

Man who flirts online brushes aside his girlfriend’s concerns

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been a couple for three years. We live together and have an incredible relationship and an amazing sex life. A while ago, he was approached by a strange woman on social media. Through Hangouts he told her she was beautiful and that he was looking for the right woman to be with. Their communication lasted about a week.

It has now happened again. He handed out his phone number, and this one has sent him videos of her dancing wearing next to nothing. He tells her she has an amazing body and made comments to the effect that she must be wild in bed and he thinks only of her. When he talks to these other women, he tells them he lives alone.

When I tell him this bothers me, he doesn't get upset. He swears he has feelings for only me and no one else, and that he's just having a little fun. I want to believe him, but I feel hurt and disrespected when I read what he's saying to these women. My heart is heavy because he used to talk to me like that and no longer does. Should I be worried?

— SHARING HIM IN OHIO

DEAR SHARING HIM: You should not only be worried, you should be out of there. You may have invested three years in this person, but the sooner you divest yourself of him the better it will be for you. His actions show that his word cannot be trusted. He's not only lying to these women, he is also lying to you. Men who love and respect women do not treat them the way he is treating you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year-old girl, and I'm bisexual. Some of my closest friends know, but that's it. Mom doesn't know, and neither do my grandma or papa. I'm afraid if I tell them they'll be disappointed in their little girl. Also, I'm growing up without a father, so that may have something to do with it. I wonder if not having a male role model is why I'm driven to like girls.

It took me a while to figure out that I was bisexual. It was at the beginning of seventh grade, when people were talking about being bi. So I guess I need to find out who I am as a person.

When I told my friend I was bi and I liked

her, she was shocked and surprised. I think she took it the wrong way and thought I was asking her out. That afternoon she came up to me and said, "I like you, but only as a friend. I hope this doesn't damage our friendship." For me it did, and I haven't gotten the courage to go talk to her about it again. I was only saying that to tell her how I FEEL, not to ask her out.

— INSECURE AND CONFUSED

DEAR ABBY



DEAR INSECURE AND CONFUSED: You are right that you need to find out who you are as a person. You are very young and still discovering. People do NOT become gay or bisexual because of conversations they hear in the seventh grade or because their fathers are absent. Sexual orientation is simply a part of who we are.

You were clumsy about the way you "outed" yourself to your friend. Put aside your fears, talk to her again and explain that you weren't asking her out, and the feelings you were describing were not directed at her. If she's truly a friend, everything will be all right.

DEAR ABBY: For a year and a half, my wife and I have been looking forward to attending our granddaughter's college graduation. (She will be graduating on June 1.) When I called my son to discuss hotel and other arrangements, he told me my granddaughter initially was allowed only three tickets, but managed to get two more tickets from students whose relatives could not attend. He then informed me that he, his ex-wife, his son, his ex-wife's sister and the sister's live-in boyfriend will be using the tickets.

I feel very hurt that the ex's sister and boyfriend got tickets instead of me and my wife. We had planned to give my granddaughter \$500 for graduation. After this slap in the face, should we give her the \$500, which we have given to all our other grandchildren upon their graduation?

— LEFT OUT IN FLORIDA

DEAR LEFT OUT: Yes, you should. Although you are right to feel hurt and offended, the blame should rest with your son and not your granddaughter, and she should not be penalized for it.

30 tornadoes, more flooding from storms in central U.S.

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The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A strong band of storms brought more than 30 tornadoes across the central U.S., damaged homes in Oklahoma, demolished a racetrack grandstand in Missouri and drenched waterlogged states with more water and more flooding.

The severe weather started in the Southern Plains Monday night and moved to the northeast. Missouri and parts of Illinois and Arkansas were in the crosshairs Tuesday. By Wednesday, the storm will move into Great Lakes region, where it will weaken. But another storm system was gathering steam for later this week, potentially covering an area from Texas to Chicago, according to the National Weather Service.

Patrick Marsh, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Storm Prediction Center, said eyewitnesses reported 26 tornadoes Monday and six more Tuesday. One, near Tulsa, was a mile wide with winds in the range of 111 mph to 135 mph. "It certainly isn't anything to mess with," Marsh said.

A tornado early Tuesday near Tulsa International Airport injured one person and damaged about a dozen homes. The airport was unscathed, but passengers were moved into shelters for about 30 minutes and several flights were delayed.

Tulsa Area Emergency Management spokeswoman Kim MacLeod said crews rescued a man who was pinned under a tree. In Arkansas, crews were working Tuesday afternoon to free a woman trapped under a tree topped by strong winds. Arkansas Department of Emergency Management spokeswoman Melody Daniel said the woman was alert and talking.

Storms Monday evening flipped campers at Lucas Oil Speedway in Hickory County, Missouri, injuring seven people, four of whom were taken to hospitals. The speedway's grandstand also was destroyed, forcing cancellation of racing this weekend that was expected to draw about 3,000 campers.

Another twister Tuesday afternoon hit a hit a drive-thru wild animal park in southern Missouri. Webster County Emergency Management Director Tom Simmons said

buildings were damaged at the Wild Animal Safari near Strafford, but there were no reports that people or animals were injured.

Simmons said about a half-dozen homes were damaged in the county. A tractor-trailer was blown off a highway.

Flooding was also an issue. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation shut down Interstate 40 in El Reno, about 25 miles west of Oklahoma City, because of high water. The National Weather Service says up to 5 inches of rain had fallen since Monday. In El Reno and Stillwater, home to Oklahoma State University about 55 miles northeast of Oklahoma City, emergency responders rescued people from their homes.

In Missouri, Gov. Mike Parson declared a state of emergency, citing worsening flood concerns and soil inundation, as well as forecasts calling severe storms and possible tornadoes into Wednesday morning. Parson cited numerous instances of flash flooding. "The very heavy rainfall yesterday and today, combined with saturated soil and very high water levels on many rivers and streams have created dangerous conditions around the state," Parson, a Republican, said in a statement.

With a potentially dangerous storm bearing down on St. Louis, baseball's Cardinals were taking no chances, calling off a Tuesday night game against the cross-state rival Kansas City Royals. Forecasters were warning of potentially strong storms expected to arrive at downtown St. Louis shortly after the game was scheduled to start.

Heavy snow melt from the north and significant spring rains have led to waves of flooding in Missouri, and President Donald Trump on Monday issued a major disaster declaration for 13 counties in the state damaged by March flooding.

The Missouri River is expected to reach major flood stage by the end of the week at Jefferson City, Hermann, St. Charles and elsewhere. The levee near Jefferson City's airport holds back water up to 30 feet (9.14 meters), Cole County Emergency Manager Bill Farr said, but the National Weather Service expects a crest of 32.3 feet Thursday. Sandbagging won't help because the levee is too long, he said.

"We're just keeping our fingers crossed," Farr said.

weather

	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Partly cloudy	Turning cloudy	Mostly cloudy, showers	Cloudy	Showers possible
Baker City	39	69 42	64 42	67 41	70 43
Comfort Index™	5	10	8	8	10
La Grande	42	69 46	62 43	67 44	71 48
Comfort Index™	5	10	1	8	10
Enterprise	37	65 42	60 41	63 41	67 45
Comfort Index™	6	10	5	9	10

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 Monday	64°	61°	64°
Low Monday	47°	45°	44°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Monday	0.02	0.34	0.12
Month to date	0.42	1.59	0.86
Normal month to date	0.90	1.26	1.41
Year to date	4.89	8.81	17.78
Normal year to date	3.95	7.07	11.10

MONDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 101°	Presidio, Texas
Low: 8°	Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 6.06"	Cushing, Okla.

OREGON	
High: 75°	Hermiston
Low: 28°	Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.14"	Bend

WEATHER HISTORY

On May 22, 1804, a tornado ripped through New Brunswick, N.J. A hotel, two barns and three houses were destroyed. Most tornadoes in the U.S. hit areas from the central Plains through the Ohio Valley.

SUN & MOON

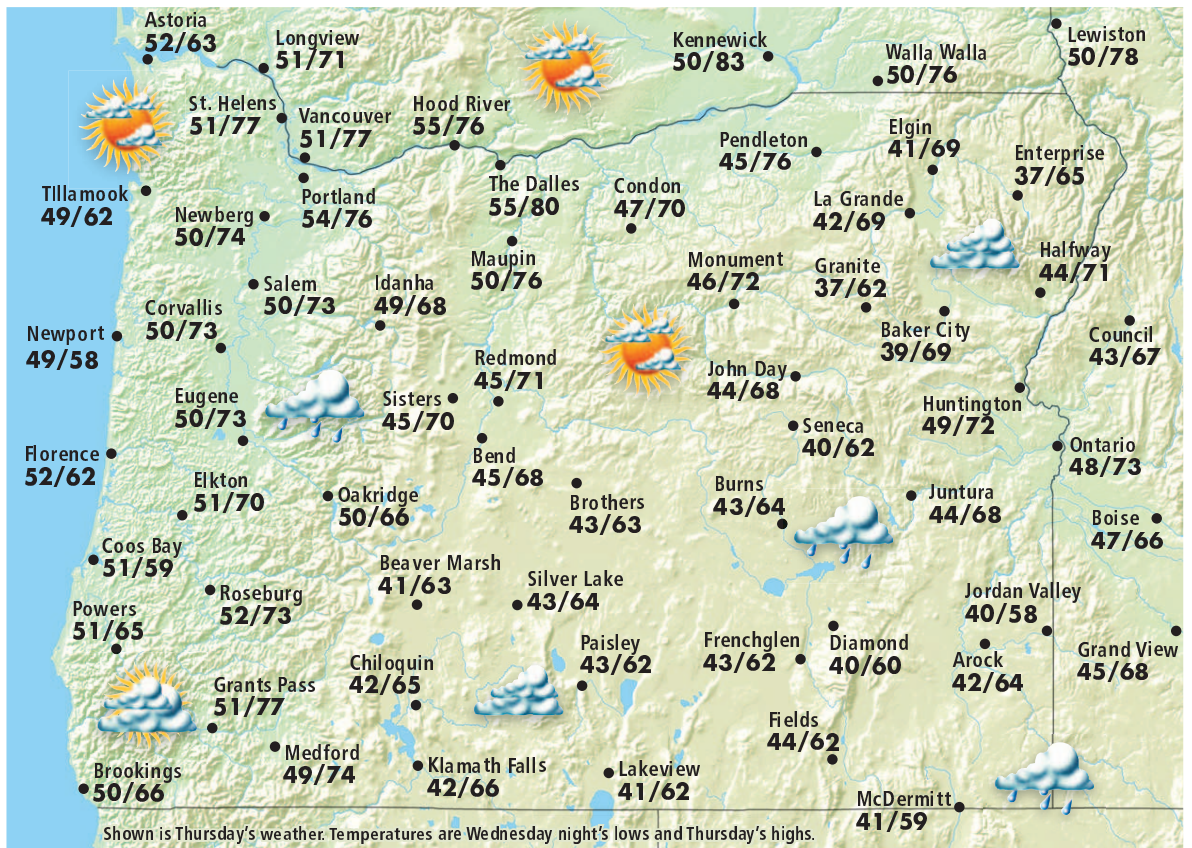
	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	5:15 a.m.	5:15 a.m.
Sunset	8:23 p.m.	8:24 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:13 a.m.
Moonset	8:26 a.m.	9:22 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
May 26	Jun 3	Jun 9	Jun 17

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

	THU.	FRI.		THU.	FRI.
City	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	City	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Astoria	63/52/s	58/48/r	Lewiston	78/54/pc	71/50/c
Bend	68/44/c	62/40/pc	Longview	71/49/s	60/46/c
Boise	66/48/c	66/50/pc	Meacham	67/44/pc	60/42/sh
Brookings	66/50/pc	62/48/pc	Medford	74/50/pc	72/48/pc
Burns	64/41/pc	61/39/sh	Newport	58/49/s	56/46/t
Coos Bay	59/49/pc	58/48/c	Olympia	75/48/s	62/45/sh
Corvallis	73/48/s	62/47/c	Ontario	73/48/pc	72/48/c
Council	67/42/c	65/44/sh	Pasco	83/54/pc	77/50/c
Elgin	69/45/pc	62/43/sh	Pendleton	76/53/pc	70/47/c
Eugene	73/49/s	63/46/c	Portland	76/53/s	63/51/c
Hermiston	82/57/pc	75/49/c	Powers	65/48/pc	63/48/sh
Hood River	76/55/pc	65/49/c	Redmond	71/44/c	64/40/pc
Imnaha	71/46/pc	68/48/sh	Roseburg	73/51/pc	67/50/c
John Day	68/45/pc	62/47/sh	Salem	73/49/s	62/47/c
Joseph	64/41/c	59/40/sh	Spokane	73/51/pc	67/49/t
Kennewick	83/54/pc	76/49/c	The Dalles	80/56/c	69/49/t
Klamath Falls	66/39/sh	64/37/s	Ukiah	65/43/c	60/40/sh
Lakeview	62/34/sh	61/38/pc	Walla Walla	76/55/pc	72/51/c

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

RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	Partly sunny		PHILLIPS LAKE	A p.m. shower	
41	30		64	40	
MT. EMILY REC.	Turning cloudy		BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly cloudy	
56	41		73	45	
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Rather cloudy		EMIGRANT ST. PARK	A shower	
49	33		62	41	
WALL OWA LAKE	Mostly cloudy		MCKAY RESERVOIR	Partly sunny	
64	41		73	52	
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Mostly cloudy		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Turning cloudy	
69	42		69	46	



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