

Schedules collide when mother and daughter share a car

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl, and I'm having a conflict with my mom over my car. Her car broke down and she needed to use mine, which is completely understandable, and I agreed. However, I have a work schedule I have to stick to, and I need my car to get to and from. I pay all the bills for it, and the title is in my grandfather's name. I asked her to let me use my car to get to and from work and for Valentine's Day with my boyfriend. She seemed upset by it, and now she and my stepdad con-



DEAR ABBY

tinually tell me that should she EVER need the car, I have to give it to her. While I understand she needs it to get to and from work, and I'm willing to be flexible so she can, her demand that I not use it the entire time hers is in the shop (majority of this time is on a weekend when she's not working) is unacceptable because I also have responsibilities. How do I help her understand that while she can use it for work because that is important, when I need it after her work hours, I

should be able to use it because I pay for it? Must I just suck it up and let her continue using it (putting my relationship with my boyfriend at risk and possibly having to walk five miles to work in bad weather) or tell her the days I need it are absolute, and since it is my car, I will be using it? — **CONFUSED IN MISSOURI**
DEAR CONFUSED: While I agree with the concept of "yours" and "mine," there are times when family has to pull together. On the grand scale of things at this point, your mom's responsibilities as an adult are more important than your love life. If your boyfriend thinks so little of

you that your being carless on a special occasion will destroy your relationship, then that relationship isn't destined to last forever. If lacking access to your car means you would have to trudge five miles in bad weather to and from work, ask your stepdad or your grandfather if — in an emergency — one of them can transport you. But do not attempt to lay down the law to your mother, or I guarantee you will not like the consequences. DEAR ABBY: There is this guy that I like a lot. I want to ask him out, but it recently came to my attention that we have a mutual ex-boyfriend. Should I bring it

up or let it go? He is friends with our shared ex on Facebook, and I don't know what to do. — **GUY WITH A CRUSH IN PENNSYLVANIA**
DEAR GUY: Once the quarantine and social distancing are lifted, ask him out. When you do, I think it would be wise to disclose this information to your crush because it will become apparent soon enough. If things move forward, there will likely be pictures posted on Facebook. If you try to sweep it under the carpet, he will think you are doing it because you have something to hide. Introduce the subject this way: "Small world, isn't it?"

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Poland plans pensions for dogs, horses in state employment

WARSAW, Poland — They locate survivors in collapsed buildings, track down fugitives, foil drugs and explosives smugglers and help control rowdy crowds. All in exchange for food and lodging — and an occasional pat on the head. But when retirement time comes, state care ends for the dogs and horses that serve in Poland's Police, Border Guard and Fire Service. They are given away, with no safeguards for their future welfare.



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Mounted police patrol in a park in Warsaw, Poland, on Friday, March 5, 2021. Responding to calls from concerned servicemen, the Interior Ministry has proposed a bill that would give the animals an official status and retirement pension, hoping this gesture of "ethical obligation" will win unanimous backing.

life has been saved, more than one dangerous criminal caught thanks to the animals in service," he said in February.

The new law would affect some 1,200 dogs and more than 60 horses in service. Each year, some 10%

of the animals are retired, according to the Interior Ministry. Most of the dogs are German or Belgian Shepherds.

Pawel Kuchnio, handler of Warsaw police sniffer dog Orbita, said retired dogs almost always require expensive medical care, to

deal with complaints such as strained hind joints.

The pension money "will certainly be a great help and will make things easier," he said.

The bill would confirm the unwritten rule that the animals' handlers have priority in keeping them

before they're offered up for adoption.

But more importantly, it would extend state responsibility for the animals into their retirement time and secure financial support for the owners.

Slawomir Walkowiak, 50, a former policeman caring for retired service dogs and horses at Poland's only dedicated shelter, named "The Veterans' Corner," said regular state payments would ease concern over bills that reach into thousands of zlotys (dollars) monthly.

The privately run, farm-like shelter in Gierlatowo, west-central Poland, houses 10 dogs, and five retired police horses in a spacious paddock.

The oldest horse there, Hipol, is in his late 20s and almost blind. Walkowiak said he would have a slim chance of surviving at a regular stable.

Walkowiak said many service dogs end up chained to posts or being given unsuitable tasks, as people think they would make good guardians for farms or other properties. This isn't always the case.

"The dog may suddenly remember that it was trained to bite and it will start biting, and when left alone at home it may demolish the couch because it needs to have something in its mouth," Walkowiak said.

In Warsaw, mounted police officer Dariusz Malkowski said he would have to pay the stabling fees for his 13-year-old black gelding Rywal if he were to keep him after retirement.

A stable box near Warsaw can cost some 2,500 zlotys (\$650) a month. The average pre-tax monthly salary in Poland is some 5,500 zlotys (\$1,400).

On patrol with Malkowski was Sgt. Katarzyna Kuczynska, riding 13-year-old Romeo II, or Romek, who can identify Kuczynska by her voice.

"These animals have worked for the state, they have done their jobs well and they should be entitled to health care and proper retirement — on green pastures in the case of horses," Kuczynska said.

"The kids say they're not going," he says.

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	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Clear	Comfortable with sunshine	Nice with clouds and sun	Partly sunny and pleasant	Showers around; cooler
Baker City	27	67 30	65 33	66 37	65 35
La Grande	30	66 38	65 42	66 39	65 38
Enterprise	27	62 35	59 37	62 38	58 30
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	7

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	75°	76°	76°
Low Sunday	24°	29°	28°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	0.02	0.15
Normal month to date	0.46	0.89	1.19
Year to date	1.09	5.71	13.32
Normal year to date	2.66	5.12	8.89

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 94° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 1° Leadville, Colo.
Wettest: 1.42" Lake City, Fla.

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High: 86° Hermiston
Low: 19° Lakeview
Wettest: Trace Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY

Powerful storms struck Mississippi and Texas on April 20, 1982. A strong wind turned over trailers at Richland, Miss., and baseball-sized hail fell at Burnett, Texas.

SUN & MOON

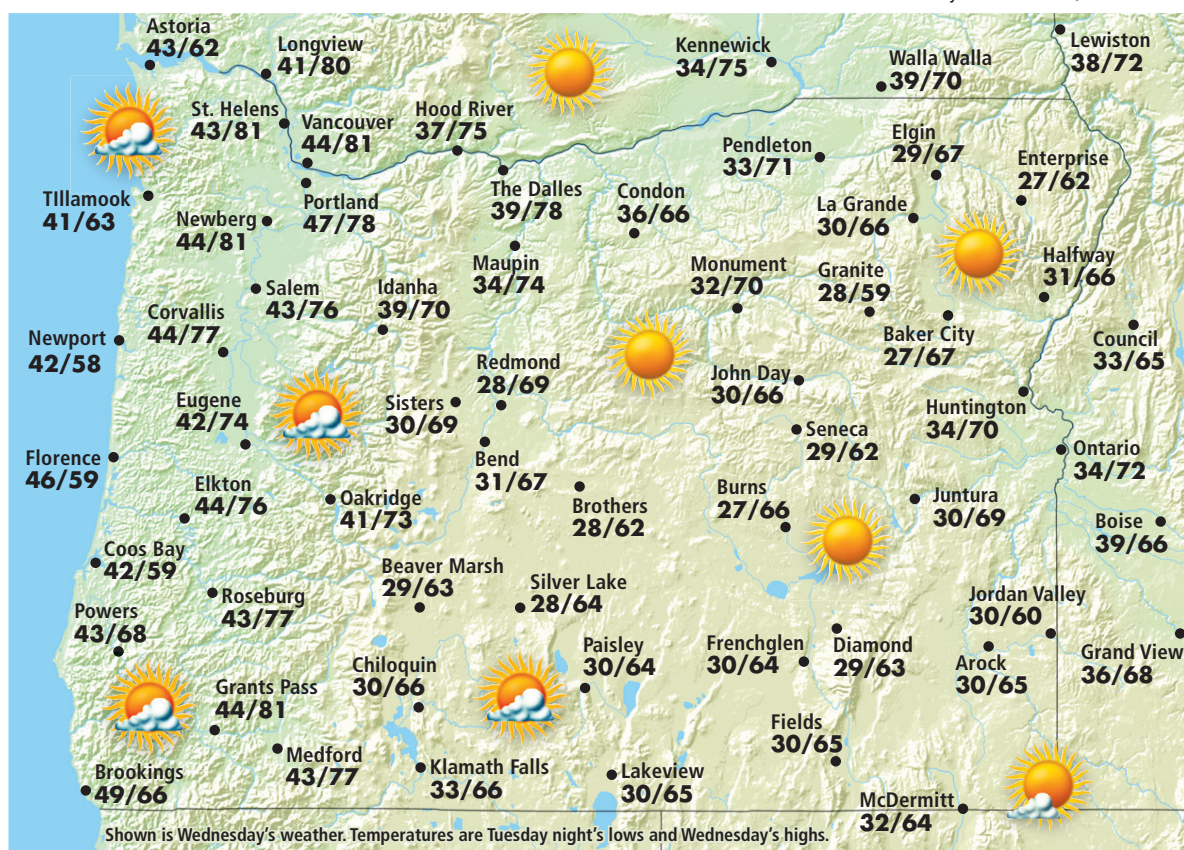
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	5:58 a.m.	5:57 a.m.
Sunset	7:45 p.m.	7:46 p.m.
Moonrise	11:58 a.m.	1:08 p.m.
Moonset	3:03 a.m.	3:39 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 26	May 3	May 11	May 19

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W	City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	62/45/pc	57/44/c	Lewiston	72/43/s	71/47/pc
Bend	67/39/s	67/30/s	Longview	80/43/pc	67/42/pc
Boise	66/39/s	68/42/pc	Meacham	66/33/s	65/38/pc
Brookings	66/49/s	63/44/pc	Medford	77/44/s	76/41/s
Burns	66/28/s	68/27/pc	Newport	58/43/pc	54/42/pc
Coos Bay	59/43/pc	57/40/pc	Olympia	76/44/pc	66/41/pc
Corvallis	77/43/pc	68/41/s	Ontario	72/37/s	73/41/pc
Council	65/33/pc	63/36/pc	Pasco	76/43/s	77/43/pc
Elgin	67/34/s	65/40/pc	Pendleton	71/46/s	71/44/pc
Eugene	74/43/pc	71/41/s	Portland	78/47/pc	70/44/pc
Hermiston	75/45/s	76/46/pc	Powers	68/45/pc	68/43/pc
Hood River	75/47/pc	68/45/s	Redmond	69/35/s	70/30/s
Imnaha	67/35/pc	66/41/c	Roseburg	77/44/pc	73/41/pc
John Day	66/35/s	67/35/pc	Salem	76/43/pc	69/41/s
Joseph	60/35/s	57/36/pc	Spokane	67/44/s	64/39/pc
Kennewick	75/44/s	76/42/pc	The Dalles	78/47/s	72/47/s
Klamath Falls	66/31/s	67/30/s	Ukiah	62/34/s	63/35/pc
Lakeview	65/28/s	67/26/s	Walla Walla	70/47/s	71/46/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 WEDNESDAY

Location	Forecast	Temp	Icon
ANTHONY LAKES	Mostly sunny	38 24	
MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly sunny	52 38	
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Mostly sunny	46 23	
WALLOWA LAKE	Mostly sunny	60 35	
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Breezy in the p.m.	67 30	
PHILLIPS LAKE	Mostly sunny	61 31	
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny	67 35	
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Mostly sunny	59 33	
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Plenty of sunshine	69 47	
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Mostly sunny	66 38	

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