

# Woman with new boyfriend keeps neighbor up at night

DEAR ABBY: I live in a densely populated luxury high-rise apartment building in a busy downtown neighborhood that has a diverse mix of residents. I have lived here for four years and have never really had many issues, until recently.

My next-door neighbor works in the medical field that at times has very late or early hours associated with it. I also work in a field that has odd hours, so I am empathetic. My issue is, she has a new boyfriend she is intimate with anywhere between 2 and 4 a.m. I am a light sleeper and get awakened by their sessions together. I can hear her voice and at times, jostling of furniture.

I have thought about telling the building management, but it would be obvious that the complaint would have come from me,



DEAR ABBY

— SLEEPLESS IN CHICAGO

DEAR SLEEPLESS: Write your neighbor a sweet note explaining the problem and ask if there is anything she can do to muffle the sounds you are hearing. (It might be something as simple as moving her bed away from the wall or placing it against a different one.) However, if she's uncooperative, as a last resort, do discuss your problem with the building manager. I assure you, it won't be the first time he or she has heard something like this, or the last.

DEAR ABBY: I suffer from a

moderate to severe case of social anxiety. I'm now in my first relationship with a partner who tends to move fast, and whose parents have recently been asking to meet me. This has caused tension in our relationship as well as in his relationship with his parents.

Because of some past experiences with previous partners, his parents have preconceived notions about me, which makes me feel all the more reluctant to meet them. I don't like feeling vulnerable, especially with people who don't know me. One counseling session with a boss, a professor, someone in authority, etc., and I'm on the verge of tears or already crying.

I know I'll have to meet his parents someday, but I don't know how to approach it. I feel overwhelmed just thinking about it. Please help.

— SOCIALLY ANXIOUS

DEAR SOCIALLY ANXIOUS: I hope you are receiving professional help for your social anxiety. You should not approach meeting your partner's parents with a negative attitude. Smile, put your best foot forward and try to make a good impression.

Keep in mind that this is not a performance review, a professor you need to give you a good grade or anyone in authority. They are parents of a son whose past judgment about partners may have been less than stellar, and of course they have concerns.

It would be nice if they thought the moon rose and set on you, but if they don't, will it affect your relationship with your partner? If the answer is yes, then he may not be mature and independent enough to be having a romance with anyone. Hold a good thought and stop hiding out.

DEAR ABBY: My former spouse, the father of our adult daughters, recently passed. He will be cremated. Although he did not remarry, I did. Our youngest daughter has made all the burial arrangements.

My ex and I did not communicate much after the divorce. What is my role as mother? Do I send flowers, greet attendees, as if we were still together? We were married almost 30 years.

— WHAT SHOULD I DO?

DEAR WHAT SHOULD I DO: Your role as the mother is to support your daughters and the rest of the family. If your daughters want you there, be there for them.

Greet anyone you know politely and thank them for being there for "the family." If you wish to send flowers, by all means do so. But beyond that, nothing more is required of you.

# Man keeps vow to complete marathon before age 40

The Associated Press

JANESVILLE, Wis. — Adam Riley decided he was going to run a marathon before he turned 40 years old.

Nothing — not even the coronavirus pandemic — could stop him.

Riley had signed up to run the Milwaukee Marathon on April 11. But like almost every other sporting event around the world, the races — a half-marathon and 5K were also on the docket — were canceled.

Like many other big races, Milwaukee Marathon organizers announced runners could complete their race "virtually." They sent participants their race numbers, shirts and medals and encouraged them to run their races any time they could near their homes or even on treadmills.

Even before any of that was announced, Riley had already determined he was

still going to run his 26.2 miles.

"I was really trying to do it before I turn 40 in August," he told The Janesville Gazette. "So I couldn't wait until October or something for maybe a different race. I had to get it done."

Riley, who said he has run half-marathons and other shorter distances in the past, mapped out a course. From his house, he would run east on Ruger Avenue out to Wuthering Hills Drive — a stretch of about 2.6 miles — and back. Five trips back and forth would get him to 26.2 miles.

He did not exactly make it easy on himself. The course featured a couple prominent hills that took their toll.

Riley said he told a friend or two about his plan but mostly kept it quiet.

"I was just going to do it on my own," he said.

"Because what if I didn't finish?"

However, word traveled fast among his friends, and they rallied to root him on along his route.

Some, including his friend and business partner, Jake Bussie, of Alkali Tattoo, set up aid stations with Powerade, water and oranges. Others blared encouraging music or ran alongside him for shorter stretches.

"It was all a surprise," Riley said. "I was expecting to do this alone, so the front stoop of my house was my aid station. But then I wound up having a few of them."

Any remaining sting from the actual event being canceled was numbed by the support Riley got locally.

"I was bummed when I got word that they were canceling it," Riley said. "Because I was like, when

am I going to do this? I had a ticking clock.

"But because of this surprise turnout, this is 10-fold what I would've expected in Milwaukee. Any other marathon now would probably fall short."

Riley said he will likely stick to half marathon races moving forward.

But on that Saturday, COVID-19 be damned, he got his 26.2 miles in the books. And long before his 40th birthday. Wearing his green Milwaukee Marathon shirt and race number 334, Riley completed his fifth and final circuit at around 1:30 p.m. to the cheers of about a dozen socially distanced fans and neighbors. He promptly walked inside and slipped his race medal around his neck and returned to his front yard.

"This was a good sendoff to my 30s. ... Tested my mettle a little bit," Riley said.



Photo by Eric Schmoldt/The Associated Press

Janesville's Adam Riley gives a wave during the final mile of his marathon Saturday in Janesville, Wisconsin. Riley had signed up to take part in the Milwaukee Marathon, but the race was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Organizers encouraged participants to complete their race 'virtually' at a time and place of their choosing.

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Clear and cold

FRI

Partly sunny and nice

SAT

Nice with clouds and sun

SUN

Partly sunny, a shower

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Times of clouds and sun

Baker City

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La Grande

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La Grande

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61°

High Tuesday

18°

Low Tuesday

22°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Tuesday

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Month to date

Trace

Normal month to date

0.35

Year to date

0.79

Normal year to date

2.57

0.00

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0.68

5.80

18.78

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0.92

18.78

8.70

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 99°

Low: -12°

Wettest: 1.72"

High: 75°

Low: 17°

Wettest: Trace

Hermiston

Burns

Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

A late-season snowstorm and cold wave hit the Southeast on April 16, 1849. A 32-degree reading was the latest freezing temperature ever in Wilmington, N.C.

SUN & MOON

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Sunrise

6:05 a.m.

6:03 a.m.

Sunset

7:40 p.m.

7:41 p.m.

Moonrise

3:49 a.m.

4:19 a.m.

Moonset

1:21 p.m.

2:24 p.m.

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