

DEAR ABBY

Daughter forbids contact with grandchild

Dear Abby: My daughter "Faith" has started dating "Kane," a new guy she met online. He seems like a stand-up guy. Her old boyfriend, "Blake," was out of the picture, but since she's started seeing someone else, he constantly shows up. Mind you, Blake is supposed to be engaged to the woman living with him.

Faith tells Kane that Blake is "like a brother" to her. Since he's constantly coming around, I asked her if she has told her boyfriend she used to date Blake, that he puts his vehicle in her garage and she is asking him to do things around the house as if he's her man. I think she needs to level with Kane, so he can decide whether he wants to

be involved in an open relationship. Since I mentioned it, she no longer has anything to do with me. She ordered me not to call her or come to her house. I have a 2-year-old grandson I have helped her care for since he was born. It hurts me deeply that I can't see him. Please give me your opinion and tell me if I owe her an apology. — **Mom Who Means Well**

Dear Mom: It appears your daughter and her ex are not entirely through with each other. If Kane is being led to believe he and Faith have an exclusive relationship, he's being deliberately misled, and shame on her. She may be keeping him around for insurance in

case her relationship with Blake falls through again. You do not "owe" your daughter an apology for speaking your mind, but you may have to offer one if you want to see your grandson.

Dear Abby: My spouse and I had our first child early this year during the pandemic. It was a difficult time because we couldn't have any family with us during the delivery. We live in the same town as my in-laws, and this is their first grandchild.

Abby, their behavior toward this child has become possessive and intrusive. My spouse and I have tried to set boundaries, to no avail. We tried explaining that we are new parents in a very difficult time in this world right now, and there is more stress than there would normally be. They listen and

acknowledge what we are saying, but their behavior doesn't change. This is causing us more anxiety in an already anxious time. We would never want to restrict access to their grandchild, but every day is too much. Other than moving, what are our options? — **New Mommy in Pennsylvania**

Dear New Mommy: Another option would be for you and your spouse to set specific times when the in-laws are welcome to visit. If they pop in when they are not expected, do not let them in. Explain firmly that they need to adhere to the schedule you have set because your stress level is already above where it should be. They may not like it, but if the alternative is you moving, it would be less expensive and disruptive for you.



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DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

100 Years Ago Oct. 2, 1921

Are there any expert crow hunters in Umatilla county? Ed Dupuis who lives east of Nolin has a lot of them to spare at his place. Every morning they pass his farm in huge flocks. He thinks they roost at night in groves near Echo and they come east in the mornings. He declares that he has counted as many as 5,000,000. The fact that they are good harvesters is what peevs Ed. He has crops of apples, sunflowers and corn on his farm, and the crows are adepts in helping him gather his stuff. They knock more apples down than they eat, and the hogs in the orchard finish the cooperative stunt by coming along and disposing of the fruit. He'd like to get rid of his feathered friends.

50 Years Ago Oct. 2, 1971

Four months ago a black puppy wandered into the Umatilla County Road Dept. shops near Pendleton. In moments he won the hearts of the dog lovers who work there. They named him "Bo," fixed a place for him to sleep and saw that he got plenty to eat. Bo returned affection for affection and set himself up as a watchdog as well. "The petty thefts that used to occur at night stopped," says Jim

McMahon, purchasing agent for the department and one of Bo's new friends. A couple of weeks ago, Bo was hit by a car and nearly died. But no bones were broken and he recovered consciousness. His friends dug into their pockets and paid Bo's hospital bill. Today Bo is back on the job, walking a bit gingerly but with a sparkle in his eye.

25 Years Ago Oct. 2, 1996

The Tower Fire south of Ukiah reached its peak a little more than a month ago after a 44,000-foot high smoke plume dominated the horizon. Evening cooled the 90-degree weather on the river, causing the chimney-like process to collapse onto itself and blow fire for miles, pretty much killing everything as if a bomb had gone off. While most fires are wind and topography driven, the plume-dominated fire created its own thunderhead, lightning and rain, and the high-intensity burns had flame lengths in excess of 100 feet and sucked air from miles around. The unusual fire patterns, remote location and varied topography of the Tower Fire area present a rehabilitation challenge to Forest Service officials who say it will be "a couple generations (recovering) and in our lifetime it will never be the same."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Oct. 2, 1869, political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi was born in Porbandar, India.

In 1890, comedian Groucho Marx was born Julius Marx in New York.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a serious stroke at the White House that left him paralyzed on his left side.

In 1941, during World War II, German armies launched an all-out drive against Moscow; Soviet forces succeeded in holding onto their capital.

In 1944, German troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people had been killed.

In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as the court opened its new term.

In 1970, one of two chartered twin-engine planes flying the Wichita State University football team to Utah crashed into a mountain near Silver Plume, Colorado, killing 31 of the 40 people on board.

In 1984, Richard W.

Miller became the first FBI agent to be arrested and charged with espionage. (Miller was tried three times; he was sentenced to 20 years in prison, but was released after nine years.)

In 1986, the Senate joined the House in voting to override President Reagan's veto of stiff economic sanctions against South Africa.

In 2002, the Washington, D.C.-area sniper attacks began, setting off a frantic manhunt lasting three weeks. (John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were finally arrested for killing 10 people and wounding three others; Muhammad was executed in 2009; Malvo was sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2005, a tour boat, the Ethan Allen, capsized on New York's Lake George, killing 20 elderly passengers. Playwright August Wilson died in Seattle at age 60. Actor-comedian Nipsey Russell died in New York at age 87.

In 2017, rock superstar Tom Petty died at a Los Angeles hospital at the age of 66, a day after suffering

cardiac arrest at his home in Malibu, California.

In 2019, House Democrats threatened to make White House defiance of a congressional request for testimony and documents potential grounds for an article of impeachment against President Donald Trump. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo acknowledged for the first time that he had been on the phone call in which Trump pressed Ukraine's president to investigate Democrat Joe Biden.

Today's Birthdays: Retired MLB All-Star Maury Wills is 89. Movie critic Rex Reed is 83. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 76. Cajun/country singer Jo-el Sonnier is 75. Actor Avery Brooks is 73. Fashion designer Donna Karan is 73. Photographer Annie Leibovitz is 72. Rock musician Mike Rutherford (Genesis, Mike & the Mechanics) is 71. Singer-actor Sting is 70. Actor Robin Riker is 69. Actor Lorraine Bracco is 67. Country musician Greg Jennings (Restless Heart) is 67. Rock singer Phil Oakey (The Human

League) is 66. R&B singer Freddie Jackson is 65. Singer-producer Robbie Nevil is 63. Retro-soul singer James Hunter is 59. Rock musician Bud Gaugh (Sublime, Eyes Adrift) is 54. Folk-country singer Gillian Welch is 54. Country singer Kelly Willis is 53. Actor Joey Slotnick is 53. R&B singer Dion Allen (Az Yet) is 51. Actor-talk show host Kelly Ripa (TV: "Live with Kelly and Ryan") is 51. Rock musician Jim Root (AKA #4 Slipknot) is 50. Singer Tiffany is 50. Rock singer Lene Nystrom is 48. Actor Efen Ramirez is 48. R&B singer LaTocha Scott (Xscape) is 49. Gospel singer Mandisa (TV: "American Idol") is 45. Actor Brianna Brown is 42. Rock musician Mike Rodden (Hinder) is 39. Former tennis player Marion Bartoli is 37. Actor Christopher Larkin is 34. Rock singer Brittany Howard (Alabama Shakes) is 33. Actor Samantha Barks is 31. Actor Elizabeth McLaughlin is 28.

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

- 1 sleep (7)
- 2 sleep (9)
- 3 sleep (4)
- 4 sleep (6)
- 5 sleep (6)
- 6 sleep (6)
- 7 sleep (6)

SOLUTIONS

ER	DR	TE	ZE	BER
SN	SIE	SL	SE	OW
ZE	OO	HIB	CA	TN
NA	UM	STA	AP	DO

Today's Answers: 1. SLUMBER 2. HIBERNATE 3. DOZE 4. DROWSE 5. CATNAP 6. SNOOZE 7. SIESTA

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Find and Circle...

- Three African countries
- Three fish starting with H
- Three waterfowl
- Three animals with hooves
- Two six-letter colors

Answers to Friday's puzzle: MAROON CREAM WHITE BLACK PINK TEAL / WRIST ANKLE KNEE / PORCUPINE BEAVER MOUSE / BELGIUM FRANCE / AREA

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 P P O K A N A O U B R R
 J O Z H A H G M D V O E
 M W M T D U C K G M H H

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: QUARTER NICKEL PENNY DIME / TRADE TREAD RATED / MOJAVE SAHARA GOBI / OBOE DRUM TUBA / GLOVE MATCH RING

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