

Woman anxious to avoid making the same mistakes



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Aaron," and I have been together almost 10 years. We are both divorced from narcissistic spouses. We have discussed a future together and are working toward it. It's taking so long because Aaron's children are quite a bit younger than mine. (I'm an empty nester; his kids are just going into their teens.) I am also working on getting my career established.

We get along well and seem

compatible in every way, but one thing bothers me: Aaron can be passive-aggressive. It isn't often and it generally isn't just over petty stuff, but when it happens it is very hurtful.

I've been going to counseling to resolve some issues from my childhood and first marriage, and recently realized I have some toxic traits I need to work on and heal. Unfortunately, some of that toxicity has spilled into my relationship with Aaron and hurt him. When it happens, he reacts passive-aggressively for a bit, then things seem to go back to normal.

What can I do to get over the hurt I feel when he acts this

way? I don't want to repay hurt for hurt. I want to break the cycle. — **HEALING IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR HEALING: If your "toxicity" is what causes Aaron to react with what you interpret as passive-aggression, he could simply be nursing his wounds. Talk with your therapist about including Aaron in some of your sessions. If the therapist agrees, tell Aaron you think your relationship could be improved if he's willing to go with you. If the therapist does NOT agree to the "joint" sessions, it might be worth your while to discuss couples counseling with another therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I've been seeing a married man for more than 30 years. Everything was fine between us until recently. I have begun to suspect one of my female neighbors is seeing him as well. I'm contemplating getting in touch with his wife and my neighbor's husband and telling them about my suspicions.

I need to know what to do so this relationship with the neighbor will stop. I know by telling on him, I'll lose him, but if the neighbor is after him because of his money, I don't want his wife thinking I'm the one taking it from him. What should I do? — **NERVOUS IN TEXAS**

DEAR NERVOUS: Despite

the odds, you have been fortunate in having had a drama-free affair for 30 years. Because you have no proof that your lover is involved with someone else, it would cause less damage to everyone if you shared your suspicions with HIM. I guarantee that if you reveal your three-decade affair to his wife, you can kiss this romance goodbye. If the neighbor couple finds out you accused her, you will make enemies — particularly if your suspicions are not true.

I find it ironic that after helping your lover cheat for decades, you are now angry at him for cheating. I see nothing to be gained by creating a scandal to save your injured pride.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

United States suspends avocado imports from Mexico

By **MARK STEVENSON**
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexico has acknowledged that the U.S. government has suspended all imports of Mexican avocados after a U.S. plant safety inspector in Mexico received a threat.

The surprise suspension was confirmed late Saturday, Feb. 12, on the eve of the Super Bowl, the biggest sales opportunity of the year for Mexican avocado growers — though it would not affect game-day consumption since those

avocados had already been shipped.

Avocado exports are the latest victim of the drug cartel turf battles and extortion of avocado growers in the western state of Michoacan, the only state in Mexico fully authorized to export to the U.S. market.

The U.S. government suspended all imports of Mexican avocados "until further notice" after a U.S. plant safety inspector in Mexico received a threatening message, Mexico's Agriculture Department said in a statement.

"U.S. health authorities ... made the decision after one of their officials, who was carrying out inspections in Uruapan, Michoacan, received a threatening message on his official cellphone," the department wrote.

The import ban came on the day that the Mexican avocado growers and packers association unveiled its Super Bowl ad for this year. Mexican exporters have taken out the pricey ads for almost a decade in a bid to associate guacamole as a Super Bowl tradition.

This year's ad shows Julius Caesar and a rough bunch of gladiator fans outside what appears to be the Colosseum, soothing their apparently violent differences by enjoying guacamole and avocados.

The association did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the ban, which hits an industry with almost \$3 billion in annual exports. However, avocados for this year's Super Bowl had already been exported in the weeks prior to the event.

Because the United States

also grows avocados, U.S. inspectors work in Mexico to ensure exported avocados don't carry diseases that could hurt U.S. crops.

It was only in 1997 that the U.S. lifted a ban on Mexican avocados that had been in place since 1914 to prevent a range of weevils, scabs and pests from entering U.S. orchards.

The inspectors work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services.

It is not the first time that the violence in Micho-

acan — where the Jalisco cartel is fighting turf wars against a collection of local gangs known as the United Cartels — has threatened avocados, the state's most lucrative crop.

After a previous incident in 2019, the USDA had warned about the possible consequences of attacking or threatening U.S. inspectors.

In August 2019, a U.S. Department of Agriculture team of inspectors was "directly threatened" in Ziracuaretiro, a town just west of Uruapan.

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weather

TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mostly cloudy	Low clouds	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Times of clouds and sun
Baker City 19 Comfort Index™ 0	39 13 1	40 19 5	44 19 5	42 22 3
La Grande 27 Comfort Index™ 1	44 22 2	46 28 3	47 32 5	47 30 3
Enterprise 19 Comfort Index™ 1	35 17 0	46 23 5	48 26 7	44 30 5

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°	45°	48°
Low Sunday	10°	31°	18°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	0.29	0.64
Normal month to date	0.28	0.57	1.13
Year to date	0.38	1.56	4.57
Normal year to date	0.98	2.24	4.40

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 91° Anaheim, Calif.
Low: -43° Kabetogama, Minn.
Wettest: 0.98" Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

OREGON
High: 70° Bend
Low: 10° Baker City
Wettest: Trace Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY
In 1980, a series of storms brought heavy rain to California, Oregon and Washington in mid-February. Mount Wilson, Calif., had 9.00 inches of rain in two days.

SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6:54 a.m.	6:53 a.m.
Sunset	5:20 p.m.	5:21 p.m.
Moonrise	4:17 p.m.	5:27 p.m.
Moonset	6:55 a.m.	7:23 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 16	Feb 23	Mar 2	Mar 10

AGRICULTURAL INFO.
HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	50%
Afternoon wind	NW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.7
Evapotranspiration	0.04

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	2% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	30% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	21% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	39% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	24% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	43% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	1810 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	12 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	241 cfs
Minam River at Minam	156 cfs
Powder River near Richland	97 cfs

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Shows Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Tuesday night's lows and Wednesday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY			
City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W	City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	50/42/c	49/40/c	Lewiston	48/32/pc	53/34/pc
Bend	53/25/pc	63/29/pc	Longview	49/43/c	50/42/c
Boise	46/27/pc	48/28/s	Meacham	41/22/sf	47/27/pc
Brookings	60/43/s	64/44/pc	Medford	53/27/pc	60/31/pc
Burns	44/18/pc	50/24/pc	Newport	50/41/c	50/42/c
Coos Bay	50/37/c	54/37/pc	Olympia	51/39/c	50/41/c
Corvallis	51/34/c	52/35/c	Ontario	49/24/pc	48/25/s
Council	38/15/pc	37/22/pc	Pasco	58/33/pc	57/34/pc
Elgin	42/22/sf	47/25/pc	Pendleton	52/34/c	61/37/pc
Eugene	51/34/c	52/38/pc	Portland	52/41/c	52/40/c
Hermiston	60/32/pc	62/38/pc	Powers	50/38/c	61/42/pc
Hood River	52/40/c	57/42/c	Redmond	50/22/c	59/26/pc
Imnaha	44/26/sn	52/31/c	Roseburg	49/36/c	55/37/c
John Day	42/23/sf	54/27/pc	Salem	51/37/c	55/40/c
Joseph	35/16/sf	44/23/pc	Spokane	44/29/pc	46/30/c
Kennewick	58/34/pc	58/35/pc	The Dalles	59/40/c	62/39/c
Klamath Falls	52/19/s	55/22/pc	Ukiah	42/21/sf	49/28/pc
Lakeview	47/17/s	53/22/pc	Walla Walla	50/34/c	54/39/pc

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