

'New' father insists baby girl be kept a secret



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: My fiance, "Nathan," and I met in college 12 years ago. At the time, he was helping to raise a child he thought was his. He was crazy about his son, "Joey." Everywhere we went, he would show him off, post pictures of them together on social media and talk about Joey nonstop.

When Joey turned 9, Joey's mother finally told Nathan that Joey was not his son. When a DNA test proved it was true, the stuff hit the fan. Not only had the mom known from the begin-

ning that Joey wasn't Nathan's, it turned out so did his family and all his friends. It took a while for Nathan to overcome the shock. Once he did, he decided he wanted to start a family. He proposed to me, and we welcomed our baby girl. (I never cheated on him, but to avoid any doubts he might have, once she arrived, we did a DNA test.) Nathan has her spoiled rotten.

The problem is, he acts very peculiar where she is concerned. Before she was born, he wanted few people to know we were expecting. He said it was because he didn't want to get everybody's hopes up in case anything went wrong, which was understandable. Now our baby is 3 months old, and he's still

keeping her a secret.

He doesn't want to take family pictures and doesn't post her on social media like he did with Joey. He has asked his family and friends and even me not to tell anyone about the baby, and he gets mad if we do. When I asked why he's acting this way, he said it's because our child is "nobody's business."

I love Nathan, and I understand that he was hurt once, but I'm starting to wonder. Is my fiance ashamed of our child? — **Can't Figure It Out**

Dear Can't: I don't think Nathan is ashamed of his daughter. He may be being overly careful about news of his baby girl because he was so badly burned. He went overboard

posting pictures and talking non-stop about his "son"; this time he has gone overboard in the opposite direction. Could this have anything to do with a fear that Nathan's ex will find out he has another child? You won't know unless you ask him. Between you and me, unless you're willing to go along with this secrecy business — which I don't think is healthy — your fiance should be urged to consult a licensed psychotherapist who can help him regain his balance.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married for 13 years. He is a kind of optimist. After a night of arguing and distancing, the next day he acts as though nothing has happened. He texts me from work, "Hey Babe! Good

morning. I love you." Our arguments are not screaming matches but little spats that bother me a lot. Am I just a nagging wife? — **Fighting Mad in New York**

Dear Fighting Mad: Not necessarily. Your husband may get past these fights faster and more completely than you do. However, if his way of dealing with unresolved issues is to pretend they don't exist, I can understand your frustration. If this happens often, a text the next morning isn't going to improve the situation. Your communication problem won't improve until you both agree to talk about this with a marriage and family therapist. If he is not willing to do that, you might find a few sessions for yourself helpful.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

'Modern Family' star, sister help injured woman

The Associated Press

MOAB, Utah — A woman who fainted and hit her head on a rock after stopping to rest in Utah's Arches National Park woke up to hear a familiar voice and wondered if she might be watching television.

Minnie John of Oradell, New Jersey, then questioned whether she might know the woman who was with the doctor helping her, or if she was famous, according to a post on Facebook.

"Her sister the doctor asked me to guess and I told her I just hit my head, I can't remember. She said smiling 'Modern Family' and I said of course!" John recounted about how she finally recognized Julie Bowen from her role on the long-running comedy series.

In her Aug. 3 post, John said she had been on a "bucket list" trip to Arches and hiking to see Delicate Arch, a four-story sandstone arch perched on the rim of a deep red rock canyon, for an hour and a



Shaji John via The Associated Press

Minnie John, center, poses with actress Julie Bowen, right, and Bowen's sister, Dr. Annie Luetkemeyer, left, after the pair cared for her after she fainted and hit her head on a rock while stopping to rest in Arches National Park, Utah, on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021.

half when she could not go any farther. She told her husband and son to go ahead as she rested along the trail, her head in her hands.

Julie Bowen and her sister, Annie, told her that their guide had seen her fall face forward on a rock, with her glasses breaking her fall, she said. They cleaned her up and gave her electrolytes as Julie

Bowen assured her she was going to be OK, John said. They used her phone to call her son and some people selflessly ran ahead to find him, about 20 minutes ahead, to let them know what had happened, John said.

John said she fractured her nose and received five stitches later at the hospital. She expressed gratitude to God for sending

people to help her.

"Daredevil or dumb as can be, I still consider this trek up the mountain as one of my proudest achievements in my life. Sometimes you need to take those chances in life to live to experience heights and depths," she wrote.

Loud pickleball games annoy some in Michigan

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich. — Some residents in a northern Michigan community are complaining about noise during summer nights.

Rowdy teens? No. Adults playing pickleball.

Iron Mountain in the Upper Peninsula won't restrict pickleball hours at four courts. City Manager Jordan Stanchina had suggested ending games at 6 p.m., but 20 players attended a recent council meeting to object, The Daily News reported.

Roxanne Hudson, who lives next to the courts, said she and her husband "just want to move."

Noise from the paddles and plastic balls goes on "hour after hour" and "just drives you nuts," Hudson told the council.

Pickleball is played on courts that resemble tennis courts but are much smaller. That's part of the appeal.

"We'll try to mitigate (the noise) somehow," Mayor Dale Alessandrini said.

Scott McLure, speaking on behalf of players, said they might try quieter paddles. A 6 p.m. curfew isn't favored because it wouldn't give people time to play after work.

"Every recreational activity has noise," council member Bill Revord said.

Zoo's newborn giraffe stands 6 feet tall

MENDON, Mass. — The Southwick Zoo's newest addition is a pretty big baby.

Dolly the giraffe was born two weeks ago, and at 6 feet tall and 150 pounds, she's the largest of her species ever to be born in the history of the Mendon zoo.

The zoo says Dolly is being fed with a bottle because her mother was unable to produce her own milk. She made her public debut during Earth Awareness Day festivities on Saturday.

Bear cub strolls aisles at California market

LOS ANGELES — Shoppers were startled last weekend to see a bear cub browsing the offerings at a Los Angeles supermarket.

Video aired by CBS 2 shows the small bear strolling the aisles on Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Ralphs store in the Porter Ranch area of the San Fernando Valley.

After sniffing around inside, the bear eventually walked out the front doors.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife found the 120-pound animal hiding under a trailer at a construction site behind a nearby Walmart.

The bear was tranquilized and released into the Angeles National Forest, the department said.

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weather

TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Clear and mild	Sunshine and very hot	Mostly sunny and very hot	Partly sunny and warm	Mostly sunny; not as hot
Baker City 56 Comfort Index™ 3	97 57 4	97 58 3	92 53 6	82 46 9
La Grande 61 Comfort Index™ 4	98 65 4	99 67 4	92 63 6	82 55 8
Enterprise 57 Comfort Index™ 3	95 63 3	96 65 3	90 60 5	83 55 9

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 88° 92° 94°
Low Tuesday 39° 45° 44°

PRECIPITATION (inches)
Tuesday 0.00 0.00 0.00
Month to date 0.47 0.21 0.30
Normal month to date 0.14 0.20 0.20
Year to date 2.93 6.33 15.67
Normal year to date 6.13 10.86 15.43

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY
Lowest relative humidity 20%
Afternoon wind NNW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine 10.3
Evapotranspiration 0.29

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)
Phillips Reservoir 2% of capacity
Unity Reservoir 36% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir 23% of capacity
McKay Reservoir 53% of capacity
Wallowa Lake 6% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir 2% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)
Grande Ronde at Troy 462 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder 78 cfs
Burnt River near Unity 99 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon 40 cfs
Minam River at Minam 85 cfs
Powder River near Richland 35 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 120° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 26° Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.
Wettest: 2.55" South Bend, Ind.

OREGON
High: 101° The Dalles
Low: 37° Meacham
Wettest: none

WEATHER HISTORY

The temperature reached 90 degrees for the 19th consecutive day in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 12, 1980. This broke the record of 18 straight days of 90 or higher, set in 1872.

SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	5:50 a.m.	5:51 a.m.
Sunset	8:04 p.m.	8:03 p.m.
Moonrise	10:23 a.m.	11:37 a.m.
Moonset	10:24 p.m.	10:47 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29	Sep 6

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Shows Friday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday night's lows and Friday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI.		SAT.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	71/57/c	69/59/c	105/73/s	104/74/s
Bend	94/65/s	96/66/pc	98/63/pc	89/62/pc
Boise	102/71/s	102/71/s	98/61/s	99/66/s
Brookings	65/54/pc	66/54/pc	102/72/pc	98/69/s
Burns	97/59/t	98/61/s	Newport 64/52/c	64/54/c
Coos Bay	70/56/pc	73/59/pc	Olympia 97/59/s	88/60/pc
Corvallis	97/60/pc	89/61/pc	Ontario 105/68/s	105/71/s
Council	102/64/s	103/65/s	Pasco 105/67/s	104/76/s
Elgin	98/60/s	98/68/s	Pendleton 102/73/s	104/78/s
Eugene	101/63/pc	92/61/pc	Portland 102/68/pc	93/67/s
Hermiston	105/68/s	108/81/pc	Powers 87/65/pc	83/60/c
Hood River	102/74/pc	100/72/pc	Redmond 99/61/s	96/62/pc
Imnaha	101/65/s	98/64/s	Roseburg 102/67/pc	96/63/s
John Day	99/64/s	94/63/s	Salem 100/65/pc	93/64/pc
Joseph	93/64/t	94/65/s	Spokane 97/70/s	99/72/pc
Kennewick	103/69/s	107/80/s	The Dalles 109/76/s	103/73/s
Klamath Falls	95/58/t	90/56/pc	Ukiah 94/58/s	96/62/s
Lakeview	95/53/t	92/54/pc	Walla Walla 103/77/s	104/77/s

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

City	FRI.	SAT.
ANTHONY LAKES A t-storm around	70 53	70 53
MT. EMILY REC. A t-storm around	84 63	84 63
EAGLE CAP WILD. A t-storm around	79 55	79 55
WALLOWA LAKE A t-storm around	93 64	93 64
THIEF VALLEY RES. Very hot	97 57	97 57
PHILLIPS LAKE A t-storm around	90 58	90 58
BROWNLEE RES. Sunny and hot	101 66	101 66
EMIGRANT ST. PARK A t-storm around	91 52	91 52
MCKAY RESERVOIR Sunshine; very hot	101 72	101 72
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Sunshine; very hot	98 65	98 65

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