

Long lost father is found, but then quickly lost again

DEAR ABBY: I grew up not knowing who my biological father was. When I met him for the first time, I was 18. When we met, I felt I had found a piece of who I was. I loved him immediately, as if I had known him my whole life.

We talked and hung out for the next four months until I moved in with him to escape an abusive relationship. I was pregnant at the time and spent half my pregnancy living with him, my stepmother, half-brother and stepbrother. I moved back in with my mom a few months later.

Since then, my father has cut me off. I have been trying so hard to get him to talk to me. He hasn't met my son yet, rarely responds to my texts and never answers my calls. I have invited him to every birthday party, sent him cards for every holiday, begged him to see me and my son. It's been four years now, and I'm heartbroken.

I miss him so much. I feel like a piece of my heart has been ripped out. My grandmother told me that because my older half-sister left with her kids without saying goodbye to him, it broke his heart, and he is afraid I will do the same. What should I do?

— MISSING MY DAD IN NEW YORK

DEAR MISSING: Not knowing your father, it's hard to guess his reason for distancing himself from you and his grandchild. It does appear that he is punishing you for something. Could he have been hurt or angry that you chose to live with your mother rather than stay with him and your stepmother? Because it has been four years, you may have to accept that this estrangement will be permanent and find a way to cope with the loss. If you have a religious adviser, start there.

DEAR ABBY: My roommate loves watching documentaries about serial killers, psychopaths and other criminals. I don't like them. To me it feels like a glorification of a person who did evil.

On the flip side, I watch tons of spy movies, superhero movies and action films that depict violence. But the distinction lies in that what I watch is fiction. Usually the good

guys win, and if they don't, it's temporary.

My roommate gets really mad when I watch or even talk about the movies I watch, but becomes really defensive when I compare them to what she watches. My roommate is very fragile emotionally and cries, withdraws and shuts down when I do this. The last time, she insinuated I was less of a person for liking these things. Ultimately, I felt sorry for bringing it up, and she still refuses to acknowledge that we are allowed to like different things without being bad people.

I need to know how to bring up that how she responds to the things I like hurts me, and communicate that I have nothing against what she watches, even if it's not my taste. How can I communicate my feelings without feeling like I'm being insensitive for asking her to stop berating me?

— JUST A MOVIE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR JUST A MOVIE: The most diplomatic solution would be for the two of you to agree that certain subjects of conversation should be avoided — this being one of them. And if you can't agree to respect each other's viewing habits without being judgmental, you should find other roommates as soon as your lease is up.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has a terrible habit of always being early — whether it's for a party, football game, picnic, reunion, etc. It has reached a point where friends and family no longer tell her the correct time they want us to arrive because they don't want her there early. Her family started it, and friends are following suit. Now she's upset because when she arrives she isn't the first, but everybody else is happy because she's arriving when she is supposed to.

Abby, most hosts don't want guests showing up early because they're still preparing and early arrivals get in the way. Please advise my wife to respect that.

— EARLY BIRD GETS THE SCORN

DEAR BIRD: If, having been given the wrong time to arrive by multiple hosts, it hasn't dawned on your wife that what she's doing hasn't been appreciated, she isn't going to heed anything that I could write.

Winter outlook leans toward the mild side

By Don Jenkins
Capital Press

SALEM — Odds modestly favor above-average temperatures in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Northern California this winter, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center said Thursday.

Without a strong signal from Pacific Ocean temperatures, forecasters relied on a trend toward milder winters and long-term climate forces for their outlook for November, December and January.

Sea-surface temperatures at the equatorial Pacific Ocean are neutral — neither unusually warm, as in an El Nino, nor unusually cool, in a La Nina. Even though conditions are neutral, extreme events are possible, NOAA said.

“Without either El Nino or La Nina conditions, short-term climate patterns like the Arctic Oscillation will drive winter weather and could result in large swings in temperature and precipitation,” Climate Prediction Center deputy director Mike Halpert said in a statement.

Forecasters said they have even fewer clues to how much precipitation will fall. Washington, most of Oregon and most of Idaho have equal chances of normal, above-normal and below-normal amounts of precipitation.

Odds slightly favor below-average precipitation in southwest Oregon and



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The outlook for this winter calls for a modest chance of above-average temperatures.

Northern California. Odds are tilted toward above-average precipitation in the Idaho Panhandle.

Climate norms are based on regional median precipitation and temperatures between 1981-2010.

Some forecasting models predict a weak La Nina will form by late winter, while other models foresee a weak El Nino. For the winter outlook, NOAA assumed neutral conditions will prevail through the winter and into the spring.

Above-average temperatures are favored in most of the U.S. Temperatures in the Upper Plains are Great Lakes are a toss-up. Nowhere do the odds favor below-average temperatures.

The best odds for a warmer than average winter are

in western Alaska, according to NOAA. The ocean around Alaska is unusually warm, and there has been a trend toward later frosts and less sea ice.

The warm water near Alaska could heat air entering the Western U.S. early in the winter, but the uncertainty of whether the water will stay warm limits its value in looking ahead, according to NOAA.

The Northwest will enter the winter fairly wet. There are no drought conditions in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Northern California, the U.S. Drought Monitor reported last week.

Parts of Western Washington and Oregon Washington are still classified as “abnormally dry” after a summer of being in a “moderate” or “severe” drought.

weather

	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Clear	Sunny to partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny and cooler	Sunny and chilly
Baker City	23	59 28	62 30	51 21	49 18
La Grande	26	58 37	62 34	49 24	49 25
Enterprise	26	55 34	61 32	46 22	47 21
Comfort Index™	5	8	8	3	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.

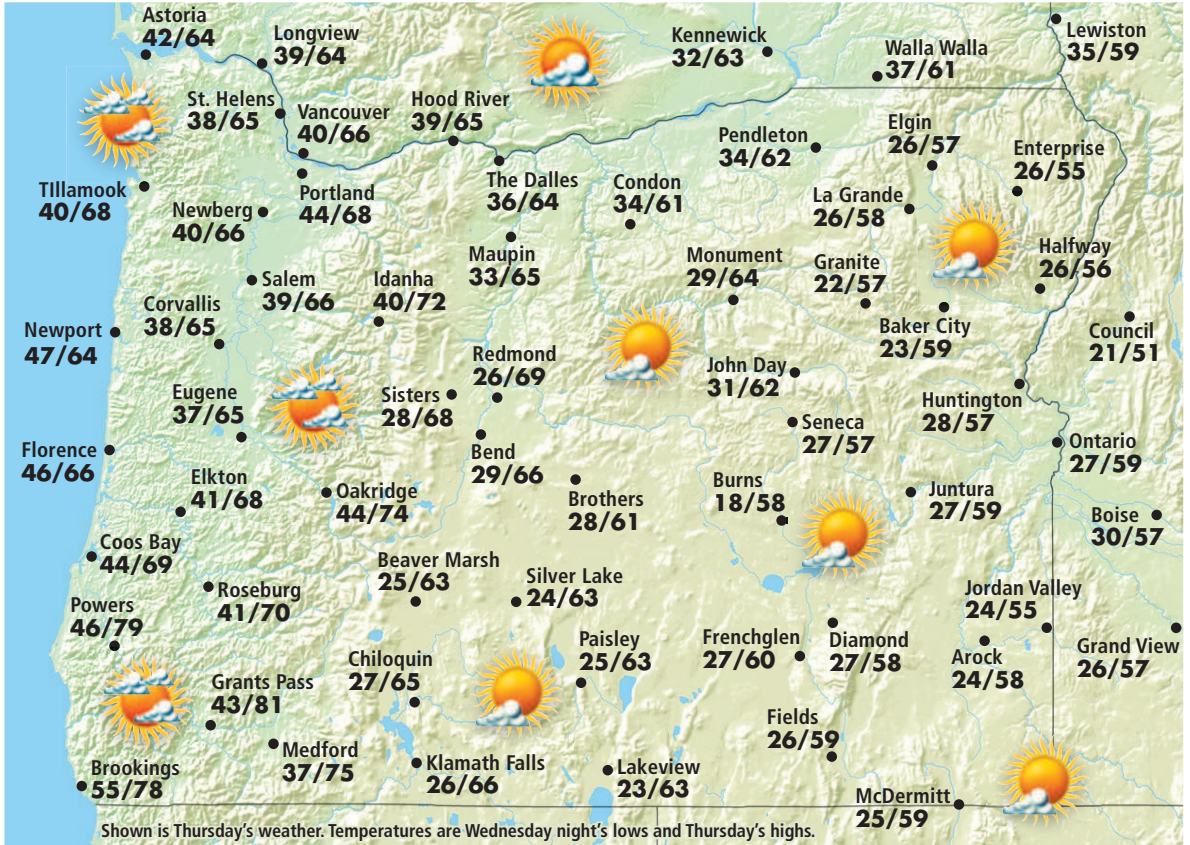
ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
TEMPERATURES			
High Monday	52°	51°	50°
Low Monday	26°	39°	42°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Monday	Trace	0.03	0.12
Month to date	0.11	0.57	2.77
Normal month to date	0.39	0.76	0.96
Year to date	7.14	13.08	25.45
Normal year to date	8.01	12.30	16.81

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	8.5
Evapotranspiration	0.09
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	28% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	62% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	31% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	24% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	20% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Monday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	936 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	17 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	100 cfs
Minam River at Minam	106 cfs
Powder River near Richland	33 cfs

MONDAY EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 98°	Anaheim, Calif.
Low: 8°	Alamosa, Colo.
Wettest: 5.05"	Quillayute, Wash.
OREGON	
High: 72°	Grants Pass
Low: 26°	Baker City
Wettest: 0.10"	Meacham

WEATHER HISTORY	
On Oct. 23, 1991, northerly winds sent cold air into the Dakotas. Bismarck had 7 inches of snow. Simultaneously, south winds sent record warmth into the East; Buffalo, N.Y., had a record high of 77.	
SUN & MOON	
	WED. THU.
Sunrise	7:18 a.m. 7:20 a.m.
Sunset	5:54 p.m. 5:53 p.m.
Moonrise	1:21 a.m. 2:38 a.m.
Moonset	4:05 p.m. 4:37 p.m.
MOON PHASES	
New	First Full Last
Oct 27	Nov 4 Nov 12 Nov 19

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



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REGIONAL CITIES

	THU.	FRI.		THU.	FRI.
City	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W	City	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W
Astoria	64/46/s	58/44/sh	Lewiston	59/41/s	68/43/s
Bend	66/40/s	72/29/s	Longview	64/43/s	61/40/c
Boise	57/35/s	65/38/s	Meacham	57/36/s	61/31/s
Brookings	78/52/pc	70/51/s	Medford	75/40/s	74/43/s
Burns	58/22/s	66/27/s	Newport	64/49/s	60/45/c
Coos Bay	69/47/s	63/43/c	Olympia	62/40/s	60/36/c
Corvallis	65/41/s	68/38/c	Ontario	59/27/pc	63/33/s
Council	51/29/s	57/33/s	Pasco	64/36/s	69/39/s
Elgin	57/35/s	62/34/s	Pendleton	62/40/s	70/38/s
Eugene	65/39/s	70/39/pc	Portland	68/45/s	65/43/c
Hermiston	64/37/s	71/41/s	Powers	79/47/s	71/40/c
Hood River	65/41/s	67/42/pc	Redmond	69/36/s	73/30/c
Imnaha	60/40/s	66/36/s	Roseburg	70/42/s	72/43/s
John Day	62/39/s	68/34/s	Salem	66/42/s	66/39/pc
Joseph	55/35/s	60/31/s	Spokane	54/36/pc	59/36/pc
Kennewick	63/36/s	70/39/s	The Dalles	64/40/s	67/42/s
Klamath Falls	66/29/pc	71/29/s	Ukiah	59/34/s	65/29/s
Lakeview	63/26/s	68/28/s	Walla Walla	61/45/s	70/42/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 THURSDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Not as cold	Mostly sunny
44 29	56 26
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
50 38	60 33
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
45 28	56 33
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
55 35	63 42
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
59 28	58 37

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