

Family’s help with child care comes at a cost



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am a mother of four (soon to be five) young children. It is exhausting. My husband helps as much as he can, but sometimes we both need a break. My parents offer to watch the kids. The problem is, my parents and I have opposite political and world views. Sometimes they'll say things to my children like, "You're such a ditzzy girl, you better find a good husband!" Or call a former president "the devil." My husband and I have VERY different opin-

ions than they do, and we worry about their influence on our children. But, honestly, sometimes we need their help. I don't think they can keep their opinions to themselves, but I don't want them anywhere near my kids, either. Is it hypocritical to accept their help? — **Different views in New Jersey**

Dear Different: Because you need their help and they are willing to babysit "the grands," I don't consider accepting it the least bit hypocritical. Your children are too young to know who Barack Obama is, and are not likely to place any importance on what your parents say about him. I do, however, take issue with planting the idea in a little girl's

head that she is a "ditz" and that her only goal in life should be to marry anyone. Your daughter is growing up in a very different world than the one your mother was raised in. These days, girls are expected to follow their own path, get an education, work and become independent. Marriage, if it happens, comes later.

You and your husband should tell your children (in an age-appropriate way) that their grandparents love them, but have different ideas about things than Mommy and Daddy do. Then reinforce that they are smart, honest, good and any other virtues you would like to implant in their little heads.

Dear Abby: I am married to

a man from an affluent family. I love my in-laws and enjoy hosting dinners for them.

My brother-in-law, "Karl" — who is my favorite person in the group — is seeing a guy, "Warren," who is 30 years younger. Their relationship is on and off. Warren usually shows up when it's convenient or when he wants money.

My problem is, when I invite the family, Karl always asks if he can bring his boyfriend. Each time Warren shows up, I become anxious because he has no social graces. At all. He cuts people off at the buffet line, picks through pieces of meat on the serving platter looking for the "best" cut and acts like he hasn't eaten for

days. I want to continue inviting Karl, so should I be honest and say, "Please do not bring your boyfriend," or stop hosting family dinners? — **Anxious in California**

Dear Anxious: If you invite Karl and tell him not to bring Warren, the chances are he will refuse your future invitations. What you might do, however, is mention to him that his boyfriend's social graces could use some "polishing," and note what he does at the buffet. It's possible that he "acts like he hasn't eaten for days" because you are such a terrific cook he can't keep himself from scarfing. Or maybe it has been a while since he's had a square meal.

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The latter was one of many sites I'd researched as a potential location to catch the isolated headwater catfish, *Ictalurus lupus*. Though this fish looks most like a bullhead, it is found in habitats very unlike its cousins. As its name suggests, the headwater catfish lives principally in crystal-clear, cold streams in the Rio Grande drainage.

In years of searching, I'd tried more than half a dozen potential streams feeding the Pecos or mainstem Rio Grande, but couldn't find the proper habitat. This time, I had. I drove into my planned spot, but I was dismayed to see that the roads were public but the land private, posted heavily all around the pristine stream.

Ordinarily, a public road crossing would provide me legal access to the water, allowing me to traverse this navigable waterway tributary to my heart's content — provided I stay below the annual high water mark. Unfortunately, there were no such crossings. I drove for miles on the dusty road, finding no clearly public road crossings.

I was far from surprised, though. Texas is one of the most heavily privatized states in the nation, ranking No. 37 in total public lands (Oregon ranks No. 5) with just 3.12 million acres of public land. Of those 3.12 million public acres in Texas, just under half (47 %) is on military bases and largely closed to the public. In practice, Texas has about 1.65 million acres of land you can actually access.

For perspective on just how little that is, there are 3.9 million total acres in Klamath County. According to The Oregonian, 58.8 % — or about 2.3 million acres — of Klamath County is publicly held. For those keeping score, that means little old Klamath County



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Since the water was so clear, microfishing for the native roundnose minnow (pictured) was easy.

has more public lands than the entire state of Texas. Huh.

Roads

Dejected and unwilling to risk getting shot while traipsing through private land, I drove back to the road. I had no service, but as I was driving back to civilization, I found a bridge on a public road spanning the very same creek. It was not posted, and I was able to climb down and fish the beautiful, aquamarine waters.

It took me precious little time to see headwater catfish skirting the margins of the undercut banks, and after I caught each of the resident bass once or twice, the less aggressive catfish came out to play. I landed one. Given the Yaqui catfish went extinct in the U.S. this summer due to drought (they survived in their much larger range in Mexico),

catching the headwater catfish meant I'd caught all full-sized American catfish. This was an equally depressing and exciting realization.

The day was young, so I continued fishing, catching both the diminutive roundnose minnow and another longtime nemesis, the gray redbreast. The latter was a prime specimen and marks my ninth world record.

Despite numerous failures to find my target fishes, persistence paid off, and I was glad I'd messed with Texas.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Kids lead effort to pardon wrongly convicted ‘witch’

The Associated Press

BOSTON — More than three centuries after a Massachusetts woman was wrongly convicted of witchcraft and sentenced to death, she's finally on the verge of being exonerated — thanks to an eighth-grade civics class.

State Sen. Diana DiZoglio, a Democrat from Methuen, has introduced legislation to clear the name of Elizabeth Johnson Jr., who was condemned in 1693 at the height of the Salem Witch Trials but never executed.

DiZoglio says she was inspired by sleuthing done by a group of 13- and 14-year-olds at North Andover Middle School. Civics teacher Carrie LaPierre's students researched Johnson and the steps that would need to be taken to make sure she was formally pardoned.

"It is important that we work to correct history," DiZoglio said Wednesday, Aug. 18. "We will never be able to change what happened to these victims, but at the very least, we can set the record straight."

If lawmakers approve the measure, Johnson will be the last accused witch to be cleared, according to Witches of Massachusetts Bay, a group devoted to the history and lore of the 17th-century witch hunts.

Twenty people from Salem and neighboring towns were killed and hundreds of others accused during a frenzy of Puritan injustice that began in 1692, stoked by superstition, fear of disease and strangers, scapegoating and petty jealousies. Nineteen were hanged, and one man was crushed to death by rocks.

In the 328 years that have

ensued, dozens of suspects officially were cleared, including Johnson's own mother, the daughter of a minister whose conviction eventually was reversed. But for some reason, Johnson's name wasn't included in various legislative attempts to set the record straight.

Johnson was 22 when she was caught up in the hysteria of the witch trials and sentenced to hang. It never happened: Then-Gov. William Phips threw out her punishment as the magnitude of the gross miscarriages of justice in Salem sank in.

But because she wasn't among those whose convictions were formally set aside, hers still technically stands.

"It showed how superstitious people still were after the witch trials," said Artem Likhonov, 14, a rising high school freshman who participated in the school project. "It's not like after it ended people didn't believe in witches anymore. They still thought she was a witch and they wouldn't exonerate her."

DiZoglio's bill would tweak 1957 legislation, amended in 2001, to include Johnson among others who were pardoned after being wrongly accused and convicted of witchcraft.

"Why Elizabeth was not exonerated is unclear but no action was ever taken on her behalf by the General Assembly or the courts," DiZoglio said. "Possibly because she was neither a wife nor a mother, she was not considered worthy of having her name cleared. And because she never had children, there is no group of descendants acting on her behalf."

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	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Clear	Sunny and nice	Sunny and pleasant	Plenty of sunshine	Sunny and beautiful
Baker City	37	86 42	83 41	76 37	77 42
Comfort Index™	9	7	9	10	10
La Grande	41	84 50	80 45	69 43	75 42
Comfort Index™	9	7	9	10	10
Enterprise	48	85 49	81 45	68 34	70 40
Comfort Index™	10	6	9	10	10

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.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	78°	78°	73°
Low Thursday	48°	56°	49°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.65	0.42	0.42
Normal month to date	0.36	0.57	0.54
Year to date	3.11	6.54	15.79
Normal year to date	6.35	11.23	15.77

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY

Lowest relative humidity	20%
Afternoon wind	WSW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	12.5
Evapotranspiration	0.21

RESERVOIR STORAGE

(through midnight Friday)	
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	25% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	17% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	45% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	0% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS

(through midnight Thursday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	476 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	86 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	41 cfs
Minam River at Minam	64 cfs
Powder River near Richland	4 cfs

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 118°	Ocotillo Wells, Calif.
Low: 24°	Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 3.23"	Danville, Ill.

OREGON

High: 89°	Ontario
Low: 35°	Lakeview
Wettest: 0.19"	Newport

WEATHER HISTORY

So much cool air moved southward on Aug. 28, 1944, that Raleigh, N.C., had a high of only 68 degrees, which is its lowest maximum temperature ever in August.

SUN & MOON

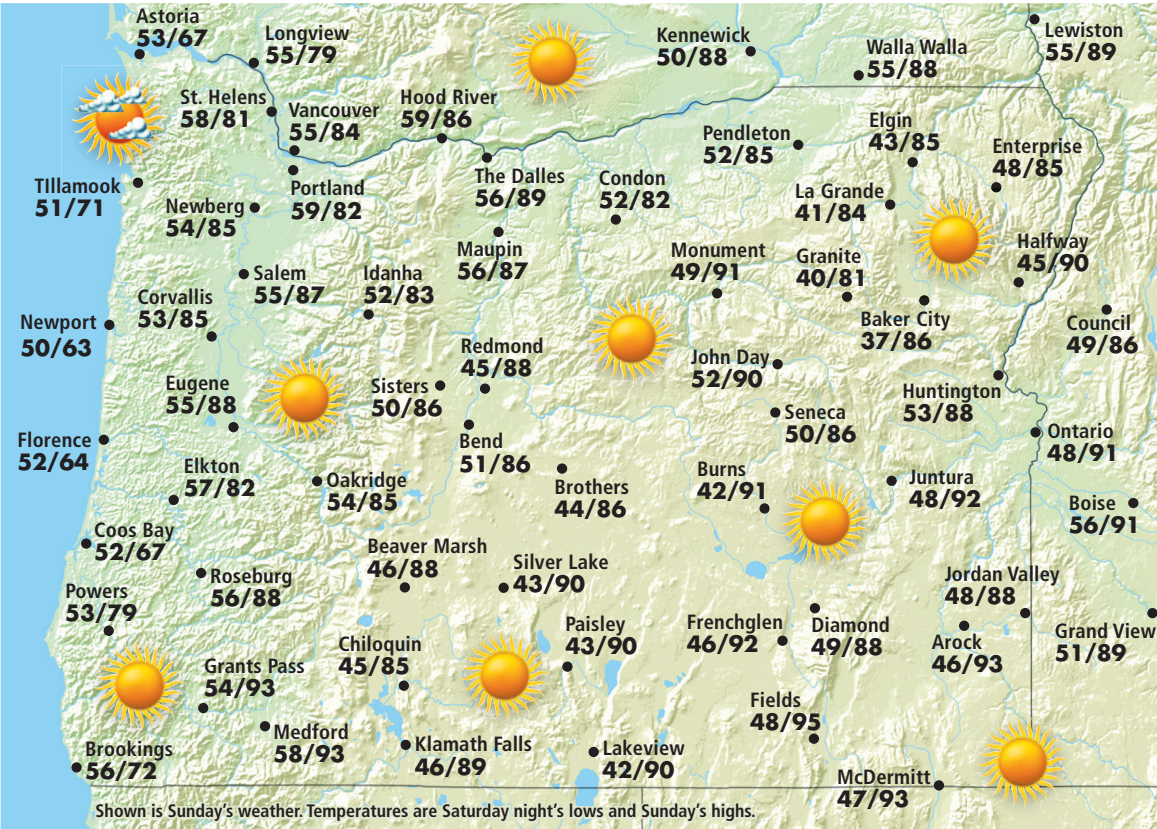
	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	6:09 a.m.	6:10 a.m.
Sunset	7:37 p.m.	7:35 p.m.
Moonrise	10:35 p.m.	11:03 p.m.
Moonset	12:41 p.m.	1:45 p.m.

MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
			
Aug 29	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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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	67/52/pc	65/50/pc	Lewiston	89/59/s	88/54/s
Bend	86/49/s	81/43/s	Longview	79/48/s	70/50/pc
Boise	91/58/s	92/58/s	Meacham	85/46/s	79/43/s
Brookings	72/52/s	67/50/s	Medford	93/58/s	87/50/s
Burns	91/45/s	88/43/s	Newport	67/46/pc	60/47/s
Coos Bay	67/52/pc	65/47/s	Olympia	73/49/s	69/46/pc
Corvallis	85/49/s	74/46/s	Ontario	91/56/s	92/54/s
Council	86/50/s	88/51/s	Pasco	89/53/s	87/51/s
Elgin	85/45/s	81/40/s	Pendleton	85/55/s	81/52/s
Eugene	88/49/s	78/47/s	Portland	82/52/s	73/53/pc
Hermiston	89/60/s	85/54/s	Powers	79/53/s	71/47/s
Hood River	86/54/s	73/49/s	Redmond	88/46/s	82/40/s
Imnaha	88/52/s	87/49/s	Roseburg	88/53/s	79/50/s
John Day	90/50/s	85/46/s	Salem	87/50/s	75/49/s
Joseph	84/50/s	80/48/s	Spokane	83/56/s	80/51/s
Kennewick	88/56/s	86/52/s	The Dalles	89/57/s	80/51/s
Klamath Falls	89/45/s	85/39/s	Ukiah	83/37/s	79/36/s
Lakeview	90/41/s	86/39/s	Walla Walla	88/60/s	84/54/s

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
Plenty of sunshine	Sunny and pleasant
61 41	81 45
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Mostly sunny	Sunny and nice
70 46	89 57
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Mostly sunny	Sunny and pleasant
67 41	78 36
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny; nice
84 50	87 54
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Plenty of sunshine	Sunny and nice
86 42	84 50