

# Friend's constant advice on all things begins to grate



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**Dear Abby:** I have a friend from college I'm really close to, but they have begun an annoying habit I need help addressing. We live more than 1,000 miles apart, and over the past six months, I've noticed that my friend has been giving me unsolicited advice on daily tasks that don't concern them. At first it didn't bother me. Now it's happening three or four times a week.

the "friendly" reminders are beginning to come across as condescending. Some examples: If I mention what I'm making for dinner, I'll be reminded to make sure the chicken is cooked to the correct temperature. I have a vacation planned, and I was just reminded that in order to go I need to have flights booked.

I'm afraid I may be overreacting, which is why I haven't said anything. However, these constant reminders are frustrating and leave me with the impression that my friend thinks I'm stupid or incapable of taking care of myself. What's your advice on how to handle this? —

**Not A Kid And Not Stupid**

**Dear Not:** A way to handle it would be to ask your friend why the advice was being offered. If you say you're making chicken for dinner and you are advised to be sure it's cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees, calmly ask why the person felt it was necessary to say it. The same goes for your travel plans and any other unsolicited advice you receive. If you ask the question, you may find that your old friend isn't questioning your intelligence, but simply trying to be helpful.

**Dear Abby:** My niece is getting married. This has been

a very stressful time for her family. My sister calls me in tears every night because of the hurtful things her daughter has said to her. Until now, they had a good relationship. I know weddings can be a nightmare for families, even those who are close, because the bride can turn into a "bridezilla." It is her wedding, although my sister is paying for everything.

Her daughter and the fiance are in their 30s and have well-paying jobs but are very happy to have my sister foot the bill. Sometimes I want to shake my niece and tell her to grow up and show some respect. Is there any-

thing I can do to help my sister other than listen and be there for her? I'm getting worried about her health because of the stress, and she refuses to take care of herself. — **Feeling Helpless in the East**

**Dear Feeling Helpless:** I am sure you are aware that most couples in their 30s who have well-paying jobs foot the bill for their own weddings.

Your sister has created this monster with her checkbook. At this point, the most helpful thing you can do for her is what you have been doing — letting her vent so she doesn't blow a gasket from the pressure.

**NEWS OF THE WEIRD**

## Jersey Shore landmark Lucy the Elephant to get new skin

The Associated Press

MARGATE, N.J. — The beach-side landmark, Lucy the Elephant, is having all of its metal skin replaced because more than 50% of its exterior has degraded beyond repair.

The six-story high elephant statue in Margate, New Jersey, will close Sept. 20 after architects determined it would be more cost effective to replace the metal siding than to try to restore it, according to Richard Helfant, executive director of the Save Lucy Committee.

Built in 1881, Lucy was saved from demolition and moved a short distance from its original location in 1970. The National Historic Landmark on the Jersey Shore is one of the oldest roadside attractions in the country.

The new overhaul will cost \$1.4 million and is funded in part by a grant from the Preserve New Jersey Preservation Fund administered by the New



Ben Fogletto/The Press of Atlantic City

People gather for the lighting of Margate N.J. landmark "Lucy the Elephant," Oct. 29, 2013. The boardwalk fixture is having all of its metal skin replaced because more than 50% of the exterior has degraded beyond repair. The executive director of the Save Lucy Committee, Richard Helfant, said the six-story high statue in Margate will close Sept. 20.

Jersey Historic Trust, Helfant said Tuesday.

During restorations, a weatherproof scaffolding will be built around Lucy.

The target for reopening is Memorial Day 2022, Helfant said.

**Parents must pay \$30,441 for getting rid of son's porn cache**

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. — A judge has ordered a western Michigan couple to pay \$30,441 to their son for

getting rid of his pornography collection.

U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney's decision this week came after David Werking, 43, won a lawsuit against his parents.

He said they had no right

to throw out his collection of films, magazines and other items. Working had lived at their Grand Haven home for 10 months after a divorce before moving to Muncie, Indiana.

The judge followed the value set by an expert, MLive.com reported. Working's parents also must pay \$14,500 to their son's attorney.

After moving to Indiana, Working learned that his possessions were missing.

"Frankly, David, I did you a big favor getting rid of all this stuff," his dad said in an email.

**Michigan truck hauling bee hives crashes, unleashing swarm**

BOYNE CITY, Mich. — A truck hauling bee hives crashed and overturned along a northern Michigan roadway, unleashing a big swarm of bees, police said.

The truck overturned about 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, and dumped its load of bee boxes along a Charlevoix County road,

prompting police to urge residents to keep windows and doors closed.

"There was a very large swarm," Charlevoix County Sheriff Charles Vondra said.

He said he was told that upwards of 50 million bees were in the truck's load of bee boxes when it crashed near Boyne City, a community about 260 miles northwest of Detroit.

Local firefighters sprayed water on the boxes to keep the insects cool in the heat of the day until beekeepers could arrive and begin retrieving the hive-filled boxes and loading them onto trucks that hauled them away, he said.

Vondra said it's estimated that several hundred thousand bees never made it back into the boxes. But bee boxes were placed Aug. 26 at the crash site in hopes that some would fly back into those boxes, he said.

No residents were stung by the bees, but Vondra said some beekeepers got stung while they were collecting and loading the boxes onto trucks at the scene.

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# weather

TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Clear and chilly	Sunny and beautiful	Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny
Baker City <b>33</b> Comfort Index™ 10	<b>76 36</b> 10	<b>77 37</b> 10	<b>79 40</b> 9	<b>82 46</b> 7
La Grande <b>42</b> Comfort Index™ 10	<b>71 43</b> 10	<b>77 43</b> 10	<b>80 51</b> 9	<b>82 53</b> 7
Enterprise <b>38</b> Comfort Index™ 10	<b>70 42</b> 10	<b>74 44</b> 10	<b>79 48</b> 9	<b>78 44</b> 6

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 Sunday	89°	91°	87°
Low Sunday	36°	40°	42°
PRECIPITATION (inches)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.65	0.42	0.42
Normal month to date	0.40	0.63	0.63
Year to date	3.11	6.54	15.79
Normal year to date	6.39	11.29	15.86

**SUNDAY EXTREMES**

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	High: 119° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 23°	Daniel, Wyo.
Wettest: 8.95"	Reserve, La.
OREGON	High: 94° The Dalles
Low: 33°	Meacham
Wettest: none	

**AGRICULTURAL INFO.**

**HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY**

Lowest relative humidity	20%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	12.3
Evapotranspiration	0.19

**RESERVOIR STORAGE** (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	23% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	16% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	43% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	0% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

**STREAM FLOWS** (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	455 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	84 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	41 cfs
Minam River at Minam	59 cfs
Powder River near Richland	5 cfs

**WEATHER HISTORY**

Hurricane Carol roared northward just off the New Jersey coast during the morning of Aug. 31, 1954. It was the first of three hurricanes to hit New England that year and left 60 people dead in the region.

**SUN & MOON**

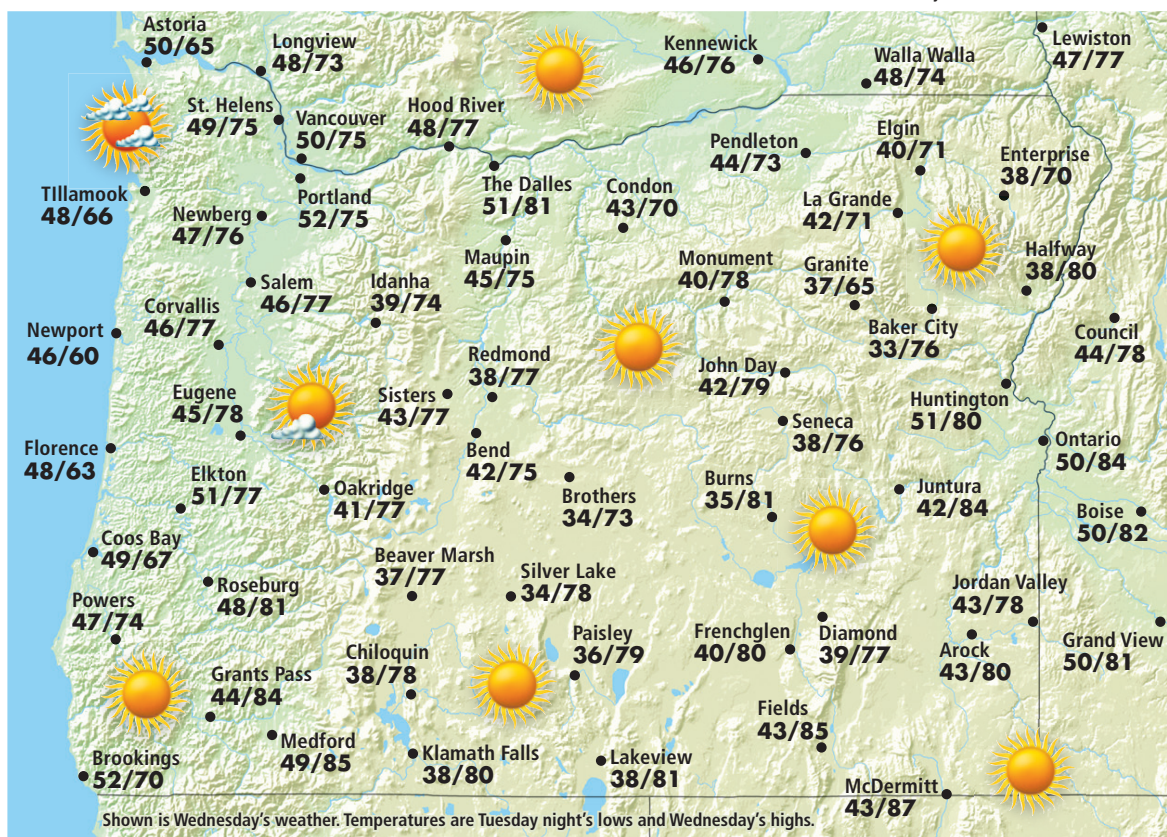
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6:13 a.m.	6:14 a.m.
Sunset	7:32 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:18 a.m.
Moonset	3:49 p.m.	4:44 p.m.

**MOON PHASES**

New	First	Full	Last
Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20	Sep 28

## 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	65/50/pc	69/51/pc	Lewiston	77/50/s	82/52/s
Bend	75/46/s	77/46/s	Longview	73/51/s	81/52/s
Boise	82/51/s	84/52/s	Meacham	71/39/s	77/39/s
Brookings	70/52/s	71/50/s	Medford	85/51/s	88/53/s
Burns	81/38/s	82/40/s	Newport	60/47/s	61/49/pc
Coos Bay	67/48/s	69/51/pc	Olympia	73/44/s	78/48/s
Corvallis	77/49/s	84/52/s	Ontario	84/50/s	85/52/s
Council	78/43/s	84/46/s	Pasco	78/47/s	84/46/s
Elgin	71/40/s	78/42/s	Pendleton	73/45/s	78/50/s
Eugene	78/47/s	84/50/s	Portland	75/52/s	83/55/s
Hermiston	77/45/s	84/47/s	Powers	74/47/s	74/48/s
Hood River	77/51/s	85/56/s	Redmond	77/39/s	79/42/s
Imnaha	77/41/s	79/44/s	Roseburg	81/50/s	84/54/s
John Day	79/42/s	78/42/s	Salem	77/48/s	85/51/s
Joseph	70/42/s	73/46/s	Spokane	70/46/s	76/48/s
Kennewick	76/49/s	84/46/s	The Dalles	81/53/s	85/54/s
Klamath Falls	80/39/s	80/40/s	Ukiah	67/34/s	70/36/s
Lakeview	81/40/s	80/40/s	Walla Walla	74/50/s	78/52/s

**RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY**

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Plenty of sunshine <b>47 34</b>	<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Sunny and pleasant <b>67 40</b>
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Plenty of sunshine <b>57 39</b>	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Sunny and pleasant <b>79 46</b>
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Plenty of sunshine <b>55 32</b>	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Plenty of sun <b>63 32</b>
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Sunny and nice <b>70 42</b>	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Sunny and nice <b>72 46</b>
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Sunny and nice <b>76 36</b>	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Sunny and pleasant <b>71 43</b>

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