

Boy's disrespect for dad is hard for girlfriend to take

DEAR ABBY: I am in a loving relationship with a kind and caring man, "Byron." He has a preteen son, "Eli," from a previous relationship. Eli stays with us several days a week, and I watch him while Byron goes to work. Byron and I would like to spend the rest of our lives together, but I'm uncertain if I can truly be a stepmother to his son.

Eli often yells at and hits his dad. He calls his dad stupid, among other things. He asks for expensive items during every visit, often refuses to bathe and won't eat anything other than fast food or pizza. If Byron has to say no to Eli because he doesn't have the money for something, Eli throws a temper tantrum worse than a 2-year-old.

I know the kid is capable of better behavior because he doesn't behave this way with his mother or grandmother. Byron doesn't discipline his son at all, which allows his rude and disrespectful behavior to continue. I worry about the boy's future. How will he hold a job if he acts this way toward a boss?

I like Eli very much. When he's in a good mood, he's the kindest child I can think of. But when his mood turns, it's like the dark side takes over. I love Byron. I would like to marry him. But I don't know if I can handle watching Eli be so disrespectful to his father. Sometimes it makes me feel like ending things. Please advise me on what to do.

— HESITANT "STEPMOM"

DEAR "STEPMOM": I hope you realize that Eli behaves the way he does because his father allows it. Byron may do this because he feels guilty about the divorce and is afraid his son will "hate" him if he asserts himself. Your gentleman friend really needs to take some parenting classes because his failure to act isn't good for Eli. Please suggest it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm surprised by how many people choose not to use headphones while talking on the phone, listening to music or watching videos in public places. Instead, they use the speaker option or their Bluetooth speakers for all to hear.

I travel frequently. It's bad enough to suffer through one side of the conversation, but

hearing both is worse (and these folks talk at top volume and make no attempt to step out of earshot). Lately, I have also noticed people watching videos in restaurants.

At my apartment's pool, several neighbors do the same thing. Sometimes the music includes offensive language, which I find inappropriate at a family pool. I'm tempted to start competing with them with random videos and music, but I know that's wrong. Is there a reasonable way to handle these folks?

— BLASTED OUT IN ARIZONA

DEAR BLASTED: If you are in a restaurant, ask the manager to move you to a quieter table. If you are bothered at your apartment swimming pool, take your complaint to the manager of the complex so a sign can be posted asking tenants to keep the volume low on their devices or wear headphones. It's worth a try. Do not make the mistake of confronting them yourself.

P.S. Consider putting on headphones and listening to something of your choosing. It will drown out what you don't want to hear.

DEAR ABBY: I am planning a trip to visit my friend in England. I studied abroad two years ago, and I'm excited to go back to my old stomping grounds and reminisce.

I got very close to this friend while I was there, and we talk on Facebook every so often. Obviously, because of the distance, we aren't best friends, but we still consider ourselves "trans-Atlantic sisters."

I'm on a pretty tight budget and want to start planning for expenses. Would it be rude to ask her if I can stay with her? Or should I just ask for suggestions on places to stay and see if she offers?

— TRAVELER IN TEXAS

DEAR TRAVELER: While it wouldn't be rude to ask, I vote for the latter option and see if she suggests it. (She probably will.)

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DEAR ABBY

ENDANGERED WHALES

Dozens of groups line up to support Orcas' recovery

By Monica Samayoa
Oregon Public Broadcasting

SEATTLE — Dozens of environmental groups in Oregon and across the Pacific Northwest are teaming up Saturday to support the recovery of Puget Sound's endangered orcas.

Promise the Pod is bringing together multiple habitat restoration programs for Orca Recovery Day.

Five habitat restoration projects will be held throughout Oregon, as well as several more in Washington, California and British Columbia.

The southern resident orcas have been listed as endangered since 2005. The population of 73 is at its lowest documented level.

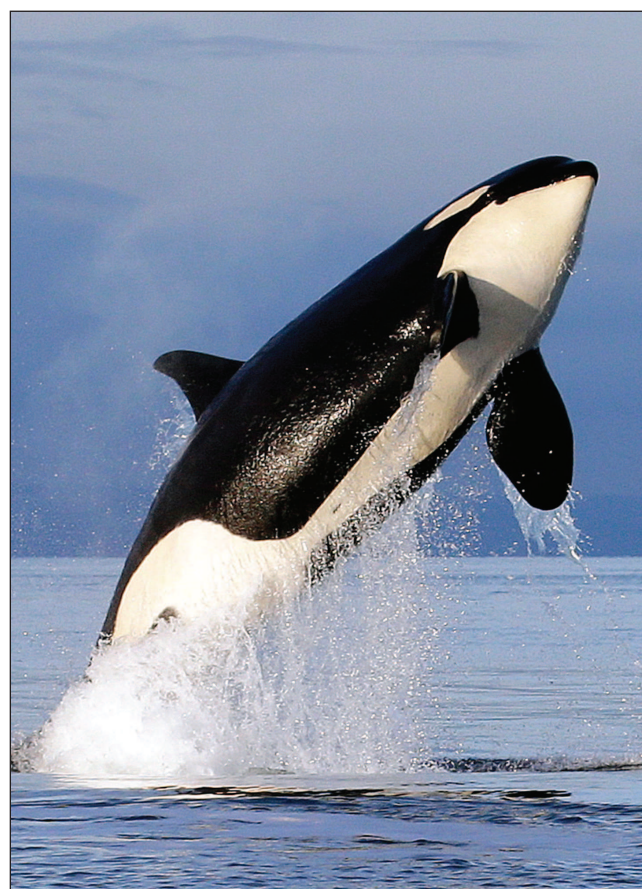
Scientists blame the decline primarily on pollution and scarcity of their primary food source: chinook salmon.

"We're seeing so many signs of wildlife decline in a lot of ways, and this one population is very indicative of the health of the overall ecosystem," canopy director at One Tree Planted Diane Chaplin said.

Chaplin said Orca Recovery Day isn't about saving one species, it's about saving the whole ecosystem.

Every year, southern resident orca pods take to the Pacific, migrating north to south and back again. They rely on chinook salmon for food which is nearly 80% of their diets. They eat about 100 to 300 pounds a day.

Chaplin said the three pods combined will need about 5 million pounds of



The Associated Press file photo

An endangered southern resident female orca leaps from the water while breaching in Puget Sound, west of Seattle.

salmon a year, which is why it is important to have healthy ecosystems.

One of the ways to help is by reforestation. One Tree Planted has been planting trees along the coast to help filter out and reduce water contamination. Their goal is to plant 1 million trees.

"That helps to create cleaner rivers and streams that go out into the ocean," Chaplin said. "It also helps salmon habitats ... by having trees they actually cool the water, they help to add woody debris to the water

which actually helps create microhabitats in which the salmon roe develop."

Kas Guillozet is the watershed program director at Bonneville Environmental Foundation. She said orcas rely on healthy forests, clean water, and space to hunt and live.

"We as environmental groups are always seeking ways to connect actions to people and increasingly we realized our tactics haven't been the smartest," Guillozet said. "People need to care and to care they need to connect."

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| | TONIGHT | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | A couple of showers late | A couple of showers | Sunny to partly cloudy | Sunny to partly cloudy | A few afternoon showers |
| Baker City | 36 | 61 31 | 58 25 | 58 28 | 61 29 |
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| La Grande | 45 | 60 35 | 57 29 | 58 36 | 62 33 |
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| TEMPERATURES | Baker City | La Grande | Elgin |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| High Saturday | 50° | 47° | 45° |
| Low Saturday | 38° | 38° | 37° |
| PRECIPITATION (inches) | | | |
| Saturday | 0.09 | 0.29 | 0.09 |
| Month to date | 0.11 | 0.50 | 0.71 |
| Normal month to date | 0.35 | 0.68 | 0.84 |
| Year to date | 7.14 | 13.01 | 23.39 |
| Normal year to date | 7.97 | 12.22 | 16.69 |

SATURDAY EXTREMES

| NATION (for the 48 contiguous states) | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| High: 97° | Austin, Texas |
| Low: 8° | Angel Fire, N.M. |
| Wettest: 4.82" | DeLand, Fla. |
| OREGON | |
| High: 60° | North Bend |
| Low: 21° | Burns |
| Wettest: 1.35" | Brookings |

WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 21, 1991, dry winds fanned a wildfire in the Oakland, Calif., area. A wet spring, then a windy, hot fall causes the highest fire danger on the West Coast.

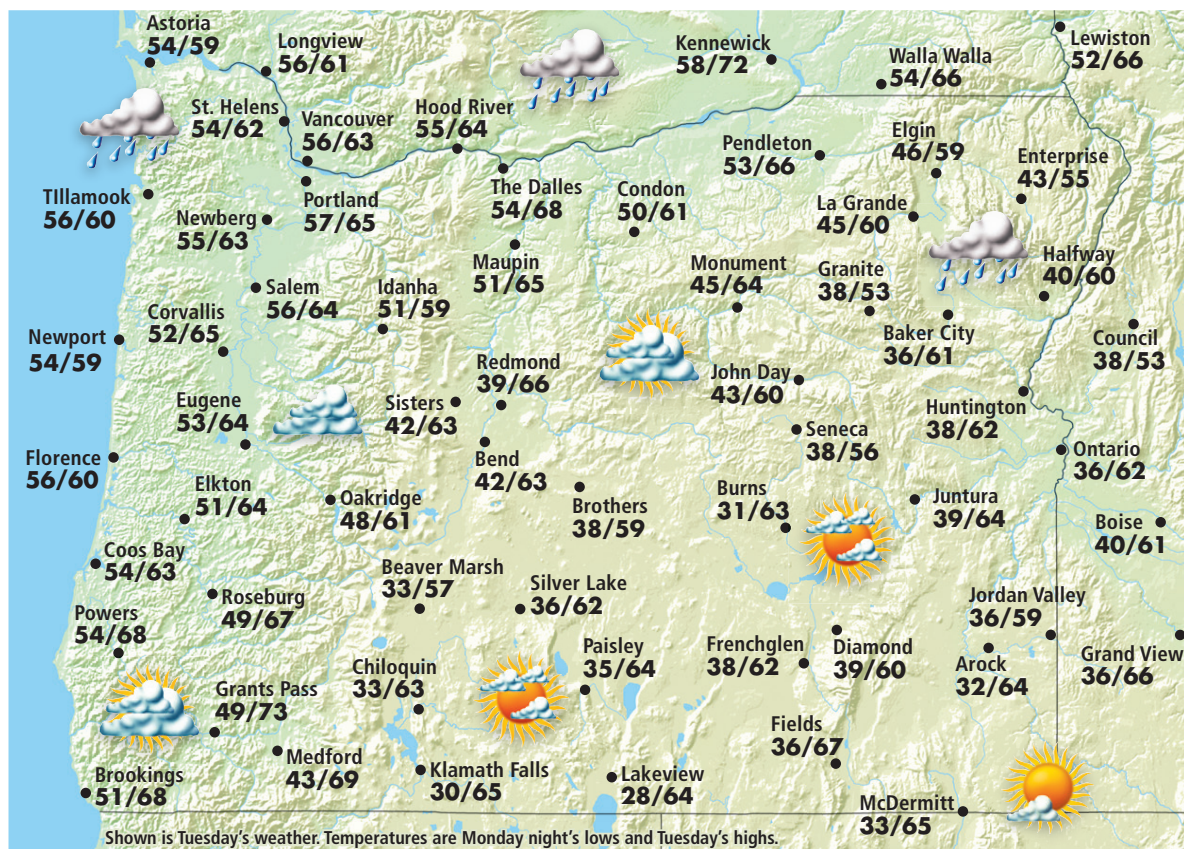
SUN & MOON

| | MON. | TUE. |
|----------|-----------|------------|
| Sunrise | 7:16 a.m. | 7:17 a.m. |
| Sunset | 5:57 p.m. | 5:56 p.m. |
| Moonrise | none | 12:08 a.m. |
| Moonset | 2:47 p.m. | 3:29 p.m. |

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

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

| City | TUE. | WED. | City | TUE. | WED. |
|---------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W |
| Astoria | 59/43/c | 60/42/pc | Lewiston | 66/44/sh | 58/38/pc |
| Bend | 63/31/c | 60/30/s | Longview | 61/43/c | 59/41/c |
| Boise | 61/38/c | 60/34/s | Meacham | 57/33/sh | 54/27/s |
| Brookings | 68/53/c | 71/52/pc | Medford | 69/46/pc | 71/40/pc |
| Burns | 63/27/pc | 60/20/s | Newport | 59/44/c | 59/45/pc |
| Coos Bay | 63/49/c | 64/45/pc | Olympia | 61/41/c | 59/39/pc |
| Corvallis | 65/41/c | 61/38/s | Ontario | 62/35/pc | 63/29/s |
| Council | 53/34/c | 54/26/pc | Pasco | 72/40/pc | 63/36/s |
| Elgin | 59/35/sh | 56/30/s | Pendleton | 66/40/pc | 59/35/s |
| Eugene | 64/44/c | 61/40/pc | Portland | 65/43/c | 64/44/pc |
| Hermiston | 71/41/pc | 63/36/s | Powers | 68/48/c | 70/45/pc |
| Hood River | 64/41/sh | 63/39/s | Redmond | 66/30/c | 60/28/s |
| Imnaha | 59/39/sh | 57/31/pc | Roseburg | 67/50/c | 66/43/pc |
| John Day | 60/37/pc | 58/33/s | Salem | 64/42/c | 61/40/pc |
| Joseph | 54/31/pc | 51/25/pc | Spokane | 59/37/sh | 52/34/pc |
| Kennewick | 72/41/pc | 63/36/s | The Dalles | 68/42/sh | 64/38/s |
| Klamath Falls | 65/30/pc | 64/27/s | Ukiah | 59/32/pc | 53/26/s |
| Lakeview | 64/29/s | 61/24/s | Walla Walla | 66/43/sh | 59/38/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

| | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--|--|--------------|--|
| ANTHONY LAKES A snow shower | 40 23 | | PHILLIPS LAKE Partly sunny | 55 30 | |
| MT. EMILY REC. Spotty showers | 50 32 | | BROWNLEE RES. Some sun, a shower | 61 35 | |
| EAGLE CAP WILD. Rain and drizzle | 42 20 | | EMIGRANT ST. PARK Spotty showers | 55 31 | |
| WALLOWA LAKE Some sun, a shower | 54 31 | | MCKAY RESERVOIR Partly sunny | 66 39 | |
| THIEF VALLEY RES. Partly sunny | 61 31 | | RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Spotty showers | 60 35 | |

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