

Affair that led to a long marriage remains a secret

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago, I had an affair with a married man. We eventually married and have had a long, happy life together. It was love at first sight for me. Both of us had children with our former spouses.

Since no one knows about our affair, I'm wondering what I should do with our love letters and the poems we wrote to each other over those five years. Neither of us wants to hurt our children or grandchildren nor be remembered negatively after our deaths. It would certainly shock them all. However, there is much information in these letters that might give insight into why we both wanted divorces so we could marry. We are getting along in years, so please advise.

— WONDERING

DEAR WONDERING: I see nothing to be gained by sharing these letters and poems. You and your husband have had a long and happy union. Because nobody knows about the affair and no questions have been raised about your earlier marriages, I see nothing positive about disclosing that information after your death.

DEAR ABBY: We recently received an invitation to a party for our child's fifth-grade graduation class. The host is charging \$15 per adult and \$10 per fifth-grade child ("children under 5 are free"). The invitation also states that

spaces are limited and we need to book our attendance with a payment method in advance.

My husband and I think this is very tacky. In addition to that, we find it poor form that this is being billed as the



DEAR ABBY

"party of the year" with "limited seating" for our child's class. What are we teaching our children these days? Is it a popularity contest? Is it that the kids from economically challenged homes are not welcome in our homes? What do you make of this?

— UNEASY

DEAR UNEASY: I think the amount is excessive. What I make of it is that the entire class is being invited to celebrate the occasion, but the parents who are organizing the event have decided to turn it into a profit-making venture. If this doesn't sit well with you, skip the party and plan to do something privately with your child.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a branch of a large company that puts out a candy dish for our customers. A woman from another building (different company not related to us) often cuts through our office to get to the main street and other businesses. When she comes through, she ransacks our

candy dishes, looking for a couple of specific types of candy. It happens on a daily basis! We even gave her a "Christmas gift" hoping to satisfy her candy cravings. She brought the gift container back to us (empty) for next Christmas! How do we stop this behavior without being rude?

— SWEET TOOTH

DEAR SWEET TOOTH: It is not rude to draw the line when someone crosses it. The next time the woman raids the candy dish, the person nearest to it should tell her plainly it is intended for customers only! As for that candy container she returned, toss it. Giving her a present for "stealing" was a mistake, so don't perpetuate it.

Tornado rips through Louisiana town

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The Associated Press

A tornado killed two people as it tore through the northern Louisiana city of Ruston early Thursday, sending trees into houses, ripping roofs off buildings and causing a local public university to cancel classes, officials said.

"The number of houses with trees completely through them was incredible," said Ruston Mayor Ronny Walker.

The tornado was part of a thunderstorm that left a trail of damage from eastern Texas into northern Louisiana, but Ruston appeared to get the worst of it.

A mother and son were killed when a tree fell on their home in Ruston overnight, officials said. During a news conference, Gov. John Bel Edwards identified the victims as Kendra Butler, 35, and Remington Butler, 14, who was a high school

freshman. Edwards declared a state of emergency as he toured the region and met with officials. Edwards said the damage he saw Thursday was remarkable in the way it spared and devastated areas so close together.

"You see one side of the street seems perfectly normal and everything on the other side of the street severely damaged," he said.

Walker said immediately after the tornado swept through Ruston, about three-quarters of the area was without power. Restoration was ongoing, but he said by the end of the day they expect about 25% to 30% of the town will be without power.

The tornado was part of a severe weather system that pounded Texas with rain Wednesday, killing a woman and two children caught in a flash flood, before moving

into Mississippi Thursday. National Weather Service hydrologist C. S. Ross said the tornado hit Ruston at 1:50 a.m. It was part of a line of "continuous damage" that stretched about 150 miles from Texas into Louisiana, he said.

At Louisiana Tech University, classes were canceled Thursday and Friday, the university said. The university said no students were reported injured, but trees and power lines were down in several places on campus. They also warned worried parents trying to reach their children that it might be hard to reach students because of the high volume of calls.

The university's sports facilities got hit the hardest, officials said.

"Our softball and our soccer facilities are completely demolished," said Malcolm Butler, the university's associate athletics director.

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	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	Partly cloudy	Partly sunny	Times of sun and clouds	Clouds and sun	Times of clouds and sun
Baker City	32	62 30	56 30	58 33	56 32
Comfort Index™	9	9	3	8	3
La Grande	36	57 30	54 28	56 33	54 31
Comfort Index™	9	7	7	8	3
Enterprise	33	54 26	50 25	52 30	50 26
Comfort Index™	8	5	3	8	3

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Wednesday	67°	65°	68°
Low Wednesday	34°	47°	40°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.01
Month to date	0.84	2.31	5.06
Normal month to date	0.64	1.24	1.60
Year to date	4.47	7.22	16.78
Normal year to date	2.84	5.47	9.30

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	WNW at 10 to 20 mph
Hours of sunshine	5.0
Evapotranspiration	0.15
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)	
Phillips Reservoir	45% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	96% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	87% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	96% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	90% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	107% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Wednesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	15800 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	437 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	548 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	1030 cfs
Minam River at Minam	1570 cfs
Powder River near Richland	870 cfs

WED. EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 106°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 20°	Stonington, Mich.
Wettest: 3.82"	Bryan, Texas
OREGON	
High: 79°	Medford
Low: 33°	Crater Lake
Wettest: Trace	Brookings

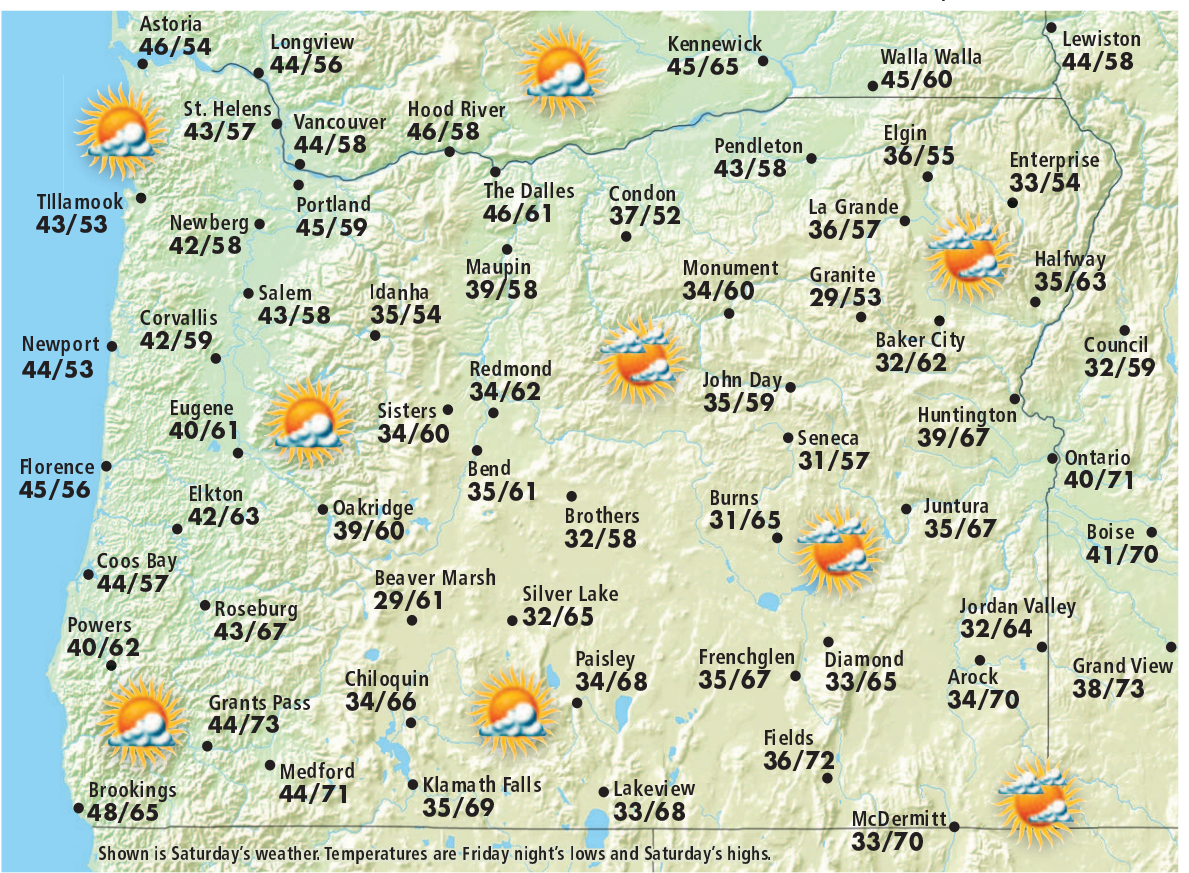
WEATHER HISTORY

The northern mountains of Arizona have a cooler climate than the southern deserts. Still, a 6-inch snowfall in Flagstaff, Ariz., on April 26, 1963, was rare.

SUN & MOON

	FRI.	SAT.
Sunrise	5:49 a.m.	5:48 a.m.
Sunset	7:52 p.m.	7:53 p.m.
Moonrise	2:17 a.m.	2:54 a.m.
Moonset	11:36 a.m.	12:35 p.m.

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES	SAT.	SUN.		SAT.	SUN.
City	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W	City	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W
Astoria	54/42/sh	60/43/pc	Lewiston	58/39/pc	58/38/pc
Bend	61/24/pc	55/27/pc	Longview	56/35/pc	65/37/pc
Boise	70/37/s	59/37/pc	Meacham	53/26/pc	50/26/pc
Brookings	65/46/s	68/49/s	Medford	71/40/s	73/43/s
Burns	65/28/s	56/30/pc	Newport	53/40/pc	58/45/s
Coos Bay	57/42/pc	60/44/s	Olympia	57/34/c	61/38/pc
Corvallis	59/39/pc	65/42/pc	Ontario	71/40/pc	62/39/pc
Council	59/30/pc	55/28/pc	Pasco	66/41/pc	68/39/pc
Elgin	55/29/pc	53/28/pc	Pendleton	58/36/pc	58/33/pc
Eugene	61/38/pc	65/41/s	Portland	59/39/pc	67/42/pc
Hermiston	63/38/pc	64/36/pc	Powers	62/35/s	67/38/s
Hood River	58/36/pc	64/36/pc	Redmond	62/27/pc	58/30/pc
Imnaha	59/32/pc	55/34/pc	Roseburg	67/40/pc	69/43/s
John Day	59/29/pc	54/28/pc	Salem	58/39/pc	64/42/pc
Joseph	55/25/pc	49/24/pc	Spokane	51/35/pc	53/34/pc
Kennewick	65/38/pc	64/36/pc	The Dalles	61/37/pc	66/40/pc
Klamath Falls	69/32/s	63/33/pc	Ukiah	52/24/pc	49/23/pc
Lakeview	68/32/s	60/32/pc	Walla Walla	60/40/pc	62/38/pc
Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice					

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