

Young woman's temper has siblings on edge



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: I have a younger sister I love dearly. I respect and admire her. "Elise" is intelligent and talented. She is a minister's wife and a mother to small children. Due to some unfortunate family circumstances when she was young, she has some emotional scars she's trying to overcome. Sometimes at family gatherings she'll "explode" and lash out at whoever triggered her. Her outbursts usually take us all by surprise. How do we, as siblings who have grown up in the same envi-

ronment, handle this? We don't think our childhoods so terrible, although we did have some challenges, and our daddy does have narcissistic tendencies. He actually recognizes that and is trying to improve himself. Sometimes we feel she makes mountains out of molehills, but we want to be sensitive to her pain. I'm concerned she'll end up controlling our family gatherings in a negative way if these flare-ups don't stop. What do you think could be done? — **BEFUDDLED BIG SIS**

DEAR BIG SIS: What could (and should) be done is an intervention by you and your siblings in which Elise is advised to seek professional help for her explosive anger issues. If she refuses

and her behavior continues, let her know you support her but can no longer include her. **DEAR ABBY:** My husband's personality changes completely when he drinks, and not for the better. He brags, repeats himself and presents in a way that's annoying and embarrassing. His alcohol personality will never change — it is who he is. He's been like this for the entire 13 years I've been with him. He drinks two to three times a week, at most, and says I "overreact" to his personality change. He tells me I shouldn't get so frustrated, but I don't want to be around my husband when he drinks. Can you advise me how to live with him when he's drunk? By the way, it

doesn't take much for him to get this way — three beers. Could he be having a reaction to the alcohol? — **FED UP IN SAN DIEGO**
DEAR FED UP: That's possible. Some individuals are more sensitive to alcohol than others. Whether it takes three beers or simply sniffing a cork to get your husband loaded, his drinking is causing a problem in your marriage. It's time for you to locate a chapter of Al-Anon (al-anon.org) and attend some of the meetings. This organization was created decades ago to help the friends and family members of people who have an alcohol problem — which your husband definitely has. You are far from alone in

having this problem, which you will realize once you get there. Please don't wait. Your reaction to his personality change is understandable. **DEAR ABBY:** I have been having some hard times in school. I love my teacher, but I have been getting in trouble lately. She is also my coach. What should I do? Should I take her criticism or drop out of the sport and band? — **HARD TIMES IN IDAHO**
DEAR HARD TIMES: I'm glad you asked. The mature thing to do would be to talk to your teacher and see if you can mend fences. If you enjoy the sport and playing with the band, to do otherwise would only be further punishing yourself.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Experts pull documents, money from Lee statue time capsule

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RICHMOND, Va. — Conservation experts in Virginia's capital Tuesday, Dec. 28, pulled books, money, ammunition, documents and other artifacts from a time capsule found in the remnants of a pedestal that once held a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The lead conservator for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Kate Ridgway, said the measurements and material of the box, copper, match historical accounts. As the contents inside were unpacked, they appeared to match the description of the 1887 time capsule they had been looking for.

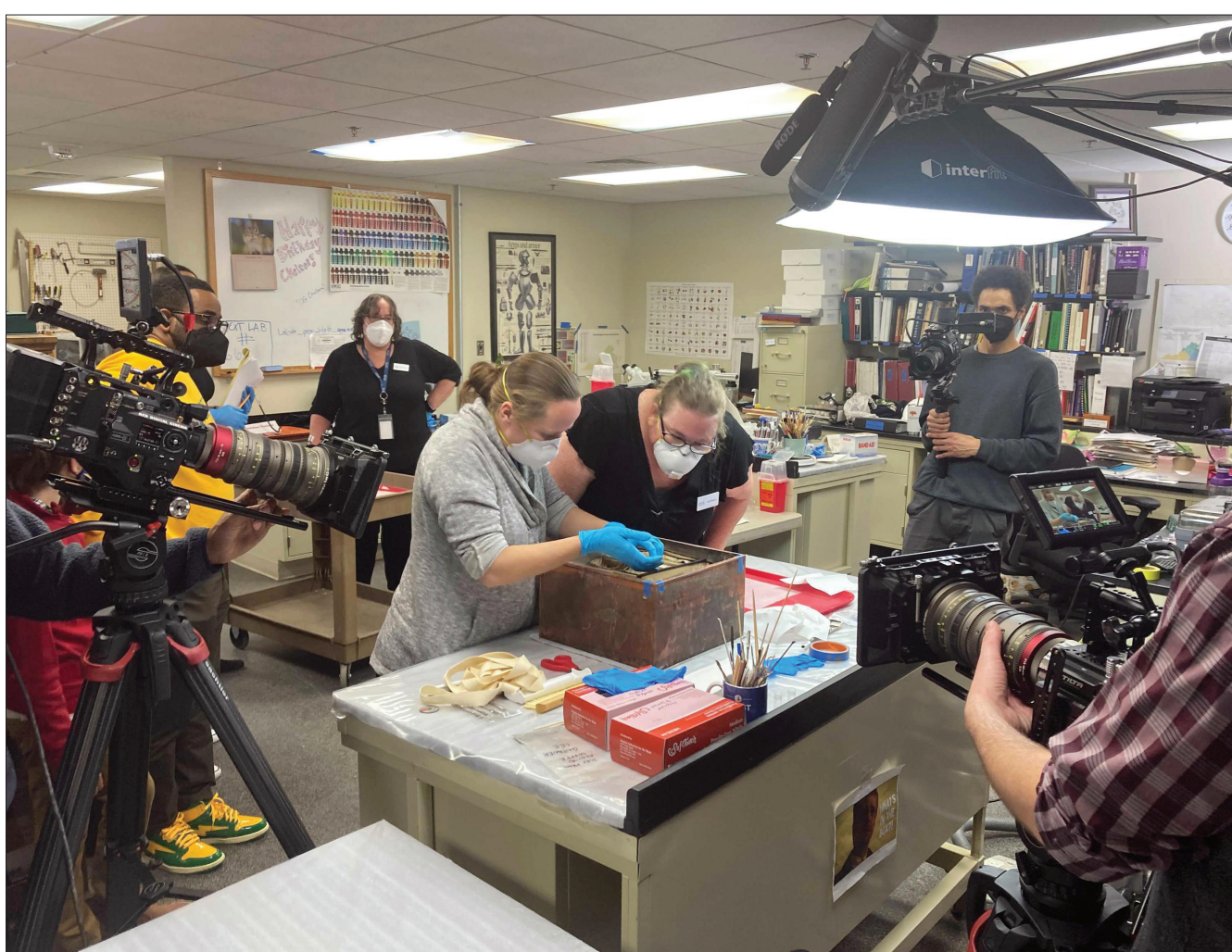
"It does appear that this is the box we expected," she told reporters.

Records maintained by the Library of Virginia suggest that dozens of Richmond residents, organizations and businesses contributed about 60 objects to the capsule, including Confederate memorabilia.

The box was discovered and carefully extracted from the monument site a day earlier, marking the end of a long search for the elusive capsule. Ridgway said the box, which weighed 36 pounds, was found in water in a little alcove of the pedestal. The contents were damp, but "it's not soup," Ridgway said.

"I think it's in better shape than we expected," she said.

Historical records had led



Virginia state conservators work on a box believed to be a time capsule left in the pedestal at the former site of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021. Conservation experts in Virginia's capital pulled buttons, coins, documents and other artifacts from the time capsule found in the remnants of the pedestal.

to some speculation that the capsule might contain a rare and historically significant photo of deceased President Abraham Lincoln. One line from a newspaper article listed among the contents a "picture of Lincoln lying in his coffin."

On Tuesday, conservators found a printed image from an 1865 issue of Harper's

Weekly in the time capsule that Ridgway said seemed to show a figure grieving over Lincoln's grave — but did not appear to be the much-anticipated photo.

Harold Holzer, a historian and Lincoln scholar, had previously told The Associated Press he believed it highly unlikely that the time capsule con-

tained an actual photograph of Lincoln in his coffin because the only known photo of Lincoln in death was taken by photographer Jeremiah Gurney in City Hall in New York on April 24, 1865.

The contents of the tightly packed box had expanded from the damp and stuck together, making

unpacking difficult, so conservators decided to relieve pressure by cutting down one side.

"Not ideal, but it's the way it is," Ridgway said.

Along with several waterlogged books, pamphlets and newspapers, the box contained an envelope of Confederate money, which conservators care-

fully separated, and two carved artifacts — a Masonic symbol and a Confederate flag said to have been made from the tree that grew over Gen. Stonewall Jackson's original grave.

Conservators also pulled coins and Minié balls, a type of bullet used in the Civil War, from the box. A bomb squad had checked the capsule Monday, partly to make sure there was no live ammunition.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam ordered the enormous equestrian statue of Lee removed in 2020, amid the global protest movement sparked by the police killing of George Floyd. Litigation pushed back his plans, and the statue was not removed until September, after a court cleared the way.

Contemporaneous news accounts from the late 1800s detailed the placement of the time capsule in the foundation of the pedestal, and imaging tests conducted earlier this year appeared to confirm its existence. But a lengthy search during the September statue removal came up empty.

Earlier this month, Northam ordered the pedestal removed as well, and crews working on the project again started to search for the artifact. A time capsule was discovered two weeks ago, generating excitement, but hours of painstaking and ultimately anti-climactic examination suggested that artifact was placed by someone else, perhaps someone involved with the construction.

weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Cold with snow, 2-4"	Partly sunny and cold	Cloudy and cold	High clouds and very cold	Cloudy; snow at night
Baker City	14	20	16	19	25
La Grande	19	27	23	23	32
Enterprise	16	23	23	31	38

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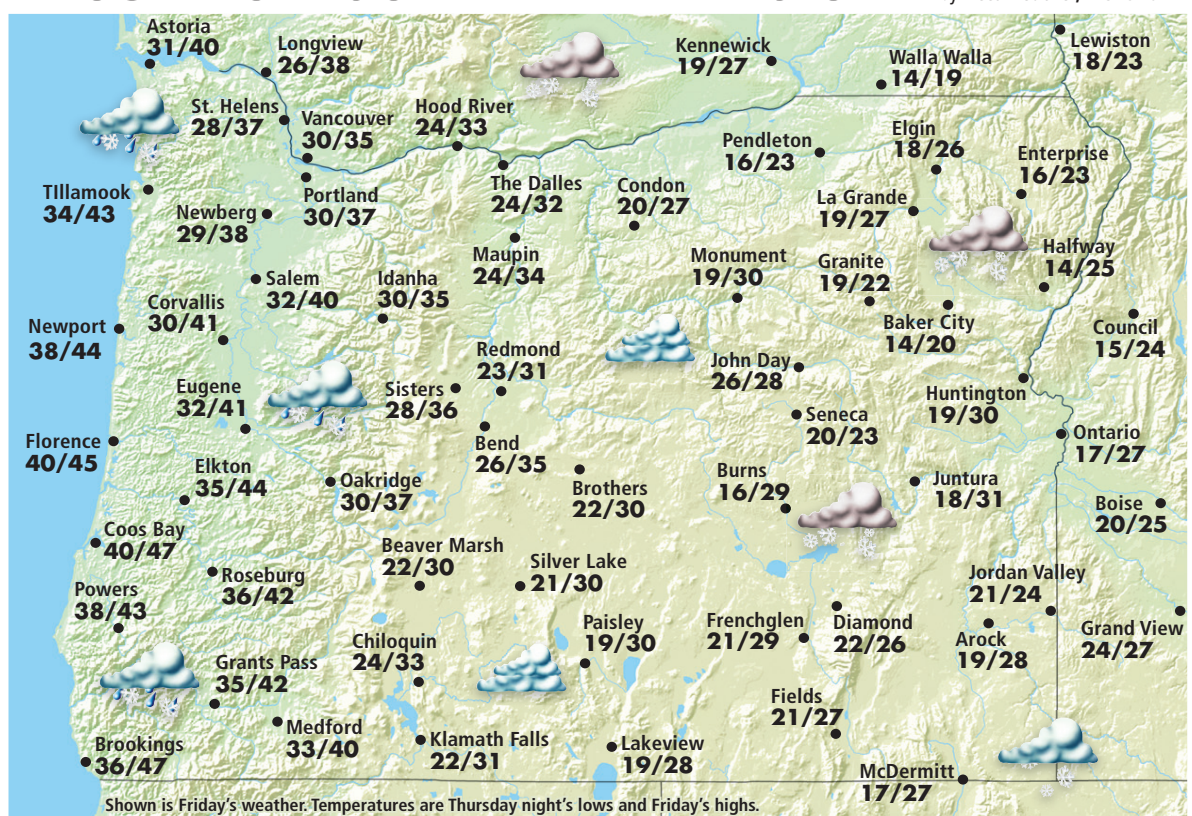
ALMANAC			
TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	22°	23°	25°
Low Tuesday	2°	16°	18°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	Trace	0.01	0.05
Month to date	0.36	0.80	4.67
Normal month to date	0.77	1.71	3.41
Year to date	5.37	10.78	26.71
Normal year to date	8.98	17.23	25.59

AGRICULTURAL INFO.			
HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY			
Lowest relative humidity	40%		
Afternoon wind	WNW at 4 to 8 mph		
Hours of sunshine	0.1		
Evapotranspiration	0.02		
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)			
Phillips Reservoir	1% of capacity		
Unity Reservoir	21% of capacity		
Owyhee Reservoir	16% of capacity		
McKay Reservoir	17% of capacity		
Wallowa Lake	15% of capacity		
Thief Valley Reservoir	17% of capacity		
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)			
Grande Ronde at Troy	898 cfs		
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs		
Burnt River near Unity	15 cfs		
Umatilla River near Gibbon	139 cfs		
Minam River at Minam	161 cfs		
Powder River near Richland	24 cfs		

TUESDAY EXTREMES			
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)			
High: 88°	Robstown, Texas		
Low: -38°	Chinook, Mont.		
Wettest: 1.95"	Jefferson City, Mo.		
OREGON			
High: 45°	North Bend		
Low: 2°	Baker City		
Wettest: 0.24"	Sexton Summit		
WEATHER HISTORY			
A storm ushered record-breaking cold into the East by Dec. 30, 1880. The low was 7 degrees below zero in Washington, D.C., which was the coldest ever so early in the winter.			
SUN & MOON			
Sunrise	7:32 a.m.	7:32 a.m.	
Sunset	4:18 p.m.	4:19 p.m.	
Moonrise	3:56 a.m.	5:19 a.m.	
Moonset	1:35 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	
MOON PHASES			
New	First	Full	Last
Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 17	Jan 25

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES			
City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City
Astoria	40/31/pc	45/40/r	Lewiston
Bend	35/15/pc	34/22/c	Longview
Boise	25/10/sn	18/5/pc	Meacham
Brookings	47/34/s	48/38/c	Medford
Burns	29/-3/pc	25/1/pc	Newport
Coos Bay	47/33/pc	51/35/c	Olympia
Corvallis	41/28/sh	40/27/c	Ontario
Council	24/-3/pc	17/8/c	Pasco
Elgin	26/0/sn	17/8/c	Pendleton
Eugene	41/31/pc	42/30/c	Portland
Hermiston	26/4/pc	21/15/c	Powers
Hood River	33/13/sn	28/18/sn	Redmond
Imnaha	28/4/sn	29/24/c	Roseburg
John Day	28/8/sn	32/17/c	Salem
Joseph	23/6/sn	24/17/c	Spokane
Kennewick	27/9/pc	20/15/c	The Dalles
Klamath Falls	31/12/c	28/7/pc	Ukiah
Lakeview	28/8/sn	24/4/pc	Walla Walla
			19/3/sn

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY			
ANTHONY LAKES	A little snow	8	4
MT. EMILY REC.	Very cold	17	2
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Snow	14	-2
WALLOWA LAKE	A little snow	23	6
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Very cold	20	0
PHILLIPS LAKE	A little a.m. snow	25	7
BROWNLEE RES.	Cold	29	5
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Very cold	21	-2
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Snow	25	3
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Cold	27	-3

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