

Friend shows pattern of flaking out when needed



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: A childhood friend, “Brenda,” moved away 20 years ago. Even though we were living across the country from each other, we remained close. About 10 years ago, I lost my 9-month-old nephew to cancer. It was extremely traumatic for our whole family. His death occurred around the time Brenda and her family were visiting her parents here in town, so I notified them about the wake and funeral arrangements. Abby, they never

showed. I was heartbroken and didn’t talk to Brenda for a few months. After she apologized many times, I started to talk to her. A few years later, Brenda’s mother passed away. I was there for her and her family from start to finish, and when she was sick, I would take her mom to doctor appointments. Last year my mother died after a brief illness, and I again let my friend know. Again, she was a no-show. Money was not a problem for plane tickets for other things, but too expensive for me to have the comfort of a supposed “best” friend. Should I ignore this again or let the relationship fizzle out? I’m hurt and have expressed this

to her. She says she’s sorry, but nothing changes. — **DISAPPOINTED IN NEW YORK**
DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. It’s time you reevaluated your relationship with Brenda. You may be her best friend, but she is clearly not yours. A best friend is someone you can depend on. When the chips are down, Brenda has been absent. If you wish to keep her as a friend, do so, but with the understanding of her significant limitations.
DEAR ABBY: I am finalizing the guest list for my wedding and face a dilemma. A casual but long-term friend of ours is the ex-boyfriend of my maid of honor.

The two are still friends and see each other occasionally, so there is no issue there. The issue is whether or not to invite his live-in girlfriend. I know typical wedding etiquette usually includes significant others, but in this case? First off, we barely know her. Most of the time when our friend comes to our house, she doesn’t come along. When we visit his house, she’s gone or seems to avoid us. We’re having a small backyard wedding, and the ex-girlfriend and the new girlfriend have never met. Is it necessary to invite her? I want to be respectful, but it seems complicated for everyone involved, and I’d rather not have it detract from

the day for my maid of honor. — **BRIDE-TO-BE IN OREGON**
DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: Not knowing the ex-boyfriend’s new girlfriend, I can’t offer insight into why she seems standoffish. It may be that she’s socially awkward and not comfortable with people she doesn’t know. To exclude the live-in girlfriend would be not only disrespectful to her, but also to her boyfriend. I don’t advise doing it because you could create long-lasting hurt feelings and ill will.
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Yelp to add more flags to anti-abortion pregnancy centers

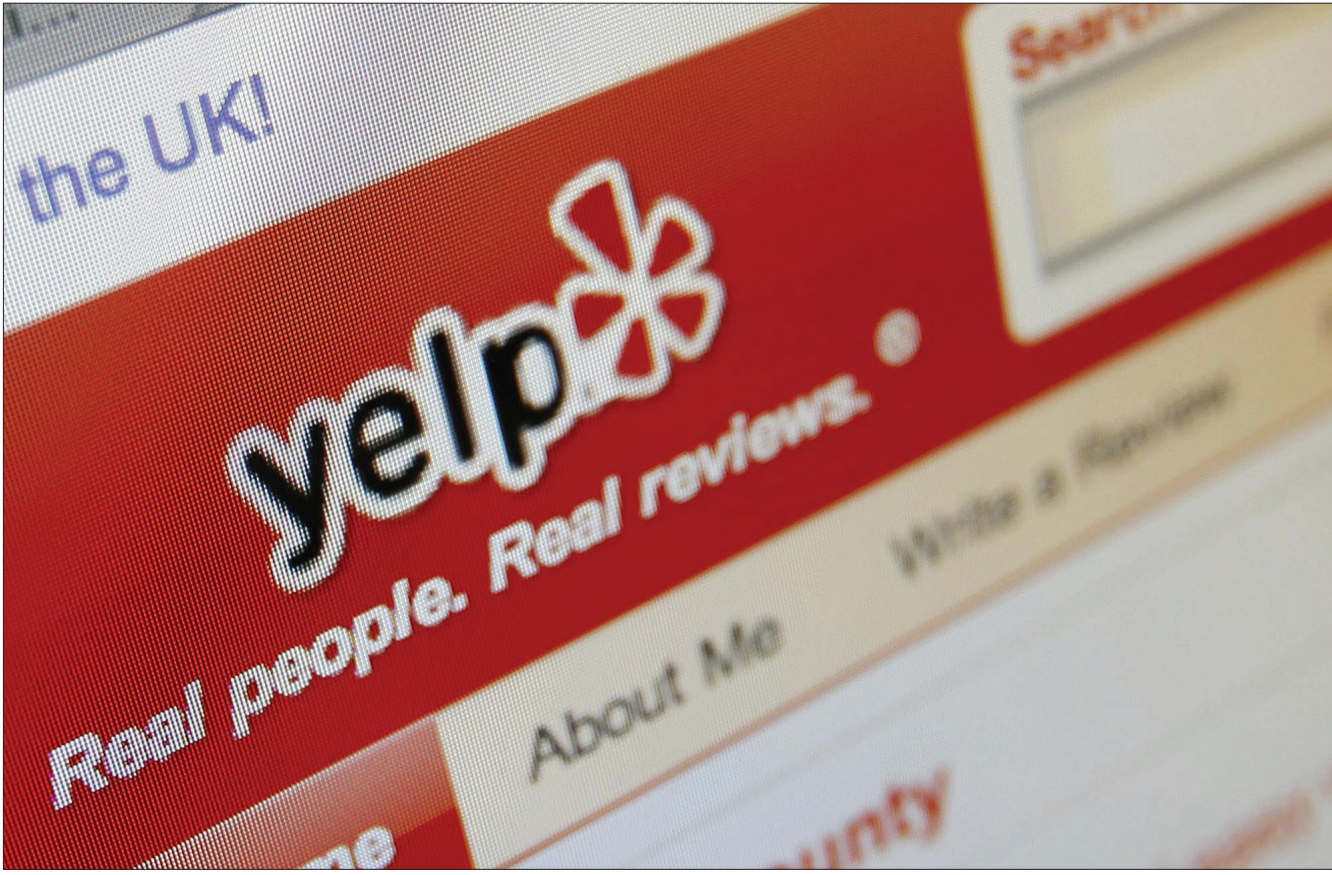
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The online reviews site Yelp said Tuesday, Aug. 23, it is rolling out a new feature to protect users seeking abortions from being misled about anti-abortion pregnancy centers listed on its platform. Such centers are typically religiously affiliated and deter clients from having an abortion. On Aug. 23, Yelp said it will place a consumer notice on the listings informing users that the centers “typically provide limited medical services and may not have licensed medical professionals onsite.”

In 2018, moderators for the San Francisco-based company began recategorizing listings for such organizations as “crisis pregnancy centers” or “faith-based crisis pregnancy centers.” The organizations had previously categorized themselves as reproductive health services, medical centers and other health and medical categories.

“It’s well-reported that crisis pregnancy centers do not offer abortion services, and it’s been shown that many provide misleading information in an attempt to steer people seeking abortion care to other options,” the company said in a post on its website detailing the change.

Yelp’s move might put more pressure on Google to do something similar with listings on its



The Yelp website is shown on a computer screen in Los Angeles, March 17, 2010. The online reviews site Yelp said Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, that it is rolling out a new feature to protect users seeking abortions from being misled about anti-abortion centers listed on its platform.

site. Last week, hundreds of Google employees released a petition calling on the company to fix misleading search results for abortion services by removing “fake abortion providers” and halt its business with “publishers of disinformation related to abortion services.” In June, Democratic lawmakers in Congress also urged the company to curb the appearance of the anti-abortion pregnancy centers for certain search results. But Republicans pushed back last month, warning the tech giant not

to do so in a letter sent by 17 conservative attorney generals to Google CEO Sundar Pichai. Google did not immediately reply to a request for comment. In the past several months, Yelp said it has also been picking up on efforts to better match users searching for abortion clinics with those services and make it less likely those users will see anti-abortion pregnancy centers in search results. The company said it has evaluated roughly 33,500 listings this year and

reategorized nearly 470 pages for the centers. **Alaska Airlines flight returns, metal panel falls off plane** SEATTLE — An Alaska Airlines flight bound for San Diego returned to Sea-Tac International Airport shortly after it left Monday, Aug. 22, after reports of an “unusual vibration,” the airline said. Part of the cowl, the metal paneling covering the engine, detached from the plane upon landing, according to a state-

ment from Alaska Airlines. The crew aboard the Boeing 737-900ER reported an unusual vibration on the left side of the plane during departure, the statement said. The plane is no longer in service as the airline’s safety team investigates the cause, the Seattle Times reported. The two pilots on the flight have over 32 years of combined flying experience, the airline said. There were 176 passengers and six crew members on the flight, according to the statement. No injuries

were reported. Guests were rebooked on another flight bound for San Diego, the company said. The pilots and flight attendants handled the incident with “tremendous professionalism and care,” the airline said in the statement. “We also greatly appreciated the patience of our guests during this event.” **Officials find man who escaped eastern Washington jail** DAVENPORT, Wash. — The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office has found a man who escaped a jail in eastern Washington state. The sheriff’s office said 37-year-old Cody Magruder escaped Monday, Aug. 22, KREM-TV reported. The sheriff’s office had said people should not approach him and call 911 immediately. Sheriff’s deputies captured Magruder Aug. 23 south of Davenport city limits after witnesses saw him and called the police. Officials said K9 had been searching for him in that area, which is about 35 miles west of Spokane. Magruder was booked into Lincoln County Jail on multiple felony charges including allegedly violating a no-contact order, failing to comply with a Kittitas County warrant, possessing stolen property and possessing a stolen vehicle, jail records show. It wasn’t immediately known if he has a lawyer to comment on his behalf.

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weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	A starry night	Hot	Not as warm with sunshine	Sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and warmer
Baker City	50	90 51	74 45	80 45	86 48
Comfort Index™	8	6	10	9	8
La Grande	58	91 54	77 49	82 47	88 52
Comfort Index™	7	6	9	9	5
Enterprise	55	86 50	73 48	80 49	88 52
Comfort Index™	7	7	10	9	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 Tuesday	89°	93°	96°	
Low Tuesday	50°	58°	52°	
PRECIPITATION (inches)	Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.09
Month to date	0.13	0.24	0.38	
Normal month to date	0.31	0.50	0.47	
Year to date	4.60	9.22	18.14	
Normal year to date	6.30	11.16	15.70	

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	WNW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	11.6
Evapotranspiration	0.26

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir	5% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	43% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	19% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	72% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	3% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	21% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	614 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	79 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	108 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	46 cfs
Minam River at Minam	110 cfs
Powder River near Richland	40 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 120° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 33° Walden, Colo.
Wettest: 3.74" Monroe, La.

OREGON
High: 99° Ontario
Low: 45° Klamath Falls
Wettest: none

WEATHER HISTORY

The temperature plummeted to 10 degrees in Bowen, Mont., on Aug. 25, 1910. This is the lowest temperature ever reported in the United States in August.

SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	6:05 a.m.	6:07 a.m.
Sunset	7:43 p.m.	7:41 p.m.
Moonrise	3:59 a.m.	5:06 a.m.
Moonset	7:32 p.m.	7:56 p.m.

MOON PHASES

	THU.	FRI.
New	Aug 27	Sep 3
First	Sep 3	Sep 10
Full	Sep 10	Sep 17
Last	Sep 17	Sep 24

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Astoria	61/70	Longview	63/73	Kennewick	67/96	Walla Walla	70/93	Lewiston	67/96
St. Helens	61/77	Vancouver	62/80	Hood River	67/84	Pendleton	65/93	Elgin	55/90
Tillamook	60/72	Newberg	58/80	Portland	63/80	The Dalles	71/88	Condon	65/85
Corvallis	57/82	Salem	58/85	Idanha	60/80	Maupin	66/89	Monument	60/92
Newport	58/65	Eugene	57/85	Sisters	58/89	Redmond	56/91	John Day	56/91
Florence	58/68	Elkton	59/81	Oakridge	59/86	Bend	59/89	Brothers	55/85
Brookings	57/70	Roseburg	62/86	Beaver Marsh	49/85	Silver Lake	50/88	Paisley	51/89
Medford	65/94	Grants Pass	62/93	Chiloquin	51/86	Paisley	51/89	Frenchglen	57/91
Klamath Falls	51/88	Lakeview	48/89	Fields	57/93	Diamond	56/90	Arock	58/93
McDermitt	55/92								

REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	70/58/sh	69/56/c	Lewiston	96/64/s	85/58/pc
Bend	89/52/pc	76/46/s	Longview	73/60/c	71/57/c
Boise	94/65/s	89/56/s	Meacham	87/51/s	76/45/s
Brookings	70/56/s	71/54/s	Medford	94/61/s	81/55/s
Burns	91/51/s	80/44/s	Newport	65/55/c	64/51/pc
Coos Bay	70/60/c	70/54/s	Olympia	75/54/pc	73/52/c
Corvallis	82/55/pc	76/49/pc	Ontario	97/67/s	89/58/s
Council	92/56/s	85/55/s	Pasco	98/64/pc	87/56/pc
Elgin	90/55/s	77/47/s	Pendleton	93/58/s	81/54/s
Eugene	85/56/s	80/51/s	Portland	80/63/c	74/58/pc
Hermiston	95/61/pc	84/59/s	Powers	74/61/pc	71/55/pc
Hood River	84/63/pc	76/62/pc	Redmond	91/51/pc	76/43/s
Imnaha	93/62/s	83/56/s	Roseburg	86/61/s	79/55/pc
John Day	91/54/s	81/50/s	Salem	85/58/s	76/54/pc
Joseph	85/49/s	74/46/s	Spokane	88/58/pc	79/55/pc
Kennewick	96/63/pc	87/59/pc	The Dalles	88/67/pc	80/60/pc
Klamath Falls	88/49/s	78/44/s	Ukiah	86/50/s	72/44/s
Lakeview	89/47/s	82/44/s	Walla Walla	93/62/s	80/57/s

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
67 41	85 49
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Partly sunny	Mostly sunny
76 47	92 56
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Mostly sunny	Partly sunny
73 43	81 44
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Very warm	Breezy in the p.m.
85 49	92 57
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Mostly sunny	Hot
90 51	91 54

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