

# Musician frustrated by bandmate's lack of loyalty

**DEAR ABBY:** I am in a rock band with some friends. All of us are in our 50s and 60s. We have been playing together for the last three years. Last year, our bass player joined another band (while staying in ours) because another friend was in it, but they broke up because of COVID. Now that music venues are opening up again, he has joined yet another group.

I'm a loyal guy, and it bothers me that he doesn't seem as loyal to our band. He says he can easily do both, but for me, it causes booking issues because the other band will be blocking out dates that we might be able to book. I see no other conflicts. He even asked if I was interested in



**DEAR ABBY**

joining the other band, too, because he figured that if he can't be in two places at once, it might as well be both of us. Should we cut our losses and replace him? Loyalty is really important to us.

— ROCKING ON IN TEXAS

**DEAR ROCKING ON:** Because you feel that loyalty is paramount and your friend may have scheduling conflicts because of his participation with the other band(s), yes,

he should be replaced with a musician you can rely on.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a friend who feels a need to correct the behavior of others by writing letters. There are not too many businesses around town that haven't received one of her letters and, no doubt, others in her circle of friends have, too.

After a misunderstanding for which I apologized, I received one of them. Because she lacks understanding or the ability to forgive, a vitriolic diatribe came my way. In her letter, she related past "unfortunate (in her opinion) ill behaviors on my part for which I should be ashamed." Then she ended a friendship we had for

many years without trying to mend the relationship. This is very hurtful for me, and I'm sure for others. How does one respond, if at all, to something like this?

— SUFFERING IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR SUFFERING:** One does not respond. One copes by recognizing that the only person this unhappy woman is punishing is herself, as her circle of friends diminishes and businesses around town no longer welcome her.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife recently asked me if she could take off her wedding ring in favor of wearing

her mother's, which is much larger than the one I gave her. I regard it as a lack of respect for our marriage, which has been under a lot of stress for a long time. (No affairs.) I also view it as symbolic of how much she has financially sacrificed being married to me. What do you think?

— WONDERING IN THE EAST

**DEAR WONDERING:** I "think" you should tell your wife it would hurt you deeply if she follows through, and why. I also think the time has come for the two of you to talk about what is "stressing" your marriage with a licensed marriage and family therapist.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

### Las Vegas officials hold pop-up vaccine clinic at strip club

**LAS VEGAS** — Wearing a French maid-inspired lingerie costume and high heels, dancer JoJo Hamner waited patiently to get her COVID-19 vaccine in a line that snaked past a glittery hostess stand under a red-light chandelier.

When it was her turn, Hamner sat in a chair and held onto a small feather duster that completed her costume while a nurse administered the shot into her already-exposed arm.

Hamner then waited nearby for the required 15 minutes of observation, sitting with other vaccine recipients in leather chairs between plush purple booths, vacant stages and empty poles at this strip club in Las Vegas.

"This is just the most Vegas thing I've ever seen," she said of the experience.

Larry Flynt's Hustler Club, with a spinning disco ball casting rainbow colors on the walls but more lights turned on than



Ellen Schmidt/Las Vegas Review-Journal via AP

Savannah Wilkinson receives the Pfizer vaccine from Sarah Lugo, senior community health nurse with the Southern Nevada Health District, during a pop-up COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Larry Flynt's Hustler Club on Friday, May 21, 2021, in Las Vegas.

usual, was an unconventional site for a walk-in vaccination clinic. But as government officials and health workers try to address the slowing demand for COVID-19 vaccines, they're increasingly turning to creative ways to incentivize people to show up and get a shot.

"This is just another way to access our population," said JoAnn Rupiper, the chief

nurse of the Southern Nevada Health District, who monitored the walk-in clinic. "It might attract some people who like the novelty of it, I suppose."

The clinic opened for several hours Friday night, May 21, administering shots to about 100 people before the strip club opened for its usual business. Several workers at the club, including Hamner, a dancer

at a topless revenue, got their shots at the clinic along with members of the public.

Some people who showed up to get shots admitted they were reluctant to get the vaccine but decided to go for it if it meant visiting a strip club.

Roberto Monti, who lives near the club, said he had been putting off getting his shot but realized he should get it in order to resume his love of traveling.

Monti said he probably would have gotten his shot at a more humdrum venue but decided to go to the Hustler Club because it felt familiar.

"I've been here so many — I've been here a few times. ... Maybe 10 times, give or take," he said with a laugh.

"I was going to wait, I tell you that," said Las Vegas resident Michael Myers as he stood between a full-length picture of a naked woman and a sign promoting social distancing and other behaviors to mitigate the virus spread.

Myers' wife, Lisa Harper, said he changed his mind

when she told him they could both get it at the Hustler club.

"I said, 'Flynt's Hustler?' She said 'Yeah.' I said, 'Oh! Let me consider,'" Myers said with a laugh.

"Nothing says vaccinations like a stripper pole," said the couple's friend George Stoecklin, who joined them to get his shot.

Myers, 70, said he was reluctant to get the shot and worried about how fast it had been available. But he noted his age and said he was concerned about his ability to spread the virus and infect others, including his wife.

Myers said he was disappointed there were no dancers on the stage while he got his shot but said, "at least I got the scope of it."

More than 46% of the state's population age 12 and older has received at least one shot of the vaccine, but Nevada health officials said a steep drop-off in demand for shots may make it impossible for the state to reach a goal of vaccinating 75% of the eligible population.

Nevada officials have been increasingly turning to pop-up clinics in places like churches, schools and senior centers — and now strip clubs — to try to get more shots in arms.

Las Vegas officials said the Hustler Club approached them about holding the clinic after hosting in a similar vaccination site at the company's New Orleans location. The club offered its own incentives to those who show proof of vaccination: a membership card giving them and five friends free admission, a complimentary bottle of alcohol, dances from "a vaccinated entertainer" and other perks.

Ralph James, the general manager, said the business thought it would be a good chance to help the community and get back to normal faster. He acknowledged people may not typically think of the strip club as a public health partner but said, "this gives everyone a chance to see how clean it is and it's a normal business just like any other business."

— Associated Press

# weather

	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Partly cloudy	Sunny and warmer	Periods of sun, a shower	Cooler; a p.m. shower	Warmer with some sun
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>70 41</b>	<b>70 42</b>	<b>64 35</b>	<b>69 38</b>
Comfort Index™	4	10	10	8	10
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>72 47</b>	<b>70 44</b>	<b>59 36</b>	<b>71 41</b>
Comfort Index™	5	10	9	5	10
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>67 48</b>	<b>70 40</b>	<b>59 33</b>	<b>68 40</b>
Comfort Index™	7	10	9	8	10

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		SUNDAY EXTREMES			
<b>TEMPERATURES</b>					
High Sunday	Baker City 64°	La Grande 68°	Elgin 67°	<b>NATION</b> (for the 48 contiguous states)	
Low Sunday	36°	44°	38°	High: 99° Presidio, Texas	
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)				Low: 13° Belmont, Ariz.	
Sunday	Trace	0.00	0.17	Wettest: 1.93" Ellsworth AFB, S.D.	
Month to date	0.17	0.03	0.22	<b>OREGON</b>	
Normal month to date	1.06	1.45	1.63	High: 77° Grants Pass	
Year to date	1.83	5.87	13.93	Low: 28° Prineville	
Normal year to date	4.11	7.26	11.32	Wettest: 0.16" Rome	

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
<b>HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY</b>	
Lowest relative humidity	30%
Afternoon wind	SE at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	3.3
Evapotranspiration	0.20

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)	
Phillips Reservoir	17% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	92% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	50% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	98% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	58% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	89% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	4020 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	107 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	102 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	201 cfs
Minam River at Minam	899 cfs
Powder River near Richland	41 cfs

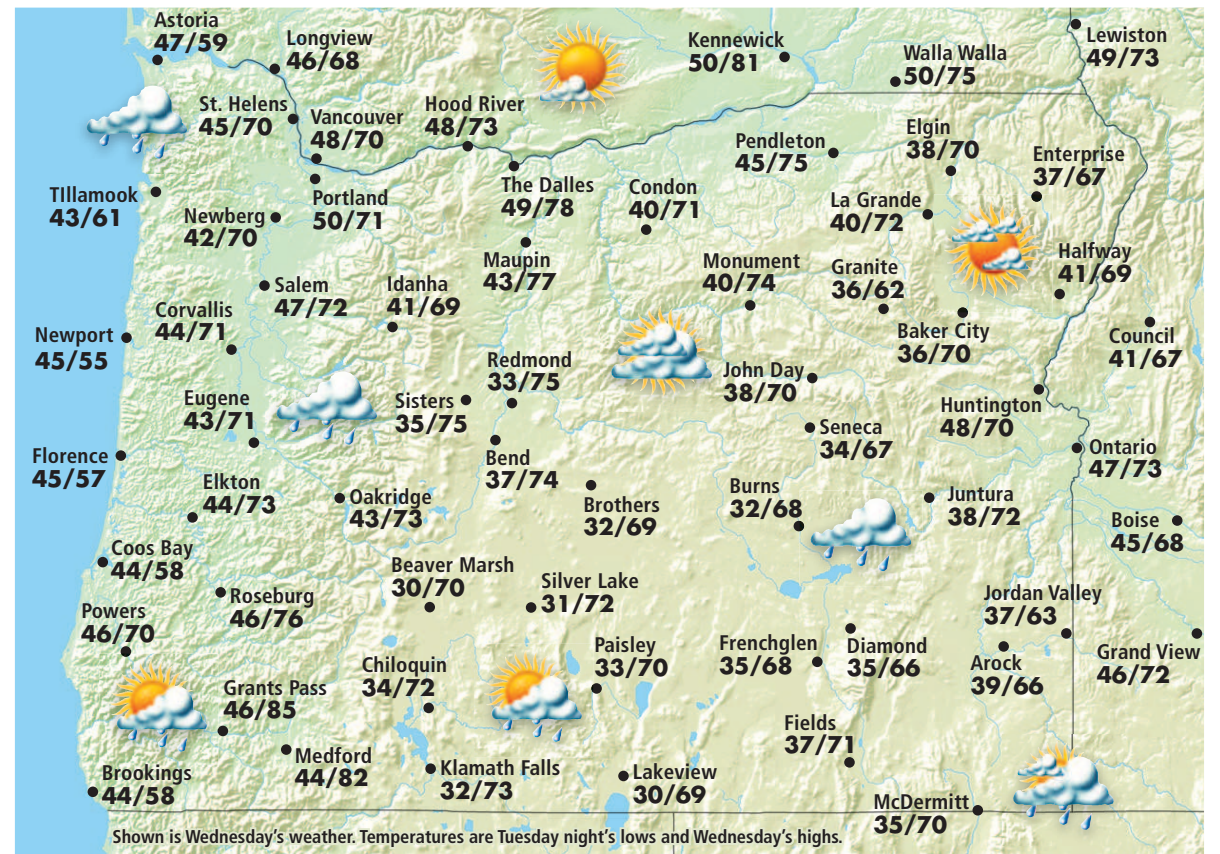
SUN & MOON		
Providence, R.I., had light snow on May 25, 1832. On May 25, 1838, 10 inches of snow fell at Bradford, Pa., with a small amount in Pittsford.		
<b>TUE.</b>		
Sunrise	5:12 a.m.	5:12 a.m.
Sunset	8:27 p.m.	8:28 p.m.
Moonrise	7:54 p.m.	9:18 p.m.
Moonset	4:45 a.m.	5:21 a.m.

MOON PHASES			
Full	Last	New	First
May 26	Jun 2	Jun 10	Jun 17

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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### REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED.	THU.
Astoria	59/49/pc	57/49/sh
Bend	74/46/pc	64/41/c
Boise	68/47/s	80/52/pc
Brookings	58/45/s	56/45/sh
Burns	68/40/s	72/38/pc
Coos Bay	58/47/s	56/46/c
Corvallis	71/46/pc	62/46/sh
Council	67/41/pc	76/45/pc
Elgin	70/46/s	71/42/pc
Eugene	71/47/pc	62/47/sh
Hermiston	79/52/s	73/51/c
Hood River	73/55/pc	65/54/sh
Imnaha	69/47/pc	76/42/sh
John Day	70/45/s	71/39/c
Joseph	65/48/pc	68/40/t
Kennewick	81/53/s	72/51/c
Klamath Falls	73/38/pc	67/36/pc
Lakeview	69/36/pc	69/35/pc

### RECREATION LAKES

City	WED.	THU.
Lewiston	73/52/s	79/51/pc
Longview	68/49/pc	60/49/r
Meacham	69/44/s	70/43/pc
Medford	82/51/pc	69/47/c
Newport	55/46/pc	54/47/sh
Olympia	68/47/pc	59/45/r
Ontario	73/46/s	81/53/pc
Pasco	80/53/s	71/50/c
Pendleton	75/48/s	71/46/c
Portland	71/51/pc	63/50/sh
Powers	70/49/pc	56/46/c
Redmond	75/43/pc	67/39/c
Roseburg	76/50/pc	62/48/c
Salem	72/50/pc	61/49/sh
Spokane	69/49/s	69/44/c
The Dalles	78/53/pc	68/52/sh
Ukiah	70/39/s	67/39/c
Walla Walla	75/53/s	70/49/pc

### RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Sunny, not as cold	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Sunny and warmer	<b>56</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Milder	<b>52</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Warmer	<b>65</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Milder	<b>70</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Sunny and milder	<b>64</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Warmer	<b>73</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Sunny and milder	<b>67</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Sunshine; warmer	<b>77</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Sunny and warmer	<b>72</b>	<b>47</b>

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