

Mom fears teenage son is headed for heartbreak

DEAR ABBY: I am very close to my 19-year-old son. He is kind, sweet and big-hearted. He has learning disabilities and the maturity level of probably a 15- or 16-year-old. Naturally, I am protective of him. He had one girlfriend during his senior year, and when they broke up after four months, he was beyond devastated. Since then he constantly talks about how lonely he is and his desire to be in a relationship.

About a week ago, he told me he likes a woman from his work. They went out on a couple of dates and, come to find out, she's 33 and has three kids (9, 7 and 8 months old). He told me she asked him if he wanted to be in a serious relationship or just be friends with benefits. He told her he wanted something serious, and I guess she agreed.

Abby, this woman is taking advantage of my son! What would a woman that age want with a kid? This is a complicated nightmare, and I do not want my son involved with her. I'm convinced she's using him, and once she is over it, she will break his heart. It took him a long time to get over his high school sweetheart, and I was seriously worried about his mental well-being. Is there anything I can do to stop this train wreck?

I have talked to him about my concerns, but it didn't accomplish anything. I told him I want to meet her, and they agreed. I'm nervous because I know I need to refrain from telling her how I really feel. Any suggestions?

— PROTECTIVE MOM

DEAR MOM: Not all romances are guaranteed to last, as most adults find out after they enter the dating scene. At 19 — learning disabilities or not — your son is considered to be an adult. Part of becoming one is experiencing life with all of its joys and disappointments.

You cannot protect your son from sadness or predict how his relationships will turn out. Let him know that you are supportive of him always. Then, when you meet this woman, be warm and befriend her. Get to know her so you can communicate with her without her becoming defensive. You will gain nothing by seeming hostile.

DEAR ABBY: About 12 years ago, I found out my dad isn't really my father. It didn't change how I felt about him, and I wasn't interested in meeting my biological father.

Dad died a couple of weeks ago. During the memorial service, I ended my emotional tribute to him by saying that even though he wasn't my bio father, he was still my "Dad," and the love and memories I have of him mean more than any blood ties to my bio father.

My brother and one of my sisters had no problem with me saying this. My other sister, however, was very upset with me. She said letting church members know he wasn't my bio father was disrespectful. She was the only one who criticized me. Was I disrespectful, and was my sister correct in chastising me?

— LOVED MY DAD

DEAR LOVED: The eulogy you gave for your dad was beautiful, and it came from the heart. It was in no way disrespectful and you did nothing wrong. Your sister should not have criticized you the way she did, but when there is a death in the family, emotions sometimes run high.

DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law has always been a bully and a chronic liar. It has torn our family apart. He'll tell one family member one thing, and the other another story for the purpose of getting them mad at each other. He is also a narcissist. Innocent people have been victimized by all of this.

Now he is moving on to the elderly neighbors and lying to them about family members. Confronting him will do no good. We have tried. How do we get him to stop the bullying and lying? His wife is no help because she has been brainwashed and can no longer think for herself. Please help. Maybe by publishing this letter it will turn on a lightbulb.

— DESPERATE IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR DESPERATE: Because your brother-in-law is now spreading misinformation among the elderly neighbors, explain to them that he has a "personality disorder" and a problem with the truth. Then give them some examples and, with luck, you can nip this in the bud.

Busy tornado season catches naive Easterners off guard

By David Porter
The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — As a tornado bore down on the western edge of New Jersey, some residents prepared for the worst, while others were caught off guard, despite bulletins from meteorologists and extensive coverage by television and radio stations.

Marie Raffay was at a high school athletic awards banquet in Stanhope on Tuesday night with her husband and two sons when they and others noticed the sky darkening, accompanied by thunder and lightning.

"We figured it was a typical late afternoon storm," Raffay said. "Then the windows got pushed in by the pressure. I said to another woman, 'I don't think we should be standing there.'"

One person in the group mentioned getting a tornado warning on his phone, said Raffay, a civil engineer, but others were unaware.

The nation has seen a surge in tornadoes this month, with Tuesday setting a record as the 12th consecutive day with at least eight reported. Some tornado warnings have edged into areas of the East Coast unaccustomed to such storms, where many people are not conditioned to hear or heed such alerts.

New Jersey gets a handful of tornadoes per year on average. Two twisters hit New York City on one day in 2012, but only about 60 had hit the area in the 50 years before that, according to the National Weather Service.

"The fact is that in New Jersey, tornadoes are too

rare for there to be a well-designed warning system in most communities, nor a properly educated public who know what to do when a warning is issued," said David Robinson, the state's climatologist and a professor at Rutgers University.

Tuesday's tornado damaged Lenape Valley Regional High School's facade and ripped up a softball dugout, depositing the roof on its side on the ground. Topped trees and power lines left most residents without electricity.

In Ohio, where tornadoes are far more common, meteorologists went on the offensive Monday night with aggressive tornado warnings, actions several officials said saved lives.

"Pretty miraculous" is how Dayton Fire Chief Jeffrey Payne described the survival statistics on Tuesday morning.

"I attribute much of that to the early notification to the public, and then the public heeding those warnings and getting shelter," Payne said. At the time, no fatalities had been reported. Later, authorities said a single man was killed in Celina when winds pushed a car into his house.

Not everyone was pleased with the information dump. Some television viewers, apparently inured to weather alerts, complained on social media about an Ohio meteorologist interrupting "The Bachelorette" with a tornado warning, leading him to deliver an on-air scolding.

"No, we're not going back to the show, folks," Dayton

meteorologist Jamie Simpson said. "This is a dangerous situation, OK?"

Current Bachelorette Hannah Brown stood up for Simpson in a tweet, thanking supporters in Dayton for their love but urging them to be safe. "Naders are no joke," the former Miss Alabama USA tweeted.

The nature of tornadoes puts a premium on preparation, according to longtime WCBS Radio meteorologist Craig Allen. Unlike hurricane warnings, which often are issued 24 to 48 hours ahead of time, a tornado watch often is issued six to eight hours in advance, and a warning isn't given until a tornado is seen on radar.

Tornadoes in New Jersey and the surrounding area also can be more difficult to detect without the help of radar, Allen said.

"Tornadoes around here aren't the same as elsewhere, where you can see them for miles and miles," he said. "They are rain-wrapped, and they are small spinoffs; you usually don't see them tracking across miles of land. If it wasn't for radar, we wouldn't even know some of them are there."

Scott Olson, a resident of Byram, New Jersey, where Tuesday's tornado caused damage, recalled growing up in Minnesota and being conditioned to swing into action when the tornado sirens would go off, even in the dead of night.

"We'd go downstairs, grab a pillow and blanket and go into the basement, and stay there until it passed," Olson said.

weather

TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Patchy clouds	Partly sunny	Very warm with sunshine	Mostly sunny and nice	Beautiful with sunshine
Baker City 49 Comfort Index™ 8	82 50 6	84 50 6	81 46 8	80 46 8
La Grande 54 Comfort Index™ 8	81 52 6	82 49 6	79 45 8	77 46 8
Enterprise 51 Comfort Index™ 8	77 49 8	79 47 6	76 42 8	74 44 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.

ALMANAC		WED. EXTREMES	
TEMPERATURES	Baker City La Grande Elgin	NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High Wednesday	73° 73° 77°	High: 102°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low Wednesday	49° 48° 48°	Low: 24°	Aspen Springs, Colo.
PRECIPITATION (inches)		Wettest: 3.23"	Mineola, Texas
Wednesday	Trace Trace Trace	OREGON	
Month to date	0.85 2.67 2.59	High: 82°	Medford
Normal month to date	1.37 1.86 2.08	Low: 34°	Crater Lake
Year to date	5.32 9.89 19.51	Wettest: 0.40"	Meacham
Normal year to date	4.42 7.67 11.77		

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	NNE at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	7.2
Evapotranspiration	0.22

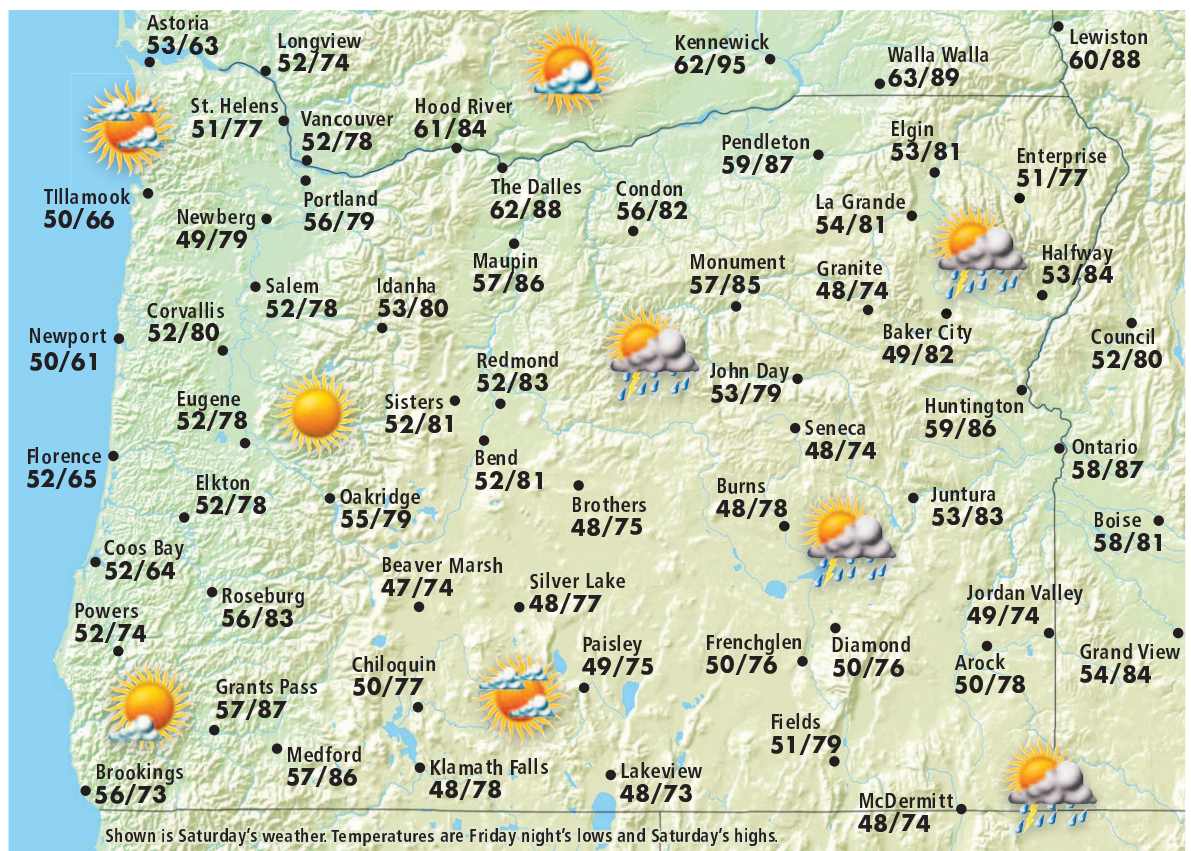
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)	
Phillips Reservoir	64% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	98% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	98% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	100% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	99% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	107% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Wednesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	10200 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	431 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	124 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	343 cfs
Minam River at Minam	2440 cfs
Powder River near Richland	582 cfs

SUN & MOON	
Sunrise	5:09 a.m.
Sunset	8:32 p.m.
Moonrise	3:57 a.m.
Moonset	5:38 p.m.

MOON PHASES			
New	First	Full	Last
Jun 3	Jun 9	Jun 17	Jun 25

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES				RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY			
City	SAT.	SUN.	City	SAT.	SUN.	ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Astoria	63/52/pc	63/51/pc	Lewiston	88/61/pc	90/60/pc	Partly sunny	A t-storm in spots
Bend	81/49/pc	83/48/s	Longview	74/51/pc	73/49/pc	56 38	76 48
Boise	81/59/pc	83/60/c	Meacham	79/49/pc	79/47/s	68 49	84 53
Brookings	73/56/s	69/52/s	Medford	86/58/s	88/54/pc	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
Burns	78/49/pc	80/49/s	Newport	61/49/pc	59/49/pc	63 42	75 45
Coos Bay	64/52/s	63/49/pc	Olympia	77/51/pc	72/47/pc	77 50	86 56
Corvallis	80/52/s	78/48/s	Ontario	87/58/pc	89/60/s	Partly sunny; warm	Partly sunny
Council	80/51/t	82/53/pc	Pasco	95/61/pc	96/60/pc	82 50	81 52
Elgin	81/52/pc	82/49/s	Pendleton	87/59/pc	88/58/s		
Eugene	78/53/s	80/48/s	Portland	79/55/s	78/52/pc		
Hermiston	93/63/pc	93/62/s	Powers	74/53/s	76/48/pc		
Hood River	84/59/s	83/56/pc	Redmond	83/50/pc	85/48/s		
Imnaha	83/55/pc	85/54/pc	Roseburg	83/57/s	84/52/pc		
John Day	79/55/pc	83/52/s	Salem	78/53/s	77/49/s		
Joseph	77/50/pc	79/47/s	Spokane	85/60/pc	85/58/pc		
Kennewick	95/61/pc	94/60/pc	The Dalles	88/60/s	86/57/s		
Klamath Falls	78/48/pc	80/46/s	Ukiah	78/47/pc	80/45/s		
Lakeview	73/47/pc	75/48/pc	Walla Walla	89/64/pc	89/62/pc		



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