Girlfriend wonders when it's time to mention her implants

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a very special man who is five years younger. We met on an online dating site and have been seeing each other for several years. We are well suited for each other and very much in love. We have now decided to live together, with the possibility of marriage if it won't jeopardize our retirement incomes.

My dilemma is I have breast implants. I had the surgery 20 years ago when I was newly widowed and about to start dating again. I never told any of the men I dated, and I don't believe anyone suspected. My breasts look and feel natural and they have enhanced my love life tremendously.

Now that this relationship is serious, I wonder if I need to tell my guy. If he leaves after I tell him, then I guess he wasn't The One. I'd prefer not to say anything. I am afraid he may have an altered opinion of my body after I tell him. Please advise.

— OLD, BUT NOT DEAD

DEAR O.B.N.D.: If you really believe he'd leave you after several years together because you told him you have breast implants, then he REALLY isn't the man for you. I think you should level with him, because if one of the implants should need an "adjustment" or replacement, he will find out then and may resent the fact that you hadn't told him. If you two are happy together -- and it appears you are -- I seriously doubt it will create a wedge between you. Telling him would be better than feeling guilty that you didn't.

DEAR ABBY: I was at a sold-out performance recently, seated next to a family with two young daughters. The youngest daughter had on LED light-up shoes that would flash and blink whenever she stomped her feet.

She quietly watched the first half of the show, but got restless during the second half and began stomping her feet to watch the lights, which was extremely distracting in the dark venue. I gently asked if she would please stop and thanked her when she obliged, just as I would have done if she were my own daughter.

A few minutes later, the family got up and left. On the way out, her father said to me, "About my daughter's shoes? She's (expletive) 4!" in a tone that suggested I should have kept quiet and let her continue doing it. Was I wrong to ask her to stop? The show began at 9:15 p.m. and, while not inappropriate, wasn't geared toward entertaining kids. I'm not surprised she got bored, but her light-up shoes were ruining my experience, and her parents were doing nothing about it. How could I have handled the situation better?

— DISTRACTED IN THE EAST

DEAR DISTRACTED: You did nothing wrong. You couldn't have handled the situation better than you did. The child's father was out of line for using vulgarity, which was uncalled for. Rather than leave the performance, all the parents had to do was keep reinforcing the idea of being considerate to the other audience members -- a lesson that would serve their daughter well in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I have five grown children and three grandchildren. They have always come first, especially my grandchildren. When I began the relationship with my husband, I told him how important both were to me and that, no matter what, my grandchildren always came first. He agreed and said he felt the same way.

Now, two years into our marriage, my daughter and grandchildren want to come live with us for nine months while her husband is deployed. My husband is freaking out and keeps complaining every day even though they aren't even here yet. He has pushed me to my breaking point. I would never tell him that or act that way toward his children or grandchildren. I'm now considering divorce. What should I do?

— FAMILY FIRST IN THE SOUTH

DEAR FAMILY FIRST: I can't help but wonder how you would really feel if the shoe was on the other foot. Would you be as accommodating as you expect him to be, or would you be panicking, too?

Remind your husband that this is what he agreed to before your marriage, and point out that this isn't forever. It will be for only nine months. Tell him it will be an opportunity for him to get to know the grandkids and vice versa. Who knows? He might even enjoy it.

If he's still unhappy after a reasonable period of time after they arrive, then it may be time to discuss separating. But don't jump the gun.

Judge blocks grizzly hunts in Wyoming, Idaho

By Matt Volz and Matthew Brown
The Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. — A federal judge on Thursday temporarily blocked the opening of the first public grizzly bear hunts in Wyoming and Idaho in more than 40 years, as he considers whether the government was wrong to lift federal protections on the animals.

U.S. District Judge Dana Christensen's order came just two days before the states prepared to open their grizzly bear hunting seasons on Saturday. It will remain in effect 14 days.

"The threat of death to individual bears posed by the scheduled hunts is sufficient" to justify a delay in the state's hunting seasons, Christensen wrote.

The move marked a victory for wildlife advocates and Native American tribes that sued over the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision in 2017 to lift federal protections for 700 grizzly bears in and around Yellowstone National Park.

The plaintiffs had argued the bears still face threats to their survival. Federal wildlife officials say the bears are thriving.

Fewer than two dozen bears would be allowed to be killed in the hunts.

Todd Hoese, an accountant and hunter from Gillette, Wyoming, expressed disappointment in Christensen's ruling.

Opponents of the hunt, he said, were ignoring the frequent grizzlies attacks on livestock, the impact bruins have on populations of deer and elk and the threat grizzlies pose to human. Hoese applied for but did not receive a grizzly bear hunting tag.

"They're just looking at it from the bears' perspective," he said. "The way that nature works is a balance and we don't have that balance. ...There are too many bears now."

Hunt opponents claim the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision last year that Yellowstone grizzlies are no longer a threatened species was based on faulty science. They also say they don't trust the three states that have taken over bear management will ensure the bears' survival.

Among their arguments in court, attorneys for advocacy groups questioned how other threatened grizzly populations in the Lower 48 states would fare if the Yellowstone bears' status changed. They also said the federal wildlife agency ignored recent spikes in overall bear deaths that, when hunting is added to the mix, could cause an unanticipated population decline.

Roger Phillips, spokesman for Idaho Fish and Game, said he wasn't aware of the ruling and did not have an immediate comment.

Prior to Christensen handing down Thursday's order, Wyoming officials said they were willing to make adjustments to the state's hunting season, but placed a condition on doing so. Erik Petersen, Wyoming's senior assistant attorney general suggested the judge leave Wyoming, Montana and Idaho in charge of managing the bears — even if he decides the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service needs to revise its rule declassifying grizzlies as threatened.

"The likelihood of any significant harm to the population is essentially nil," Petersen said.

Department of Justice attorneys said the Fish and Wildlife Service considered all the plaintiffs' arguments and proceeded with lifting protections because there was no threat of extinction to the bears now or in the foreseeable future.

Petersen and attorneys representing Montana and Idaho said the people most affected will be the farmers and ranchers who live in grizzly territory and have increasing conflicts with bears attacking livestock.

The population of grizzlies living in Yellowstone was classified as a threatened species in 1975, when its number had fallen to 136. The Fish and Wildlife Service initially declared a successful recovery for the Yellowstone population in 2007, but a federal judge ordered protections to remain in place while wildlife officials studied whether the decline of a major food source, whitebark pine seeds, could threaten the bears' survival.

In 2017, the federal agency concluded it had addressed all threats, and ruled the grizzlies were no longer a threatened species needing restrictive federal protections.

That prompted six lawsuits challenging the agency's decision. Those lawsuits have been consolidated into one case that Christensen heard on Thursday.

Idaho's hunting quota is one bear. Wyoming's hunt is in two phases: Sept. 1 opens the season in an outlying area with a quota of 12 bears, and Sept. 15 starts the season in prime grizzly habitat near Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. One female or nine males can be killed in those areas.

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	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Clear	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny and nice
Baker City	41	83 43	91 48	90 49	86 46
Comfort Index™	9	7	5	5	6
La Grande	43	81 46	88 52	88 53	83 53
Comfort Index™	9	9	6	5	9
Enterprise	41	79 47	87 50	87 52	82 49
Comfort Index™	10	9	4	6	6

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	84°	83°	84°
Low Sunday	36°	34°	35°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal month to date	0.04	0.04	0.05
Year to date	4.75	10.48	20.95
Normal year to date	7.11	10.91	15.08

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	20%
Afternoon wind	NNE at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	11.0
Evapotranspiration	0.19
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)	
Phillips Reservoir	13% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	20% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	38% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	41% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	10% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	524 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	4 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	93 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	11 cfs
Minam River at Minam	60 cfs
Powder River near Richland	38 cfs

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 105°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 18°	West Yellowstone, Mont.
Wettest: 5.11"	Marysville Mun Apt, Kan.

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High: 93°	Medford
Low: 30°	Meacham
Wettest: none	

WEATHER HISTORY

Rain from the remains of Tropical Storm Norma caused disastrous floods in Arizona on Sept. 4, 1970. Rain fell so heavily that some streams rose 5-10 feet per hour, washing away cars and buildings.

SUN & MOON

	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	6:16 a.m.	6:17 a.m.
Sunset	7:26 p.m.	7:25 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:19 a.m.
Moonset	2:47 p.m.	3:52 p.m.

MOON PHASES

New	First	Full	Last
Sep 9	Sep 16	Sep 24	Oct 2

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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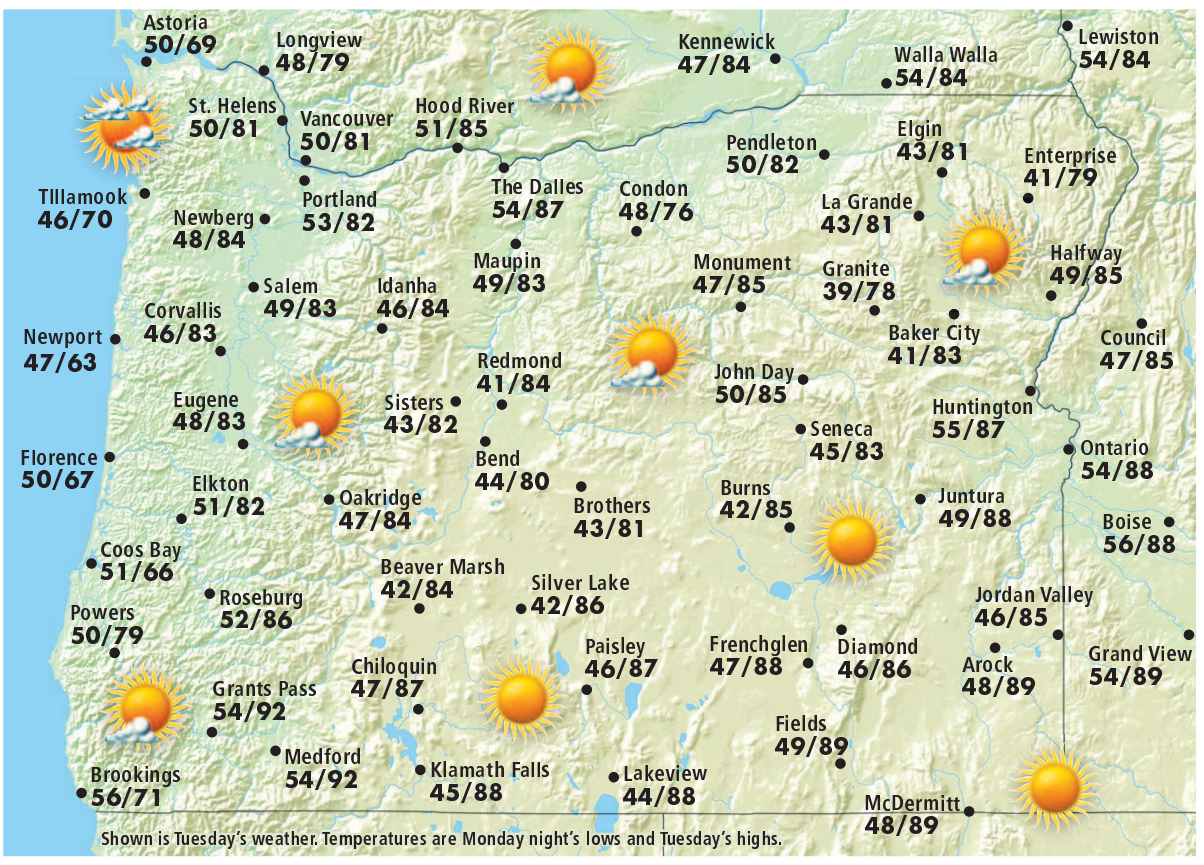

Shown is Tuesday's weather. Temperatures are Monday night's lows and Tuesday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. Hi/Lo/W	WED. Hi/Lo/W	City	TUE. Hi/Lo/W	WED. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	69/51/pc	71/52/pc	Lewiston	84/55/s	89/61/s
Bend	80/45/s	86/48/s	Longview	79/50/s	84/52/s
Boise	88/59/s	94/63/s	Meacham	78/44/s	86/48/s
Brookings	71/51/s	63/51/pc	Medford	92/57/s	96/59/s
Burns	85/46/s	89/46/s	Newport	63/48/s	63/49/pc
Coos Bay	66/52/s	65/51/pc	Olympia	77/46/s	82/49/s
Corvallis	83/51/s	86/50/s	Ontario	88/52/s	92/58/s
Council	85/50/s	90/56/s	Pasco	85/46/s	89/51/s
Elgin	81/46/s	88/52/s	Pendleton	82/50/s	87/55/s
Eugene	83/52/s	88/51/s	Portland	82/56/s	89/57/s
Hermiston	84/47/s	89/51/s	Powers	79/53/s	80/52/pc
Hood River	85/54/s	89/57/s	Redmond	84/43/s	88/46/s
Imnaha	83/52/s	91/59/s	Roseburg	86/55/s	90/56/s
John Day	85/52/s	91/56/s	Salem	83/54/s	89/54/s
Joseph	80/46/s	87/50/s	Spokane	77/51/s	82/54/s
Kennewick	84/46/s	88/50/s	The Dalles	87/54/s	90/59/s
Klamath Falls	88/46/s	88/47/s	Ukiah	78/43/s	85/46/s
Lakeview	88/43/s	88/43/s	Walla Walla	84/56/s	88/61/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 TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES
Mostly sunny
56 32

MT. EMILY REC.
Mostly sunny; nice
66 40

EAGLE CAP WILD.
Sunshine; pleasant
66 33

WALLOWA LAKE
Plenty of sunshine
78 42

THIEF VALLEY RES.
Sunny and pleasant
82 41

PHILLIPS LAKE
Mostly sunny
78 39

BROWNLEE RES.
Sunny and nice
85 50

EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Mostly sunny
71 34

MCKAY RESERVOIR
Mostly sunny; nice
80 49

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Mostly sunny; nice
80 43

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