

Grief clouds woman's life 20 years after loss of baby

DEAR ABBY: My aunt had a stillborn baby 20 years ago. At the time, I was a teenager. Ever since then she has lived a morbid lifestyle — like you'd see in a scary movie. After the first year, she threw a party with a cake for all of us, and wanted us to sing "Happy Birthday" to a baby that never lived. When my grandfather died recently, she made sure the preacher announced that my grandfather also had another grandchild. I found out that when her cat died she kept it in the house for several days because she didn't want to let it go.



DEAR ABBY

It bothers us a lot, because she acts like she is the victim in life and tries to make people feel guilty for being happy. How do we talk to her?

— CRYSTAL IN NEVADA

DEAR CRYSTAL: Your aunt should have sought grief counseling after she lost her baby. That she would throw a birthday party a year later and expect everyone to participate as if the child had lived is truly sad. Because you and your relatives feel she still hasn't gotten beyond the tragedy, those closest to her should suggest she talk with a therapist now or join a support group.

That said, I am not sure her wish that her little angel be mentioned at your grandfather's funeral was out of line. Although the baby was stillborn, I'm sure the loss was grieved by your grandfather as well as your aunt.

DEAR ABBY: Our oldest son has had a girlfriend for almost two years. She's a lovely, kind and quality person, the type you would want him to marry. The problem I'm having is that I have slipped and called her by the name of his former girlfriend. This happens sometimes during casual conversation, especially when I'm not concentrating. I have tried to be careful because I don't want to hurt her or my son's feelings, but sadly, I have.

I know she has heard me at least a couple of times. I have no affinity for the former girlfriend. Abby, this is damaging my relationship with my son and his girlfriend although she is too classy to say a word. What do I do?

— HEARTBROKEN IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: When it happens again — and it may — apologize, explain that it's embarrassing, and you don't know why it happens. Then THANK her for being as classy as she has been about it.

DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law is starting a business and has offered my husband a job he is well-qualified for. I think it's a bad idea to mix family and business. I should mention that it's my husband's brother, and in the past when my husband has done odd jobs for him, he has had trouble getting paid for them. Do you agree with me that it's a bad idea for my husband to work for his brother?

— NOT SO SURE

DEAR NOT: Working for a relative can pack a double whammy because of unresolved emotional baggage that can come with the job, but it's not always a bad thing. Sometimes it works out very well. However, because your husband's brother has a history of not paying his debts, I agree with you that in this case, it would be a bad idea.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 53-year-old man who has had very few girlfriends, although there are some women who are interested and who I would certainly date. The problem is, for some reason, I don't move forward, and I'm now worried that I'm so set in my ways I'll be alone for the rest of my life.

Could the issue be that I haven't met the right person, as I tell myself? Other reasons could be my insecurity, lack of trust in women, and my fear that women won't like my lifestyle (I have no ambition). Most people find a mate. Why not me?

— MR. ALONE

DEAR MR. ALONE: The reason may be that, until now, you haven't been willing to identify and work on the issues that have prevented you from finding one. A licensed mental health professional can help you overcome your insecurities and inability to trust, and understand what they stem from. Once you succeed at that, you may find you have more ambition than you currently think.

D-Day at 75: Nations honor veterans, memory of fallen

The Associated Press

OMAHA BEACH, France — With silent remembrance and respect, nations honored the fallen and the singular bravery of all Allied troops who sloshed through bloodied water to the beaches of Normandy 75 years ago on D-Day, the assault that portended the fall of Hitler's Third Reich.

French President Emmanuel Macron and President Donald Trump praised the soldiers, sailors and airmen, the survivors and those who lost their lives, in powerful speeches Thursday that credited the June 6, 1944, surprise air and sea operation that brought tens of thousands of men to Normandy, each not knowing whether he would survive the day.

"You are the pride of our nation, you are the glory of our republic, and we thank you from the bottom of our heart," Trump said, of the warriors engaged in the ultimate fight of good against evil in World War II.

Macron praised their courage, generosity and strength of spirit that made them press on "to help men and women they didn't know, to liberate a land most hadn't seen before, for no other cause but freedom, democracy."

He expressed France's debt to the United States for freeing his country from the reign of the Nazis. Macron awarded five American veterans with the Chevalier of Legion of Honor, France's highest award.

"We know what we owe to you, veterans, our freedom," he said, switching from French to English. "On behalf of my nation I just want to say 'thank you.'"

D-Day was history's largest air and sea invasion, involving around 160,000 troops on that day itself and many more in the ensuing Battle of Normandy. Of those 73,000 were from the United States, while 83,000 were from Britain and Canada. Troops started landing overnight from the air, then were joined by a massive force by sea on the beaches code-named Omaha, Utah, Juno, Sword and Gold, carried by 7,000 boats.

The second day of ceremonies moved to France after spirited commemorations a day earlier in Portsmouth, England, the main embarkation point for the transport boats. Leaders, veterans, their families and the grateful from France, Europe and elsewhere were present for the solemn day that began under a radiant sun.

At dawn, hundreds of people, civilians and military alike, hailing from around the world, gathered at the water's edge to remember the troops who stormed the fortified Normandy beaches to help turn the tide of the war and give birth to a new Europe.

Up to 12,000 people gathered hours later at the ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery, where Macron and Trump spoke. U.S. veterans, their numbers fast diminishing as years pass, were the guests of honor.

A 21-gun salute thundered into the waters below the cemetery, on a bluff overlooking Omaha Beach, and across the rows of white crosses and Stars of David. The final resting places of more than 9,380 of the fallen stretched out before the guests.

Britain's Prince Charles, his wife, Camilla, and Prime Minister Theresa May attended a remembrance service at the medieval cathedral in Bayeux, the first Normandy town liberated by Allied troops after D-Day. Cardinal Marc Ouellet read a message from Pope Francis honoring those who "gave their lives for freedom and peace."

Hundreds of people packed the seaside square in the town of Arromanches to applaud veterans of the Battle of Normandy. A wreath was placed outside the town's D-Day Museum.

At daybreak, a lone piper played in Mulberry Harbor, exactly 75 years after British troops came ashore at Gold Beach.

"It is sobering, surreal to be able to stand here on this beach and admire the beautiful sunrise where they came ashore, being shot at, facing unspeakable atrocities," said 44-year-old former U.S. paratrooper Richard Clapp, of Julian, North Carolina.

Gratitude was a powerful common theme.

Macron thanked those who did not survive the assault "so that France could become free again" at an earlier ceremony overlooking Gold Beach with May and uniformed veterans to lay the cornerstone of a memorial that will record the names of thousands of troops under British command who died on D-Day and the ensuing Battle of Normandy.

"If one day can be said to have determined the fate of generations to come, in France, in Britain, in Europe and the world, that day was the 6th of June, 1944," May said.

weather

	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	Mostly cloudy and chilly	Cool with clouds and sun	Sunshine and warmer	Partly sunny	Warm with clouds and sun
Baker City	36	64 33	75 41	83 45	87 49
Comfort Index™	3	10	10	6	4
La Grande	40	63 38	74 45	81 49	86 54
Comfort Index™	2	10	10	6	6
Enterprise	35	59 34	71 43	78 46	83 52
Comfort Index™	2	10	10	8	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		WED. EXTREMES	
TEMPERATURES			
High Wednesday	Baker City 87°	La Grande 83°	Elgin 89°
Low Wednesday	39°	41°	40°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.01
Normal month to date	0.24	0.31	0.36
Year to date	5.37	9.89	19.54
Normal year to date	4.77	8.11	12.28

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	WNW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	3.5
Evapotranspiration	0.15

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)	
Phillips Reservoir	69% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	98% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	99% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	100% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	99% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	107% of capacity

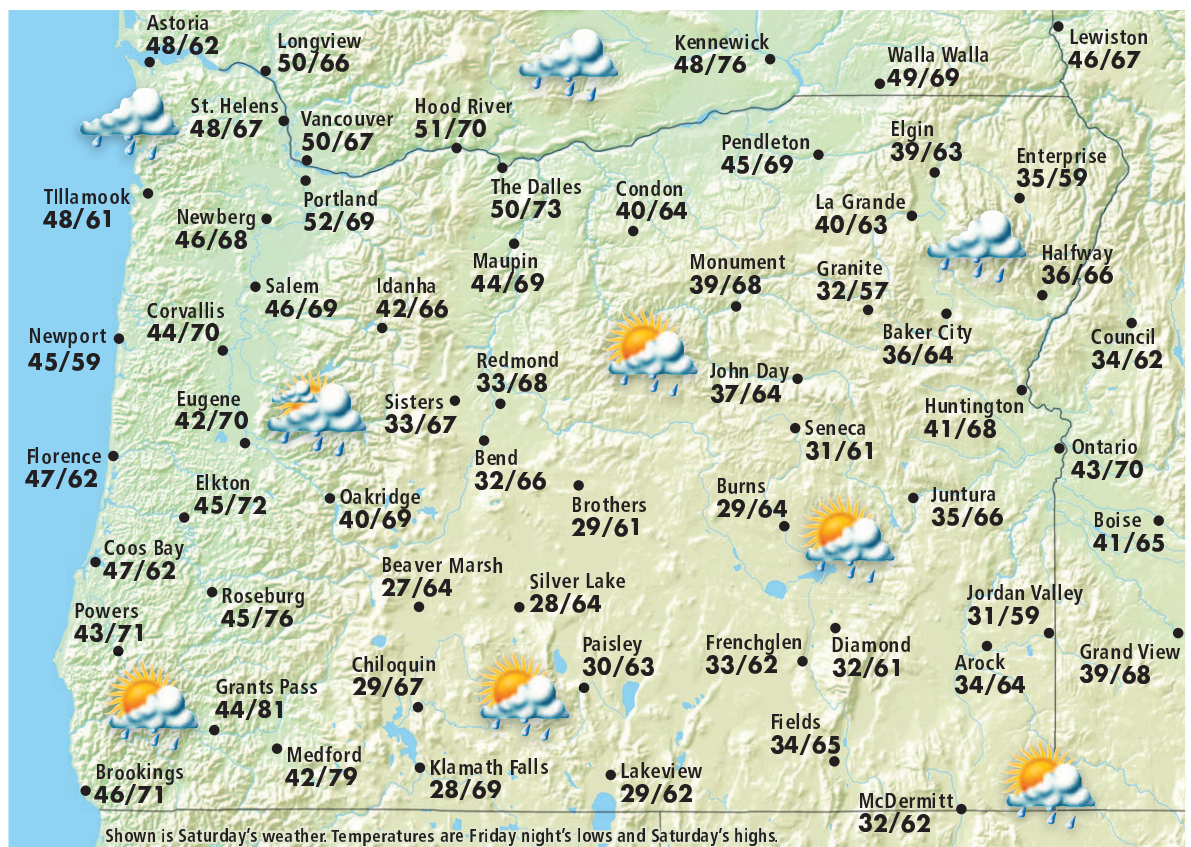
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Wednesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	7950 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	446 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	95 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	196 cfs
Minam River at Minam	2200 cfs
Powder River near Richland	563 cfs

SUN & MOON	
Sunrise	5:05 a.m.
Sunset	8:37 p.m.
Moonrise	9:32 a.m.
Moonset	none

MOON PHASES	
First	Jun 9
Full	Jun 17
Last	Jun 25
New	Jul 2

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SAT. HI/Lo/W	SUN. HI/Lo/W	City	SAT. HI/Lo/W	SUN. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	62/46/s	67/51/pc	Lewiston	67/45/c	78/51/s
Bend	66/35/s	78/43/pc	Longview	66/45/s	77/50/pc
Boise	65/43/pc	76/49/s	Meacham	61/36/pc	71/42/s
Brookings	71/53/s	76/56/s	Medford	79/47/s	94/54/s
Burns	64/34/pc	74/40/s	Newport	59/46/s	63/50/pc
Coos Bay	62/50/s	66/52/s	Olympia	66/42/pc	74/48/pc
Corvallis	70/49/s	81/53/pc	Ontario	70/42/pc	78/48/s
Council	62/36/pc	73/42/s	Pasco	76/45/pc	83/52/pc
Elgin	63/37/pc	74/45/s	Pendleton	69/43/pc	79/49/pc
Eugene	70/46/s	81/52/pc	Portland	69/49/s	80/55/pc
Hermiston	76/46/pc	84/51/pc	Powers	71/45/s	82/51/s
Hood River	70/46/s	81/52/pc	Redmond	68/35/s	81/43/pc
Imnaha	64/39/c	76/47/pc	Roseburg	76/49/s	89/55/s
John Day	64/38/pc	75/45/s	Salem	69/48/s	81/54/pc
Joseph	59/33/pc	70/42/s	Spokane	63/45/c	71/49/pc
Kennewick	76/45/pc	83/51/pc	The Dalles	73/48/s	82/56/pc
Klamath Falls	69/38/s	81/42/s	Ukiah	61/31/pc	72/40/pc
Lakeview	62/34/pc	75/39/s	Walla Walla	69/50/pc	79/55/s

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Partly sunny; cold	38 24	PHILLIPS LAKE Partly sunny; cool	59 31
MT. EMILY REC. Cold with some sun	51 35	BROWNLEE RES. A t-storm in spots	66 38
EAGLE CAP WILD. A morning shower	46 25	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Clouds and sun	57 29
WALLOWA LAKE Sun and clouds	59 33	MCKAY RESERVOIR Partly sunny	68 42
THIEF VALLEY RES. Partly sunny	64 33	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Clouds and sun	63 38



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