

# Parents declare their freedom from ungrateful adult kids

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I raised two children — a son who is a successful doctor and a daughter who is a multipost-grad botanist. We are 72 now, in moderately failing health and very successful ourselves.

Our children were raised properly. We gave them all they would ever need to succeed and be happy. However, neither one is particularly interested in a loving relationship with us. Holidays together are strained.

Frankly, I'm quite sick of both of them. They are inconsiderate, insensitive and standoffish. We make no demands on either of them and never impose ourselves in any way. They never invite us to anything. We want to move away and disappear. What do you think?

— ENOUGH ALREADY, IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR ENOUGH:** People can disappear without physically moving away, as your children have already demonstrated. Have you tried asking them why they are so distant? Unless you do, nothing will change. Because holidays are strained, celebrate with those who appreciate you and whose company you enjoy.

**DEAR ABBY:** I invited a couple out for the husband's 60th birthday. We sat at the "chef's table" (in the front of the kitchen) and had amazing food and service. We all agreed it was a perfect evening.

I paid the bill and left a 25 percent tip on a \$400 bill (for three people). The couple then proceeded to hand cash to the staff in spite of the fact that I had told them I had already tipped 25 percent, and they acknowledged

that they knew it.

It was never my intention that they pay anything, and I was embarrassed. I felt like creeping out of the restaurant and never going back. Am I wrong to feel this way? Why wasn't my gift enough?

— EMBARRASSED IN FLORIDA

**DEAR EMBARRASSED:** Your gift WAS enough, and obviously the birthday celebration was a success. Your guests were so impressed that they shared their pleasure with the staff. What they did was no reflection on you, and you should not allow it to discourage you from going back. In fact, I'm sure the establishment will welcome you with open arms.

**DEAR ABBY:** My sixth-grade grandson is in a 2-1/2-hour social studies class. He told me that during that time the teacher texts at least six times. I think this deprives the students of valuable instructional time. My daughter hasn't spoken to the principal about it — yet. I wonder when this concern will be expressed by other parents and discussed in your column.

— TIME TO LEARN IN TEXAS

**DEAR TIME TO LEARN:** Has your daughter discussed this with the parents of the other students? If she hasn't, she should, because they may not be aware of what the teacher is doing. If they find it as concerning as you and your daughter do, they should approach the principal as a group.



**DEAR ABBY**

# Oregon snowpack fails again to reach normal standard

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The Associated Press

**SALEM** — Oregon's snowpack is below normal again and data shows the state is reaching historically normal levels less often.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service shows the state's snow-water equivalent in the mountains is 72 percent of normal, with the number lower in western Oregon, the Statesman Journal reported Thursday.

The state has reached a normal snowpack level only in four of the last 10 years, according to the federal data.

"It's pretty clear that the idea of what's normal is shifting, and that we've just become accustomed to these bad or below average years," said Kathie Dello, a climate scientist with Oregon State University. "That's particularly true in years where people are still able

to go skiing — we just don't notice it as much."

Lower elevations in western Oregon had meager snowfall, largely accounting for the state's low snowpack. Snow in the Cascade Range at about 5,000 feet is doing OK, but it sharply drops off below that elevation, said Scott Oviatt, snow survey hydrologist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"While we might be seeing snow at 5,000 feet, places below that are seeing more rain than snow," Oviatt said.

The normal snowpack standard is based on historical data from 1981 to 2010. The standard will be updated in 2020 to take into account data over the prior decade.

The update should be an interesting moment, Oviatt said, because "the warm

temperatures and early melt-outs and prolonged dry stretches are very different from what we've seen historically."

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# weather

	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Areas of freezing fog		Freezing fog in the a.m.	A rain or snow shower	Cloudy with a bit of snow	Snow or flurries possible
Baker City	20	38 26	40 32	44 28	42 27
Comfort Index™	2	2	1	1	3
La Grande	27	39 33	42 37	45 32	42 33
Comfort Index™	3	2	1	2	3
Enterprise	23	38 29	40 35	43 29	40 30
Comfort Index™	4	3	3	2	3

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	35°	35°	31°
Low Sunday	18°	19°	16°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	Trace	0.00
Month to date	0.02	0.03	0.33
Normal month to date	0.38	0.75	1.41
Year to date	0.02	0.03	0.33
Normal year to date	0.38	0.75	1.41

**SUNDAY EXTREMES**

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

High: 85° Marathon, Fla.  
Low: -24° Stanley, Idaho  
Wettest: 1.59" Melfa, Va.

**OREGON**

High: 67° Brookings  
Low: 10° Burns  
Wettest: Trace Hermiston

**AGRICULTURAL INFO.**

**HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY**

Lowest relative humidity	50%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.5
Evapotranspiration	0.04

**RESERVOIR STORAGE** (through midnight Sunday)

Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	27% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	36% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	25% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	20% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	57% of capacity

**STREAM FLOWS** (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	917 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	8 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	196 cfs
Minam River at Minam	165 cfs
Powder River near Richland	52 cfs

**SUN & MOON**

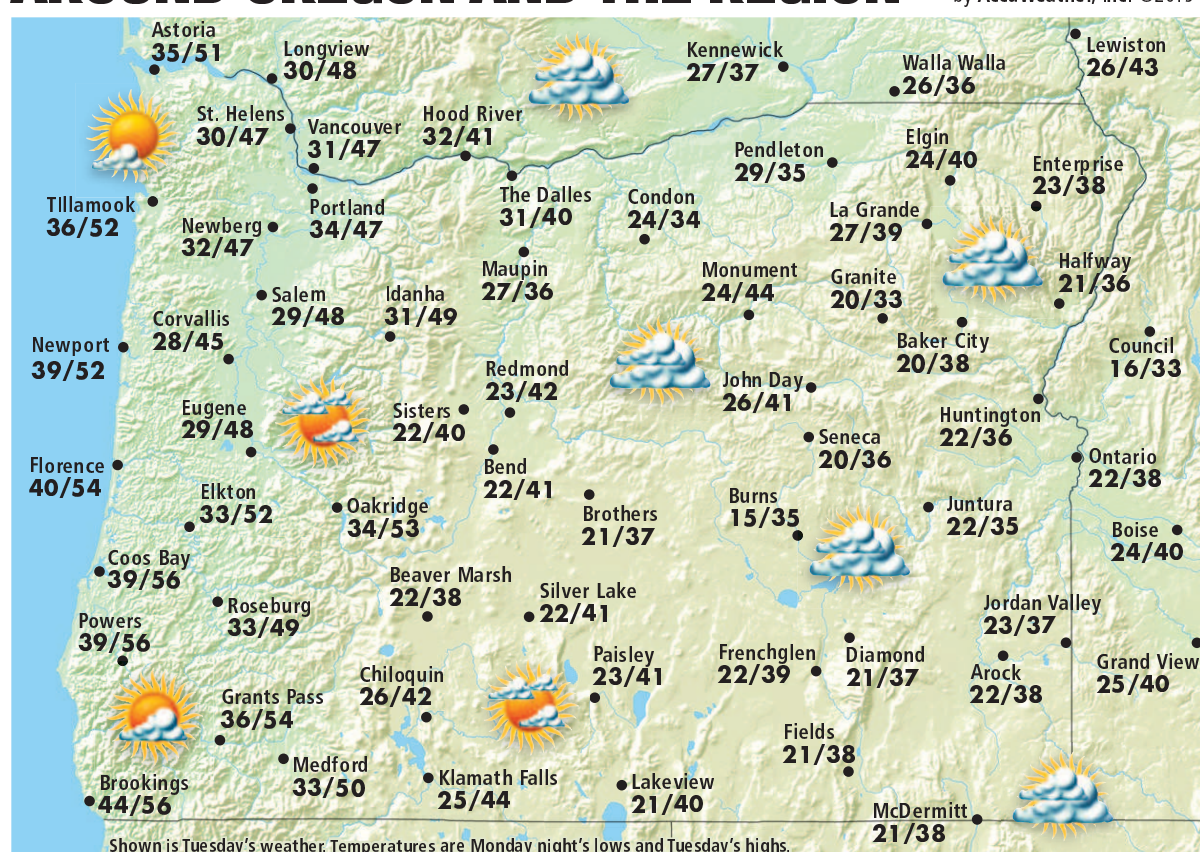
	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	7:29 a.m.	7:28 a.m.
Sunset	4:34 p.m.	4:35 p.m.
Moonrise	11:51 a.m.	12:19 p.m.
Moonset	12:15 a.m.	1:21 a.m.

**MOON PHASES**

Phase	Date
Full	Jan 20
Last	Jan 27
New	Feb 4
First	Feb 12

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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### REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	51/39/pc	51/43/sh	Lewiston	43/30/c	45/35/pc
Bend	41/30/pc	45/35/c	Longview	48/35/pc	48/43/sh
Boise	40/29/c	44/38/pc	Meacham	38/31/c	40/35/sn
Brookings	56/48/r	56/45/r	Medford	50/37/pc	53/41/r
Burns	35/22/c	39/31/sn	Newport	52/43/pc	54/46/sh
Coos Bay	56/46/pc	56/48/r	Olympia	46/29/pc	47/36/c
Corvallis	45/34/pc	49/40/sh	Ontario	38/26/c	42/33/pc
Council	33/25/pc	37/33/c	Pasco	37/27/c	40/32/c
Elgin	40/31/c	42/36/pc	Pendleton	35/29/c	40/35/c
Eugene	48/36/pc	53/40/sh	Portland	47/36/pc	48/40/sh
Hermiston	37/28/c	40/35/c	Powers	56/47/pc	56/47/r
Hood River	41/34/pc	41/36/c	Redmond	42/26/pc	46/37/r
Imnaha	45/35/c	46/38/pc	Roseburg	49/40/c	54/44/r
John Day	41/33/c	45/41/c	Salem	48/34/c	50/40/sh
Joseph	37/28/c	39/34/pc	Spokane	34/26/c	37/33/c
Kennewick	37/29/c	40/33/c	The Dalles	40/30/pc	40/31/c
Klamath Falls	44/32/r	46/34/r	Ukiah	39/29/c	41/36/c
Lakeview	40/29/sf	41/33/sn	Walla Walla	36/30/c	41/37/c

### RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Mostly cloudy	29 16	<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Mostly cloudy	35 18
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Freezing fog	36 26	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Mostly sunny	39 22
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Mostly cloudy	31 16	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Freezing fog	37 22
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Freezing fog	39 24	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Freezing fog	36 24
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Mainly cloudy	37 20	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Freezing fog	40 27

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