

Only grandchild announces transition to living as a boy

DEAR ABBY: My grand-daughter just informed me she has decided she would be happier living as a boy, and she has gone so far as to legally change her name. I want to be supportive, but I admit I'm having a lot of trouble accepting it, or at least figuring out how to deal with it.



DEAR ABBY

She's my only grandchild and most likely the only one I'll ever have. I loved my grand-daughter with all my heart, and I don't know how to shift gears to a grandson. I keep stumbling when I try to use the new name. I would welcome any suggestions you could make, including information about support groups you might know of.

— GRANDMA IN PAIN

DEAR GRANDMA: Gender reassignment is not something that someone does on a lark. There are many steps involved, and the journey, while liberating,

can be challenging both physically and emotionally. I am sure this is something your grandchild has given much thought to.

Yes, coming to terms with it can be as much of a journey for family as it is for the transgender person, and it can take time and understanding on all sides. A group called PFLAG can help you through this. It has been mentioned in my column for decades. It has helped countless families to build bridges of understanding between themselves and their lesbian, gay and transgender loved ones. Please don't wait to contact them. You will find PFLAG at pflag.org, and their phone number is (202) 467-8180.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 50-year-old man. My whole life, my relationship with my father has been strained.

When I was in my teens and 20s, when he bought presents for

my two siblings and not for me, he would say things to me like, "I forgot I had you."

In spite of this, I became very successful in life. I had a great career and am now retired.

My father recently announced to me that he had made only two mistakes in his life — marrying my mother, who has put up with him for more than 60 years, and having children.

My dilemma is, he is now 90 with many health problems. He is in the hospital now for a heart problem. I know he won't last much longer.

I feel nothing for him, and I am not sad. When he dies, I know I won't care.

Is this normal? I feel guilty for feeling this way.

— DON'T CARE IN TENNESSEE

DEAR DON'T CARE: Please don't feel guilty for feeling no regret at the prospect of "losing" a cruel and withholding parent who made it his business to make

those around him feel "less than." Do not be surprised if, rather than feel a sense of loss, you feel at peace, as though a weight has been lifted from your shoulders. You should not feel guilty for that, either. Comfort and emotionally support your mother as best you can when he dies, but don't be shocked if she, too, feels some relief. Their union could not have been the happiest.

DEAR ABBY: At the end of last year, I sat down with my parents hoping that maybe we could approach the new year with a fresh start.

One short month into the new year, my mother is back at it again, ridiculing me and making me feel like no matter what I do, it will never be good enough for her.

I have reached the end of my rope. I'm tired of dealing with the constant cycle of emotional abuse. I have overcome much in my life, and I'm proud of myself for it. During times when I

struggle, I reflect on how much. I keep pushing myself forward, but at this point, I'm just tired.

I have considered distancing myself, but the recent loss of my grandfather hit me hard. I have been leaning on my family to keep myself going, so I'm in a pickle.

— HURT, STUNNED AND TIRED IN NEW YORK

DEAR H.S.T.: You may never be able to have what you want from your mother, not because there is something wrong with you, but because she has proven herself incapable of being supportive.

For understanding and the emotional support you are seeking, consider contacting your clergy person (if you have one) or the officiant at your grandfather's funeral and asking about joining a grief support group. If you do, you may find the support you need while at the same time keeping safely at a distance from your mother.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

139-year-old house rolls to new San Francisco address

SAN FRANCISCO — After 139 years at 807 Franklin St. in San Francisco, a two-story Victorian house has a new address.

The green home with large windows and a brown front door was loaded onto giant dollies and moved Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021, to a location six blocks away.

Onlookers lined the sidewalks to snap photos as the structure rolled — at a top speed of 1 mph — to 635 Fulton St.

The house's journey has been in the planning stages for years, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

Veteran house mover Phil Joy told the newspaper he had to secure permits from more than 15 city agencies.

Joy said this move is tricky in part because the first part of the journey involves going downhill.

"That's always difficult for a house," he said. Along the route, parking meters were ripped up, tree limbs were trimmed and traffic signs were relocated.

The owner of the six-bedroom house, San Francisco broker Tim Brown, will pay about \$400,000 in fees and moving costs, according to the Chronicle.



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A worker signals to a truck driver pulling a Victorian home through San Francisco on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021. The house, built in 1882, was moved to a new location about six blocks away to make room for a condominium development. According to the consultant overseeing the project, the move cost approximately \$400,000 and involved removing street lights, parking meters and utility lines.

Grammy-winning duo Daft Punk break up after 28 years

NEW YORK — Grammy-winning electronic music pioneers Daft Punk have announced that they are breaking up after 28 years.

The helmet-wearing French duo shared the news Monday in an 8-minute video called "Epilogue." Kathryn Frazier, the band's long-time publicist, confirmed the break up for The

Associated Press.

Daft Punk, comprised of Thomas Bangalter and Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo, have had major success over the years, winning six Grammy Awards and launching international hits with "One More Time," "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger" and "Get Lucky."

Bangalter and de Homem-Christo met at a Paris school in 1987.

Prior to Daft Punk, they formed an indie rock

band named Darling.

They officially formed Daft Punk in 1993, and the helmeted, mute and mysterious musicians released their debut album, "Homework," in 1997. They first found success with the international hit "Da Funk," which topped the Billboard dance charts and earned them their first Grammy nomination. A second No. 1 hit and Grammy nomination followed with "Around the World."



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Thomas Bangalter, left, and Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo, from the music group, Daft Punk, pose for a portrait April 17, 2013, in Los Angeles. The Grammy-winning French act have announced their break up.

Daft Punk spent time touring around the world and reached greater heights with their sophomore album, 2001's "Discovery." It included the infectious smash "One More Time" and "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger," which Kanye West famously flipped into his own hit "Stronger," released in 2007. It won West the best rap solo performance Grammy at the 2008 show, where West and Daft Punk performed together onstage.

A year later, a live version of "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger" won Daft Punk the best dance recording Grammy — their first win — and their "Alive 2007" album picked up best electronic/dance album.

But it was the 2014

Grammys where Daft Punk really took the spotlight, winning album of the year for "Random Access Memories" and making history as the first electronic act to win the highest honor at the Grammys.

The duo won four awards that night, including record of the year for their bombshell hit "Get Lucky," featuring Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers.

"Random Access Memories" was regarded as a genre-bending album highlighted by its mix of live instrumentation, disco sounds, funk, rock, R&B and more. Rolling Stone ranked it No. 295 on their list of the "500 Greatest Albums of All Time" last year.

— Associated Press

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	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Snow tapering off, 1-2"	Strong winds subsiding	Cold; a little a.m. snow	A little morning snow	Clouds and sun; chilly
Baker City	27	37 26	37 19	36 22	38 20
Comfort Index™	0	0	1	1	1
La Grande	32	35 27	36 27	39 26	40 25
Comfort Index™	0	0	0	0	1
Enterprise	28	31 22	31 19	36 18	37 26
Comfort Index™	0	0	0	2	3

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 Tuesday	43°	41°	38°
Low Tuesday	28°	28°	30°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.01	0.23	0.66
Month to date	0.56	3.21	5.63
Normal month to date	0.47	0.92	1.91
Year to date	0.93	4.25	9.94
Normal year to date	1.27	2.55	5.08

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High: 87° Tamiami, Fla.
 Low: -5° Gand Lake, Colo.
 Wettest: 0.48" Rome, N.Y.

OREGON
 High: 56° Medford
 Low: 18° Crater Lake
 Wettest: 0.07" Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

On Feb. 25, 1934, a storm centered in the Carolinas brought killer tornadoes to Georgia and Alabama while dumping up to 9 inches of snow from Richmond, Va., to Philadelphia, Pa.

SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	6:37 a.m.	6:36 a.m.
Sunset	5:34 p.m.	5:35 p.m.
Moonrise	3:43 p.m.	4:59 p.m.
Moonsset	6:12 a.m.	6:45 a.m.

MOON PHASES

	Full	New	First
	Feb 27	Mar 5	Mar 13
			Mar 21

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	55%
Afternoon wind	W at 12 to 25 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.4
Evapotranspiration	0.06

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

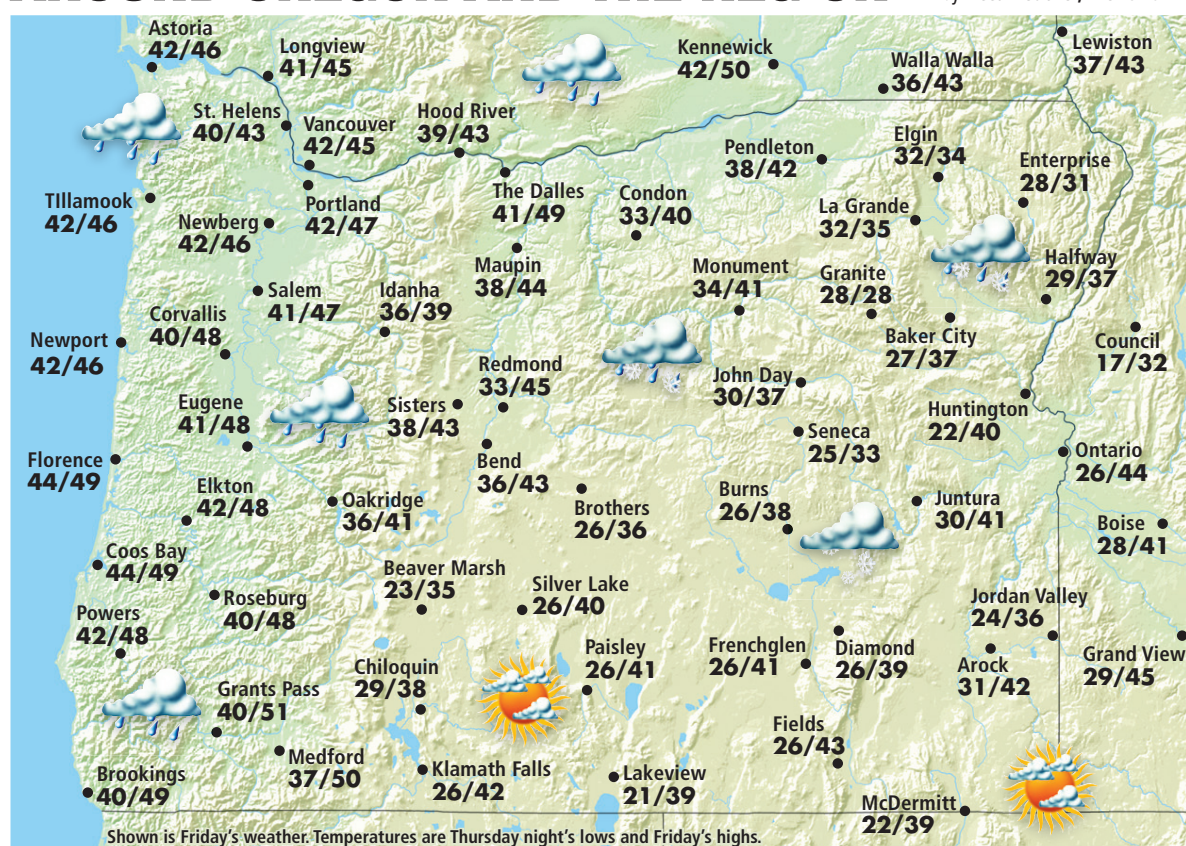
Phillips Reservoir	10% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	51% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	51% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	47% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	40% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	97% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	3860 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	59 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	25 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	485 cfs
Minam River at Minam	281 cfs
Powder River near Ricland	75 cfs

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI.		SAT.		City	FRI.		SAT.			
	HI/LO/W	HI/LO/W	HI/LO/W	HI/LO/W		HI/LO/W	HI/LO/W	HI/LO/W			
Astoria	46/41/r	49/41/pc	Lewiston	43/30/sf	42/27/c	Bend	43/35/c	45/30/pc	Longview	45/40/r	49/40/pc
Bend	41/27/sf	39/22/sn	Medford	50/37/r	51/31/pc	Boise	49/40/c	51/37/pc	Meacham	34/26/sf	36/25/sn
Brookings	49/40/c	51/37/pc	Medford	50/37/r	51/31/pc	Brookings	49/40/c	51/37/pc	Medford	50/37/r	51/31/pc
Burns	38/25/sf	38/20/sn	Newport	46/40/r	47/39/pc	Burns	38/25/sf	38/20/sn	Newport	46/40/r	47/39/pc
Coos Bay	49/43/r	50/37/sf	Olympia	46/34/pc	49/37/pc	Coos Bay	49/43/r	50/37/sf	Olympia	46/34/pc	49/37/pc
Corvallis	48/38/r	50/35/sf	Ontario	44/26/sh	42/23/pc	Corvallis	48/38/r	50/35/sf	Ontario	44/26/sh	42/23/pc
Council	32/19/sf	34/8/sn	Pasco	52/30/pc	51/36/s	Council	32/19/sf	34/8/sn	Pasco	52/30/pc	51/36/s
Elgin	34/26/sf	36/25/sn	Pendleton	42/35/sh	45/37/sf	Elgin	34/26/sf	36/25/sn	Pendleton	42/35/sh	45/37/sf
Eugene	48/39/r	50/37/pc	Portland	47/38/r	51/39/pc	Eugene	48/39/r	50/37/pc	Portland	47/38/r	51/39/pc
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John Day	37/25/sf	36/23/sn	Salem	47/38/r	50/38/pc	John Day	37/25/sf	36/23/sn	Salem	47/38/r	50/38/pc
Joseph	30/22/sf	30/19/sn	Spokane	40/25/sf	39/26/s	Joseph	30/22/sf	30/19/sn	Spokane	40/25/sf	39/26/s
Kennewick	50/33/pc	51/41/s	The Dalles	49/37/r	51/35/pc	Kennewick	50/33/pc	51/41/s	The Dalles	49/37/r	51/35/pc
Klamath Falls	42/29/c	44/21/pc	Ukiah	33/25/sf	35/25/sn	Klamath Falls	42/29/c	44/21/pc	Ukiah	33/25/sf	35/25/sn
Lakeview	39/25/c	40/19/sn	Walla Walla	43/31/sf	44/31/pc	Lakeview	39/25/c	40/19/sn	Walla Walla	43/31/sf	44/31/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 FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Windy and frigid	16	12	PHILLIPS LAKE Winds subsiding	30	26
MT. EMILY REC. Windy	24	20	BROWNLEE RES. Some snow, 1-3"	38	21
EAGLE CAP WILD. Snow, 1-3"	20	13	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Snow showers; cold	29	23
WALLOWA LAKE Snow showers	30	22	MCKAY RESERVOIR Very windy	41	33
THIEF VALLEY RES. Snow, 1-2"	37	26	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Windy	35	27