

Rescued cat's unhealthy diet leads to tension between neighbors

DEAR ABBY: I am a lover of and rescuer of cats (and dogs). I rescued a beautiful and loving cat with horrible wounds on his neck. I got him neutered, his wounds cleaned and sewn up, and became attached to him. I had asked my elderly neighbor if she wanted him. She said she'd think about it. She visited him at my house as his wounds healed, and a few months later she took the cat.



DEAR ABBY

she got insulted. She didn't believe me so she took the cat for a checkup at the local veterinarian. The vet told her the same thing in no uncertain terms, and to feed the cat no treats and a certain low-fat dry cat food. With my help she ordered the food and I measured it into bags to make it easier for her, as she gets a bit confused. I weigh the cat every Monday and he has lost a bit of weight already. Slowly is the best way. But she's not pleasant to work with and is fighting me all the way. I'm a patient person and do my best, but sometimes it's

hard not to lose my temper. Any suggestions?
— CARES ABOUT FUR BABIES

DEAR CARES: Unfortunately, we don't always get to know people until we see them in action, as you are now doing with this neighbor. For that cat's sake, hang onto your temper and continue to help her and her fur baby. If she's becoming increasingly confused, it is important that someone not only keep an eye on the feline in that household, but also her — to ensure that she is able to take care of herself.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I divorced five years ago. We have four grown children. He wanted to sell the house, but I ended up

buying him out because two of our kids were still living at home. Fast-forward to now: We are expecting our third grandkid. Since the divorce, he doesn't want to co-parent with me. He keeps saying we are no longer a family. The holidays and main events are now celebrated separately. I am increasingly sad about this. He refuses to be civil with me. He's a racist, and I happen to have a boyfriend of a different race living with me now. His attitude is affecting our children, especially the one still living with me. I want to be able to share the joy of our new grandkids and the successes of our children, and the dilemmas as well, but I can't. Should I confront him?

Or should I just consider him "dead"?
— SOMEONE'S MISSING IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR SOMEONE'S MISSING: I seriously doubt that "confronting" your ex-husband will work out well. You are a loving, enthusiastic parent and you do not need your ex's negative attitude putting a damper on your happiness. Continue hosting these celebratory events, and extend invites to your ex if you wish. However, because of his racism, do not expect him to show up. That's a good thing, all things considered. Continue to dwell on the positive, and you and your children will all be happier.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Artist finishes year of pandemic 'daily doodles'

WESTMORELAND, N.H. — Much like the round clock faces, gears and planets that often populate his artwork, Robert Seaman has come full circle. Seaman, 88, has been drawing since he was a boy, and at age 60, left a real estate career to pursue his hobby professionally. But it took the coronavirus pandemic to fully return him to his passion. "As a kid, I kept lurching between being a loner and being an extrovert," he said. "But in my introvert phase, I would love to go up to my room where I had a drawing table kind of desk and I'd spend hours up there drawing pictures. That's what I'm doing now."

May 11 marked one year since Seaman started churning out "daily doodles" from his small, one-room apartment at the Maplewood Assisted Living facility in Westmoreland, New Hampshire. He spends about six hours a day working on his intricate, fanciful illustrations, starting with pencil sketches and finishing with ink, colored pencil and watercolor.

"After a long life, I'm back doing what I did when I was 11 years old," he said. "And it's great, I love it. I'm so lucky



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Artist Robert Seaman holds the 365th daily doodle sketch in his room at an assisted living facility Monday, May 10, 2021, in Westmoreland, New Hampshire. Seaman, who moved into the facility weeks before the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown his outside world in 2020, recently completed his 365th daily sketch, or what he calls his "COVID Doodles," since being isolated due to the virus outbreak.

that I can do this." Seaman moved in to Maplewood just two weeks before the pandemic restrictions cut residents off from the outside world. For many months, they couldn't leave their rooms. It was only last week that they were allowed to interact in hallways and other common areas without masks. "The first thought I had was to just do some kind of dark stuff that reflected the nature of the

confinement that we were experiencing and the difficulties that were created by this pandemic," he said. "Then it just started to grow, and I thought it would be interesting to do one a day." He started sending the doodles to his daughter, Robin Hayes, and other friends and family. Hayes then shared them on Facebook, and as interest grew, began offering the originals and prints for sale on Etsy.com, with half

the proceeds going to charities, including a COVID-19 relief fund, a homeless shelter and an organization that helps refugees. As the days passed, Seaman's art got a bit brighter in both theme and appearance. Some pieces showcase his fascination with science fiction, while others portray whimsical animals or sly humor — No. 131, "Portraits of a Shy Family," depicts framed paintings of the backs of heads. Robots carrying purple flags march across the page. Blackbirds burst from a pie. A squiggly-lined brain is sandwiched between two burger buns. A much-loved cat, Piper, shows up in all kinds of scenes.

Seaman, who has been fully vaccinated since January, says he'll "probably kick the bucket" before he runs out of ideas. "I might be watching something on television, and someone will have a picture on the wall that will give me an idea. Or things just pop into my head. When I go to sleep at night, for a few minutes I try to think of some new ideas," he said. "When I get stuck, I'll just start drawing an object and it's like word association. I'll draw a hand, and all of a sudden that suggests something else, so it just grows from there." Craig and Sandra Fox, of

Deerfield, bought Doodles 13, 271 and 274 after hearing about Seaman on the radio and getting added to his daily email list. Sandra Fox, who once stared at a painting in a museum so long that a guard teased her about "casing the joint," said she loves how much there is to see in Seaman's drawings. "They are what they are to me, I have the same feelings, but I see more every time," she said. "I could look at them for half an hour and see many, many things. I'll catch another color or something in a corner I never even noticed before." Doodle No. 365, titled "Potpourri" includes the Earth looming behind a jumble of objects that include the aforementioned cat, a wind-up bird Seaman keeps on his desk, a horse and a man wearing an aviator cap and goggles. It's framed by a series of shapes that evoke calligraphy but aren't actual letters. Though he accomplished his goal of a year of daily doodles, Seaman said he has no plans to stop. "It's selfish. It keeps me occupied, and I love doing it, but it also does help some other people, which is kind of nice," he said. "Maybe I'll get so shaky I can't do anything, but as long as I can, I will."
— Associated Press

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	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Plenty of clouds	A shower in the afternoon	A couple of showers	Overcast, showers around	Cloudy with rain possible
Baker City	36	56 31	53 37	54 36	58 33
Comfort Index™	8	2	0	0	2
La Grande	39	56 33	55 38	53 34	58 38
Comfort Index™	8	5	0	0	5
Enterprise	33	48 33	49 35	47 32	53 37
Comfort Index™	7	1	0	0	3

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	81°	83°	88°
Low Sunday	38°	40°	37°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.03	0.03	0.05
Normal month to date	0.70	1.01	1.13
Year to date	1.69	5.87	13.76
Normal year to date	3.75	6.82	10.82

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 99° Castolon, Texas
Low: 24° Walden, Colo.
Wettest: 5.11" Dallas, Texas

OREGON

High: 91° Hermiston
Low: 32° Meacham
Wettest: Trace Brookings

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Lowest relative humidity 35%
Afternoon wind NW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine 7.1
Evapotranspiration 0.12

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	18% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	95% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	52% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	98% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	61% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	94% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	6700 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	117 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	154 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	413 cfs
Minam River at Minam	1920 cfs
Powder River near Richland	42 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

Mount Saint Helens erupted on May 18, 1980. The smoke plume climbed 16 miles into the atmosphere. The resulting clouds were tracked to the Atlantic coast three days later, then around the world in 19 days.

SUN & MOON

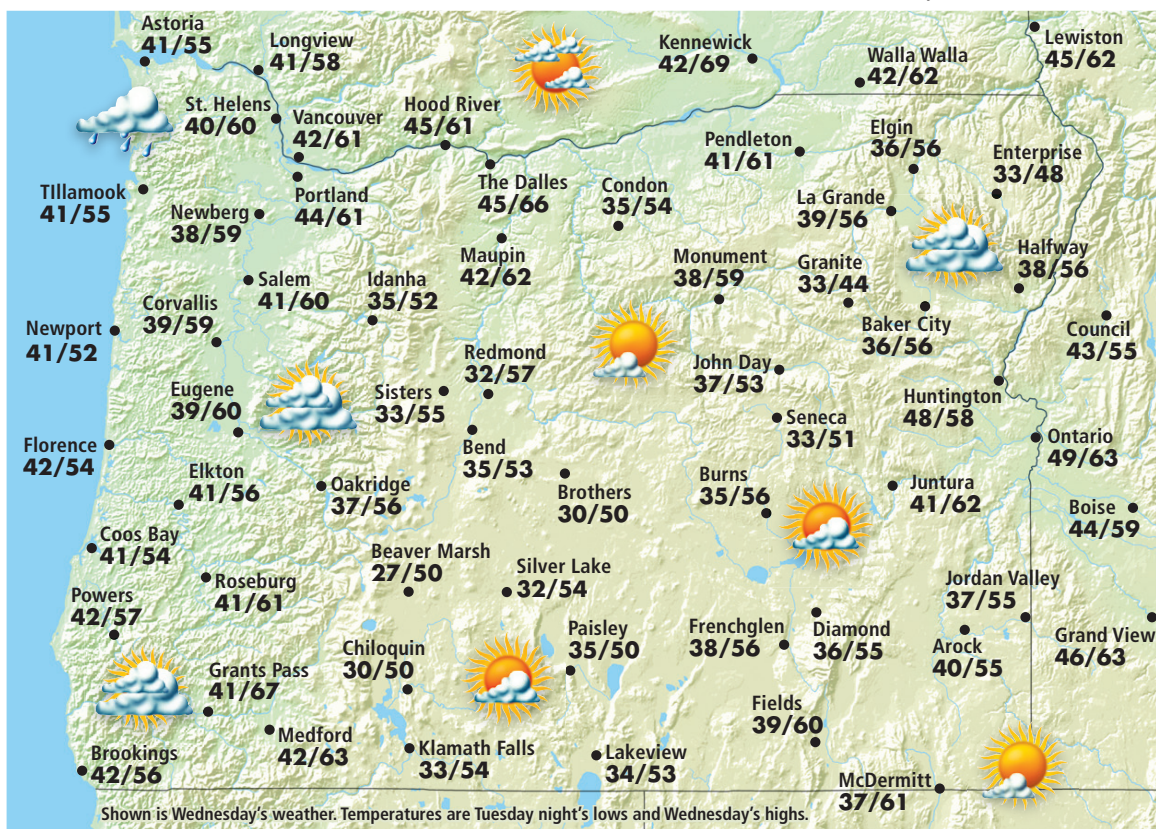
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	5:19 a.m.	5:18 a.m.
Sunset	8:19 p.m.	8:20 p.m.
Moonrise	10:53 a.m.	12:04 p.m.
Moonset	1:40 a.m.	2:12 a.m.

MOON PHASES



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	55/44/c	58/45/c	Lewiston	62/44/c	62/44/sh
Bend	53/29/c	55/35/sh	Longview	58/40/c	62/44/pc
Boise	59/42/pc	62/40/c	Meacham	56/32/c	55/38/sh
Brookings	56/43/c	58/44/pc	Medford	63/42/c	64/43/c
Burns	56/30/c	55/34/sh	Newport	52/42/c	53/44/sh
Coos Bay	54/42/c	57/46/sh	Olympia	59/36/sh	65/40/pc
Corvallis	59/37/c	62/40/sh	Ontario	63/44/pc	66/44/sh
Council	55/35/pc	56/39/sh	Pasco	69/39/c	69/45/sh
Elgin	56/33/c	55/38/sh	Pendleton	61/37/c	62/41/sh
Eugene	60/37/c	62/40/sh	Portland	61/43/c	65/48/sh
Hermiston	68/38/c	69/45/sh	Powers	57/40/c	57/45/pc
Hood River	61/44/c	66/51/sh	Redmond	57/32/c	56/37/sh
Imnaha	54/36/c	51/41/sh	Roseburg	61/40/c	62/46/sh
John Day	53/34/c	54/39/sh	Salem	60/40/c	64/45/sh
Joseph	47/33/c	47/34/sh	Spokane	59/38/c	56/42/sh
Kennecook	69/40/c	69/44/sh	The Dalles	66/46/pc	68/51/sh
Klamath Falls	54/31/c	51/30/sh	Ukiah	53/30/c	53/33/sh
Lakeview	53/31/c	48/31/sh	Walla Walla	62/41/c	62/44/sh

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, F-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

Location	WED.	THU.	Location	WED.	THU.
ANTHONY LAKES	28 16	16 16	PHILLIPS LAKE	47 30	30 30
MT. EMILY REC.	40 28	28 28	BROWNLEE RES.	58 35	35 35
EAGLE CAP WILD.	34 23	23 23	EMIGRANT ST. PARK	48 26	26 26
WALLOWA LAKE	47 33	33 33	MCKAY RESERVOIR	60 36	36 36
THIEF VALLEY RES.	56 31	31 31	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	56 33	33 33

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