

# Good deed for daughter turns into a disaster



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

afraid to buy anything for them to live in again, because they have no regard for their things, their child's things or any place they live. What should we do when she finally gets a job, if that happens? Do we move her someplace and let her mess it up? Must we take care of everything? — **RAISING A CHILD-ADULT**

**DEAR RAISING:** It's a hopeful sign that your daughter has finally decided to return to school. However, from your description, she may be severely depressed and need to be seen by a doctor. That she would raise a baby in a filthy roach-infested dwelling has me concerned about her ability to function as a parent.

Be a little more patient with your daughter and encourage her to follow through with her schooling. If the apartment still belongs to you, have it professionally cleaned and permit her to stay in it as long as it is kept clean enough that the baby can safely live there.

Once she graduates and finds employment, give her enough money for a down payment or a deposit on an apartment. Look after your grandchild while she's working if her husband is incapable of doing it, which likely will be the case. Most important, make sure your grandchild is properly cared for.

**DEAR ABBY:** When I was

in high school, I stopped going by my short nickname and began going by my more formal given name. Everyone has been respectful, except my significant other. When he met me 20 years ago, the change had already occurred. Yet he continues to call me by the nickname. He does it whenever he talks about me to others, and it often leads to my being in a social situation and having to correct people.

When I have tried to impress upon him how important this is to me, he says I am being "trivial." Abby, it is my name, and I think I have the right to be called what I want. I consider his refusal to understand how I

feel a sign of disrespect. Am I wrong? — **CALL ME BY MY NAME**

**DEAR CALL:** No, you are not wrong. Your significant other should have made more of an effort to call you by your preferred name 20 years ago. Had he done that, by now it would have become habit. Correct him every time he uses the wrong name, whether it's in private or in public.

For many people, this would not be a deal-breaker. However, because it is for you, it may be time to consider replacing him with someone who wants to help you be the person you want to be, rather than put a stumbling block in your way.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Missouri station offering Russian state radio to listeners

By MARGARET STAFFORD  
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**LIBERTY, Mo.** — A man who runs a little-known, low-budget radio station in suburban Kansas City says he is standing up for free speech and alternative viewpoints when he airs Russian state-sponsored programming in the midst of the Ukrainian war.

Radio Sputnik, funded by the Russian government, pays broadcast companies in the U.S. to air its programs. Only two do so: One is Peter Schartel's company in Liberty, Missouri, and one is in Washington, D.C.

Schartel started airing the Russian programming in January 2020, but criticism intensified after Russia invaded Ukraine in February. Schartel said people accuse him and his wife of being traitors to the U.S. and occasionally issue threats. Some critics say he is promoting propaganda and misinformation, but Schartel maintains most people who

call to complain haven't listened to the program.

"Some will talk to me, but others will still call me a piece of whatever," he said. "What I am thankful for is we are still living in a country where they can call me up. Even if they aren't thinking about free speech they're exercising that right."

Radio Sputnik is produced by the U.S.-based branch of Rossiya Segodnya, a media group operated by the Russian government.

Its content prompted the National Association of Broadcasters to issue an unusual statement on March 1 calling on broadcasters to stop carrying state-sponsored programming with ties to Russia or its agents.

The statement from NAB President and CEO Curtis LeGeyt said the organization is a "fierce defender" of free speech but that given Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukraine, "we believe that our nation



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**Peter Schartel, who runs a small radio company in Liberty, Mo., poses on March 17, 2022. The suburban Kansas City radio station, KCXL, is facing criticism for airing Russian state-sponsored programming in the midst of the Ukrainian war. Schartel says he is standing up for free speech and alternative viewpoints.**

must stand fully united against misinformation and for freedom and democracy across the globe."

During one recent broadcast of "The Critical Hour"

that aired on Schartel's KCXL, the hosts and their guests echoed false and unsupported claims about Ukraine's government. They repeated Russian state media lies about the Russian military's attacks on civilian targets and its destruction of entire neighborhoods, as well as Russian President Vladimir Putin's baseless claim that his enemies in Ukraine are Nazis.

The Kansas City Star said in an editorial that Schartel is putting his financial needs above ethics by spreading Russian propaganda.

"Much like the National Association of Broadcasters, we advise KCXL to drop all programming that paints Putin in a positive light. The Russian president is no victim; he is for sure no war hero," The Star wrote.

Schartel acknowledged that he initially accepted the Radio Sputnik contract because he was struggling to keep KCXL afloat. The station operates out of a dilap-

idated, cluttered building. He said he stopped taking a salary months ago, though he does nearly all the work.

Schartel's Alpine Broadcasting Corp. is paid \$5,000 a month to air Radio Sputnik in two three-hour blocks each day, according to a U.S. Justice Department Foreign Agent Registration Act filing in December 2021.

KCXL's other programming includes shows that are heavily religious, offer opinions across the political spectrum and promote conspiracy theories. One program, TruNews, has been criticized by the Anti-Defamation League for spreading antisemitic, Islamophobic and anti-LGBTQ messages.

Schartel said he airs programs that are not commercially viable and don't depend on advertising, which he contends influences news reporting. He said he is promoting free speech by providing a platform for people who otherwise aren't heard.

Roy Guterman, director of the Tully Center for Free Speech at Syracuse University, said all radio station owners in the U.S. have a right to air whatever content they want.

"If this station thinks it's going to make a mark in Missouri by playing Radio Sputnik, they have the right to do so," Guterman said.

The Federal Communications Commission, which regulates licensing of radio and television broadcasts, does not censor content unless it intentionally endangers public safety or is found to be obscene, indecent or profane.

Radio Sputnik listeners hear discussions not only about Russia but also current issues in the U.S. and other countries. The theme throughout the broadcast is that U.S. policies intentionally damage the U.S. and other countries while benefiting other corrupt governments, the rich and big business.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Partly cloudy	Clouds and limited sun	Clouds and sun; chilly	Clouds and sun; milder	Mostly sunny
Baker City	32	57 28	51 24	58 29	59 30
Comfort Index™	8	5	1	9	8
La Grande	38	53 32	49 28	58 35	57 35
Comfort Index™	8	3	2	10	8
Enterprise	31	52 30	45 29	54 34	55 36
Comfort Index™	6	4	2	10	9

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

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	67°	70°	70°
Low Sunday	34°	40°	36°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	Trace	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.06	0.48	1.60
Normal month to date	0.66	1.48	1.95
Year to date	0.45	2.35	7.15
Normal year to date	1.95	4.38	7.56

### SUNDAY EXTREMES

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 97° Ocotillo Wells, Calif.  
Low: -13° Crane Lake, Minn.  
Wettest: 0.52" Monterey, Calif.

**OREGON**  
High: 74° The Dalles  
Low: 32° Crater Lake  
Wettest: none

### WEATHER HISTORY

Edgemont, Md., received 36 inches of snow on March 29, 1942. That is the greatest 24-hour snowfall in Maryland's history. On that date in 1945, temperatures were in the 90s.

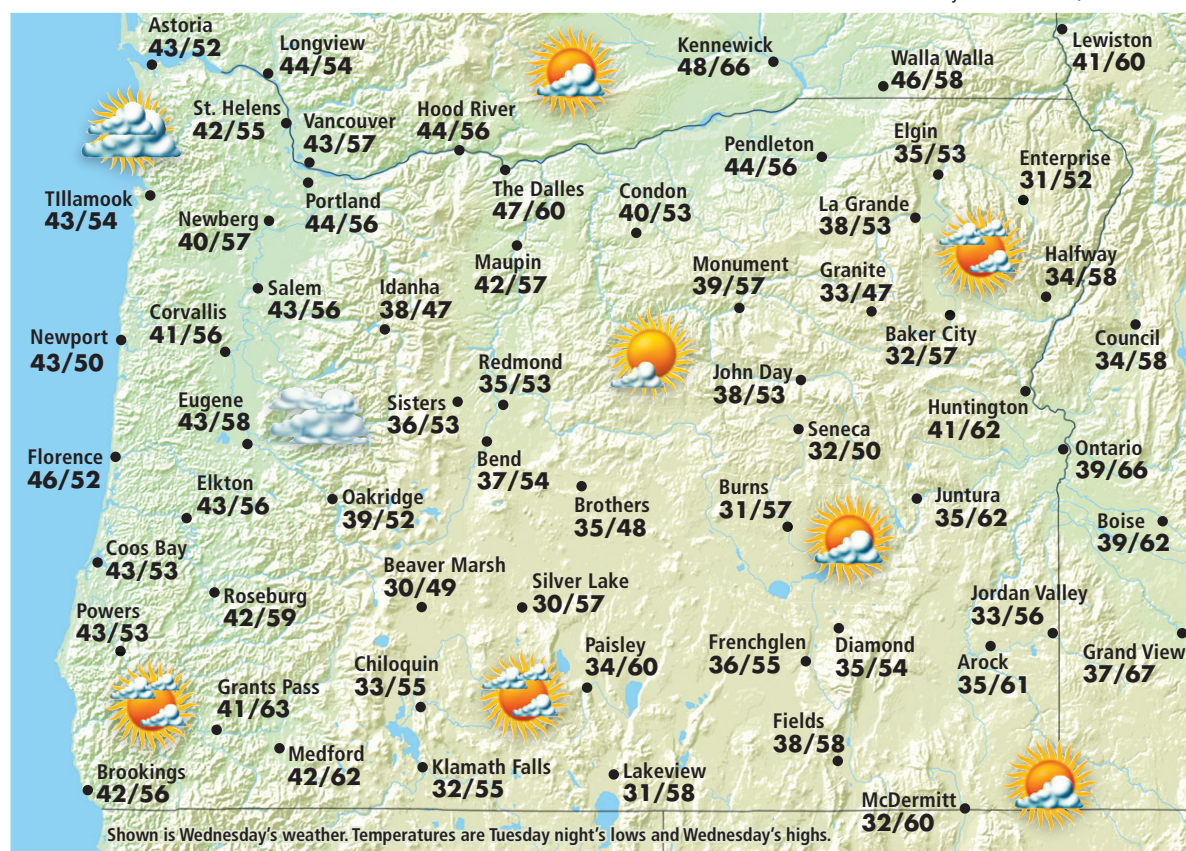
### SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6:39 a.m.	6:37 a.m.
Sunset	7:16 p.m.	7:18 p.m.
Moonrise	6:00 a.m.	6:23 a.m.
Moonset	4:30 p.m.	5:44 p.m.

MOON PHASES	New	First	Full	Last
	Mar 31	Apr 8	Apr 16	Apr 23

## 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	52/41/sh	51/37/pc	Lewiston	60/38/pc	55/37/pc
Bend	54/29/c	52/32/pc	Longview	54/41/pc	56/37/c
Boise	62/36/pc	56/33/pc	Meacham	51/33/c	48/31/pc
Brookings	56/42/pc	57/43/c	Medford	62/38/c	60/36/c
Burns	57/24/c	54/22/s	Newport	50/40/sh	49/39/c
Coos Bay	53/38/sh	51/38/c	Olympia	54/37/pc	55/35/pc
Corvallis	56/35/pc	55/33/pc	Ontario	66/37/pc	60/32/pc
Council Bluffs	58/31/c	52/30/pc	Pasco	65/39/pc	61/34/pc
Elgin	53/32/c	48/27/pc	Pendleton	56/37/pc	54/36/pc
Eugene	58/36/pc	56/36/pc	Portland	56/40/pc	55/38/pc
Hermiston	62/39/pc	61/37/pc	Powers	53/37/pc	56/36/c
Hood River	56/41/sh	57/37/c	Redmond	53/28/c	54/26/pc
Imnaha	54/36/c	50/34/r	Roseburg	59/37/c	58/37/pc
John Day	53/30/c	49/26/pc	Salem	56/37/pc	57/37/c
Joseph	52/28/c	43/29/pc	Spokane	54/34/pc	50/33/pc
Kennewick	66/39/pc	61/34/pc	The Dalles	60/42/sh	60/39/pc
Klamath Falls	55/26/c	56/22/c	Ukiah	48/28/c	45/27/sf
Lakeview	58/24/c	57/21/pc	Walla Walla	58/37/pc	54/37/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

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
A few flurries	Mostly cloudy
29 20	50 29
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Colder	Partly sunny
37 27	58 35
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Mostly cloudy	Clouds and sun
38 20	45 28
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Mostly cloudy	Breezy and cooler
52 28	56 36
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Breezy in the p.m.	Mostly cloudy
57 28	53 32

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