

# New wife can't stop thinking about husband's old girlfriend

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a young wife. I married after three months of dating my military husband. He was previously in an on-again/off-again relationship that lasted about eight years, during which she had a baby with another man, etc. I believe my husband is still in love with her. After constantly asking him, he says he just wishes her well and he doesn't have any romantic feelings. I'm not sure what to do, and I just keep overthinking it. Any thoughts?



**DEAR ABBY**

a mistake by dragging it into your marriage. If you concentrate on the positive, you will have a happier marriage, and so will your husband.

**DEAR ABBY:** Shortly after a retired, not-so-close friend moved to another city, he began sending emails about events he had read about in social media, news outlets and magazines. At first there were only a few a day, but as the days increased, so did his emails. I responded to some of them, but he never commented on them. He just sent more and more to the point that his daily emails are more than I can — or want to — read. I am spending too much time deleting them. What should I do? Should I ask him not to send them anymore, or should I stay quiet so as not to hurt his feelings?

— **INBOX FULL IN MISSOURI**

**DEAR INBOX FULL:** Your friend may be sending these items because, as a retiree, he has little to do but cruise the internet for entertainment. It would not be rude to tell this not-so-close friend you don't have time to review all of the emails he has been sending and ask him to send fewer.

It's the truth. However, if he doesn't comply and the barrage continues, feel free to block them or create a filter for these emails that sends them to a folder where they can be scanned and deleted.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband of 32 years often tells me women compliment him on his looks or the way he dresses. I compliment him often, but I think it's his way of telling me that he's still "got it" and I should be proud to have a husband who's hot and good-looking.

Am I crazy for not enjoying hearing what other women think? If anything, it has caused some insecurity on my part. I have

asked him to stop sharing these comments and told him I'm tired of hearing them — especially since I have told him repeatedly what I think of him, his looks and his way of dressing. Am I wrong?

— **LOVES HIM INSIDE AND OUT**

**DEAR LOVES HIM:** I don't think you're wrong. But has it occurred to you that your husband may do this not out of ego but because HE is insecure? People who are secure within themselves do not feel the need to continually toot their own horns the way your handsome, stylish husband does.

Try this: The next time he does it, smile, nod in agreement and tell him you agree with his admirer. And repeat as necessary.

**DEAR ABBY:** How can I explain that I'd like to try traveling solo (or worse, with someone else) to my overly sensitive sister-in-law? We have known each other for many years. I am divorced, and she's widowed. We

have been on a handful of trips together in recent years, and after every one of them, I said to myself, "Never again!" She can be extremely annoying.

She talks ALL THE TIME and complains nonstop. Her feelings are easily hurt, and she's the least self-aware person I know. I have traveled with friends without any issues. I asked a couple of them about this, but got no answers. She already asked (last year/pre-pandemic), "Where will we go next?" Help!

— **BOTHERED BEYOND BELIEF**

**DEAR B.B.B.:** Do not raise the subject of travel with her. Make plans with someone with whom you would like to enjoy the experience and, when your SIL asks, respond honestly. Tell her — as gently as you can — that it's not going to happen because the last times you traveled together she complained nonstop and spoiled the trip for you.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

### Volkswagen hoaxes media with fake statement on name change

**DETROIT** — Volkswagen of America issued false statements this week saying it would change its brand name to "Voltswagen" to stress its commitment to electric vehicles, only to reverse course Tuesday, March 30, and admit the supposed name change was a joke.

Mark Gillies, a company spokesperson, confirmed Tuesday the statement had been a pre-April Fool's Day joke after having insisted Monday the release was legitimate and the name change accurate. The company's false statement was distributed again Tuesday, saying the brand-name change reflected a shift to more battery-electric vehicles.

Volkswagen's intentionally fake news release, highly unusual for a major public company, coincides with its efforts to repair its image as it tries to recover from a 2015 scandal in which it cheated on government emissions tests and allowed diesel-powered vehicles to illegally pollute the air.

In that scandal, Volkswagen admitted that about 11 million diesel vehicles worldwide were fitted with the deceptive software. The software reduced nitrogen oxide emissions when the cars were placed on a test machine but allowed higher



A worker completes an electric car ID.3 body at the assembly line Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, during a press tour at the plant of the German manufacturer Volkswagen AG (VW) in Zwickau, eastern Germany.

emissions and improved engine performance during normal driving. The scandal cost Volkswagen \$35 billion (30 billion euros) in fines and civil settlements and led to the recall of millions of vehicles.

The company's fake news release resulted in articles about the name change in multiple media outlets, including The Associated Press.

The fake release could land Volkswagen in trouble with U.S. securities regulators because its stock price rose nearly 5% on Tuesday, the day the bogus statement was officially issued. Investors of late have been responding positively to news of companies increasing electric vehicle production, swelling the

value of shares of Tesla as well as of some EV startups.

James Cox, who teaches corporate and securities law at Duke University, said the Securities and Exchange Commission should take action to deal with such misinformation, which can distort stock prices.

"The whole market has gone crazy," Cox said. "We need to draw a pretty clear line in the sand, I believe, about what is permissible and what isn't permissible."

This week's Volkswagen incident bears some similarity to one in 2018 in which Tesla's CEO Elon Musk tweeted that he had secured the funding to take the company private — a comment that drove up the stock price, Cox noted. Later, it was revealed that

the funding had not been lined up. Musk and Tesla each agreed to pay \$20 million in penalties to the SEC.

Late Tuesday, VW issued a statement confirming that it won't be changing its brand name to "Voltswagen."

"The renaming was designed to be an announcement in the spirit of April Fool's Day," the company said.

Tim Calkins, a clinical professor of marketing at Northwestern University, said April Fool's jokes are common in marketing. But he said it's rare for a company to deliberately mislead reporters.

"The problem is that in the short run, you can fool people, and it seems cute and entertaining," Calkins

said. "But in the long run, you really do need positive and good relations with the media. For a company that already has credibility problems, this is really a strange move."

Calkins said that while the incident might not hurt VW with consumers, the company needs good relations with reporters to build its brand image over time.

— **Associated Press**

### Research team reports breakthrough in turboencabulator, more

**ARKHAM, Mass.** — Researchers at Miskatonic University in Arkham, Massachusetts, recently announced a breakthrough in the development of the turboencabulator.

For a number of years, engineers at the prestigious rival of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have worked to bring perfection to the idea of a Lee/Kirby transmission — that is, a means to not only supply inverse reactive current for in unilateral phase detractors but also provide the automatic synchronization of cardinal grammeters.

The original machine had a base plate of prefabricated amulite surmounted by a malleable logarithmic casing in such a way that the two MacReady bearings were in a direct line with the panametric fan. The latter consists simply of six hydrocoptic marzlevanes,

so fitted to the ambifacient lunar waneshaft that side fumbling was effectively prevented.

The new principle involves generating power by the modal interaction of magneto-reluctance from dilithium capacitive duractance. The main winding employs the lotus-o-delta type placed in panendemic semi-boloid slots of the stator, every seventh conductor connected by a non-reversible tremie pipe to the differential girdle spring on the "up" end of the grammeters.

The team in another breakthrough connected dual-polarized coaxial cables via an Initech interface from the turboencabulator's interocitor to successfully charge and operate a flux capacitor for .00025 seconds, creating a localized space-time differential, as predicted in Einstein's theory of special relativity.

Physicist Ian Donnelly led the team. He said this was the first step in attempting to create an oscillation overthruster, which one day could allow for the transportation of objects through solid matter.

He also said the team continues to assess measurements from the experiment and soon will publish the full results.

The Wayland-Yutani Corporation is funding the research.

— **The Observer**

# weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Mainly clear	Thickening clouds	Cloudy and mild	Clouds and sun; pleasant	Showers possible
<b>Baker City</b>	34	71 37	74 39	69 35	59 32
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	8
<b>La Grande</b>	39	68 40	69 42	63 40	51 35
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	3
<b>Enterprise</b>	38	64 41	67 40	62 36	51 35
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	4

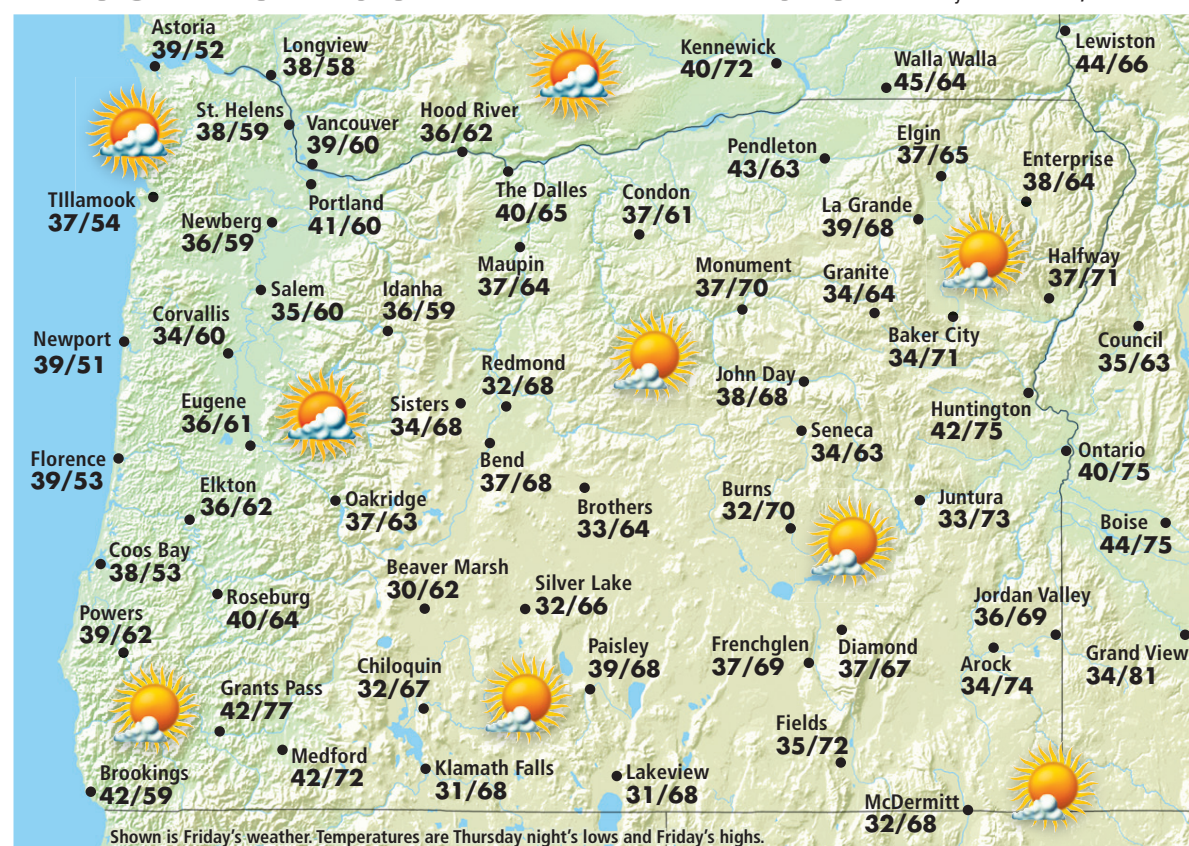
Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

ALMANAC		TUESDAY EXTREMES	
<b>TEMPERATURES</b>	<b>Baker City</b>	<b>La Grande</b>	<b>Elgin</b>
High Tuesday	50°	48°	52°
Low Tuesday	20°	25°	25°
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.08
Month to date	0.14	0.66	1.24
Normal month to date	0.79	1.41	2.13
Year to date	1.09	5.69	13.17
Normal year to date	2.17	4.18	7.63

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
<b>HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY</b>	
Lowest relative humidity	30%
Afternoon wind	SSW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	9.7
Evapotranspiration	0.14
<b>RESERVOIR STORAGE</b> (through midnight Wednesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	15% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	70% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	58% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	81% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	54% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	101% of capacity
<b>STREAM FLOWS</b> (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	5420 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	109 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	40 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	509 cfs
Minam River at Minam	310 cfs
Powder River near Richland	301 cfs

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES				RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY			
<b>City</b>	<b>FRI.</b>	<b>SAT.</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>FRI.</b>	<b>SAT.</b>	<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b>	<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b>
Astoria	52/38/pc	55/41/c	Lewiston	66/44/c	66/47/c	Thickening clouds	Clouding up
Bend	68/36/c	69/40/c	Longview	58/36/pc	62/41/c	<b>43 33</b>	<b>67 37</b>
Boise	75/48/pc	77/49/pc	Meacham	67/37/c	68/39/c	<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b>	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b>
Brookings	59/42/pc	55/45/c	Medford	72/41/pc	73/42/c	Clouds rolling in	Becoming cloudy
Burns	70/35/pc	70/36/c	Newport	51/38/pc	54/42/c	<b>54 39</b>	<b>67 39</b>
Coos Bay	53/38/pc	56/39/c	Olympia	56/33/c	58/39/c	<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b>	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b>
Corvallis	60/38/pc	61/41/c	Ontario	75/43/pc	78/45/pc	Thickening clouds	Partly sunny
Council	63/34/s	66/43/pc	Pasco	69/42/s	67/45/c	<b>51 32</b>	<b>59 33</b>
Elgin	65/38/pc	67/42/c	Pendleton	63/41/pc	65/47/c	<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b>	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b>
Eugene	61/39/pc	61/42/c	Portland	60/40/pc	61/45/c	Partly sunny	Cooler
Hermiston	69/43/pc	69/50/c	Powers	62/40/pc	64/44/c	<b>64 40</b>	<b>64 41</b>
Hood River	62/41/pc	64/44/c	Redmond	68/39/c	70/35/c	<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b>	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b>
Imnaha	67/41/c	68/41/c	Roseburg	64/39/c	66/43/c	Clouding up	Thickening clouds
John Day	68/40/pc	69/41/c	Salem	60/39/c	61/41/c	<b>71 37</b>	<b>68 40</b>
Joseph	64/40/pc	65/39/c	Spokane	59/37/c	59/42/c		
Kennewick	72/42/pc	68/48/c	The Dalles	65/40/pc	66/44/c		
Klamath Falls	68/32/pc	67/34/pc	Ukiah	63/34/c	64/39/c		
Lakeview	68/33/pc	68/36/pc	Walla Walla	64/45/c	65/47/c		