# College classmate won't take no for an answer



**DEAR ABBY:** My spouse and I work at the college where we were undergraduates. The school has a strong reunion tradition, and thousands of alumni come with their families to relive their college days. We live here yearround and are sort of done with reminiscing.

In years past, I've had boundary issues with former classmates who come to town assuming they can stay at our house (without asking) and think we want to entertain them late into the night. We had to implement a "no classmates at the house" rule, and most people understand we'd prefer to visit them on campus.

However, one former classmate is oddly persistent and asked if she can come "see" our house. When I said I'm not entertaining guests, she asked if she could come and look around without me. (Clearly no.) Then she asked if she could just walk by my house and see what it looks like from the outside, which I can't control, but is pretty weird since I made it clear I was looking for privacy.

How do I set boundaries with someone who wants to stand on

the sidewalk and stare in my windows? We were friends 15 years ago, but are not close now. They are coming again in the near future and it's already stressing me out. — CAREER COLLE-**GIAN IN THE MIDWEST** 

**DEAR COLLEGIAN:** While you can't prevent a pushy person from looking at your house from the sidewalk, you can tell her that her persistence is making you uncomfortable and to please stop. You might also point out that if you feel like having a visitor, the invitation will come from you and not vice versa.

**DEAR ABBY:** I moved to a conservative state to be close to my aging parents and become closer

with my siblings and extended family. After six years, my parents and a sister have passed on, and I'm wondering what I'm even doing here. My political views are at the opposite spectrum from my siblings and extended family, which I can deal with as long as we don't talk politics. My husband argues politics with them and doesn't understand that no one is changing their minds.

We're no longer invited to family get-togethers, and they don't initiate conversations or dinners. Neither do we. They are very vocal about their politics, and relations are frosty with some of them. I don't know how to repair relationships with them as

long as they keep discussing politics. Please advise. — LEFT VS. **RIGHT IN UTAH** 

**DEAR LEFT VS. RIGHT:** From what you have written, it seems your husband has been equally guilty of initiating those political rants. It may be too late to repair the damage that he has helped to create. Because you are now estranged from those relatives, I see no harm in exploring options for relocating. Safe

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### **NEWS OF THE WEIRD**

# In Brazilian Amazon, a 1,000-mile voyage so people can vote

The Associated Press

MANAUS, Brazil — In most democracies, citizens go to the polls. But in Brazil's sparsely populated Amazon region, the polls often go to the voters.

Most people in the vast rainforest live in urban areas, but thousands reside in tiny villages several days from the nearest city by boat. Amazonas, Brazil's biggest state, is triple the size of California yet has only about one-third the population of greater Los Angeles. More than half its cities can't be reached at all by road, and some are hundreds of kilometers from the state capital, Manaus.

Logistics pose a challenge even in Manaus, a sprawling municipality of 2.2 million people. On Saturday, Oct. 1, The Associated Press accompanied election workers setting up a voting place in the Bela Vista do Jaraqui community, a three-hour boat trip from the city.

"No candidate made an appearance here during this campaign," João Moraes de Souza, a local fisherman and small farmer, told The Associated Press. "If nobody comes during the campaign, you can imagine afterward."

One of the election workers was Ana Lúcia Salazar de Souza. Due to the distance, her team, including police officers, would spend the night in makeshift lodging and return to Manaus on Oct. 2 after voting ends in the afternoon.

"There are many difficulties," she said. "But participating in this process of citizenship makes all sacrifices worth it."

Collecting votes in Amazonas' remote Javari Valley region is even more fraught — but less so in recent years thanks to the efforts of Bruno Pereira, the Indigenous expert slain this year alongside British journalist Dom Phillips.

Until 2012, the region's only voting centers were in



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An electoral worker and military police officers unload electronic voting machines to be taken to a polling station a day ahead of the country's general elections, at the Bela Vista do Jaraqui community in Manaus, Amazonas state, Brazil, Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022.

the city of Atalaia do Norte. That year, a mayoral candidate distributed gasoline to about 1,200 Indigenous people from the Javari Valley Indigenous Territory so they could make the multiday trip downriver to vote.

The candidate hadn't provided enough fuel for their return trip, however. They were stranded on the riverbanks for weeks without proper sanitation, prompting a rotavirus outbreak. Five Kanamari babies died and some 100

people were hospitalized.

At the time, Pereira led the local bureau of Brazil's agency for Indigenous affairs. He provided them with food and water, and coordinated a quarantine to prevent the virus from reaching Indigenous villages. Later, he and local Indigenous leaders developed a plan for transporting electronic voting machines to remote villages.

"Bruno wrote all the technical parts," Jader Marubo, then-president of the local Indigenous association, told the AP.

Villages in the Javari Valley territory received their first voting centers in 2014. To deliver a voting machine to the most distant village, Vida Nova, election officials usually fly in a small plane from Manaus to Cruzeiro do Sul, a city in Acre state. There, they board a helicopter for the final leg. It is a 1,000-mile round-trip voyage to reach a place with 327 voters, in a nation with an electorate of more than 150 million people.

But in a democracy, every vote counts — underscored by latest opinion polls indicating former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva just might squeak out a first-round victory, without an Oct. 30 runoff against

incumbent Jair Bolsonaro. This year, the Javari Valley territory has seven voting centers, for 1,655 Indigenous voters. In August, the regional election authority building

in Atalaia do Norte was

renamed for Bruno Pereira.

### Herd the news? Wild boar piglet was adopted by cows

BERLIN — A cow herd in Germany has gained an unlikely following, after adopting a lone wild boar piglet.

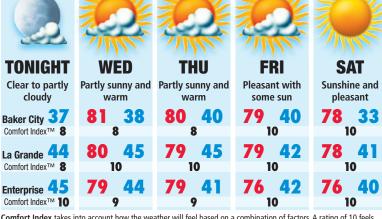
Farmer Friedrich Stapel told the dpa news agency that he spotted the piglet among the herd in the central German community of Brevoerde about three weeks ago. It had likely lost its group when they crossed a nearby river.

Stapel said while he knows what extensive damage wild boars can cause, he can't bring himself to chase the animal away, dpa reported Thursday, Sept. 29.

The local hunter has been told not to shoot the piglet — nicknamed Frieda and in winter Stapel plans to put it in the shed with the mother cows.

"To leave it alone now would be unfair," he told dpa.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	73°	75°	81°
Low Sunday	36°	42°	42°
PRECIPITATION (in	nches)		
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	Trace
Normal month to da	te 0.03	0.06	0.09
Year to date	5.38	9.63	18.51
Normal year to date	6.89	12.06	16.96

## AGRICULTURAL INFO.

Powder River near Richland

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY			
Lowest relative humidity	25%		
Afternoon wind	ESE at 6 to 12 mph		
Hours of sunshine	10.6		
Evapotranspiration	0.15		
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)			
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.		
Unity Reservoir	22% of capacity		
Owyhee Reservoir	8% of capacity		
McKay Reservoir	51% of capacity		
Wallowa Lake	3% of capacity		
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity		
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)			
Grande Ronde at Troy	702 cfs		
Thief Valley Reservoir near I			
Burnt River near Unity	18 cfs		
Umatilla River near Gibbon	46 cfs		
Minam River at Minam	66 cfs		

<b>SUNDAY E</b>	XTREMES
NATION (for the 48	contiguous states)
High: 106°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 21°	Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 2.23"	Mount Holly, N.J.
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High: 90°	Medford
Low: 32°	Lakeview
Wettest: Trace	Brookings

### **WEATHER HISTORY**

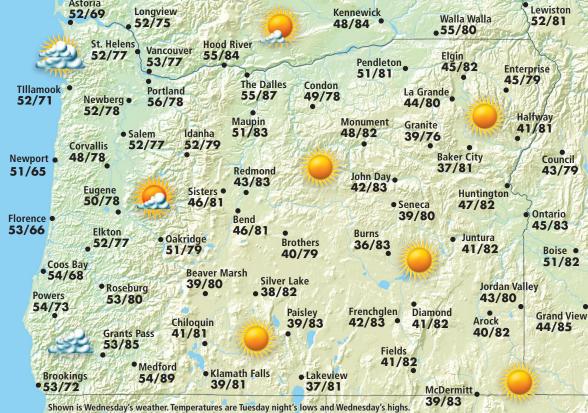
On Oct. 4, 1954, the temperature soared to a record 95 in Norfolk, Va. In Philadelphia, Pa., the day's minimum of 74 degrees was the highest ever for October.

## **SUN & MOON**

		TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6	:54 a.m.	6:55 a.m.
Sunset	6	5:27 p.m.	6:25 p.m.
Moonrise	4	l:28 p.m.	5:01 p.m.
Moonset	12	2:09 a.m.	1:27 a.m.
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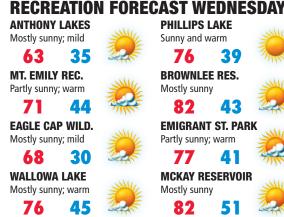
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### **REGIONAL CITIES**

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City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/
Astoria	69/52/pc	70/52/pc	Lewiston	81/53/pc	79/53/p
Bend	81/44/s	80/45/pc	Longview	75/53/pc	76/53/p
Boise	82/51/s	81/52/s	Meacham	79/43/pc	80/42/p
Brookings	72/54/s	71/56/c	Medford	89/53/s	87/54
Burns	83/39/s	84/38/s	Newport	65/52/pc	64/51/p
Coos Bay	68/53/pc	69/53/pc	Olympia	74/47/pc	73/48/p
Corvallis	78/50/s	79/49/pc	Ontario	83/44/s	84/47
Council	79/42/s	81/44/s	Pasco	84/48/pc	82/48
Elgin	82/48/pc	81/45/pc	Pendleton	81/49/s	79/51/p
Eugene	78/50/s	77/52/pc	Portland	78/55/s	80/56
Hermiston	84/47/s	81/47/s	Powers	73/54/s	75/55/p
Hood River	84/53/s	82/52/s	Redmond	83/43/s	82/44
Imnaha	80/49/pc	80/51/pc	Roseburg	80/54/s	83/54/p
John Day	83/41/s	83/44/s	Salem	77/52/s	79/52
Joseph	76/45/s	78/42/pc	Spokane	78/51/pc	76/50
Kennewick	84/49/pc	82/48/s	The Dalles	87/54/pc	86/51
Klamath Falls	81/41/s	83/40/s	Ukiah	79/44/s	80/44
Lakeview	81/40/s	82/39/s	Walla Walla	80/56/pc	78/55/p
Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain,					

City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		
Lewiston	81/53/pc	79/53/pc		
Longview	75/53/pc	76/53/pc		
Meacham	79/43/pc	80/42/pc		
Medford	89/53/s	87/54/s		
Newport	65/52/pc	64/51/pc		
Olympia	74/47/pc	73/48/pc		
Ontario	83/44/s	84/47/s		
Pasco	84/48/pc	82/48/s		
Pendleton	81/49/s	79/51/pc		
Portland	78/55/s	80/56/s		
Powers	73/54/s	75/55/pc		
Redmond	83/43/s	82/44/s		
Roseburg	80/54/s	83/54/pc		
Salem	77/52/s	79/52/s		
Spokane	78/51/pc	76/50/s		
The Dalles	87/54/pc	86/51/s		
Ukiah	79/44/s	80/44/s		
Walla Walla	80/56/pc	78/55/pc		
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