

Girlfriend notes change in man's talks with his ex



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

don't really communicate unless tragic events or things involving the kids come up. However, there has been an increase in dialogue between them beyond these events. It seems odd to me that out of the blue their communication has increased.

Granted, it was sparked by unfortunate events, but while those have come and gone, the talking remains, even though it never used to. Should I be concerned? Should I bring this up? — **Ex Issue in New England**

Dear Ex Issue: I am sorry you didn't mention how long you and this man have been seeing each other. If your exclusive relationship has been going on

longer than six months, you are within your rights to point out that this is a change in his pattern of behavior and ask him what's up.

Dear Abby: My mom and I haven't been close in 20 years. We live on opposite sides of the country, talk monthly and FaceTime on holidays. She has abused alcohol for years, and has gone through phases of phoning me drunk and berating me for leaving our hometown. Recently, she's been saying she wants me to visit, but she is anti-vax. I'm not comfortable visiting her until she gets vaccinated. Please advise. — **Staying Away in Oregon**

Dear Staying: I assume you have been vaccinated. If so, and your mother is willing to wear a mask and socially distance during your visit, then you could go. Of course, my response is predicated upon your desire to visit your mother, and from the tone of your letter, I have the impression you would rather not. (And for good reason.)

Dear Abby: My mother passed away from dementia in January 2020. When she was diagnosed in 2016, I started keeping all her appointments and anything else important in a journal. During those four years, my life was so involved with hers that writing daily became

an outlet for my feelings. I have 11 small journals I still read occasionally, and it would be a shame to throw them away. Please tell me what to do with them. — **Remembering**
Dear Remembering: The course of your dear mother's illness must have been painful. The intimate thoughts and feelings you kept in those journals might be of some value to your children, if you have any. Because the writings are of such a personal nature, offer the journals to them. If they refuse, you might also contact the Alzheimer's Association and ask what others do with these kinds of sensitive documents.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

'Homing pigeons that can't find their home' block Florida highway

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida — An exit off Interstate 95 in Florida had to be closed for three hours after 100 homing pigeons fell off a truck and refused to move, posing a driving hazard, officials said Wednesday, June 30.

The crate of homing pigeons fell off the truck late June 29 near Daytona Beach. Because the birds roost at night, the pigeons stayed on the road until bright lights from vehicles startled them. They flew into the air and created a hazard for drivers, according to a news release from Volusia County officials.

"It's the worst-case scenario — homing pigeons that can't find their home," the news release said.

Sheriff's deputies, state troopers and animal service workers attempted to capture the pigeons, ultimately recovering 73. The birds weren't banded so their



Officer Alicia Dease/Volusia County Animal Control
This photo provided by Volusia County Animal Control shows pigeons off an exit on Interstate 95 in Florida. A crate carrying 100 homing pigeons fell off a truck late Tuesday, June 29, 2021, near Daytona Beach. The exit had to be closed for three hours after the pigeons refused to move, posing a driving hazard to motorists, officials said.

owner wasn't immediately determined, officials said. "Our job is to help animals find their way home,

whether they're covered in fur, scales, or in this case feathers," said Volusia County Animal Con-

trol Officer Alicia Dease. "We're hoping someone out there might have information on where these birds came from or the truck that was carrying them."

Montana man reunites with puppy after bear attack in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A Montana man was reunited with his 14-week-old border collie two days after the dog disappeared following a bear attack on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula.

Jason Umbriaco was hospitalized after the brown bear with two cubs bit him twice last month, Alaska's News Source reported. "It was just a shock. I couldn't believe it," Umbriaco said after being reunited with Buckley. "I had kind of given up hope, and I was sort of making preparations inside to just move forward without him, and now it's like I'm gonna have those times back of

just joy, and peace." The attack happened in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, about 60 miles south of Anchorage, while he and Buckley were hiking.

Umbriaco said the bear moved on him so fast, he didn't have time to pull out his bear spray. He said the bear covered about 50 feet "in an instant. So then I held my arms up in sort of a defensive position and then she bit me on the forearm."

When the bear let go, he panicked and jumped into the adjacent Kenai River.

"In almost any other circumstance and in probably this circumstance, it was a terrible option, but that was the one I had," he said. "And then she reaches down and then bites me on the shoulder."

The bear retreated after the second bite and was last seen walking up a hill with her cubs. Umbriaco walked back to his truck to call for help.

"I was calling and

calling for Buckley, and apparently he had just run off, you know," he said. "He was just terrified and had taken off."

Umbriaco was taken to a hospital for his injuries, where employee Bonnie Nichols heard about his lost dog. Nichols put a picture of the dog and the general location on Facebook.

Meanwhile, Wendie Wilson was driving to Anchorage and made a stop at the refuge, where she found a stray dog.

Umbriaco said Buckley lost his collar and ID tags in the encounter with the bear.

The next day, Wilson saw Nichols' Facebook post about Buckley.

"She called me and said, 'I think I have the missing dog,'" Nichols said.

Umbriaco was reunited with Buckley after spending one night in the hospital. He said he was grateful for the many strangers who stepped in to help reunite him with Buckley.

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	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Mainly clear and mild	Mostly sunny; not as hot	Sunny and beautiful	Sunny and warmer	Very hot with sunshine
Baker City	57	92 51	86 47	94 48	100 52
Comfort Index™	2	5	8	4	3
La Grande	62	89 54	83 53	94 55	99 56
Comfort Index™	2	8	9	4	2
Enterprise	59	88 50	83 53	90 58	99 57
Comfort Index™	3	4	7	4	3

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	96°	96°	97°
Low Sunday	50°	53°	53°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	0.00	0.29
Normal month to date	0.10	0.13	0.13
Year to date	2.44	5.93	15.27
Normal year to date	5.81	9.47	13.80

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 119°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 30°	Colorado City, Ariz.
Wettest: 2.44"	Houston, Texas
OREGON	
High: 104°	Ontario
Low: 43°	Meacham
Wettest: Trace	Brookings

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	20%
Afternoon wind	NW at 8 to 16 mph
Hours of sunshine	14.0
Evapotranspiration	0.31

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)	
Phillips Reservoir	12% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	65% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	37% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	74% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	31% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	57% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	1070 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	136 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	92 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	45 cfs
Minam River at Minam	323 cfs
Powder River near Richland	19 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

On July 6, 1829, in Buffalo, N.Y., during a summer thunderstorm, a 13-inch-long herring fell on Main Street. The fish weighed more than a half of a pound.

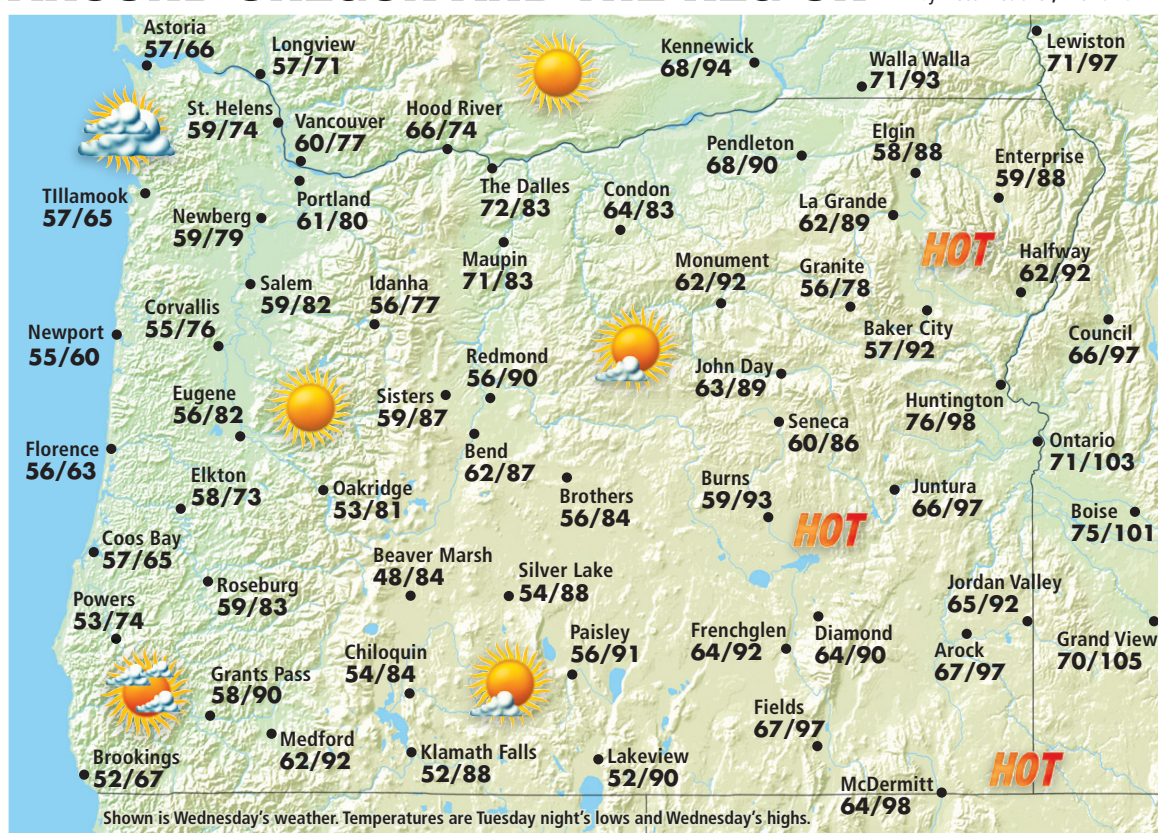
SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	5:12 a.m.	5:12 a.m.
Sunset	8:43 p.m.	8:42 p.m.
Moonrise	2:35 a.m.	3:07 a.m.
Moonset	6:10 p.m.	7:11 p.m.

MOON PHASES			
New	First	Full	Last
Jul 9	Jul 17	Jul 23	Jul 31

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED.		THU.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	66/56/pc	66/54/pc	Lewiston	97/64/s
Bend	87/51/s	87/54/s	Longview	71/54/s
Boise	101/65/pc	94/60/s	Meacham	88/52/s
Brookings	67/52/pc	71/54/s	Medford	92/58/s
Burns	93/51/s	89/46/s	Newport	60/52/c
Coos Bay	65/53/pc	67/53/s	Olympia	71/53/pc
Corvallis	76/51/s	82/54/s	Ontario	103/68/s
Council	97/59/s	88/55/s	Pasco	98/60/s
Elgin	88/53/s	83/56/s	Pendleton	90/61/s
Eugene	82/50/s	85/52/s	Portland	80/56/s
Hermiston	93/63/s	93/61/s	Powers	74/52/s
Hood River	74/59/s	80/58/s	Redmond	90/47/s
Imnaha	92/58/s	88/54/s	Roseburg	83/54/s
John Day	89/53/s	85/53/s	Salem	82/54/s
Joseph	88/53/s	82/54/s	Spokane	89/60/s
Kennewick	94/63/s	92/63/s	The Dalles	83/62/s
Klamath Falls	88/47/s	87/48/s	Ukiah	84/47/s
Lakeview	90/48/s	88/50/s	Walla Walla	93/63/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

CITY	WED.	THU.	PHILLIPS LAKE
ANTHONY LAKES	Sunny and cooler	58 43	Not as warm
MT. EMILY REC.	Not as warm	74 52	BROWNLEE RES.
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Sunny	70 40	Sunny and hot
WALLOWA LAKE	Sunny and warm	88 53	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Hot	92 51	Sunny
			80 43
			MCKAY RESERVOIR
			Warm with sunshine
			89 60
			RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
			Not as hot
			89 54

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