

Pen pal labors from a distance as friend's memory slips away

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been trying to have a child for a while now. I am finally pregnant, but he is on the fence about wanting to keep the pregnancy because of the possibility of it being twins. What should I do?

— WORRIED LOVESICK WIFE

DEAR WORRIED: It's a little late for your husband to be waffling. He should have considered this possibility when he put you on the path to motherhood and be grateful if the baby/babies are born healthy. Remind him that regardless of whether there will be one or two bundles of joy, your husband will be responsible until he, she or they are adults. If he can't accept that, then what you should do is marry someone mature and stable enough to accept his responsibilities as a husband the next time around.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 30s and correspond with a pen pal. She is over 65 and lives several states away. We have never met in person. We have been writing each other for seven years. Recently, she has been having memory problems. She has indicated that she's done testing and been to doctor's appointments for the issue.

Her letters are becoming confusing as she's repeating herself from one letter to the next, telling me things she's already told me. Also, more concerning is that she often accuses me (meanly and out of her normal kind character) of not responding to her letters and saying I mustn't want to be her pen pal anymore. Abby, I put lots of thought into the letters I send, and they are many pages long.

I have now taken to photocopying my letters or typing them and saving the file so if she says she's missing a letter from me, I can simply mail a second copy to her. This clears up the physical issue of repeat sending, but honestly, mentally and emotionally, I'm beginning to get burned out. I feel bad for thinking this way because I'm compassionate and empathetic.

Losing one's memory has to be scary, and I have enjoyed writing her for so long

and wouldn't want to abandon her. Also, I wonder if her writing to me is a good activity for her, given her ailment. Truthfully, though, I'm starting to feel hurt and abused. Can you advise?

— NEEDING A BREAK IN ILLINOIS

DEAR NEEDING: It is very important that you remind yourself that what you are experiencing with your friend is not her fault. It is caused by her disease. Do you know if she has family nearby? If so, they should be contacted and informed about what's going on.

Dementias are often progressive, and at some point, your friend may no longer be able to correspond with you. My thought would be that you continue to write to her, but make your letters shorter and less frequent, and do not personalize what's going on.

DEAR ABBY: I have a grandson who is turning 3. My son's fiancée, "Tina," watches him frequently while my daughter, "Lila," works. On several occasions, Tina has done things I don't agree with, but I have kept my peace. However, today Lila called me, extremely upset.

Apparently, while Tina was watching my grandson, she had another little boy there who is the same age as my grandson. She had taken it upon herself to potty train the boys, although nobody asked her to, and offered them ice cream if they used the potty. The other boy used it and was given ice cream. My grandson refused and didn't get any. He cried because he had to watch the other child enjoy the treat.

I think it was cruel. Children learn at their own pace. My son is siding with his fiancée, Tina, and everyone is upset. Any advice?

— EXTREMELY UPSET GRANDMA

DEAR UPSET GRANDMA: If she hasn't said it already, your daughter should politely make it clear to Tina that she prefers to toilet train her child without outside help. If Tina gives her an argument, Lila should make other arrangements for child care. And you should stand back and let them settle it between themselves.



DEAR ABBY

Boise law school receives accreditation

The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — The American Bar Association has granted full approval to a Boise-based law school that struggled with accreditation.

Concordia University-Portland announced in 2007 it would open a law school in downtown Boise, and spent several years raising money to build the school. The first class opened with 75 students in 2012.

In 2014 the bar association announced it was withholding accreditation while "fact finders" took a closer look at the school. Completing law school normally takes three years, and the delay prompted 55 second- and third-year students to leave Concordia for the University of Idaho Law School, which also has a campus in downtown Boise. Other students took a leave of absence from

Concordia. Law schools must be accredited by the association for graduates to take the bar exam in many states, including Idaho. The school received provisional accreditation in 2015 and 11 students received law degrees that June. Concordia University School of Law announced Friday that the association has now granted full approval.

Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra Presents
The French Connections

Gioachine Rossini
Gabriel Fauré
Jean-Phillipe Rameau
Georges Bizet

Wednesday, March 13, 2019
7:00 pm
McKenzie Theater
Eastern Oregon University

Adults: \$12 Seniors: \$8 EOU Students: \$2 HS Students: \$1
Tickets available online: www.granderonsymphony.org
Direct Music Source (La Grande) & Betty's Books (Baker City)

weather

	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	A little late-night snow	Cloudy and cooler	Mostly cloudy and cold	Partly sunny and chilly	Mostly sunny
Baker City	24	40 26	39 15	42 25	47 27
Comfort Index™	3	0	0	2	4
La Grande	31	40 29	40 18	44 26	50 29
Comfort Index™	4	0	1	4	6
Enterprise	27	37 26	37 17	41 23	48 27
Comfort Index™	5	0	0	4	6

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		SATURDAY EXTREMES	
TEMPERATURES			
High Saturday	Baker City 34°	La Grande 30°	Elgin 38°
Low Saturday	16°	17°	12°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Saturday	0.01	Trace	0.01
Month to date	0.31	Trace	0.65
Normal month to date	0.22	0.41	0.69
Year to date	2.77	4.15	10.54
Normal year to date	1.60	3.18	6.19

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	60%
Afternoon Wind	WNW at 8 to 16 mph
Hours of sunshine	9.2
Evapotranspiration	0.05

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)	
Phillips Reservoir	10% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	40% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	47% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	59% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	33% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	105% of capacity

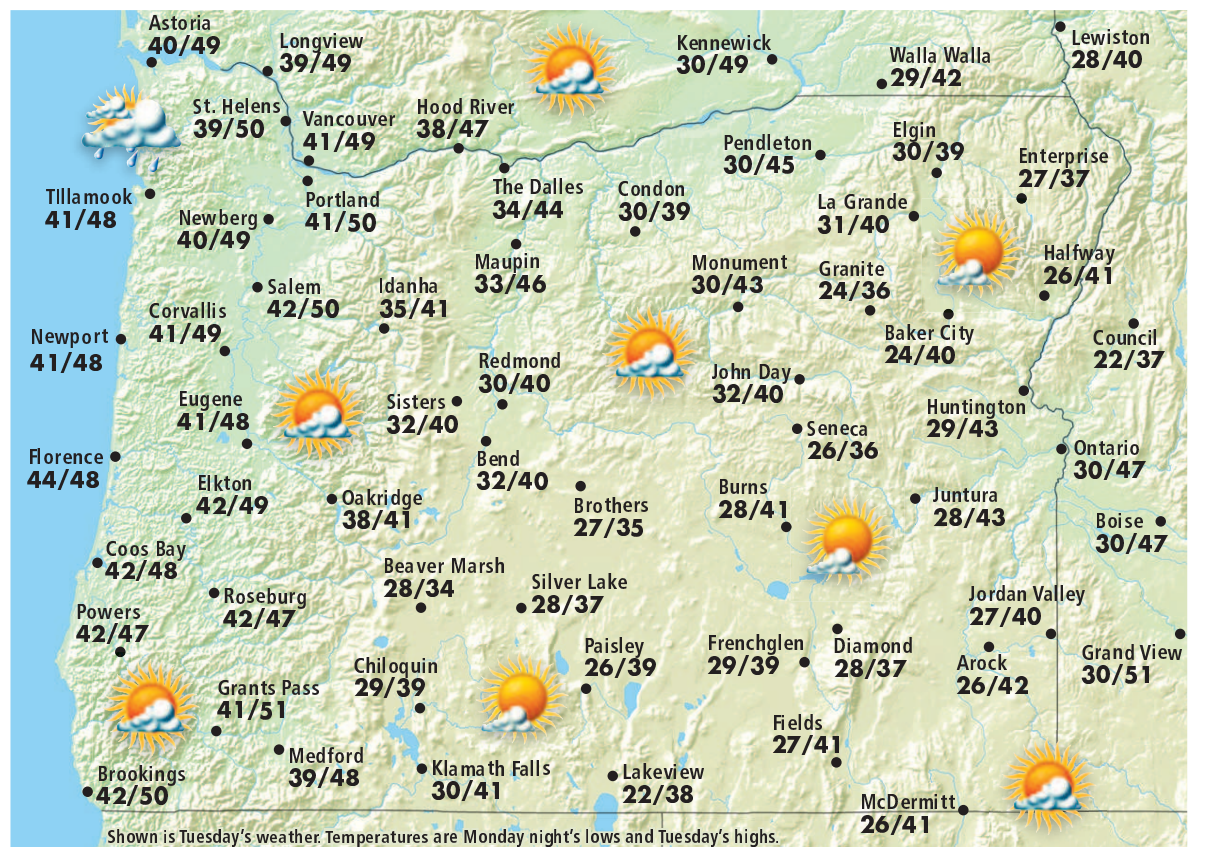
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Saturday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	1650 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	19 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	139 cfs
Minam River at Minam	114 cfs
Powder River near Richland	352 cfs

SUN & MOON		
Sunrise	MON. 7:13 a.m.	TUE. 7:11 a.m.
Sunset	6:52 p.m.	6:54 p.m.
Moonrise	9:51 a.m.	10:23 a.m.
Moonset	none	12:12 a.m.

MOON PHASES			
First	Full	Last	New
Mar 14	Mar 20	Mar 27	Apr 5

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE.		WED.	
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Astoria	49/40/sh	50/35/pc	Lewiston	40/33/sn
Bend	40/25/c	42/19/pc	Longview	49/36/c
Boise	47/29/r	45/25/c	Meacham	37/27/c
Brookings	50/37/r	53/38/s	Medford	48/35/sn
Burns	41/26/c	40/19/pc	Newport	48/39/r
Coos Bay	48/38/r	51/36/pc	Olympia	50/32/c
Corvallis	49/36/r	52/34/pc	Ontario	47/31/r
Council	37/22/c	40/15/c	Pasco	45/25/sn
Elgin	39/29/c	40/18/c	Pendleton	45/31/c
Eugene	48/36/r	51/33/pc	Portland	50/39/sh
Hermiston	49/33/sn	50/25/s	Powers	47/37/r
Hood River	47/38/c	50/29/pc	Redmond	40/26/c
Idanha	43/30/c	42/19/sf	Roseburg	47/38/r
John Day	40/28/c	40/20/pc	Salem	50/37/r
Joseph	37/25/c	37/16/sn	Spokane	37/23/sn
Kennewick	49/28/c	49/24/s	The Dalles	44/38/pc
Klamath Falls	41/25/pc	44/24/pc	Ukiah	38/26/c
Lakeview	38/20/c	38/12/pc	Walla Walla	42/33/sn

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Snow, 3-6"; cold	25 10	PHILLIPS LAKE Cloudy	37 24
MT. EMILY REC. Morning snow, 2-4"	31 21	BROWNLEE RES. Bit of rain, snow	42 27
EAGLE CAP WILD. Snow, 4-6"; chilly	28 16	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Morning snow, 3-6"	34 25
WALLOWA LAKE Rain/snow shower	37 25	MCKAY RESERVOIR Bit of rain, snow	44 31
THIEF VALLEY RES. Rain/snow shower	40 26	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Cloudy and cooler	40 29



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