

Man insulted when his wife is asked to be godmother



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: I have a girlfriend, "Dawn," who is one of my oldest friends. She's my only friend who stuck with me through the growing pains and different stages in my life. I married a man who I think is the love of my life. He's very macho and proud. We have built a life together, and through stepchildren, exes and family — through thick and thin — our love has endured.

Well, my husband is also possessive. Dawn recently asked

me to be the godmother of her second child, her son. My husband is offended that I was asked and he wasn't. He has never made an effort to have a friendship with Dawn and her husband, or even met her son since his birth many months ago. He wants no part in the process, which I am very upset about.

What do I do? Should I ignore my husband's feelings, be a good friend and godmother to Dawn's baby and deal with the aftermath with my husband? — **POTENTIAL GODMOTHER IN ARIZONA**

DEAR POTENTIAL GODMOTHER: Your husband appears to be not only possessive,

but also somewhat self-centered and controlling. It would be interesting to know why he's putting, since he's not close to your friend nor particularly interested in her baby. Because one spouse is asked to be a godparent does NOT automatically mean the other must be. Some children have only one godparent; others have them in multiples. If you wish to be godmother to Dawn's baby boy, go ahead and do it — and do not feel you have to apologize for it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm worried my 23-year-old son may be in serious financial trouble. He has always made clear that he wants to run a business instead of working at a 9-to-5 job. He has been working

hard trying to start a consultation business for the last four or five years, which sometimes works and sometimes does not.

He's dependent on my credit card, which he was only supposed to use for emergencies, but he sometimes uses it for more than that. I pay off the credit card bills and he owes me all the money he has charged on it. He promises to pay it back, and comes up with the weirdest excuses when he can't.

On a number of occasions I have tried to sit him down and get out of him if he's in trouble, but he keeps insisting that he's "working on things and everything will be OK soon." I want to be supportive, but I see the debt rising

and number of lies piling higher. I am worried sick about him. Please help. — **ANXIOUS MOM IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR MOM: Turn off the spigot. You have been your son's "angel" long enough. A business that cannot support itself is a failure. That your son would abuse your generosity and compound it by lying to you is very sad. The way to stop this cycle is to remove him from your credit card and let the chips fall where they may. If he needs a business partner, it should not be you any longer.

TO MY READERS: Today's the day for the wearing of the green! A very happy St. Patrick's Day to you all. — **LOVE, ABBY**

PRICES

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"When people think of wildlife management, I don't know if they realize there really is a lot that gets done. We do surveys, research, manage fish harvests, but our work also focuses on picking up ill and injured animals, helping private landowners. You've got a cougar in downtown Portland? We have to be available."

Because Fish and Wildlife doesn't receive money from the state's general fund, it doesn't have many options for requesting emergency funding.

"We don't get to shift around money. We don't get to go to the Legislature and ask for additional funds through the emergency board," Hurn said.

For now, it's likely that project by project, teams within the agency will have to find a way to balance the budgets they already have until 2023.

"If projects run out of money, then they won't be able to start again until 2023 when they have a newly adopted budget," Hurn said.

Oregon State Police

State police employees drive more than a million miles per month, according to Mindy McCart, communications director for the Oregon State Police, but she could provide no information on how the agency is coping with current fuel costs and the increases likely to come.

McCart said any adjustments to the department's \$4.9 million biennial fuel budget will be a "wait and see game."

The agency is halfway through its budget cycle and has time to adjust according to how big a hit it takes on gas prices. If prices remain above \$4 per gallon for the next year, McCart said, the agency will need to double its fuel budget to at least \$8 million for the next biennium.

Because the agency gets most of its funding from the state's general fund, McCart said that it can request emergency money through the state Emergency Board.

Getting off gasoline

For the Transportation Department, planning for a future without gasoline has been a long time coming. Shelley Snow, commu-

nications director at the department, said it's been pushing for more than 20 years to come up with a plan.

"We've been talking to every Legislature since 1999 in earnest about this, saying, 'Hey, in the future there are going to be a lot of electric vehicles on the roads and vehicles that get high mileage per gallon. Since we get our money from a tax on every gallon of gas sold, we need to start thinking about this,'" she said.

Currently, electric vehicle owners can opt into a program that taxes them by their mileage, measured by a plug-in they put in their car, and money goes to the Transportation Department. Snow said it's likely that will have to be a requirement in all electric cars in the future in order to finance the Transportation Department.

The Transportation Department and Fish and Wildlife are interested in electrifying their fleets as quickly as possible, but shortages of electric trucks caused by supply chain issues mean it could be years before either agency gets even a dozen or more of these vehicles.

Fish and Wildlife cur-

rently has about 1,300 employees and 650 vehicles in its fleet, and it typically borrows another 80 to 100 from the Administrative Services Department to use for surveying during the summer, their busiest time of year.

Hurn said the Administrative Services Department has about five electric trucks to lend out, but they aren't well equipped to handle the remote projects Fish and Wildlife works on because of the dearth of charging stations throughout the state.

The Transportation Department is also hopeful it can get electrified fleets in the future, but the supply is just not there.

"We have orders in for electric pickups right now that cannot be fulfilled," said Lynde, the operations administrator at the department.

"We'd like to advance faster, but the reality is the market right now is directed at individual consumers and less at full fleets," he said.

On the bright side, when fuel prices are up, more

people tend to use public transit. The Transportation Department expects that, as in 2008, ridership will increase on trains and buses. But, as in the years since 2008, Lynde expects the impacts of high fuel prices now will be felt for many years ahead on the road.

"We probably never really catch back up," he said about projects that get paused due to higher costs. "We are always managing a declining investment in what's needed."

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weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Rain and drizzle early	Considerable cloudiness	Cooler with a little rain	Mostly cloudy and chilly	Warmer with high clouds
Baker City	30	54 34	50 27	44 28	51 32
Comfort Index™	1	4	0	0	5
La Grande	34	55 39	49 32	45 30	51 39
Comfort Index™	4	6	0	0	4
Enterprise	30	53 37	50 28	40 28	48 38
Comfort Index™	6	9	0	1	4

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	54°	54°	52°
Low Tuesday	35°	39°	38°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.03	0.17	0.20
Month to date	0.05	0.39	1.25
Normal month to date	0.34	0.81	1.12
Year to date	0.44	2.26	6.80
Normal year to date	1.63	3.71	6.73

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	Ocotillo Wells, Calif.
High: 92°	Ocotillo Wells, Calif.
Low: -6°	Champion, Mich.
Wettest: 2.55"	Panama City, Fla.
OREGON	
High: 63°	The Dalles
Low: 28°	Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.41"	Meacham

WEATHER HISTORY

The St. Patrick's Day snowstorm of 1956 occurred March 16-17 in New England, New York and Pennsylvania. Blue Hill Observatory, outside of Boston, reported 12.6 inches.

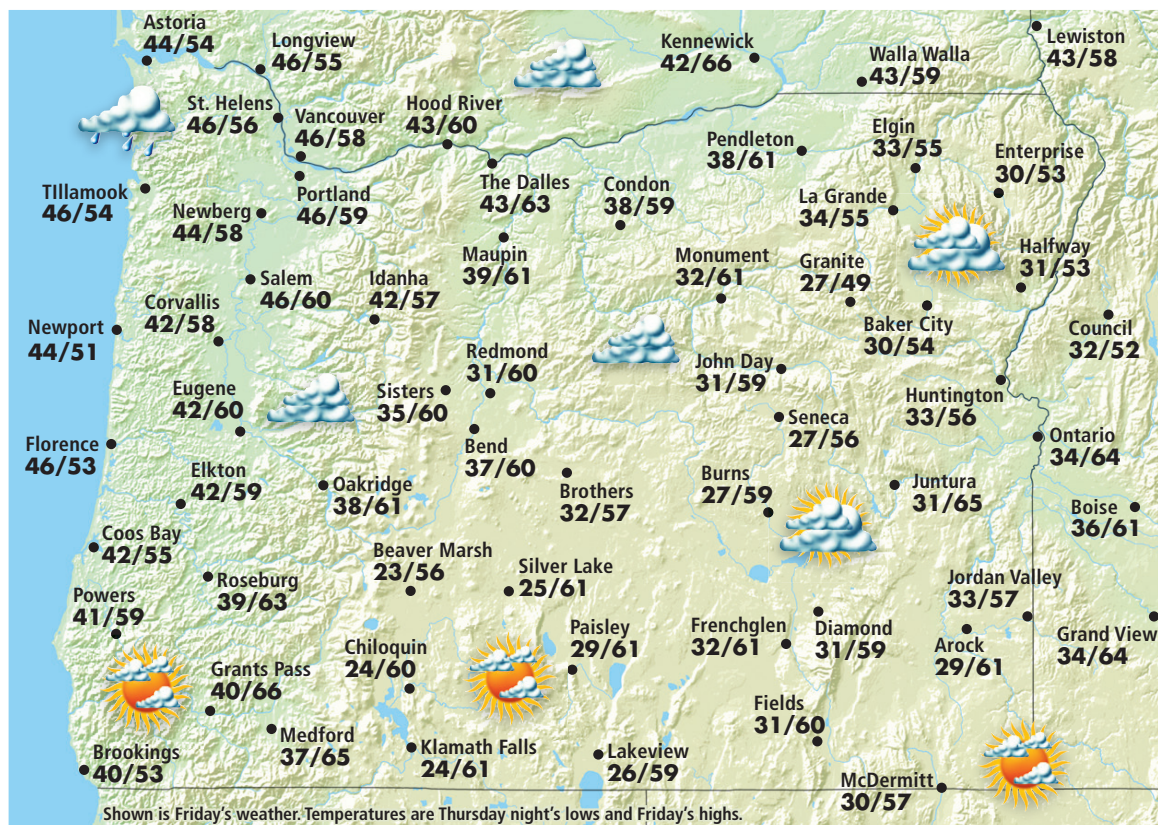
SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	7:01 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Sunset	7:01 p.m.	7:02 p.m.
Moonrise	6:33 p.m.	7:46 p.m.
Moonset	7:12 a.m.	7:33 a.m.

MOON PHASES	Full	Last	New	First
	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31	Apr 8

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. Hi/Lo/W	SAT. Hi/Lo/W	City	FRI. Hi/Lo/W	SAT. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	54/43/r	51/39/r	Lewiston	58/42/c	54/38/r
Bend	60/42/c	51/30/r	Longview	55/46/sh	50/40/r
Boise	61/42/c	62/33/c	Meacham	55/36/c	48/29/r
Brookings	53/44/c	51/38/r	Medford	65/43/c	50/33/r
Burns	59/34/c	50/23/c	Newport	51/41/sh	49/38/r
Coos Bay	55/42/c	50/38/r	Olympia	53/43/sh	50/33/r
Corvallis	58/44/c	52/34/r	Ontario	64/42/c	61/35/c
Council	52/33/c	49/24/r	Pasco	64/41/c	60/36/r
Elgin	55/35/c	50/29/r	Pendleton	61/42/c	53/32/r
Eugene	60/46/c	51/37/r	Portland	59/46/c	53/38/r
Hermiston	64/42/c	59/38/r	Powers	59/42/c	47/38/r
Hood River	60/47/c	53/40/r	Redmond	60/36/c	49/27/r
Imnaha	56/43/c	54/31/r	Roseburg	63/46/c	50/37/r
John Day	59/39/c	49/26/r	Salem	60/46/c	53/37/r
Joseph	50/38/c	49/26/r	Spokane	51/38/c	50/33/r
Kennewick	66/38/c	61/37/r	The Dalles	63/44/c	56/39/r
Klamath Falls	61/36/c	44/18/pc	Ukiah	54/35/c	46/26/r
Lakeview	59/35/c	45/20/r	Walla Walla	59/44/c	54/37/r

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Cloudy	32	25
PHILLIPS LAKE	Cloudy	50	33
MT. EMILY REC.	A p.m. shower	42	36
BROWNLEE RES.	Cloudy	55	38
EAGLE CAP WILD.	A p.m. shower	37	27
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Cloudy	51	34
WALLOWA LAKE	Cloudy	50	38
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Rather cloudy	61	40
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Cloudy	54	34
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Cloudy	55	39

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

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