

Girl's tantrums stymie man's relationship with her mother

DEAR ABBY: I have met the most remarkable woman, but after eight months of serious dating, I have realized that she has the worst and most manipulating 10-year-old daughter ever. She constantly claims sickness, and now even mental health issues like anxiety and panic disorder, although they have never been formally diagnosed, to prevent her mother and me from having time together. Immediately after her mother agrees to her daughter's request and lets her get her way, the kid becomes happy and energetic, and goes back to playing. (I feel she is laughing in my face.) The numerous cancellations and tan-



DEAR ABBY

trums are very upsetting, and it hurts my feelings when the person I love most in the world sets me aside.

I had considered proposing marriage. I have a 13- and 17-year-old who are both respectful, energetic and happy. They have been through a lot since their mother abandoned us, but they would NEVER consider acting out like this girl.

Last weekend I was asked to bring her requested dinner and then leave, because she wanted Mommy to watch her paint. Abby, they are together every day, almost all day, and close relatives refuse to watch the child.

Is a resolution possible? Should

I stay or should I go? When do I have the right to say enough is enough? The constant exclusions make me feel insignificant.

— COUNTED OUT

DEAR COUNTED OUT: If "close relatives" refuse to watch the child so your lady friend can have a break, there may be more to this story than you have written. The girl is fighting for her mother — and winning. From where I sit, Mama could benefit from some discussions with a child psychologist and lessons in how to say no to her daughter.

Adult relationships are supposed to make both parties feel better, not insignificant. As to whether you should stay or go, I think you would be wise to take a break from this relationship

because, as it stands, it is going nowhere.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who has stopped by unannounced several times. She'll send me a text, but without giving me a chance to respond, she just pops over. One time I was in the middle of studying for an exam and it wasn't a good time. Other times I was busy doing something and was startled when she showed up.

Finally, I mentioned something in a text about how much I liked her as a friend but would really appreciate if she would wait for a response to her text before stopping by. It has been two or three days now, and she hasn't responded. I even said I didn't want to hurt her feelings and hope she understands.

I would think most people feel as I do about unannounced visitors, but I could be wrong. I would like to ask her how she would feel about it, but before I do, I need to know what's "normal."

— BUSY AND BOTHERED

DEAR B & B: It is considered normal good manners to ask if it is convenient — and wait for a response — before stopping by someone's home so it will not be an intrusion. You were studying, but many people work from home and also don't want to be disturbed. Others prefer to be "presentable" before they have company. Interesting, isn't it, how many self-centered individuals become hypersensitive when called on their behavior.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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College students make find of a lifetime

FULTON, Mo. — Undergraduate researchers from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, made a paleontological discovery of a lifetime — a 7-foot-long triceratops skull from the Badlands of South Dakota.

The private liberal arts college in a press release reported three students and four alumni joined David Schmidt, Ph.D., associate professor of geology and environmental science, in June and July for his seventh Westminster fossil expedition at the Grand River National Grassland. Schmidt said the annual dig is extremely popular among Westminster students, according to the college's press release. But this year, COVID-19 derailed plans and no course credit was available.

Even so, students signed up for the excursion. The Westminster group usually expects to find fragments of dinosaur bone and the occasional complete bone during this field work. But a

During their field research, the Westminster group usually expects to find fragments of dinosaur bone and the occasional isolated, complete bone. But everything changed, the press release stated,



Photo from Westminster College

Faculty and students from Westminster College of Fulton, Missouri, pose during their excavation this summer of a triceratops skull in the Badlands of South Dakota.

when a rancher found something unusual poking out of the earth along a slope as he repaired a fence in the summer of 2019.

The rancher alerted the National Forest Service, and their officials contacted Schmidt, who just arrived with his research group. Schmidt determined the object was a tip of a triceratops horn and would require months of careful excavation, but that work had to wait until this summer.

Digging up the 3,000-pound triceratops skull — which students named "Shady" after community members of the nearby town of

Shadehill, South Dakota — made the student and alumni group giddy, begging to remain in the field this summer longer than the usual six to seven hours per day.

Pick axes, shovels, a telehandler, a backhoe and a flatbed truck brought Shady to the Westminster campus, where it is resting in a secure location until the college can raise funds for restoration.

"The entire goal of this, at Westminster, is for students to use the fossil specimens for undergraduate research," Schmidt said in the press release. "So they have practical experiences and use

learned skills in graduate school or in their career endeavors."

Fossil reveals first evidence of megapredation

XINGYI, China — A fossil from China proves the adage there is always a bigger prehistoric marine reptile.

Some 240 million years ago, a dolphin-like ichthyosaur swallowed another marine reptile only a little smaller than itself, according to the new research at iScience. The ichthyosaur died almost immediately, but the last meal became a fossil, preserving the first evidence of megapredation, or a large animal preying on another large animal.

Scientists in 2010 excavated a nearly complete skeleton of an almost 16-foot long Guizhouichthyosaurus, which could grow longer than 21 feet, according to the report, and the abdominal region of the fossil showed an "obvious block of packed bones bulges. Researchers discerned those were the remains of another marine reptile — a 12-foot-long thalattosaurus.

Ryosuke Motani, professor of earth and planetary sciences at the University of California, Davis, co-authored the paper on the find.

"We have never found articulated remains of a large reptile in the stomach of gigantic predators from the age of dinosaurs, such as marine reptiles and dinosaurs," Motani said in a UC Davis press release. "We always guessed from tooth shape and jaw design that these predators must have fed on large prey but now we have direct evidence that they did."

Osprey succumbs to fungus

PENDLETON — The avian rehabilitation and education non-profit Blue Mountain Wildlife, Pendleton, reported a fledgling osprey it was caring for died from fungal lesions in its lungs.

The young bird arrived at Blue Mountain Wildlife in late July/early August, according to the weekly report from the facility, and had parasites in both eyes. The osprey also would go into "acute respiratory distress with the least amount of stimulation," and died two days after admission.

"A necropsy revealed his lungs were full of fungal lesions making them almost nonfunctional," the report stated. "Aspergillosis is caused by a fungus commonly found in the environment. When birds are stressed they tend to be susceptible to the fungus."

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TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mainly clear	Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and pleasant	Plenty of sunshine	Sunny and pleasant
Baker City 50 Comfort Index™ 7	87 47 7	86 45 8	89 45 7	85 45 7
La Grande 53 Comfort Index™ 6	88 52 7	86 47 8	90 52 6	84 47 8
Enterprise 50 Comfort Index™ 5	85 48 6	82 46 9	86 50 6	80 44 9

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	90°	90°	96°
Low Sunday	47°	49°	49°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.31	0.04	0.12
Normal month to date	0.51	0.63	0.46
Year to date	2.92	13.06	25.31
Normal year to date	6.89	10.69	14.91

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 121° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 32° Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.
Wettest: 8.79" Apalachicola, Fla.

OREGON
High: 97° Rome
Low: 40° Lakeview
Wettest: Trace Brookings

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	20%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	5.8
Evapotranspiration	0.24

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	20% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	42% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	53% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	66% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	29% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	33% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	614 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	88 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	113 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	46 cfs
Minam River at Minam	117 cfs
Powder River near Richland	33 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

The temperature plummeted to 10 degrees in Bowen, Mont., on Aug. 25, 1910. This is the lowest temperature ever reported in the United States in August.

SUN & MOON

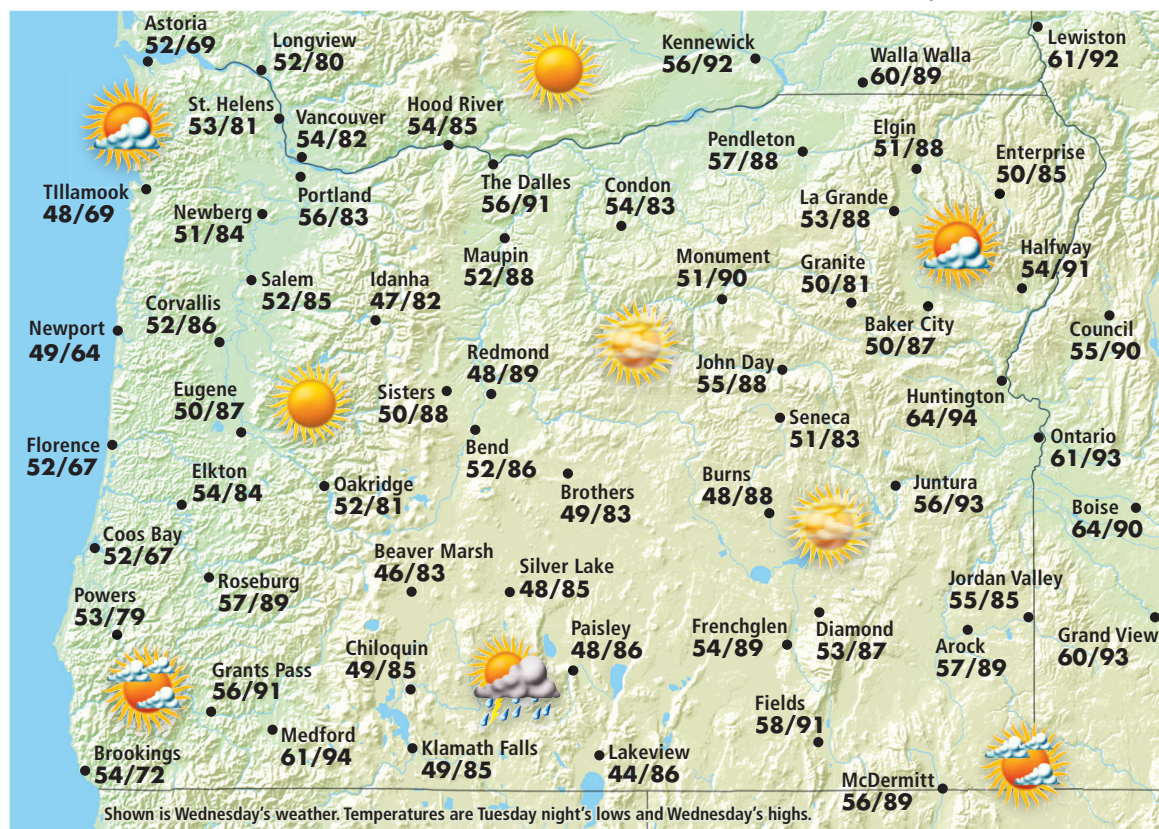
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6:06 a.m.	6:07 a.m.
Sunset	7:42 p.m.	7:40 p.m.
Moonrise	2:10 p.m.	3:22 p.m.
Moonset	11:38 p.m.	none

MOON PHASES



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	69/55/s	69/53/pc	Lewiston	92/61/s	90/60/s
Bend	86/49/s	85/52/s	Longview	80/52/pc	80/52/s
Boise	90/61/s	92/63/s	Meacham	86/48/s	84/42/s
Brookings	72/57/s	78/57/s	Medford	94/60/s	95/59/s
Burns	88/49/pc	89/45/s	Newport	64/50/s	65/50/s
Coos Bay	67/51/s	68/51/s	Olympia	79/48/pc	79/49/s
Corvallis	86/51/s	84/52/s	Ontario	93/61/s	94/56/s
Council	90/56/s	90/53/s	Pasco	92/52/s	91/54/s
Elgin	88/49/s	85/50/s	Pendleton	88/56/s	87/54/s
Eugene	87/51/s	86/52/s	Portland	83/56/s	82/57/s
Hermiston	92/56/s	90/54/s	Powers	79/52/s	81/52/s
Hood River	85/56/s	85/55/s	Redmond	89/44/s	87/45/s
Imnaha	90/56/s	87/55/s	Roseburg	89/55/s	88/56/s
John Day	88/53/s	86/50/s	Salem	85/51/s	84/52/s
Joseph	84/49/s	82/48/s	Spokane	86/55/s	85/55/s
Kennewick	92/56/s	91/55/s	The Dalles	91/58/s	89/57/s
Klamath Falls	85/48/pc	87/50/s	Ukiah	84/46/s	82/43/s
Lakeview	86/46/pc	86/47/s	Walla Walla	89/60/s	88/60/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Sunny	Sunshine
64 43	82 47
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Sunny and pleasant	Sunlit and nice
76 50	91 55
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
A p.m. shower	Sunny and nice
71 42	79 41
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and pleasant
84 49	87 55
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Sunshine; pleasant	Sunny and pleasant
87 47	88 52

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