

Daughter finds happiness by ghosting mother, siblings

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my mid-30s and about a year ago I went from limited contact to no contact with two siblings and my mother. No single incident caused this, nor was there any history of childhood abuse, etc. I just find I am much happier without their presence in my life.

I am married, content, take joy in my job and am otherwise fulfilled. I do not miss their general negativity, peevish behavior or critical comments. My question is this: Do I owe them an explanation or a place in my life?

I am generally an unsentimental person. I try to be fair. After years of not enjoying our contact, is it OK to finally end it once and for all?

—DETACHED IN TEXAS

DEAR DETACHED: I'm glad you asked me to weigh in on this. You do owe your mother and siblings an explanation. Because what has caused you to withdraw is their "negativity, peevish behavior and critical comments," say so.

Turning your back on your family with no explanation at all is cruel, punishing behavior and cowardly.

DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker with a troubling psychosis that has left me afraid to wear certain colors or say certain words around him. He has allowed a college football rivalry to impact his relationship with co-workers.

I would really like to wear my maize and blue sweater, but I'm fearful of his reaction. He's from Ohio and is negatively obsessed with Michigan. I understand rivalries, but when you won't acknowledge another co-worker from that state and require all your co-workers to refer to Michigan as the "M-State" or you storm off in anger, there is an issue.

What should I do? Should I recommend counseling?

—AFRAID IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR AFRAID: I agree that your co-worker may be off the deep end. You should not recommend counseling for this obsessive and immature individual, but someone in

authority should. Depending upon how large a company your employer is, discuss what has been happening with human resources or your boss. This is a textbook example of bullying and creating a hostile work environment. Your clothing choices should not be dictated by a fellow employee.

DEAR ABBY: I felt compelled to write after seeing your Dec. 15 response to "Anywhere, USA," the hosts seeking guidance about how to respond to the daughter of longtime friends who had recently visited. The daughter had emailed asking for a report on her parents' habits and conduct during their trip.

As a caregiving daughter myself, knowing many other caregiving adult children and belonging to a few support groups for caregivers, I believe inquiring of family friends and other relatives about their loved ones is not wrong or invasive. Our loved ones behave differently in different situations. How they negotiate changes and social situations without the caregiver present may provide important clues and information regarding their mental/cognitive status.

Caregivers try to give their loved ones as much freedom as safely possible. Gaining information about the visit would possibly give clues regarding the ability to travel independently or not, and whether they can still negotiate social and public situations appropriately. These are examples of things that a caregiver will never observe without the eyes of others.

Many caregivers out there read your column, and others who have aging, declining friends with caregiving kids. People must not hesitate to say something when they notice a change in behavior.

—LOYAL READER IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR READER: I'm printing your letter because it is representative of the response I received about "Anywhere, USA's" letter. You raise an important issue about how it "takes a village" to band together and to share observations about changes in older people's comportment beyond simple aging.

Nevada Dems puzzled over empty precinct

By Scott Sonner
The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — What if a neighborhood precinct was voting in Nevada's presidential caucuses and nobody came?

Democrats in one county were left scratching their heads about the possibility they had stumbled onto a phantom precinct during the party's third-in-the-nation presidential contest last week.

Not only did no one cast a ballot during early voting in precinct No. 7321, but nobody from there showed up to participate at Saturday's caucus site at the University of Nevada, Reno, where hundreds gathered from six other precincts in Washoe County.

Worried about the potential for a meltdown like the one that delayed official results in Iowa, site leader Austin Daly said they were prepared for the possibility of glitches with the iPads that were used to tabulate results or other software-related emergencies.

"And I expected big turnout, but never thought there would be a precinct with zero votes," said Daly, head of the UNR Young Democrats.

Amy Travis, a Bernie Sanders supporter from a neighboring precinct, was given the task of filling in the "zeros" next to all the candidates' names in precinct 7321.

But she thought it was strange. She looked up a



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The Rancho San Rafael Regional Park west of the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno owned by Washoe County comprises the entire county's voting Precinct 7321 where only one person, a park employee lives. Unbeknownst to many, 108 of Washoe County's 555 precinct have no registered voters.

map of the precinct on her cellphone and found it consists entirely of a 600-acre county park just west of the Reno campus.

"I had to call state party headquarters and they had to transfer me to someone else to figure it out," Daly said.

It turns out there is one registered voter who lives at the lone residence in the precinct: a park employee.

The employee didn't return messages from The Associated Press seeking comment. Robert Holland, ranger of Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, confirmed the employee lives at the residence that's part of an old frontier ranch homestead, which can be rented for weddings and other special events.

State party officials determined the precinct's lone delegate would be recorded as "uncommitted" at the precinct caucus level but does not advance to the next round at the county convention.

"The delegate just goes away," party spokeswoman Molly Forgey said Thursday.

Having few or no registered voters in precincts is not as unusual as it sounds in sparsely populated Nevada. Unbeknownst to many, state election law caps the maximum number of active registered voters per precinct at 3,000, but there is no minimum.

In fact, 108 of Washoe County's 555 precincts have no registered voters, county Registrar of Voters Deanna Spikula said Wednesday.

weather

	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Mostly cloudy	Mostly sunny and chilly	Partly sunny	A morning shower; cloudy	A shower in the afternoon
Baker City	24	45 21	48 30	52 28	55 29
Comfort Index™	1	1	2	7	7
La Grande	26	41 24	47 35	48 35	51 33
Comfort Index™	0	1	3	4	3
Enterprise	24	38 22	44 31	46 33	48 31
Comfort Index™	0	0	3	1	5

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 Thursday	58°	58°	62°
Low Thursday	20°	20°	23°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.33	2.97	8.43
Normal month to date	0.56	1.10	2.25
Year to date	0.61	4.52	17.02
Normal year to date	1.36	2.73	5.42

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	2.1
Evapotranspiration	0.06

RESERVOIR STORAGE	(through midnight Friday)
Phillips Reservoir	27% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	59% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	75% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	76% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	54% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	102% of capacity

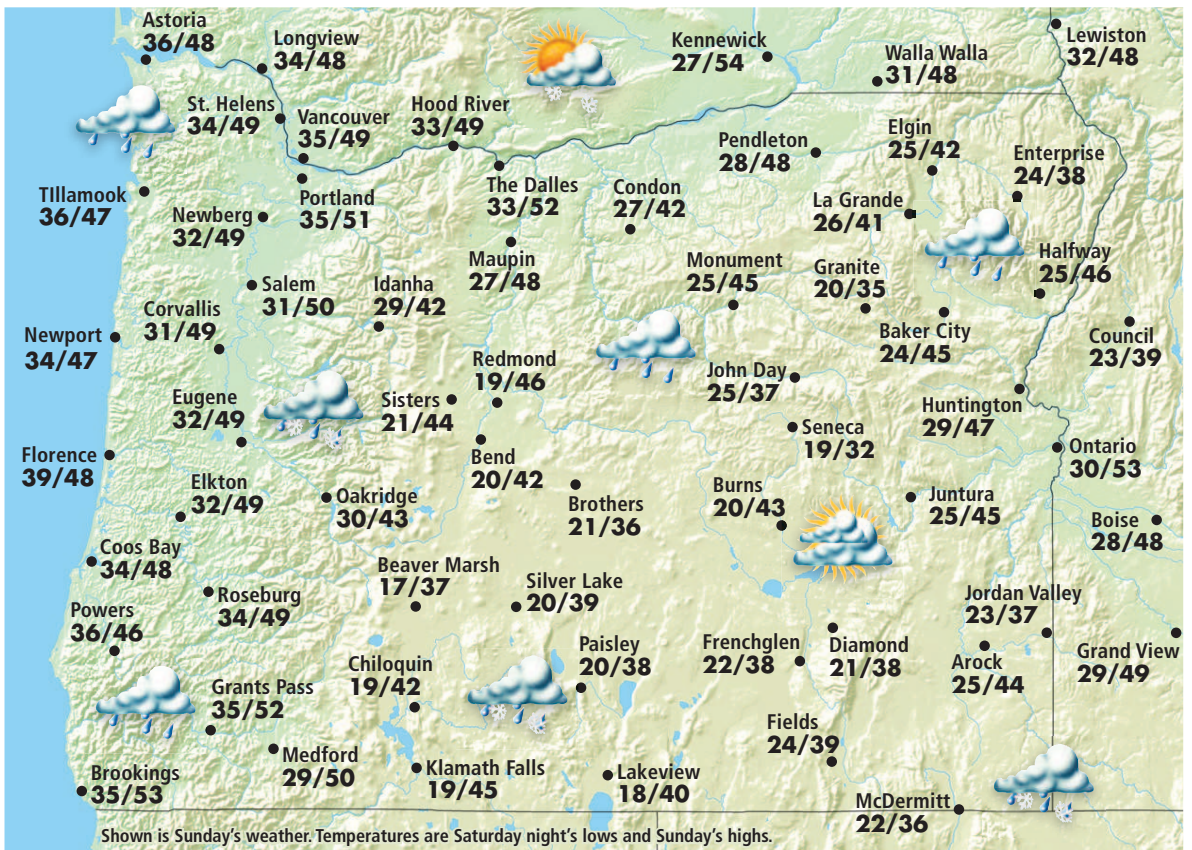
STREAM FLOWS	(through midnight Thursday)
Grande Ronde at Troy	2090 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	92 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	25 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	158 cfs
Minam River at Minam	151 cfs
Powder River near Richland	198 cfs

THURSDAY EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 88°	Fullerton, Calif.
Low: -15°	Fosston, Minn.
Wettest: 1.90"	Sanford, Maine
OREGON	
High: 68°	Grants Pass
Low: 16°	Meacham
Wettest: Trace	Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY	
On Feb. 29, 1980, strong thunderstorm winds in Austin, Texas, blew cars over. Meanwhile, a tornado was sighted about 30 miles northeast of Austin.	

SUN & MOON	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	6:32 a.m.	6:30 a.m.
Sunset	5:39 p.m.	5:40 p.m.
Moonrise	9:24 a.m.	9:52 a.m.
Moonset	11:50 p.m.	none
MOON PHASES		
First	Full	Last
Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16
		Mar 24

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W	City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	48/38/pc	49/41/r	Lewiston	48/32/pc	51/40/pc
Bend	42/23/s	51/30/pc	Longview	48/36/sh	47/42/r
Boise	48/25/sf	47/33/s	Meacham	40/22/pc	46/34/pc
Brookings	53/38/s	55/42/s	Medford	50/28/pc	53/32/pc
Burns	43/18/pc	49/27/s	Newport	47/37/sh	48/42/r
Coos Bay	48/35/sh	50/40/c	Olympia	49/34/pc	51/39/c
Corvallis	49/33/sh	50/40/r	Ontario	53/24/s	52/31/s
Council	39/17/pc	39/24/s	Pasco	56/31/s	60/39/s
Elgin	42/23/pc	46/36/pc	Pendleton	48/31/s	53/41/pc
Eugene	49/33/sh	50/40/c	Portland	51/37/c	49/42/r
Hermiston	54/35/s	57/44/s	Powers	46/34/sh	53/38/c
Hood River	49/36/pc	49/41/pc	Redmond	46/20/s	51/26/pc
Imnaha	42/23/c	46/33/sh	Roseburg	49/34/sh	53/39/pc
John Day	37/20/pc	43/31/pc	Salem	50/33/sh	50/40/c
Joseph	36/20/pc	43/28/pc	Spokane	45/29/s	46/35/pc
Kennewick	54/34/s	59/42/s	The Dalles	52/34/s	52/40/pc
Klamath Falls	45/18/s	52/23/s	Ukiah	38/19/s	45/31/c
Lakeview	40/15/pc	50/22/s	Walla Walla	48/33/s	52/41/pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Partly sunny; cold	Partly sunny
20 10	37 18
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Mostly sunny; cold	Partly sunny
30 20	42 21
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Partly sunny; cold	Partly sunny
25 8	34 16
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Partly sunny	Sunny, but chilly
36 20	46 30
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Increasingly windy	Mostly sunny
45 21	41 24

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