

Bride wants to dictate attendants' underwear



Dear Abby: I am getting married, and my fiancée's daughters, 19 and 21, are in the wedding party. I have purchased the dresses they are wearing, which are light and flowing. I have told the girls that on the day of the wedding I do not want them wearing thong underwear. The older one then went to her dad and said she didn't want to wear regular underwear. He told her she

could wear whatever she wants. I have tried telling them that as young ladies there are times you don't wear thongs, and under a flowing dress is one of them. It's one day of their lives. How can I get my point across? — **Wise Bride in Phoenix**

Dear Wise Bride: Explain to your fiancée exactly why you are concerned about his daughters wearing thong underwear under their bridesmaid dresses and, when you do, be graphic.

After that, if he still feels the same, accept it. Then pray no slip-ups occur while they are dancing, and no strong gusts of wind come along when the wed-

ding photos are taken.

Dear Abby: I'm dating a lady and committed to our relationship, but every time I visit her at her apartment, she expects me to take her dog out. The building has a policy that if the dog poops, you have to pick it up and dispose of it, so they have bags at different locations.

I don't like doing it. I grew up on a farm where we had dogs, but never would I think about picking up their poop. It grosses me out. OK, so I have been doing it for a couple of years, but I don't want to do it anymore. But if I say that or don't do it, she'll think I'm not committed to her. What should I

do? — **Dog Walking in Texas**

Dear Dog Walking: Stand up for yourself. Because you feel so strongly, tell her that from now on you will walk her dog together or she'll have to do it herself. You may have been raised on a farm, but you are now part of a community with ordinances against leaving excrement on the streets. Your devotion to this person should not be predicated upon your willingness to perform a task she should have been doing herself.

Dear Abby: My wife and I are having a minor argument, and we are seeking your help in resolving it. We live in an age when we

commonly experience "conversations" with robo-calls, virtual assistants (Alexa and Echo) and phone routing software. All this technology is powered by artificial intelligence.

So given that we are talking to machines, do we need to follow the rules of etiquette with these robots? My wife insists we should say "Thank you" and "Please" to these software creations, while I say no manners are needed. Your thoughts? — **Mulling It Over in Montana**

Dear Mulling It: Although it isn't mandatory, I know of at least one AI "assistant" that would acknowledge the courtesy.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Dog ejected from vehicle crash found herding sheep

The Associated Press

SPOKANE — A pet dog who vanished for two days after being ejected from a vehicle during an accident has been found apparently doing the job it was bred to do — herding sheep.

Linda Oswald's family and their dog, Tilly, were driving along Idaho State Highway 41 on Sunday, June 6, when they crashed into another car, launching the dog through the rear window, The Spokesman-Review reported.

The unharmed but stunned dog then ran away, prompting an immediate search with at least six complete strangers who witnessed the crash and pulled over along the highway to help, Oswald said.

"People just kept going out," Oswald said, noting that the search lasted about 10 hours before the family went home. "We were sore and exhausted."

Oswald said the family then wrote a Facebook post that included a picture of the 2-year-old border collie and red heeler mix and more than 3,000 people shared the post. That's when Tyler, Travis and Zane Potter recognized the dog in the photo as the same dog they saw on their family farm south of Rathdrum on June 8.

Both the Potters and Oswald think Tilly was drawn to the farm and their sheep.

"I think that dog was trying to herd," Travis Potter said.

Oswald said if it weren't for the post, he would still be out there.

Endangered corpse flower blooms in Warsaw, drawing crowds

WARSAW, Poland — The endangered Sumatran Titan arum, a giant foul-smelling blossom also known as the corpse flower,



Linda Oswald hugs 2-year-old dog, Tilly, at their home in Hayden, Idaho, on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. The dog vanished for two days after being ejected from a vehicle during a car accident and has been found apparently doing the job it was bred to do — herding sheep.

went into a rare, short bloom at a botanical garden in Warsaw, drawing crowds who waited for hours to see it.

The extraordinary flower, which emits a dead-body odor to attract pollinating insects that feed on flesh, bloomed Sunday, June 13. It was already withering early June 14. Those wishing to avoid the smell and crowds could watch it on live video from the Warsaw University Botanical Gardens.

Hundreds, if not thousands, lined up long into the night June 13 and the morning of June 14 at the conservatory just to be able to pass by the flower and take a picture.

Known also as the Amorph-

ophallus titanum, the flowering plant has the largest unbranched inflorescence in the world, which can be up to 10 feet high. Its compound flower is composed of a hollow, tall spadix with small flowers and a spathe, with one big, furrowed petal that is green on the outside and deep burgundy red on the inside. It's blooming is rare and unpredictable.

The plant only grows in the wild in the rainforests of Sumatra, but it is endangered there due to deforestation. Cultivation at botanical gardens, where they are a great visitor attraction, has helped its preservation. It's first known blooming outside Sumatra was in 1889 at London's Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew.

Florida town accidentally sells municipal water tower

BROOKSVILLE, Florida — A small town in Florida accidentally sold its water tower in a blundered real estate transaction.

A businessman purchased a municipal building underneath the city of Brooksville's water tower last April for \$55,000 with the goal of converting it into a gym.

However, when Bobby Read went to the county to get an address for his new business location, he was told the parcel he bought included the entire water tower site, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

Luckily for the town, Read was willing to give it back.

County records show he transferred the water tower back to Brooksville through a warranty deed last month. The town of 8,500 residents is located 50 miles north of Tampa.

"I don't know where the blame falls here," said Blake Bell, a city council member. "We're council members and we rely on the city manager. We assume that he has done his due diligence."

City Manager Mark Kutney blamed the use of a bad legal description for what happened. The city's redevelopment agency director resigned after the accidental sale.

"We're human," Kutney said. "Sometimes we make a mistake."

Customer finds 7-foot gator inside Florida post office

SPRING HILL, Florida — They say neither rain nor snow nor gloom of night will stop the U.S. Postal Service, but an alligator could get in the way. That's what happened at the Spring Hill Post Office in Florida's Hernando County, according to a sheriff's office Facebook post. Sheriff's officials say someone stopped by the post office recently to drop off a package and saw the 7-foot gator roaming around the lobby.

The building has automatic double doors that allows off-hours entry, officials said. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission considers an alligator a "nuisance" animal if it is 4 feet or longer and deemed a threat to people, pets or property.

Florida has an alligator hotline for just these types of situations: 866-392-4286.

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	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Clear	Sunny and very warm	Partly sunny and warm	Sunny and very warm	Mostly sunny; very warm
Baker City	47	90	85	85	89
Comfort Index™	6	4	6	6	4
La Grande	51	89	84	87	90
Comfort Index™	6	4	6	6	4
Enterprise	53	86	82	82	89
Comfort Index™	6	4	6	6	4

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.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	74°	70°	73°
Low Tuesday	44°	48°	48°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Tuesday	0.02	Trace	0.24
Month to date	0.12	Trace	0.41
Normal month to date	0.67	0.88	1.00
Year to date	2.35	5.90	14.62
Normal year to date	5.20	8.68	12.92

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	14.7
Evapotranspiration	0.31

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

	Capacity
Phillips Reservoir	17% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	79% of capacity
Onyhee Reservoir	45% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	87% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	46% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	84% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

	Flow
Grande Ronde at Troy	4320 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	64 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	92 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	98 cfs
Minam River at Minam	1570 cfs
Powder River near Richland	21 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 124°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 32°	Walden, Colo.
Wettest: 3.18"	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

OREGON

High: 89°	Ontario
Low: 39°	Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.45"	Meacham

WEATHER HISTORY

A strong Santa Ana wind loaded with fine dust and pulverized clay roasted Santa Barbara, Calif., on June 17, 1859. Unofficial temperatures reached 133 degrees.

SUN & MOON

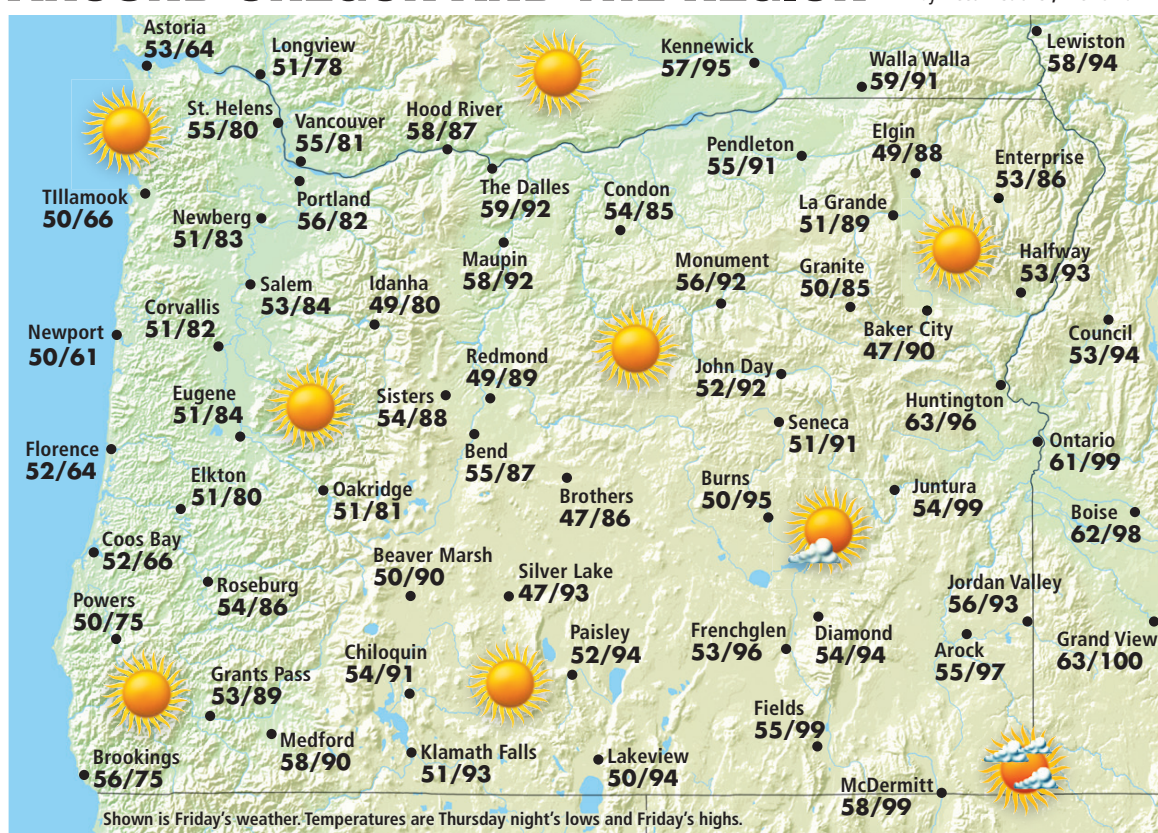
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Sunrise	5:04 a.m.	5:04 a.m.
Sunset	8:43 p.m.	8:43 p.m.
Moonset	12:15 p.m.	1:28 p.m.
Moonrise	1:08 a.m.	1:30 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Phase	Date
First	Jun 17
Full	Jun 24
Last	Jul 1
New	Jul 9

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	64/51/pc	65/55/s	Lewiston	94/60/s	92/63/pc
Bend	87/56/s	87/56/s	Longview	78/50/s	78/54/s
Boise	98/64/s	95/62/s	Meacham	89/53/s	84/55/pc
Brookings	75/57/s	77/58/s	Medford	90/57/s	90/62/s
Burns	95/55/pc	92/51/s	Newport	61/49/pc	62/52/s
Coos Bay	66/51/s	67/55/s	Olympia	76/47/s	74/53/pc
Corvallis	82/48/s	83/55/s	Ontario	99/65/pc	98/65/s
Council	94/55/pc	92/54/s	Pasco	96/58/s	95/62/pc
Elgin	88/53/s	84/54/pc	Pendleton	91/59/s	89/62/pc
Eugene	84/50/s	84/58/s	Portland	82/55/s	82/60/s
Hermiston	96/63/s	95/63/pc	Powers	75/50/s	80/56/s
Hood River	87/58/s	85/63/s	Redmond	89/51/s	88/52/s
Imnaha	92/54/s	87/54/pc	Roseburg	86/54/s	87/60/s
John Day	92/57/s	85/54/s	Salem	84/51/s	84/58/s
Joseph	86/57/s	82/56/pc	Spokane	87/58/s	85/59/pc
Kennewick	95/63/s	95/65/pc	The Dalles	92/61/s	89/64/pc
Klamath Falls	93/52/s	94/53/s	Ukiah	83/48/s	82/51/s
Lakeview	94/52/s	93/51/t	Walla Walla	91/62/s	89/63/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 FRIDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Mostly sunny; mild	63	50
PHILLIPS LAKE	Mostly sunny; warm	88	52
MT. EMILY REC.	Sunny and pleasant	74	53
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny; hot	92	58
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Mostly sunny; warm	74	47
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Sunny and warm	80	45
WALLOWA LAKE	Sunny and warm	86	57
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Plenty of sunshine	89	58
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Mostly sunny; warm	90	52
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Sunny and warm	89	57