

Husband, wife disrespect his parents without remorse



DEAR ABBY: I have two sons I'm very proud of. My husband and I have raised them to be respectful and to make responsible decisions. However, I go to bed in tears each night feeling we have failed.

Our elder son is married and has a son, our grandson, "Charlie," who is dear to our hearts. Charlie is celebrating his second birthday, and our daughter-in-law told me they are having a birthday party for him and we are invited. She added that she feels the "secondary

activities" they are having are the ones that are the most important and ones he will remember. We are not invited to participate in the secondary activities, which include a hockey game, trip to the petting zoo and family photos or videos.

We try to support our son and daughter-in-law, but we do not feel respected and loved in return. When we invite them for dinner, they arrive an hour or two late or don't show up at all. We send them text messages, but they don't respond. We offer to help and are there for them when they ask us to be, regardless of our personal consequence. What can we do? — **OVERFLOWING WITH LOVE**

DEAR OVERFLOWING: When I read that your daughter-in-law told you that you weren't invited to the special events surrounding Charlie's birthday, my initial reaction was that she may have thought they would be too much for you and your husband to handle. However, when you described that your dinner invitations are treated like garbage and they don't have enough respect to return your calls and texts in a timely manner, it occurs to me that you have been so overflowing with love that you have been taken for granted.

You may have raised your son well, but your daughter-in-law appears to be running the show. Her parents may take precedence on the hierarchy of importance, and if that's the case, you and your husband need to clear the air with your son and his wife, and sacrifice less when they snap their fingers.

DEAR ABBY: I have been working with a therapist on creating healthy boundaries with my family. I moved out of state with my husband to ensure that those boundaries are met because my parents have alcohol and verbal abuse issues. My younger sister "Maya" became engaged recently, and she is at a very exciting time in her life, planning her wedding.

Here's the thing: I have no interest in hearing about, helping to plan or being a part of the wedding because Maya and I have nothing in common other than our parents. She's self-absorbed and rude. Her fiance is an introvert, so getting to know him is incredibly difficult. How do I politely convey

this to Maya or (more importantly) my mother without causing hurt feelings? — **MOVED AWAY IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR MOVED: You may not be able to avoid hearing about the wedding if you are in communication with your mother and sister. But you have the advantage of living far away from them. If you are asked to assist in planning Maya's wedding, politely, logically (and regretfully) explain that your busy schedule as well as the geographic distance make your involvement impossible. You should, however, attend if you're invited.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

US tourist falls into crater of Mount Vesuvius, is rescued

The Associated Press

ROME — An American tourist had to be rescued on Mount Vesuvius near Naples after he apparently slipped into the Italian volcano's crater while trying to recover his fallen cellphone, news reports and the association of Vesuvius park guides said.

The tourist and family members were cited by Carabinieri police because they went off the authorized path to get closer to the crater on Saturday, July 9, apparently to take a selfie, the LaPresse news agency said.

The head of the Conferenti tourism association for Vesuvius, Paolo Cappelli, said four volcano guides responded immediately after one noticed the tourist had fallen into the crater and was in "serious difficulty."

In a statement, Cappelli said the guides lowered a rope 50 feet into the crater, pulled the tourist out and provided initial first aid, after he suffered abrasions on his legs, arm and back. Carabinieri park police then arrived and brought the American to the police station to file the complaint, Cappelli said.

Mount Vesuvius, which erupted in AD 79 and devastated the nearby town of Pompeii, is a popular spot for hiking.

Pet caught after weeks on the run at airport

BOSTON — A family's beloved pet cat that's been dodging airport personnel, airline employees,



Gregorio Borgia/The Associated Press, File

Clouds hang over the Vesuvius volcano in Pompeii, southern Italy, Jan. 25, 2021. An American tourist had to be rescued on Mount Vesuvius near Naples after he apparently slipped into the volcano's crater.

and animal experts since escaping from a pet carrier at Boston's Logan International Airport about three weeks ago was finally caught Wednesday, July 13.

"Whether out of fatigue or hunger we'll never know, but this morning she finally let herself be caught," an airport spokesperson said of the cat named Rowdy in a statement.

Rowdy was given a health check and will be returned to her family.

"I'm kind of in disbelief," said her owner, Patty Sahli. "I thought, 'What are the odds we're actually going to get her back?' But I got a call this morning and I am just so shocked."

Rowdy's time on the lam began June 24, as Sahli and her husband, Rich, returned to the U.S. from 15 years in Germany with the Army. When their Lufthansa flight landed, the 4-year-old black cat with green eyes escaped her cage, in pursuit of some birds.

Soon Rowdy herself was on the receiving end of a chase, as her getaway set off a massive search involving airport and Lufthansa personnel, construction workers, and animal welfare advocates, as well as the use of wildlife cameras and safe-release traps.

Despite numerous sightings, Rowdy always eluded her pursuers — but now, a little calm has been restored.

"It was such a community effort," said Sahli, who is originally from New Hampshire and is moving

to Florida. "We're just so grateful to everyone who helped look for her."

Wedding" for 500 couples on Sunday evening in the pavilion outside the center. Lincoln Center's website calls it "a special day for newlyweds, those whose weddings were canceled or diminished, and people who want to recommit their love to their partners and the city we love."

Couples derailed by virus get mass 're-wedding' in New York

NEW YORK — Hundreds of couples whose weddings were derailed or scaled back due to the COVID-19 pandemic got a do-over at no less than a New York City landmark. The Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts hosted "Celebrate Love: A (Re)

It featured a multicultural ceremony — not legally binding — as well as music, dancing and remarks from New York City Mayor Eric Adams.

weather

TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Clear	Sunny and nice	Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and very warm	Warm with lots of sun
Baker City 51 / 7	89 / 49 7	83 / 45 9	92 / 53 7	94 / 52 6
La Grande 59 / 6	88 / 52 8	86 / 54 8	93 / 61 6	94 / 60 5
Enterprise 54 / 5	86 / 49 7	83 / 55 7	92 / 59 5	93 / 59 3

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.

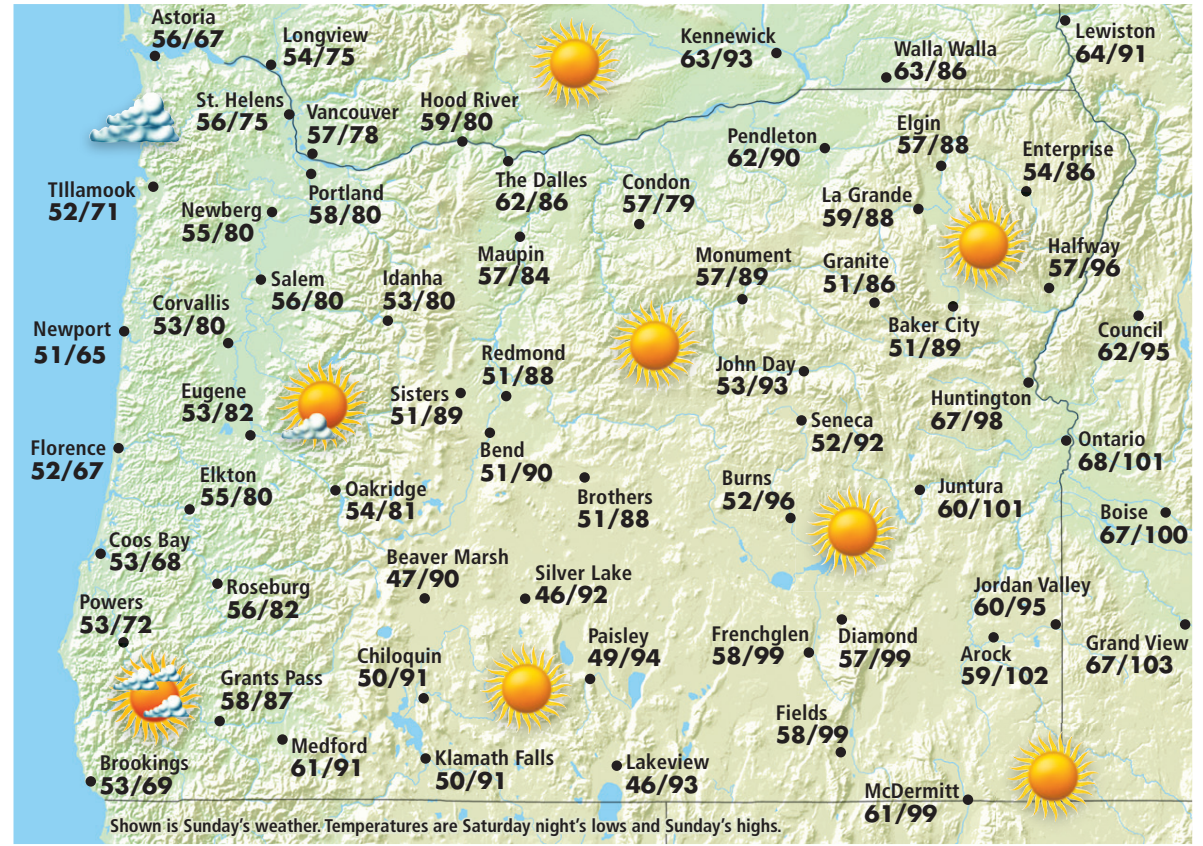
ALMANAC	THURSDAY EXTREMES		
TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	91°	94°	101°
Low Thursday	48°	57°	48°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.01	0.22	0.32
Normal month to date	0.29	0.34	0.39
Year to date	4.47	8.98	17.76
Normal year to date	5.73	10.40	14.91

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	25%	
Afternoon wind	NNW at 7 to 14 mph	
Hours of sunshine	14.0	
Evapotranspiration	0.32	

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)	STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)
Phillips Reservoir	Grande Ronde at Troy
Unity Reservoir	Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder
Owyhee Reservoir	Burnt River near Unity
McKay Reservoir	Umatilla River near Gibbon
Wallowa Lake	Minam River at Minam
Thief Valley Reservoir	Powder River near Richland
	2630 cfs
	124 cfs
	95 cfs
	69 cfs
	659 cfs
	17 cfs

MOON PHASES			
Last	New	First	Full
Jul 20	Jul 28	Aug 5	Aug 11

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES				RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY			
City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W	City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W	ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Astoria	67/55/pc	71/56/pc	Lewiston	91/60/s	87/60/s	71 43	88 48
Bend	90/51/s	92/56/s	Longview	75/53/c	80/57/s		
Boise	100/64/s	93/64/s	Meacham	85/49/s	84/50/s		
Brookings	69/53/s	70/54/s	Medford	91/58/s	98/64/s		
Burns	96/47/s	91/51/s	Newport	65/51/pc	66/52/s		
Coos Bay	68/53/pc	70/54/s	Olympia	72/50/c	81/51/pc		
Corvallis	80/53/pc	85/55/s	Ontario	101/67/s	96/62/s		
Council	95/58/s	91/56/s	Pasco	93/59/s	92/59/s		
Elgin	88/53/s	85/57/s	Pendleton	90/57/s	89/60/s		
Eugene	82/51/pc	85/56/s	Portland	80/56/pc	87/61/pc		
Hermiston	92/57/s	91/57/s	Powers	72/52/pc	76/56/s		
Hood River	80/57/s	93/63/s	Redmond	88/46/s	93/53/s		
Imnaha	92/59/s	84/57/s	Roseburg	82/56/pc	88/60/s		
John Day	93/50/s	87/52/s	Salem	80/54/pc	87/59/s		
Joseph	87/52/s	81/56/s	Spokane	85/56/s	82/60/pc		
Kennewick	93/60/s	91/60/s	The Dalles	86/57/s	95/61/s		
Klamath Falls	91/49/s	94/53/s	Ukiah	81/45/s	83/48/s		
Lakeview	93/47/s	94/52/s	Walla Walla	86/60/s	85/61/s		

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