

Sitter’s pushy granddaughter is a concern for working mom

DEAR ABBY: Because my husband and I work, I take our 6-month-old to a sitter several times a week. I understand little ones tend to be mean sometimes — hitting, biting and pushing — but in this case, it’s a little different.

My sitter cares for her 3-year-old granddaughter as well as her clients’ children, and her granddaughter pushes the littler ones. I have seen her push a 1-year-old down. I have never observed any of the other children do it, only the granddaughter.

I wouldn’t be so worried if my daughter were 2 and could defend



DEAR ABBY

herself, but she’s only 6 months old. She is crawling, sitting up and standing already, and I’m gravely worried the girl will harm my infant. I don’t want my baby ending up with a head injury. What can I do to try to resolve this?

— DEEPLY CONCERNED

DEAR DEEPLY CONCERNED: Talk to the sitter about your concerns. Ask if it is possible to keep the older girl separate from the younger ones, however, the only way to be absolutely certain your little one is safe would be to change babysitters.

DEAR ABBY: I made a friend on Facebook. “Drew” and I

texted through Messenger, and I went to ride four-wheelers with him one day. We hit it off great. We started dating, and he moved in with me for a few months.

In the beginning, Drew didn’t mention he was working only part time.

After he told me he had been moved to part time, I told him he needed to tell his boss he needed full time or a different job. I wrote a comment to that effect on their page, and his boss texted me back saying Drew can work as much as he wants! He also said Drew hasn’t worked full time since he started working there.

Well, Drew got mad at me and left. I still love him. I thought he was my soul mate. Should I

keep wishing we could get back together?

— FEELING LIFELESS

DEAR FEELING LIFELESS: No! In a sense, you were taken for a ride, and I’m not talking about four-wheelers.

Your next soul mate should be someone who is completely honest and, preferably, fully employed. Drew is neither.

DEAR ABBY: I have been remarried for four years to a wonderful man who treats me like a queen. However, he and my 18-year-old daughter dislike each other, which causes a huge amount of stress and conflict. They fight, and I’m stuck in the middle. I don’t know what I can do to resolve this problem. I love

them both with all my heart!

— DESPERATE FOR PEACE

DEAR DESPERATE: I wish you had mentioned why your husband dislikes your daughter and vice versa. Is he overbearing and trying to parent her? That is YOUR job, not his.

Your daughter is no longer 14. At 18, she is now considered to be an adult, and because the “combatants” are both adults, they should act like it, be civil and refrain from turning their disagreements into open warfare. Your mistake has been allowing yourself to be placed in the middle. A better solution would be to get family counseling if your daughter plans to continue to live with you.

News of the Weird

California monolith pops up after finds in Utah, Romania

LOS ANGELES — Days after the discovery and swift disappearance of two shining metal monoliths half a world apart, another towering structure popped up and then quickly vanished, this time from the pinnacle of a trail in California.

After photos were posted on social media, the tall, silver metallic structure drew hikers to the top of the Pine Mountain trail in an Atascadero park, halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, KEYT-TV reported Wednesday.

The 3-sided, 10-foot-tall, 200-pound monolith was similar to two others discovered recently in the Utah desert and in Romania. Like those structures, the origin of the California edifice also is unknown.

But by Thursday, Dec. 3, the California monolith had vanished, apparently torn down by a group of young men that traveled five hours from farther south to remove it, the city of Atascadero said in a Facebook post.

Video posted online showed a group of young men wearing night-vision goggles topling what appears to be the monolith before dawn while chanting

“Christ is king” and “America First.” One man also is heard saying to the camera: “We don’t want illegal aliens from Mexico or outer space.”

The men replaced the structure with a wooden cross, which also disappeared. All that was left Thursday of the monolith were a few pieces of supporting rebar.

Police were reviewing the video, The Tribune of San Luis Obispo County reported.

Locals did not appreciate the destruction.

“We are upset that these young men felt the need to drive 5 hours to come into our community and vandalize the monolith,” Mayor Heather Moreno said in a press release. “The monolith was something unique and fun in an otherwise stressful time.”

“Bummer,” Matt Cadaret, a gravedigger at a nearby cemetery, told the San Francisco Chronicle. He had planned to hike up to see the structure.

“It’s too bad it’s gone,” he said. “People were real excited about it. Anything that gets people excited is a good thing.”

Another monolith spotted two weeks ago in Utah’s otherworldly red-rock country became a beacon of fascination around the world as it evoked the movie “2001: A Space Odyssey” and drew hundreds of people to the remote spot.



Kaytlyn Leslie/The Tribune of San Luis Obispo via AP

A monolith stands on a Stadium Park hillside in Atascadero, California, Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2020. Days after the discovery and swift disappearance of two shining metal monoliths half a world apart, another towering structure popped up, this time at the pinnacle of a trail in Southern California. But two days later, young men wearing night-vision goggles tore it down.

Two extreme sports athletes said they were part of a group that tore down the hollow metal structure because they were worried about the damage the droves of visitors were causing to the relatively untouched spot. Officials said the visitors flattened plants with their cars and left behind human waste.

A structure that appeared recently in Romania also is gone.

The Utah creation evoked famous land-art pieces that dot the West. Robert Smithson’s Spiral Jetty is an earthwork along the Great Salt Lake and Nancy Holt’s Sun Tunnels are huge concrete pieces in the desert.

Like those pieces, the mono-

lith was fascinating in part because of its context in the landscape, said Whitney Tassie, a curator of modern and contemporary art at the Utah Museum of Fine Art.

“That’s a big, big part of land art in general is this idea of an experience, of a journey,” she said.

The intense social media reaction to the monolith against the backdrop of the punishing pandemic, along with the quick disappearance of the piece, has become a part of its story, she said. Police have said the dismantling may not be illegal since no one has claimed the structure as their property.

The still-anonymous creator of the Utah monument did not follow steps taken by land artists of the 1970s to secure permission to make their works.

Visitation to those remote sites is now managed and overseen to avoid too much stress on the environment. Federal and state officials in Utah also expressed concern about the area around the monolith being overrun.

“It’s good to think about our relationship with the earth, which is ultimately what these sorts of projects do,” Tassie said. “Man’s impact on the environment front and center.”

— Associated Press

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weather

TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
A shower late	A little snow at times	A little afternoon rain	Mostly cloudy	Showers in the afternoon
Baker City 23 Comfort Index™ 3	41 24 0	41 23 3	38 23 4	35 25 0
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TEMPERATURES

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	44°	47°	50°
Low Sunday	21°	23°	23°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Sunday	0.00	Trace	0.00
Month to date	0.00	Trace	0.08
Normal month to date	0.19	0.38	0.68
Year to date	3.22	16.01	33.87
Normal year to date	9.36	15.28	21.43

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 85° Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Low: -12° Climax, Colo.

Wettest: 2.02" Naples, Fla.

OREGON

High: 59° North Bend

Low: 16° Crescent

Wettest: 0.25" Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY

A large storm system brought heavy rain to the East on Dec. 8, 1963. Lightning caused the explosion of fuel under one of the outboard wing tanks of a jetliner passing through the storm. Eighty-one people died.

SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	7:19 a.m.	7:20 a.m.
Sunset	4:09 p.m.	4:09 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:55 a.m.
Moonset	1:03 p.m.	1:27 p.m.

MOON PHASES

	New	First	Full	Last
	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 29	Jan 6

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W	City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	50/40/sh	47/38/r	Lewiston	43/33/sn	44/32/c
Bend	46/23/pc	46/25/c	Longview	50/40/c	46/37/r
Boise	38/21/c	39/25/pc	Meacham	38/27/sn	38/26/r
Brookings	57/40/s	50/38/c	Medford	50/32/c	43/35/c
Burns	42/16/c	37/17/c	Newport	51/40/c	48/39/r
Coos Bay	53/36/c	51/38/c	Olympia	48/38/c	45/34/r
Corvallis	50/36/c	46/35/r	Ontario	39/22/c	41/24/pc
Council	37/18/c	33/14/c	Pasco	43/28/pc	41/28/c
Elgin	42/33/sn	43/31/r	Pendleton	42/32/sn	40/30/r
Eugene	51/36/c	47/37/c	Portland	50/39/c	46/38/r
Hermiston	46/31/pc	43/29/c	Powers	54/37/c	49/38/c
Hood River	47/35/c	47/36/r	Redmond	48/24/pc	47/26/sf
Imnaha	44/30/sn	41/27/c	Roseburg	50/37/c	46/37/c
John Day	42/21/sn	38/20/r	Salem	49/38/sh	45/36/r
Joseph	39/29/sn	38/25/c	Spokane	37/28/i	36/27/c
Kennewick	44/30/pc	42/29/c	The Dalles	49/34/c	45/35/r
Klamath Falls	45/20/c	42/23/pc	Ukiah	39/27/sn	36/27/r
Lakeview	46/16/c	44/19/pc	Walla Walla	41/32/sn	40/30/r

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

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

Location	Forecast	Temp
ANTHONY LAKES	A little snow	34 14
PHILLIPS LAKE	A little snow	39 21
MT. EMILY REC.	A little snow	38 28
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly cloudy	39 18
EAGLE CAP WILD.	A little snow	35 14
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	A little snow	37 27
WALLOWA LAKE	A little snow	39 29
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Mostly cloudy	43 33
THIEF VALLEY RES.	A little snow	41 24
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	A little snow	41 31

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