

Aunt's broken promises feed a years-long grudge



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: My aunt is a money-hungry, conniving thief. From the time I was a baby, she always bought me gifts. But when her parents (my grandparents) died, she literally stole more than \$200,000 from them. She claims my grandfather willed it all to her, which is not true because he detested her. She promised my mom \$5,000 when she retired. Well, it has been 10 years since Mom retired, and my aunt claims she doesn't remember promising

her. Then she claimed she invested and lost it. Do I have a right to be angry at her? — **MAD IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR MAD: I think so, and your mother has the right to be even angrier. My question for you is how much time do you want to waste nursing the grudge? It doesn't hurt your aunt, but it takes up space in your head that could be devoted to positive endeavors. This is not to say you must maintain a relationship with this woman. Quite the contrary.

DEAR ABBY: We have been visiting our children and have been asked to remove our shoes when inside. I am diabetic. I have been complying with the no-shoes

edicts, but reluctantly. We keep our shoes on in our home, so spending several days padding around in my socks makes me uncomfortable.

Abby, diabetics are cautioned to keep their shoes on at all times, even inside. There are real risks to a diabetic's feet. Also, I have trouble navigating stairs and slipped several times while climbing or descending the stairs in my stocking feet. It's dangerous for me to go up and down uncarpeted wood steps. It seems to me that the no-shoes folk should think about some of these issues before issuing a mandate. — **DIABETIC DAD IN MISSOURI**

DEAR DAD: Do nothing that

is counter to your doctor's orders. If you haven't explained them to your children, do it now. Perhaps a compromise could work: Buy a pair of shoes or slippers for indoor use only that you leave at their home for the times when you visit. However, if they are not open to this idea, you will have to visit with them only outside their home.

DEAR ABBY: I like this guy at work. I think he's cute, but I don't know if he's interested. I also don't know if there's a chance he would ask me out. I'm scared I might be considered a "cougar." I am older than he is by five (or more) years. Please advise. — **ANXIOUS IN MARYLAND**

DEAR ANXIOUS: Are

there any rules at work that discourage employees from dating each other? Some businesses have them. Does this guy spend time talking with you during breaks? If he does, it's a hopeful sign. Has he mentioned what he does outside of work and whether he's seeing anyone? If he does flirt with you, you could always ask if he'd be interested in meeting for a drink after work, going to a sporting event, etc. But be prepared that he may want you only for a friend.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Dogwalker discovers errant alligator roaming rural Idaho

BOISE, Idaho — Officials with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game are asking for the public's help after an unusual animal was found in rural Idaho.

Southwest Region spokesperson Brian Pearson told the Idaho Statesman in an email that a New Plymouth resident noticed something moving in the brush while walking their dog Thursday, Oct. 20. When the resident investigated

further, they found a 3.5-foot alligator — a creature that's decidedly not native to Idaho.

Pearson said the resident put the alligator in a nearby horse trailer until Oct. 21, when Fish and Game conservation officer Brian Marek came to pick it up. Fish and Game has the alligator in captivity for now, but Pearson said that if no one comes forward as the owner, it will be euthanized or given to a licensed facility.

Idaho Fish and Game officials are hoping mem-

bers of the public will call the department if they have any information about the alligator's origins.

Skydiver dies in Tennessee high school football pregame jump

JONESBOROUGH, Tenn. — A skydiver has died after his hard landing from a pregame jump at a Tennessee high school football stadium on Friday, Oct. 21, officials said.

In a statement, Washington County Schools Superintendent Jerry Boyd

said the diver jumped at the David Crockett High School football stadium in the northeastern Tennessee town of Jonesborough. David Crockett was facing Daniel Boone High School from nearby Gray.

Boyd said the skydiver was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He said mental health support professionals will be at both schools on Oct. 24.

"Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of the injured skydiver that has passed away," Boyd said in the statement.

Jump TN, a company in Greeneville, told news outlets in a statement that the 55-year-old man worked with the company and had done more than 1,500 jumps. The company said observers and witnesses did not notice anything unusual about the

jump or his parachute, saying it was deployed without incident.

Officials have not yet released the identity of the skydiver.

After the incident, the skydiver was airlifted to the hospital for his injuries and a moment of silence was held. The football game went on with a delayed start.

— The Associated Press

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weather

	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	A couple of showers late	Showers around	Mostly cloudy and chilly	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy with a shower
Baker City	30	46 24	47 28	52 27	50 31
La Grande	37	46 30	49 34	52 37	51 38
Enterprise	34	44 25	48 30	51 34	52 38

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.

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TEMPERATURES

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	47°	47°	49°
Low Sunday	23°	27°	29°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Sunday	0.01	0.04	0.43
Month to date	0.23	0.91	0.98
Normal month to date	0.43	1.04	1.38
Year to date	5.61	10.54	19.49
Normal year to date	7.29	13.04	18.25

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	50%
Afternoon wind	WNW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	1.3
Evapotranspiration	0.06

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	1% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	23% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	8% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	36% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	5% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	1% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	727 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	3 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	13 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	53 cfs
Minam River at Minam	72 cfs
Powder River near Richland	8 cfs

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 94° Zapata, Texas
Low: 12° Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 0.99" Hatteras, N.C.

OREGON

High: 62° Eugene
Low: 19° Lakeview
Wettest: 0.11" John Day

WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 25, 1959, Yuma recorded its latest 100-degree-Fahrenheit reading ever. Even in Yuma, the heat usually eases in fall. From June 4 through Sept. 20, the normal high is over 100.

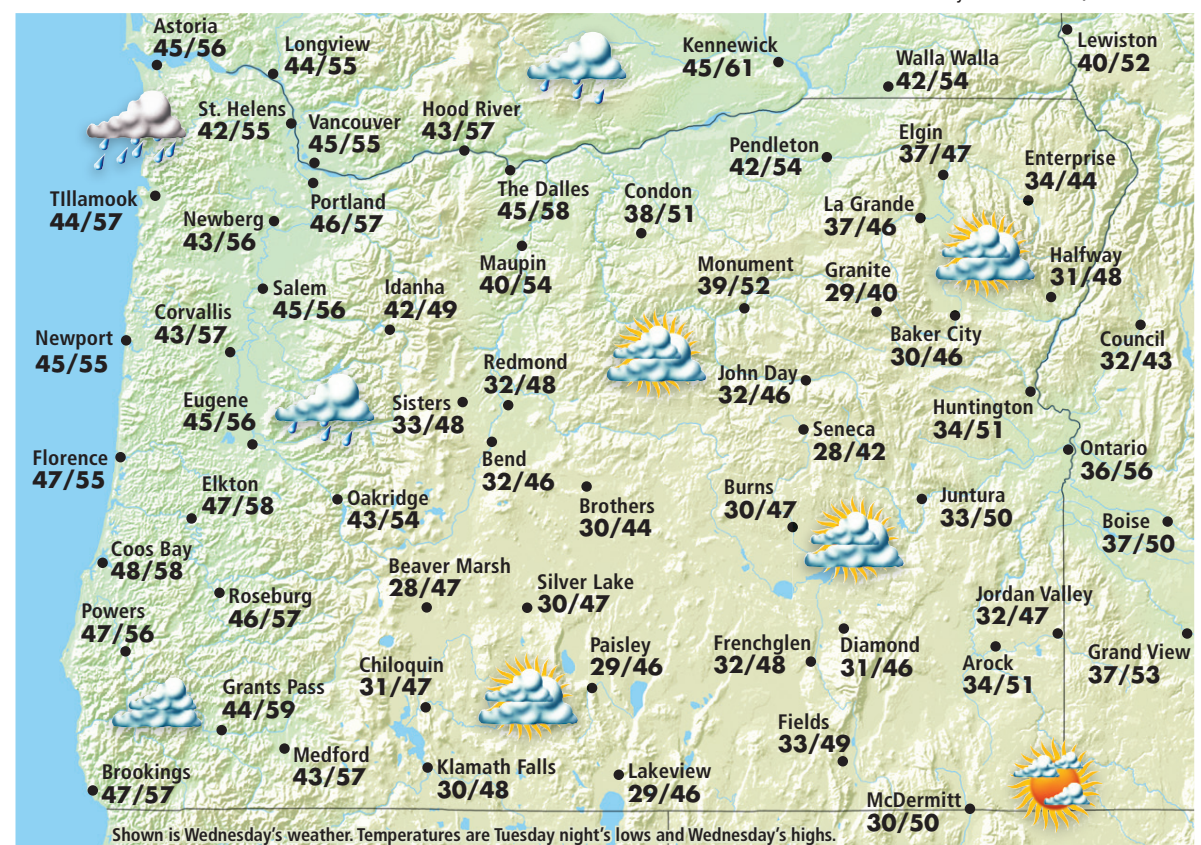
SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	7:22 a.m.	7:23 a.m.
Sunset	5:51 p.m.	5:49 p.m.
Moonrise	7:35 a.m.	8:53 a.m.
Moonset	6:04 p.m.	6:31 p.m.

MOON PHASES

	New	First	Full	Last
	Oct 25	Oct 31	Nov 8	Nov 16

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	56/48/c	57/48/c
Bend	46/29/c	56/34/pc
Boise	50/30/sh	51/33/pc
Brookings	57/45/pc	60/47/pc
Burns	47/20/sh	51/23/pc
Coos Bay	58/45/c	61/48/pc
Corvallis	57/42/c	61/44/pc
Council	43/22/pc	44/24/pc
Elgin	47/31/sh	50/36/c
Eugene	56/41/c	61/44/c
Hermiston	60/38/pc	64/41/pc
Hood River	57/42/c	59/43/pc
Imnaha	50/32/sh	53/37/c
John Day	46/23/c	52/29/c
Joseph	43/22/pc	46/30/pc
Kennewick	61/40/s	63/42/pc
Klamath Falls	48/22/c	56/27/pc
Lakeview	46/21/c	52/25/pc
Lewiston	52/36/sh	56/39/c
Longview	55/46/c	57/46/c
Meacham	44/28/sh	47/34/c
Medford	57/38/pc	64/37/pc
Newport	55/45/pc	58/50/c
Olympia	54/43/c	57/43/c
Ontario	56/27/pc	52/28/pc
Pasco	60/40/s	63/42/pc
Pendleton	54/38/sh	61/41/pc
Portland	57/45/c	62/48/c
Powers	56/43/c	62/48/pc
Redmond	48/27/c	58/33/pc
Roseburg	57/41/c	63/41/pc
Salem	56/44/c	62/45/c
Spokane	48/35/sh	51/39/pc
The Dalles	58/41/pc	62/43/c
Ukiah	42/27/pc	50/30/c
Walla Walla	54/42/sh	58/45/c

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

City	WED.	THU.
ANTHONY LAKES	Snow showers; cold	
29 17		
MT. EMILY REC.	A shower	
39 27		
EAGLE CAP WILD.	A.M. snow showers	
33 12		
WALLOWA LAKE	A morning shower	
43 22		
THIEF VALLEY RES.	A shower	
46 24		
PHILLIPS LAKE	A shower or two	
41 20		
BROWNLEE RES.	A shower	
48 26		
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Cold with a shower	
40 25		
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Showers around	
54 36		
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46 30		

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