

Man's true colors shock his longtime girlfriend



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

more than one right person for everyone? How long will it take me to recover from a broken heart, if ever? His vandalism and my huge financial loss keep me away from this whack job. How well do you really know anyone? — **DISILLUSIONED IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR DISILLUSIONED: Inform the police that your ex-boyfriend is continuing to retaliate because you reported him. There is no timetable for healing from a broken heart, but take it from me, it does happen. I firmly believe there is more than one "right person" for everyone. You do not truly love HIM. What you love is the fantasy that he's the only right person for you.

We get to know the significant people in our lives — both male and female — by observing them over a long period of time and watching how they treat others. You should not keep your distance from this man only because of his vandalism and the money he has cost you, but also because he has anger problems he seems unable to control. Surely those character flaws showed themselves before he started acting out on you. Think back on the little things you may have chosen to ignore, and you may recognize that I'm right.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I married as teenagers 40 years ago. Our children are adults, and most people consider us a perfect couple. My wife has had several

affairs over the years, some she has admitted to and others I have stumbled across. For the most part, they have been physical only, with no emotional attachment. Twenty years ago she had a passionate affair with a younger man. It ended when he broke it off to be with someone else. I didn't know about it at the time.

A year ago, she found out he's single again and invited him back into her life. Now, she's openly seeing him. She's telling me they are "just friends" and she "needs his company because only he understands her." I believe if he had a better job and financial outlook, she would leave me in a minute.

I can't stand the thought of losing the love of my life, but I

also can't keep living with her knowing I play second fiddle in her heart. She refuses counseling because she doesn't see this as a problem. Should I give her more time (a year already) or file for divorce? — **CONFUSED IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR CONFUSED: You have given your wife enough time to come to her senses. You state that she refuses counseling and you believe she would leave you in a minute if he made more money. That means she is staying with you only because of the lifestyle you provide. I do think there should be some counseling — for YOU. It will provide insight and emotional support as you contemplate divorce.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

100s of US urban areas will become rural with new criteria

By **MIKE SCHNEIDER**
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A train carries blades for wind turbines bound for another state through Rocky Ford, Colorado, in Otero County on June 30, 2016. Both Rocky Ford and Dawson, Georgia, were classified as urban areas after the 2010 census because they had populations over 2,500 residents. Under new criteria posted this spring by the U.S. Census Bureau, these communities would no longer be designated as urban. The new criteria require places to have 2,000 housing units, which is equivalent to 5,000 residents, to be considered an urban area.

which are the biggest being made to the definitions in decades, could cause problems for people who need medical care in rural areas.

"Going with the new definition could limit the number of rural health clinics moving forward and have a negative impact on rural access to care," said Shannon Wu, senior associate director of policy at the hospital association.

For starters, the Census Bureau is switching to housing units instead of people as the basis for calculating what should be an

urban area. Bureau officials say the change will make it easier to update between once-a-decade head counts of the U.S. They also contend that it's needed because a new privacy method introduces errors into 2020 census population numbers at small geographies to protect people's identities. Housing counts stay accurate under the method.

A place had to have at least 2,500 people to be urban under old criteria that lasted more than a century. Now, it will need at least

2,000 housing units, the equivalent of about 5,000 people. A revised list of urban areas won't be released until later this year, but a third of the areas deemed urban a decade ago would be knocked into the rural category under the new criteria.

Places with 50,000 residents or more were considered "urbanized areas," compared with "urban clusters" having between 2,500 and 49,999 residents in the past. But those distinctions will be eliminated and all will be called urban areas under the new definition.

Some communities worry that the switch to housing units will cause some areas to be underestimated if the Census Bureau uses the U.S. average of 2.6 people per household for its calculations. For instance, Madera County, California, has 3.3 people per household, and the change "would not fully represent the community," Patricia Taylor, executive director of the Madera County Transportation Commission, said in a letter to the bureau last year.

The Census Bureau says the new definition should be used for statistical purposes only. But

the bureau's urban areas form the cores of metro and micro areas, and its definitions provide the basis for how other agencies classify urban and rural areas in determining eligibility for federal funding. The bureau reviews the definitions every 10 years after a census, and the urban population has grown from about 45% of the total U.S. population in 1910 to more than 80% a decade ago.

"We've heard people say 2,500 was too low. That was the impetus for the increase," said Michael Ratcliffe, a senior geographer with the Census Bureau.

Different federal programs use different definitions of urban and rural, and some communities qualify for rural funding for some programs and not others. But any changes "will have significant implications for many groups and communities," said Kenneth Johnson, a senior demographer at the University of New Hampshire who studies rural issues.

"Another likely concern for many rural communities is that if many existing urban areas are redefined as rural, competition for the limited rural funds will increase," Johnson said.

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	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Partly cloudy	Increasing clouds; warmer	Cooler	Periods of rain	Colder with a little rain
Baker City	33	67 44	62 45	62 37	50 30
Comfort Index™	2	10	8	0	0
La Grande	36	71 50	61 48	60 40	47 35
Comfort Index™	5	10	7	3	0
Enterprise	33	68 45	59 45	59 37	45 35
Comfort Index™	3	10	8	2	0

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	56°	55°	61°
Low Sunday	33°	34°	36°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.02	0.01	0.16
Month to date	0.02	0.01	0.16
Normal month to date	0.03	0.07	0.07
Year to date	1.95	3.79	10.03
Normal year to date	2.91	6.52	10.36

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	1.7
Evapotranspiration	0.17

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)	
Phillips Reservoir	10% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	83% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	46% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	94% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	48% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	99% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	3980 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	32 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	1 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	560 cfs
Minam River at Minam	424 cfs
Powder River near Richland	35 cfs

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 98°	El Centro, Calif.
Low: 15°	Yellowstone, Wyo.
Wettest: 3.33"	Plant City, Fla.

OREGON	
High: 74°	The Dalles
Low: 23°	Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.39"	Rome

WEATHER HISTORY

Ronald Reagan's horse in the T.V. series "Death Valley Days," Sinbad the Sailor, was struck and killed by lightning on May 3, 1982, at Kanab, Utah.

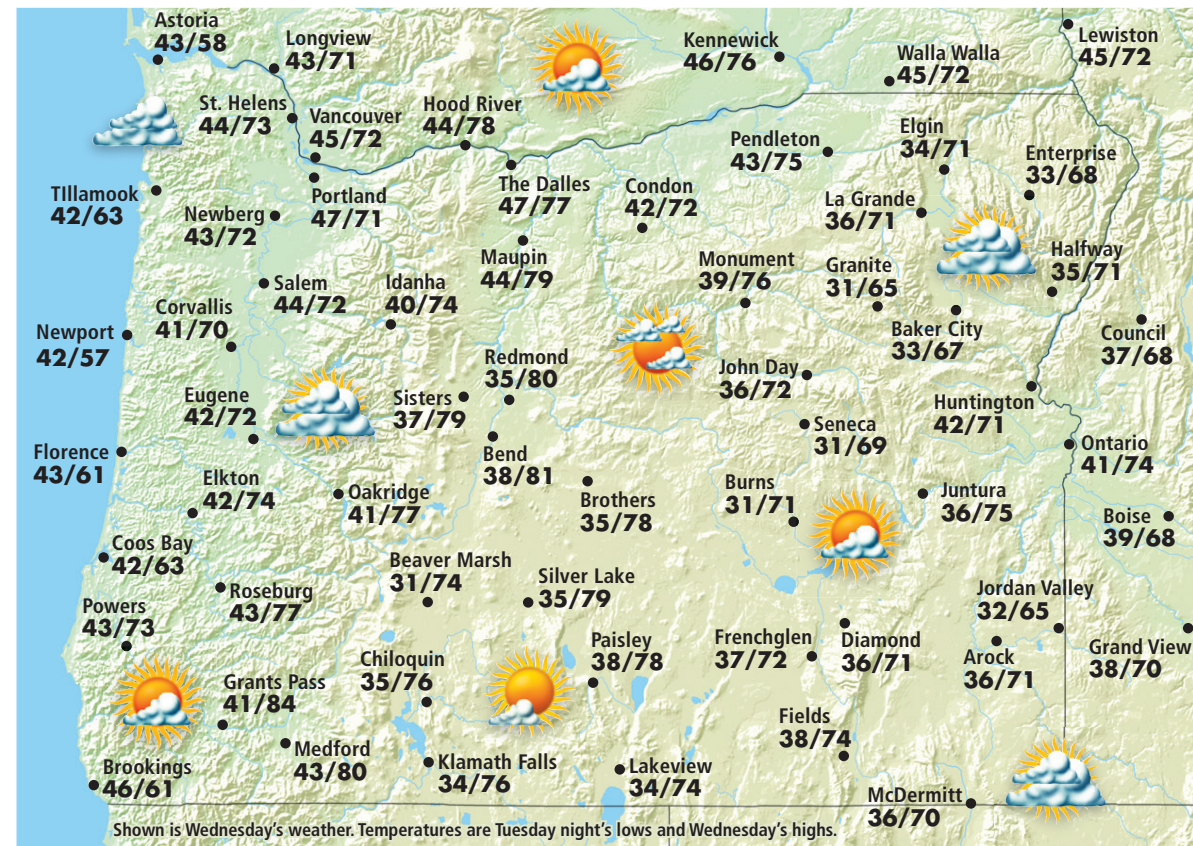
SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	5:38 a.m.	5:37 a.m.
Sunset	8:01 p.m.	8:02 p.m.
Moonrise	7:07 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Moonset	11:24 p.m.	none

MOON PHASES	First	Full	Last	New
	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 30

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED.	THU.	City	WED.	THU.
Astoria	58/47/pc	55/47/sh	Lewiston	72/52/pc	64/50/c
Bend	81/47/s	61/47/c	Longview	71/45/c	57/49/sh
Boise	68/49/s	68/50/pc	Meacham	69/48/c	58/48/c
Brookings	61/46/c	54/50/c	Medford	80/50/s	64/50/c
Burns	71/42/s	63/43/c	Newport	57/44/pc	52/48/sh
Coos Bay	63/42/s	55/48/sh	Olympia	65/43/c	56/45/sh
Corvallis	70/45/s	58/49/sh	Ontario	74/51/s	70/51/c
Council	68/43/pc	64/47/c	Pasco	76/56/pc	68/51/c
Elgin	71/45/c	58/48/c	Pendleton	75/52/pc	61/51/c
Eugene	72/48/pc	59/51/sh	Portland	71/51/pc	58/52/sh
Hermiston	77/56/pc	67/53/c	Powers	73/47/s	57/53/c
Hood River	78/51/pc	61/51/sh	Redmond	80/47/s	62/46/c
Imnaha	72/50/pc	63/48/c	Roseburg	77/48/pc	60/52/sh
John Day	72/45/pc	64/48/c	Salem	72/49/s	60/52/sh
Joseph	67/45/s	59/44/sh	Spokane	67/49/c	60/43/sh
Kennewick	76/58/pc	68/52/c	The Dalles	77/55/s	66/53/c
Klamath Falls	76/43/s	61/46/c	Ukiah	70/42/pc	56/47/c
Lakeview	74/42/pc	64/46/c	Walla Walla	72/53/pc	63/51/c

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

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	Warmer	48 35	
MT. EMILY REC.	Milder	58 43	
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Not as cool	54 37	
WALLOWA LAKE	Warmer	67 45	
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Milder	67 44	
PHILLIPS LAKE	Warmer	66 44	
BROWNLEE RES.	Some sun; pleasant	72 46	
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Warmer	66 40	
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Some sun; warmer	75 48	
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Warmer	71 50	

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