

Brain injury alters friend’s personality in negative ways

DEAR ABBY: “Stella” and I have been close friends for 25 years. Two years ago, she was in a car accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. She has since recovered and returned to work.

Stella’s personality has changed a lot since the accident. Her language and clothing are inappropriate. At 65 years old, her wardrobe now consists of mini-skirts, spike heels, over-the-knee lace-up boots, halter tops, etc. She says suggestive things to my boyfriend in front of me. He no longer wants to be around her. Most of Stella’s friends have distanced themselves, and her husband has moved out of their home.

I remember how close we once were, and I don’t want to end the friendship, but I don’t think I can tolerate being around her. How can I help her and keep my sanity?

— TOO MUCH CHANGE IN TEXAS
DEAR TOO MUCH: Be gentle with Stella because her change may be beyond her control. Help her by trying to talk frankly with her. Explain how much her personality and image have changed since the accident, and that some of her actions have made people so uneasy they have distanced themselves. Tell her that her comments to your boyfriend made him uncomfortable, and you need them to stop.

I can’t predict how she will react, but you may get through to her. If not, she may end her friendship with you, and you can retain your sanity.

DEAR ABBY: My significant other, “Bob,” and I have been together for 30 years (never married). The past 10 years of our relationship have not been so good in the bedroom.

Bob has ED and refuses to see a professional about it. He is well aware of how unfair it is to me because my sex drive is still in full swing. Would it be wrong to tell him that since he doesn’t want to seek help for his problem, I am going to find a “friend with benefits”?

I have reached the point where I want to leave him.

If he would get help for his problem, our relationship would improve, and I would be willing to stay.

— DEPRIVED IN OHIO
DEAR DEPRIVED: Bob may be so

embarrassed about his ED problem that he’s afraid to have a frank talk with a doctor about it. It’s a shame because in many cases there is help for it.

Because you have reached the end of your tether, discuss your feelings with him as openly as you have with me. If you do, it may jolt him into doing something for himself that he should have done a decade ago.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law passed away a year ago. Since then, my husband and his sister have been letting my father-in-law stay with each of us on different nights. He’s with us every Friday and Tuesday and with my husband’s sister Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

My father-in-law is healthy and capable of doing everything for himself. I am getting SO tired of this arrangement! It is cramping my life in a big way. What do I do?

— RUINING MY LIFE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR RUINING: Start making plans for yourself on Friday and Tuesday nights so you will feel less encroached-upon. And introduce your father-in-law to some ladies his age — providing he is willing. (Men in his demographic are a hot commodity, and I’m betting that he will be willing.)

DEAR ABBY: My mom and stepdad occasionally watch my children to help us out or to spend time with them. I just found out that Mom will not put my 8-month-old into a crib or Pack ‘n Play to sleep. She puts her into bed along with my 4-year-old son. I have asked my mother repeatedly not to do that, not only for safety, but so everyone can sleep. She refuses. She says I should trust them, and they should be allowed to do whatever they want when the kids are with them. Please tell me what to do.

— FRUSTRATED DAUGHTER
DEAR FRUSTRATED: Why you should trust someone who deliberately ignores your wishes is beyond me.

Let me tell you what NOT to do. Do not allow your children to stay with your mother under these circumstances. Sometimes Mama does NOT know best, and this is one of them. If you prefer your children not share the same bed, your wishes should be respected.

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weather

TONIGHT

Mostly cloudy

Baker City 43

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WED

A shower in the afternoon

Baker City 81 49

Comfort Index™ 9

THU

Cloudy, a shower; cooler

Baker City 60 31

Comfort Index™ 4

FRI

Mostly cloudy

Baker City 67 37

Comfort Index™ 10

SAT

Turning cloudy

Baker City 69 34

Comfort Index™ 10

La Grande 45

Comfort Index™ 10

La Grande 77 48

Comfort Index™ 9

La Grande 57 31

Comfort Index™ 2

La Grande 65 38

Comfort Index™ 10

La Grande 67 39

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TEMPERATURES

Baker City

La Grande

Elgin

High Sunday

74°

69°

71°

Low Sunday

35°

39°

40°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Sunday

0.00

0.00

0.03

Month to date

0.09

0.60

1.19

Normal month to date

0.71

1.35

1.73

Year to date

0.88

6.21

19.52

Normal year to date

2.93

5.62

9.51

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 106°

Low: 19°

Wettest: 1.56"

El Centro, Calif.

Angel Fire, N.M.

Hollywood, Fla.

OREGON

High: 77°

Low: 28°

Wettest: none

Medford

Redmond

WEATHER HISTORY

State College, Pa., was buried by 20 inches of snow on April 28, 1928. The train from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia was blocked for two days.

SUN & MOON

TUE.

WED.

Sunrise

5:45 a.m.

5:43 a.m.

Sunset

7:55 p.m.

7:57 p.m.

Moonrise

9:32 a.m.

10:31 a.m.

Moonset

12:44 a.m.

1:37 a.m.

MOON PHASES

First

Full

Last

New

Apr 30

May 7

May 14

May 22

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Lowest relative humidity

35%

Afternoon wind

SSW at 6 to 12 mph

Hours of sunshine

8.8

Evapotranspiration

0.16

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir

42% of capacity

Unity Reservoir

99% of capacity

Owyhee Reservoir

84% of capacity

McKay Reservoir

98% of capacity

Wallowa Lake

79% of capacity

Thief Valley Reservoir

95% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy

7250 cfs

Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder

57 cfs

Burnt River near Unity

246 cfs

Umatilla River near Gibbon

1190 cfs

Minam River at Minam

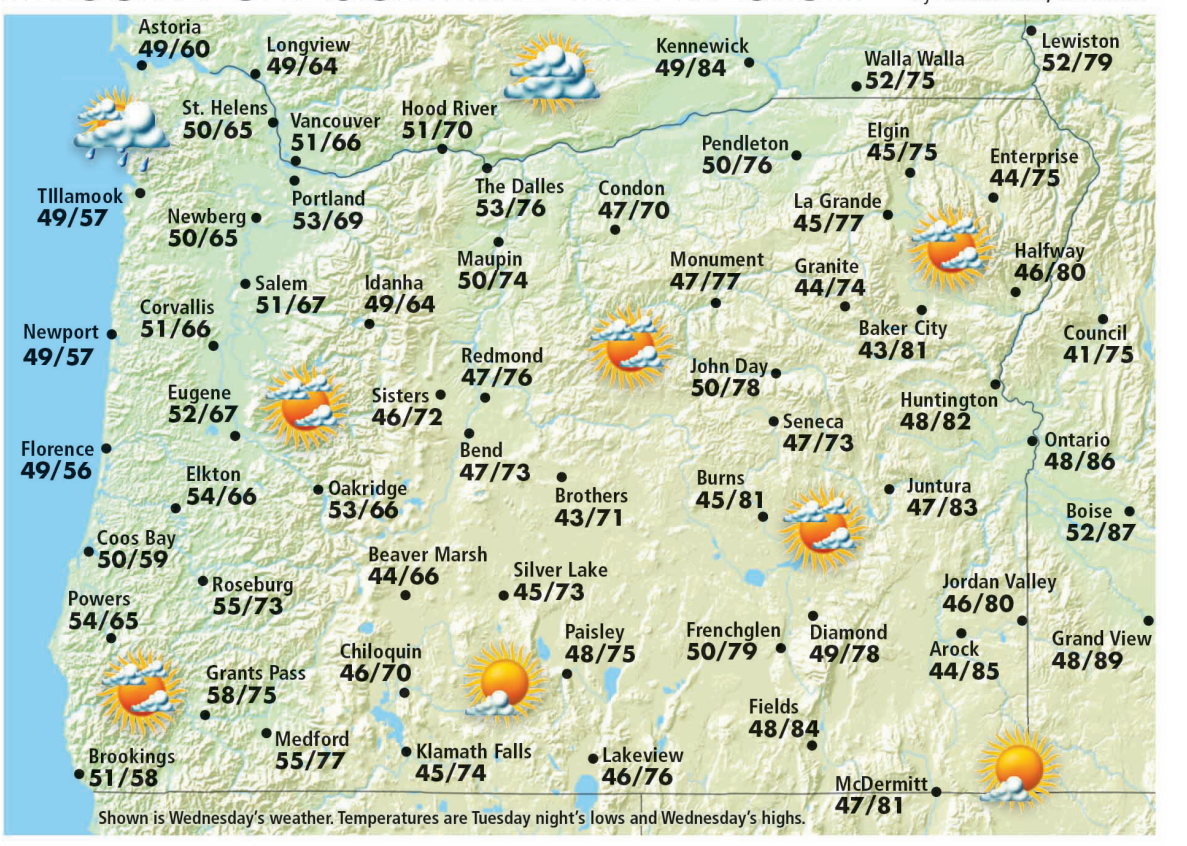
729 cfs

Powder River near Richland

151 cfs

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Tuesday night's lows and Wednesday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

WED.

THU.

City

Hi/Low/W

Hi/Low/W

Astoria

60/46/r

58/41/sh

Bend

73/44/pc

59/31/sh

Boise

87/55/pc

69/45/pc

Brookings

58/50/c

59/45/c

Burns

81/44/pc

60/32/pc

Coos Bay

59/48/c

57/41/c

Corvallis

66/48/c

64/40/sh

Council

75/49/pc

59/36/sh

Elgin

78/48/c

58/32/c

Eugene

67/49/c

66/42/sh

Hermiston

81/57/pc

71/40/c

Hood River

70/51/c

63/39/sh

Imnaha

79/51/pc

56/36/sh

John Day

78/48/c

54/35/c

Joseph

74/44/pc

51/30/sh

Kennewick

84/57/pc

74/41/sh

Klamath Falls

74/42/pc

61/35/c

Lakeview

76/42/pc

60/34/c

Lewiston

79/58/c

66/43/c

Longview

64/47/r

61/39/sh

Meacham

74/47/pc

56/31/c

Medford

77/53/pc

69/44/c

Newport

57/47/r

56/42/sh

Olympia

65/45/r

60/36/c

Ontario

86/59/c

73/44/pc

Pasco

84/57/pc

75/39/c

Pendleton

76/53/pc

65/39/c

Portland

69/50/c

64/44/sh

Powers

65/47/c

62/40/c

Redmond

76/45/pc

62/31/sh

Roseburg

73/53/c

68/45/c

Salem

67/47/c

63/40/sh

Spokane

73/52/c

64/40/c

The Dalles

76/55/c

67/42/sh

Ukiah

74/44/pc

65/29/c

Walla Walla

75/54/pc

65/42/c

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES

Partly sunny

57 32

MT. EMILY REC.

A p.m. shower

64 40

EAGLE CAP WILD.

A p.m. shower

62 38

WALLOWA LAKE

Partly sunny

74 44

THIEF VALLEY RES.

Partly sunny

81 49

PHILLIPS LAKE

Partly sunny

75 45

BROWNLEE RES.

High clouds

80 52

EMIGRANT ST. PARK

Partly sunny

69 42

MCKAY RESERVOIR

Partly sunny

76 51

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK

A p.m. shower

77 48

LISTED SERVICES FROM COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Baker, Union, and Wallowa County Senior Centers: Take Out Meals available for pick-up; Meals On Wheels being delivered.

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