

Daytime babysitter makes herself too much at home

DEAR ABBY: I need advice on how to discuss a sensitive matter with my son and daughter-in-law's babysitter. She watches my grandson Monday through Friday while they are at work. They live with me, and I work from home, so I am around all day while she's sitting with the baby.

Overall, she's pretty good, but we have discovered her asleep in my son and daughter-in-law's bed a couple of times. She also changes into my son's clothing occasionally, which makes my daughter-in-law very uncomfortable.

My daughter-in-law needs to have a discussion about it with her but doesn't know how to approach the matter. My suggestion was for her to be clear and tell the woman she's uncomfortable with the behavior and ask her to stop. What do you think?

— NOT SITTING WELL IN THE SOUTH

DEAR NOT SITTING: Your daughter-in-law should ask her babysitter why she's crawling into their bed and putting on her employer's clothes because, frankly, what's going on is bizarre. The sitter should be told she's not being paid to sleep on the job. And further, that dressing up in the husband's attire is forbidden, and if it happens again she will be replaced.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I took our children trick-or-treating in my mom's neighborhood because we live in a rural area, and there's no trick-or-treating where we are. When we were done, we found a letter taped onto our windshield telling us how rude we were for bringing our kids trick-or-treating in a neighborhood we don't live in. I mentioned it to several friends and family members afterward, and the reactions were mixed. Some sided with us, and others sided with the note writer.

We're not sure what to do from now on. Is it rude to go to another neighborhood when there is no trick-or-treating in your own? What are families who live in areas with no trick-or-treating or who live in unsafe neighborhoods supposed to do?

— TRICKED, BUT NOT TREATED

DEAR TRICKED: Whoever wrote that note must have been the neighborhood witch. It is not unusual for parents who live in

neighborhoods such as yours to bring their children to more populated areas to trick or treat. It happens every Halloween. Don't let it get you down.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were married in college and now have two adult, college-educated daughters. We have worked hard, and we own a successful business.

Unfortunately, my husband has been in and out of the hospital for the last eight years. When he's not in the hospital, he's very active and involved with the family. However, his almost-yearly hospitalizations take their toll on all of us.

My question: What role should his parents (in their 80s) play in his health-care decisions? They say he's their son and they have a right. I have said I and our daughters will help him to make those decisions. Am I wrong? This has been bothering me and my daughters for eight long years!

— WHOSE CHOICE IN THE WEST

DEAR WHOSE CHOICE: The choice of who should make his health-care decisions should be unable to do it for himself should be your husband's. Those wishes should be formalized in a health-care directive and shared with family members. Once someone becomes an adult, the responsibility for carrying out those wishes usually rests with one's spouse or children rather than one's parents.

DEAR ABBY: My boss often naps at work. I find it disconcerting. When clients call on the phone, I have to tell them he is "not available." He also seems distracted and isn't following through on work that needs to be done. I could never take a nap at work. Have you any suggestions on how I can handle this situation?

— ALERT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ALERT: You are not your employer's monitor, and your own sleeping habits do not enter into this. There could be more than one reason why he needs his naps. What he does in his private office is not your business. Handle the situation by doing as you have been instructed and refraining from being judgmental.

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TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
A snow shower	A couple of snow showers	Windy with snow showers	Morning snow showers	Periods of sun; very cold
Baker City Comfort Index™ 0	20 0	36 23 0	34 17 0	30 7 0
La Grande Comfort Index™ 0	24 0	36 26 0	34 21 0	27 11 0
Enterprise Comfort Index™ 0	20 0	33 20 0	31 18 0	26 8 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
TEMPERATURES			
High Saturday	48°	50°	51°
Low Saturday	17°	17°	19°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Saturday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.12	0.25	0.24
Normal month to date	0.68	1.56	2.34
Year to date	7.26	13.35	26.09
Normal year to date	8.93	14.39	19.89

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	55%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.8
Evapotranspiration	0.03

RESERVOIR STORAGE	(through midnight Sunday)
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	33% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	64% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	20% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	30% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	48% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS	(through midnight Saturday)
Grande Ronde at Troy	788 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	2 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	13 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	67 cfs
Minam River at Minam	83 cfs
Powder River near Richland	43 cfs

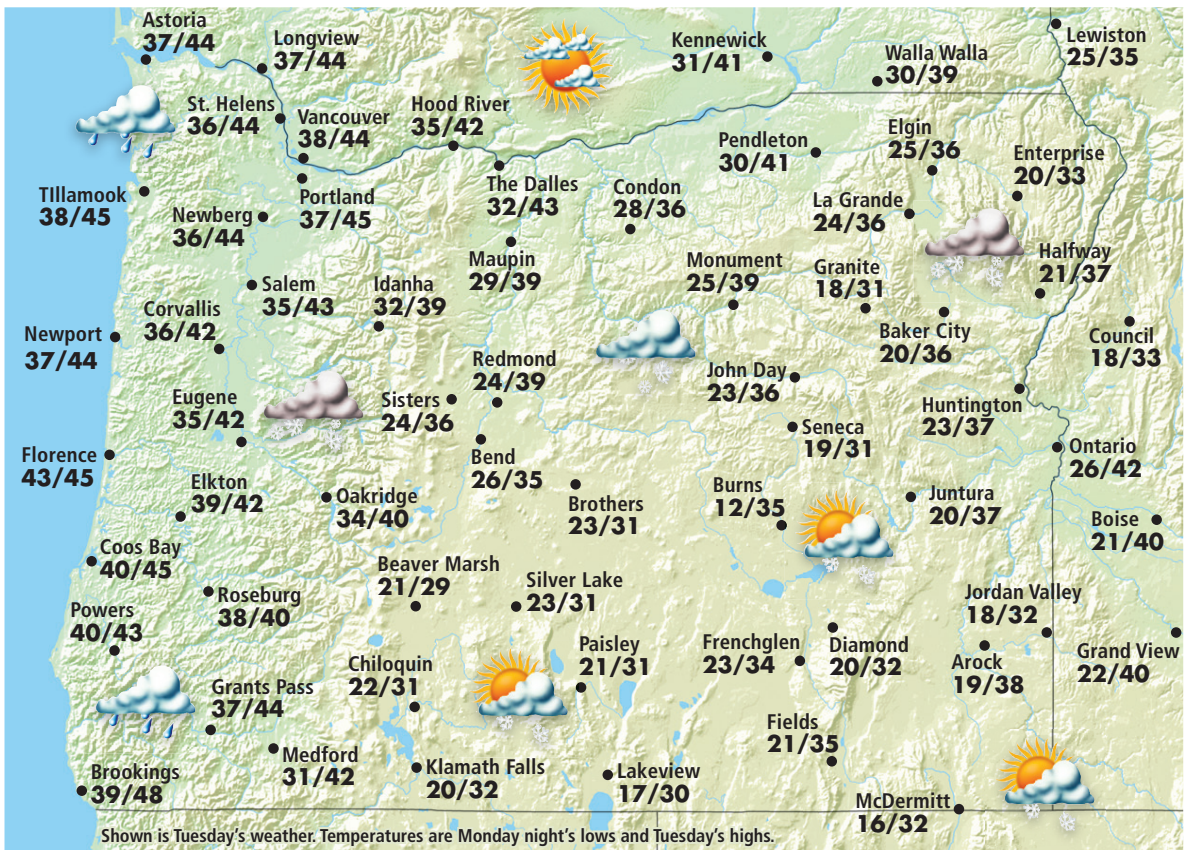
SATURDAY EXTREMES
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 86° Immokalee, Fla.
Low: -8° Antero Reservoir, Colo.
Wettest: 3.31" Athens, Tenn.
OREGON
High: 59° Brookings
Low: 10° Burns
Wettest: none

WEATHER HISTORY
The Great Appalachian Storm of 1950 began Nov. 25. Wind gusted to 76 mph at Central Park in New York City and past 100 mph in New England. West of the storm, the temperature sank to zero in Nashville, Tenn.

SUN & MOON	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	7:04 a.m.	7:05 a.m.
Sunset	4:14 p.m.	4:14 p.m.
Moonrise	5:43 a.m.	6:58 a.m.
Moonset	4:02 p.m.	4:38 p.m.

MOON PHASES	New	First	Full	Last
				
	Nov 26	Dec 3	Dec 11	Dec 18

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	44/31/r	45/27/pc	Lewiston	35/24/pc	36/24/sn
Bend	35/21/sn	26/14/sn	Longview	44/30/r	43/23/pc
Boise	40/30/pc	43/25/sn	Meacham	33/23/sf	32/18/sn
Brookings	48/37/r	47/32/c	Medford	42/28/r	40/20/sn
Burns	35/19/sf	34/8/sf	Newport	44/34/r	45/29/c
Coos Bay	45/35/r	46/27/c	Olympia	42/30/r	42/22/pc
Corvallis	42/30/r	43/22/c	Ontario	42/31/pc	43/26/c
Council	33/24/sf	36/18/sf	Pasco	40/30/pc	44/28/sf
Elgin	36/25/sf	34/20/sn	Pendleton	41/28/pc	36/24/sf
Eugene	42/30/r	42/23/c	Portland	45/34/r	45/27/c
Hermiston	44/32/pc	44/29/sf	Powers	43/34/r	42/24/c
Hood River	42/33/c	41/27/sf	Redmond	39/23/sn	30/14/sn
Imnaha	37/24/sf	36/21/sn	Roseburg	40/34/r	38/24/c
John Day	36/28/sf	33/20/sf	Salem	43/32/r	43/24/c
Joseph	32/19/sf	31/17/sf	Spokane	33/25/pc	33/21/c
Kennewick	41/33/pc	45/29/sf	The Dalles	43/33/c	41/26/sf
Klamath Falls	32/24/sn	32/10/sn	Ukiah	34/22/sf	29/15/sf
Lakeview	30/20/sn	30/7/sf	Walla Walla	39/27/pc	36/22/sf

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 Snow showers 14 8	PHILLIPS LAKE Snow showers 32 22
MT. EMILY REC. Snow showers 25 18	BROWNLEE RES. Snow showers 37 29
EAGLE CAP WILD. Snow showers 21 14	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Snow showers 31 20
WALLOWA LAKE Snow showers 32 19	MCKAY RESERVOIR Partly sunny 40 27
THIEF VALLEY RES. Snow showers 36 23	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Snow showers 36 26

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