

# Cause of family's separation is no business of co-workers

**DEAR ABBY:** As a child, I suffered a lot of abuse from my parents until I finally, at 13, opened up to a teacher. I was removed from my house and spent the remainder of my youth in various foster homes. I never felt like I had a home or family until I was an adult and made my own.

I have cut all ties with my biological family, as I am happier and more sane without them. They have never shown remorse for their abuse, and I feel my children's safety would be jeopardized if I were to rekindle a relationship with them.

The problem is, co-workers and sometimes even strangers at my retail job ask me about my children's grandparents. When I explain that we have a "strained" relationship, they often tell me I need to get over it, learn to forgive or that I'll regret not mending things. Am I wrong for wanting to maintain a distance? How can I assert my position firmly without giving too much detail?

**— CUT OFF BY CHOICE IN KENTUCKY**  
**DEAR CUT OFF:** You are not obligated to give a detailed response to these individuals, who may only be trying to make conversation when they ask. All you need to say is that "the grandparents are not involved." There could be many reasons for it, but you don't have to share them. If you are questioned further say, "I'd rather not discuss it."

P.S. While forgiveness may work in some situations, when a family is so dysfunctional that the children must be removed from the home, those children are NOT obligated to forgive what was done to them!

**DEAR ABBY:** I married right out of high school, 20 years ago. We have two amazing kids in their late teens — a son in college and a daughter in her last year of high school.

I haven't been in love with my wife for a very long time. I have tried everything to bring those feelings back, including talking with her about it, but the feelings just aren't there anymore.

When I first realized I was no longer in love with her, I was going to file for divorce, but my kids were little. I didn't want to put

them through that, so I pushed my happiness aside. Now the kids are doing great, I'm still miserable and I don't know what to do anymore.

Sometimes I feel I don't deserve to be happy, but doesn't my happiness count? Must I continue putting on a fake smile and pretending to be happy, or is it time for me to look out for my happiness?

**— MISERABLE IN MAINE**  
**DEAR MISERABLE:** Talk to your wife again about the fact that you haven't been happy for many years. Unless you are an Academy Award-winning actor, she probably won't be shocked. Delay separating until your daughter has left for college, and in the meantime, give marriage counseling a shot, even if you already have. If, after that, nothing has improved, try to keep the divorce as amicable as possible for the sake of everyone concerned. A divorce mediator may be able to help you through the process.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a boyfriend (18) who is a dreamer. He doesn't really consider reality. At 16, I am a realist. I love him to death and we are very happy, but I often come off rude when I give him reality checks when he's trying to be romantic and sweet.

I love that he's romantic, but I'm afraid of his romantic ideas because I know they are too good to be true. Then again, I'm afraid of him not being romantic and losing himself. How do I learn to accept his love as love and not as a threat? How do I not come off rude when I feel he's not being realistic? Please help me, because I don't want to lose him.

**— ROMANCE DILEMMA**  
**DEAR DILEMMA:** Because you're a realist, allow me to point something out. There's a saying, "A fish and a zebra may fall in love, but they can't live together." You may not want to lose your boyfriend, but the odds of this romance becoming something permanent aren't great because you think so differently. For the time being, when he's waxing poetic about his dreams for the future, keep your lips firmly sealed instead of shooting him down.



**DEAR ABBY**



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<b>TUES</b>	1:30pm	Bucking Horse Stampede — Main Street
<b>WED</b>	9:00am 2:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Little Buckaroo Special Needs Rodeo Slack — Arena Rodeo Gates Open — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena Family Fun at the Thunder Room — DJ
<b>THUR</b>	9:00am 9:00am 2:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Tough Enough to Wear Pink Walk Steer Tripping, Three Rounds Slack — Arena Rodeo Gates Open — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena Tough Enough to Wear Pink — Wear Pink Music and Dancing at Thunder Room — DJ — No Cover Charge
<b>FRI</b>	8:00am 10:00am 2:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm 9:30pm	Golf Tournament — Alpine Meadows Golf Course Chief Joseph Junior Parade — Main Street Slack — Arena Rodeo Gates Open — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center Music and Dancing at Thunder Room — FrogHollow Band
<b>SAT</b>	6:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 2:30pm 3:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm 9:30pm	Shrine Breakfast begins Grand Parade — Main Street Nez Perce Friendship Feast — Encampment Pavilion Slack — Arena Traditional Indian Dance Contest — Encampment Pavilion Rodeo Gates Open — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center Music and Dancing at Thunder Room — FrogHollow Band After Rodeo — Cowboy Breakfast — Rodeo Grounds — til 3:00am
<b>SUN</b>	6:00am 9:00am	Cowboy Breakfast — Rodeo Grounds — til 10:00am Cowboy Church Service



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# weather

	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Mainly clear	Mostly sunny and warm	Mostly sunny and warm	Sunny and very warm	Sunny and very warm
<b>Baker City</b>	54	96 53	95 54	95 53	93 53
Comfort Index™	4	4	4	4	5
<b>La Grande</b>	57	95 55	94 53	94 53	93 56
Comfort Index™	5	4	5	4	5
<b>Enterprise</b>	55	92 55	92 54	92 53	90 55
Comfort Index™	5	3	4	3	5

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## ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	89°	89°	90°
Low Sunday	43°	44°	41°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	Trace	Trace
Normal month to date	0.49	0.52	0.55
Year to date	4.75	10.30	20.78
Normal year to date	6.20	9.86	14.22

## SUNDAY EXTREMES

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
 High: 119° Death Valley, Calif.  
 Low: 34° Meacham, Ore.  
 Wettest: 3.55" Mount Pocono, Pa.  
**OREGON**  
 High: 98° Medford  
 Low: 34° Meacham  
 Wettest: none

## WEATHER HISTORY

Between July 22 and 24, 1788, a hurricane struck North Carolina and moved inland through Virginia. The storm was still potent when later observed by George Washington.

## SUN & MOON

	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	5:27 a.m.	5:28 a.m.
Sunset	8:31 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Moonrise	5:23 p.m.	6:18 p.m.
Moonset	2:14 a.m.	2:53 a.m.

## MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Jul 27	Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18

## AGRICULTURAL INFO.

### HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	15%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	11.3
Evapotranspiration	0.28

### RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)

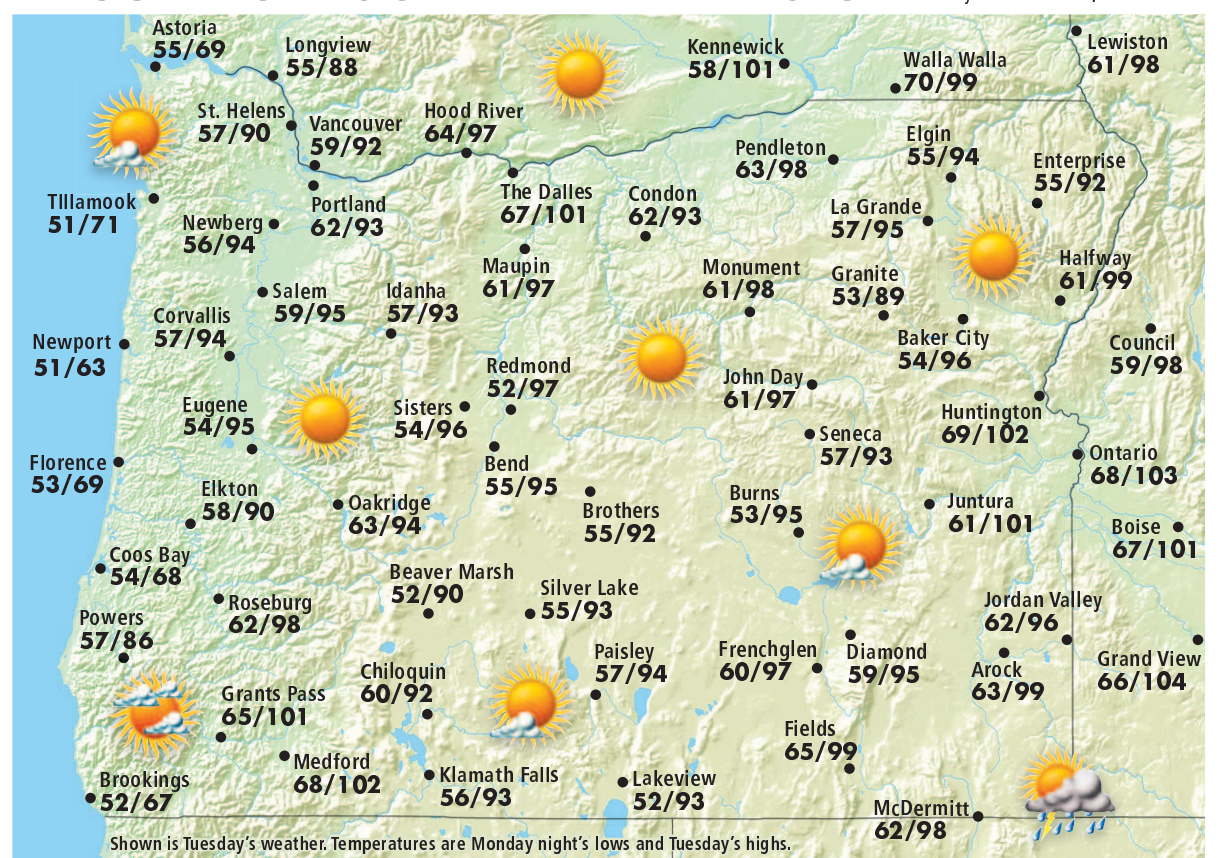
Phillips Reservoir	42% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	56% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	55% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	61% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	29% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	62% of capacity

### STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	475 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	94 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	104 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	39 cfs
Minam River at Minam	143 cfs
Powder River near Richland	26 cfs

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	69/55/c	70/55/pc	Lewiston	98/62/s	99/65/s
Bend	95/55/s	96/54/s	Longview	88/55/s	90/58/s
Boise	101/67/s	100/67/s	Meacham	92/51/s	92/51/s
Brookings	67/52/pc	66/54/pc	Medford	102/68/s	103/66/s
Burns	95/52/s	95/55/s	Newport	63/51/pc	64/52/pc
Coos Bay	68/54/pc	69/55/pc	Olympia	89/52/s	91/54/s
Corvallis	94/57/s	96/58/s	Ontario	103/71/s	101/68/s
Council	98/60/s	96/59/s	Pasco	101/58/s	101/61/s
Elgin	94/54/s	94/55/s	Pendleton	98/63/s	98/65/s
Eugene	95/52/s	96/55/s	Portland	93/62/s	95/65/s
Hermiston	102/63/s	102/66/s	Powers	86/56/s	86/57/pc
Hood River	97/65/s	98/66/s	Redmond	97/51/s	98/53/s
Imnaha	98/61/s	97/62/s	Roseburg	98/61/s	99/62/s
John Day	97/63/s	96/62/s	Salem	95/58/s	97/61/s
Joseph	93/54/s	92/53/s	Spokane	92/63/s	92/63/s
Kennewick	101/59/s	101/61/s	The Dalles	101/66/s	101/67/s
Klamath Falls	93/56/s	94/54/s	Ukiah	91/51/s	92/49/s
Lakeview	93/53/s	93/53/s	Walla Walla	99/69/s	99/71/s

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

## RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Plenty of sun	67 48	<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Sunny	90 53
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Sunny and pleasant	80 55	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Sunny and warm	97 62
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Sunny and warmer	78 47	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Plenty of sunshine	87 46
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Plenty of sunshine	91 55	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Plenty of sun	96 62
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Sunny and warm	95 54	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Sunny and warm	94 57



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