Father's extreme views turn family against him



DEAR ABBY ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: My father considers himself a deeply religious man. He believes that anyone who doesn't conform to his beliefs is going to hell. He told my gay sister she is going to hell. At my brother's wake and celebration of life, he announced to everyone that my brother was going to hell because he was an atheist. He also criticized the arrangements, even though they were exactly what my brother requested. I pulled him aside and asked him to quit saying these things. He refused

and declared, "This conversation is over."

The next morning, the family voted unanimously to ask him to leave. Being the eldest, I was "elected" to deliver the news to him. He and my stepmother didn't take it well and both said a lot of terrible things. Now they refuse to accept that the whole family agreed to it, and they blame me for it.

Any ideas on how to repair the damage? My stepmother suggested I lie and say it was just me and I am sorry. Neither is true. Maybe it's best I remain estranged from my father, and he can have normal relations with the rest of the family? — TRUTH TELLER IN GEORGIA

DEAR TRUTH TELLER: I disagree with your stepmother. Do not lie about why your father and his wife were asked to leave. Your siblings need to step forward and make plain that the vote was unanimous. If your father and stepmother choose to isolate themselves after that, you all will be better off.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for nearly six years. We have a very good relationship and have three grown adult children between us.

Four years ago, my daughter and his daughter-in-law had children — I will call them "Timmy" and "Jenny."

My grandson Timmy is autistic, but doing well with speech therapy and special education (preschool). He has his challenges, but we are supportive and

encouraging. Jenny is and always has been a chatterbox. She was a good little girl until she turned 4. Her parents buy her anything and everything she wants, and she's allowed to run the show.

Recently, we watched her overnight, and I was upset with her for calling my husband an old, fat man and a punk, in addition to trying to manipulate us as she does her parents. Discipline to curb her smart mouth is frowned upon, and laughed off. My husband has spoken to his son about this twice. It has changed nothing. I don't feel it's my place to scold and discipline, but if she's in my home, I think she must behave respectfully. Abby, please help with any advice. — FRUSTRATED

NANA IN WASHINGTON

DEAR NANA: That little girl is 4. By failing to teach their daughter consideration for the feelings of others, your husband's son and daughter-in-law are doing Jenny a disservice. By the time she's 6, she'll be as welcome as a polecat at a picnic. You have every right to make and enforce the rules for what goes on in your home. Jenny should not be permitted to call your husband (or anyone, for that matter) nasty names, and unless she apologizes, you should not babysit her.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Yellowstone delays opening of road damaged by record floods

The Associated Press

MAMMOTH SPRINGS, Wyo. — Yellowstone National Park is postponing the opening of a renovated road at its north entrance as it continues to repair the damage from this summer's catastrophic flooding, the Wyoming Tribune Eagle reported.

The park has pushed back the road's opening date from Oct. 15 to Nov. 1, according to the news-

paper, as park officials said they need more time to ensure that over 5,000 feet of guardrail are properly installed for traffic safety.

"We have set incredibly aggressive time frames for these repairs, and our contractors have worked at lightning speed to get this road safely reopened," Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Cam Sholly said in a news release.

Unprecedented flooding in

June severely damaged roads, swept away homes and forced the park to close as it evacuated about 10,000 visitors.

The National Park Service said the most significant damage occurred at the Yellowstone's north and northeast entrances, where access was cut off

The flooding washed out segments of the roadway between the north entrance in Gardiner, Montana, and Mammoth Hot Springs

inside the park.

To reconnect the two areas, authorities have paved and expanded an old stagecoach route from the 1880s called Old Gardiner Road. The single-lane dirt road has been enlarged to two lanes over its entire four-mile length, according

to the National Park Service. Officials say it will serve as a short-term solution while the primary road is reconstructed.

The project is being completed with support from the Federal Highway Administration.

The park has asked

FHA to expand road widths in certain sections of the Old Gardiner Road. It has also requested the federal agency build a new approach road into Mammoth Springs, due to safety concerns stemming from the main road's 12-15% steep grade.



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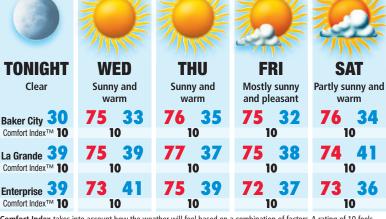
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High Sunday	74°	75°	82			
Low Sunday	31°	34°	35			
PRECIPITATION (inches)						
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Month to date	0.00	0.00	Trace			
Normal month to da	te 0.14	0.30	0.4			
Year to date	5.38	9.63	18.5			
Normal year to date	7.00	12.30	17.28			
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AGRICULTURAL INFO.

Grande Ronde at Troy

Burnt River near Unity

Minam River at Minam

Umatilla River near Gibbon

Powder River near Richland

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY					
Lowest relative humidity	25%				
Afternoon wind	NNE at 4 to 8 mph				
Hours of sunshine	7.7				
Evapotranspiration	0.13				
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)					
Phillips Reservoir	2% of capacity				
Unity Reservoir	22% of capacity				
Owyhee Reservoir	7% of capacity				
McKay Reservoir	46% of capacity				
Wallowa Lake	3% of capacity				
Thief Valley Reservoir	1% of capacity				
STREAM FLOWS (through	h midnight Sunday)				

Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)				
High: 104°	Death Valley, Calif.			
Low: 15°	Walden, Colo.			
Wettest: 2.68"	Hollywood, Fla.			
OREGON				
High: 90°	Medford			
Low: 28°	Sunriver			
Wettest: 0.01"	Brookings			

WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 11, 1984, 25-foot waves off Vancouver Island, B.C., capsized eight fishing boats, killing five people. Monitoring programs using satellites and automated buoys can often detect these waves.

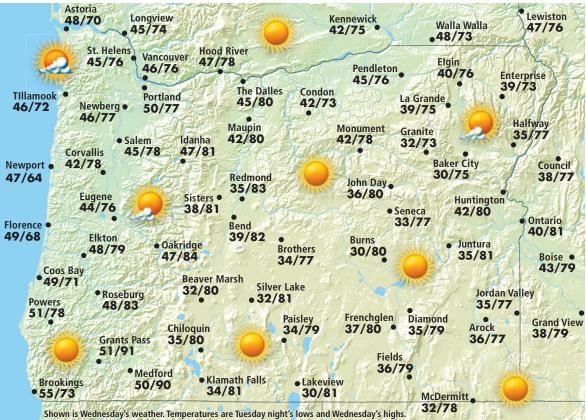
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Sunrise		7:03 a.m.	7:04 a.m.		
Sunset		6:14 p.m.	6:13 p.m.		
Moonrise		7:12 p.m.	7:38 p.m.		
Moonset		9:03 a.m.	10:15 a.m.		
MOON PHASES					
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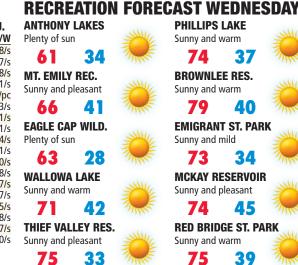
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City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/\
Astoria	70/48/s	69/49/s	Lewiston	76/48/s	75/48
Bend	82/39/s	81/40/s	Longview	74/47/s	75/47
Boise	79/45/s	79/47/s	Meacham	75/37/s	76/38
Brookings	73/54/pc	72/53/s	Medford	90/51/s	89/51
Burns	80/34/s	80/35/s	Newport	64/49/s	65/48/p
Coos Bay	71/49/s	69/49/pc	Olympia	69/43/s	71/43
Corvallis	78/44/s	78/46/s	Ontario	81/42/s	79/41
Council	77/39/s	77/39/s	Pasco	75/41/s	78/41
Elgin	76/43/s	78/40/s	Pendleton	76/45/s	76/44
Eugene	76/45/s	77/44/s	Portland	77/49/s	77/51
Hermiston	78/39/s	77/40/s	Powers	78/52/s	76/50
Hood River	78/48/s	79/49/s	Redmond	83/38/s	82/38
Imnaha	76/47/s	77/46/s	Roseburg	83/50/s	82/47
John Day	80/36/s	80/36/s	Salem	78/47/s	77/47
Joseph	71/42/s	74/39/s	Spokane	73/44/s	74/45
Kennewick	75/43/s	78/42/s	The Dalles	80/47/s	82/48
Klamath Falls	81/37/s	82/39/s	Ukiah	76/39/s	77/37
Lakeview	81/33/s	80/37/s	Walla Walla	73/49/s	72/50

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