

Couple quarrels over money spent on their granddaughter

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are retired and financially comfortable. I have my spending money, and he has his. The problem is, he doesn't want me to spend any money on my granddaughter.

I pick her up from school every day, give her an afternoon snack, and on Friday, we stop and get something special. My husband thinks my daughter should pay for my gas and provide snacks for her child. I disagree. I love doing things for my granddaughter and buying things for her every once in a while. When I do, he goes nuts, packs up his clothes and goes to his camp. After a few days he will call.

I have lived with this behavior all our married life (55 years). He has fussed so many times and made me so depressed, I just want to die. He says he loves me, but I wonder. If he loved me, he would want me to be happy — doing things with my granddaughter and getting her pretty things every now and then because it makes me happy.

I don't go out and get my hair or nails done. I don't drink or smoke, and we don't go out to eat at expensive restaurants. His complaining is driving me crazy, and I can't live like this anymore. She's 10 and growing up so fast. All I want is to enjoy her the little while I have left. Advice?

— BLOCKED GRANDMA IN LOUISIANA

DEAR GRANDMA: After 55 years of tolerating your husband's tantrums and controlling behavior, I seriously doubt you are going to get him to change. You can, however, change the way you react to it. If you have money of your own, he does not have the right to tell you how to spend it. Let him go camping, and while he's gone, enjoy your time with your granddaughter. If he "goes nuts" — which I assume means becomes verbally abusive — leave the room.

Ask yourself whether you are better off with this man or without him. And if you truly cannot live like this anymore, talk to an attorney and explore your options.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a friend of 35 years I'll call Hank. Hank had an accident three months ago. His vehicle was totaled, and he has been depending

upon us to take him grocery shopping and to various appointments. When we take him, he often adds additional stops without asking ahead of time, which turns a quick trip into a marathon shopping excursion.

We still work part-time, while Hank is retired. He is procrastinating about buying another vehicle, citing various reasons why he can't find the right one, and we are becoming exhausted from driving him around. We have mentioned several times that he needs to get a vehicle; his response is, "It's not easy."

We feel sad that our friendship has taken this turn. We have tried to be as helpful as possible, but our patience is wearing thin. What do you suggest?

— WORN OUT IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR WORN OUT: I suggest you stop making yourselves so available when Hank asks for transportation. If you do, it may stimulate him to look more diligently for a new vehicle, or explore other rideshare options.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have had the same roommate, "Milo," for four years. Two years ago, he started dating my husband's ex-girlfriend. It was no big deal, my husband was fine with it, and Milo never brings her over. In the time they've been seeing each other Milo has refused to fully commit to her. He doesn't see other people, but he doesn't call her his girlfriend.

Today my husband told me Milo won't commit to her because he thinks it would bother me if she were around our house all the time. He's right. It would. I'm not in love with the idea of my husband's drop-dead gorgeous ex hanging out at our house.

Am I being selfish? I want our roommate to be happy, and I'm not sure how to proceed. Must I just suck it up? I mean, I'm married for heaven's sake.

— SELFISH ROOMMATE

DEAR ROOMMATE: I don't think you should acquiesce to anything that makes you uncomfortable. You're making a mistake by assuming responsibility for the fact that Milo won't commit. He's a grown man and responsible for his own choices. The current arrangement is working for all of you, and you should stay out of it.

CARBON SEQUESTRATION

NE Oregon forests get nod for carbon sequestration

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CORVALLIS — A study by Oregon State University researchers has identified forests in the western United States, including in Northeast Oregon, that should be preserved for their potential to mitigate climate change through carbon sequestration, as well as to enhance biodiversity.

The study showed that not logging those forests would be the carbon dioxide equivalent of halting eight years' worth of fossil fuel burning in the western lower 48, the scientists found, noting that making land stewardship a higher societal priority is crucial for altering climate change trajectory.

The findings, published in Ecological Applications, are important because capping global temperature increases at 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, as called for in the 2016 Paris Agreement, would maintain substantial proportions of ecosystems while also benefiting economies and human health, according to scientists.

"The greater frequency and intensity of extreme events, such as wildfires, have adversely affected terrestrial ecosystems," said study co-author Beverly Law, professor of forest ecosystems and society in the OSU College of Forestry. "Although climate change is impacting forests in many regions, other regions are expected to have low vulnerability to fires, insects and



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Some forested areas in the foothills of the Wallowa Mountains, especially on the southwest side, have been recognized by researchers as being able to sequester large amounts of carbon.

drought in the future."

Law, Oregon State forestry professor William Ripple, postdoctoral research associate Polly Buotte and Logan Berner of EcoSpatial Services analyzed forests in the western United States to simulate potential carbon sequestration through the 21st century.

The five-year study supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture identified, and targeted for preservation, forests with high carbon sequestration potential, low vulnerability to drought, fire and beetles, and high biodiversity value.

Largely through the burning of fossil fuels, which releases the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, the Earth has already warmed by 1 degree Celsius. Arctic sea

ice is declining at the fastest rate in 1,500 years, sea levels have risen more than 8 inches since 1880, and extreme weather events are becoming more common and damaging.

Atmospheric CO2 has increased 40% since the dawn of the Industrial Age. According to the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration's Global Monitoring Division, the global average atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration on Jan. 1, was 410 parts per million, higher than at any time in at least 800,000 years.

"Smart land management can mitigate the effects of climate-induced ecosystem changes to biodiversity and watersheds, which influence ecosystem services that play a key role in human well-being," said Buotte, the study's corresponding author.

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TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Breezy early; cloudy	Cloudy and breezy	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy	Variable cloudiness
Baker City 34 Comfort Index™ 2	43 28 3	43 25 4	38 21 3	36 21 3
La Grande 39 Comfort Index™ 2	44 34 2	43 28 5	39 22 2	34 27 0
Enterprise 38 Comfort Index™ 4	44 33 3	43 26 5	37 19 4	33 23 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 Wednesday	33°	35°	36°
Low Wednesday	26°	29°	29°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Wednesday	Trace	Trace	0.00
Month to date	0.07	0.35	1.45
Normal month to date	0.57	1.01	1.82
Year to date	7.42	14.07	27.88
Normal year to date	9.72	15.87	22.49

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 10 to 20 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.2
Evapotranspiration	0.08

RESERVOIR STORAGE	(through midnight Thursday)
Phillips Reservoir	23% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	38% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	66% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	20% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	36% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	77% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS	(through midnight Wednesday)
Grande Ronde at Troy	546 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	5 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	14 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	94 cfs
Minam River at Minam	159 cfs
Powder River near Richland	57 cfs

WED. EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 80°	Key West, Fla.
Low: -38°	Ely, Minn.
Wettest: 1.64"	Fort Myers, Fla.
OREGON	
High: 55°	Seaside
Low: 10°	Odell Lake
Wettest: 0.02"	Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY

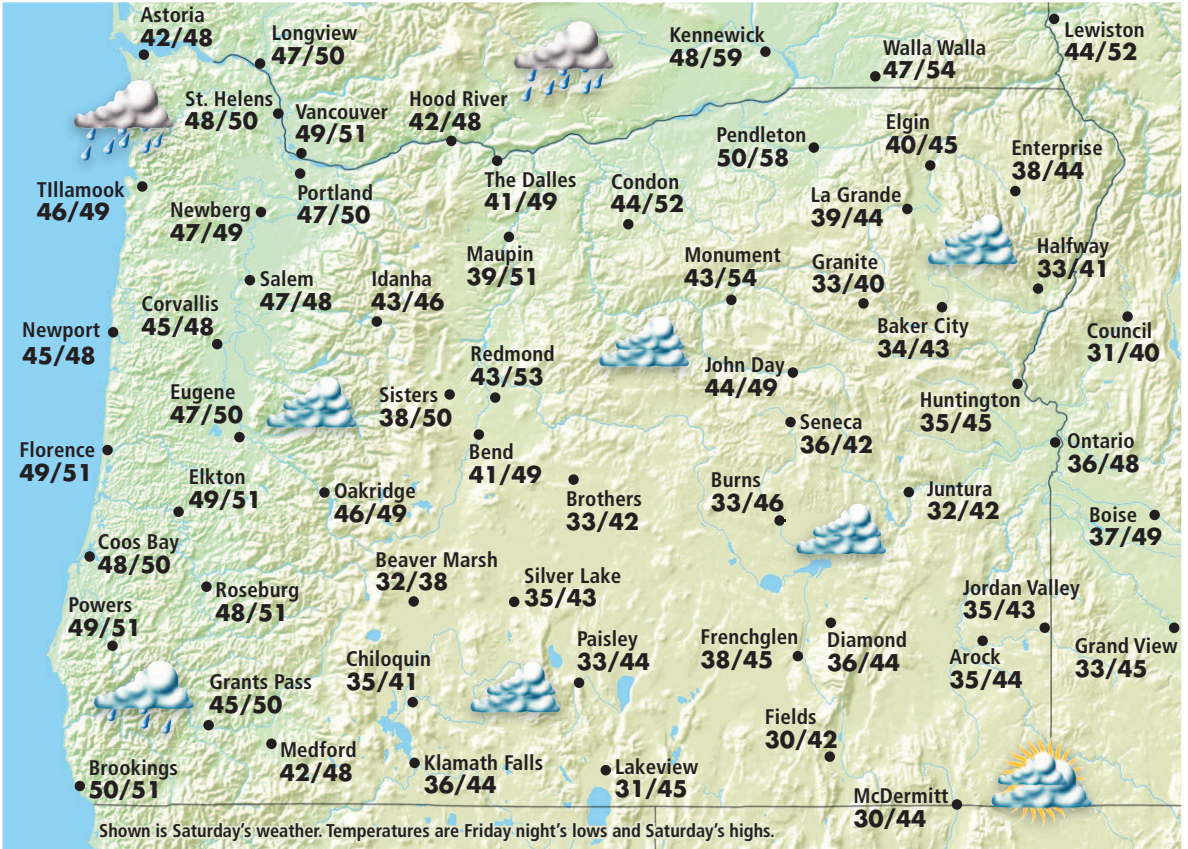
On Dec. 20, 1836, in central Illinois, the temperature dropped from 40 degrees to zero between noon and 1 p.m. Arctic cold fronts killed many settlers heading westward through the Plains.

SUN & MOON

	FRI.	SAT.
Sunrise	7:28 a.m.	7:28 a.m.
Sunset	4:12 p.m.	4:12 p.m.
Moonrise	12:58 a.m.	2:12 a.m.
Moonset	1:06 p.m.	1:32 p.m.

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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	48/38/r	47/37/pc	Lewiston	52/38/c	45/36/c
Bend	49/32/r	40/24/c	Longview	50/41/r	47/38/c
Boise	49/38/c	53/32/c	Meacham	44/34/c	42/27/c
Brookings	51/41/r	49/39/c	Medford	48/36/r	43/34/sh
Burns	46/26/c	41/19/c	Newport	48/40/r	48/38/c
Coos Bay	50/41/r	49/36/c	Olympia	48/37/sh	46/34/pc
Corvallis	48/39/r	46/33/c	Ontario	48/33/c	50/29/c
Council	40/26/c	43/24/pc	Pasco	57/40/c	46/34/c
Elgin	45/34/c	43/30/c	Pendleton	58/40/c	45/33/c
Eugene	50/40/r	46/34/c	Portland	50/42/r	48/38/c
Hermiston	59/42/c	47/35/c	Powers	51/39/r	46/35/r
Hood River	48/38/r	44/34/c	Redmond	53/32/r	44/23/c
Imnaha	48/36/c	47/28/pc	Roseburg	51/41/r	47/36/sh
John Day	49/35/c	44/27/c	Salem	48/40/r	47/35/c
Joseph	43/32/c	42/25/c	Spokane	47/36/sh	40/31/r
Kennewick	59/41/c	47/35/c	The Dalles	49/39/r	44/33/r
Klamath Falls	44/29/r	38/24/sh	Ukiah	47/33/c	43/26/c
Lakeview	45/29/r	41/22/sf	Walla Walla	54/40/c	44/33/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

ANTHONY LAKES Very windy; cloudy 33 16		PHILLIPS LAKE Remaining cloudy 40 26	
MT. EMILY REC. Cloudy and breezy 38 28		BROWNLEE RES. Still cloudy 45 28	
EAGLE CAP WILD. Remaining cloudy 31 22		EMIGRANT ST. PARK Remaining cloudy 42 29	
WALLOWA LAKE Remaining cloudy 43 32		MCKAY RESERVOIR Cloudy and mild 57 39	
THIEF VALLEY RES. Remaining cloudy 43 28		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Cloudy and breezy 44 34	

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