Roommate's complicates 'friends with benefits' setup

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DEAR ABBY: I've been spending time with a certain gentleman for more than five years. I am in love with him. We dated at first, then became friends with benefits. He had another woman move in with him a few years ago, but we are still friends with benefits, and he has become my best friend. He listens when I need someone to talk to and knows how to give a good pep talk when I need one. We talk several

hours a day and text throughout the day.

I know in my heart we are meant to be together. He tells me he loves me but says he can't ask the other woman to move out because she doesn't have anywhere to go until she makes the person living in her house move out. How do I talk to him about this?

OTHER WOMAN DEAR OTHER WOMAN: Friends do not string friends along for years, which is what this "gentleman" has been doing to you.

He invited the other woman to move in because she is providing something he finds of value. (Are you sure they haven't gotten married or enjoy similar benefits?) If he wanted her out, he would find a way to do it. During your next "hourslong" phone call, tell him that as much as you care for him, you can no longer continue to live in limbo. Give him a deadline to get rid of his houseguest and, if he doesn't meet it, cut off his "benefits."

DEAR ABBY: As a woman, I am infuriated by men of all ages who have to adjust their crotches all the time. Is there any way we can tell these men that what they're doing is vulgar and embarrassing, and it's rude to do this in public? I'm almost tempted to caress my breasts with both hands and push upward. But I guess that would be worse. Any ideas?

- INFURIATED IN TOPEKA DEAR INFURIATED: Forget hoisting your breasts skyward. Rather than succumb to infuriation, dig deep and try to feel some sympathy. This has everything to do with our Creator's grand design. Because men's genitalia are external, they sometimes get pinched in their clothing, which is uncomfortable. It's only natural that they reflexively try to remedy the situation. Because it bothers you so much, try looking elsewhere.

DEAR ABBY: My father died three years ago. My parents were both close to his younger brother and his wife. For the past two years, I have suspected that my mother and my uncle have been having an affair. They

live in different states and text back and forth. She has left her phone open when she has gone places with us, and the comments back and forth are very sexually oriented.

I became suspicious when my uncle came to visit and they took a trip together and ended up staying overnight somewhere. A couple of months later, my aunt and uncle came to visit, and Mom asked me NOT to say anything about the trip they had taken in front of his wife.

Then Mom started locking her phone, and if she wants to show you something. she holds onto her phone for dear life. She asked me to look on her phone for something recently while she was driving us someplace and she was so worried about her phone, I was afraid she was going to cause an accident because she was trying to watch what I was doing.

The last time my aunt and uncle were here, Mom tried everything she could to get my uncle alone. I tried as hard as I could to not let that happen. I feel my aunt needs to know what is going on. I'm not sure how to approach this or if I should leave it alone. It really bothers me they think this is OK. My father had an affair once, so Mom should know how this would hurt. What should I

- WITNESS IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WITNESS: What you should do is take a giant step back. Do not involve yourself in this potential mess and do not be the bearer of bad tidings to your aunt. If you are going to talk to anyone, talk to your mother.

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OREGON

Greenhouse gas war could **reach new extemes in 2020**

By Dirk VanderHart Oregon Public Broadcasting

SALEM — If lawmakers once again fail to pass a law regulating Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions next year, voters could be called on to do it for them.

Three initiative petitions filed with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office on Monday would require the state to phase out electricity sources that contribute to global warming, and transition to a carbon-free economy by 2050.

If they proceed to the November 2020 ballot, the measures are likely to usher in a bruising ballot fight. But the clean energy coalition Renew Oregon, one of the organizations spearheading the efforts, doesn't necessarily want it to come to that.

Instead, Renew Oregon is hoping the measures add urgency to the legislative session that convenes in February, where Democratic leaders have vowed once again to take up a bill that would cap greenhouse emissions in the state, and charge large polluters for their emissions.

"Our priority will continue to be the cap-and-invest bill," said Brad Reed, a spokesman for Renew Oregon. "We will put all of our energy to that. But we cannot afford for the state and for the people to not have bold climate action next year."

The carbon cap bill has been in the works for more than a decade, and was



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front and center earlier this year, when the Legislature tussled over House Bill 2020. The proposal wound up flaming out spectacularly, amid a walkout by Senate Republicans and disunity in the Democratic ranks.

The three potential ballot measures open up another front in the battle, asking voters to enact strict timetables for reducing overall emissions and to require power companies to use only carbon-free sources of power. The petitions were filed by a coalition calling itself 100% Ready For Clean Air, which includes Renew Oregon, the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Climate Solutions, the Oregon Environmental Council and other groups.

Oregon has had targets for reducing its greenhouse

gas emissions since 2007, but has had difficulty complying. The state is not expected to meet its 2020 goal of reducing emissions to 10% below 1990 levels. While Oregon's emissions decreased from 2000 to 2014, they have since risen, largely driven by increased use of cars and trucks.

One ballot measure the 100% Ready For Clean Air coalition is pushing would set ambitious goals. Under the plan, the state would be required under law to reduce emissions to 50% below 1990 levels by 2035, and to eliminate emissions entirely by 2050. Those goals would be tied to emissions from "fossil fuel and industrial sources," wording that captures pollution from power plants, manufacturers and automobiles.

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COLD					
TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
Clear and very cold	Sunny, but cold	Partly sunny and cool	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny	
Baker City 17	49 20	54 22	58 30	59 28	
Comfort Index [™] 0	2	2	5	7	
La Grande 17	47 21	53 27	58 36	60 34	
Comfort Index [™] 0	2	2	9	8	
Enterprise 1 6 Comfort Index™ 0	43 22	52 29	57 35	56 32	

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgiı		
High Monday	69°	70°	70		
Low Monday	24°	39°	29		
PRECIPITATION (inches)					
Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Month to date	Trace	Trace	0.03		
Normal month to dat	e 0.12	0.21	0.25		
Year to date	7.03	12.51	22.7		
Normal year to date	7.74	11.75	16.10		

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Lowest relative humidity	30%			
Afternoon wind	NE at 4 to 8 mph			
Hours of sunshine	7.6			
Evapotranspiration	0.08			
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)				
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity			
Unity Reservoir	27% of capacity			
Owyhee Reservoir	63% of capacity			
McKay Reservoir	37% of capacity			
Wallowa Lake	23% of capacity			
Thief Valley Reservoir	12% of capacity			
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Monday)				
Grande Ronde at Troy	753 cfs			
Thief Valley Reservoir near North	Powder 1 cfs			
Burnt River near Unity	15 cfs			
Umatilla River near Gibbon	45 cfs			
Minam River at Minam	75 cfs			
Powder River near Richland	33 cfs			

MONDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48	contiguous states)
High: 101°	Palm Springs, Calif.
Low: 8°	Antero Reservoir, Colo.
Wettest: 5.36"	Mayport, Fla.
OREGON	
High: 80°	Hermiston
Low: 22°	Burns
Wettest: 0.08"	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 9, 1804, a hurricane in New England caused massive damage. Tropical moisture and cold air combined in central New England: 2-3 feet of snow fell in the Berkshires and Green Mountains.

SUN & MOON

Sunrise	7	:00 a.m.	7:01 a.m.
Sunset	6	:19 p.m.	6:17 p.m.
Moonrise	5	:06 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Moonset	2	:35 a.m.	3:36 a.m.
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			(-15)
Oct 13	Oct 21	Oct 27	Nov 4

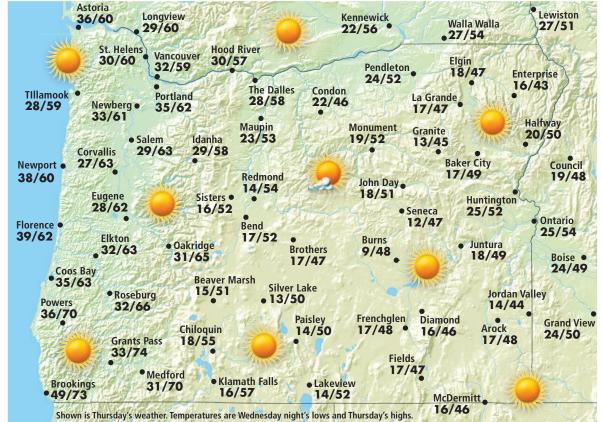
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City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	60/41/s	64/44/pc	Lewiston	51/27/s	59/34/
Bend	52/21/s	63/30/s	Longview	60/31/s	63/39/pd
Boise	49/27/s	59/32/s	Meacham	45/17/s	52/25/pc
Brookings	73/49/pc	66/49/pc	Medford	70/37/s	74/40/
Burns	48/14/s	57/19/pc	Newport	60/40/s	64/47/pd
Coos Bay	63/39/s	64/43/pc	Olympia	58/30/s	62/38/p
Corvallis	63/30/s	65/40/pc	Ontario	54/20/s	59/26/pd
Council	48/21/s	52/25/s	Pasco	57/24/s	60/29/
Elgin	47/20/s	53/24/pc	Pendleton	52/27/s	57/29/pd
Eugene	62/31/s	66/41/pc	Portland	62/42/s	65/43/pc
Hermiston	56/25/s	59/27/s	Powers	70/41/s	74/41/pc
Hood River	57/32/s	60/34/s	Redmond	54/18/s	65/26/
Imnaha	48/23/s	57/29/s	Roseburg	66/35/s	74/43/pc
John Day	51/24/s	59/29/pc	Salem	63/32/s	65/40/pd
Joseph	43/22/s	52/30/s	Spokane	46/25/s	51/29/
Kennewick	56/25/s	57/26/s	The Dalles	58/30/s	62/34/
Klamath Falls	57/20/pc	64/26/pc	Ukiah	46/18/s	56/22/pd
Lakeview	52/18/pc	62/22/pc	Walla Walla	54/32/s	61/37/
Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain,					

RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

ANTHONY LAKES PHILLIPS LAKE Sunny; very cold Sunny, but chilly **BROWNLEE RES.** MT. EMILY REC. Sunny, but cold Sunny, but cold **52** 23 **EAGLE CAP WILD. EMIGRANT ST. PARK** Sunny, but cold Sunny, but cold 36 **MCKAY RESERVOIR WALLOWA LAKE** Sunny, but cold Sunny, but cool 22 THIEF VALLEY RES. **RED BRIDGE ST. PARK** Sunny, but cold Sunny, but cold

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