

Time and technology change communication between twins

DEAR ABBY: My twin sister moved to another state years ago. We always kept in close contact through telephone calls. But since the invention of caller ID, call waiting, cell-phones, text-ing, etc., things have changed.

Examples: She'll cut off a conversation to answer another nonemergency call. She frantically texts that she needs to talk right now, then doesn't call and won't answer when I try to call her. She doesn't return calls or texts for days.

When we do talk, she complains nonstop, and if I try to chime in about what's happening in my life, she cuts off the conversation. Also, we have a two-hour

time difference, so when she does call, it's either super late or the dinner hour. If I can't talk long, she gets mad and blocks me for days.

I don't want to be the etiquette police, but something is off. Advice?

— JUST ABOUT HAD IT

DEAR HAD IT: Has your twin always been this self-centered and rude, or is it relatively new behavior? Do not blame advances in technology for it. Accept that she may have a low level of tolerance for frustra-tion and little interest in what is going on in your life.

If I were you, the next time she blocks you, do not repeatedly try to reach her. Wait until she calls back. If

you haven't already taken this up with her directly, you should, because her phone manners are atrocious.

DEAR ABBY: My hus-band and I are elderly. We live in a renovated shack I inherited from my family. The neighbor-hood is degrading, and I'm trying to decide whether to build a new home out in the country on property I own.

If I do, my family, which needs a better place to live, could live in my cur-rent house. But I'm worried about the physical and emo-tional toll it will take on my husband and me to improve the wooded property. I also worry about issues like potential dementia living nearly 30 miles from town in the country.

No matter how much I weigh the pros and cons,

I can't reach a decision whether to build or not. Because of our ages, it's now or never. Can you please help me decide?

— STUMPED

DEAR STUMPED: Allow me to offer a third alternative. You described

your husband and yourself as elderly and expressed concern about the physical and emotional toll building a new home far from town could cause. It might make more sense to con-sider selling your current home and/or the rural prop-

erty and using the money to buy a place in town in a neighborhood that isn't degrading and is near med-ical facilities should you and your husband need them. At this point in your lives, the last thing you need is stress and isolation.

News of the Weird

Remains of Cold War-era Russian sub from 2002 film catch fire

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The remains of a Cold War-era Russian submarine once seen in a movie starring Harrison Ford caught fire in Providence on Tuesday morning, March 9, as workers were using a blowtorch to cut it up for scrap, fire officials said.

The fire at a waterfront scrap yard sent a plume of black smoke over the city at about 9:30 a.m. but was quickly extinguished. No one was hurt.

The hull is sheathed in a 3- to 4-inch layer of rubber and that's what caught fire as workers cut into it with a torch, Providence Deputy Assistant Fire Chief Steve Capracotta said.

After the Cold War, the submarine known as Juliett 484 was sold and used as a



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In this Aug. 22, 2016 photo, the remnants of a Cold War-era Russian submarine, once used as a floating museum until it sank in 2007, sits rusting in the Providence River in Providence, Rhode Island. The remains of the submarine caught fire, Tuesday, March 9, 2021, as workers were using a blow torch to cut it up for scrap.

restaurant and vodka bar in Helsinki, Finland, and as a set for the 2002 Ford movie "K-19: The Widowmaker."

The sub wound up in Providence because the Rhode Island-based USS Saratoga Museum Founda-tion bought it and opened

it to the public as a floating museum in 2002.

It sank during a nor'easter in 2007 and was sold for scrap.

State environment offi-cials have been informed of the fire, Capracotta said.

— The Associated Press

March is
Colorectal Cancer
AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know...
colorectal cancer is the
third most commonly
diagnosed cancer in
the U.S.?

In its earliest stages, colon cancer may not produce any symptoms. It's important to have routine screenings in order to prevent colon cancer or find it early, when treatment is most effective. Most physicians recommend screening for people aged 50 or over, or earlier if there is a family history of colorectal cancer and for those with inflammatory bowel disease. There is a range of screening tests available and most are covered by insurance, often without a deductible or co-pay.

If you are 50 or older, or a have a family history of colorectal cancer, ask your doctor about screening options.

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weather

TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Mainly clear	Partly sunny	Spotty showers; colder	Clouds and sun	Times of sun and clouds
Baker City Comfort Index™ 9	58 33 9	43 27 0	51 28 4	56 33 6
La Grande Comfort Index™ 9	57 28 9	39 29 0	50 23 4	53 33 4
Enterprise Comfort Index™ 8	57 29 8	35 28 0	42 24 3	51 34 10

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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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	54°	53°	58°
Low Thursday	24°	20°	23°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	Trace	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.13	0.02	0.07
Normal month to date	0.27	0.50	0.81
Year to date	1.08	5.05	12.00
Normal year to date	1.65	3.27	6.31

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 94° Zapata, Texas

Low: -11° West Yellowstone, Mont.

Wettest: 2.47" Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

OREGON

High: 62° McMinnville

Low: 16° Meacham

Wettest: 0.03" Madras

WEATHER HISTORY

Run-off from winter snow followed by tor-rential rain led to massive flooding on the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania and New York on this date in 1936.

SUN & MOON

	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	6:09 a.m.	7:07 a.m.
Sunset	5:56 p.m.	6:57 p.m.
Moonrise	6:44 a.m.	8:04 a.m.
Moonset	6:22 p.m.	8:26 p.m.

MOON PHASES

New	First	Full	Last
Mar 13	Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 4

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Shown is Sunday's weather. Temperatures are Saturday night's lows and Sunday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W	City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	48/37/r	48/35/c	Lewiston	63/39/s	46/38/sh
Bend	52/29/c	43/27/sh	Longview	54/34/r	50/32/c
Boise	63/37/s	50/33/sh	Meacham	57/27/pc	39/29/sh
Brookings	49/34/r	49/33/pc	Medford	56/34/r	48/33/c
Burns	55/27/c	39/24/sh	Newport	47/37/r	45/36/pc
Coos Bay	48/35/r	47/35/pc	Olympia	50/31/r	49/28/c
Corvallis	49/34/r	48/31/pc	Ontario	63/36/pc	50/33/sh
Council	51/30/s	44/21/sh	Pasco	60/37/pc	55/31/pc
Elgin	58/28/pc	39/27/sh	Pendleton	63/34/c	48/36/sh
Eugene	51/34/r	48/32/c	Portland	52/37/r	50/35/c
Hermiston	64/35/c	54/36/pc	Powers	54/34/r	44/28/sh
Hood River	51/37/r	48/34/c	Redmond	56/30/c	43/26/sh
Imnaha	59/33/s	41/31/sh	Roseburg	51/35/r	48/32/c
John Day	59/24/c	35/26/sh	Salem	51/34/r	48/32/c
Joseph	55/28/pc	33/28/sh	Spokane	57/32/pc	43/32/pc
Kennewick	63/36/c	56/33/pc	The Dalles	55/36/r	53/34/pc
Klamath Falls	48/26/r	38/19/c	Ukiah	58/25/c	38/24/sh
Lakeview	47/23/c	35/18/sn	Walla Walla	60/36/pc	46/33/sh

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

RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Becoming cloudy	41 18	
MT. EMILY REC. Partly sunny	48 23	
EAGLE CAP WILD. Partly sunny	42 22	
WALLOWA LAKE Sunny intervals	55 28	
THIEF VALLEY RES. Partly sunny	58 33	

PHILLIPS LAKE Becoming cloudy	57 26	
BROWNLEE RES. Sun and clouds	58 29	
EMIGRANT ST. PARK Becoming cloudy	54 26	
MCKAY RESERVOIR Rather cloudy	64 32	
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Partly sunny	57 28	

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