

# Cousin remains tangled in relatives' longtime feud



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** My cousin "Scotty" invited my husband and me to see his new house. He made it clear, several times, that my sister and her husband, "Ian," are not invited because his wife doesn't like Ian. My sister and brother-in-law would have no problem if they never saw Scotty again, and I didn't intend for them to accompany us on this visit. However, every time I speak to Scotty, he reiterates not to bring

my brother-in-law along. I admit, Ian is a difficult guy to get to know, but I have known him for 40 years, and he really has a heart of gold. I think Scotty is being disrespectful to me by repeating that Ian isn't welcome. How can I resolve this in a way that won't result in not communicating with Scotty ever again?  
— **RELATIVE DRAMA IN FLORIDA**  
**DEAR RELATIVE DRAMA:** The next time Scotty starts on his rant about Ian, head him off by interrupting him and saying, "You have already told me that. You don't need to repeat it." Then change the subject.

**DEAR ABBY:** My dear husband died suddenly last year. It's been difficult, but I am blessed to have good friends and close family. The hardest part, however, has been the four-plus months it took to decipher his online accounts. He left me few passwords, and many of his contacts were uncooperative, some even cruel. Why should it be impossible to pay someone else's bill? I cannot stress enough how important it is to have a log or written account of passwords and usernames. It could have saved countless hours of stressful negotiations. — **LESSON LEARNED IN MICHIGAN**

**DEAR LESSON LEARNED:** Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband. You are not the only spouse who has written about this very real problem. Sometimes the concept of a world without us in it can be difficult to comprehend, hence the hesitancy to share passwords. But death can come at any time, and, as in your husband's case, with little — or no — warning. Readers, it can spare your loved ones a world of unneeded stress to log those passwords and make sure your spouse, trustee or attorney can access them in case of emergency.  
**DEAR ABBY:** When my wife

of nine months makes a dental or medical appointment, she gives her last name as her late husband's last name. He died 10 years ago. Should I be disappointed with my bride since, before we were married, she said she would adopt my last name? — **NEWLYWED IN FLORIDA**  
**DEAR NEWLYWED:** Why your bride would be hesitant to do this, I can't guess, but because it bothers you, discuss it with her before it festers. Informing health care professionals about a name change is fairly simple. All one has to do is inform the receptionist that a new name should be entered into the computer.

## MAMMEN

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entire basement of the new West-Jacobson Building. In addition, he was leasing one room on the first floor for a cigar store and card room. The business, which was to be known as The Club, was formally opened in October of 1913. The store on the first floor was intended to appeal to both men and women, so in addition to cigars there was offered for sale a selection of fancy candies and a soda fountain serving tasty beverages. The Observer reported the room was "fitted entirely with mahogany and plate glass fixtures. All show cases are of the very latest model, carrying curved glass fronts, and in the rear is a handsome partition of mahogany and plate glass mirrors, which separates the front of the room from the card room." The card room was also decorated with the finest and was furnished with a rug of exquisite color and comfortable leather furniture. From the cigar store there was the stairway leading to the basement where modern billiard tables and three bowling alleys had been

installed. A barbershop rounded out the activities in this part of the establishment. On opening night, from 7 o'clock until midnight, there was a full orchestra, vocalists and a variety of games to entertain the public. There were other times through the years that such was provided and the ladies were invited to join in the merriment. McCornick sold his interest in the Club Cigar Store in May of 1914 and in October of 1915 he and Fred E. Ware released their lease on the basement to the La Grande Businessmen's club. At that time The Club, under the management of Ware, was no longer open to the public and became available only to the lodge membership of about a hundred men. McCornick also had interest in the Foley Hotel pool halls and Ware took over those when McCornick moved back to Eugene. The Club Bowling Alley was still in operation in 1920 and the Club Cigar Store was at this location until February of 1930. The most interesting person associated with this building was Condon Carlton McCornick. He was born in Eugene to Postmaster Herbert McCornick and his wife Ella in May 1880. He

graduated from college and then went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad as a salesman and it was probably because of his work that he became acquainted with La Grande. McCornick didn't stay long in La Grande and his last memories were probably not the best. In the fall of 1915 he was facing charges having been accused of breaking the Sunday closing law. He pleaded not guilty based on his claim that because it was now a private club and not open to the public, he was not breaking the law. This didn't work and by early November trial time had not yet been set. However, by early December he had disposed of his interests and he and Nina moved back to Eugene. C. C. McCornick had served as a volunteer in the Spanish American War and by 1920 was back serving full time in the military. In 1940 he was a brigadier general stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco. Condon McCornick died in 1944. Keep looking up! Enjoy!  
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# Stuck jet stream, La Nina causing weird weather

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**  
The Associated Press

**DENVER** — America's winter wonderland is starting out this season as anything but traditional. The calendar says December but for much of the country temperatures beckon for sandals. Umbrellas, if not arks, are needed in the Pacific Northwest, while in the Rockies snow shovels are gathering cobwebs. Meteorologists attribute the latest batch of record-shattering weather extremes to a stuck jet stream and the effects of a La Nina weather pattern from cooling waters in the equatorial Pacific. It's still fall astronomically, but winter starts Dec. 1 for meteorologists. This year, no one told the weather that. On Thursday, Dec. 2, 65 weather stations across the nation set record high temperature marks for the day, including Spring-

field, Missouri, hitting 75 degrees Fahrenheit and Roanoke, Virginia 72 degrees Fahrenheit. Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Billings, Montana, broke long-time heat records by 6 degrees. Parts of Canada and Montana have seen their highest December records in recorded history. On Dec. 3, parts of South Carolina and Georgia hit record highs. In Washington state, Seattle, Bellingham and Quillayute all set 90-day fall records for rainfall. Bellingham was doused by nearly 2 feet of rain. The Olympic and Cascade mountains got hit harder, with more than 50 inches in three months, according to the National Weather Service. Forks, Washington, received more rain in 90 days than Las Vegas gets in 13 years. On top of that, there is a blizzard warning on Hawaii's Big Island sum-

mits with up to 12 inches of snow expected and wind gusts of more than 100 miles per hour. Meantime, snow's gone missing in Colorado. Before this year, the latest first measurable snowfall on record in Denver was Nov. 21, way back in 1934. With no snow since April 22, this is the third longest stretch the city has gone without it. One big factor: The jet stream — the river of air that moves weather from west to east on a roller-coaster-like path — has just been stuck. That means low pressure on one part of the stream is bringing rain to the Pacific Northwest, while high pressure hovering over about two-thirds of the nation produces dry and warmer weather, according to Brian Hurley, a senior meteorologist at the weather service's Weather Prediction Center in College Park, Maryland.

# weather

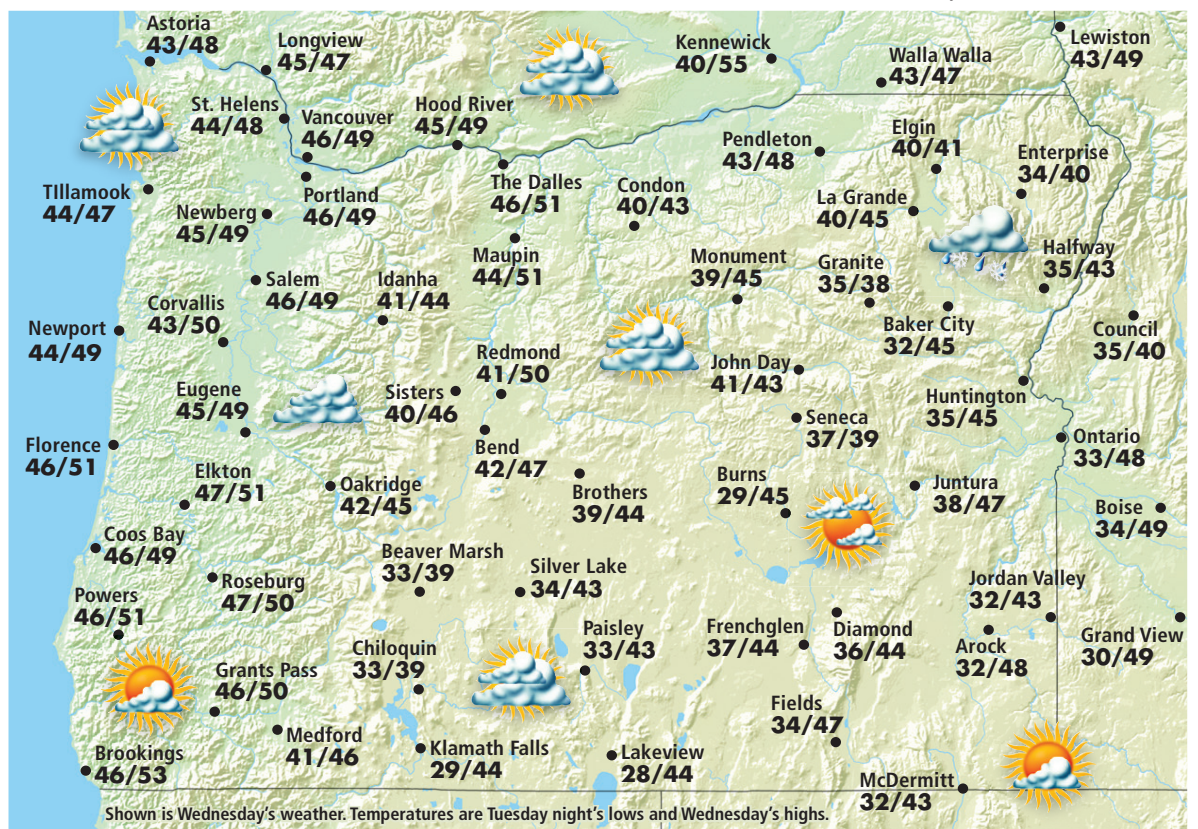
	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Brief late-night showers	Colder in the afternoon	A little afternoon rain	Cloudy	Cloudy
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>45 21</b>	<b>35 19</b>	<b>34 21</b>	<b>35 21</b>
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45 27</b>	<b>37 27</b>	<b>38 29</b>	<b>37 33</b>
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>40 20</b>	<b>34 24</b>	<b>34 22</b>	<b>37 34</b>

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	
<b>TEMPERATURES</b>	Baker City 43° 45° 46° La Grande 20° 25° 26° Elgin 20° 25° 26°	<b>NATION</b> (for the 48 contiguous states) High: 89° Thermal, Calif. Low: 5° Alamosa, Colo. Wettest: 1.73" West Plains, Mo.	<b>OREGON</b> High: 56° Klamath Falls Low: 23° Klamath Falls Wettest: 0.03" Meacham
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)	Sunday 0.00 0.02 0.22 Month to date 0.00 0.03 0.22 Normal month to date 0.14 0.36 0.71 Year to date 5.01 10.01 22.26 Normal year to date 8.35 15.88 22.89		

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
<b>HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY</b>	
Lowest relative humidity	55%
Afternoon wind	WNW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	2.4
Evapotranspiration	0.04
<b>RESERVOIR STORAGE</b> (through midnight Monday)	
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	17% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	15% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	11% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	11% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	8% of capacity
<b>STREAM FLOWS</b> (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	1060 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	17 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	104 cfs
Minam River at Minam	148 cfs
Powder River near Richland	13 cfs

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



### REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	48/39/sh	46/35/sh
Bend	47/28/sh	42/27/r
Boise	49/30/sh	38/24/c
Brookings	53/39/c	48/38/r
Burns	45/18/sn	37/16/sn
Coos Bay	49/39/sh	45/38/r
Corvallis	50/35/sh	45/33/sh
Council	40/20/sn	34/20/sn
Elgin	41/27/sf	35/28/r
Eugene	49/37/sh	45/35/r
Hermiston	53/36/pc	46/32/c
Hood River	49/38/r	45/38/c
Imnaha	46/25/r	37/29/r
John Day	43/27/sn	35/27/r
Joseph	42/20/sn	33/21/sn
Kennewick	55/36/pc	50/32/pc
Klamath Falls	44/20/sh	36/19/c
Lakeview	44/19/i	36/14/c
Lewiston	49/33/c	41/31/c
Longview	47/39/sh	44/37/sh
Meacham	42/29/sf	35/28/sn
Medford	46/33/c	41/32/r
Newport	49/38/c	45/38/sh
Olympia	45/34/c	43/33/c
Ontario	48/28/c	41/21/c
Pasco	54/35/pc	49/29/pc
Pendleton	48/30/pc	40/29/r
Portland	49/38/sh	44/38/sh
Powers	51/37/sh	44/39/r
Redmond	50/26/c	43/23/r
Roseburg	50/38/sh	46/37/r
Salem	49/37/sh	45/37/sh
Spokane	40/26/c	33/23/sn
The Dalles	51/35/c	48/37/c
Ukiah	39/22/r	34/21/sn
Walla Walla	47/34/pc	41/30/r

### RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

Location	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> A little snow	<b>27 11</b>	
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Colder in the p.m.	<b>34 20</b>	
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Periods of snow	<b>30 10</b>	
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> On-and-off snow	<b>42 20</b>	
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> A snow shower	<b>45 21</b>	
<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> A little a.m. snow	<b>39 21</b>	
<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Snow at times	<b>44 23</b>	
<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> A little snow	<b>37 21</b>	
<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> A shower or two	<b>46 30</b>	
<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Colder in the p.m.	<b>45 27</b>	

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