basketball Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson is 62. Sen. Bill Hagerty, R-Tenn., is 62. Singer Sarah Brightman is 61. Actor Susan Olsen is 60. Actor-turned-fashion/interior designer Cristi Conaway is 57. Rock musician Keith Howland (Chicago) is 57. Actor Halle Berry is 55. Actor Ben Bass is 53. Actor Catherine Bell is 53. Rock musician Kevin Cadogan is 51. Actor Scott Michael Campbell is 50. Actor Lalanya Masters is 49. Actor Christopher Gorham is 47. Actor Mila Kunis is 38. Actor Lamorne Morris is 38.

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 greeting (10)	_____
2 library (7)	_____
3 business (8)	_____
4 hallmark (5)	_____
5 green (9)	_____
6 key (9)	_____
7 report (10)	_____

ARCH	COM	IVE	UTAT	US
UN	TRY	ION	TR	TANT
TRA	POR	IND	AIN	IT
MUN	IM	IQUE	SAL	ED

Today's Answers: 1. SALUTATION 2. ARCHIVE 3. INDUSTRY 4. TRAIT 5. UNTRAINED 6. IMPORTANT 7. COMMUNIQUE

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Find and Circle...

- Five birds ending with K
- Three four-syllable countries
- Three dairy products
- Three mountain chains
- Optimum

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: STORK DUCK ROOK HAWK LARK NONNOLIA BOLIVIA LIBERIA / BUTTER CHEESE MILK / ROCKIES ANDES ALPS BEST

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