Crush on married boss causes heartache every day for worker

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I'm 20 years old and have a job in retail. I have been working here for a few years and am in a higher position than most associates.

I'm in a relationship with my high school sweetheart, whom I truly love, but I am also crazy about my boss. She's beautiful, funny, and to be honest, I jumped at my promotion so I could get closer to her.

I feel terrible because, while I love my girlfriend (she's amazing), if I were given the chance to be with my boss, I'd have a hard time saying no. Thankfully, my boss is in a long-term marriage, so I know in my head I have no chance, but it hurts to go on every day thinking about her. I'd hate myself if I never told her how I feel about her. What should I do?

— REALLY CONFUSED IN RETAIL

DEAR REALLY CONFUSED: Because you are excelling in this retail job, consider asking your beautiful, funny, married boss to write a positive letter of recommendation for you so you can find another job in retail — one that won't make you ache every time you clock in.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been asked to be in his sister's wedding. We said yes, mostly out of obligation.

There will be three married couples in the procession. I recently learned that my sister-in-law plans to have the couples split up and walk with others. I think it's extremely weird and rude, so much so that we want to back out. Neither of us cares to be in a memory book with us posing with other people. It's not that either of us is jealous; we have been married for 24 years. What do you think?

— FEELING OBLIGATED IN THE EAST

DEAR FEELING OBLIGATED: I think that before you take offense and back out, you should ask your sister-in-law why she wants to do this. It could be something as simple as variations in the height of the participants and not weird or rude. Between you and me, unless you and your husband feel so strongly about this that you are willing to create a rift in the family, you should go along with his sister's fantasy of her perfect day.

DEAR ABBY: I can't do anything for my 70-something-year-old mom without her thanking me so much it makes me uncomfortable. A recent example: She moved to a new apartment, and I bought her some gift certificates as a housewarming gift. She thanked me profusely via email when she received them. She thanked me again over the phone when I next spoke with her. She's thanked me at least half a dozen more times — each time she uses one of them.

When my sister and I paid for a trip for her, she bought us expensive gifts as thank-yous. The gifts cost far more than she could afford (and unfortunately, in my case, was something I'd never use), which kind of negated the idea of us paying for the trip.

I know Mom means well. Should I say or do anything, or just let it be?

— THANKS-FULL SON IN SEATTLE

DEAR SON: If you say something, you risk embarrassing your mother or, worse, hurting her feelings. I vote for just letting it be.

DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law "Charles" has earned the privilege of being buried in a military cemetery. He lost his wife, "Claire," to cancer 10 years ago; she is buried in their plot in the military cemetery with a headstone. Their children are all adults now.

Charles has been seriously dating a divorcee, "Joyce," and they are talking about marriage. Joyce feels that for him to be committed to her in marriage, they should have a plot together. It's our understanding that only one wife is allowed to be buried in the military cemetery. This would mean Claire would have to be exhumed and transferred to another one.

I'm not sure how close Joyce is to her family, but she does have grown children. I suggested they get an outside opinion and a prenuptial agreement before they get married, which both would be agreeable to. What have others done in similar situations?

— CONCERNED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR CONCERNED: There are different types of military cemeteries in this country, 135 of which are maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration. (None of them are located in your state.) However, there are many state and private military cemeteries nationwide, and their rules may differ from those of the national. Because you didn't mention which category your brother-in-law's cemetery falls under, the best advice I can offer is to contact it and find out what its rules are in circumstances like this.

Heat is on Tokyo 2020 organizers to combat high temperatures

By Jim Armstrong
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International Olympic Committee Vice President John Coates, left, speaks as Yoshiro Mori, president of the Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, listens during their joint press conference in Tokyo in April.

The head of an IOC inspection team says organizers of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics will explore all options to combat the extreme summer heat that will likely prevail in the Japanese capital during the games.

John Coates was in Tokyo for a two-day inspection of the city's preparations for the games which are just two years away.

The 2020 Olympics will run from July 24 to Aug. 9 when temperatures in central Tokyo can exceed 35 degrees Celsius (95 F). It's common to see thousands of people rushed to hospitals with heatstroke during those months.

Experts have warned the risk of heatstroke in Tokyo has escalated in recent years, while noting the Olympics are expected to take place in conditions when sports activities should normally be halted.

"We are mindful that we do have to prepare for extreme heat," Coates said at a news conference on Thursday. "You're not the first country to host the games in extreme heat. It's a natural consequence of being in July and August."

Coates said each venue will have to be prepared to combat the heat.

"The effect of this is something that I was addressing when I went out and saw the rowing course," Coates said. "It's always the case with rowing that, because of winds, you might have a delay during the day and therefore we need to assure there is a large space for the athletes to rest in an air-conditioned area and that will happen."

The Japanese government and the Tokyo metropolitan government are planning to lay pavements that emit less surface heat and plant taller roadside trees.

"The spectators as well as the athletes have to be taken care of," Coates said. "The timing of the marathon and road walks will be as early as possible as they have been in previous games to beat the heat."

Coates visited several venues during this visit and said work is largely on track.

He toured several venues and described them as "very impressive." Among the venues visited were the new National Stadium in central Tokyo, as well as the badminton and equestrian venues.

Coates also visited the Sea Forest facilities, including the rowing and canoe sprint courses, calling progress "very good."

Also on Thursday, organizers decided the torch relay will start in Fukushima, an area hit by the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster.

The route was approved by the organizing committee at a meeting with the central and Tokyo governments on Thursday.

The relay will start on March 26, 2020 in Fukushima and will head southward to Okinawa before making its way north again and arriving in Tokyo on July 10.

Organizers want the 2020 Olympics to help showcase Japan's recovery from the disaster that took more than 18,000 lives and triggered meltdowns at the Fukushima nuclear power plant.

The torch relay will visit all of Japan's 47 prefectures and end on July 24, 2020, with the lighting of the Olympic cauldron during the Games' opening ceremony at the National Stadium in Tokyo.

"For me it is very pleasing that the torch relay will be going to all of Japan's prefectures, because we know the importance of taking the games to all of Japan," Coates said.

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	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	Mostly clear	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Sunny and very warm	Sunny and very hot	Sunny and very hot
Baker City	53	92 52	94 56	94 57	97 56
Comfort Index™	2	6	4	4	4
La Grande	58	91 55	94 55	95 56	96 58
Comfort Index™	3	5	4	4	4
Enterprise	54	88 54	91 55	92 56	94 57
Comfort Index™	3	4	4	3	3

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	91°	91°	91°
Low Thursday	51°	55°	48°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	Trace	Trace
Normal month to date	0.30	0.34	0.35
Year to date	4.75	10.30	20.78
Normal year to date	6.01	9.68	14.02

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	20%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	12.6
Evapotranspiration	0.30
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)	
Phillips Reservoir	49% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	64% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	59% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	66% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	35% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	75% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	857 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	133 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	80 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	44 cfs
Minam River at Minam	230 cfs
Powder River near Richland	20 cfs

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 115°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 36°	Stanley, Idaho
Wettest: 6.62"	Mora, Minn.
OREGON	
High: 104°	Medford
Low: 42°	Meacham
Wettest: none	

WEATHER HISTORY

The mid-Atlantic was in the middle of a monsoonlike storm July 14, 1975. Some areas in eastern Maryland had 7 inches of rain. By the end of the storm, parts of northern New Jersey received up to 34 inches.

SUN & MOON

	FRI.	SAT.
Sunrise	5:17 a.m.	5:18 a.m.
Sunset	8:39 p.m.	8:38 p.m.
Moonrise	5:58 a.m.	7:12 a.m.
Moonset	9:20 p.m.	10:05 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Jul 19	Jul 27	Aug 4	Aug 11

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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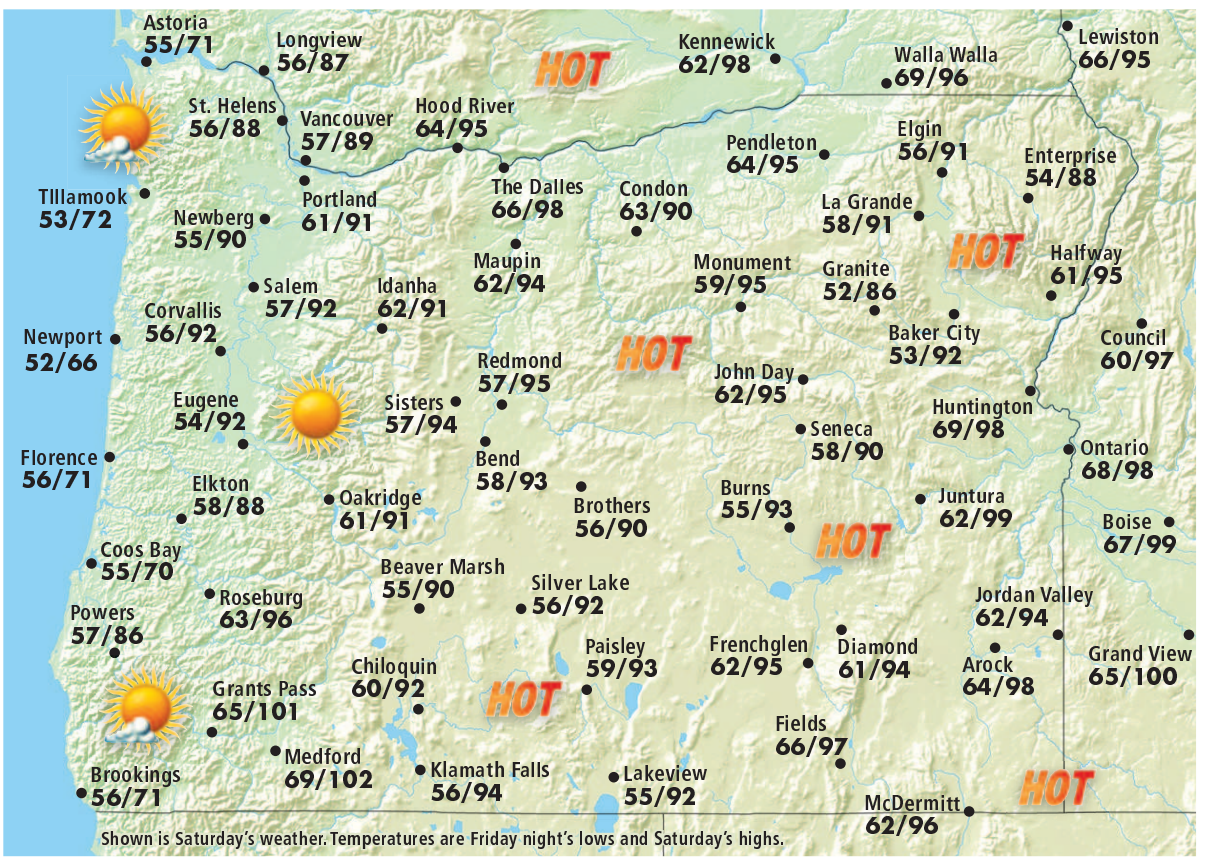

Shown is Saturday's weather. Temperatures are Friday night's lows and Saturday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	SAT. Hi/Lo/W	SUN. Hi/Lo/W	City	SAT. Hi/Lo/W	SUN. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	71/54/s	74/56/s	Lewiston	95/63/s	97/65/s
Bend	93/57/s	96/58/s	Longview	87/59/s	92/58/s
Boise	99/66/s	101/69/s	Meacham	88/52/s	93/53/s
Brookings	71/56/s	72/57/pc	Medford	102/68/s	104/68/s
Burns	93/53/s	95/58/s	Newport	66/53/s	68/54/s
Coos Bay	70/56/s	71/55/s	Olympia	86/53/s	92/55/s
Corvallis	92/57/s	96/59/s	Ontario	98/69/s	102/69/s
Council	97/59/s	96/59/s	Pasco	97/56/s	101/64/s
Elgin	91/54/s	94/57/s	Pendleton	95/62/s	99/65/s
Eugene	92/54/s	96/55/s	Portland	91/64/s	97/67/s
Hermiston	99/60/s	102/65/s	Powers	86/58/s	87/57/s
Hood River	95/66/s	100/68/s	Redmond	95/58/s	99/59/s
Imnaha	94/64/s	95/65/s	Roseburg	96/63/s	99/63/s
John Day	95/59/s	96/61/s	Salem	92/60/s	98/62/s
Joseph	89/54/s	91/55/s	Spokane	89/59/s	91/62/s
Kennewick	98/58/s	101/61/s	The Dalles	98/65/s	103/70/s
Klamath Falls	94/55/s	93/55/s	Ukiah	88/51/s	91/52/s
Lakeview	92/55/s	92/55/s	Walla Walla	96/65/s	99/67/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

ANTHONY LAKES
Sunny and nice
69 49

MT. EMILY REC.
Sunny
83 56

EAGLE CAP WILD.
Sunny and warmer
79 47

WALLOWA LAKE
Sunny and hot
93 55

THIEF VALLEY RES.
Very hot
HOT
96 53

PHILLIPS LAKE
Sunny and hot
92 53

BROWNLEE RES.
Sunshine and hot
98 61

EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Sunny and warm
90 48

MCKAY RESERVOIR
Sunny and very hot
HOT
101 63

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Sunny and very hot
HOT
96 58

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