

# Wife is at breaking point with out-of-work attorney

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I moved from another state four years ago. He went a year and a half before getting a job after we moved. Now he's out of a job again. It has been seven months. He lounges around the house. He looks briefly for alerts on new job postings. He does a few chores — not many.

He was an attorney, but he doesn't want to go back into the area of law he was in. He is getting no interviews, we're blowing through our savings and my job doesn't cover all of our expenses. I think he is unmotivated and lazy. At this point, I don't have much to say to him anymore except, "Did you look for a job today?"

It's sad what he has done to himself and his family. He won't discuss his career. I have told him just to get any job at this point, but then he gets very angry. I'm sure our children wonder why he is not working. I am afraid of the impact this will have on them and the example it sets.

I am close to hiring a divorce attorney. This is not the life I want. I'm emotionally and physically drained, and disgusted and embarrassed by his behavior. I have no one to talk to about this. We live in an expensive area with many educated professionals who don't behave like this. I'm sure if my friends and family knew, they would tell me to leave him. Help!

— CRUSHED IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR CRUSHED:** Even if your husband can't find employment, he could be doing volunteer work and making contacts that could be valuable. Rather than show the anger you understandably feel, continue to encourage him. Consider this: Could he be having a midlife crisis or a severe depression? Before divorce, I urge you to see that your husband is medically and psychologically evaluated to determine what's going on. If he refuses, it may then be time to review your options.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was recently hired as a chauffeur in New York City. There was never any mention of how people should address me. We are given information about the client we will be meeting. Some clients prefer not to be addressed as "Sir" or "Ms. X." I was

told to always address my passenger using formal introductions such as "Good morning, Ms. X," unless otherwise instructed. I have noticed that all of my clients address me by my first name (the name given to them by dispatch).

I find it odd that it appears to be acceptable for the client to be informal with me, but I must be formal with them. Is this common? Should I ask the front office to give only my surname?

— INFORMAL IN NEW YORK

**DEAR INFORMAL:** It is VERY common. However, since it bothers you to be addressed by your first name, by all means ask the dispatcher to inform the clients that "Mr. Jones" will be their driver that day.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 30-year-old divorced male. I suffered from a stroke six months ago and have paralysis on one side of my body. After rehab, I returned home able to walk with a cane.

I have started texting a beautiful divorced woman. She lives next door, and we have been friends for more than six years. I don't know her age, but she's at least eight years older than I am. She has been visiting me frequently, and we have recently started holding hands while talking and exchanging hugs and kisses. My family is unaware of this.

Honestly, it has been a while since I have been in a relationship, and I want to pursue this new opportunity. But I don't know how to do it without causing problems with my family because they might think it is a forbidden relationship due to the big age gap between us. What should I do?

— READY AGAIN IN THE WEST

**DEAR READY:** At your age, the age difference is not important. Could your worries be based upon some feeling of guilt? If that's the case, my advice is to live the rest of your life as fully and happily as possible. Your neighbor is an adult; so are you. Let this relationship evolve naturally and see where it leads. And if it leads to something permanent, do not apologize to anyone for wanting to be happy.

# Family devastated after losing 10 relatives in tornado

By Jay Reeves

The Associated Press

BEAUREGARD, Ala. — Cousins Cordarry Jones and Demetria Jones have a hard time counting all the relatives they lost to a monster tornado that wiped out a rural community in Alabama.

Their grandparents, 89-year-old Jimmy Jones and 83-year-old Mary Louise Jones, were killed in their home on a two-lane road where most everyone shares family ties.

The couple's son Emmanuel Jones, a 53-year-old uncle to the cousins, is gone too. Also dead, they said, were seven cousins by both blood and marriage: Eric Jamal Stenson, 38; Florel Tate Stenson, 63; Henry Lewis Stenson, 65; James Henry Tate, 86; Tresia Robinson, 62; Raymond Robinson Jr., 63; and Maggie Delight Robinson, 57.

Stunned by the loss of 10 relatives and worried about still more who are hospitalized with serious injuries, the cousins stood Tuesday amid the wreckage of a row of family homes in tiny Bearegard, near the Georgia state line.

"It really hasn't fully hit me yet. I'm still trying to process it," said Cordarry Jones, 29.

"Everybody in this area just about was related," said Demetria Jones, 28. "It's devastating."

With winds of as much as 170 mph, the deadliest U.S. tornado in nearly six years rolled mobile homes across fields and caused

even brick homes to collapse into unrecognizable heaps. At least 23 people were killed, some of them children. The full scale of the loss came into focus with the release of the names of the dead. The youngest victim was 6, the oldest 89.

It was the deadliest tornado to hit the U.S. since May 2013, when an EF5 twister killed 24 people in Moore, Oklahoma. The enormous twister apparently churned for about 70 miles, crossing the state line and ending in neighboring Georgia, the National Weather Service said. Government teams that surveyed Sunday's damage confirmed there was an outbreak of at least 20 twisters in Florida, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina.

On Tuesday, the search for bodies, pets and belongings continued in and around Bearegard amid the din of beeping heavy machinery and whining chain saws. Sheriff Jay Jones said the list of the missing shrunk from dozens to just seven or eight.

Richard Tate, who is part of the same family and lost four close relatives, said he was lucky to be alive. "It could have taken all of us the way it was moving," said Tate, who was inside his home with his wife when the structure was destroyed.

Bernard Reese, a distant relative of the Jones cousins, picked through the remains of his aunt's house on Tuesday. He said he found more than a half-

dozen bodies or fatally injured residents along Lee County 39, the road where so many of the family members died.

"It bothers me, but it had to be done," said Reese, who lives about 2 miles away. He arrived in his truck after the twister passed and climbed over downed trees and power lines to get to the scene.

Reese's friend Dexter Norwood said he found three more bodies and the severed leg of a woman.

"I keep seeing it. I ain't slept worth a crap," said Norwood, 46. He suffered a fractured vertebra when the twister hit the mobile home he shared with his wife, but he said both are fine.

The bloated corpse of a gray horse lay on the ground beside the couple's home. Norwood said he had to euthanize the animal after the storm because it suffered a serious leg injury.

The extent of the damage and death left him shaken.

"I never thought I'd see it," he said. "It's rough."

The Jones cousins, who survived at least in part because don't live on the road where their relatives died, said they had to talk their way past police barricades to get to the scene. Officers, they said, kept asking for something to prove they were related to the victims.

"I just had to tell them that everything that proves who I am is out on that road," Cordarry Jones said.

# weather

|                | TONIGHT                | SAT                    | SUN                   | MON                     | TUE                     |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                | Rather cloudy and cold | Mostly cloudy and cold | Partly sunny and cold | Mostly sunny and chilly | Cold with snow and rain |
| Baker City     | 18                     | 35 16                  | 36 15                 | 43 25                   | 40 29                   |
| La Grande      | 22                     | 37 16                  | 37 17                 | 44 27                   | 40 29                   |
| Enterprise     | 18                     | 33 12                  | 35 12                 | 41 24                   | 37 25                   |
| Comfort Index™ | 0                      | 1                      | 2                     | 2                       | 0                       |

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.

| ALMANAC                       | Baker City | La Grande | Elgin |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| <b>TEMPERATURES</b>           |            |           |       |
| High Wednesday                | 44°        | 44°       | 39°   |
| Low Wednesday                 | 34°        | 33°       | 33°   |
| <b>PRECIPITATION (inches)</b> |            |           |       |
| Wednesday                     | 0.09       | Trace     | 0.33  |
| Month to date                 | 0.25       | Trace     | 0.33  |
| Normal month to date          | 0.15       | 0.27      | 0.48  |
| Year to date                  | 2.71       | 4.15      | 10.22 |
| Normal year to date           | 1.53       | 3.04      | 5.98  |

| AGRICULTURAL INFO.                                   |                  |
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| <b>HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY</b>                      |                  |
| Lowest relative humidity                             | 55%              |
| Afternoon wind                                       | N at 4 to 8 mph  |
| Hours of sunshine                                    | 2.2              |
| Evapotranspiration                                   | 0.04             |
| <b>RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)</b> |                  |
| Phillips Reservoir                                   | 10% of capacity  |
| Unity Reservoir                                      | 39% of capacity  |
| Owyhee Reservoir                                     | 46% of capacity  |
| McKay Reservoir                                      | 59% of capacity  |
| Wallowa Lake   | 32% of capacity  |
| Thief Valley Reservoir                               | 105% of capacity |
| <b>STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Wednesday)</b>     |                  |
| Grande Ronde at Troy                                 | 1450 cfs         |
| Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder             | N.A.             |
| Burnt River near Unity                               | 18 cfs           |
| Umatilla River near Gibbon                           | 129 cfs          |
| Minam River at Minam                                 | 124 cfs          |
| Powder River near Richland                           | 221 cfs          |

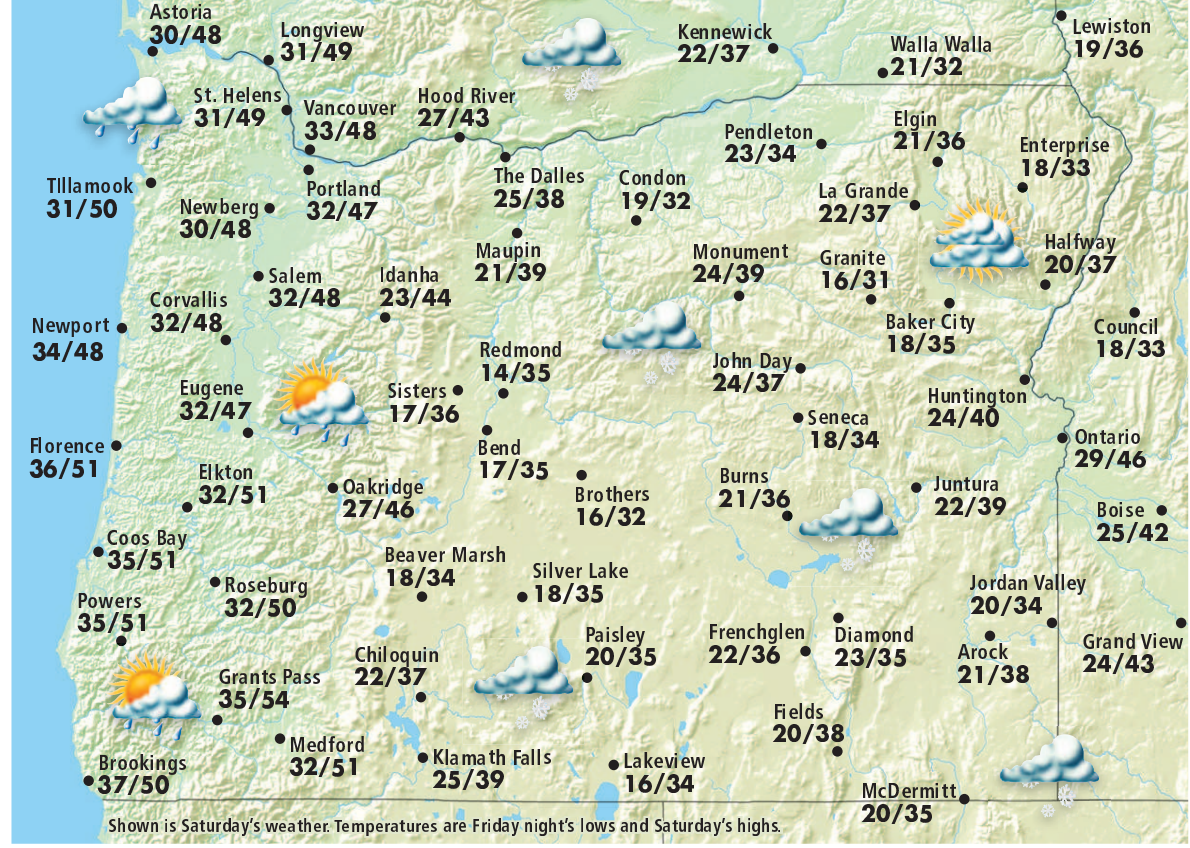
| WED. EXTREMES  | NATION (for the 48 contiguous states) |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| High: 88°      | Eloy, Ariz.                           |
| Low: -31°      | Stonington, Mich.                     |
| Wettest: 3.51" | Isabella Dam, Calif.                  |
| <b>OREGON</b>  |                                       |
| High: 55°      | Rome                                  |
| Low: 16°       | Bend                                  |
| Wettest: 0.46" | Roseburg                              |

| WEATHER HISTORY  |
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| On March 8, 1995, the blue grass was covered with 6 inches of snow at Jackson, Ky. That same day felt like spring in Blue Hill, Mass., with temperatures in the 60s. |

| SUN & MOON         | FRI.      | SAT.      |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Sunrise            | 6:19 a.m. | 6:17 a.m. |
| Sunset             | 5:48 p.m. | 5:50 p.m. |
| Moonrise           | 7:35 a.m. | 7:59 a.m. |
| Moonset            | 7:59 p.m. | 9:02 p.m. |
| <b>MOON PHASES</b> |           |           |
| First              | Full      | Last      |
| Mar 14             | Mar 20    | Mar 27    |
|                    |           | Apr 5     |

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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| REGIONAL CITIES | SAT. HI/LO/W | SUN. HI/LO/W | CITY        | SAT. HI/LO/W | SUN. HI/LO/W |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Astoria         | 48/30/pc     | 51/32/s      | Lewiston    | 36/20/c      | 37/20/pc     |
| Bend            | 35/17/c      | 31/17/pc     | Longview    | 49/25/pc     | 51/27/s      |
| Boise           | 42/28/c      | 45/26/pc     | Meacham     | 33/13/c      | 35/15/pc     |
| Brookings       | 50/37/r      | 54/37/pc     | Medford     | 51/32/r      | 53/29/pc     |
| Burns           | 36/24/sf     | 38/19/pc     | Newport     | 48/32/pc     | 48/33/s      |
| Coos Bay        | 51/32/c      | 50/33/pc     | Olympia     | 48/23/pc     | 51/26/s      |
| Corvallis       | 48/29/pc     | 50/27/s      | Ontario     | 46/30/c      | 49/29/pc     |
| Council Bluffs  | 33/14/c      | 40/14/pc     | Pasco       | 35/21/c      | 36/20/s      |
| Elgin           | 36/15/c      | 38/16/pc     | Pendleton   | 34/21/c      | 33/20/pc     |
| Eugene          | 47/29/pc     | 49/28/s      | Portland    | 47/30/pc     | 48/28/s      |
| Hermiston       | 38/25/c      | 37/23/pc     | Powers      | 51/31/c      | 53/31/pc     |
| Hood River      | 43/25/pc     | 41/23/s      | Redmond     | 35/19/c      | 33/20/pc     |
| Imnaha          | 38/14/c      | 42/16/pc     | Roseburg    | 50/32/c      | 51/30/pc     |
| John Day        | 37/21/c      | 40/20/pc     | Salem       | 48/29/pc     | 51/28/s      |
| Joseph          | 33/11/c      | 36/12/pc     | Spokane     | 33/12/c      | 36/13/s      |
| Kennewick       | 37/22/c      | 36/22/s      | The Dalles  | 38/24/pc     | 37/21/s      |
| Klamath Falls   | 39/27/sf     | 41/21/pc     | Ukiah       | 33/12/c      | 33/13/pc     |
| Lakeview        | 34/19/sf     | 36/13/c      | Walla Walla | 32/21/c      | 33/21/s      |

| RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY                              |   |
|---|---|
| <b>ANTHONY LAKES</b><br>Bitterly cold<br><b>13 2</b>      | <b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b><br>Mostly cloudy<br><b>32 13</b>       |
| <b>MT. EMILY REC.</b><br>Very cold<br><b>25 12</b>        | <b>BROWNLEE RES.</b><br>Mostly cloudy<br><b>38 18</b>       |
| <b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b><br>Mostly cloudy<br><b>22 4</b>    | <b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b><br>Mostly cloudy<br><b>30 11</b>   |
| <b>WALLOWA LAKE</b><br>Mostly cloudy<br><b>33 11</b>      | <b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b><br>Mostly cloudy<br><b>35 18</b>     |
| <b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b><br>Mostly cloudy<br><b>35 16</b> | <b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b><br>Mostly cloudy<br><b>37 16</b> |



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