

Father's anger issues stem from head injury



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm a divorcee who has reconnected with a childhood neighbor, "Levi." He was physically assaulted as a teenager and badly injured. He has made almost a complete recovery, but has a metal plate in his skull and a traumatic brain injury. We have always been friends, and after my divorce, he asked me out.

It felt strange, akin to dating my brother, but he was persistent. We had fun, enjoyed parties and hanging out, and I got pregnant. Immediately I began

to resent Levi. Neither of us was capable of raising children. Our 5-year-old now lives in chaos.

I didn't know Levi as well as I thought. His TBI is a much bigger problem than I realized. He cannot control his temper. He's quick to yell at our son, "Jaden," and me, and puts me down in front of him. We have to move to a different area of the home to give Levi space.

He truly cannot help it, but it's hard to tolerate the tantrums. Jaden loves his father anyway and never holds a grudge. Levi frequently apologizes, but the behavior never stops. He has never been physically abusive, but he's walking a fine line with the verbal nastiness. I'm

constantly a referee to prevent escalation.

I love both Levi and my son. We're not married. Should I continue trying to make it work? Or should I run for the hills with Jaden? It's loud and often contentious. — **Second-Guessing My Life**

Dear Second-Guessing: Your love for Levi is beside the point. The longer Jaden is subjected to his father's irrational outbursts — whether they are aimed at you or at him — the more the boy will feel this is what a normal adult relationship is like. For your son's sake, you should separate. If Levi's abuse escalates from verbal to physical, THAT'S when you should "run for the hills."

Dear Abby: I am a mother of three adult kids. We are all comfortable financially. My eldest and youngest are successful. They work hard, and enjoy their homes and their lifestyle of entertaining and eating out.

My middle child lives far away and is happy to say he is not a capitalist. He works for non-profits and barely makes ends meet. He went to college, but dropped out in his last semester. He has no health insurance. He drives a car, but has no insurance or driver's license. He clearly knows better, but insists that all these concerns of mine are "old world and overrated" and that I worry about "nothing."

I'm sick about the mistakes

I've made with him, but I'm not sure what they were. I try to focus him on his license and insurance, but nothing gets done. What's the next best step? — **Helicopter Mom In Michigan**

Dear Helicopter Mom: I am sorry you didn't mention what exactly your son does for these nonprofit organizations. Because they are "nonprofit" does not mean there is no money to pay their employees. Not only do staffers at nonprofits earn good wages, there are also benefits. The next best step for YOU would be to step back, and allow your adult son to conduct his life the way he has chosen and to accept the consequences of his irresponsibility.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Russian test blamed for space junk threatening space station

By **MARCIA DUNN**
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A Russian weapons test created more than 1,500 pieces of space junk now threatening the seven astronauts aboard the International Space Station, according to U.S. officials who called the strike reckless and irresponsible.

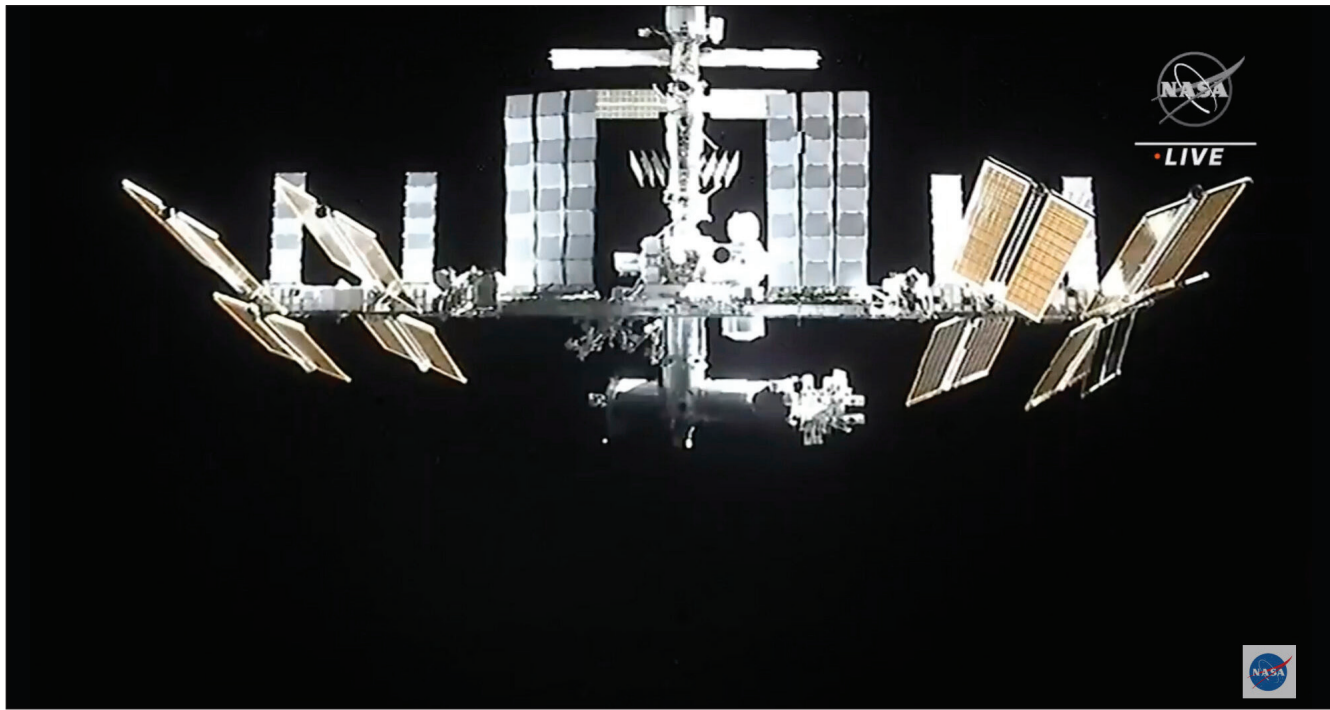
The State Department confirmed that the debris was from an old Russian satellite destroyed by the missile.

"Needless to say, I'm outraged. This is unconscionable," NASA Administrator Bill Nelson told The Associated Press. "It's unbelievable that the Russian government would do this test and threaten not only international astronauts, but their own cosmonauts that are on board the station" as well as the three people on China's space station.

Nelson said the astronauts now face four times greater risk than normal. And that's based on debris big enough to track, with hundreds of thousands of smaller pieces going undetected — "any one of which can do enormous damage if it hits in the right place."

In condemning Russia, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said satellites were also now in jeopardy.

The test clearly demonstrates that Russia "despite its claims of opposing the weaponization of outer space, is willing to ... imperil the exploration and use of outer space by all



In this image from video provided by NASA, the International Space Station is seen as astronauts in the SpaceX Dragon capsule undock on Monday, Nov. 8, 2021.

NASA via The Associated Press

nations through its reckless and irresponsible behavior," Blinken said in a statement.

There was no immediate comment late Monday from Russia about the missile strike.

Once the threat became clear early Monday, Nov. 15, the four Americans, one German and two Russians on board were ordered to immediately seek shelter in their docked capsules. They spent two hours in the two capsules, finally emerging only to have to close and reopen hatches to the station's individual labs on every orbit, or 1-1/2 hours, as they passed near or through the debris.

By the end of the day, only the hatches to the

central core of the station remained open, as the crew slept, according to Nelson.

Even a fleck of paint can do major damage when orbiting at 17,500 mph. Something big, upon impact, could be catastrophic.

State Department spokesman Ned Price said the U.S. has repeatedly raised concerns with Russia about doing a satellite test.

"We are going to continue to make very clear that we won't tolerate this kind of activity," he told reporters.

NASA Mission Control said the heightened threat could continue to interrupt the astronauts' science research and other

work. Four of the seven crew members arrived at the orbiting outpost Nov. 11.

NASA astronaut Mark Vande Hei, who's midway through a yearlong mission, called it "a crazy but well-coordinated day" as he bid Mission Control good night.

"It was certainly a great way to bond as a crew, starting off with our very first work day in space," he said.

A similar weapons test by China in 2007 also resulted in countless debris. One of those pieces threatened to come dangerously close to the space station last week. While it later was dismissed as a risk, NASA had the station move

anyway.

Anti-satellite missile tests by the U.S. in 2008 and India in 2019 were conducted at much lower altitudes, well below the space station at about 260 miles.

The defunct Russian satellite Cosmos 1408 was orbiting about 40 miles higher.

Until Nov. 15, the U.S. Space Command already was tracking some 20,000 pieces of space junk, including old and broken satellites from around the world.

Jonathan McDowell of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics said it will take days if not weeks and months to catalogue the latest wreckage and confirm

their orbits. The fragments will begin to spread out over time, due to atmospheric drag and other forces, he said in an email.

The space station is at especially high risk because the test occurred near its orbit, McDowell said. But all objects in low-Earth orbit — including China's space station and even the Hubble Space Telescope — will be at "somewhat enhanced risk" over the next few years, he noted.

Earlier in the day, the Russian Space Agency said via Twitter that the astronauts were ordered into their docked capsules, in case they had to make a quick getaway. The agency said the crew was back doing routine operations, and the space station's commander, Russian Anton Shkaplerov, tweeted: "Friends, everything is regular with us."

But the cloud of debris posed a threat on each passing orbit — or every 1-1/2 hours — and all robotic activity on the U.S. side was put on hold. German astronaut Matthias Maurer also had to find a safer place to sleep than the European lab.

NASA's Nelson noted that the Russians and Americans have had a space partnership for a half-century — going back to the joint Apollo-Soyuz mission in 1975.

"I don't want it to be threatened," he told the AP, noting both countries are needed for the space station. "You've got to operate it together."

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weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	A brief shower or two	A couple of showers	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
Baker City	32	44 29	44 24	42 28	43 26
Comfort Index™	1	1	3	2	3
La Grande	37	47 37	45 26	46 31	48 33
Comfort Index™	0	1	5	3	5
Enterprise	35	49 34	43 27	46 33	51 35
Comfort Index™	1	3	3	5	7

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 Tuesday	40°	43°	44°
Low Tuesday	22°	26°	28°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	Trace	0.08
Month to date	0.62	1.19	2.43
Normal month to date	0.38	1.00	1.47
Year to date	4.97	9.59	20.94
Normal year to date	7.86	14.58	20.50

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 91°	Childress, Texas
Low: 14°	Merrill, Wis.
Wettest: 0.50"	Stampepe Pass, Wash.
OREGON	
High: 58°	Brookings
Low: 18°	Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.13"	Astoria

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	50%
Afternoon wind	SW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.0
Evapotranspiration	0.05
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	13% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	13% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	10% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	8% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	3% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	1080 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	16 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	76 cfs
Minam River at Minam	168 cfs
Powder River near Richland	13 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 18, 1421, surge from a powerful storm swept inland and destroyed Holland's dikes. More than 70 villages were swept away; 10,000 people died.

SUN & MOON

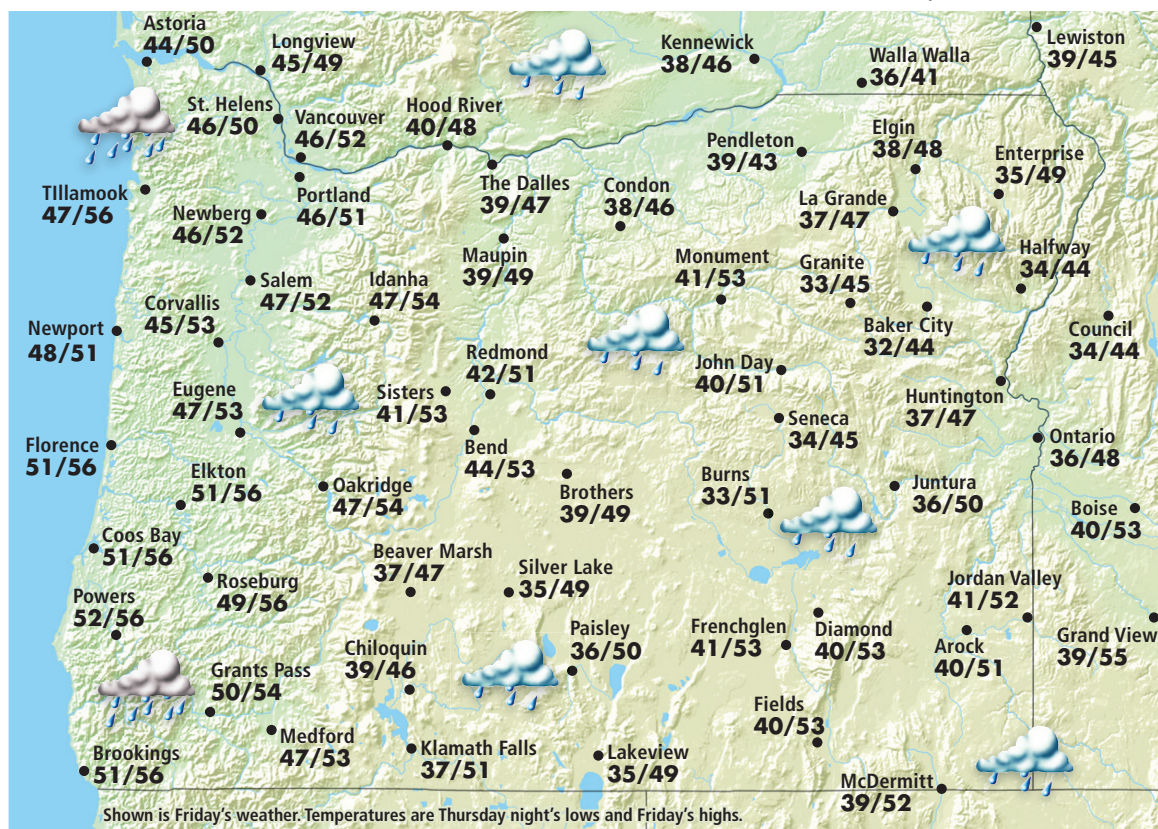
	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	6:55 a.m.	6:56 a.m.
Sunset	4:19 p.m.	4:19 p.m.
Moonrise	4:07 p.m.	4:34 p.m.
Moonset	6:11 a.m.	7:16 a.m.

MOON PHASES



AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI.		SAT.		City	FRI.		SAT.	
	Hi/Low	pc	Hi/Low	pc		Hi/Low	pc	Hi/Low	pc
Astoria	50/42	pc	51/39	c	Lewiston	45/37	r	47/33	c
Bend	53/34	sh	50/36	s	Longview	49/43	c	51/37	c
Boise	53/38	sh	49/32	pc	Meacham	45/35	r	43/26	pc
Brookings	56/47	r	59/46	s	Medford	53/42	r	51/36	pc
Burns	51/27	sh	48/20	s	Newport	51/43	sh	51/38	pc
Coos Bay	56/44	r	57/38	s	Olympia	46/36	c	48/34	c
Corvallis	53/40	c	49/34	pc	Ontario	48/35	sh	52/30	s
Council Bluffs	44/34	sh	45/27	pc	Pasco	44/34	r	49/31	pc
Elgin	48/38	r	44/26	pc	Pendleton	43/36	r	47/27	pc
Eugene	53/42	r	50/33	pc	Portland	51/43	sh	49/38	c
Hermiston	46/39	r	49/30	pc	Powers	56/44	r	59/38	s
Hood River	48/42	r	50/32	pc	Redmond	51/31	sh	49/28	s
Imnaha	50/40	r	50/31	c	Roseburg	56/42	r	53/37	pc
John Day	51/36	sh	46/34	s	Salem	52/42	sh	51/36	pc
Joseph	49/37	r	42/29	pc	Spokane	41/32	c	40/30	c
Kennewick	46/32	r	50/31	pc	The Dalles	47/40	sh	49/32	pc
Klamath Falls	51/30	sh	49/22	pc	Ukiah	46/32	r	45/26	pc
Lakeview	49/28	c	49/18	pc	Walla Walla	41/35	r	46/31	pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Snow showers	31	21
PHILLIPS LAKE	A few showers	47	34
MT. EMILY REC.	Showers around	38	31
BROWNLEE RES.	Showers around	48	37
EAGLE CAP WILD.	A.M. snow showers	36	22
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Showers around	43	29
WALLOWA LAKE	A few showers	49	32
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Showers around	47	36
THIEF VALLEY RES.	A few showers	44	29
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	A few showers	47	37