

COVID-19 causes rift between nurse’s boyfriend, his sister

DEAR ABBY: I am a nurse in New York City. My boyfriend lives in Philadelphia. During the height of the pandemic, we didn't see each other because I worked on a COVID unit and contracted the virus. His sister became very controlling and kept urging him not to see me, which brought me great pain. I was extremely lonely, and for months, the only people I saw were my co-workers.

At the end of May, my boyfriend and I began seeing each other regularly. Because he sees me, his sister refuses to see him, which makes me very sad. His mother died two years ago.



DEAR ABBY

When his family tries to plan things, his sister either comes late or doesn't show up. If I'm invited, she says she doesn't want to be in the same room as me. I spend a lot of time with my boyfriend and his older father, who he now lives with. His father has never expressed that he feels uncomfortable around me.

I feel like we have to plan things around this sister. I want my boyfriend to spend time with his family, but she's extremely controlling when everyone else in the family seems excited to see me. What do I do?

— UNCOMFORTABLE

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: I am assuming that if you are again working that you are tested regularly for COVID and therefore in no danger of giving the virus to anyone. Because there has been so much misinformation spread during the pandemic, many people are being extremely cautious — and rightfully so.

If you had a good relationship with your boyfriend's sister before the pandemic began, recognize that she acts the way she does because she's afraid for her life, so stop personalizing it and judging her for it. She has a right to protect herself, even if it seems irrational to you.

DEAR ABBY: As a grandparent, I feel the Christmas gift

my husband and I received last year from our granddaughter was a gift of a lifetime. We have enjoyed it all year. It was a gift of memories, written on 12 cards to be opened on the first day of each month. She had inserted each card into an individual envelope, designated with which month it was to be opened. She put them in a box wrapped with a bow and placed it under the tree.

The excitement generated while anxiously awaiting a new month's arrival so the new memory could be read created enthusiasm among the entire family. In each envelope were experiences we had forgotten or never realized had made an impact on her life.

A gift like this requires only time and 12 pieces of paper. The concept could even be reversed so it would be from grandparent to grandchild. Few of us grandparents need material gifts, but the caring, thought and love shown by this gift will remain with us all our lives.

— WANTED TO SHARE,

DEAR WANTED TO SHARE: What a precious gift. I have long advocated that the most meaningful gift we can give each other is the gift of self, in the form of time, attention, a handwritten letter or a phone call. Your granddaughter's concept of a "Memory of the Month Club" was ingenious. I congratulate her for it, and I hope it inspires others.

News of the Weird

Mysterious silver monolith disappears from Utah desert

SALT LAKE CITY — A mysterious silver monolith that was placed in the Utah desert has disappeared less than 10 days after it was spotted by wildlife biologists performing a helicopter survey of bighorn sheep, federal officials and witnesses said.

"We have received credible reports that the illegally installed structure, referred to as the 'monolith' has been removed from Bureau of Land Management public lands by an unknown party," on Friday, Nov. 27, BLM spokesperson Kimberly Finch said in a statement. The agency did not remove the structure, she said.

The Utah Department of Public Safety said biologists spotted the monolith on Nov. 18, a report that garnered international attention. It was about 11 feet tall with sides that appeared to be made of stainless steel.

While Utah officials did not say specifically where the monolith was located, people soon found it on satellite images dating back to 2016 and determined its GPS coordinates, prompting people to hike into the area.

Reporters with The Salt Lake Tribune hiked to the spot on Saturday and confirmed it was gone.



Kelsea Dockham/Canyon State Overland via AP

In this Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020, photo, rocks mark the location where a metal monolith once stood in a remote area of red rock in Spanish Valley, Utah, near Canyonlands National Park. The mysterious silver monolith that was placed there has disappeared less than 10 days after it was spotted by wildlife biologists performing a helicopter survey of bighorn sheep, federal officials and witnesses said.

Spencer Owen of Salt Lake City said he saw the monolith Friday afternoon and camped in the region overnight, but as he hiked to the area again on Saturday people passing him on the trail warned him it was gone,

the Tribune reported. When he arrived at the spot, all that was left was a triangular piece of metal covering a triangular-shaped hole in the rocks.

"I was really bummed," said Owen, who posted a video on his

Instagram. "It was so pretty and shiny. I wanted to go see it again."

Riccardo Marino and his girlfriend Sierra Van Meter were traveling from Colorado to California on Friday and decided to stop and see the object after finding the GPS coordinates online.

"This was just a once-in-a-lifetime experience that we couldn't miss out," Marino told KUTV.

On the way, they passed a long-bed truck with a large object in the back and he said he joked "oh look, there's the Utah monolith right there," he said.

When they arrived at the spot, it was gone.

Steve Adams said he left at 7 a.m. Saturday to drive to the area. When he arrived and asked someone for directions he was told the tower was gone. He and some friends made the hike anyway.

"It was pretty disappointing," he told the Tribune. "We were really excited to go down and have an adventure to see it. It feels like it was everybody's and then it was nobody's. It's gone."

George Clooney says he's cut his own hair 'for 25 years'

LOS ANGELES — George Clooney is just like us, maybe. The star said he does his own

haircuts with a device famously touted in infomercials.

In an interview on "CBS Sunday Morning," the Oscar-winning actor and filmmaker said he's been cutting his own hair for more than two decades.

"My hair is really like straw," Clooney said of his thick, salt-and-pepper thatch. "So it's easy to cut, can't really make too many mistakes. So years ago, I bought a thing called a Flowbee," which he said was part of his childhood grooming.

"You did not," said skeptical interviewer Tracy Smith.

"The thing with the vacuum cleaner and clippers, yeah. I still have it," Clooney replied. "My haircuts take, literally, two minutes."

Flowbee sales surged when the coronavirus pandemic limited access to salon and barber shops in some areas, Fortune magazine reported in late March.

But as Clooney told CBS News correspondent Smith, he's been cutting his hair "for 25 years" and relies on the Flowbee.

The product's Texas-based maker didn't immediately respond Sunday, Nov. 29, to a request for comment.

The device, first marketed in the late 1980s, has become entrenched in popular culture.

— Associated Press

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Baker City	16	39	16	41	13	40	13	41	14
Comfort Index™	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3
La Grande	19	38	22	39	19	39	20	40	25
Comfort Index™	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Enterprise	19	37	21	37	19	39	21	37	25
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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 Sunday	40°	41°	43°
Low Sunday	14°	20°	19°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.22	2.13	4.81
Normal month to date	0.87	1.96	3.01
Year to date	3.22	16.01	33.79
Normal year to date	9.14	14.83	20.64

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 86° Homestead, Fla.
Low: -16° Antero Reservoir, Colo.
Wettest: 3.35" Laurel, Miss.

OREGON

High: 56° Astoria
Low: 6° Burns
Wettest: Trace Corvallis

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	7.4
Evapotranspiration	0.04

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	29% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	44% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	24% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	22% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	34% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	946 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	10 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	108 cfs
Minam River at Minam	N.A.
Powder River near Richland	36 cfs

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W	City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	53/36/s	51/34/pc	Lewiston	39/27/s	43/26/s
Bend	39/15/s	44/15/s	Longview	44/32/s	45/31/pc
Boise	38/19/s	39/17/s	Meacham	36/21/s	39/20/s
Brookings	56/40/s	56/41/pc	Medford	51/31/s	50/31/pc
Burns	39/11/s	38/8/s	Newport	54/36/s	52/36/c
Coos Bay	56/37/s	56/37/pc	Olympia	47/27/s	45/31/pc
Corvallis	47/27/s	44/26/pc	Ontario	38/15/s	37/15/s
Council	34/11/s	36/7/s	Pasco	39/22/s	37/20/s
Elgin	38/23/s	39/21/s	Pendleton	35/22/s	37/21/s
Eugene	46/27/s	45/26/pc	Portland	48/33/s	47/31/pc
Hermiston	39/21/s	37/21/s	Powers	59/39/s	59/37/pc
Hood River	42/27/s	41/27/pc	Redmond	42/18/s	48/18/s
Imnaha	45/27/s	47/27/s	Roseburg	51/30/s	49/31/pc
John Day	42/20/s	43/15/s	Salem	48/27/s	43/27/pc
Joseph	37/19/s	37/18/s	Spokane	36/22/s	37/22/s
Kennewick	39/21/s	38/19/s	The Dalles	41/24/s	40/23/s
Klamath Falls	45/18/s	47/17/s	Ukiah	38/21/s	39/19/s
Lakeview	47/15/s	46/14/s	Walla Walla	34/23/s	36/22/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Plenty of sunshine 33 9	PHILLIPS LAKE Plenty of sun 38 11
MT. EMILY REC. Mostly sunny 36 21	BROWNLEE RES. Sunny, but chilly 37 16
EAGLE CAP WILD. Mostly sunny 33 8	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Mostly sunny 36 20
WALLOWA LAKE Mostly sunny 37 19	MCKAY RESERVOIR Sunny, but chilly 35 23
THIEF VALLEY RES. Mostly sunny 39 16	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Mostly sunny 38 22

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