

Freshman seeks confidence when interviewing for a job

DEAR ABBY: I am a college freshman. I have decided I want to get a job so I can support myself and pay half the rent in the apartment my mom resides in.

I have always been shy because I don't really know how to talk to people. Every interview I go on, I never get a callback. How do I get connected at school and manage a job? How can I have more confidence in myself for job interviews?

—CLUELESS
IN ILLINOIS



DEAR ABBY

DEAR CLUELESS: People convey confidence by looking others in the eye when they talk to them and being conscious of good posture. When you apply for your next job — one you think you would be suited for — write down and memorize five reasons why the company would be lucky to have you. Recite them for the interviewer, and this, too, will convey confidence. If you are not hired, rather than blame yourself, accept that there's a lot of competition out there, so don't beat yourself up if you don't receive an offer from every company you apply to. Ask interviewers who don't hire you what you can do better. Practice makes perfect. Each interview should get easier. As to getting connected at school, join special interest groups that you have time for between your study and work schedule. Your time may be limited, but these groups offer an opportunity to meet new people with whom you have a common interest.

DEAR ABBY: One of the things I taught my children was to write thank-you notes or, at least, verbally thank someone for a gift or nicety. My 30-year-old son calls to thank us when we send him gifts and when we provide meals or lodging when they stay with us. His soon-to-be fiancée, however, has never once uttered or written the word "thank you" for anything we have done for her. Perhaps she was raised by wolves. I like the girl, but this really irritates me. How can I get the idea across to her without causing a rift? Should I talk to my son about it? I'm about at the point where I will no longer send her any gifts. Maybe I should send

her your booklet about how to write letters. — UNTHANKED IN FLORIDA DEAR UNTHANKED: Your son's fiancée-to-be may not have been raised by wolves as much as brought up by parents who were possibly ignorant of the social graces. Because this bothers you to the degree it does, discuss your feelings with your son rather than confront her. And please, rethink your idea of sending her my Letters booklet because, under the circumstances, it would be mean-spirited and likely not well-received.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law is obsessed with dieting and working out. She and her husband often talk about other people's looks (whether they need to lose weight or not). I had a baby four months ago and have about 15 pounds to lose before I'll be back to my pre-pregnancy weight. She has told me several times now that I need to work out. I don't know what to say because her comments are hurtful. We are fairly close, so I'd prefer to confront her myself instead of asking my husband to do it. What should I say the next time she says this? —BABY WEIGHT IN THE SOUTH DEAR BABY WEIGHT: Tell her (sweetly) that you know she means well, but that you would prefer not to discuss it at this time. It's the truth.

DEAR ABBY: The other day I had to leave my house in the morning because my son's school called. He wasn't feeling well and wanted to come home. I just threw on what I had worn the day before as I headed out the door. On the way out to my car, my neighbor yelled out, "Isn't that the same outfit you wore yesterday?" I didn't answer because I thought it was none of her business. Should I have explained the situation? —IN A HURRY IN CALIFORNIA DEAR IN A HURRY: You were not obligated to explain anything to your neighbor — who may have just been trying to be friendly, or may be overly interested in your attire. Unless her intrusiveness escalates, let it go.

THE WEST

6 grizzly bears killed in single week in Montana

The Associated Press

MISSOULA — Montana's two early snowfalls contributed to the deaths of five grizzly bears in one week on the Rocky Mountain Front. Those five deaths don't include a sixth grizzly that was put down east of Rogers Pass for killing cattle, pushing the one-week death toll to six and the unofficial annual mortality count to 38 in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem.

Last year, a record 46 grizzly bears died in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem, which comprises 25,000 acres including Glacier National Park, the Bob Marshall Wilderness complex and surrounding areas.

And, 53 suffered "mortalities," which includes those that relocate themselves or are relocated out of the NCDE.

Mike Madel is a grizzly bear specialist with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. He noted that the five grizzly deaths on the Blackfoot Indian Reservation last week all involved bears that were feeding on carcasses of cattle that were caught in the deep snow.

"The cattle were hit by a train on BNSF tracks and not reported. Two bears were hit by a train, and three were hit on the highway," Madel said. It was in an area where Highway 2 is close to the train tracks. "And four were females; that's so unusual. In my 35 years that may be the worst I have heard of in mortalities in just a few days.



The Associated Press file photo

Early snowstorms in northwest Montana have contributed to the deaths of five grizzly bears in one week on the Rocky Mountain Front. The Missoulian reports that a sixth grizzly was put down east of Rogers Pass for killing cattle, pushing the one-week death toll to six and the unofficial annual mortality count to 38 in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem.

"But they are super hyperphagic right now and are not hibernating just yet."

Hyperphagic means the bears are trying to consume as many calories as possible before entering their dens for the winter.

The deaths came on the heels of a late-September record-setting blizzard in which 48 inches of snow fell in the Blackfoot Reservation area. Ranchers weren't able to round up all their cattle prior to the storm, which led to the cows' deaths.

Most of the snow melted, uncovering the carcasses, but about 10 inches remained on the ground when the next snowstorm moved through the region the week-end of Oct. 5-6, dropping an-

other 10 to 12 inches in the mountains, according to the National Weather Service.

Slightly more than an estimated 1,000 grizzly bears inhabit the NCDE. The population is protected as being "threatened" under the federal Endangered Species Act. But during a visit last week on the Rocky Mountain Front with U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, Montana U.S. House Rep. Greg Gianforte discussed his efforts to make it easier to delist the NCDE grizzlies.

Yet coupled with last year's mortality of 53 grizzlies in the NCDE, this year's known deaths could mean that close to 10% of the NCDE population has been removed in two years.

weather

	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Partly cloudy and cold	Clouds and sunshine	Cloudy; rain at night	Cooler; a p.m. shower	Showers around
Baker City	28	66 38	68 38	56 33	55 33
Comfort Index™	9	10	10	3	1
La Grande	32	65 47	65 41	54 39	51 36
Comfort Index™	7	9	9	3	1
Enterprise	31	63 45	65 40	52 38	49 33
Comfort Index™	7	10	10	2	3

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.

ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
TEMPERATURES			
High Saturday	61°	62°	65°
Low Saturday	18°	18°	19°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Saturday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.02	0.07	0.27
Normal month to date	0.21	0.38	0.47
Year to date	7.05	12.58	22.95
Normal year to date	7.83	11.92	16.32

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	30%
Afternoon wind	S at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	6.8
Evapotranspiration	0.11

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)	
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	27% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	62% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	35% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	22% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	15% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Saturday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	788 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	15 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	49 cfs
Minam River at Minam	76 cfs
Powder River near Richland	37 cfs

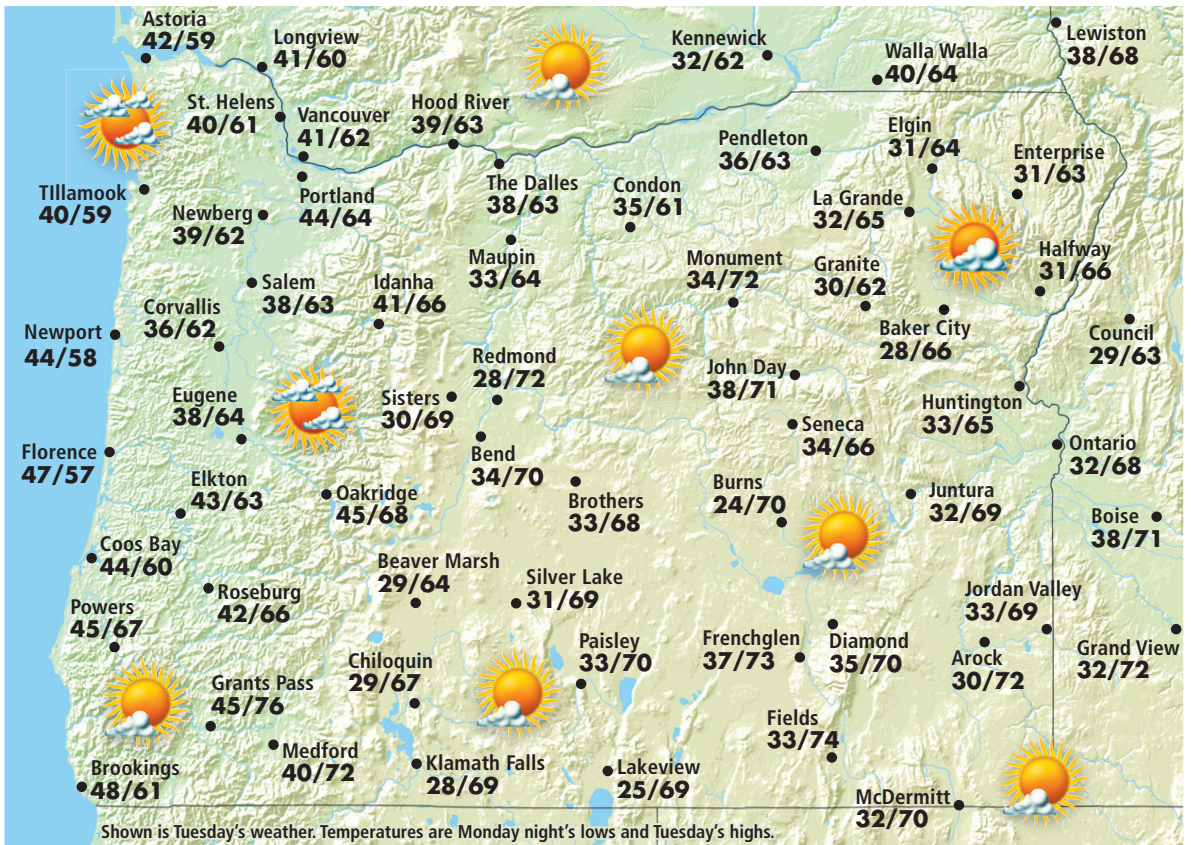
SATURDAY EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 92°	Bonifay, Fla.
Low: -2°	West Yellowstone, Mont.
Wettest: 1.74"	Pascagoula, Miss.
OREGON	
High: 70°	Medford
Low: 16°	Burns
Wettest: Trace	Eugene

WEATHER HISTORY	
On Oct. 14, 1984, 42 separate accidents occurred on I-94 around Milwaukee, Wis., in dense fog. A cloak of fog combined with impatience on highways can be hazardous.	

SUN & MOON	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	7:07 a.m.	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	6:10 p.m.	6:08 p.m.
Moonrise	7:00 p.m.	7:25 p.m.
Moonset	7:42 a.m.	8:46 a.m.

MOON PHASES	Last	New	First	Full
	Oct 21	Oct 27	Nov 4	Nov 12

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	59/48/r	59/48/r
Bend	70/46/pc	63/41/r
Boise	71/48/pc	75/47/s
Brookings	61/52/pc	59/49/r
Burns	70/34/pc	70/36/c
Coos Bay	60/50/pc	61/49/r
Corvallis	62/44/pc	59/47/r
Council	63/42/pc	66/42/c
Elgin	64/42/pc	63/42/c
Eugene	64/47/pc	60/48/r
Hermiston	63/43/pc	61/47/r
Hood River	63/46/pc	58/48/r
Imnaha	68/48/pc	69/46/c
John Day	71/48/pc	67/41/c
Joseph	63/45/pc	64/40/c
Kennewick	62/42/pc	62/48/r
Klamath Falls	66/37/pc	66/36/c
Lakeview	69/31/pc	65/35/c

City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W
Lewiston	68/48/pc	67/48/c
Longview	60/50/r	57/49/r
Meacham	63/45/pc	61/40/c
Medford	72/46/pc	64/45/r
Newport	58/50/pc	57/49/r
Olympia	59/48/r	58/46/r
Ontario	68/39/pc	70/45/c
Pasco	64/40/pc	64/47/r
Pendleton	63/45/pc	61/45/c
Portland	64/50/pc	61/51/r
Powers	67/48/pc	61/48/r
Redmond	72/43/pc	66/40/r
Roseburg	66/50/pc	62/49/r
Salem	63/47/pc	60/49/r
Spokane	58/42/pc	56/43/sh
The Dalles	63/43/pc	60/46/r
Ukiah	66/42/pc	62/39/c
Walla Walla	64/49/pc	65/50/c

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

ANTHONY LAKES
Some sun; breezy



47 33

MT. EMILY REC.
Sun and clouds



55 43

EAGLE CAP WILD.
Sunny intervals



50 36

WALLOWA LAKE
Clouds and sun



63 45

THIEF VALLEY RES.
Sun and clouds



66 38

PHILLIPS LAKE
Clouds and sun



63 38

BROWNLEE RES.
Clouds and sun



67 45

EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Clouds and sun



63 38

MCKAY RESERVOIR
Sunny intervals



65 46

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Clouds and sun



65 47

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