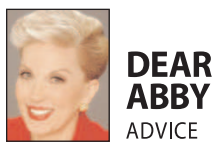


# Cross-Atlantic romance hits snag over driving



**DEAR ABBY:** I met my boyfriend online last year. He lives in the U.K.; I'm in the U.S. I love him dearly and we talk about moving in together within the next year. The original plan was for him to emigrate, since I am closer to my family and have an established job. However, I'm a bit worried because he doesn't drive. It's not just because of the learning curve it will take to switch sides of the road, but he doesn't drive in the U.K. either.

I recently asked him why he doesn't, and he said he's worried he will relapse. He was addicted to drugs when he was young but has been clean for years. I don't judge him for his past; I'm proud of who he is now. But I'm worried about having to drive both of us when we live together because my city doesn't have the best public transportation. Is there a way to bring up trying to drive in the U.S. without putting him in a bad spot? Or is there no way around this? — **ONLY DRIVER IN THE MIDWEST**

**DEAR ONLY DRIVER:** Has this person been to the U.S. to visit you before? If he hasn't, and doesn't have a job that would prevent it, why not invite him to stay for three or four weeks? That way

you could decide if providing all of his transportation would be workable and not too stressful in the long term for you.

Frankly, I don't see the connection between his former drug habit and his concern about driving an automobile. The two of you need to get to know each other a lot better before either of you decides to uproot your lives and relocate. If your relationship continues to grow, it might make more sense for you to move to the U.K.

**DEAR ABBY:** Where do I begin? I've been a loyal reader of your column for years. I have been married to my current husband for 14 not-good years. He was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and

cardiomyopathy seven years ago and hasn't had a job since then. We have a daughter who will be 7 soon. I feel he could solve these problems by taking his medication and dieting. However, he insists his medical conditions keep him from working.

He doesn't take care of our daughter and doesn't do anything around the house. I take out the trash, wash the dishes, give the little one a bath, brush her teeth and hair and take care of ALL the bills. He makes excuse after excuse. I've been the provider for too damn long. Please help. — **TIRED IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR TIRED:** You stated that you have been married to this man for 14 "not-good" years. Nowhere in your

letter did you mention whether there is any love left between you. Does your husband's DOCTOR agree that his medical conditions prevent him from working? Ask the question! If the answer is yes, you will then have to decide whether you can live up to your vow regarding "in sickness and in health." If the answer is no, make an appointment with a family law attorney and inquire about your options and what your responsibilities to him may be should you decide to separate or divorce.

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# 6-foot 'Lobsta Mickey' statue returns to Boston

**BOSTON** — A long-forgotten, and somewhat unsettling, statue of Mickey Mouse with giant lobster claws for hands has found its way back to Boston.

The 700-pound statue was last seen in the city nearly two decades ago at Quincy Market where it entertained tourists and shoppers — before slipping out of sight and into city lore after it was sold in 2005 at an auction organized by Disney.

In the interim, references to the 6-foot tall "Lobsta Mickey" appeared on Atlas Obscura, a website for oddball landmarks, and in a "Zippy the Pinhead" comic strip from 2019.

Still, the statue itself — one of 75 Mickey Mouse-inspired sculptures commissioned by Disney for the cartoon character's 75th anniversary — remained elusive.

That's until Deon Point, creative director for the Boston sneaker store Concepts, became fixated on tracking down the creation. Concepts collaborates with Nike on a line of lobster-themed sneakers.

Point told The Boston Globe that he spent five years following online threads before finally spotting a listing for the mouse/crustacean relic on eBay. The statue had found its way to a New Jersey lawn, but was in need of some repairs. It was discolored, split in sections and its concrete foundation had begun to crumble.

Point hired a local artist to refurbish and repaint the statue.

The day before Halloween, "Lobsta Mickey" made its second public debut in the city, when it was set up on Concepts' Newbury Street showroom floor.

"People were a little terrified," Point told the Globe, referring of the customer response. "People think we created this thing, which, of course, we didn't."

Point said he plans to keep "Lobsta Mickey" on display through the holidays, before finding a new, long-term home somewhere within Boston.

### Man sentenced for faking death to avoid sex abuse charges

**MOBILE, Ala.** — A man has been sentenced to 21 months in prison for faking his own death in Alabama to avoid criminal charges of impregnating a teenage girl in his home state of Mississippi.

Jacob Blair Scott was sentenced Monday, Nov. 28, in Alabama. U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Beaverstock set the federal sentence to run at the same time as Scott's 85-year prison sentence for his conviction in Mississippi on sexual battery charges, court records



"Lobsta Mickey" is displayed in the Concepts sneaker store, Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, in Boston. The 700-pound, long-forgotten statue of Mickey Mouse with giant lobster claws for hands has found its way back to Boston.

show. Scott was facing charges in Mississippi in July 2018 when he rowed a boat into the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Orange Beach, Alabama. Investigators said he left a gun and a suicide note. The Coast Guard searched for a body for more than a week. Beaverstock ordered Scott to pay \$17,165 to compensate the Coast Guard for the search. The judge also ordered Scott to participate in a sex offender treatment program.

The U.S. Marshals Service captured Scott in early 2020 at an RV park in Antlers, Oklahoma, where he was living under another person's name.

Scott is from Moss Point, Mississippi. When he

absconded in 2018, he was scheduled to appear in Mississippi for a contempt-of-court hearing related to a 2017 indictment on charges of sexual battery, touching a child for lustful purposes and child exploitation. He had been set to plead guilty to the charges, which involved a 14-year-old girl he impregnated when he was 40.

In June of this year, a Mississippi jury convicted him of multiple sexual battery and child abuse charges. A judge sentenced him to 85 years in prison without possibility of parole.

Scott's accuser tearfully testified about how he had sexually assaulted her at least 30 times over sev-

eral months beginning in 2016 and ending in 2017 when she learned she was pregnant.

In August, Scott pleaded guilty to federal charges of sending a false distress call that led to a Coast Guard search, illegally shipping weapons across state lines and giving false information, according to court records.

Scott's federal plea agreement said he left several suicide notes in Mississippi, including one that told family members not to change their phone numbers for a year. He also withdrew \$45,000 from his bank account before he disappeared, according to the plea document.

# weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	A bit of evening snow	Mostly cloudy and cold	Cold; breezy in the a.m.	Cloudy, chilly; p.m. snow	A little snow
<b>Baker City</b>	12	27 14	30 16	34 18	33 16
<b>La Grande</b>	20	31 21	31 19	35 24	37 21
<b>Enterprise</b>	18	29 19	35 22	37 24	35 23

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	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
<b>TEMPERATURES</b>			
High Tuesday	27°	32°	32°
Low Tuesday	8°	25°	26°
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)			
Tuesday	0.01	Trace	0.41
Month to date	0.73	3.11	6.45
Normal month to date	0.70	1.87	3.03
Year to date	6.44	14.04	26.84
Normal year to date	8.18	15.45	22.06

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY
Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 8 to 16 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.0
Evapotranspiration	0.04

RESERVOIR STORAGE	THROUGH MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY
Phillips Reservoir	1% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	30% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	10% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	27% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	11% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	13% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS	THROUGH MIDNIGHT TUESDAY
Grande Ronde at Troy	907 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	3 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	8 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	74 cfs
Minam River at Minam	N.A.
Powder River near Richland	41 cfs

### TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION	(for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 90°	Kingsville, Texas
Low: -27°	Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.
Wettest: 1.85"	Huntsville, Ala.

OREGON	
High: 48°	Brookings
Low: 1°	Burns
Wettest: 0.84"	Astoria

### WEATHER HISTORY

The temperature soared to 65 degrees on Dec. 1, 1927, in State College, Pa. This was the highest December reading ever recorded there in the first half of the 20th century.

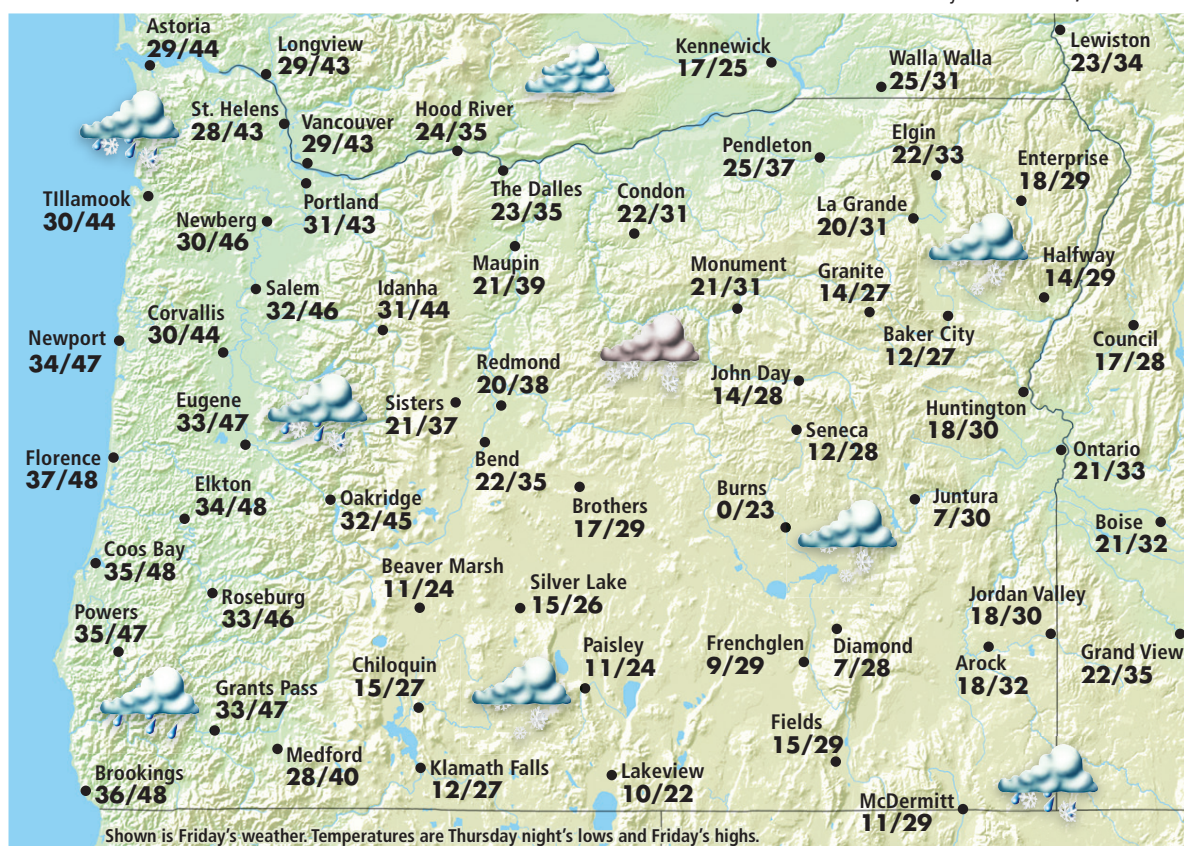
### SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	7:11 a.m.	7:12 a.m.
Sunset	4:11 p.m.	4:11 p.m.
Moonrise	1:22 p.m.	1:41 p.m.
Moonset	none	1:13 a.m.

MOON PHASES	FULL	LAST	NEW	FIRST
	Dec 7	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 29

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY	
City	FRI. SAT.	City	FRI. SAT.
Astoria	44/39/sh 46/32/c	Anthony Lakes	18 9
Bend	35/23/c 38/20/c	Phillips Lake	27 13
Boise	32/19/pc 37/23/c	Brownlee Res.	31 15
Brookings	48/44/sh 51/40/c	Emigrant St. Park	29 18
Burns	23/6/pc 27/13/c	McKay Reservoir	36 22
Coos Bay	48/39/r 49/37/c	Red Bridge St. Park	31 21
Corvallis	44/35/r 44/29/c		
Council	28/6/c 27/10/c		
Elgin	33/21/c 35/17/c		
Eugene	47/33/c 46/30/c		
Hermiston	38/20/c 34/23/c		
Hood River	35/27/c 32/25/c		
Imnaha	30/16/c 31/15/c		
John Day	28/20/c 34/21/c		
Joseph	28/18/c 34/22/c		
Kennewick	25/15/c 28/18/c		
Klamath Falls	27/15/c 34/27/c		
Lakeview	22/6/c 29/19/sn		
Lewiston	34/20/pc 34/17/c		
Longview	43/35/r 44/30/sn		
Medford	40/28/c 41/33/c		
Newport	47/39/sn 49/33/c		
Olympia	38/21/c 35/18/c		
Ontario	30/19/pc 33/20/c		
Pasco	26/16/c 29/19/c		
Pendleton	37/23/c 33/19/c		
Portland	43/34/sh 39/30/c		
Powers	47/41/c 51/38/c		
Redmond	38/21/c 35/18/c		
Roseburg	46/36/c 45/32/c		
Salem	46/37/c 43/30/c		
Spokane	21/18/c 28/18/c		
The Dalles	35/26/c 31/25/c		
Ukiah	33/19/c 33/19/c		
Walla Walla	31/20/c 27/17/c		

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