

# Teenager feels left out as mom travels with dad



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a senior in high school, and I come from a family that is financially stable but unable to travel often due to time and money constraints. We usually travel only once a year in the summer, and for the most part, we're not able to travel very far or stay for long.

For the past three years, our vacation plans have been on hold due to the pandemic and other concerns. My parents have been on two trips across the country in the past 12 months. I accept that they're a married couple

and occasionally want to travel without the rest of their family. However, recently it came to my attention that Mom bought two tickets to Europe for her and Dad as a birthday gift. She used the money she had been saving for a family vacation to pay for them.

I feel betrayed. I was under the impression that we couldn't afford a vacation at this time, or that we were still waiting for the chaos of the pandemic to settle before traveling, but my mother was happy to spend the money on a vacation for her and Dad.

My dad is turning 50, and I understand it's a very special occasion. However, I can't help but wonder why I haven't received so much as a dinner after being accepted into my top college and

earning two scholarships. Am I overreacting? If not, how should I address this? — **WANTING A GETAWAY IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR WANTING:** I agree that having been accepted to your top college and having earned two scholarships, your achievement was something to be celebrated. (In reality, the achievement was a reward in itself.) That it was not recognized tells me there must be a lot going on for your folks right now.

While family vacations are wonderful and memorable, so are milestone birthdays such as the one that's approaching for your dad. Your mother should be forgiven for ensuring it will be "extra special." If you feel an itch to travel, if you don't already

have one, consider getting a part-time job so you can afford a getaway with friends or a student or church group. Because you are no longer a child, you should talk to your mother about how you feel.

**DEAR ABBY:** My adult son got so furious with me that he called me, yelled vicious things and threatened to cut me out of his life. I've never been spoken to that way before. It was so traumatic that I was shaking after I hung up on him.

What made him so angry was that I didn't thank his mother-in-law for an email she sent wishing me happy birthday. I had received 30 email birthday wishes that day and didn't acknowledge any of them. I

would have thanked someone who'd gone to the trouble of calling or sending an actual card. I don't think I behaved improperly, but maybe there's some rule that slipped by me. Your thoughts? — **UNHAPPY BIRTHDAY IN TEXAS**

**DEAR UNHAPPY:** The polite way to deal with email special occasion wishes is to either acknowledge them individually or do an email "blast" thanking everyone for remembering you. To have remained stone silent was ungracious. HOWEVER, for your son to have gone off the deep end, yelled "vicious things" and threatened to cut you out of his life was uncalled for, and whether or not you receive one, you deserve an apology.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# FBI records on search for fabled gold raise more questions

By **MICHAEL RUBINKAM**  
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**PITTSBURGH** — A scientific analysis commissioned by the FBI shortly before agents went digging for buried treasure suggested that a huge quantity of gold could be below the surface, according to newly released government documents and photos that deepen the mystery of the 2018 excavation in remote western Pennsylvania.

The report, by a geophysicist who performed micro-gravity testing at the site, hinted at an underground object with a mass of up to 9 tons and a density consistent with gold. The FBI used the consultant's work to obtain a warrant to seize the gold — if there was any to be found.

The government has long claimed its dig was a bust. But a father-son pair of treasure hunters who spent years hunting for the fabled Civil War-era gold — and who led agents to the woodland site, hoping for a finder's fee — suspect the FBI dou-



Michael Rubinkam/The Associated Press, File  
**Dennis Parada, right, and his son Kem Parada stand at the site of the FBI's dig for Civil War-era gold in September 2018, in Dents Run, Pennsylvania. A scientific report commissioned by the FBI shortly before agents went digging for buried treasure suggested that a huge quantity of gold was below the surface, according to newly released government documents.**

ble-crossed them and made off with a cache that could be worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

The newly revealed geophysical survey was part of a court-ordered release of government records on the FBI's treasure hunt at Dent's Run, about 135 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, where legend says

an 1863 shipment of Union gold was either lost or stolen on its way to the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia.

Dennis and Kem Parada, who co-own the treasure-hunting outfit Finders Keepers, successfully sued the Justice Department for the records after being stonewalled by the FBI. Finders

Keepers provided the FBI records to The Associated Press. The FBI subsequently posted them on its website.

The technical survey data collected by geophysical consulting firm Enviroscan gave credence to the treasure hunters' own extensive fieldwork at the site — and prompted the FBI to excavate in a massive, secretive operation that lasted for several frigid days in late winter of 2018.

John Louie, a geophysics professor at the University of Nevada, Reno, unconnected to the dig, reviewed Enviroscan's report at the request of the AP and said the firm's "methods were very good," and "their conclusions represent a physically reasonable hypothesis" that gold was buried at the site.

But he cautioned the subsurface gravity anomaly that Enviroscan identified did not definitively establish the presence of gold. There are other technical reasons why Enviroscan's data could have turned out the way it did,

Louie said.

"Thus, it is also entirely reasonable that the FBI did not find anything at the site, because there was not really any gold there," he said via email.

Enviroscan co-founder Tim Bechtel declined to comment about his work at Dent's Run, saying the FBI has not given him permission to talk. The FBI would not discuss Bechtel this week but said that after the dig, agents "did not take any subsequent steps to reconcile the geophysical-survey findings with the absence of gold or any other metal."

Other documents in the just-released FBI case file raise still more questions.

A one-paragraph FBI report, dated March 13, 2019 — exactly one year after the dig — asserted agents found nothing at Dent's Run. No "metals, items, and/or other relevant materials were found," the report said. "Due to other priority work ... the FBI will close the captioned case."

Anne Weismann, a lawyer for Finders Keepers, cast doubt on the FBI report's credibility. She cited its brevity, as well as its timing — it was written after Finders Keepers began pressing the government for records.

"It does not read like one would expect," said Weismann, a former Justice Department lawyer. "If that is the official record in the file of what they did and why they did it, it says almost nothing, and it's crazy."

She added that if the government does not produce a fuller, more contemporaneous accounting of its search for the gold, it "will heighten my view that this is not an accurate record and this was created as a cover-up. And I don't say that lightly."

In response, the FBI said the single-page document "is representative of the standard summaries filed when formally closing an FBI investigation."

The agency has consistently denied it found anything.

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	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Mainly clear	Increasing cloudiness	A shower in the afternoon	Overcast with a shower	A couple of showers
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>71 45</b>	<b>73 46</b>	<b>72 48</b>	<b>66 47</b>
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	9	7
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>73 51</b>	<b>73 52</b>	<b>73 52</b>	<b>65 52</b>
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	9	3
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>69 47</b>	<b>71 47</b>	<b>69 47</b>	<b>61 51</b>
Comfort Index™	10	8	10	10	4

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	52°	52°	52°
Low Sunday	41°	42°	44°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.40	0.24	0.49
Month to date	1.97	2.56	4.21
Normal month to date	1.36	2.09	2.24
Year to date	3.90	6.34	14.08
Normal year to date	4.24	8.54	12.53

### SUNDAY EXTREMES

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 105° Fort Stockton, Texas  
Low: 22° Randolph, Utah  
Wettest: 2.93" Ord, Neb.

**OREGON**  
High: 67° The Dalles  
Low: 28° Crater Lake  
Wettest: 1.99" Meacham

### WEATHER HISTORY

On May 31, 1985, a swarm of tornadoes raced from eastern Ohio into western Pennsylvania. In 1889, the 90-foot-high Conemaugh Dam collapsed, causing the Great Johnstown Flood that destroyed the city.

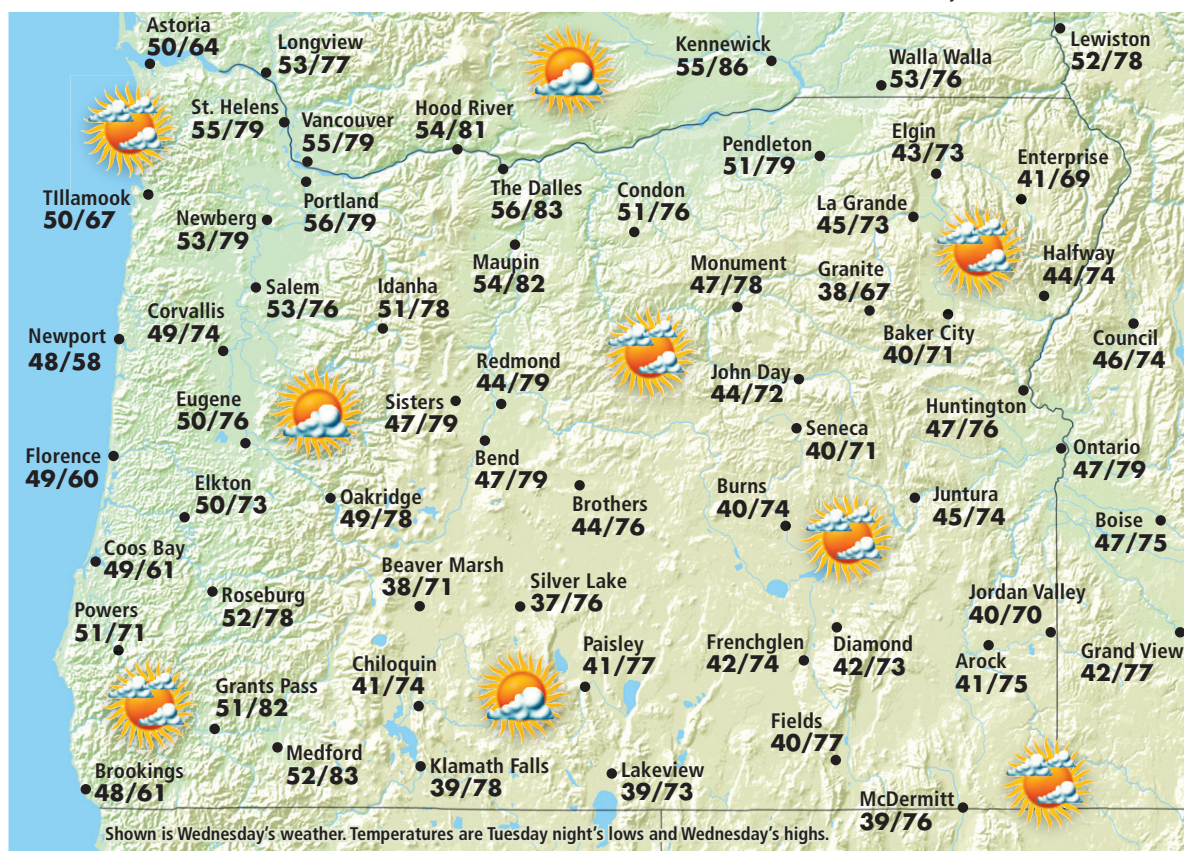
### SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	5:08 a.m.	5:08 a.m.
Sunset	8:32 p.m.	8:33 p.m.
Moonrise	5:43 a.m.	6:27 a.m.
Moonset	10:14 p.m.	11:06 p.m.

MOON PHASES	First	Full	Last	New
	Jun 7	Jun 14	Jun 20	Jun 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	64/51/c	64/52/c	Lewiston	78/59/pc	77/58/c
Bend	79/52/c	72/50/sh	Longview	77/53/c	73/55/c
Boise	75/53/pc	81/55/pc	Meacham	73/50/c	73/52/c
Brookings	61/50/c	62/50/pc	Medford	83/56/c	81/54/pc
Burns	74/48/c	75/48/c	Newport	58/48/c	58/49/pc
Coos Bay	61/46/c	64/50/pc	Olympia	73/53/c	74/51/c
Corvallis	74/49/c	75/51/c	Ontario	79/55/pc	83/57/c
Council Bluffs	74/51/pc	80/52/c	Pasco	84/61/c	84/60/c
Elgin	73/53/c	73/50/c	Pendleton	79/59/c	76/55/c
Eugene	76/52/c	79/51/c	Portland	79/57/c	76/57/c
Hermiston	84/63/c	82/59/c	Powers	71/49/c	72/52/pc
Hood River	81/61/c	82/58/sh	Redmond	79/51/c	76/48/sh
Imnaha	76/53/pc	77/54/c	Roseburg	78/54/c	80/53/pc
John Day	72/50/c	70/47/c	Salem	76/53/c	76/54/c
Joseph	68/48/pc	70/47/c	Spokane	72/55/c	69/54/c
Kennewick	86/63/c	82/61/c	The Dalles	83/61/c	81/58/sh
Klamath Falls	78/46/c	73/45/sh	Ukiah	72/51/c	70/49/c
Lakeview	73/45/pc	73/43/c	Walla Walla	76/59/c	74/58/c

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

### RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Partly sunny	Partly sunny
<b>46 39</b>	<b>66 46</b>
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Clouding up	Mostly cloudy
<b>59 48</b>	<b>76 53</b>
EAGLE GAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Periods of sun	Cloudy
<b>55 36</b>	<b>68 48</b>
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
A shower	Warmer
<b>68 48</b>	<b>78 56</b>
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Periods of sun	Turning cloudy
<b>71 45</b>	<b>73 51</b>

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