

Man bites off more than he can chew with comments



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: Every year my girlfriend and I take each other out for dinner on our birthdays and bring a gift. This year, even though I am currently experiencing financial hardship, I bought her a gift and offered her dinner.

At the restaurant, she ordered the largest portion of what she wanted. She stated it's what she always orders in that restaurant. I responded that she always takes half of it home, and that I had offered to buy her dinner for that

night, not for two days. She got very angry and said I was ruining her birthday.

She then said she'd pay for her own meal. I declined her offer and paid, but now I'm wondering if I was wrong. She did pay for half the appetizer, which I didn't want or eat, and she left the tip. Should have told her before we went out to dinner that I was on a tighter budget? Can our relationship be saved? — **LOSING IN LAS VEGAS**

DEAR LOSING: Strong relationships thrive when there is honest communication. You and the Birthday Girl have been seeing each other for an extended period of time. If money is tight, you should have mentioned it long

before her birthday rolled around. Yes, she should have been aware of it before you invited her to dinner. Because she wasn't, I can understand why she might have been put off by what she may have interpreted as a snide comment rather than a cry for help. Can your relationship be saved? Yes, as long as you two REALLY start talking to each other.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my early 40s. I have reconnected with a girl I dated in high school. Things are wonderful. I have come to understand that she was "wronged" by other men more than once in the years in between. But I have also learned it was happening during our relationship as teens. I cannot stop ripping

myself in half for not realizing it was happening and doing nothing to stop it. I wasn't damaged; she was.

I am hesitant to do anything that makes her revisit her pain, but it is something I can't let go of. I am not sure how I should proceed in the present, so that I don't let the past damage a future that seems so bright. Could you please give me a woman's point of view? — **CAUTIOUS IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR CAUTIOUS: Understand that you and this woman were very different people when you dated more than 20 years ago. I suspect my point of view is similar to what you would get from a man: If you plan to pro-

ceed with this romance, the two of you should get at least six months of couples counseling from a licensed professional.

A lot has happened to you both in the intervening years since high school. There was nothing you could do to stop anything that happened. She was a willing participant in those failed relationships. Your future with her will be brighter once you know each other better as adults, which will involve frank communication on both of your parts.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Leak ruins NASA moon rocket launch bid

By **MARCIA DUNN**
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA's new moon rocket sprang another dangerous fuel leak Saturday, Sept. 3, forcing launch controllers to call off their second attempt this week to send a crew capsule into lunar orbit with test dummies. The inaugural flight is now off for weeks, if not months.

The previous try on Aug. 29 at launching the 322-foot Space Launch System rocket, the most powerful ever built by NASA, was also troubled by hydrogen leaks, though they were smaller. That was on top of leaks detected during countdown drills ear-

lier in the year.

After the latest setback, mission managers decided to haul the rocket off the pad and into the hangar for further repairs and system updates. Some of the work and testing may be performed at the pad before the rocket is moved. Either way, several weeks of work will be needed, according to officials.

With a two-week launch blackout period looming in just a few days, the rocket is now grounded until late September or October. NASA will work around a high-priority SpaceX astronaut flight to the International Space Station scheduled for early October.

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson stressed that safety is the top priority,

especially on a test flight like this where everyone wants to verify the rocket's systems "before we put four humans up on the top of it."

NASA already has been waiting years to send the crew capsule atop the rocket around the moon. If the six-week demo succeeds, astronauts could fly around the moon in 2024 and land on it in 2025. People last walked on the moon 50 years ago.

Launch director Charlie Blackwell-Thompson and her team had barely started loading nearly 1 million gallons of fuel into the Space Launch System rocket at daybreak when the large leak cropped up in the engine section at the bottom.



Chris O'Meara/The Associated Press

An American flag flies in the breeze as NASA's new moon rocket sits on Launch Pad 39-B after being scrubbed at the Kennedy Space Center Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, in Cape Canaveral, Fla. This is scheduled to be the first flight of NASA's 21st-century moon-exploration program, named Artemis.

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weather

TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Clear to partly cloudy	A p.m. t-shower in spots	Sunny and cooler	Sunny and pleasant	Warm with clouds and sun
Baker City Comfort Index™ 3	96 48 4	77 38 10	81 38 10	85 44 9
La Grande Comfort Index™ 3	91 47 5	77 44 10	82 44 9	91 50 5
Enterprise Comfort Index™ 3	89 46 4	74 41 10	77 43 10	89 48 6

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	89°	92°	95°
Low Sunday	38°	43°	42°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	Trace	0.00
Normal month to date	0.06	0.09	0.12
Year to date	4.73	9.22	18.21
Normal year to date	6.48	11.42	16.03

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	20%
Afternoon wind	WNW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	11.9
Evapotranspiration	0.24

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	4% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	35% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	14% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	65% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	3% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	5% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	546 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	54 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	90 cfs
Umattila River near Gibbon	44 cfs
Minam River at Minam	85 cfs
Powder River near Richland	20 cfs

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 124° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 32° Afton, Wyo.
Wettest: 3.32" Savannah, Ga.

OREGON
High: 103° Rome
Low: 34° Lakeview
Wettest: 0.04" Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

A day after massive fires scorched over a million acres in Michigan, a yellow, smoky haze choked the New England sky on Sept. 6, 1881. It was termed the "Yellow Day".

SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6:20 a.m.	6:21 a.m.
Sunset	7:21 p.m.	7:19 p.m.
Moonrise	5:48 p.m.	6:28 p.m.
Moonset	1:07 a.m.	2:24 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 25	Oct 2

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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

REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W	City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	69/52/pc	69/54/s	Lewiston	95/58/s	80/54/s
Bend	93/49/pc	80/47/s	Longview	76/51/pc	77/53/s
Boise	104/66/pc	88/54/s	Meacham	88/45/s	74/40/s
Brookings	72/59/pc	75/58/s	Medford	100/60/s	95/57/s
Burns	100/53/s	86/42/s	Newport	65/49/c	62/51/s
Coos Bay	69/53/pc	68/54/s	Olympia	78/46/pc	76/49/s
Corvallis	85/50/s	81/55/s	Ontario	103/66/s	89/55/s
Council	97/57/pc	84/48/s	Pasco	95/56/s	84/53/s
Elgin	92/47/s	77/44/s	Pendleton	91/52/s	80/53/s
Eugene	87/50/s	84/51/s	Portland	83/54/pc	81/55/s
Hermiston	93/53/s	83/50/s	Powers	74/53/pc	74/54/s
Hood River	86/58/pc	85/57/s	Redmond	96/48/pc	83/44/s
Imnaha	95/58/s	79/53/pc	Roseburg	92/58/s	86/54/s
John Day	96/51/s	81/43/s	Salem	86/50/pc	80/55/s
Joseph	89/47/pc	74/43/s	Spokane	87/54/s	77/50/pc
Kennewick	94/56/s	85/55/s	The Dalles	93/57/pc	87/54/s
Klamath Falls	96/51/s	91/47/s	Ukiah	88/43/s	73/41/s
Lakeview	96/48/s	88/48/s	Walla Walla	90/56/s	79/54/s

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	PHILLIPS LAKE
A stray t-shower	Very warm
74 40	89 45
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
A stray t-shower	Very hot
80 45	99 55 HOT
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Sunshine and warm	A stray t-shower
79 39	85 38
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Partly sunny; hot	Hot with sunshine
89 47	90 52
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Hot	A stray t-shower
96 48	91 47

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