

Son insists couple has obligation for grandkids' tuition



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: What financial responsibility do parents have to their adult children and grandchildren? We are a blended family of 35 years. It is the second marriage for my wife and me, with four children and eight grandchildren. One child insists it is our responsibility to assist with the cost of educating his two children. Over the last 15 years, we have gifted him and his family well over \$50,000. We are middle income,

and trying to stay solvent enough to assure we are able to meet any unforeseen expenses of senior living while enjoying local arts and educational opportunities in our retirement. What is customary in other blended families? — **Wondering in the South**

Dear Wondering: Your son is off base, and you have every right to refuse this demand. The cost of raising and educating children is something that should have been taken into consideration before those children were born. This responsibility rests with him and his spouse, not with you, and I hope you will resist the impulse to alter your

lifestyle to placate him. If you do otherwise, you may wind up in financial trouble.

Dear Abby: My husband and his sister had a huge falling out several months ago. It was a long time coming, and resulted in the two of them no longer speaking.

This week, we received an invitation from my sister-in-law for a family celebration. It was followed by an email to my husband saying that if he wants to come to the event, he first needs to "make it right by her and her family" and apologize for his behavior. My husband doesn't feel he did anything wrong and doesn't particularly want to go. He is now feeling manipulated

to acquiesce because refusing an invitation to a family event will upset his mother. What should he do? — **Watching From The Sidelines**

Dear Watching: Your husband is right. His sister is attempting to manipulate him. He should call or visit his mother, explain the entire situation to her, and warn her in advance that he won't be going.

Dear Abby: What advice can you give me to get my ex-girlfriend back after I hurt her and broke her trust? It has been four months, and I have given her space and tried to improve myself. We work together, so seeing her every day and not

talking to her is hard. I would like to fix things between us, but she's very stubborn. We talked every day and every minute of the day, and I lost my best friend and my partner whom I love so much. — **Her Former Girlfriend in Kentucky**

Dear Former G.F.: You obviously hurt your partner deeply when you broke her trust. If you haven't already told her how sorry you are and that you love her, you should. Then ask what you can do to rebuild her trust. If she still refuses to communicate after that, you may have to accept that the damage done to your relationship is not repairable and start looking for another job.

In Ida's miserable wake, New Orleans to get power next week

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NEW ORLEANS — Power should be restored to almost all of New Orleans by Wednesday, Sept. 8, 10 days after Hurricane Ida destroyed the electric grid, tearing down poles, transformers and even a massive steel transmission tower and leaving more than 1 million customers in Louisiana without power.

Not every customer will have power back in the city, utility Entergy said in a statement Friday. Customers with damage where power enters their home will need to fix it themselves, and there could be some smaller areas that take longer.

And there still is no concrete promise of when the lights will come back on in the parishes east and south of New Orleans, which were battered for hours by winds of 100 mph or more, Entergy said.

The company asked for patience, acknowledging the heat and misery in Ida's aftermath.

Entergy said more than 25,000 workers from 40 states are fixing the 14,000 damaged poles, 2,223 broken transformers and 155 destroyed transmission structures.

"Please know that thousands of employees and contractors are currently in the field working day and night to restore power. We will continue working until every community is restored," said Rod West, a group president for utility operations.

Ida's agonizing aftermath took another grim turn Sept. 2 as Louisiana officials announced an investigation into



People wait to get gas at a Shell Station on Veterans Memorial Blvd. in Metairie, La., Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021. Stations are slowly starting to open days after Hurricane Ida.

the deaths of four nursing home residents who had been evacuated to a warehouse ahead of the severe weather.

The nursing home residents who died were among hundreds from seven nursing homes taken to the warehouse in Independence, where conditions became unhealthy and unsafe after the hurricane struck on Sunday, state health officials said.

A coroner classified three of the deaths as storm-related.

Health officials received reports of people lying on mattresses on the floor, not being fed or changed and not being socially distanced to prevent the spread of the coronavirus,

which is currently ravaging the state, Louisiana Department of Health spokesperson Aly Neel said. When a large team of state health inspectors showed up on Tuesday to investigate the warehouse, the owner of the nursing homes demanded that they leave immediately, Neel said.

Neel identified the owner as Bob Dean. Dean did not immediately respond Thursday to a telephone message left by The Associated Press at a number listed for him.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards promised a full investigation and "aggressive legal action" if warranted.

Meanwhile, President Joe

Biden was scheduled to visit Louisiana on Friday to survey the damage after promising full federal support to Gulf Coast states and the Northeast, where Ida's remnants dumped record-breaking rain and killed at least 50 people from Virginia to Connecticut.

At least 13 deaths were blamed on the storm in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, including the three nursing home residents. Several deaths came in the aftermath of the storm from carbon monoxide poisoning, which can happen if generators are run improperly.

About 850,000 people in Louisiana, including much of

New Orleans, remain without power, down from the peak of around 1.1 million five days ago as the storm arrived with top winds of 150 mph, tying it for the fifth-strongest hurricane ever to strike the mainland U.S.

Tens of thousands still have no water in the midst of a sultry stretch of summer. Efforts continued to drain flooded communities, and lines for gas stretched for blocks in many places from New Orleans to Baton Rouge.

Edwards said more than 220,000 people have already registered for FEMA assistance and 22,000 have applied for a federal program to place tarps on damaged roofs. About 72,000 "blue roofs" — tarps to protect protect homes with damaged roofs — may be needed across Louisiana, federal officials said.

"I know that people are anxious and tired," Edwards said Sept. 2. "I know they're hot. And the tempers can flare when they're waiting in those long gas lines. I'm asking people to be patient."

Some of New Orleans' hospitals have had their regular power supply restored, said Dr. Jennifer Avegno, director of the New Orleans Health Department. A senior center has been converted to a place for residents to receive limited health care, she added at a Thursday briefing.

Declining numbers of coronavirus patients and restoration of power at additional sites helped the recovery at Louisiana's largest hospital system. Ochsner Health CEO Warner Thomas said the system's COVID-19 patient count fell to 663 from 990 about a week ago, Thomas said. That coincides with the state's overall declining case numbers.

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| | TONIGHT | SUN | MON | TUE | WED |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Clear | Mostly sunny | Plenty of sunshine | Hot with clouds and sun | Sunshine and not as hot |
| Baker City | 41 | 90 45 | 90 48 | 93 49 | 85 45 |
| Comfort Index™ | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| La Grande | 52 | 87 51 | 88 51 | 94 57 | 82 49 |
| Comfort Index™ | 7 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| Enterprise | 48 | 85 49 | 86 57 | 94 57 | 82 51 |
| Comfort Index™ | 6 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 10 |

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| ALMANAC | | | |
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| TEMPERATURES | Baker City | La Grande | Elgin |
| High Thursday | 75° | 76° | 79° |
| Low Thursday | 33° | 39° | 35° |
| PRECIPITATION (inches) | | | |
| Thursday | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Month to date | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Normal month to date | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.06 |
| Year to date | 3.11 | 6.54 | 15.79 |
| Normal year to date | 6.45 | 11.37 | 15.97 |

| AGRICULTURAL INFO. | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY | |
| Lowest relative humidity | 20% |
| Afternoon wind | WNW at 4 to 8 mph |
| Hours of sunshine | 10.8 |
| Evapotranspiration | 0.21 |

| RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday) | |
|---|-----------------|
| Phillips Reservoir | N.A. |
| Unity Reservoir | 21% of capacity |
| Owyhee Reservoir | 15% of capacity |
| McKay Reservoir | 41% of capacity |
| Wallowa Lake | 0% of capacity |
| Thief Valley Reservoir | 0% of capacity |

| STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday) | |
|--|---------|
| Grande Ronde at Troy | 455 cfs |
| Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder | 0 cfs |
| Burnt River near Unity | 86 cfs |
| Umatilla River near Gibbon | 41 cfs |
| Minam River at Minam | 56 cfs |
| Powder River near Richland | 3 cfs |

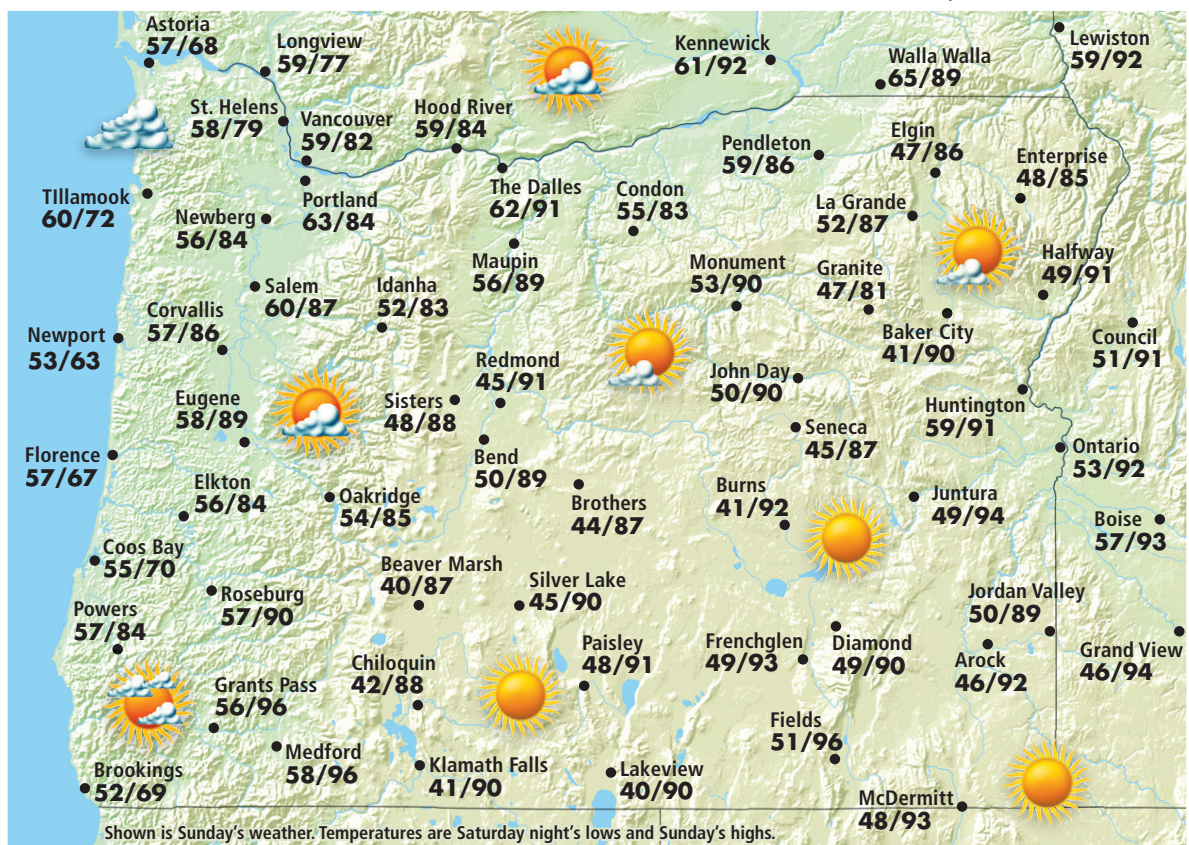
| THURSDAY EXTREMES | | |
|--|----------------|--|
| NATION (for the 48 contiguous states) | | |
| High: 97° | Houston, Texas | |
| Low: 26° | Stanley, Idaho | |
| Wettest: 3.66" | Topeka, Kan. | |
| OREGON | | |
| High: 87° | Troutdale | |
| Low: 27° | Meacham | |
| Wettest: none | | |

| WEATHER HISTORY | | |
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| Rain from the remains of Tropical Storm Norma caused disastrous floods in Arizona on Sept. 4, 1970. Rain fell so heavily that some streams rose 5-10 feet per hour, washing away cars and buildings. | | |

| SUN & MOON | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Sunrise | 6:18 a.m. | 6:19 a.m. |
| Sunset | 7:24 p.m. | 7:22 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 3:13 a.m. | 4:25 a.m. |
| Moonset | 6:48 p.m. | 7:17 p.m. |

| MOON PHASES | | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| New | First | Full | Last |
| Sep 6 | Sep 13 | Sep 20 | Sep 28 |

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



| REGIONAL CITIES | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| City | SUN. HI/Lo/W | MON. HI/Lo/W | City | SUN. HI/Lo/W | MON. HI/Lo/W |
| Astoria | 68/53/pc | 72/52/s | Lewiston | 92/62/s | 91/59/s |
| Bend | 89/52/s | 92/57/s | Longview | 77/52/pc | 79/54/pc |
| Boise | 93/59/s | 93/63/s | Meacham | 86/50/s | 86/49/s |
| Brookings | 69/53/s | 69/52/s | Medford | 96/60/s | 97/63/s |
| Burns | 92/43/s | 93/48/s | Newport | 63/50/pc | 65/51/pc |
| Coos Bay | 70/54/pc | 71/53/pc | Olympia | 75/49/c | 78/52/s |
| Corvallis | 86/56/s | 88/58/s | Ontario | 92/55/s | 93/59/s |
| Council | 91/49/s | 93/53/s | Pasco | 92/57/s | 90/52/s |
| Elgin | 86/49/s | 85/52/s | Pendleton | 86/61/s | 86/60/s |
| Eugene | 89/58/s | 90/57/s | Portland | 84/58/s | 86/60/s |
| Hermiston | 92/61/s | 90/56/s | Powers | 84/58/s | 86/58/pc |
| Hood River | 84/60/s | 92/58/s | Redmond | 91/48/s | 93/52/s |
| Imnaha | 90/55/s | 90/58/s | Roseburg | 90/61/s | 93/60/pc |
| John Day | 90/53/s | 91/56/s | Salem | 87/59/s | 89/60/s |
| Joseph | 84/50/s | 84/59/s | Spokane | 83/55/s | 83/55/s |
| Kennewick | 92/59/s | 89/54/s | The Dalles | 91/63/s | 93/61/s |
| Klamath Falls | 90/43/s | 90/50/s | Ukiah | 83/45/s | 83/49/s |
| Lakeview | 90/44/s | 90/48/s | Walla Walla | 89/64/s | 88/61/s |

| RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----|----|
| ANTHONY LAKES | Plenty of sun | 63 | 44 |
| MT. EMILY REC. | Mostly sunny | 71 | 52 |
| EAGLE CAP WILD. | Sunny and warm | 71 | 41 |
| WALLOWA LAKE | Mostly sunny; warm | 84 | 50 |
| THIEF VALLEY RES. | Sunny and warm | 90 | 45 |
| PHILLIPS LAKE | Sunny and warm | 83 | 44 |
| BROWNLEE RES. | Plenty of sunshine | 91 | 57 |
| EMIGRANT ST. PARK | Mostly sunny | 78 | 43 |
| MCKAY RESERVOIR | Mostly sunny | 87 | 59 |
| RED BRIDGE ST. PARK | Mostly sunny | 87 | 51 |