

# Children aren't told that great-grandma passed away



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter-in-law, "Brooke," lost her grandfather five weeks ago. She has chosen not to tell her 4- and 10-year-old kids about it. She has ordered my husband, me and our son not to mention it. The kids see her grandmother at least once a week, and she is not supposed to tell them either.

I didn't know the kids hadn't been told and I started to say something at a family dinner. The

10-year-old heard me, and I got shushed. I'm mad at the whole situation. Brooke refuses to tell them "until she's ready," and I couldn't disagree more. I understand her grief. I have lost grandparents and parents. The services won't be for several weeks. I understand she can't deal with the loss yet, but denying her kids the truth only delays her grieving process and also doesn't allow them their time to grieve and process.

Now Brooke is mad and screaming and crying about it. I'm trying to back off, but I'm angry that her needs are being put first and at being told I made a horrible mistake by offering the love

and caring I thought they needed. How can I repair the perceived mistake I have made? — **VEXED IN VERMONT**

**DEAR VEXED:** If you were unaware that your DIL was trying to shield her kids from the reality of their great-grandfather's death when you spoke out, you did nothing wrong. However, you should have offered an apology to her privately. Back off and lie low until the funeral. Your DIL is not herself right now. She needs time to cool off and regain some perspective. It would be interesting to know how your son feels about the way she's handling this. With luck, he can smooth things over.

**DEAR ABBY:** When my husband leaves town for a work trip or a vacation, or if I'm out of town for any period of time, we are suddenly in love again! We miss each other like crazy and send loving texts and exchange mushy phone calls like we're still newlyweds.

When he's home and we're living life with jobs, kids, bills and responsibilities, we are disconnected and distant. We interact more as partners and friends than romantic lovers. We've been married for 21 years, and it's always been this way. Does absence truly make the heart grow fonder, or can we stand each other only when we're

not together? — **PERPLEXED IN TEXAS**

**DEAR PERPLEXED:** Absence doesn't always make the heart grow fonder, nor does it necessarily drive a wedge between a couple whose marriage has a strong foundation. That when you are apart you and your husband feel the need for the romantic connection that brought you together tells me your marriage is strong in spite of the responsibilities of your daily lives. Have you considered treating yourselves to an occasional date night, just the two of you, away from the distractions of the children? If you haven't, I'll bet you would both enjoy it.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Goodwill find in Texas turns out to be ancient Roman bust

The Associated Press

**SAN ANTONIO** — A marble bust that a Texas woman bought for about \$35 from a Goodwill store is temporarily on display at a San Antonio museum after experts determined it was a centuries-old sculpture missing from Germany since World War II.

The bust, which art collector Laura Young found at Goodwill in 2018, once belonged in the collection of King Ludwig I of Bavaria, according to the San Antonio Museum of Art, which is temporarily displaying the piece until it is returned to Germany next year.

The ancient Roman bust dates to the first century B.C. or first century A.D. and historians believe it may depict a son of Pompey the Great, who was defeated in civil war by Julius Caesar, the museum said. The sculpture was last seen in Aschaffenburg, Germany, and experts believe a soldier took the sculpture and brought it to the United States, the museum said.

A Sotheby's consultant identified the work and it was further authenticated, the museum said.

"We are very pleased that a piece of Bavarian history that we thought was lost has reappeared and will soon be able to return to its rightful location," said Bernd Schreiber, president of the Bavarian Administration of State-Owned Palaces, Gardens, and Lakes.

Young said there were a few months of "intense excitement" after learning

the history behind the piece, which she found on the floor beneath a table at a Goodwill in Austin, Texas.

Young reached a deal to return the bust to Germany with the help of an attorney who specializes in international art law, Austin radio station KUT reported. Terms of that deal were confidential.

"But it was bittersweet since I knew I couldn't keep or sell the (bust)," she said. "Either way, I'm glad I got to be a small part of (its) long and complicated history, and he looked great in the house while I had him."

### Maine close to ridding license plates of obscenities

**PORTLAND, Maine** — The rakin' frackin' sassafrassin' salty language on hundreds of Maine license plates is one step closer to being removed from the road.

Maine's secretary of state released draft rules Thursday that would eliminate references to genitalia, sex acts and profanities that proliferated after the state severely loosened language restrictions on so-called vanity license plates in 2015.

The rough and foul language on the plates led to a steady stream of complaints.

It was all too much even for a secretary of state who previously served as director of American Civil Liberties Union of Maine, which has fought for First Amendment rights to freedom of expression.

"Incitement to vio-



San Antonio Museum of Art/The Associated Press

This undated photo shows a marble bust that a Texas woman bought for about \$35 from a Goodwill store that is temporarily on display at a San Antonio museum after experts determined it was a centuries-old sculpture missing from Germany since World War II. The bust, which art collector Laura Young found at Goodwill in 2018, once belonged in the collection of King Ludwig I of Bavaria, according to the San Antonio Museum of Art, which is temporarily displaying the piece until it is returned to Germany next year.

lence, profanity, ethnic, racial, religious, or other slurs, or reference to illegal or criminal activity

— all of which unfortunately can be seen on Maine registration plates today — are all directly

contrary to the public interest," Secretary of State Shenna Bellows said in a statement.

It has been a delicate balancing act.

A federal judge ruled in 2020 that California couldn't enforce a ban on vanity license plates it considers "offensive to good taste and decency."

So Maine's rules had to be narrowly tailored.

The draft rules would prohibit license plates that falsely suggest an association with a government agency; encourage violence or unlawful activities; attack race or religion; suggest genitalia or sex acts; or represent profane or obscene language. A public hearing is scheduled later this month.

There would be a mechanism for a motorist to appeal if a vanity plate was rejected because of objectionable language.

Things quickly got out of control when the state all but dropped its review process in 2015 after previously banning "obscene, contemptuous, profane or prejudicial" messages on license plates.

Cathie Curtis, deputy secretary of state overseeing the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, said the coarse and offensive language that has since cropped up routinely elicited complaints.

Last year, the Maine Legislature adopted a bill restoring a review, and the governor signed it into law.

In Maine, there are about 121,000 vanity license plates on the roads in a state with about 1.3 million residents. It's unclear how many of them could be removed; state officials previously estimated hundreds.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	A passing shower or two	Some sun, then clouds	Cloudy, a shower or two	A stray p.m. t-storm	Low clouds
Baker City	34	57 42	63 43	71 45	64 39
Comfort Index™	0	5	3	9	9
La Grande	34	57 47	63 44	69 48	64 42
Comfort Index™	0	9	7	10	9
Enterprise	31	52 42	59 42	72 47	62 41
Comfort Index™	0	3	8	9	8

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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<b>TEMPERATURES</b>	Baker City	La Grande
High Tuesday	51°	55°
Low Tuesday	25°	28°
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)	0.00	0.00
Tuesday	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.57	0.66
Normal month to date	0.41	0.73
Year to date	2.50	4.44
Normal year to date	3.29	7.18

**AGRICULTURAL INFO.**

**HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY**

Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	WSW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.6
Evapotranspiration	0.12

**RESERVOIR STORAGE** (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir	12% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	94% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	46% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	99% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	52% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	101% of capacity

**STREAM FLOWS** (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	7340 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	96 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	6 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	632 cfs
Minam River at Minam	947 cfs
Powder River near Richland	112 cfs

**TUESDAY EXTREMES**

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 103°	Childress, Texas
Low: 5°	West Yellowstone, Mont.
Wettest: 1.38"	Canadian, Texas

**OREGON**

High: 65°	Hermiston
Low: 19°	Prineville
Wettest: 0.30"	Roseburg

**WEATHER HISTORY**

A drought helped to cause major dust storms in the Midwest during the 1930s. On May 12, 1934, wind-blown dust darkened the sky as far east as the Atlantic coast.

**SUN & MOON**

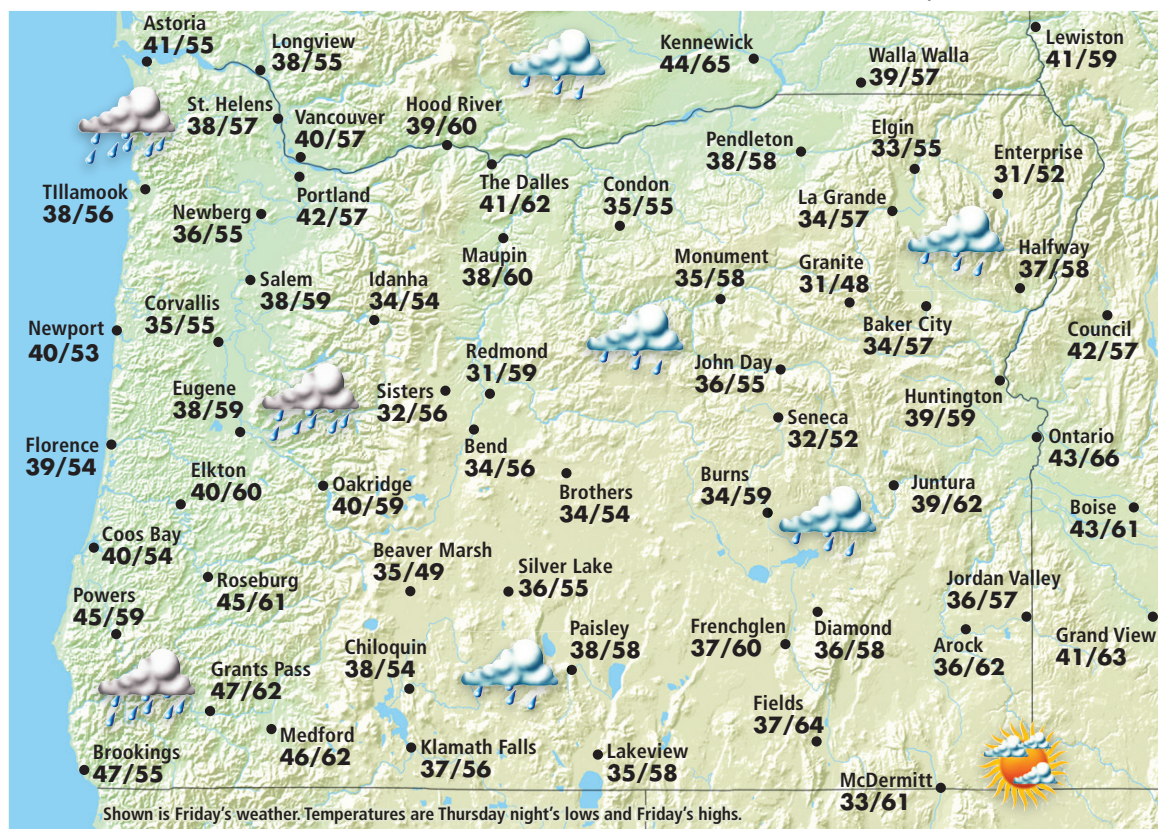
	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	5:26 a.m.	5:25 a.m.
Sunset	8:12 p.m.	8:13 p.m.
Moonrise	4:13 p.m.	5:28 p.m.
Moonset	3:58 a.m.	4:18 a.m.

**MOON PHASES**

	Full	Last	New	First
	May 15	May 22	May 30	Jun 7

## 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	55/48/sh	58/50/r	Lewiston	59/48/sh	65/49/sh
Bend	56/46/r	70/48/c	Longview	55/46/pc	63/53/r
Boise	61/49/c	69/51/pc	Meacham	54/46/pc	62/45/sh
Brookings	55/50/r	59/51/sh	Medford	62/52/r	74/52/c
Burns	59/42/pc	66/43/r	Newport	56/44/pc	56/49/r
Coos Bay	54/52/r	61/49/sh	Olympia	56/44/pc	62/50/r
Corvallis	55/50/r	62/51/c	Ontario	66/50/pc	72/46/c
Council	57/46/pc	64/44/r	Pasco	63/50/pc	73/51/c
Elgin	55/43/pc	63/44/sh	Pendleton	58/52/pc	69/50/c
Eugene	59/52/r	66/51/c	Portland	57/50/sh	65/54/r
Hermiston	63/52/pc	73/53/c	Powers	59/53/r	64/51/c
Hood River	60/47/r	68/50/r	Redmond	59/47/c	62/45/c
Imnaha	58/48/pc	66/47/c	Roseburg	61/52/r	71/52/c
John Day	55/48/pc	65/44/sh	Salem	59/53/r	63/53/r
Joseph	51/40/c	57/45/c	Spokane	51/40/sh	54/43/c
Kennewick	65/52/pc	75/54/pc	The Dalles	62/49/pc	70/53/c
Klamath Falls	56/41/c	68/42/pc	Ukiah	51/46/pc	62/44/sh
Lakeview	58/43/c	66/41/pc	Walla Walla	57/49/pc	65/49/c

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY			
<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b>	Very cold	33	31
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b>	Cold	41	40
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b>	Afternoon flurries	36	33
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b>	Mostly cloudy	51	40
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b>	Inc. clouds	57	42
<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b>	Inc. clouds	51	43
<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b>	Partly sunny	58	50
<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b>	Inc. clouds	48	42
<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b>	Becoming cloudy	59	51
<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b>	Inc. clouds	57	47

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