

Turn about is fair play for friend using friend

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who lived in my home most of the time for about six years. During that period, she rented out rooms in her house. She paid her bills, and I paid mine, but I covered her living off me. At the time, it didn't bother me much because I could afford it, although I would have preferred to save that money.

I have since sold that house and bought my dream retirement home in another state. Now, I stay with her, and her renters have moved out. It's unpleasant sometimes because when she gets drunk she accuses me of using her. (It's true, I am.) Is it OK to use her by staying in her home without really liking her much? I feel it's my turn to leech, and I'd like to stick it out until I retire in about a year.

— WAITING TO MOVE

DEAR WAITING: It's OK with me as long as it's OK with you. But don't kid yourself. You're not living there rent-free. Tolerating an unpleasant drunk is the price you're paying, and only you can determine whether it's worth it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm originally from another country and have been living in the U.S. for about a decade. Is there a rule of etiquette for kids' play dates?

Quite often, I have invited my child's school friends or the neighbor children to my home for play dates, but their parents never return the courtesy. If my child wants to keep having play dates with those children, should I continue inviting them?

I sometimes feel I could be making the parents uncomfortable, but I feel my child's socialization is more important than what the other parents might think. Am I setting myself up for abuse from those other parents by sending the message that I don't mind always being the host?

— CONFUSED MOTHER

DEAR CONFUSED: Kudos to you for helping your child to socialize and inviting the children into your home. However, not all parents feel as comfortable as you do about having children over, or are as able to do so. Whether or not you are being taken advantage of, I can't say. But perhaps it's better that

you have the children in your home where you can observe and supervise what's going on than they be someplace where you can't.

DEAR ABBY: Ten months ago, I searched for my birth mother and made contact. We corresponded via letters. She was terminally ill and preferred to keep me a secret from her children. I understood her feelings and respected her wishes.

She passed away last month, and her husband sent a letter notifying me. My question is: How long should I wait before reaching out to my siblings?

— REACHING OUT IN MAINE

DEAR REACHING OUT: Do so at any time you wish, but be prepared for them to be shocked and possibly disbelieving. It would have been better had your birth mother prepared them before her death, but since she didn't, I see no reason why you should remain a guilty secret.

DEAR ABBY: I am a Southern belle who was given two "first" names, such as Mary Lou (Peggy Sue, Betty Ann, Bobbi Jo, etc.). All my life the second half of my first name has been dropped. When I sign in at a doctor's office as "Mary Lou," it never fails that when I'm called or the receptionist looks at my records, my name is listed as Mary even after I have explained that my name is Mary Lou. Can you please tell me what I can say so they will remember that I have two first names?

— NOT JUST MARY, IN THE SOUTH

DEAR NOT JUST MARY: Try this the next time it happens. Look the person in the eye and say, "I prefer to be called by my full name. It's Mary Lou, not Mary. Please note that in your computer so we can be clear about it."

DEAR VETERANS: For your service to our nation, I salute you. My thanks to each of you on this Veterans Day. You are the personification of patriotism, self-sacrifice and dedication to our country. Today I would also like to recognize your families for the sacrifices they, too, have made.

— Love, Abby

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	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Turning cloudy	Considerable cloudiness
Baker City	25	53 26	57 25	55 27	53 25
Comfort Index™	7	5	8	7	7
La Grande	34	54 37	56 32	55 35	52 31
Comfort Index™	5	5	7	7	7
Enterprise	32	53 36	53 31	54 35	52 30
Comfort Index™	7	7	8	7	7

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ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
TEMPERATURES			
High Saturday	58°	63°	60°
Low Saturday	19°	28°	39°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Saturday	0.00	Trace	0.00
Month to date	0.00	Trace	0.00
Normal month to date	0.26	0.59	0.81
Year to date	7.14	13.10	25.85
Normal year to date	8.51	13.42	18.36

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	40%
Afternoon wind	S at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	6.5
Evapotranspiration	0.07
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)	
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	31% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	63% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	24% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	28% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	36% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Saturday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	753 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	2 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	12 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	52 cfs
Minam River at Minam	84 cfs
Powder River near Richland	28 cfs

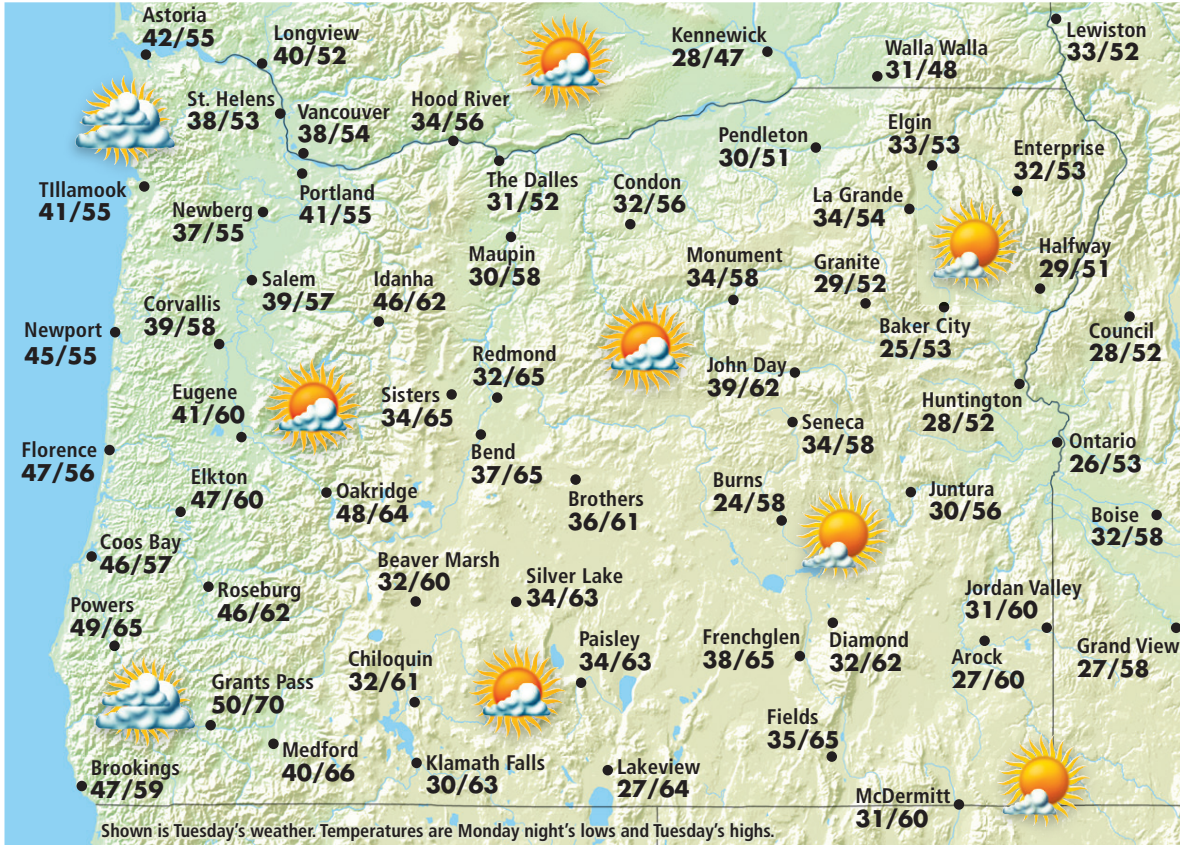
SATURDAY EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 96°	Picacho Peak, Ariz.
Low: 5°	Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 1.05"	Cape Canaveral, Fla.
OREGON	
High: 72°	Redmond
Low: 17°	Lakeview
Wettest: 0.26"	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY
On Nov. 11, 1990, a large storm in the northern Pacific generated waves of 6-10 feet, reaching all the way south to the Hawaiian Islands.

SUN & MOON		MON.	TUE.
Sunrise		6:45 a.m.	6:46 a.m.
Sunset		4:27 p.m.	4:26 p.m.
Moonrise		4:28 p.m.	4:56 p.m.
Moonset		5:35 a.m.	6:41 a.m.
MOON PHASES			
Full	Last	New	First
			
Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26	Dec 3

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	55/43/r	58/43/pc	Lewiston	52/37/c	54/33/pc
Bend	65/34/c	59/35/pc	Longview	52/43/sh	56/42/pc
Boise	58/34/c	58/35/pc	Meacham	52/36/c	53/31/pc
Brookings	59/46/c	62/48/c	Medford	66/38/pc	65/41/c
Burns	58/29/c	60/26/pc	Newport	55/45/sh	58/45/c
Coos Bay	57/45/c	61/46/c	Olympia	53/38/r	54/35/pc
Corvallis	58/43/c	56/39/pc	Ontario	53/27/c	59/29/pc
Council	52/32/pc	56/32/pc	Pasco	48/29/c	51/30/pc
Elgin	53/40/c	55/32/pc	Pendleton	51/37/c	52/33/pc
Eugene	60/44/c	56/41/pc	Portland	55/43/sh	59/43/pc
Hermiston	49/34/c	52/33/pc	Powers	65/47/pc	68/47/c
Hood River	56/41/c	55/39/pc	Redmond	65/33/c	62/31/pc
Imnaha	57/40/c	58/39/pc	Roseburg	62/44/pc	62/44/c
John Day	62/36/c	59/39/pc	Salem	57/44/c	58/39/pc
Joseph	53/34/pc	53/32/pc	Spokane	44/28/c	45/30/pc
Kennewick	47/31/c	50/33/pc	The Dalles	52/38/c	55/37/pc
Klamath Falls	63/29/pc	62/31/c	Ukiah	56/32/c	55/31/pc
Lakeview	64/26/pc	63/29/pc	Walla Walla	48/37/c	49/33/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 TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES A p.m. shower	42 23		PHILLIPS LAKE Mostly cloudy	52 28	
MT. EMILY REC. Rather cloudy	47 35		BROWNLEE RES. Mostly cloudy	55 33	
EAGLE CAP WILD. Mostly cloudy	37 22		EMIGRANT ST. PARK Mostly cloudy	52 34	
WALLOWA LAKE Partly sunny	53 34		MCKAY RESERVOIR Cloudy	54 37	
THIEF VALLEY RES. A p.m. shower	53 26		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Mostly cloudy	54 37	

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