

# Reader says Abby came down too hard on friend's mistake



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**Dear Abby:** I took exception to your response to "Former Friend in Oregon" (July 1), who vaped marijuana while visiting a friend in the presence of the friend's 12-year-old future stepdaughter. The friend made a mistake, for which she apologized profusely. She had flown cross-country to visit her pregnant best friend, no small thing. Flying can cause both anxiety and nausea, and the woman said she uses vaping to relieve both of those

issues. Further, it was legal in that state.

Pregnancy can cause hormones to be out of whack, and the pregnant friend might have been more emotional and reactive than usual. "Former Friend" stated she did not have experience with children. If her judgment was poor, she apologized for it and didn't try to minimize it. I truly believe she should be forgiven and that one mistake should not end the entire friendship.

This incident could have been a teaching tool for the child, referencing bad judgment, forgiveness, value of friendship, etc. Friendships are vitally important. I could not have navigated what life has thrown at me without the

support of close friends. A friend who travels far to visit her bestie should not be discarded over one error in judgment, especially when she so willingly apologized.

— **Forgiving in North Carolina**

**Dear Forgiving:** That letter drew a huge response from readers, many of whom expressed similar feelings to yours. They pointed out that marijuana is becoming increasingly legal and normal in our society, and it is a topic that should be openly discussed with the 12-year-old. They also felt the girl probably knows more about drugs than the two women do. (She asked her future stepmom, "Was she smoking weed?") Consensus was universal that "Former Friend" may have

committed a faux pas, but not an unforgivable one, and I should not have been so hard-nosed.

**Dear Abby:** I was married in a double wedding with my twin brother. Fast-forward: My husband and I will celebrate our 25th anniversary in three months. My brother and his wife divorced 10 years ago. Our three adult children want us to have a big anniversary celebration, as do my husband and I. My brother says that since it would have been his anniversary too, I'm being selfish and insensitive to his feelings. Our mother agrees! Both said if we have a party, they will not attend.

I think they are the ones being selfish. My husband and I have had our share of hardships, but

we worked and talked through them. I feel we deserve this celebration not only for us, but also our kids and friends. Your thoughts? — **Silver Anniversary in Arizona**

**Dear Silver:** You are neither selfish nor insensitive. Celebrate your 25th anniversary (congratulations, by the way) in any fashion or at any time you and your family choose. It is regrettable that your self-centered twin brother and overly indulgent mother adopted the attitude they have and attempted to make the occasion all about him, but the choice was theirs. Graciously accept their refusal to attend, have the party and enjoy every minute of it.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Basta! Romans say enough to invasion of wild boars in city

The Associated Press

ROME — Rome has been invaded by Gauls, Visigoths and vandals over the centuries, but the Eternal City is now grappling with a rampaging force of an entirely different sort — rubbish-seeking wild boars.

Entire families of wild boars have become a daily sight in Rome, as groups of 10-30 beasts young and old emerge from the vast parks surrounding the city to trot down traffic-clogged streets in search of food in Rome's notoriously overflowing rubbish bins.

Posting wild boar videos on social media has become something of a sport as exasperated Romans capture the scavengers marching past their stores, strollers or playgrounds.

As Rome gears up for a local election next weekend, the wild boar invasion has been used as a political weapon to attack Mayor Virginia



Wild boars forage near trash bins in Rome, Friday, Sept. 24, 2021. They have become a daily sight in Rome, families of wild boars trotting down the city streets, sticking their snouts in the garbage looking for food.

Gregorio Borgia/The Associated Press

Raggi over the city's formidable garbage collection problems. But experts say the issue is more complicated and tied at least in part to a booming boar

population.

Italy's main agriculture lobby, Coldiretti, estimates there are over 2 million wild boars in Italy. The region of Lazio sur-

rounding Rome estimates there are 5,000-6,000 of them in city parks, a few hundred of which regularly abandon the trees and green for urban asphalt

and trash bins.

To combat their growing numbers, Lazio launched a program in 2019 to capture the beasts in park cages for slaughter, and last month approved a new decree to allow selective hunting of boars in some parks, which until now had been strictly forbidden.

Maurizio Giubbotti, in charge of Lazio's parks, says the region needs to increase the boar cull from 700 over two years to at least 1,000 annually to get the situation under control.

In Italy's rural areas, hunting wild boar is a popular sport and most Italians can offer a long list of their favorite wild boar dishes, including pappardelle pasta with boar sauce and wild boar stew. But animal rights groups have been adamantly opposed to mass culling.

Those beliefs are not shared by some urban residents.

"I am afraid of walking on the sidewalk, because on one side there are the

dumpsters for the rubbish and they (the boars) jump on me," said Grazia, a 79-year-old grandmother waiting outside an elementary school to pick up her grandchildren. She did not give her last name.

Just down the street, a family of wild boars was snorting through the trash.

Her concerns are not misplaced: Wild boars can weigh up to 220 pounds, reach 2.6 feet in height and measure 5 feet long, a not-insignificant threat especially to the elderly and young children.

"We have been invaded here," lamented Pino Consolati, who runs a restaurant on a busy street corner in Rome's Monte Mario neighborhood. He said families of wild boars routinely wander through his outdoor eating area looking for food. One day this week, he said, his sister found 30 boars outside her shoe store when she left at 8 p.m.

"It is not a pleasant situation," he said.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Partly cloudy and chilly	Sunny and warmer	Sun yielding to clouds	A shower in the morning	Plenty of sunshine
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>62 29</b>	<b>70 33</b>	<b>66 29</b>	<b>71 28</b>
Comfort Index™	0	5	9	8	10
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>63 34</b>	<b>69 40</b>	<b>63 31</b>	<b>67 35</b>
Comfort Index™	0	9	9	8	10
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>59 36</b>	<b>68 42</b>	<b>64 36</b>	<b>69 34</b>
Comfort Index™	0	9	10	10	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.

### ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	85°	84°	87°
Low Sunday	34°	42°	40°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.43	0.43	0.49
Normal month to date	0.38	0.56	0.83
Year to date	3.54	6.97	16.28
Normal year to date	6.80	11.89	16.74

### SUNDAY EXTREMES

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 107° Death Valley, Calif.  
Low: 24° Fraser, Colo.  
Wettest: 2.66" Frenchville, Maine

**OREGON**  
High: 88° Ontario  
Low: 32° Lakeview  
Wettest: 0.01" Astoria

### AGRICULTURAL INFO.

#### HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	SE at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	1.2
Evapotranspiration	0.11

#### RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	10% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	10% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	29% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	0% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

#### STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	476 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	38 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	44 cfs
Minam River at Minam	52 cfs
Powder River near Richland	3 cfs

### WEATHER HISTORY

On Sept. 28, 1989, heavy rain fell in the Jacksonville, Fla., area for the second time in four days and caused widespread flooding. Rainfall totaled 3-5 inches during the morning.

### SUN & MOON

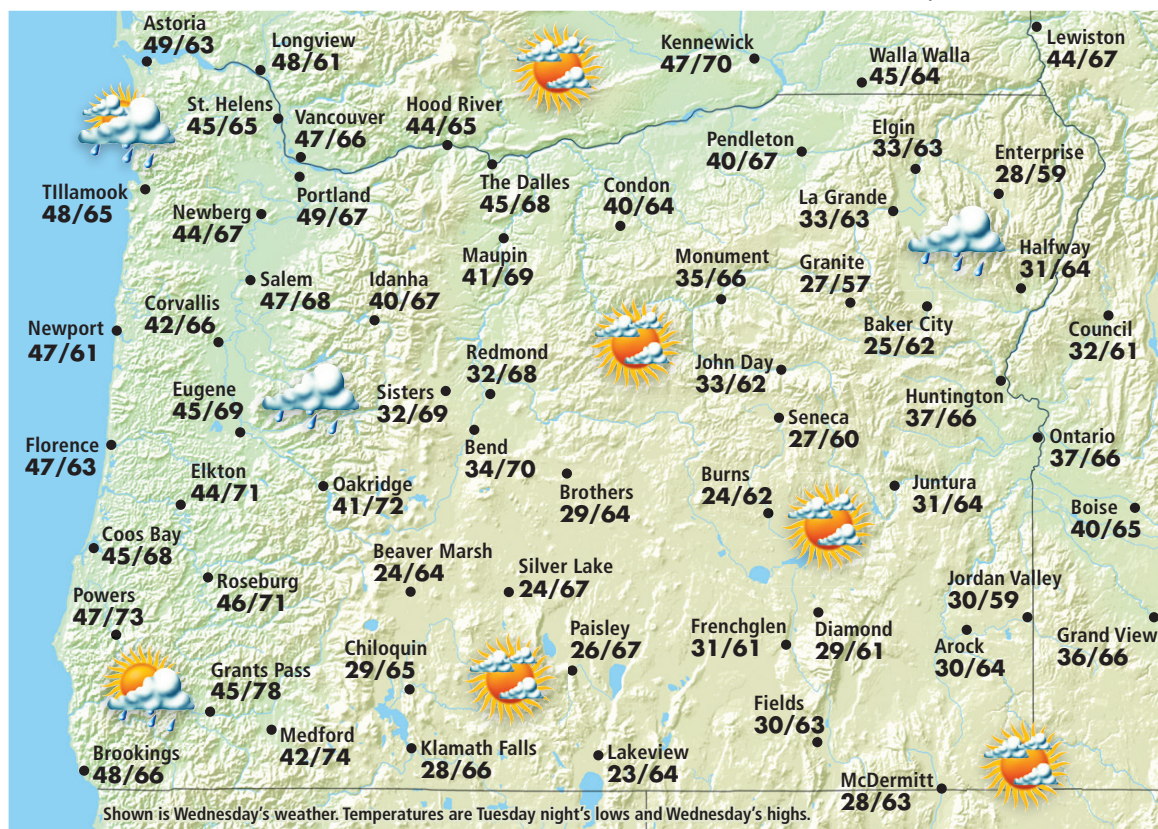
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Sunrise	6:47 a.m.	6:48 a.m.
Sunset	6:38 p.m.	6:36 p.m.
Moonrise	10:57 p.m.	11:51 p.m.
Moonset	2:35 p.m.	3:26 p.m.

### MOON PHASES



## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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### REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED.		THU.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	63/55/sh	63/48/sh	Lewiston	67/44/s
Bend	70/37/s	71/47/pc	Longview	61/54/sh
Boise	65/41/s	71/47/s	Meacham	62/34/s
Brookings	66/52/pc	69/53/pc	Medford	74/44/pc
Burns	62/28/s	71/33/pc	Newport	61/51/c
Coos Bay	68/51/pc	72/50/c	Olympia	60/52/r
Corvallis	66/48/pc	70/49/sh	Ontario	66/36/s
Council	61/33/s	68/37/s	Pasco	69/45/pc
Elgin	63/31/s	71/37/pc	Pendleton	67/41/s
Eugene	69/49/pc	73/51/c	Portland	67/58/c
Hermiston	68/39/pc	77/47/pc	Powers	73/49/pc
Hood River	65/50/pc	72/53/c	Redmond	68/37/s
Imnaha	64/41/s	73/54/pc	Roseburg	67/41/s
John Day	62/39/s	71/42/pc	Salem	68/54/c
Joseph	60/36/s	67/42/pc	Spokane	58/45/pc
Kennewick	70/44/pc	78/50/pc	The Dalles	68/48/pc
Klamath Falls	66/32/pc	74/36/s	Ukiah	61/34/s
Lakeview	64/28/s	72/35/s	Walla Walla	64/49/s

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

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Sunshine, but cold	<b>41 29</b>	<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Sunny and warmer	<b>58 30</b>
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Cold with sunshine	<b>48 32</b>	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Sunny, but cool	<b>63 37</b>
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Sunny, but chilly	<b>45 26</b>	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Sunny and warmer	<b>57 29</b>
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Sunny and warmer	<b>60 36</b>	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Mostly sunny	<b>67 43</b>
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Sunny and cool	<b>62 29</b>	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Sunny and warmer	<b>63 34</b>

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