

Woman can't stop thinking about her husband's friend



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

talk to him, so I stayed sitting on the bleachers. When my husband returned, he said Shane asked him where I was.

Abby, I have felt this way for two years. My husband and I have been married for seven. When I'm driving home from work, I fantasize about Shane riding in the car with me. I hurry to get to town hoping I'll see him at the gas station or passing by. I'm considering contacting him on Messenger. I have never thought about my husband this way. Please give me some advice on what to do. — **OVER THE MOON IN MISSOURI**

DEAR OVER: Nowhere in your letter did you mention whether your feelings for Shane are reciprocated. If you contact him, what exactly do you plan

on telling him — that you love him? That you lust for him? Your efforts would be better spent trying to figure out what happened to the excitement in your marriage rather than starting a romance with your husband's friend.

If you do what you have in mind and Shane doesn't feel the same way, it will be enormously embarrassing. If he does have similar feelings, your husband will be devastated. The next time you have a fantasy about Shane, I urge you to switch to another channel.

DEAR ABBY: My grandson is 24. He was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome after he graduated from high school. He was first diagnosed with ADHD when he was young, then, years

later, as bipolar. Since high school, he spends his time in his bedroom playing video games. He has no social interactions and doesn't engage much, if at all, with his two younger brothers. He also doesn't get along well with his stepfather.

My daughter, his mother, is desperate for help but has been unable to find it. Most programs are designed for children or are too far away. Even trying to find a counselor locally who specializes in Asperger's has led to blind alleys.

Where do we go to find help for him? He's very functional but somewhat naive socially, and my daughter is fearful of him falling in with the wrong crowd. He has become depressed, and after years of turning his nose up at getting

help, he actually wants it now. What do we do? — **SEEKING HELP IN TEXAS**

DEAR SEEKING: Forcing help on a person who isn't ready usually accomplishes little. That your grandson is finally willing to accept that he needs help is hopeful. Suggest that your daughter reach out to an organization called AANE, the Asperger/Autism Network, and ask for guidance for her son. To have questions and concerns addressed and to receive information and resources, she should visit aane.org.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Florida amusement park pauses new sniper-like laser game

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando amusement park where a teenager fell from a ride and died earlier this year has paused a new sniper-like laser shooting game amid criticism following a recent spate of mass shootings.

The Bullseye Blast game let riders of the 400-foot Wheel at ICON Park pay an extra \$5.95 to shoot laser blasters at 50 targets strategically placed along rooftops throughout the park.

In a statement issued Saturday, July 16, park officials said that while the ride had been "well-received" by customers, some had questioned whether it was appropriate following mass shootings at a Fourth of July parade in a Chicago suburb, an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, and a grocery store in Buffalo, New York.

"Some non-guests and community members expressed that they considered the toy shooting device used to be insensitive," the statement said.

"The attractions industry has many similar games which use similar shooting devices, so that is what we were limited to when exploring the game. However, we believe that a device can and should be designed which does not offend anyone in the community."

Park officials said they "look forward to leading this new innovation."

While the park has removed the game from its website, earlier this week it offered the following description of Bullseye Blaster: "To get the highest

score possible, players need to hit as many of these as possible with their laser blaster during the 18-minute ride."

The promos featured photos of riders pointing laser guns from the ride, FOX-35 reported.

Critics and supporters of the ride weighed in on social media over the past few days.

"This is in poor taste," Florida state Sen. Linda Stewart, a Democrat from Orlando, said in a tweet responding to a news story about the ride. Others on social

media scoffed at the park for pausing the game.

Controversy has surrounded the park, which is located along Orlando's International Drive, since 14-year-old Tyre Sampson, of Missouri, fell from the Free Fall tower and died earlier this year.

An investigation later found the teen was nearly 100 pounds over the ride's weight limit. His family has filed a lawsuit.

The park announced the Bullseye Blast in a news release on July 14.

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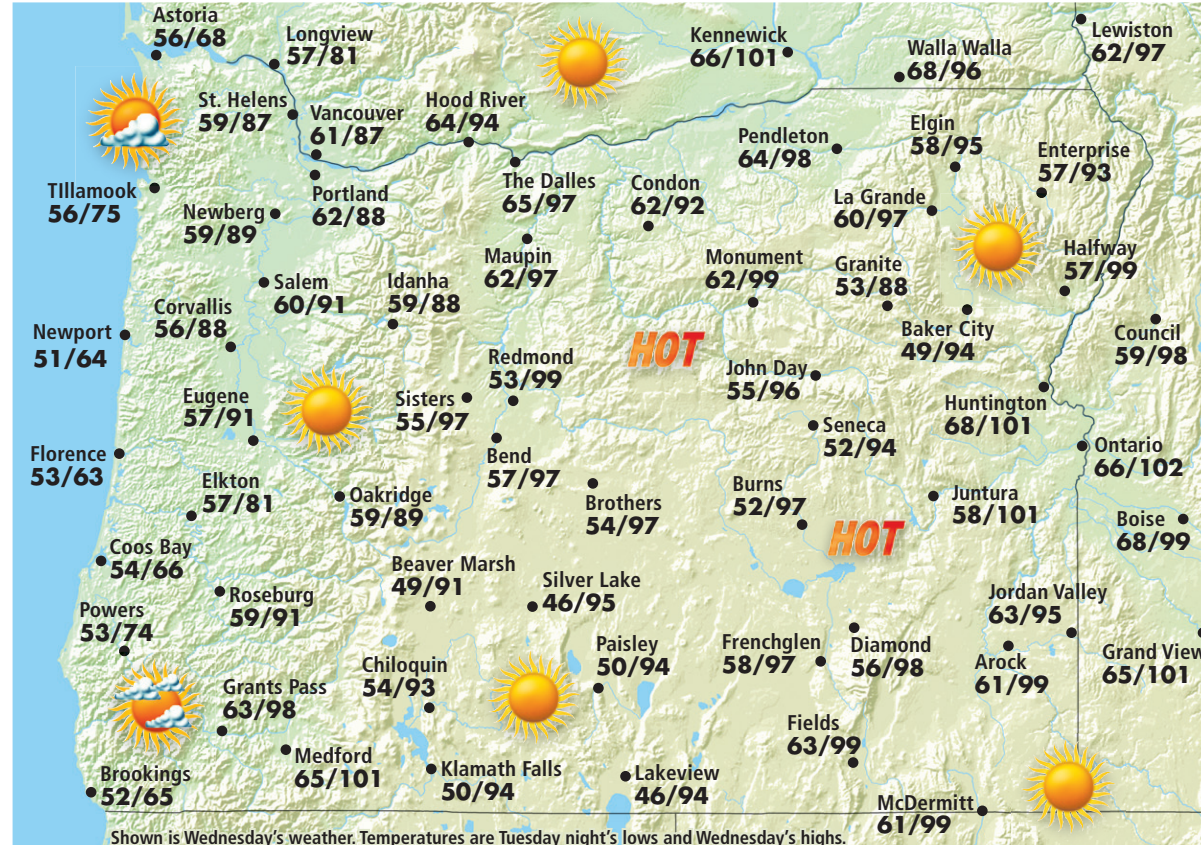
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Clear	Mostly sunny and warm	Mostly sunny	Sunny and nice	Mostly sunny
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ALMANAC	SUNDAY EXTREMES
TEMPERATURES	NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High Sunday 93°	High: 120° Death Valley, Calif.
Low Sunday 49°	Low: 38° Gothic, Colo.
PRECIPITATION (inches)	Wettest: 3.87" Effingham, Ill.
Sunday 0.00	OREGON
Month to date 0.01	High: 103° Rome
Normal month to date 0.34	Low: 39° Lakeview
Fear to date 4.47	Wettest: Trace Sexton Summit
Normal year to date 5.78	

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	WEATHER HISTORY
HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY	Haze replaced the normal blue sky over Florida's east coast on July 19, 1984. Satellite imagery showed that the haze was actually dust picked up by the wind in Africa and carried across the Atlantic Ocean.
Lowest relative humidity 15%	SUN & MOON
Afternoon wind NW at 6 to 12 mph	Tue. 5:23 a.m. Wed. 5:24 a.m.
Hours of sunshine 14.2	Sunrise 8:34 p.m. 8:33 p.m.
Evapotranspiration 0.34	Sunset none 12:04 a.m.
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)	Moonset 12:30 p.m. 1:39 p.m.
Phillips Reservoir 20% of capacity	MOON PHASES
Jiny Reservoir 79% of capacity	Last Jul 20
Jwyhee Reservoir 32% of capacity	New Jul 28
Vickay Reservoir 94% of capacity	First Aug 5
Nallowa Lake 14% of capacity	Full Aug 11
Thief Valley Reservoir 79% of capacity	
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy 2080 cfs	
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder 126 cfs	
Burnt River near Unity 107 cfs	
Jmatilla River near Gibbon 66 cfs	
Vinam River at Minam 507 cfs	
Powder River near Richland 17 cfs	

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY	
City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W	Forecast
Astoria	68/57/pc	67/56/pc	Mostly sunny
Bend	97/59/s	93/54/s	72 48
Boise	99/68/s	99/67/s	82 59
Brookings	65/53/c	65/54/pc	80 46
Burns	97/53/s	96/52/s	92 61
Coos Bay	66/53/c	67/54/pc	94 50
Corvallis	88/55/s	80/52/pc	Mostly sunny
Council	98/59/s	97/56/s	Hot with sunshine
Elgin	95/57/s	92/58/s	Mostly sunny; warm
Eugene	91/54/s	83/52/pc	Mostly sunny; warm
Hermiston	102/65/s	99/66/s	Hot with sunshine
Hood River	94/66/s	90/63/s	Mostly sunny; warm
Imnaha	97/63/s	95/59/s	Sunny and hot
John Day	96/54/s	95/54/s	Mostly sunny; warm
Joseph	92/61/s	91/57/s	Mostly sunny
Kennewick	101/64/s	99/67/s	Mostly sunny
Klamath Falls	94/51/s	89/50/s	Mostly sunny
Lakeview	94/45/s	92/45/s	Mostly sunny
Lewiston	97/63/s	96/63/s	Mostly sunny
Longview	81/55/s	77/57/pc	Mostly sunny
Meacham	93/56/s	91/55/s	Mostly sunny
Medford	101/64/s	94/60/s	Mostly sunny
Newport	64/53/pc	63/52/c	Mostly sunny
Olympia	83/54/s	79/52/pc	Mostly sunny
Ontario	102/69/s	101/69/s	Mostly sunny
Pasco	101/64/s	99/64/s	Mostly sunny
Pendleton	98/63/s	96/64/s	Mostly sunny
Portland	88/60/s	84/58/pc	Mostly sunny
Powers	74/54/c	73/53/pc	Mostly sunny
Redmond	99/54/s	94/52/s	Mostly sunny
Roseburg	91/57/s	85/58/s	Mostly sunny
Salem	91/57/s	86/55/pc	Mostly sunny
Spokane	90/61/s	91/62/pc	Mostly sunny
The Dalles	97/66/s	94/63/s	Mostly sunny
Ukiah	91/48/s	89/47/s	Mostly sunny
Walla Walla	96/68/s	95/64/s	Mostly sunny

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