

Live-in girlfriend is ready to be wife, but not stepmother

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to marry "Kurt" in August. He has a 3-year-old daughter, "Krystal," from his first marriage.

We didn't meet until a month after his wife, "June," left him, so I'm not a home wrecker.

I moved in with Kurt several weeks after we began dating and have been cleaning his house, taking care of Krystal when she's here, doing his laundry, cooking for him — just like a wife would do.

Abby, June doesn't want Krystal. She remarried six weeks ago and has asked us to take her. June's husband is loud, mean and abusive, so I don't think it would be safe for Krystal to stay there.

My problem is I can't stand Krystal. She's a spoiled brat. I don't want to be a full-time mother, although at some point I'd like to have a child of my own.

I haven't told Kurt how I feel because I'm afraid he'd kick me out. Now I'm wondering if I should tell him I'm leaving before he sends me on my way. I don't think we can work this out because he loves Krystal, and I don't think he'd understand why I don't want to be her stepmother. What should I do?

— UNWILLING STEP-MOTHER IN NEW MEXICO
DEAR UNWILLING: Level with Kurt, the sooner the better. Unless you can accept that he and Krystal are a package deal and learn to love her, to marry him would be a mistake and a disservice to all of you. That little girl has already struck out once in the mother department. Kurt needs a wife who is ready to embrace not only him, but also the child who



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will always be a high priority in his life.

DEAR ABBY: Until I was 13, my 8-year-old brother and I lived with our mom, but she was so mean that Dad took us to live with him and "Heather."

Heather is good to us. She never yells at us or tells us we're no good. And we never have to eat cereal for dinner like we did when we were with Mom, who sometimes didn't come home for days.

One night I heard Dad tell Heather he thought Mom was on drugs and doing bad things to get money.

I know she was taking a lot of pills and drinking.

It was better living with Dad, but we missed Mom, so after a couple of months, Dad let us visit Mom overnight. But Mom started two lawsuits against Dad. She wanted him to pay her child support even though we weren't living with her.

She went to court, but she lost. The judge said she must be tested for drugs and see a counselor before she could have us overnight again. Mom took the tests and got into a program, but after a couple of months she stopped doing what the judge said. She calls us sometimes but won't tell us where she lives or where she works. She blames us for not visiting her. I always cry after she calls.

I also cry because I'm afraid she'll take a drug overdose and die. I don't tell Dad and Heather anymore because I tried to talk to them and they told me Mom is sick.

I want to forget my mom, but I can't. What can I do to stop crying every night?

— SAD AND SCARED DAUGHTER IN N.Y.

DEAR SAD AND SCARED: Talk to your father and Heather again. Tell them how you're feeling. From your description of your mother, she does appear to be ill and out of touch with reality. When people have heartaches like yours, the surest way to resolve them is to share them.

You cannot "save" your mom; only she can do that. And for your own sake, you must not allow her to make you feel guilty. Sometimes when a situation is out of our control, it has to be left to a higher power.

Keep busy with constructive things — sports, extracurricular activities, volunteering your time. It will give you less time to worry. However, if crying in your pillow continues, I urge you to talk to your dad about some professional counseling for yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about something I have seen happen more and more over the last several years. It's the behavior of young people at funerals.

Respect for the deceased and for those who are genuinely mourning demands that parents caution their children to restrain their natural impulses at funerals or the graveside.

This means not running up and down the aisles, no loud talking or laughing, or (as on one memorable occasion), no groping of one's girlfriend or boyfriend. That kind of behavior is never forgotten by mourners and can sometimes result in permanent distaste for the misbehaving child.

Please remind your readers that funerals are highly emotional events, and people should be on their best behavior for the sake of good taste and the feelings of others.

— SADDENED AND OFFENDED IN S.F.

DEAR SADDENED: I'm printing your reminder, but don't blame the children. Blame the parents who allow the misbehavior and disrespect, and who don't care enough for the feelings of those around them to intervene.

DEAR ABBY: Our 20-year-old daughter was suspended from a small private university. We offered her tutors, lessons or a transfer to any number of other schools around the country to help her find the right field of study. She refused. She can do the work; she was just not motivated.

She now wants to attend a large university in another state to be near her boyfriend. We suspect that they want to live together. He smokes dope and lives on welfare, and this is unacceptable to us.

She says she's finally finding her backbone and becoming independent.

We told her that being independent means assuming financial responsibility for oneself, and that we

will no longer provide anything beyond medical and dental coverage for her. She thinks we're cutting the purse strings on her new "college lifestyle" because we don't like her boyfriend, which is true.

Are we being unreasonable? Also, any advice on the fastest way to get that oaf out of the picture would be appreciated.

— MAD-AS-A-HORNET MOM IN VIRGINIA

DEAR MOM: Refusing to subsidize her "live-in" lifestyle is not being unreasonable. It's your money, and you can spend it — or not — as you see fit.

Let her know that as an adult, her choices are her own. If she chooses to get a job and work her way through school in order to be close to her boyfriend, that is her choice.

It would be nice if she had a self-supporting, upwardly mobile love interest — but since she doesn't, and she's determined to live with him, she must pay the price.

As to the fastest way to get "the oaf" out of the picture, here's what NOT to do: Do not bad-mouth him. It will only make her defensive and drive them closer together.

Public Notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Case No. 04CV55
Court Number:
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Midfirst Bank

Plaintiff,

vs.

Robert E. Treace; Rhonda L. Treace; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant); ; State of Kansas, Thomas County, Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

All of Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block One (1), East Annex to the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded Plat thereof, commonly known as 965 E. 9th Street, Colby, KS 67701 (the "Property")

and you are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 17th day of June, 2004, in the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Bill E. Medford, Deceased.

No. 04-PR-2

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Pamela A. Rundel, Administrator of the above-entitled estate, will offer for sale at public auction the following-described personal property

1979 Oldsmobile
VIN 3X69N9M248341
1981 4WD Chevy Pickup
VIN 1GCEK14HOB130332 1983 GMC Pickup
VIN 1GTDC14C4DS524510
Furniture, appliances, household goods, tools, and other personal property.

on May 15, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., the sale to be held at TNT Auction, LLC, 200 N. Franklin in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, to the highest bidder for cash. All parties interested should take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

PAMELA A. RUNDEL
ADMINISTRATOR

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NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to KSA 8-1102, the following abandoned motor vehicles which have been impounded by the Thomas County Sheriff's Office. These vehicles will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on May 22, 2004, at 10:00 AM at the Thomas County Law Enforcement Impound Lot, 225 N. Court, Colby, Kansas.

If a vehicle was previously titled by a state other than Kansas or as a non-highway vehicle, a Motor Vehicle Identification number verification form will also be required to obtain title of any vehicle purchased and will be the responsibility of the buyer to request the verification and pay the costs involved.

The Thomas County Sheriff's Office and the Colby Police Department reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the described vehicles prior to time of sale. No implied warranty of condition shall be understood by such sales.

Owners, if any, have failed to claim impounded vehicles. The owners thereof may claim their vehicles and contents within ten days of the date of the second publication of this notice by paying the removal and storage charges incurred.

All sales shall be made under conditions imposed by the auctioneer representing the Thomas Co Sheriff's Office and the Colby Police Department and all sales must be settled at the time of sale. Titles, if available, will be transferred to buyers. Requirements of the state regarding titles to abandoned or unclaimed vehicles will be met by furnishing an Affidavit of Sale and proof of publication.

Vehicles to be sold:

2002 maroon 4 door Mazda Tribute LXV6 VIN# 4F2YU09122KM50064 registered to Larry Dickerson or Sue Dickerson or Glenn Dickerson

1997 teal 4 door Mercury Mystique GS VIN# IMELM653VK620003 registered to Brian K Wilson

1997 green Ford Windstar GL VTN# 2FMDA5140VBC83420 registered to Tina M Vasquez

1986 white Dodge Ram D 150 pickup VIN# 1B7HD14T4GS013463 registered to Bonnie Bilstein

1997 green 4 door Mercury Grand Marquis LS VIN# 2MELM74WVX613132 registered to American Family Ins

1990 blue 4 door Buick Lesabre Limited VIN# 1G4HR54CXLH407660 registered to Jesse Heier

1985 gray 4 door Buick Century Custom VIN# 1G4AH19E2F6487477 registered to Eric Schiltz or April Valles

1984 gray Ford Econoline 350 super van VIN# 1FTJ334G3EHA58930, registered to David Boeckman

1991 blue Mazda MPV van VIN# JM3LV5225M0355771 registered to G.L. Vagle

1989 maroon 4 door Chevrolet Celebrity VIN# 3G1AW51WOKS518326 registered to James Mouton

1988 red Plymouth Grand voyager van VIN# 1P4FH4033JX330272 registered to Emilia Carrillo

Drug forfeiture vehicles that may be sold by the Thomas Co Sheriff's office are:

1996 blue 4 door Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FALP7W2T193963

1999 tan 4 door Ford Taurus VIN# 1FAEP53U4XG313609

Thomas W. Jones
Thomas County Sheriff

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Online and Systems Director

The Daily Union is seeking someone to maintain our computer system and direct our online services.

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Contact Grey Montgomery, gmontgomery@dailyu.com or (785) 762-5000.

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THOMAS COUNTY KANSAS

You are hereby notified that a Primary Election will be held on the August 3, 2004, this being the first Tuesday in said month, at which time candidates for the following offices will be nominated according to the provisions of law be EACH of the political parties of this state who qualify to participate in said Primary Election as specified by law.

One candidate for United States Senate.
One candidate for United States Representative 1st District.
One candidate for State Senate 40th District.
One candidate for State Representative 121st District.
One candidate for District Court Judge, 15th District, 1st, 2nd Divisions.
One candidate for District Magistrate Judge, 15th District, 5th Position.
One candidate for County Commissioner District #2.
One candidate for County Commissioner District #3.
One candidate for County Clerk.
One candidate for County Treasurer.
One candidate for County Register of Deeds.
One candidate for County Attorney.
One candidate for County Sheriff.
One candidate for Township Trustee of each Township.
One candidate for Township Treasurer of each Township.

The following offices will be elected in each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

One candidate for Precinct Committeeman in each Precinct.
One candidate for Precinct Committeewoman in each Precinct.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal, this 9th day of April 2004.

Theresa L. Perkins
Theresa L. Perkins,
Thomas County Election Officer

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Duane Lampman	
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Phone Number: 303-690-9091	E-mail: kmbraut@comcast.net
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Division 309 Courtroom	
NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION	

NOTICE TO CREDITORS*

Estate of Duane Lampman, Deceased

Case Number 04PR0359

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to

☒ District Court of Arapahoe County, Colorado,


☐ Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado**

on or before (date) August 15, 2004, or the claims may be forever barred.




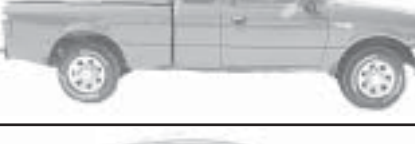
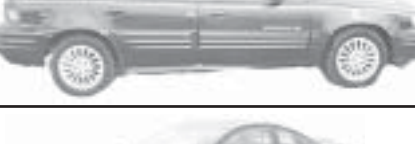



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