Prenup becomes roadblock on couple's path to the altar

DEAR ABBY: I have a delightful, caring, loving man in my life. We knew each other years ago when we were married to

other people. Three years ago, after a couple of years of courtship, he asked me to move in.

We are great together. He has embraced my two children and especially my two grandchildren as he had none from his previous marriage. Because I bring more to his life than anyone, I proposed to him seven months ago, and he said yes. We talked, and he requested a prenup, which is fine with me because his ex took a large sum of cash.

I have asked a few times since the proposal if he has talked to his cousin who is an attorney he trusts, but I don't believe this is moving along. Because you cannot make anyone do anything they are not inclined to do, I have stopped asking. He knows I need

financial security.

I have always done right by him that is who I am. At this point, I'm enjoying my life of privilege

DEAR **ABBY**

with my doctor companion, who loves me dearly but can't seem to honor our relationship and take the next step. Am I right to let it be?

- WAITING DEAR WAITING: I agree that you cannot make anyone do anything they are not inclined to do. Because drafting the prenuptial agreement appears to be stalled, raise the subject again and ask if he regrets accepting your proposal or if he's ready to move forward. He may like things just as they are, and if you need more than what he is willing to give, you may have to move on. Three years is enough time to decide if he wants to make your romance permanent.

DEAR ABBY: I think my parents are letting my sister take

advantage of them. She has suffered from depression most of her life. She has children, ages 8 and 5. Before COVID, she was a stayat-home mom for six years.

In March, she asked my parents to take in her 8-year-old for schooling the rest of the year. For the last several months, one or both of her children have been here at our house. She and her husband live five hours away, so it's not like they are nearby. Now there's discussion about my parents keeping them into next year.

Mom retired last year and has barely been able to enjoy her retirement alone with my stepdad. When my brother and I bring up the topic of them enabling my sister by letting her pawn her kids off and blame her depression, their response is, "Well, it's better than her going off the deep end." I also feel bad that those kids are not with their parents in their own house, instead of being schlepped around. Am I wrong to think she's being allowed to get away with

being a bad parent?

- CONCERNED DEAR CONCERNED: The COVID-19 epidemic and subsequent quarantine have triggered anxiety and serious depression in people who were previously emotionally resilient. That it could cause a recurrence in someone with chronic depression is no surprise. Your mother and stepfather are doing what they feel is best for their grandchildren, your sister and themselves. Accept it and quit second-guessing them. They have enough to deal with without you adding more stress at this point.

DEAR ABBY: My 22-year-old daughter asked if her 23-year-old best friend could stay with us for six months. Her friend's parents had to return to Europe to finish wrapping up some things and then would return for their citizenship appointments, so we agreed to the arrangement. Rent-free, because we are nice.

My daughter got a school offer in Houston and moved there in May. Now it's just her best friend and us at the house. Well, COVID-19 happened, and the parents are banned from entering the U.S. They have asked us if she can stay until the ban is lifted, which who knows when this will happen. We agreed, but now it's November.

I miss my personal space, and I need her to move out. I feel she has overstayed. But I don't know how to approach her or her family and say this arrangement will end soon. How should I handle this?

DEAR CROWDED: You have been more than generous to your daughter's best friend, and I hope your generosity has been appreciated not only by her but also her parents. She is an adult, and she needs to be told the arrangement she had with you is coming to an end. Set a date for her to leave and notify her parents that they may need to make other living arrangements for her if she can't

do it herself.

News of the Weird

Mysterious shiny monolith found in otherworldly Utah desert

SALT LAKE CITY -Deep in the Mars-like landscape of Utah's red-rock desert lies a mystery: A gleaming metal monolith in one of the most remote parts of the state.

The smooth, tall structure was found during a helicopter survey of bighorn sheep in southeastern Utah, officials said Monday.

A crew from the Utah Department of Public Safety and Division of Wildlife Resources spotted the gleaming object from the air Nov. 18 and landed to check it out during a break from their work.

They found the threesided stainless-steel object is about as tall as two men put together. But they discovered no clues about who might have driven it into the ground among the undu-

lating red rocks or why. "This thing is not from another world," said Lt. Nick Street of the Utah Highway Patrol, part of the Department of Public

Still, it's clear that it took some planning and work to construct the 10- to 12-foot monolith and embed it in the rock.

The exact location is so remote that officials are not revealing it publicly. worried that people might get lost or stranded trying



Utah Department of Public Safety via AP State workers from the Utah Department of Public Safety

to find it and need to be

The monolith evokes the one that appears in the Stanley Kubrick movie "2001: A Space Odyssey." Because it's on federal public land, it's illegal to place art objects without authorization.

Bureau of Land Management officials are investigating how long it's been there, who might have created it and whether to remove it.

and Division of Wildlife Resources conducting a survey of bighorn sheep in southeastern Utah spotted this gleaming metal monolith, Utah officials said Monday, Nov. 23, 2020. The exact location is so remote that officials are not revealing it publicly, worried that people might get lost or stranded trying to find it and need to be rescued.

Owl found in **Rockefeller Center** tree takes flight

SAUGERTIES, N.Y. — A tiny owl found dehydrated and hungry in the branches of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree ate its way back to good health

and is back in the wild. A worker setting up the holiday tree Nov. 16 at Manhattan's Rockefeller Center in Manhattan discovered the tiny adult Saw-



Lindsay Possumato/Ravensbeard Wildlife Center via AP A Ravensbeard Wildlife Center employee on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, holds a Saw-whet owl. A worker helping to get the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree in New York City found the tiny owl among the tree's branches on Monday, Nov. 16. The owl was brought to the wildlife center

migratory journey south.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 24, Kalish held the winsome raptor aloft in a field against a backdrop of rounded mountains.

In a video posted on Ravensbeard's Facebook page, Rocky sits quietly on Kalish's fingers before winging her way over to a nearby grove of pines.

"She is a tough little bird and we're happy to see her back in her natural habitat," the center wrote on Facebook. "We are sure that Rocky will feel your love and support through her journey south."

- Associated Press

whet owl. The bird apparently was trapped in the 75-foot-tall Norway spruce when it was cut down 170 miles north in upstate New York on Nov. 12. The owl received the name Rockefeller.

The female owl, initially thought to be male, hadn't eaten for at least three days and was sent to Ravensbeard Wildlife Center in the Hudson Valley town of Saugerties. Ellen Kalish, the founder and director of Ravensbeard, said the owl was in "great condition" with no bone fractures apparent

after an X-ray. A rehabilitator nursed the owl back to health for a week with plenty of mice to eat before Rocky was cleared to continue her



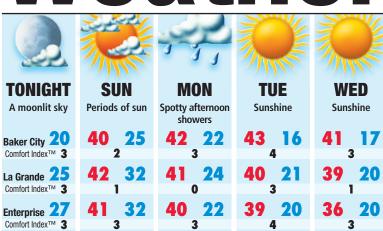
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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin		
High Thursday	46°	42°	41°		
Low Thursday	18°	30°	27°		
PRECIPITATION (inches)					
Thursday	0.00	0.11	0.15		
Month to date	0.22	2.13	4.71		
Normal month to dat	e 0.77	1.76	2.67		
Year to date	3.22	16.01	33.69		
Normal year to date	9.04	14.63	20.30		

AGRICULTURAL INFO. **HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY**

Lowest relative humidity

Lowest relative maintain	13/0		
Afternoon wind	S at 8 to 16 mph		
Hours of sunshine	2.7		
Evapotranspiration	0.05		
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)			
Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity		
Unity Reservoir	29% of capacity		
Owyhee Reservoir	44% of capacity		
McKay Reservoir	23% of capacity		
Wallowa Lake	22% of capacity		
Thief Valley Reservoir	32% of capacity		
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Burnt River near Unity	10 cfs		
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Minam River at Minam	N.A.		
Powder River near Richland	18 cfs		

THURSDAY EXTREMES

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NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)			
High: 91°	Kingsville, Texas		
Low: -8°	Daniel, Wyo.		
Wettest: 3.36"	Galesburg, III.		
OREGON			
High: 57°	Brookings		
Low: 16°	Rome		
Wettest: 0.05"	Newport		

WEATHER HISTORY

Arctic winds dropped temperatures to as low as 32 below zero in Minnesota on Nov. 28, 1989. One year later, 60 new records for warmth were set in the Midwest and Northeast

SIIN & MOON

Nov 30

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Sunrise	7	7:08 a.m.	7:09 a.m.	
Sunset		1:12 p.m.	4:12 p.m.	
Moonrise		3:33 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	
Moonset	5	:18 a.m.	6:22 a.m.	
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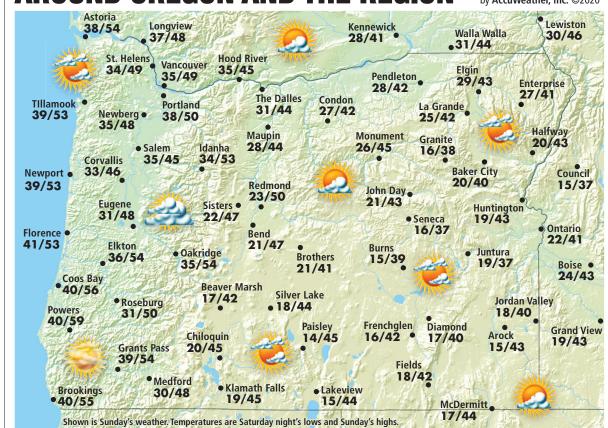
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REGIONAL CITIES					
	SUN.	MON.		SUN.	MON.
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	54/42/pc	50/35/r	Lewiston	46/29/pc	44/30/c
Bend	47/29/pc	47/19/i	Longview	48/39/pc	48/37/r
Boise	43/24/pc	43/23/c	Meacham	41/31/pc	39/19/sh
Brookings	55/44/pc	54/41/r	Medford	48/33/pc	46/33/r
Burns	39/17/pc	42/16/c	Newport	53/43/pc	51/36/r
Coos Bay	56/43/pc	53/38/r	Olympia	50/36/c	48/34/r
Corvallis	46/33/pc	49/32/r	Ontario	41/18/pc	38/23/c
Council	37/20/pc	37/14/r	Pasco	41/26/pc	44/24/c
Elgin	43/34/pc	43/26/sh	Pendleton	42/30/pc	45/28/sh
Eugene	48/36/c	51/31/r	Portland	50/38/c	50/35/r
Hermiston	43/28/pc	46/22/c	Powers	59/43/pc	53/36/r
Hood River	45/34/pc	46/31/c	Redmond	50/31/pc	47/22/pc
Imnaha	47/37/pc	44/28/sh	Roseburg	50/36/pc	49/34/r
John Day	43/27/pc	41/18/c	Salem	45/35/pc	49/34/r
Joseph	40/28/pc	39/19/c	Spokane	42/28/c	38/25/c
Kennewick	41/30/pc	45/23/c	The Dalles	44/31/pc	47/31/pc
Klamath Falls	45/22/pc	42/22/c	Ukiah	41/30/pc	40/20/c
Lakeview	44/22/pc	42/19/c	Walla Walla	44/32/c	46/29/sh

 $\label{eq:weather} \textbf{Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice$

RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Partly sunny 32 MT. EMILY REC. Periods of sun 39 **EAGLE CAP WILD.** Partly sunny 33 **WALLOWA LAKE** Periods of sun

THIEF VALLEY RES.

Partly sunny

PHILLIPS LAKE Partly sunny **BROWNLEE RES.**

Partly sunny

EMIGRANT ST. PARK Partly sunny

38 29 **MCKAY RESERVOIR** Sun, then clouds

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Periods of sun

32

