

Mom in dating game ponders trading attraction for security

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 40-year-old mom of two girls who has been single for five years. In that time, I've dated a few men, but haven't found one who fulfills my "wish list."

The last man I was interested in seemed like he had possibilities. There was a strong mutual attraction. We spent a lot of time together, went on dates and were physically intimate. However, because of his recent divorce and subsequent emotional struggles, it became apparent that we wouldn't work out in the long term. It was disappointing, but we are still good friends and talk daily.

In the meantime, I have begun dating a very nice 48-year-old man with whom I have a lot in common. He's very successful professionally, and we get along well. He is also very attracted to me. If things continue to go well and it develops into a long-term relationship, I have no doubt he would provide a very comfortable life for my children and me.

The problem is, I'm not very attracted to him. He's a nice, normal-looking man, but if I passed him on the street, I wouldn't give him a second glance. I continue to see him because it seems we may be compatible, and I enjoy spending time with him, but is it wrong to be disappointed that I don't feel "fireworks"?

This may seem shallow, but after feeling so much chemistry with a man I was madly attracted to, it's difficult to be in this position. It's next to impossible to find someone who possesses every single quality I want, especially because I live in a small town, and I am likely not going to match everything on his list either. How do I break down these barriers that I'm putting in front of him?

— NO SPARKS IN OREGON

DEAR NO SPARKS: I can't guarantee this will work, but a giant step in the right direction might be to stop talking every day with the man you are so attracted to. Although he appears to be over you, you do not appear to have him completely out of your system. Until that happens, no one is going to measure up.

DEAR ABBY: I was born in the mountains of western North Carolina, but I have been

obsessed with the beach since I was a toddler. I am an empty nester and retired. Soon my husband and I would like to move to Florida for the warmer climate and to ease our ocean-obsessed souls. The problem is, I am heartbroken to leave my mother. She's getting older, and we are very close.

She has given me her blessing, as she knows the winters here make me miserable physically and mentally. The thing is, I will miss her terribly. We can video chat and visit often, but I can't shake my guilt over leaving her.

My brother lives close by and will take care of her if she needs anything (she lives independently) and keep her company, and she does have a friend she spends time with also. Am I being unreasonable? Or am I being completely selfish? It just feels wrong to leave her.

— TORTURED DAUGHTER IN THE SOUTH

DEAR TORTURED: Your mother has given you her blessing to move. Take her up on it with a light heart. And during the winter months, invite her to come and stay with you if she wishes. That way you won't have to feel guilty, and she might enjoy the warmer weather.

DEAR ABBY: I gave my mom a surprise 90th birthday party. My cousin and his wife and their two adult children and three grandchildren came. I paid \$23 a head for a sit-down dinner. Mom was given a scented candle from all of them, but the kicker is my cousin sells them, so it cost them nothing. Is there any way I can tell them how cheap they are without causing a war?

— UNFAIR IN THE EAST

DEAR UNFAIR: I don't recommend you broach that subject the way you presented it to me. It would have been better if more thought had been devoted to selecting a gift, but what you paid for the dinner should have no bearing.

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Flint Scott, a Warm Springs tribal member, moves a rack of 5-gallon containers of water earlier this year while working at the distribution center. The water was collected during the longest period this year when residents were asked to boil their water before they used it.

Warm Springs residents told to boil drinking water

■ For a fifth time this year, Warm Springs Indian Reservation is experiencing water supply problems

By Michael Kohn
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BEND — Residents of Warm Springs Indian Reservation have again been told they must boil water before using it due to loss of pressure in the agency water system, the fifth time this year they have endured a cut in safe drinking water.

A loss of water pressure occurred in two places during repair work on the water system, according to a boil water notice obtained by The Bulletin. The loss of pressure increases the chance that harmful microbes can enter the water, resulting in the public warning.

The recurring problem this year highlights serious infrastructure deficiencies

on the reservation, which is suffering from high levels of poverty and unemployment. In the summer, residents were told to boil their water for two months, forcing people to bath in portable showers and queue to obtain safe drinking water.

Warm Springs residents are advised to use boiled or bottled water for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth and preparing food until further notice, according to the latest statement.

The notice forced the local preschool to send home children two and under, as well as those not potty-trained.

“Due to the boil water notice we cannot safely care for children younger than

three years old,” according to a letter sent to families by Casandra Moses, manager of the Early Childhood Education Center.

Work over the summer included repair of a broken main line that runs through Shitike Creek, as well as replacement of pressure reducing valves throughout the system. While the emergency repair measures restarted the flow of clean drinking water, more work is needed on the reservation water pipes for a long-term solution.

The notice is expected to remain in place through Wednesday, according to the statement. Similar to earlier boil water notices, tribal residents are being offered free bottled water from a distribution center on the Warm Springs campus. Water distribution will be available until the boil water notice is lifted.

weather

COLD					
TONIGHT Mainly clear and windy	TUE Mostly sunny and colder	WED Sunny, but cold	THU Turning sunny and chilly	FRI Mostly sunny and chilly	
Baker City 16 Comfort Index™ 4	36 6	43 12	45 15	50 17	
La Grande 15 Comfort Index™ 1	32 11	40 21	46 20	49 23	
Enterprise 9 Comfort Index™ 0	28 8	37 15	41 17	46 25	

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.

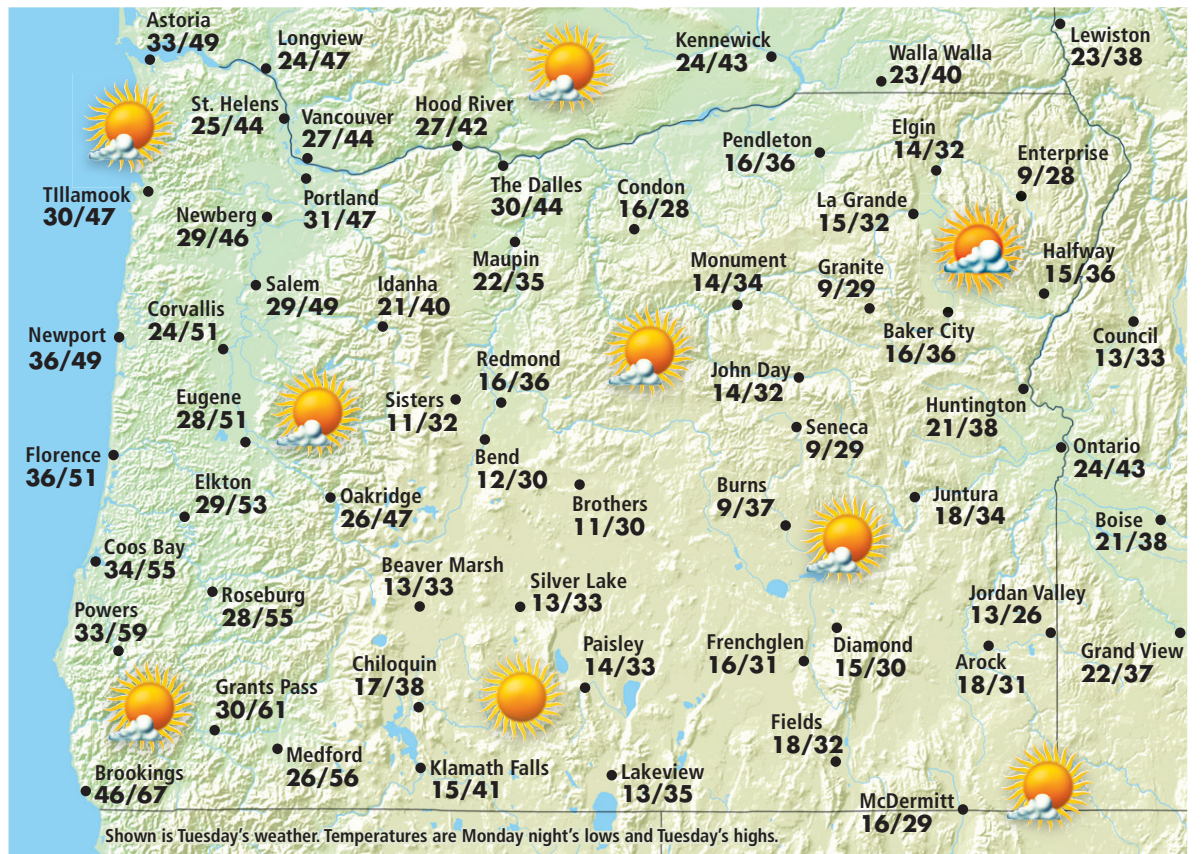
ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
TEMPERATURES	47°	46°	44°
High Saturday	31°	33°	34°
Low Saturday			
PRECIPITATION (inches)	0.00	Trace	0.00
Saturday	0.11	0.59	3.17
Month to date	0.51	1.01	1.31
Normal month to date	7.14	13.10	25.85
Year to date	8.13	12.55	17.16
Normal year to date			

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY
Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	NNE at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	4.4
Evapotranspiration	0.06
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)	
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	29% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	62% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	29% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	25% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	25% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Saturday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	917 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	13 cfs
Umattilla River near Gibbon	74 cfs
Minam River at Minam	121 cfs
Powder River near Richland	31 cfs

SATURDAY EXTREMES	NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 95°	Escondido, Calif.
Low: -1°	Antero Reservoir, Colo.
Wettest: 3.87"	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
OREGON	
High: 64°	Brookings
Low: 21°	Burns
Wettest: 0.09"	The Dalles
WEATHER HISTORY	
On October 28, 1983, a strong earthquake occurred at 10:06 a.m. EDT centered 110 miles northwest of Pocatello, Idaho. It registered 6.9 on the Richter Scale and caused two deaths and extensive damage.	
SUN & MOON	
Sunrise	7:25 a.m.
Sunset	5:46 p.m.
Moonrise	7:51 a.m.
Moonset	6:33 p.m.
MOON PHASES	
First	Nov 4
Full	Nov 12
Last	Nov 19
New	Nov 26

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. HI/LO/W	WED. HI/LO/W	City	TUE. HI/LO/W	WED. HI/LO/W
Astoria	49/29/5	53/32/5	Lewiston	38/21/5	42/26/5
Bend	30/8/5	47/21/5	Longview	47/21/5	51/25/5
Boise	38/15/5	40/21/5	Meacham	29/9/5	39/18/5
Brookings	67/44/5	63/42/5	Medford	56/23/5	60/26/5
Burns	37/2/5	42/5/5	Newport	49/31/5	53/35/5
Coos Bay	55/33/5	59/34/5	Olympia	47/21/5	50/26/5
Corvallis	51/22/5	52/27/5	Ontario	43/11/5	42/15/5
Council	33/9/5	37/15/5	Pasco	44/13/5	45/20/5
Elgin	32/11/5	40/20/5	Pendleton	36/14/5	42/20/5
Eugene	51/22/5	53/26/5	Portland	47/30/5	52/30/5
Hermiston	42/13/5	44/19/5	Powers	59/33/5	64/35/5
Hood River	42/22/5	47/23/5	Redmond	36/6/5	49/16/5
Imnaha	33/15/5	45/23/5	Roseburg	55/23/5	57/29/5
John Day	32/15/5	45/22/5	Salem	49/22/5	53/26/5
Joseph	27/6/5	37/16/5	Spokane	34/17/5	38/22/5
Kennewick	43/14/5	44/20/5	The Dalles	44/17/5	46/22/5
Klamath Falls	41/10/5	48/13/5	Ukiah	28/9/5	40/17/5
Lakeview	35/3/5	45/10/5	Walla Walla	40/19/5	43/26/5

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

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Sunny and frigid	14 3	COLD	PHILLIPS LAKE Sunny, but colder	30 6	
MT. EMILY REC. Quite cold	23 10	COLD	BROWNLEE RES. Sunny and colder	38 8	
EAGLE CAP WILD. Frigid	18 2	COLD	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Very cold	26 6	COLD
WALLOWA LAKE Very cold	27 6	COLD	MCKAY RESERVOIR Mostly sunny	34 14	
THIEF VALLEY RES. Sunny and colder	36 6		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Mostly sunny	32 11	

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