

Mother-in-law's nighttime attire causes consternation

DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful mother-in-law whom I love very much. She frequently stays overnight in my home. I also have two young sons.

My mother-in-law recently mentioned to me that she doesn't wear underwear to bed and never has, including while staying at my house. I'm troubled by this because she wears nightgowns to bed, and I'm afraid my sons might accidentally see her lady parts. Also, she sleeps on my furniture like this, and I feel it is disrespectful and unladylike.

I don't know how to say to her that, for the sake of my furniture and my sanity, I need her to wear underwear to bed when she stays at my house. Do I broach this subject, or am I being unreasonable?

— PROPER IN OHIO

DEAR PROPER: What your mother-in-law wears to bed is her business, not yours. Unless your little boys are playing peek-a-boo underneath her nightie, they won't notice — or care. How long is that garment anyway? If it reaches below her knees or to her ankles, there should be no "bootie contact" with your sofa. In the interest of family harmony, I recommend you take a chill pill and leave the subject alone.

DEAR ABBY: I'm recently married to my second wife. We have a great relationship, but I feel like she has a better relationship with my two daughters than I do. They do everything together, and my daughters don't want to do anything that includes me. Part of me is grateful they



DEAR ABBY

have such a great relationship, but I'm also jealous that my relationship with them is not as good as hers. Should I say something? I don't want to ruin what they have, but I feel neglected. Am I being selfish? Should I just ignore it and get a hobby or something?

— ENVOIOUS IN THE EAST

DEAR ENVOIOUS: I wish you had mentioned how old your daughters are. I see nothing to be gained by not discussing this with your wife. Parenting is not supposed to be a contest.

Your daughters may not mean to exclude you, but may assume you wouldn't be interested in the things they are doing or discussing. (I'm thinking of things females like to do together.) If you let them know you're sincerely interested in joining in some of their activities, you may be surprised at how quickly they include you. Also, set a standing (monthly) breakfast or lunch date — just you and your daughters — so you can spend some quality time together.

DEAR ABBY: My friends and family constantly ask me when I plan to get a new phone. I have a slide phone. I used to have a flip phone, which also drew the same questions. I am not a phone person. I have a land line at home with answering/messaging in place.

I am sick of the questions about my phone. I don't

want a smartphone. I have my little phone for emergencies, not so everyone I know can reach me immediately. I wouldn't dream of asking people when they are going to get a better TV, newer shoes, a more expensive car, a bigger house, a more expensive handbag. Why is it that people feel the need to shame me about my phone?

It is to the point now that I may turn it off and turn it on only when I want to use it. It is becoming difficult for me to remain civil about this subject. I envision myself throwing it in the trash can next time someone asks.

— LIKE THE OLD DAYS

DEAR LIKE THE OLD DAYS: Some people view having the latest model of cellphone as a status symbol, which is why so many feel compelled to buy one as soon as a new one is released. However, while that dreaded question may be

posed in terms of when you plan to buy a new phone, I suspect what the askers really mean is, "When are you going to make it easier for us to communicate with you?"

If you shut your phone off and use it only when you wish to use it, you won't be alone in the practice. While it may frustrate those who want immediate gratification, it will allow you to manage your time without unwelcome interruptions.

DEAR ABBY: Last night my wife and I, both retired M.D.s, met our daughter "Jackie," her wife, "Kelly," and Jackie's daughter for dinner at a restaurant to celebrate Jackie's 50th birthday. Kelly had called a couple of weeks ago to invite us.

My wife and I pay the check when we meet Jackie and her family to eat, which

is usually brunch on Sunday, but because Kelly invited us, we were unsure whether we should last night. (Our son gets upset if we offer to pay in similar circumstances.) My wife asked Kelly at the table if we could pay for our dinners. We had already presented Jackie with a birthday card with a check for \$1,000 enclosed.

Jackie texted us today, incensed that we did not pick up the check. Should we have? Jackie is a Ph.D. and makes a comfortable living. Her wife is an Ivy

League graduate.
— BAFFLED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR BAFFLED: Your daughter's manners are appalling. Her wife invited you and your wife to the dinner, which made you HER guests. It was sweet (and generous) of your wife to ask if the two of you could pay for your meals — in addition to the very generous gift you had given your daughter. If apologies are in order, the people who should receive them are you and your wife.

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weather

	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Baker City	43	67 40	69 39	76 43	78 47
La Grande	48	65 43	67 42	74 46	76 48
Enterprise	45	62 41	63 40	72 45	73 47

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.

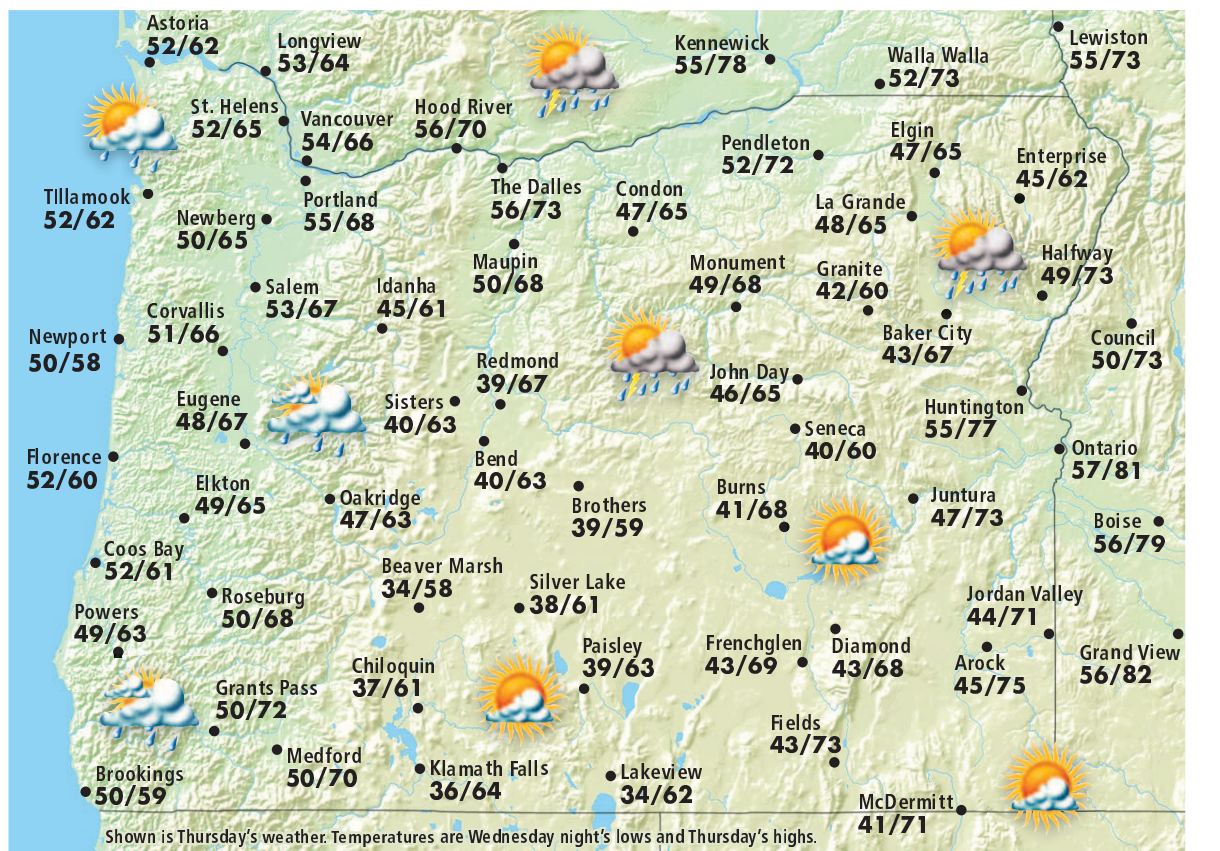
ALMANAC		MONDAY EXTREMES	
TEMPERATURES	Baker City 75° La Grande 73° Elgin 79°	NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	High: 114° Low: 24° Wettest: 3.48"
PRECIPITATION (inches)	Monday: 0.00 Month to date: 0.57 Normal month to date: 1.00 Year to date: 5.94 Normal year to date: 5.53	OREGON	High: 84° Low: 34° Wettest: Trace

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	50%
Afternoon wind	WNW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	6.5
Evapotranspiration	0.11

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	70% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	88% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	99% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	92% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	92% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	99% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Monday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	2480 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	95 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	100 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	63 cfs
Minam River at Minam	771 cfs
Powder River near Richland	39 cfs

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY	
THU.	FRI.	THU.	FRI.
City	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	62/53/sh	Lewiston	73/51/t
Bend	63/39/t	Longview	64/52/sh
Boise	79/53/pc	Meacham	63/40/t
Brookings	59/48/sh	Medford	70/48/pc
Burns	68/37/c	Newport	58/51/sh
Coos Bay	61/51/sh	Olympia	64/49/sh
Corvallis	66/50/c	Ontario	81/52/c
Council	73/45/c	Pasco	78/53/pc
Elgin	65/43/t	Pendleton	72/48/t
Eugene	67/50/sh	Portland	68/55/sh
Hermiston	78/54/pc	Powers	63/49/sh
Hood River	70/54/sh	Redmond	67/38/t
Imnaha	69/50/t	Roseburg	68/50/pc
John Day	65/44/t	Salem	67/53/sh
Joseph	63/41/t	Spokane	68/48/t
Kennewick	78/54/pc	The Dalles	73/53/c
Klamath Falls	64/36/sh	Ukiah	62/39/t
Lakeview	62/32/pc	Walla Walla	73/51/t

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