

Wife in new marriage seeks balance with mother



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: My mom and I have always been close, but since I got married, I have been having a hard time setting boundaries. My parents divorced when I was 12, and Mom went through a string of boyfriends — including an abusive one. She hasn't dated anyone seriously in the last five years. My father is a pilot. While I was growing up, it was mostly Mom who raised me. It was the two of us against the world, until I met my husband, "Eric." We

started dating four years ago and were married last summer. Eric knows Mom and I have always considered ourselves to be each other's best friend. He also knows we have taken many trips together, and Mom was hoping we'd continue after my wedding. She has recently begun discussing a vacation, and Eric wants to tag along. She, however, wants it to be a "just us girls" trip. I'm not sure how to handle this. Mom and Eric are the most important people in my life. Must I really choose between one or the other? Who comes first? And how do I break the news to whoever comes second? — **Torn In Illinois**
Dear Torn: You are a

newlywed, married only a short time. For your mother to expect you to leave your husband and vacation with her at this point is insensitive and unrealistic. When people marry, their spouse is supposed to take precedence. Tell your mother you would love to take girls trips with her in the future, but not during the first year of your marriage.
Dear Abby: Can you help to illuminate people on what is proper etiquette after the passing of a loved one? We recently had a death in our family. As we were trying to say our goodbyes and get in touch with immediate family, the word got out. Within an hour of the passing,

the news was all over social media. We barely had time to react, let alone inform all our family members. Many of them learned about it from these posts. Imagine finding out a loved one passed away from a non-family member's social media posting. It made an already painful situation even more so. People were hurt that they weren't informed before it was all over the internet.
Could you also point out that if you are the person who made the post from which someone found out about the death of a family member, rather than get defensive and say, "I'm not the only one who posted it!" or, "I wasn't the first to say something," just

kindly offer your condolences and maybe an apology. — **Mourning In Michigan**
Dear Mourning: Please accept my sympathy for your loss. I am sure that feelings are raw because people are hurting, but please realize that because of social media, news travels like wildfire. For a friend to be told and then to post the sad news wouldn't be unusual these days. However, to head something like that off before it happened, the person who spilled the beans should have asked the friend to keep the news private until all family members were personally informed. That said, since there were hurt feelings, apologies are in order.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Police answer 4-year-old's call, confirm toys are cool

The Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — An emergency call made by a 4-year-old New Zealand boy asking for police to come over and check out his toys prompted a real-life callout and confirmation from an officer that the toys were, indeed, pretty cool.

Police shared audio of the call on social media this week along with a photo of the smiling boy sitting on the hood of a patrol cruiser, noting that while they don't encourage children to call the emergency number, the incident was "too cute not to share."

The call begins all business: "This is police, where is the emergency?"

There's a pause as the unidentified boy hesitantly says, "Hi," and then "Police lady?"

"Yes," the dispatcher says, switching to a friendlier, sing-song tone. "What's going on?"

"Um, can I tell you something?" the boy asks, and after being told he can, says "I've got some toys for you."

"You've got some toys for me?" says the dispatcher.

"Yep. Come over and see them," the boy replies.

A man then gets on the phone confirming the call was a mistake, saying the 4-year-old had been helping out while his mother was sick.

A police dispatch call then goes out, giving the address: "There is a 4-year-old there who is wanting to show police his toys, over."

"Yeah, I'm one-up, I'll attend to," responds an officer.

Police said the officer, who they identified only as Constable Kurt, was shown an array of toys at the boy's house in the South Island city of Invercargill.

They said the officer was also



New Zealand Police via The Associated Press

In this photo released by New Zealand Police, an officer identified only as Constable Kurt sits on his patrol car with a 4-year-old boy who is not identified, in the South Island city of Invercargill, New Zealand, Friday, Oct. 15, 2021. An emergency call made by the 4-year-old New Zealand boy asking for police to come over and check out his toys prompted a real-life callout and confirmation from an officer that the toys were, indeed, pretty cool

able to have a "good, educational chat" about the proper use of the emergency number, which is 111 in New Zealand.

"He did have cool toys," Constable Kurt reported back after attending the callout, according to police. They added that: "The lucky kid also got to see the patrol car and the officer put the lights on for him, too."

Hail, Mary! High school's halftime show is a drag pageant

BURLINGTON, Vt. — A Vermont high school homecoming football game turned into a "drag ball" runway at halftime, with a mix of students and faculty members parading in gowns, wigs and makeup — and a big crowd in

rainbow colors to cheer them on.

"Things went amazing," Ezra Totten, student leader of the Gender Sexuality Alliance at Burlington High School, said of the Friday night event, which also included participants from South Burlington High School. "The stands were completely packed. ... It was just so heartwarming to see."

As school cheerleaders wrapped up their routine, about 30 students and faculty members dressed as drag queens and kings — or a bit of both — walked out onto the field and the crowd started to chant, "Drag Ball."

Performers paraded and danced to show support for LGBTQ people. They also lip-synched to singer Todrick Hall's "Rainbow Reign."

Andrew LeValley, an English teacher and alliance adviser at the school, came up with the idea. "We had some people that are pretty involved in theater come in and talk about how you put on a persona," he said.

LeValley joined students on the runway, dressed in a Shakespearean burgundy gown and a wig. He said he was inspired by Lady Macbeth and Marie Antoinette.

"I was just really hoping to give our students — who are both out and the students that were in the stands who are not out — a moment to shine and feel loved, and know that there is a place for them in public schools," LeValley said.

Athletic Director Quaron Pinckney suggested that the show be held at homecoming.

Pinckney, who is Black, said that the school gave him the space to "uplift my voice" and that he was able to reciprocate and "uplift the voices of another marginalized group and share a space in the athletics realm that doesn't normally get shared."

Lauren McBride, principal of Burlington High School, said she heard a dad talking to his two sons at the game who didn't know that the drag ball was going to be the halftime show.

She heard him explaining to them what dressing in drag means, "and it was like, 'This is really cool,'" she said.

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	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	An evening shower or two	Rainy times	Cloudy with a few showers	Cloudy with showers	Showers possible
Baker City	38	50 39	55 37	49 38	51 36
Comfort Index™	0	0	3	0	3
La Grande	42	53 45	55 40	53 45	52 42
Comfort Index™	0	0	1	0	5
Enterprise	37	51 40	50 36	51 43	47 43
Comfort Index™	5	0	3	0	6

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	70°	71°	71°
Low Thursday	45°	40°	36°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.02
Month to date	0.04	0.07	0.21
Normal month to date	0.39	0.92	1.22
Year to date	3.62	7.45	16.62
Normal year to date	7.25	12.92	18.09

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY

Lowest relative humidity	60%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 15 to 25 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.4
Evapotranspiration	0.08

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Reservoir	Capacity
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	10% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	11% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	19% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	3% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS

Stream	Flow (cfs)
Grande Ronde at Troy	568 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	17 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	44 cfs
Minam River at Minam	52 cfs
Powder River near Richland	3 cfs

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION	(for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 96°	Zapata, Texas
Low: 9°	Angel Fire, N.M.
Wettest: 3.37"	Crescent City, Calif.

OREGON

High: 79°	Ontario
Low: 29°	Burns
Wettest: 0.97"	Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 23, 1991, northerly winds sent cold air into the Dakotas. Bismarck had 7 inches of snow. Simultaneously, south winds sent record warmth into the East; Buffalo, N.Y., had a record high of 77.

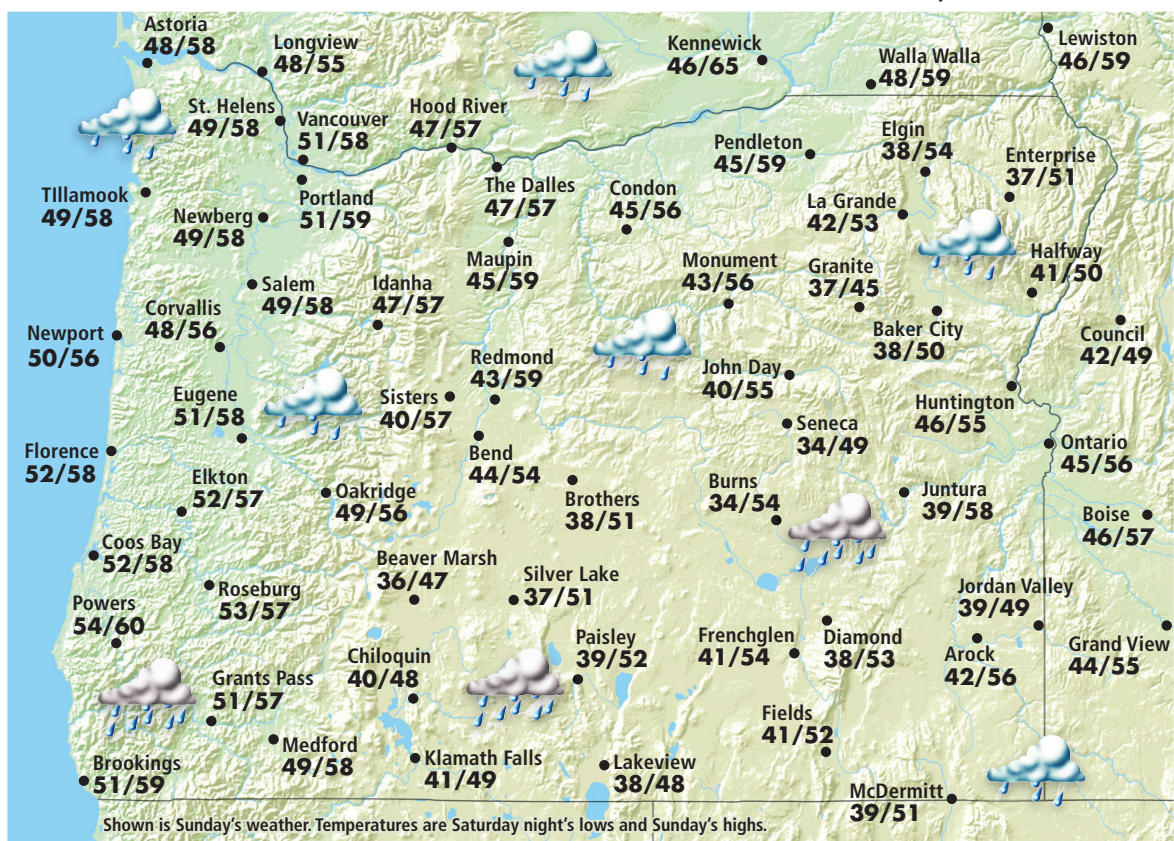
SUN & MOON

	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	7:19 a.m.	7:21 a.m.
Sunset	5:53 p.m.	5:52 p.m.
Moonrise	7:32 p.m.	8:07 p.m.
Moonset	10:25 a.m.	11:28 a.m.



AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SUN. Hi/Lo/W	MON. Hi/Lo/W	City	SUN. Hi/Lo/W	MON. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	58/49/r	57/49/sh	Lewiston	59/47/sh	58/48/sh
Bend	54/41/r	52/43/sh	Longview	55/49/r	56/49/sh
Boise	57/48/sh	56/42/sh	Meacham	52/45/sh	55/40/sh
Brookings	59/46/r	55/50/r	Medford	58/44/r	56/47/r
Burns	54/38/sh	54/33/sh	Newport	56/47/r	53/48/sh
Coos Bay	58/51/r	57/50/sh	Olympia	55/47/r	55/47/sh
Corvallis	56/48/r	54/47/sh	Ontario	56/50/sh	62/45/sh
Council	49/46/sh	51/38/sh	Pasco	63/47/sh	64/49/c
Elgin	54/44/sh	55/40/sh	Pendleton	59/48/sh	61/48/sh
Eugene	58/48/r	56/49/sh	Portland	59/50/r	57/51/sh
Hermiston	65/47/sh	67/52/c	Powers	60/50/r	55/49/r
Hood River	57/46/r	56/46/sh	Redmond	59/38/r	57/41/sh
Imnaha	54/48/r	54/42/sh	Roseburg	57/49/r	55/50/sh
John Day	55/45/sh	53/39/c	Salem	58/50/r	57/50/sh
Joseph	47/41/r	49/36/sh	Spokane	52/42/r	54/43/c
Kennewick	65/48/sh	65/51/c	The Dalles	57/45/r	59/48/c
Klamath Falls	49/31/sh	47/38/r	Ukiah	52/41/sh	52/40/sh
Lakeview	48/31/sh	45/33/r	Walla Walla	59/47/sh	59/48/c

RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Snow and ice, 1-3"	34	25
PHILLIPS LAKE	Cloudy, showers	46	39
MT. EMILY REC.	Windy with showers	43	36
BROWNLEE RES.	A few showers	52	48
EAGLE CAP WILD.	A snow shower	37	30
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Cloudy, showers	46	40
WALLOWA LAKE	Rain	47	41
MCKAY RESERVOIR	A few showers	59	47
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Windy	50	39
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Rainy times	53	45

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