

Wife takes over whole home with remote work



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: My wife works from home, and we are having a disagreement about the home workspace. She says I interrupt her too much and shouldn't talk to her so often. While I agree with that, I don't agree with her roaming around the house with her laptop while she's in meetings. If I turn on the TV, listen to music or talk on the phone, she gets upset. I have been digging my heels in saying I'm entitled to enjoy my own home and she should either stay in her home office or go to a coffee shop. To me, what she's doing is like taking your laptop

into the work break room and telling people to be quiet because she's in a meeting. I know her job is stressful and she gets anxious, so now I'm torn. Am I unrealistic to expect her not to make our entire house her office? — **Walking On Eggshells**

Dear Walking: People create home offices for a reason. It's a dedicated, organized place to work. Your wife should not be "roaming the house" with her laptop and insisting you maintain complete silence. Ideally, some physical boundaries should be set that equitably divide the house between her "office" and the "rest of the house."

Another suggestion might be for you to find some activity away from your home a couple of mornings or afternoons a week — a

part-time job, a sport or volunteering — while she's busy in meetings. This might provide you with more social contact. The two of you should have a (calm) discussion and see what works for you.

Dear Abby: I got engaged a while back. In the midst of wedding planning, the question of who will walk me down the aisle has come up. My fiancée despises my father (he's witnessed the damage my dad has done to me), but I forgave Dad and feel neutral about his presence. My mom has voiced — begged, actually — that I allow her and Dad to give me away since she didn't have either parent there for her wedding.

I don't have an opinion on the subject. My mom for sentimental reasons does. But my future hus-

band can't bear the sight of my dad. This is causing me so much anxiety, I have thought about calling the whole thing off on more than one occasion.

If I oblige my mom, my fiancée will be unhappy (to say the least), and if I oblige my fiancée, I'll break Mom's heart. I can find no middle ground here and feel as if I lose on both sides. Any advice on how to proceed? — **Torn Bride-To-Be**

Dear Torn: This is your and your fiancée's wedding. It should not be influenced by your mother's history. I do have a suggestion: Rather than make yourself sick with anxiety, walk YOURSELF down the aisle. Many modern brides do it these days. Your mother could give a reading or sit with your father in the front row and cheer you on. Who escorts

you down the aisle should not be decided by her.

P.S. Have you thought about how your fiancée's antipathy for your father may affect your marriage? What's happening now isn't conducive to a happy marriage. Before you step foot on that trip down the aisle, it needs to be resolved. Family counseling might help the four of you, because once you tie the knot, your fiancée will be part of the family.

Dear Abby: Should aging parents have to pay their children to take them to appointments or elsewhere? — **Wondering Parent**

Dear Wondering Parent: I'm guessing you and your spouse did plenty of "chauffeur" before your children had driver's licenses. The "child" who suggested it should be ashamed of herself.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

American Girl Dolls, Risk, sand make it to Toy Hall of Fame

The Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — American Girl dolls and the strategy board game Risk were inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame on Thursday, Nov. 4, in recognition of their influence on the toy industry. Sand, which the group called perhaps the most universal and oldest toy in the world, was also inducted.

All three were honored during a ceremony at the hall after winning over a panel of experts who voted for them from a group of 12 finalists.

Also in the running this year were four other competitive games: Battleship, The Settlers of Catan, Mahjong and billiards, as well as Cabbage Patch Kids, Masters of the Universe, Fisher-Price Corn Popper, the toy fire engine and the piñata.

Anyone can nominate a toy but to be considered, they must have withstood tests of time and memory, changed play or toy design and fostered learning, creativity or discovery.

American Girl dolls, the 1986



This photo, provided by The Strong National Museum of Play, shows the three toys being inducted this year into the National Toy Hall of Fame. They are, from left: sand, The American Girl Doll, and the game of Risk, that are being enshrined during a ceremony at the hall, located inside The Strong National Museum of Play, in Rochester, NY.

creation of educator Pleasant Rowland, were recognized for their exploration of the country's social and cultural history. The 18-inch historical dolls and accompanying books each offer insights into an era. For example, Molly McIntire is waiting for her father to return home from World

War II. The Truly Me contemporary doll line, with its diversity of skin tones, hair and gender, followed in 1995, letting children choose a doll that looks like them.

Rowland, 80, called the American Girl doll's inclusion "an incredible honor."

"I'm so proud of the American Girl family—past and present—who have been faithful stewards of this brand for more than three decades, helping to capture the hearts of an entire generation of girls," she said in an emailed statement.

"Rowland's formula for combining doll play with history lessons worked, in her words, like 'chocolate cake with vitamins,'" curator Michelle Parnett-Dwyer said. "In an era when some education experts claimed that school curriculums paid little attention to history, this toy may well have filled a void."

Risk, based on the French game Le Conquete du Monde, was first published in the United States in 1959 and continues to influence other board games, hall officials said. It challenges players to control armies and conquer the world on a game board that is a map of continents.

"Risk became one of the most popular board games of all time, inspiring a new corps of passionate gamers, and influencing other games which began the war-

gaming hobby — and by extension the Euro-games like The Settlers of Catan that many enjoy today," curator Nicolas Ricketts said.

Sand was honored for its "opportunities for tactical, physical, cooperative, creative, and independent free play," according to the hall of fame, which is housed inside The Strong Museum of Play in Rochester, New York.

"Children recognize sand as a creative material suitable for pouring, scooping, sieving, raking, and measuring," it said. "Wet sand is even better, ready for kids to construct, shape, and sculpt."

"Although some playthings can only be found online or in certain stores, sand has a global reach that most toy manufacturers would envy," chief curator Christopher Bensch said. "It's been a vehicle for play since prehistory, and anyone who has spent the day at the beach can understand the allure of this toy."

The class of 2021 joins 74 previous honorees.

weather

	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	A passing evening shower	Mostly cloudy	A few afternoon showers	Cloudy, showers around	Times of clouds and sun
Baker City	26	44 33	45 37	48 37	48 33
La Grande	32	44 40	49 42	49 45	51 40
Enterprise	27	44 35	50 38	52 43	52 42

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		SUNDAY EXTREMES	
TEMPERATURES	Baker City La Grande Elgin	NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High Sunday	46° 48° 50°	High: 90°	Elkhart, Kan.
Low Sunday	19° 22° 27°	Low: 5°	Antero Reservoir, Colo.
PRECIPITATION (inches)		Wettest: 1.28"	Florence, Ore.
Sunday	0.00 0.00 0.14	OREGON	
Month to date	0.26 0.34 0.53	High: 58°	Hermiston
Normal month to date	0.16 0.44 0.58	Low: 18°	Lakeview
Year to date	4.61 8.74 19.04	Wettest: 1.23"	Astoria
Normal year to date	7.64 14.02 19.61		

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	40%
Afternoon wind	S at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.0
Evapotranspiration	0.06

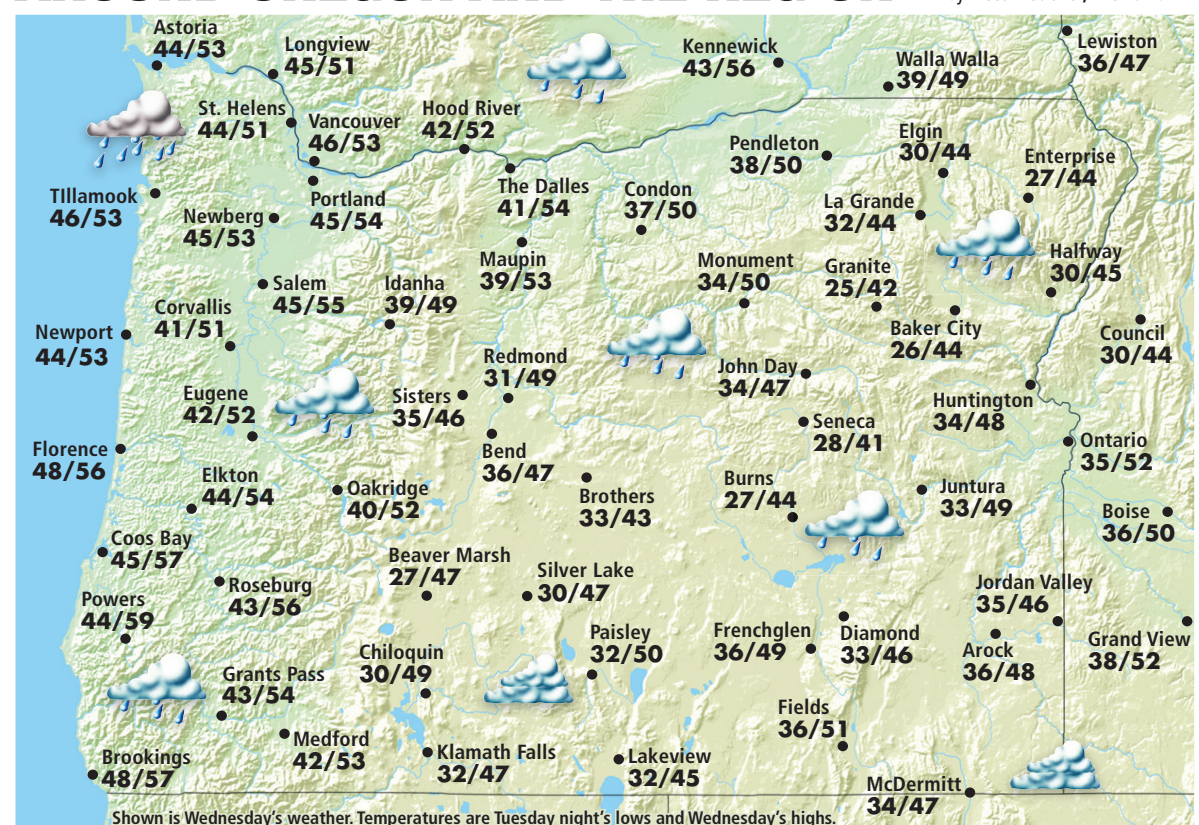
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)	
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	12% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	12% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	13% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	6% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	1% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	779 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	19 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	45 cfs
Minam River at Minam	104 cfs
Powder River near Richland	8 cfs

SUN & MOON	
Sunrise	6:43 a.m.
Sunset	4:29 p.m.
Moonrise	12:25 p.m.
Moonset	9:01 p.m.

MOON PHASES	
Nov 11	Nov 19
Nov 27	Dec 3

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY	
City	WED. HI/LO/W	THU. HI/LO/W	ANTHONY LAKES
Astoria	53/49/c	56/54/sh	Mostly cloudy
Bend	47/47/c	59/51/r	29 28
Boise	50/41/c	51/43/r	MT. EMILY REC.
Brookings	57/52/r	61/54/r	Cold
Burns	44/37/sn	56/35/r	33 32
Coos Bay	57/55/c	62/54/sh	EAGLE CAP WILD.
Corvallis	51/49/c	59/55/sh	Cold
Council	44/34/pc	47/40/c	32 25
Elgin	44/36/pc	51/40/r	WALLOWA LAKE
Eugene	52/51/c	61/56/sh	Becoming cloudy
Hermiston	56/45/pc	55/47/r	44 35
Hood River	52/42/c	51/47/sh	THIEF VALLEY RES.
Imnaha	49/38/c	51/43/c	Mostly cloudy
John Day	47/43/c	59/48/r	44 33
Joseph	44/35/pc	50/40/r	
Kennewick	56/43/pc	54/45/c	
Klamath Falls	47/40/c	58/37/c	
Lakeview	45/38/c	56/33/pc	
Lewiston	47/39/pc	47/43/c	
Longview	51/47/c	57/54/sh	
Meacham	43/37/pc	50/41/r	
Medford	53/49/c	64/48/c	
Newport	53/50/c	57/54/sh	
Olympia	50/43/c	54/50/sh	
Ontario	52/41/pc	49/42/r	
Pasco	57/41/pc	52/44/c	
Pendleton	50/43/pc	53/45/r	
Portland	54/48/c	58/55/sh	
Powers	59/54/c	63/54/c	
Redmond	49/43/c	58/49/r	
Roseburg	56/51/c	64/52/c	
Salem	55/48/c	61/58/sh	
Spokane	45/31/pc	43/38/c	
The Dalles	54/43/pc	50/46/sh	
Ukiah	46/39/c	53/47/r	
Walla Walla	49/40/pc	48/44/r	

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

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