

# Fiancee wants her intended to halt 'boys' club' culture

DEAR ABBY: My fiance is in a group chat with a dozen of his friends. They are all professional men in their 30s with families. They regularly send each other pornographic images. This includes the group "icon," which appears to be a solicited picture of a woman's behind with the group name written on it with permanent marker. My fiance claims the image is "photoshopped" and that he doesn't look at the pictures. This disturbs me.



### DEAR ABBY

I think my fiance should tell his friends not to send these images and to change the group icon. My fiance disagrees. He says it hurts no one and it's OK to do in a private chat. I don't think it's so private since this is on the phones they use in public and it's in a group chat. It also hurts women by distilling their worth to looks.

been able to talk about it with her.

She knows we don't condone something we believe is wrong. We are torn between going along or continuing to ignore the issue. Can you help?

—NOT IN FAVOR IN KENTUCKY

DEAR NOT IN FAVOR: If you feel you can change your granddaughter's sexual orientation by telling her you disapprove of her being gay, forget it. It won't work and may drive a permanent wedge between you. It might be helpful if you talk to her and let her explain that her sexual orientation isn't something she "chose" — it's part of who she is: an intelligent, caring, accomplished individual who is dedicating her life to helping others. While it may be hard for you, keep an open mind and listen to what she has to say.

Hasn't the #MeToo movement and ongoing shift in our culture shown it is sometimes men's responsibility to end this "boys' club" culture? I want my fiance to talk to his friends since they all live apart, but I want to convince him he should take a stand against this degrading attitude toward women's images.

—TIRED OF BEHINDS

DEAR TIRED: Your fiance is not going to change his friends' behavior by doing what you are pushing him to do. I have it on good authority that this is not uncommon behavior among "guys" these days, the equivalent of old-time barber shop talk, reading men's magazines and looking at Playmate calendars — all of which have been transported to the digital platform. The members of the chat may talk about sports, cars and tech gadgets as well as about women — typical things men discuss when they're together. Unless they are using their phones to solicit extracurricular sex, I don't think you should be censoring their use of them.

DEAR ABBY: Our 25-year-old granddaughter is engaged to be married to another woman very soon. Her parents told us she is gay a few years ago. She's very independent and will soon have her medical degree. She has been away at college. When she's home she visits us, but we have never

DEAR ABBY: The wife of "Headed for the Open Road" (June 25) will never forgive herself if she doesn't accompany her newly retired husband on his open-road adventures. After working for 40 years and retiring from my third job, my life partner and I went everywhere and did everything together. Three and a half months after my retirement, he passed away suddenly.

I would never have forgiven myself if I hadn't experienced our frozen Jeep in Yellowstone or the eerie silence on the edge of the Hoh Rain Forest in western Washington state. That wife needs to get off her duff and have the adventures of a lifetime — unless, of course, she doesn't want to get closer to her husband. That would be a shame.

—RICK T. IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR RICK: Thanks for writing and sharing your experiences. Many other passionate travelers responded, offering guidance to "Headed" in making his dreams of adventure a reality. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The husband could rent an RV to travel. His wife doesn't want to be cooped up, and an RV would have a living room, couch, TV/DVD, an onboard toilet, separate bedroom and a small kitchen. In other words, it would be like she's still at home, only moving. The couple could even arrange other transportation at their destinations.

—TOM Z. IN LAS VEGAS

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# weather

	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Sunshine and nice	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Sunny and comfortable
Baker City	46	90 46	87 48	76 38	80 42
Comfort Index™	5	4	5	10	9
La Grande	50	88 51	85 52	76 44	78 45
Comfort Index™	7	6	7	10	10
Enterprise	50	87 50	83 52	75 42	76 45
Comfort Index™	6	4	9	10	10

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#### ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	83°	83°	83°
Low Tuesday	41°	38°	38°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal month to date	0.08	0.09	0.10
Year to date	4.75	10.48	20.95
Normal year to date	7.15	10.96	15.13

#### TUESDAY EXTREMES

<b>NATION</b> (for the 48 contiguous states)	High: 112° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 26° Bodie State Park, Calif.	
Wettest: 5.06" Pensacola, Fla.	
<b>OREGON</b>	High: 92° Medford
Low: 31° Meacham	
Wettest: none	

#### AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	20%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	9.2
Evapotranspiration	0.21

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	12% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	19% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	38% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	40% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	9% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	510 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	3 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	91 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	45 cfs
Minam River at Minam	57 cfs
Powder River near Richland	34 cfs

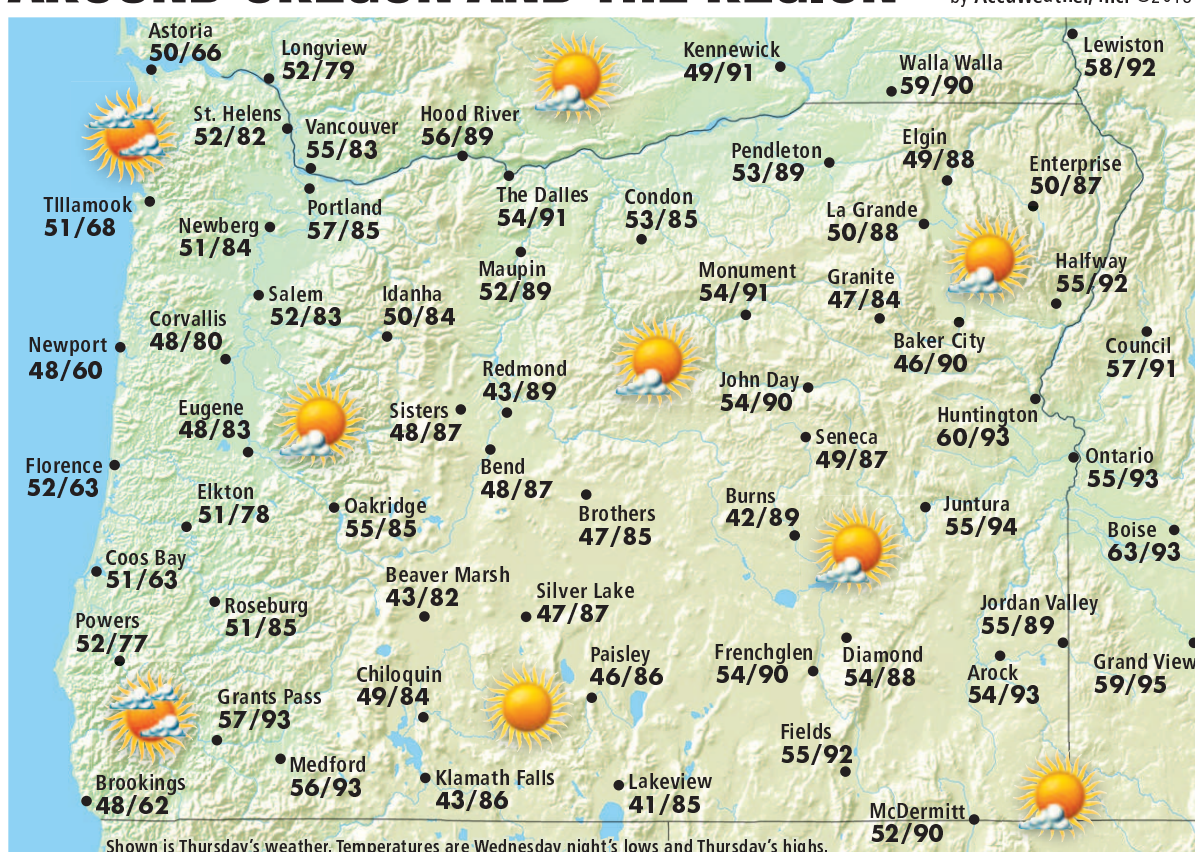
#### SUN & MOON

	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	6:19 a.m.	6:20 a.m.
Sunset	7:23 p.m.	7:21 p.m.
Moonrise	1:15 a.m.	2:20 a.m.
Moonset	4:50 p.m.	5:42 p.m.

MOON PHASES	
New	Sep 9
First	Sep 16
Full	Sep 24
Last	Oct 2

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#### REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU. HI/LO/W	FRI. HI/LO/W	City	THU. HI/LO/W	FRI. HI/LO/W
Astoria	66/51/pc	64/55/pc	Lewiston	92/58/s	89/61/s
Bend	87/48/s	84/46/s	Longview	79/53/pc	73/56/sh
Boise	93/61/s	91/60/s	Meacham	85/48/s	83/49/s
Brookings	62/47/s	61/51/pc	Medford	93/55/s	90/54/s
Burns	89/44/s	85/43/s	Newport	60/49/pc	60/52/c
Coos Bay	63/50/pc	62/54/c	Olympia	80/48/pc	68/51/sh
Corvallis	80/47/s	76/52/pc	Ontario	93/56/s	91/59/s
Council	91/53/s	88/56/s	Pasco	91/52/s	90/54/s
Elgin	88/50/s	85/52/s	Pendleton	89/58/s	87/56/s
Eugene	83/47/s	79/53/c	Portland	85/54/pc	78/59/pc
Hermiston	92/61/s	90/60/s	Powers	77/50/pc	75/52/pc
Hood River	89/58/s	84/59/pc	Redmond	89/44/s	87/42/s
Imnaha	91/56/s	88/58/s	Roseburg	85/51/s	80/56/s
John Day	90/54/s	87/56/s	Salem	83/50/s	78/56/pc
Joseph	87/50/s	84/52/s	Spokane	86/55/s	82/54/s
Kennewick	91/58/s	91/59/s	The Dalles	91/59/s	86/59/pc
Klamath Falls	86/42/s	83/41/s	Ukiah	85/46/s	83/47/s
Lakeview	85/40/s	83/42/s	Walla Walla	90/62/s	88/61/s

#### RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Mostly sunny <b>63 42</b>	<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Warm with sunshine <b>85 47</b>
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Mostly sunny; nice <b>75 49</b>	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Mostly sunny; warm <b>92 59</b>
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Sunshine; warmer <b>74 43</b>	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Mostly sunny <b>80 39</b>
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Sunshine; warmer <b>86 51</b>	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Mostly sunny <b>84 53</b>
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Mostly sunny; warm <b>91 46</b>	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Mostly sunny <b>86 50</b>



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