

Best friend calls the police after man threatens suicide

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my late 30s. "Tim" and I have been best friends for more than 10 years. Over the last few years, he has struggled with depression and addiction, and I have done my best to help him.



DEAR ABBY

A few weeks back, Tim called me crying and said he was planning to end his life. It wasn't the first time he has spoken this way, but it was the first time he described a plan of action. Because I was alarmed, I called the police to do a welfare check. They went to Tim's home, which is across the country from mine, and took him to a psychiatric facility for several days.

Now that he's out, he's furious with me for notifying the police and says I betrayed him. He said he doesn't know if we can continue to be friends.

I feel terrible, like I perhaps made a mistake by calling reinforcements, but I was more worried about the consequences of not calling. My family is telling me I should step away from the friendship altogether, but I can't imagine doing that. Please help.

— TAKES FRIENDSHIP SERIOUSLY

DEAR TAKES: Your family's advice to step away seems sensible. You did NOT make a mis-

take by calling to see that Tim got help after he told you he had a plan in place to take his own life. You were trying to help him and prevent a tragedy, and that's a good thing.

Tim is clearly very ill and, unfortunately, there is little you can do to fix what's wrong with him (which is plenty). If you know his family, inform them about what has been going on. And because he doesn't know if he can continue being friends with you, leave it up to him to decide.

DEAR ABBY: My brother's wife is pregnant, and there is talk about their moving to the state where her family lives. There are only three people in my sister-in-

law's family (one is elderly and two others work full time) who may provide her with support during her transition into motherhood. On the other hand, there are 10 of us who could help them emotionally and physically if they stay here.

My sister-in-law plans on being a stay-at-home mom, which I wholeheartedly support. My brother would move to the state where her family resides only in order to appease her. Our family is closer than her family. I feel we can provide them with more love and support than her family. What can I say or do to show them that living near our family is the best decision?

— NEAR IS BETTER

DEAR NEAR: I'm sure you mean well, but do not make the mistake of trying to "sell" your sister-in-law on staying. It appears her mind is made up.

If she feels she would be more comfortable with her own family as she approaches this milestone, not much you can say will dissuade her. Of course, nothing prevents you from telling your brother how you feel, if you haven't already.

You might also suggest they consider renting for a year rather than buying a home right away, to see how they like it. That way, once the baby arrives and reality hits, she may realize she won't have the support she may need, and they may decide to return.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

After 100 years, California condor could return to northwest

SAN FRANCISCO—The endangered California condor could return to the Pacific Northwest for the first time in 100 years.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to allow the release of captive-bred giant vultures into Redwood National Park as early as this fall to create a "nonessential experimental population" for California's far north, Oregon and northwestern Nevada, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Wednesday.

The project will be headed by the Yurok tribe, which traditionally has considered the California condor a sacred animal and has been working for years to return the species to the tribe's ancestral territory.

"Certainly within a year we hope to have birds in the sky," Tiana Williams-Claussen, director of the wildlife department of the Yurok tribe, told the Chronicle.

"Not having him here



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In this June 21, 2017, photo, a California condor takes flight east of Big Sur, California. The endangered California condor could return to the Pacific Northwest for the first time in 100 years. The San Francisco Chronicle says the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to allow the release of captive-bred giant vultures into Redwood National Park as early as fall 2021.

for 100 years now, we as a people are wounded without having that spirit flying in our skies," she said.

The California condor is the largest native North American bird, with a wingspan of nearly 10 feet (3 meters). The scavenger was once widespread but had virtually disappeared by the 1970s because of poaching, lead poisoning from eating animals killed by hunters and destruc-

tion of its habitat.

In the early 1980s, all 22 condors remaining in the wild were trapped and brought into a captive-breeding program that began releasing the giant vultures into Southern California's Los Padres National Forest in 1992. That flock has been expanding its range while other condors now occupy parts of California's Central Coast, Arizona, Utah and Baja Cal-

ifornia, Mexico. The total wild population now numbers more than 300 birds.

A dozen adults and two chicks died last summer when a wildfire ravaged their territory in Big Sur, along California's Central Coast.

The new initiative calls for releasing four or six juvenile condors each year for 20 years throughout Redwood National Park, which is about an hour's drive from the Oregon border. Condors can live for 60 years and fly vast distances, which is why their range could extend into several states.

Part of Wright brothers' 1st airplane on NASA's Mars chopper

CAPE CANAVERAL — A piece of the Wright brothers' first airplane is on Mars.

NASA's experimental Martian helicopter holds a small swatch of fabric from the 1903 Wright Flyer, the space agency revealed Tuesday. The helicopter, named Ingenuity, hitched a

ride to the red planet with the Perseverance rover, arriving last month.

Ingenuity will attempt the first powered, controlled flight on another planet no sooner than April 8. It will mark a "Wright brothers' moment," noted Bobby Braun, director for planetary science at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The Carillon Historical Park in Dayton, Ohio, the Wrights' hometown, donated the postage-size piece of muslin from the plane's bottom left wing, at NASA's request.

The swatch made the 300 million-mile journey to Mars with the blessing of the Wright brothers' great-grandniece and great-grandnephew, said park curator Steve Lucht.

"Wilbur and Orville Wright would be pleased to know that a little piece of their 1903 Wright Flyer I, the machine that launched the Space Age by barely one quarter of a mile, is going to soar into history again on Mars!" Amanda Wright Lane and Stephen Wright said in a statement

provided by the park.

Orville Wright was on board for the world's first powered, controlled flight on Dec. 17, 1903, at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The brothers took turns, making four flights that day.

A fragment of Wright Flyer wood and fabric flew to the moon with Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong in 1969. A swatch also accompanied John Glenn into orbit aboard space shuttle Discovery in 1998. Both astronauts were from Ohio.

NASA's 4-pound helicopter will attempt to rise 10 feet into the extremely thin Martian air on its first hop. Up to five increasingly higher and longer flights are planned over the course of a month.

The material is taped to a cable beneath the helicopter's solar panel, which is perched on top like a graduate's mortarboard.

For now, Ingenuity remains attached to the rover's belly. A protective shield dropped away over the weekend, exposing the spindly chopper.

— Associated Press

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	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Clear and cold	Mostly sunny and warmer	Partly sunny and mild	Increasing clouds	Turning cloudy
Baker City	23	62 32	69 35	70 38	73 35
Comfort Index™	6	9	10	10	10
La Grande	28	62 43	67 34	67 39	66 38
Comfort Index™	6	10	10	10	10
Enterprise	26	59 43	64 34	61 45	65 40
Comfort Index™	6	10	10	10	10

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	75°	70°	69°
Low Sunday	28°	32°	33°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	Trace	0.08	0.00
Month to date	0.14	0.54	1.01
Normal month to date	0.74	1.31	2.00
Year to date	1.09	5.57	12.94
Normal year to date	2.12	4.08	7.50

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 94°	Anaheim, Calif.
Low: 1°	Gothic, Colo.
Wettest: 2.65"	Nashville, Tenn.
OREGON	
High: 82°	Ontario
Low: 17°	Lakeview
Wettest: 0.53"	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

Heavy, wet snow swirled through New York City on March 30, 1805, as gusty gales toppled trees. The wind was strong enough to mobilize wet snow rollers that grew as large as 2 feet in diameter.

SUN & MOON

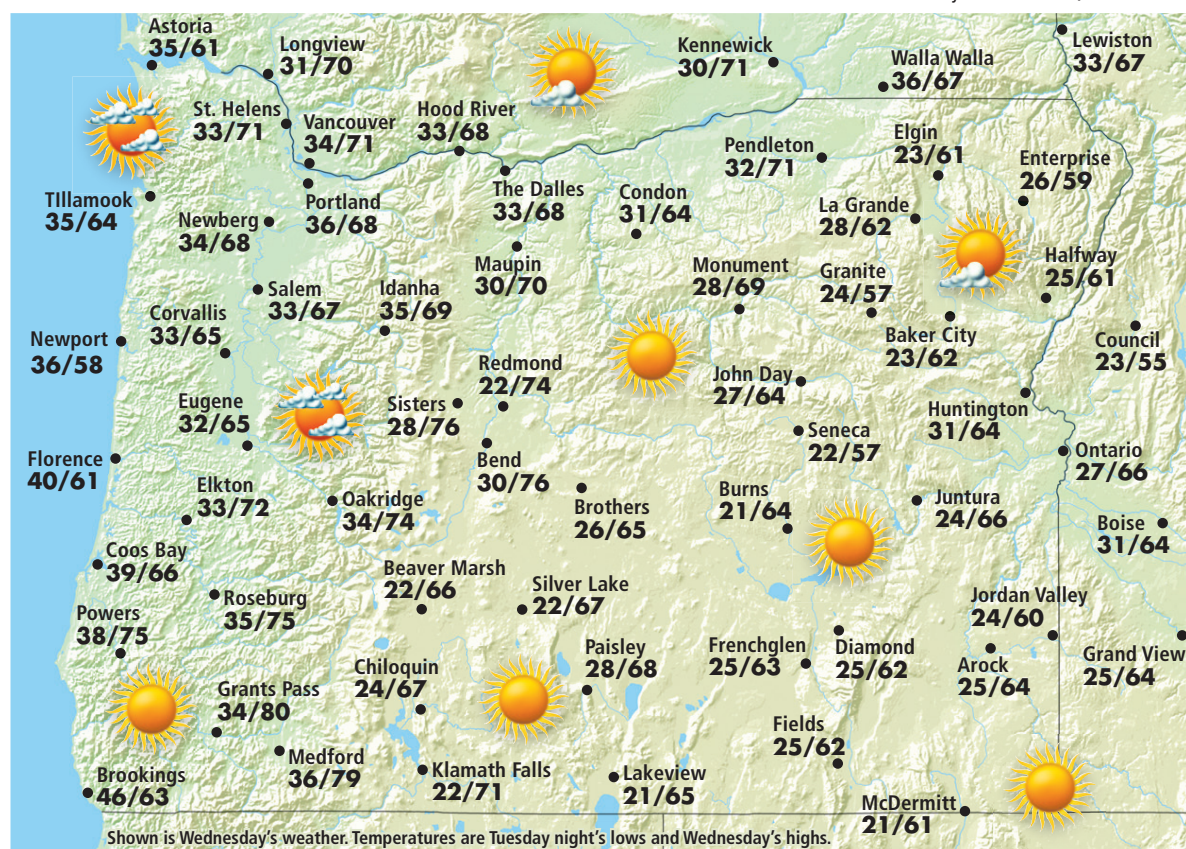
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6:36 a.m.	6:34 a.m.
Sunset	7:18 p.m.	7:19 p.m.
Moonrise	10:10 p.m.	11:32 p.m.
Moonset	7:54 a.m.	8:24 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 19	Apr 26

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W	City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	61/42/c	51/37/r	Lewiston	67/39/pc	71/41/pc
Bend	76/39/s	64/34/s	Longview	70/36/c	58/38/pc
Boise	64/38/s	73/45/pc	Meacham	60/43/s	65/33/pc
Brookings	63/45/s	57/41/c	Medford	79/42/s	74/41/pc
Burns	64/29/s	70/34/pc	Newport	58/42/s	50/37/pc
Coos Bay	66/41/s	52/36/pc	Olympia	60/36/c	54/34/pc
Corvallis	65/40/pc	61/37/pc	Ontario	66/37/s	73/43/pc
Council	55/26/s	63/34/pc	Pasco	68/36/s	75/39/pc
Elgin	61/41/s	65/35/pc	Pendleton	71/47/s	72/40/pc
Eugene	65/40/s	63/36/pc	Portland	68/41/pc	61/41/pc
Hermiston	73/39/s	74/41/pc	Powers	75/44/s	63/38/pc
Hood River	68/39/s	61/40/pc	Redmond	74/34/s	68/31/pc
Imnaha	61/42/s	66/35/pc	Roseburg	75/41/s	67/38/pc
John Day	64/36/s	68/39/pc	Salem	67/41/pc	61/37/pc
Joseph	57/42/s	61/34/pc	Spokane	60/39/pc	63/36/pc
Kennewick	71/35/s	77/41/pc	The Dalles	68/40/s	66/42/pc
Klamath Falls	71/29/s	68/31/pc	Ukiah	66/39/s	67/33/pc
Lakeview	65/30/s	65/31/pc	Walla Walla	67/50/s	71/42/pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Sunny and milder	Sunny and mild
43 33	60 30
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Milder	Plenty of sunshine
50 42	59 33
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny
42 26	59 36
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Sunny and milder	Warmer
57 42	71 48
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Breezy in the p.m.	Warmer
62 32	62 43

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