

Girlfriend questions texting from boyfriend's worried mom

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "James" for almost a year. Things have been rough for him recently. His depression has led to school attendance issues, but we got through it.

The problem is James' mother. She's well meaning, and she has always been incredibly sweet to me, but she has started texting and questioning me about how I am doing regarding her son and the "trials" he brings to our relationship. I appreciate her concern, but it makes me very uncomfortable.

Perhaps she asks out of concern for me, but it seems like she's trying to speak on his behalf or defend him somehow, which makes me feel awful. How can I explain to her that something which is meant to be as simple as "Are you doing OK?" is hurting me?

— TWISTED UP



DEAR ABBY

How do other relocators handle the move? I know I should focus on the positive aspects, such as getting rid of our clutter and being near the grands, but I'm having trouble with this. Help, please.

— GETTING READY IN GEORGIA

DEAR GETTING READY: I'm glad you wrote now, because you have lots of time to plan the move you are considering. If what you will miss the most about your home is the trees, perhaps the over-55 communities in the area to which you are relocating are not for you.

Take some time, talk with a real estate agent and explore what smaller homes might be right for you. However, if an over-55 community is a must, perhaps you can find one that's near a park where you can go and enjoy the trees and wildlife.

DEAR ABBY: Because of a serious illness that resulted from taking a certain medication, I recently received a settlement of more than a million dollars. I have invested most of the money, and have a cash flow sufficient to take care of emergencies and a few luxuries. I must make sure that these funds will cover medical expenses for the remainder of my life.

Ever since I received the settlement, my family (children, parents and siblings) think I'm very rich and that my money is their money, too. They constantly ask me to bail them out of one financial mess or another, or to buy them luxury items. I have helped them out of tight spots in the past, but they have always squandered their money and have never saved a dime for the future.

I go to bed each night sick to my stomach because of the guilt trips they put me through when I refuse their requests for money. They expect me to pay for everything.

Abby, am I being selfish?

— S.F. IN COLORADO

DEAR S.F.: No, you are being prudent. Instead of giving them money, encourage your relatives to enroll in credit counseling or money-management courses offered at many colleges. Remember the adage: "Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he'll eat for life." Continually bailing out family members is doing them no favor. Take care of your own needs and let them take care of theirs.

Teams prepare to feed ailing orca

By Phuong Le
The Associated Press

Teams taking drastic measures to save a young, ailing killer whale loaded up two boats with live fish and rushed to waters near an island off Washington state Friday, preparing if needed to feed the critically endangered orca a day after injecting it with medicine.

But by early afternoon, it appeared the 3½-year-old female orca known as J50 was too far north in Canadian waters and that any trial feeding effort would not happen Friday, said Brad Hanson, a wildlife biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who is leading response efforts on the water.

The team led by the U.S. agency lacks a permit to feed the sick whale live salmon in Canadian waters, though it had one for medical treatment. NOAA would apply for the feeding permit if conditions are right, said Lynne Barre, NOAA Fisheries' recovery coordinator for the whales.

The team will decide in the field whether to feed the orca, which is emaciated and possibly suffering an infection, depending on a number of factors, including the animal's behavior and location, Barre told reporters.

With the whale not close by, crews did a practice run for the feeding, sending salmon through a turquoise tube off the back of a boat. Researchers with the Whale Sanctuary Project took a sample of the fish scales so they can later genetically track whether the whales consume that fish, while other crews with the Lummi tribe scooped the salmon out of a large bin and sent it into the water.



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Biologists are filling their boats with live fish to help an ailing Orca in Washington.

The whale was given a dose of antibiotics from a dart Thursday, and a veterinarian was able to do a health assessment. Marty Haulena, head veterinarian at Vancouver Aquarium, thinks about half of the dose went into the young orca.

He says the whale is incredibly skinny but was swimming well and there were no obvious signs of abnormality with her skin. They didn't observe whether J50 had been eating or not.

It was dramatic how thin she was, Haulena said, adding that he wants to know more about her digestive system and whether she's been eating.

He said she's breathing normally, taking deep dives and easily keeping up with her group, so respiratory disease is falling down the list of concerns. The team of experts who followed the whale on the water for about six hours Thursday got a breath sample to analyze whether she might have bacteria or fungus in her airway.

The young whale is one of just 75 of the fish-eating orcas that frequent the inland waters of Washington state. There hasn't been a success-

ful birth since 2015. They face nutritional stress over a lack of their preferred food source, Chinook salmon, as well as threats from toxic contamination and vessel noise and disturbances that disrupt their ability to communicate and forage.

Another female orca in the same pod has triggered an international outpouring as she clings to the body of her dead calf that died two weeks ago. Scientists are worried about her and will watch her but don't have plans to help her or remove the calf. She was last seen Thursday still carrying her calf.

The last time scientists rescued a killer whale in the region was in 2002 when a northern resident killer whale known as Springer was found swimming alone in Puget Sound.

Experts say Springer's case was different because she was isolated. She was moved into a floating net pen and veterinarians assessed her medical condition and treated her. She was fed live salmon in the pen. She returned to her family of whales in Canada later that year and in 2013 was seen with her new calf.

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	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Clear	Very warm with hazy sun	Sunny and very warm	Partly sunny; very warm	Partly sunny and nice
Baker City	47	93 49	96 51	93 53	89 48
Comfort Index™	6	5	3	4	6
La Grande	48	92 53	94 55	92 56	86 51
Comfort Index™	8	6	4	4	9
Enterprise	47	90 54	92 56	91 58	83 51
Comfort Index™	7	5	3	3	6

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	84°	83°	82°
Low Sunday	53°	54°	47°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal month to date	0.25	0.30	0.24
Year to date	4.75	10.30	20.78
Normal year to date	6.61	10.32	14.61

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	OREGON
High: 112°	High: 92°
Death Valley, Calif.	Rome
Low: 33°	Low: 37°
Fraser, Colo.	Sunriver
Wettest: 5.05"	Wettest: 0.04"
Jacksonville, N.C.	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

Rain on Aug. 14, 1979, left 1,800 Las Vegas residents without electricity and made getting around the flooded city streets dicey. It is a gamble to expect much rain in Las Vegas, Nev., during August.

SUN & MOON

	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	5:51 a.m.	5:52 a.m.
Sunset	8:03 p.m.	8:01 p.m.
Moonrise	8:34 a.m.	9:48 a.m.
Moonset	9:43 p.m.	10:13 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 18	Aug 26	Sep 2	Sep 9

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

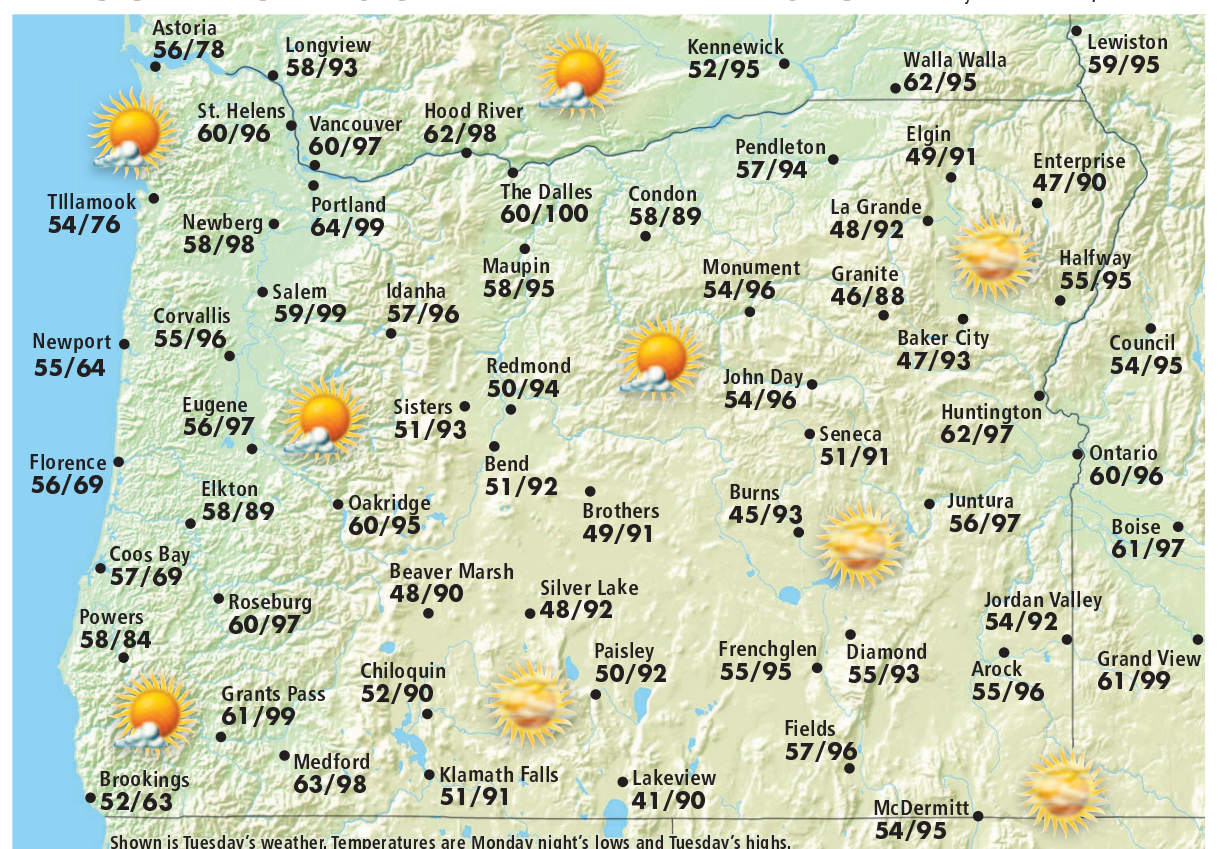
HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	15%
Afternoon wind	N at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	10.0
Evapotranspiration	0.21

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)

Phillips Reservoir	24% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	37% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	46% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	49% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	18% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	24% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	482 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	106 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	118 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	36 cfs
Minam River at Minam	75 cfs
Powder River near Richland	46 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	78/57/s	69/57/pc	Lewiston	95/60/s	99/67/s
Bend	92/56/pc	93/56/s	Longview	93/59/s	86/56/s
Boise	97/66/pc	98/69/s	Meacham	89/49/pc	93/53/s
Brookings	63/53/s	64/53/pc	Medford	98/65/pc	97/63/s
Burns	93/48/pc	92/48/s	Newport	64/56/s	63/55/pc
Coos Bay	69/58/s	68/59/pc	Olympia	94/56/s	88/54/s
Corvallis	96/55/s	89/55/s	Ontario	96/60/pc	97/63/s
Council	95/56/pc	94/60/s	Pasco	96/54/s	100/57/s
Elgin	91/53/pc	95/57/s	Pendleton	94/62/pc	98/66/s
Eugene	97/57/s	91/55/s	Portland	99/65/s	93/62/s
Hermiston	97/57/s	101/65/s	Powers	84/58/s	81/56/pc
Hood River	98/67/s	97/65/s	Redmond	94/54/pc	96/54/s
Imnaha	94/60/pc	97/63/s	Roseburg	97/62/s	92/60/s
John Day	96/58/pc	95/58/s	Salem	99/59/s	93/57/s
Joseph	90/53/pc	92/56/s	Spokane	88/61/s	93/64/s
Kennewick	95/55/s	100/61/s	The Dalles	100/65/s	102/67/s
Klamath Falls	91/54/pc	91/51/pc	Ukiah	90/50/pc	93/53/s
Lakeview	90/47/pc	90/46/pc	Walla Walla	95/64/pc	99/70/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Partly sunny	61 41	PHILLIPS LAKE Hazy sun	85 46
MT. EMILY REC. Hazy sunshine	74 47	BROWNLEE RES. Hazy sunshine	91 56
EAGLE CAP WILD. Hazy sun; warmer	72 39	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Hazy sun; warmer	80 40
WALLOWA LAKE Hazy sunshine	85 48	MCKAY RESERVOIR Mostly sunny	89 56
THIEF VALLEY RES. Hazy sun	89 47	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Hazy sun	87 48



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