

Daughter senses mom is hurt by her relationship with dad

DEAR ABBY: I am a 49-year-old woman whose mother tries to make me feel guilty for having a good relationship with my father. I have an excellent relationship with her, but lately it feels strained because she gets mad if Dad and I do things together or even just talk on the phone. My goal is not to hurt her, but I refuse not to have a relationship with my dad just to appease her. Have you ever heard of a mother being jealous of her daughter's relationship with her father?

— CONFLICTED IN NEW JERSEY



DEAR ABBY

DEAR CONFLICTED: Yes, I have. But you say you have an excellent relationship with your mother, and this behavior is recent. Do you call and interact individually with her the way you do with your father? If not, it might help to give her more attention than you have.

Is her relationship with your father the same as it always has been? If it isn't, because you and your father have extended, private phone conversations on a regular basis, she may fear you have supplanted her in his affections. However, if this isn't the case, and she demonstrates other personality changes, her physician should be notified so she can be evaluated.

DEAR ABBY: I have been trying to deal with this on my own for a long time. I have been "crushing" on a man of my faith for a couple of years, and it never seems to subside. We are both married to others, seemingly happily. I like his wife very much, and I would never want to hurt her.

I think he is a wonderful human being, and he has said as much to me. We would never entertain the idea of an affair. From my standpoint, I don't know what to do. Do you have any suggestions? I try to give my own husband lots of love.

— TORN BETWEEN TWO IN MONTANA

DEAR TORN: Do nothing about this crush. Continue giving your husband lots of love, attention and appreciation. Crushes are normal. Sometimes they serve as reminders that we are still alive. As long as they remain "unfertilized romances," they harm no one. You have a mutual admiration society because you both deserve it and have nothing to feel guilty about.

DEAR ABBY: Is there any way to stop charities from sending all of this "free stuff"? When I donate to charity, I intend for my contribution to be used to help someone in need. Instead, I am subjected to all kinds of things in my mailbox. I have received money, postage stamps, greeting cards, notepads and

enough mailing labels to far outlast me!

I have now decided that any charity that sends me merchandise or any other "freebie" will be taken off my donation list. I hate to write bona fide charities off my list, but it has become ridiculous.

— WASTEFUL IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WASTEFUL: You are not the only person to complain about this. I receive many letters from equally frustrated readers about it.

Before donating to any charity, go online and check out charitynavigator.org. If you do, it will give you insight into where your money goes -- including how much of their revenue is spent on salaries and "overhead." Just because you receive notepads, mailing labels and calendars does NOT mean you are obligated to send money. Please remember that.

DEAR ABBY: I have shared a friendship for 40 years with a woman who is known for having a quick temper. Although I have been on the receiving end of her anger many times, we manage to maintain our relationship.

She lives across the country now and, unfortunately, suffers from a major debilitating illness. She lives with a man she argues with often, in his small apartment. They struggle financially, and she recently confided that when they argue, she dunks his toothbrush in the toilet to get even. Obviously, it is without his knowledge.

I have never met him, but he is very nice to me when I call. I want to tell him what my friend has been doing. I feel he needs to know the health risks he's facing when he brushes his teeth.

Of course, if I do, I know I'll incur her wrath once again as she'll know I ratted her out. And he will undoubtedly evict her from the apartment. She doesn't have the finances to get her own place, and the eviction may result in her becoming homeless. I'm struggling with which is worse: his health risk or her homelessness.

So far, I have kept my mouth shut, but each day I know he is brushing his teeth with bacteria. Should I continue to remain silent?

— YUCK FACTOR IN THE DESERT

DEAR YUCK FACTOR: While dipping his toothbrush in the toilet may not kill him, it could make him sick. Tell him what has been going on. If your friendship with the woman ends, so be it.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Nobody knows why there are pigeons in cowboy hats roaming Las Vegas

By Josephine Harvey
The Huffington Post

For reasons unknown, somebody is putting cowboy hats on pigeons in Las Vegas.

Over the past week, there have been multiple reports of Las Vegas birds sporting various colored cowboy headwear, raising many, many questions. Who is doing this? How? Why? Are the pigeons OK?

Pigeon rescue and advocacy group Lofty Hopes, whose slogan is, "A Pigeon Positive Movement," is working to find some answers.

Mariah Hillman, who runs Lofty Hopes, told Huffington Post that after several days of searching, on Tuesday they finally tracked down the pigeon in the red hat, which they've named Cluck Norris. Coo-Lamity Jane, who wears a pink hat, is still out roaming the wild west. There's also reportedly a brown-hatted pigeon on the loose.

The birds went viral last week after a video, shot by local resident Bobby Lee, was picked up by local media.

Others also reported seeing the well-dressed birds out and about. Some social media users noted that the National Finals Rodeo happened to be in town, but the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association had "nothing to do with the pigeons wearing cowboy hats," ProRodeo

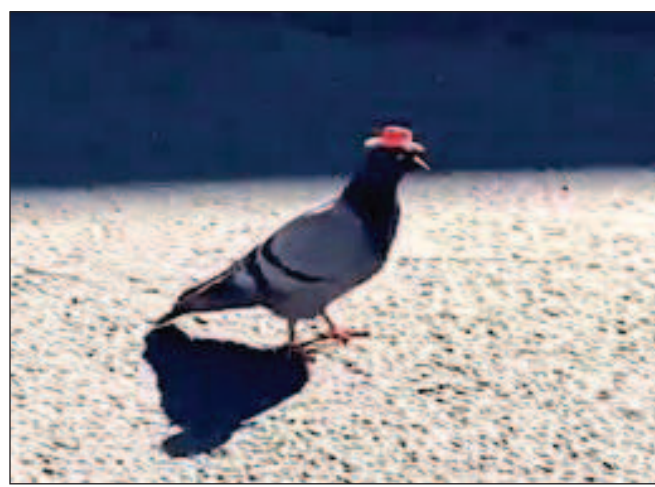


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Pigeons wearing hats have been seen walking the streets of Las Vegas.

Sports News editor Scott Kaniewski told The New York Times.

Lofty Hopes operates in the Las Vegas area and works to help injured wild and domestic pigeons, as well as other birds and animals. Hillman said that although she first thought the birds' attire was cute, she quickly developed concerns for the safety of the cowboy pigeons when she realized the hats appeared to be permanently secured.

Now that the hats have been on for at least five days, Hillman believes the hats have been stuck on with something more industrial than just "eyelash glue," she said.

"We could wait until they molt it off, wait until he loses his feathers when it gets warm out," she suggested. "Oil neutralizes glue,

but then you have the issue of an oily pigeon."

After speaking with people who shot the footage, Lofty Hopes was able to locate Cluck Norris, and has set a trap in order to capture him and assess his hat situation and how best to remove it safely. Unfortunately, as people keep feeding the fashionable bird, he's been difficult to capture as he's "not interested in food," Hillman said.

She said she's been getting reports of the birds from the area between the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and McCarran International Airport.

On capture, the birds will need to spend some time at the rescue while they work out how to de-cowboy them they may need to hang out at Lofty Hopes until they

— From wire reports

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	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	Thickening clouds	Considerable clouds	Cloudy	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy
Baker City	24	38 21	37 19	35 19	33 22
Comfort Index™	4	4	4	3	0
La Grande	30	40 24	37 24	36 25	35 25
Comfort Index™	2	3	1	2	0
Enterprise	26	35 22	34 18	33 20	33 20
Comfort Index™	3	3	3	3	3

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Wednesday	43°	42°	44°
Low Wednesday	30°	37°	37°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Wednesday	Trace	0.01	0.04
Month to date	0.04	0.12	0.27
Normal month to date	0.35	0.67	1.18
Year to date	7.39	13.84	26.70
Normal year to date	9.50	15.53	21.85

WED. EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 90° Immokalee, Fla.
Low: -30° Brimson, Minn.
Wettest: 1.48" Quillayute, Wash.

OREGON
High: 53° Brookings
Low: 22° Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.65" Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY

A mass of arctic air settled into Florida on Dec. 13, 1962. This cold air caused Florida's worst December freeze of the 20th century.

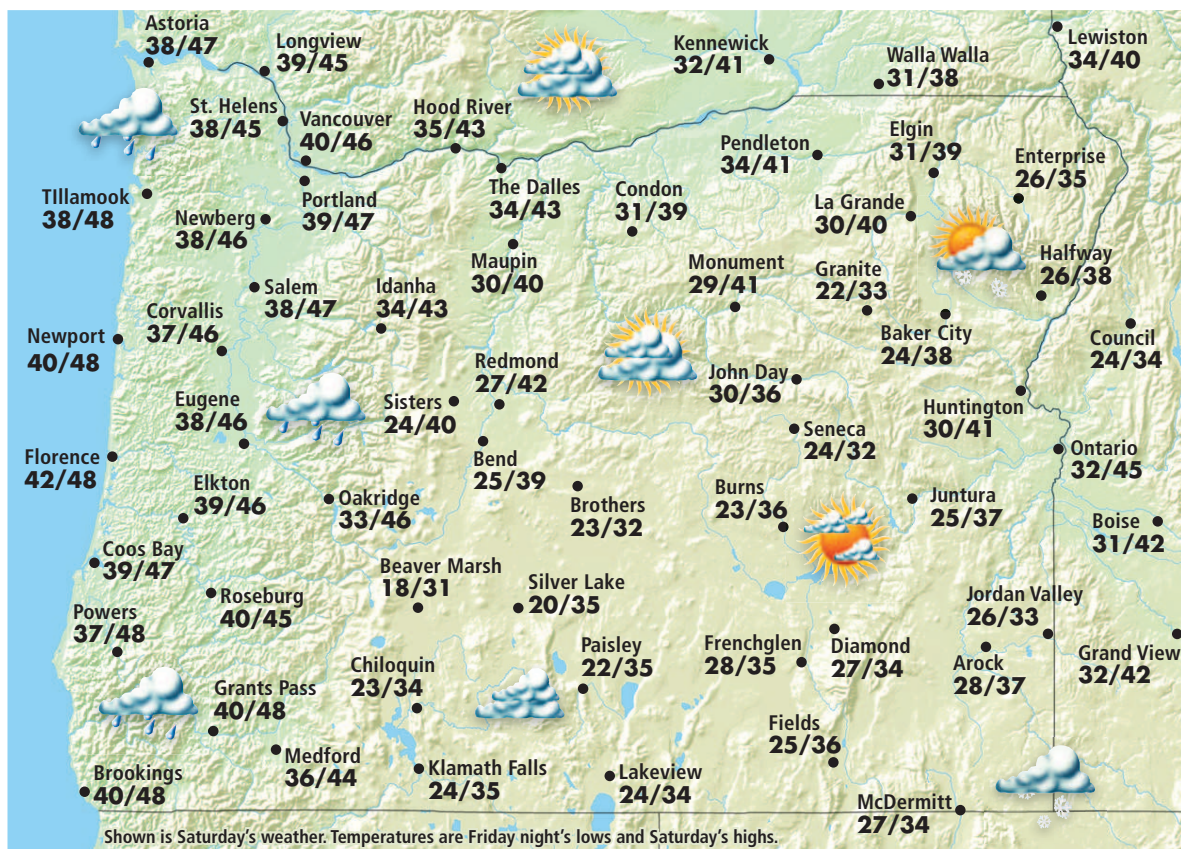
SUN & MOON

	FRI.	SAT.
Sunrise	7:23 a.m.	7:24 a.m.
Sunset	4:10 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Moonrise	5:45 p.m.	6:50 p.m.
Moonset	8:48 a.m.	9:44 a.m.

MOON PHASES	Last	New	First	Full
	Dec 18	Dec 25	Jan 2	Jan 10

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SAT. HI/Lo/W	SUN. HI/Lo/W	City	SAT. HI/Lo/W	SUN. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	47/33/c	47/38/sh	Lewiston	40/31/c	38/28/sn
Bend	39/26/pc	39/23/c	Longview	45/34/c	43/36/sh
Boise	42/27/pc	39/24/c	Meacham	37/23/c	35/24/c
Brookings	48/40/r	50/40/sh	Medford	44/35/r	46/32/sh
Burns	36/19/pc	35/15/sn	Newport	48/37/r	48/39/sh
Coos Bay	47/38/r	50/36/sh	Olympia	46/35/c	44/33/sh
Corvallis	46/36/r	45/34/sh	Ontario	45/28/pc	42/26/c
Council	34/20/c	32/19/c	Pasco	39/26/pc	38/26/c
Elgin	39/25/c	36/25/c	Pendleton	41/28/c	38/26/c
Eugene	46/36/r	44/33/sh	Portland	47/35/sh	44/37/sh
Hermiston	43/29/pc	40/27/c	Powers	48/38/r	48/36/sh
Hood River	43/33/sh	43/32/r	Redmond	42/25/pc	40/19/c
Imnaha	40/26/c	38/21/c	Roseburg	45/38/r	46/35/r
John Day	36/25/c	35/24/c	Salem	47/35/c	45/35/sh
Joseph	35/21/c	33/17/c	Spokane	35/26/c	31/23/c
Kennewick	41/28/pc	39/26/c	The Dalles	43/32/sh	43/30/sn
Klamath Falls	35/24/c	35/20/sn	Ukiah	36/23/c	34/21/c
Lakeview	34/21/sn	34/18/sn	Walla Walla	38/26/c	33/27/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 SATURDAY

Location	SAT. HI	SUN. HI	Location	SAT. HI	SUN. HI
ANTHONY LAKES	17	8	PHILLIPS LAKE	34	19
MT. EMILY REC.	29	20	BROWNLEE RES.	39	25
EAGLE CAP WILD.	24	10	EMIGRANT ST. PARK	34	21
WALLOWA LAKE	35	21	MCKAY RESERVOIR	41	28
THIEF VALLEY RES.	38	21	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	40	24

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