Girl's old friends turn away when she returns to school

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has graduated from high school. She had been in a residential treatment program for depression the year and a half prior to returning to this school. Her old friends had promised to be there for her when she returned.

After she was back for three months, her friends stopped inviting her to things and even talked behind her back in a group chat that was started by a different group. The girls' moms knew some of this was going on and did nothing about it. It has been a difficult journey for my daughter as well as for me.

Now that the girls have all graduated, I'm wondering if I should contact any of them or their moms and ask what happened. It was painful for me to watch my daughter go through weekends when her "friends" were out at parties she wasn't invited to. It was heartbreaking when no one came to her holiday or birthday parties. I am wondering if asking the girls/moms for an explanation can help my daughter learn from it. Please let me know what you think.

— MAMA BEAR OUT WEST

DEAR MAMA BEAR: Your daughter has survived high school, and along with it the cruel treatment of the girls who promised to befriend her. For that, I congratulate her.

Teenagers can be so completely centered on themselves that the feelings of others do not exist for them. Also, girls in high school tend to form cliques. Add to that the fact that there is so much misunderstanding about mental illness — not only among teens but also adults — and I have a pretty good idea of what happened and so should you.

What life lesson do you think exploring this with the other parents will accomplish for your daughter? Your efforts would be better spent by continuing to emotionally support her and encouraging her to move forward with her life.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's family is full of people who drink too much and then act like fools, slurring their words, stumbling and vomiting. It happens at many gatherings, and it stresses me out.

They often pressure me to drink more and/or get drunk. Because I don't do it, I feel ostracized at these gatherings where I'm told I need to "loosen up" or "cheer up" by drinking more. No one else in my life thinks I'm uptight. I'm normally very sociable.

These days, I avoid those family gatherings as often as possible, but I'm afraid I'm courting more problems by not participating in family activities. My relationship with my husband is fantastic, and he understands and supports me, but I don't feel like his family does. I've tried to be frank with them, but the conversations don't seem to stick. I can't avoid my husband's family forever. What to do?

— IN THE MINORITY IN LOUISIANA

DEAR MINORITY: Because you have told your in-laws that being urged to drink makes you uncomfortable yet they persist, you are doing all you can short of cutting off all contact with them. Continue to limit the times you attend those family events, and when asked about your absence, continue to be frank about the reason. Then hope they are sober enough to get the message when you deliver it.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating casually for about five months. He is busy and is often terrible about returning texts and phone calls. For his birthday, I bought him a gift that I had put a lot of thought into. We made plans to have dinner on his birthday, but when the time came to pick me up, he didn't show. Three hours after the agreed-upon time, he texted and canceled.

My question is about the gift. It wasn't extravagant, but I no longer have any interest in giving it to him when we do finally see each other (it's been a week since he canceled). Is it acceptable to simply pay for dinner? I'm hurt and frustrated with him, and that doesn't make me want to give him a gift. — HURT IN TEXAS

DEAR HURT: If he had wanted to spend his birthday with you, he would have shown up. One of the ways people show they care about each other is by returning texts and initiating phone calls. Because your "boyfriend" hasn't done that, assume that he is not as interested in you as you are in him. Return the gift, if possible, and if he shows up again, do not buy the dinner. Shame on him.

DEAR ABBY: When my wife shops for clothes, she often returns something for exchange or reimbursement. Recently she bought an article of clothing and it shrank after she washed it, so she returned it. To me that was inappropriate. I think after a garment is washed it belongs to the buyer, and a return is wrong. Or am I wrong? — RETURNED IN THE EAST

DEAR RETURNED: Personally, I agree with you — unless the item was supposed to be shrink-resistant. However, because the retailer was willing to exchange it or reimburse your wife, it appears we are mistaken.

Flooding cancels hundreds of trips to coveted waterfalls

Tribal land in gorge off the Grand Canyon are evacuated, shut down for at least a week

By Felicia Fonseca
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FLAGSTAFF, Arizona — Hundreds of tourists who booked coveted overnight trips on tribal land deep in a gorge off the Grand Canyon will have to reschedule after heavy flooding forced evacuations and shut down the area for at least a week.

Abbie Fink, a spokeswoman for the Havasupai Tribe, said 300 people had reservations for either the campground or the lodge in the next several days. Crews were assessing the damage Friday to determine when it's safe for visitors to return.

"Every day it's closed, it's another set of people impacted by it," she said.

The remote reservation outside Grand Canyon National Park is best known for its towering blue-green waterfalls that appear like oases in the desert. The tribe doesn't allow day hikers, so visitors have to reserve overnight trips. The reservations fill up quickly.

Andrea Molina saw only two dates available until 2020 when she checked earlier this year. She and her partner booked a trip for Friday, rented camping gear and reserved a pack mule for the trip from Phoenix.

She was looking forward to the challenging 10-mile hike down a winding, dusty trail to the campgrounds on her 34th birthday. But she felt grateful she wasn't amid flooding this week that sent tourists scrambling as a shallow creek rose several feet.

She said she won't be able to recoup all the costs but will try next week to rebook.

"We're just going to enjoy the day, maybe do a small hike and make the best out of it," she said Friday.

The flooding hit just before dark Wednesday and again before sunrise Thursday, forcing the evacuation of about 200 tourists. Some, wearing only their swim suits, had to abandon their camping gear.

Footbridges collapsed, tents were buried in sand and debris strewn about as water rushed over the landscape. Campers sought refuge on benches, in trees and in caves. The existing waterfalls turned a muddy brown, and new ones emerged from the steep walls of the canyon.

Christian Raftopol and the three others in his group planned to hike out at 3 a.m. Thursday and were packing when the rain started falling. They ducked into their tents, but he said the water levels rose quickly and he warned others.

He fled to a nearby restroom after pulling fellow campers from their tents. He thought they were close behind but saw them fall into the water after a footbridge broke and was swept away. They were able to trudge through to join him and later used headlights to hike to the tribal village, he said.

"It was furious," the Mount Vernon, New York, resident said.

Raftopol said they tried to form a human chain to help other campers stuck on an island but couldn't and advised them to go another direction. Meanwhile, he saw a man using a wooden pole to guide himself through the water to reach tourists farther down in the campground.

All but 17 of the tourists were able to get to the community center in Supai village and spent the night. The others left at sunrise Thursday after the water receded, Fink said.

The tribe opened a small store in the village for tourists and didn't charge for food or water. Tourists and tribal members gave out socks and shoes, tourists said. A lodge on the way to the canyon offered free showers and breakfast to the evacuees.

U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs spokeswoman Nedra Darling said the agency hasn't received a damage estimate but assisted in evacuating the tourists.

The canyon is accessible only by foot, helicopter or mule ride. About 400 tribal members live there year-round.

Eric Kremer was one of the last out Thursday and reveled in the experience from his home in Las Vegas on Friday after a shower, food and a beer.

"I never felt my life was threatened while I was there," he said. "Obviously that's in the control of Mother Nature. It wasn't up to me."

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	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Mainly clear	Sunshine and very hot	Sunny and very warm	Sunny and very warm	Plenty of sunshine
Baker City	50	97 50	92 51	92 51	90 49
Comfort Index™	4	2	6	5	6
La Grande	60	98 59	92 51	91 51	91 53
Comfort Index™	4	2	6	5	6
Enterprise	57	93 55	89 51	89 51	90 52
Comfort Index™	4	3	5	5	3

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	94°	93°	95°
Low Sunday	49°	50°	50°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	Trace	Trace
Normal month to date	0.36	0.40	0.41
Year to date	4.75	10.30	20.78
Normal year to date	6.07	9.74	14.08

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	15%
Afternoon wind	WNW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	13.6
Evapotranspiration	0.31

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)

Phillips Reservoir	48% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	61% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	58% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	65% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	33% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	73% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	650 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	108 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	118 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	41 cfs
Minam River at Minam	197 cfs
Powder River near Richland	25 cfs

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 120°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 35°	St. Mary, Mont.
Wettest: 2.82"	Montgomery, Ala.

OREGON

High: 105°	The Dalles
Low: 42°	Meacham
Wettest: 0.06"	Lakeview

WEATHER HISTORY

Excessive rain hit north-central Pennsylvania in the early morning hours of July 17, 1942. Smethport received 30.8 inches in 4.5 hours, a state record.

SUN & MOON

	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	5:20 a.m.	5:21 a.m.
Sunset	8:37 p.m.	8:36 p.m.
Moonrise	9:44 a.m.	10:57 a.m.
Moonset	11:16 p.m.	11:45 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Jul 19	Jul 27	Aug 4	Aug 11

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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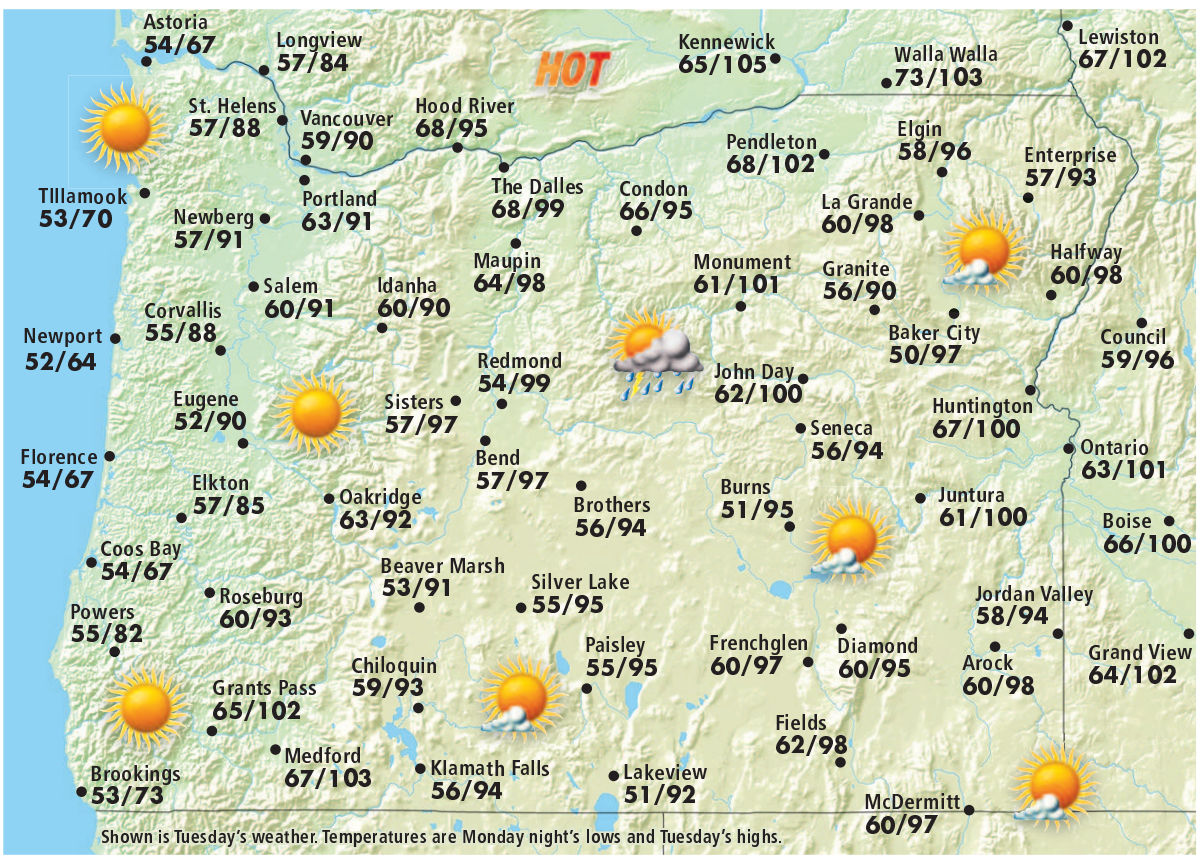

Shown is Tuesday's weather. Temperatures are Monday night's lows and Tuesday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. Hi/Lo/W	WED. Hi/Lo/W	City	TUE. Hi/Lo/W	WED. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	67/58/pc	67/55/pc	Lewiston	102/66/s	96/65/s
Bend	97/53/s	91/50/s	Longview	84/60/s	75/54/s
Boise	100/67/s	100/64/s	Meacham	95/55/s	89/49/s
Brookings	73/54/pc	77/58/s	Medford	103/63/s	97/62/s
Burns	95/51/s	93/48/s	Newport	64/53/pc	65/52/pc
Coos Bay	67/56/pc	69/55/pc	Olympia	84/54/s	75/51/pc
Corvallis	88/55/s	86/53/s	Ontario	101/65/s	102/65/s
Council	96/59/s	95/56/s	Pasco	105/62/s	100/61/s
Elgin	96/59/s	91/52/s	Pendleton	102/66/s	96/63/s
Eugene	90/51/s	86/51/s	Portland	91/63/s	79/59/s
Hermiston	106/68/s	100/65/s	Powers	82/56/s	81/55/pc
Hood River	95/65/s	88/61/s	Redmond	99/49/s	93/49/s
Imnaha	99/63/s	94/61/s	Roseburg	93/58/s	90/57/s
John Day	100/63/s	93/59/s	Salem	91/59/s	85/55/s
Joseph	93/55/s	90/50/s	Spokane	96/63/s	91/61/s
Kennewick	105/65/s	100/62/s	The Dalles	99/67/s	91/61/s
Klamath Falls	94/53/s	94/51/pc	Ukiah	95/51/s	88/47/s
Lakeview	92/52/s	93/50/pc	Walla Walla	103/71/s	97/67/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES
Mostly sunny
67 46

PHILLIPS LAKE
A t-storm around
88 53

MT. EMILY REC.
Mostly sunny
81 58

BROWNLEE RES.
Mostly sunny
97 61

EAGLE CAP WILD.
A t-storm around
76 46

EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Mostly sunny; warm
88 50

WALLOWA LAKE
A t-storm around
90 57

MCKAY RESERVOIR
Mostly sunny; hot
99 67

THIEF VALLEY RES.
A t-storm around
94 50

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Mostly sunny; warm
94 60

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