

Granddaughter knows truth about her ‘wonderful father’

DEAR ABBY: When I was 11, my parents and I moved near my grandparents. I loved them very much. One day, my grandfather offered to take me for a ride around the countryside, and we jumped in his pickup truck to explore.

When we started our ride, he had me move over as close as I could to him. Then he popped open a beer and handed it to me to drink. I had never tasted beer before. As we traveled down the road, he slipped his hand under my shirt and proceeded to feel my breasts. This happened three or four times on different days. He then tried to move his hand down into my pants. I resisted. After that, I never went for a ride with him again.

I have been through therapy to deal with this, but I have been unable to move on. My mom and her sisters think he was a wonderful father. She and two of her sisters have always had problems with men. I have always suspected that he abused them also. Should I confront them about this or just let it go? It haunts me to this day.

— PAST BUT PRESENT IN FLORIDA

DEAR PAST: I do not think it would be appropriate to “confront” your mother and your aunts about what might have happened to them. I do, however, think you have every right to tell them what your grandfather did to you during those “joyrides.” If your suspicions about them are true, you should never have been permitted to go with him.

DEAR ABBY: I have some friends — a married couple — who are very dear to me but who drain me emotionally. The husband has been disabled for well over a decade. Although they have a home care nurse, the wife is his primary caregiver.

I know their situation is horrible, and I have offered my help only to be refused. They won’t let anyone help, yet the wife is always complaining that she has no help. The husband is very angry and nasty to her, and her behavior has become passive-aggressive toward him.

The only conversations we have anymore are about how horribly they are treated by the other one. It’s like they’re competing to see who is the bigger victim. The wife calls when she needs to vent, but vetoes any suggestions.

We have a long history together, but it has reached the point where I dread talking to them. I hate to withdraw, but I am emotionally drained. What should I do?

— EXHAUSTED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR EXHAUSTED: It’s time to tell these unhappy people what you told me. They may not like hearing what you have to say, so be prepared.

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing a man for the last few months. His brother and my cousin have been dating for four years. He’s 35, and I’m 23.

He is about to be divorced and has a record, but the last crime he committed was 10 years ago. If not for the fact that his brother is dating my cousin, I’d be much more skeptical. But my cousin has never had anything bad to say about him, and I’m confident if there were, she would tell me.

My family is adamantly against the relationship. They say he’s too old for me, I should be more concerned about his criminal history, and no one they know has anything good to say about him. I’m conflicted about moving forward because I’m afraid of the rifts it would cause with my relatives.

I have had a lot of anxiety over this. I am also hurt that we weren’t given the chance to reveal his past so he could be as transparent with my parents as he has been with me about it. Any advice?

— ANXIOUS IN ARKANSAS

DEAR ANXIOUS: Because you have been seeing this man for several months, long enough to develop serious feelings for him, you should have talked to your parents about his history before they heard it from others.

Because they love you, their feelings are understandable. If there is any hope of changing their minds, you and your boyfriend should speak to them together so he can address their concerns.

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NATION

Former President Jimmy Carter celebrates 95th birthday

By Bill Barrow
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ATLANTA — Jimmy Carter celebrated his 95th birthday on Tuesday, becoming the first U.S. president to reach that milestone as he continues his humanitarian work and occasionally weighs in on politics and policy.

Carter still lives in tiny Plains, Georgia, and planned no public celebrations on Tuesday. But he’s had plenty to say recently, warning that re-electing President Donald Trump would be “a disaster” and expressing hopes that his Carter Center will become a more forceful advocate against armed conflicts in the future, including “wars by the United States.”

“I just want to keep the whole world at peace,” Carter said as he presented his annual Carter Center report last month.

“We have been at war more than 226 years. We have been at peace for about 16 years” since the Declaration of Independence in 1776, he said. And every U.S. military conflict from the Korean War onward has been a war of “choice,” he said.

The 39th president survived a dire cancer diagnosis in 2015 and surpassed George H.W. Bush as the longest-lived U.S. president in history this spring. He’s had some trouble walking after a hip replacement in May, but still teaches Sunday School in Plains, and with his wife of 73 years, Rosalynn, now 92, still plans



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Former President Jimmy Carter works with other volunteers on site during the first day of the weeklong Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, their 35th work project with Habitat for Humanity, in Mishawaka, Indiana.

an upcoming trip to help build houses with Habitat for Humanity in Nashville, Tennessee.

In his latest appearances at the Carter Center and in a town hall at Emory University, Carter blasted money in politics, urged action to combat the climate crisis, and celebrated the Carter Center’s work on public health, election monitoring and conflict resolution. But he said the center can do more to constructively criticize U.S. military engagements. The Carter Center has “never voiced an opinion publicly” on individual wars, he said with some regret, adding: “This is primarily my fault.”

“The United States is very deeply inclined to go to war,” Carter said, partly to “implant American policies” in other countries, and partly to “make a hero” out of wartime commanders in chief. This has significant eco-

nomie consequences, he said: China has “been at peace” since he normalized relations with Beijing in 1979, and while the U.S. has spent trillions on military conflict, China has invested similar amounts in high-speed rail, new college campuses and other infrastructure.

Carter talks with the realism of a nonagenarian, born in 1924 when the world population was quarter of what it is today and life expectancy for American males was 58 years. Saying he plans to start spending more time with his extended family, he told the Carter Center audience that “this may be our last conversation with you ... we may or may not have one next year.”

Carter has been accepting visits from several 2020 presidential candidate s, but he’s held back on endorsing any of his fellow Democrats, offering only clues to his thinking.

weather

	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny and cool	Clouds and sun, a shower	Sun and some clouds	Mostly sunny
Baker City	32	61 34	58 29	63 31	69 35
Comfort Index™	5	8	4	8	10
La Grande	39	58 38	56 34	61 35	66 38
Comfort Index™	4	5	1	9	8
Enterprise	35	56 35	52 31	57 32	64 38
Comfort Index™	5	5	1	8	10

Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Monday	52°	45°	50°
Low Monday	28°	34°	32°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Monday	Trace	0.01	Trace
Month to date	0.74	1.22	1.87
Normal month to date	0.55	0.67	0.82
Year to date	7.03	12.51	22.68
Normal year to date	7.62	11.54	15.85

MONDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 102°	Jasper, Ala.
Low: 8°	Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 3.00"	Sault Ste Marie, Mich.
OREGON	
High: 61°	Aurora
Low: 21°	Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.32"	Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 2, 1947, a 32-degree low in Raleigh, N.C., became the earliest recorded freezing temperature there. Sixteen days later, temperatures soared to record highs in the mid-80s.

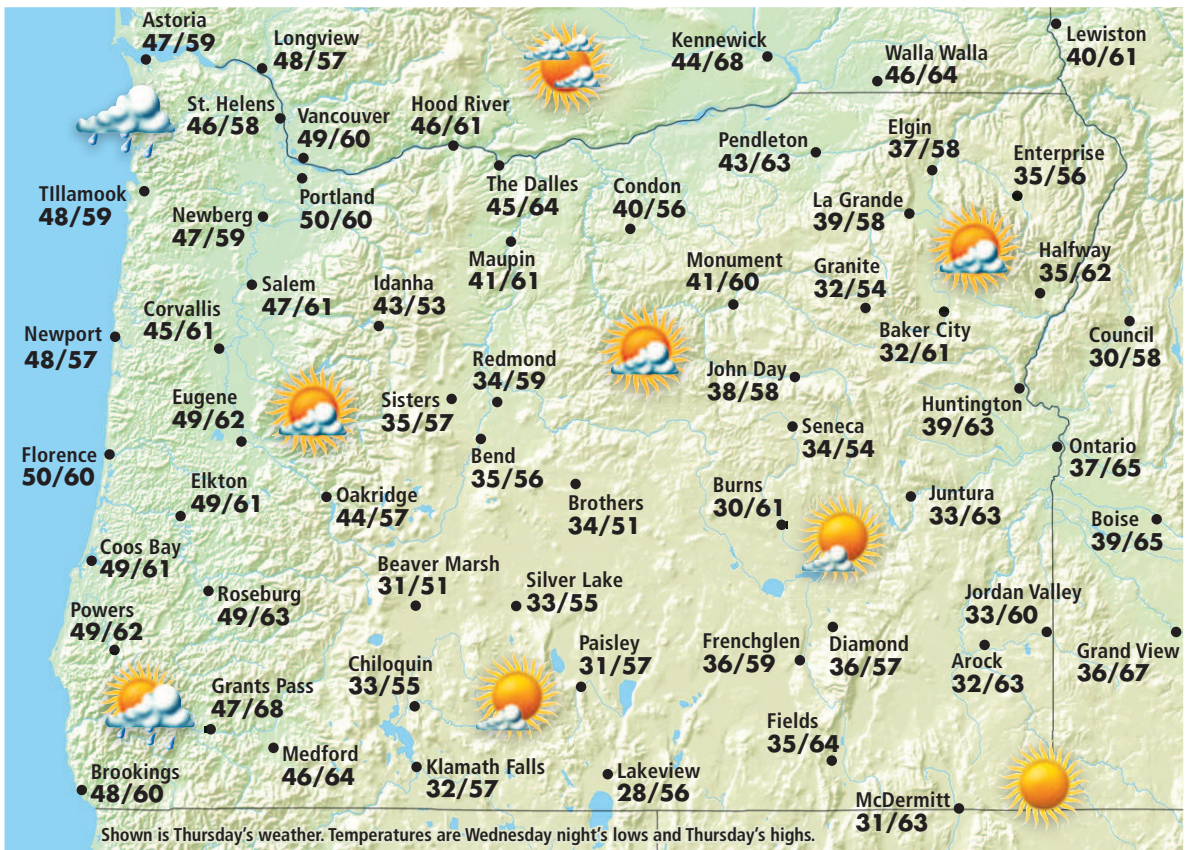
SUN & MOON

	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	6:51 a.m.	6:52 a.m.
Sunset	6:32 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Moonrise	11:33 a.m.	12:43 p.m.
Moonset	9:15 p.m.	9:57 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Oct 5	Oct 13	Oct 21	Oct 27

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



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REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W	City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	59/46/r	60/48/sh	Lewiston	61/44/pc	62/42/c
Bend	56/35/pc	57/33/pc	Longview	57/47/r	61/48/sh
Boise	65/39/s	61/38/pc	Meacham	55/37/pc	52/34/pc
Brookings	60/49/pc	64/50/s	Medford	64/42/pc	66/42/s
Burns	61/29/pc	56/27/pc	Newport	57/47/r	58/47/sh
Coos Bay	61/48/r	62/47/sh	Olympia	58/44/r	61/44/sh
Corvallis	61/46/r	63/45/pc	Ontario	65/40/s	66/36/pc
Council	58/35/pc	53/31/sh	Pasco	67/47/s	68/43/pc
Elgin	58/39/pc	55/34/pc	Pendleton	63/43/pc	62/40/pc
Eugene	62/47/r	65/45/pc	Portland	60/49/pc	63/49/sh
Hermiston	68/45/s	67/40/pc	Powers	62/46/r	65/45/sh
Hood River	61/46/r	63/44/sh	Redmond	59/34/pc	60/32/pc
Imnaha	61/40/pc	57/36/pc	Roseburg	63/47/r	67/46/sh
John Day	58/36/pc	55/35/pc	Salem	61/46/r	63/45/pc
Joseph	56/35/pc	51/30/pc	Spokane	54/38/pc	55/38/pc
Kennewick	68/47/s	68/44/pc	The Dalles	64/44/r	66/45/pc
Klamath Falls	57/27/pc	57/30/pc	Ukiah	54/34/pc	52/31/pc
Lakeview	56/24/s	55/28/pc	Walla Walla	64/46/pc	62/46/pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
A shower	Partly sunny
35 20	56 31
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Some sun, a shower	Partly sunny
45 32	61 37
EAGLE CAP WLD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Clouds and sun	Cool with some sun
45 26	51 33
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
A shower	Partly sunny; cool
56 35	61 42
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Partly sunny	Partly sunny; cool
61 34	58 38

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