

# Friend gets conflicting info about his inclusion in will



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** For 15 years I've maintained a close friendship with a wealthy older man who has become a kind of mentor. He's 90 years old now and in failing health. He told me on several occasions that I was named in his will, but when we met for lunch the other day, he informed me his entire estate will go to his live-in caregivers.

I was never in this friendship for the money (he only recently became wealthy after inheriting

his late sister's estate), but it hurts knowing I've been eliminated from his will with no explanation. I earn a six-figure income and don't need his money, but it bothers me. If I ask about it, I will appear grasping. If I say nothing, it will gnaw away at me. What do I do? — **PROMISE WITHDRAWN IN TEXAS**

**DEAR PROMISE:** Quit worrying about appearances and ask him the question you should have asked when he told you he had changed his will and eliminated you. Do it now. He's 90 and in failing health, and you may not have long to get the answer to the question.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a close friend, "Renee," whom I've

known for several years. She often comes to my home in the evenings for an hour or so to get away from her house. She's a single parent who lives at home with her mom and two children, so she considers it an escape.

While I don't mind her coming over most days, a somewhat sensitive issue has come up. Renee often wears tennis shoes without socks, or shoes for a very long time without washing them. When she takes them off, they stink. She then tries to hide her smelly feet underneath the blankets I keep on my couch. It doesn't help. I can still smell them, and my blankets stink when she leaves.

This issue is embarrassing, and

I don't want to hurt her feelings but, honestly, I'm sick of having to wash my blankets every time she comes over. Any suggestions on how I should handle this? — **SUFFERING IN SILENCE**

**DEAR SUFFERING:** Handle this by asking your friend to please keep her shoes on and her feet on the floor when she's at your house. If she asks why, tell her the truth and suggest she start washing her shoes — and her feet — regularly.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 9-year-old girl. Right now I don't do chores or get an allowance, but I want to. How should I ask my parents? And how much money should I ask for? — **KID WHO NEEDS CASH**

**DEAR KID:** Tell your parents you want to talk to them about an allowance. Ask what things you could do to help around the house in order to earn one and how much they are willing to pay you for doing them. As to how much to expect, this will depend on what your parents may be able to afford. Ask them if you can negotiate to find an amount you all agree upon. And if you need more money, doing similar chores for a relative or neighbor might be a good place to start.

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## MEMORIAL

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The last documents the year Congress passed a bill that created or expanded more than 10 wilderness areas in Oregon, including the new North Fork John Day.

I have found a few other memorials in similarly unexpected places, and in each case I felt a powerful emotion as I read the words.

The setting affected me, I think, as much as the sentiment.

Reading the epitaphs among the rows of a cemetery, such as Baker City's fine Mount Hope, can be a memorable experience, too.

But a decidedly different one, it seems to me.

When I stroll among the gravestones I feel the accumulated weight of so many lives, the great sorrow when they were concluded, and the comfort that we feel when we visit those we will always mourn.

But placing a memorial in a spot such as Silver Butte, where comparatively few people will ever see it, strikes me as a particularly meaningful expression of love.

It's as though the survivors, in addition to a traditional remembrance, felt compelled to also pay homage in a place far more personal than the comparably crowded confines of a cemetery.

This is a more permanent and tangible version, I suppose, of spreading someone's ashes in a favorite site.

As I stood on the summit with my wife, Lisa, and our kids, Olivia and Max, I pondered the setting.

I thought of the many hundreds of days that have



The Elkhorn Mountains seen from the summit of Silver Butte.

Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

passed since the memorial was set in its bed of mortar, how many times the sun has risen over the Elkhorns, how many times it has dropped below the horizon, and almost always with no one to see the fiery spectacle, no sound save for the wind.

I imagined the flakes of snow from the first great autumn storm, whisking across the words and then beginning to stick, filling in the tiny valleys left by the engraver's tools and then, inevitably, covering the slab itself.

I wondered whether any elk hunters have ever come here, in the snowy chill of November, and not known the memorial was there.

It was a strange sensation, somber but also inspiring.

I felt a twinge of sadness, that such a beautiful tribute is so little known, so infrequently seen and appreciated.

Yet I recognized too that it is a wonderful thing, that the memory of two people, long-lived and well-loved, lingers on this lonely knoll. It seemed to me that their presence, these two who I never met, is palpable. A traveler who makes it to this remote spot is not truly alone.

It was hot there on Silver Butte, on a sunny August afternoon. But of course a place is no good for a fire

lookout if it is cloaked by a dense forest. We didn't stay long.

I was glad we had come. The North Fork John Day is nothing like its fellow wilderness, the Eagle Cap. They are in many ways opposites. The Eagle Cap is mostly an alpine wilderness, boasting a larger share of Oregon's 9,000-foot peaks than any other range, richly endowed with deep cold lakes and canyons excised by glacial ice and high passes where the views take in three states.

The North Fork John Day, and in particular the largest of its four units, which includes Silver Butte, is much lower, mainly below 6,000 feet, and distinguished not by limpid lakes and sculpted peaks of granite and limestone but by forests and its namesake river.

Although the wilderness doesn't quite include Silver Butte.

The dirt road that leads almost all the way to the summit — you have to hike a few hundred yards — follows a narrow corridor, less than a quarter-mile wide, that pierces for several miles into the wilderness. At Silver Butte the nonwilderness section expands to a roughly rectangular chunk, rather like the lollipop at the end of its stick. From the lookout site

you have an overview of much of the 85,000-acre unit of the wilderness, which in all covers about 121,000 acres.

(The three other units are Tower Mountain to the north, Baldy Creek to the east, and Greenhorn to the south.)

We parked a couple miles short of Silver Butte, since we were there to hike.

The access road — Umatilla National Forest Road 5225 — passes several trails between its start at Road 52, the paved Blue Mountain Scenic Byway, and its end near Silver Butte.

One of those paths, which starts near the lookout site, drops more than 2,000 feet to the North Fork John Day River at the

mouth of Granite Creek.

Road 5225 also runs through a classic mountain grassland — Moon Meadow.

This is ideal backpacking country, the network of trails making possible all manner of loops and routes.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Mainly clear	Mostly sunny and nice	Sunny and warmer	Sunny and very hot	Partly sunny and very hot
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>79 40</b>	<b>86 47</b>	<b>93 51</b>	<b>95 52</b>
Comfort Index™	10	9	8	5	5
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>80 44</b>	<b>91 50</b>	<b>97 56</b>	<b>99 56</b>
Comfort Index™	10	9	6	4	2
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>77 44</b>	<b>88 54</b>	<b>92 57</b>	<b>98 56</b>
Comfort Index™	10	10	6	4	3

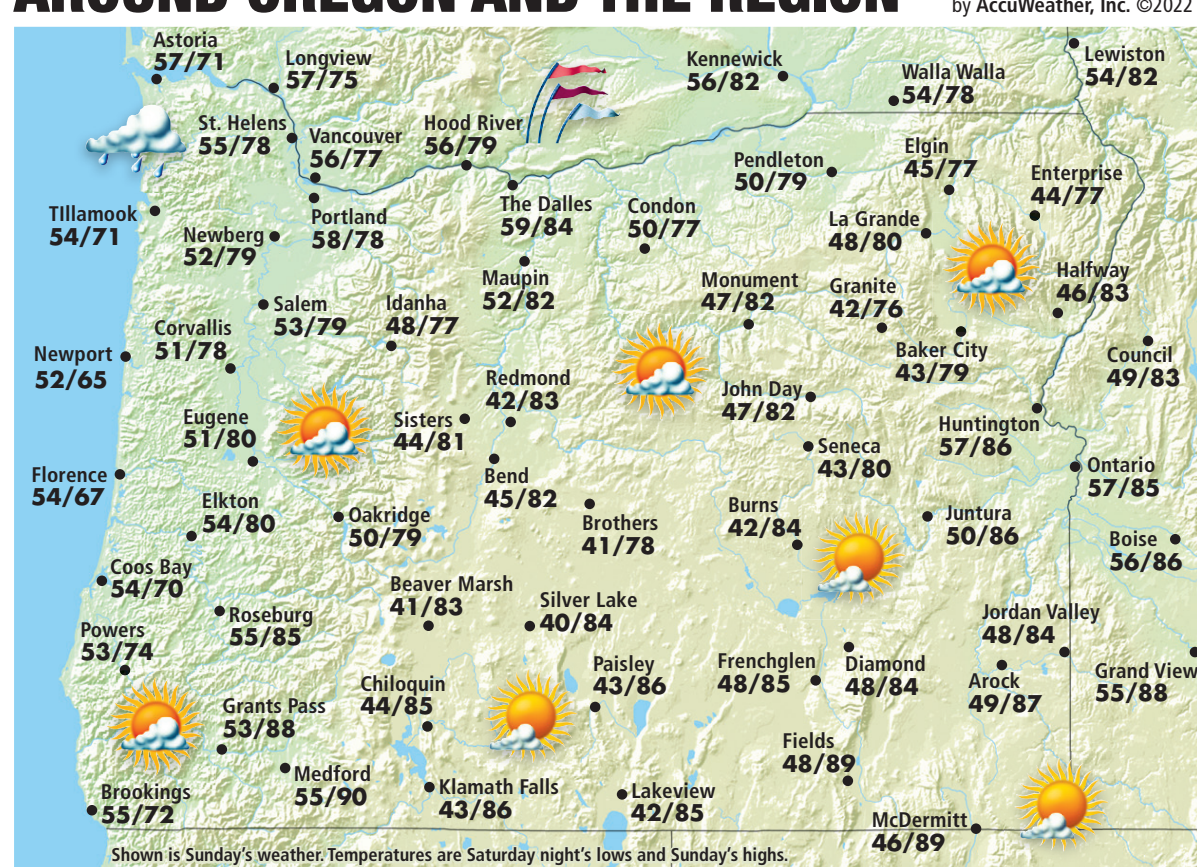
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ALMANAC			THURSDAY EXTREMES		
<b>TEMPERATURES</b>			<b>NATION</b> (for the 48 contiguous states)		
High Thursday	88°	91°	92°	High: 114°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low Thursday	52°	54°	52°	Low: 30°	Bodie State Park, Calif.
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)			<b>OREGON</b>		
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.07	High: 102°	The Dalles
Month to date	0.26	0.24	0.45	Low: 43°	Sunriver
Normal month to date	0.34	0.55	0.52	Wettest: 4.50"	Lafayette, La.
Year to date	4.73	9.22	18.21	High: 102°	The Dalles
Normal year to date	6.33	11.21	15.75	Low: 43°	Sunriver
				Wettest: 0.13"	Baker City

AGRICULTURAL INFO.		WEATHER HISTORY	
<b>HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY</b>		Over 1,000 people drowned when a storm surge accompanying a hurricane inundated Charleston, S.C., on Aug. 27, 1893. Such events led to the adoption of hurricane safety plans by emergency officials.	
Lowest relative humidity	25%	<b>SUN &amp; MOON</b>	
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph	Sunrise	6:08 a.m.
Hours of sunshine	9.3	Sunset	7:39 p.m.
Evapotranspiration	0.21	Moonrise	6:14 a.m.
		Moonset	8:17 p.m.
<b>RESERVOIR STORAGE</b> (through midnight Friday)		<b>MOON PHASES</b>	
Phillips Reservoir	5% of capacity	New	Aug 27
Unity Reservoir	42% of capacity	First	Sep 3
Owyhee Reservoir	18% of capacity	Full	Sep 10
McKay Reservoir	71% of capacity	Last	Sep 17
Wallowa Lake	3% of capacity		
Thief Valley Reservoir	19% of capacity		
<b>STREAM FLOWS</b> (through midnight Thursday)			
Grande Ronde at Troy	576 cfs		
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	68 cfs		
Burnt River near Unity	106 cfs		
Umatilla River near Gibbon	45 cfs		
Minam River at Minam	108 cfs		
Powder River near Richland	45 cfs		

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY	
City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W	ANTHONY LAKES
Astoria	71/55/pc	78/58/s	Partly sunny
Bend	82/49/s	91/56/s	<b>60 38</b>
Boise	86/58/pc	93/63/s	MT. EMILY REC.
Brookings	72/53/s	65/54/pc	Mostly sunny
Burns	84/46/s	90/58/s	<b>68 41</b>
Coos Bay	70/54/s	92/57/s	EAGLE CAP WILD.
Corvallis	78/55/pc	88/57/s	Turning out cloudy
Council	83/49/pc	90/54/s	<b>66 34</b>
Elgin	77/44/pc	91/54/s	WALLOWA LAKE
Eugene	80/52/pc	91/57/s	Periods of sun
Hermiston	82/51/s	92/63/s	<b>78 44</b>
Hood River	79/60/s	92/63/s	THIEF VALLEY RES.
Imnaha	80/55/pc	90/61/s	Partly sunny; nice
John Day	82/49/s	89/58/s	<b>79 40</b>
Joseph	78/44/pc	86/56/s	PHILLIPS LAKE
Kennewick	82/54/s	91/58/s	Partly sunny
Klamath Falls	86/46/s	89/48/s	<b>77 42</b>
Lakeview	85/45/s	91/51/s	BROWNLEE RES.
			Partly sunny
			<b>84 47</b>
			EMIGRANT ST. PARK
			Sunny and pleasant
			<b>70 37</b>
			MCKAY RESERVOIR
			Sunny and pleasant
			<b>80 52</b>
			RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
			Mostly sunny; nice
			<b>80 44</b>

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