

# Man afraid to be alone starts affairs with married women

DEAR ABBY: My son has taken it upon himself to get romantically involved with two different married women. He's newly divorced after a long marriage and hates the idea of being alone. He says he loves them both, but realizes there's no future with either one, so he's trying to extricate himself from the jam he's gotten into. The problem is, the women refuse to let go, and it's causing all sorts of problems. Any ideas?

— DAD IN THE MIDDLE IN NEW YORK

DEAR DAD: If you are smart, you'll stay out of this mess.

Hasn't it occurred to you that if your son was truly unhappy with the situation, he — not you — would have sought help for his problem?

He doesn't love either of those women; he loves what he's getting from them — attention, companionship, sex. Because they are married, he doesn't have to worry about them wanting a commitment from him as a single woman might. If he really wanted to stop these dolls from "stalking" him, he would threaten to make their husbands aware of what's been going on, and THAT would be the end of it.

DEAR ABBY: I am 15 and my mom was recently diagnosed with cancer. My two older sisters are away in college, and my dad works all the time. How should I balance taking care of Mom, doing schoolwork and playing field hockey? I wish I could give each task my full attention, but I'm not going to be home much because of school.

— JUGGLING IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR JUGGLING: I am sure your mother's diagnosis has caused stress for every member of your family, including those who are away, and for that I am sorry. You are so young, and I can only imagine the stress you are feeling.

If you were discussing this with your mother, I am sure she would tell you — as I am — how important it is that you keep up with your schoolwork and activities.

You cannot assume the entire responsibility for her care by yourself. Who will help her during her treatments, and how much time you should realistically devote, is something both your parents should help you to determine.

None of you will really know how much assistance she'll require until the process is started, so be flexible and take things a step at a time.

DEAR ABBY



DEAR ABBY: My best friend and I are middle-aged women. Throughout our long friendship, I have been one of the few people in her life who was there for her as she dealt with boyfriend problems, elderly parents, serious illnesses, deaths, etc.

She became engaged for the first time recently, and asked me to go out of town with her to check out a potential wedding venue.

While we were there, she looked away (wouldn't even look me in the eye) and announced that only her sister (with whom she doesn't get along) would be in her wedding party.

Although I was deeply disappointed, I said nothing. I was more disappointed about the way she made the announcement.

Since then, she has asked for my advice on everything from invitations to wedding etiquette, etc., instead of asking her sister, who lives out of state. At this point, I just want to be a guest at the wedding and enjoy seeing her get married.

How do I bow out of this untitled role she has given me?

— BOWING OUT IN THE WEST

DEAR BOWING OUT: If your friend had felt good about making the announcement, she wouldn't have hesitated to look you in the eye. I suspect that she included her sister — who she doesn't get along with — in her wedding party because of pressure from relatives.

Because you feel her questions should more appropriately be answered by the sister, tell your friend — as kindly as possible -- she should be asking her maid of honor, who is "only a phone call away."

# Wyoming, Idaho weigh options after prohibiting hunting grizzlies

By Mead Gruver  
The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — State officials frustrated by a judge's decision to prohibit grizzly bear hunting in the Yellowstone region and put the animals back on the threatened species list will likely appeal but that's not their only option to contest the decision.

They could lean on Congress to exempt the bears from the Endangered Species Act or take a totally new approach by ceasing to cooperate with the U.S. government on species management.

Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead and Idaho Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter weren't hinting at their next move Tuesday. Before Monday's ruling by a federal judge in Montana, the two states planned to let hunters kill up to 23 grizzlies this fall in the lower 48 states' first grizzly hunt in almost three decades.

Short of capitulation, the two Republicans would have difficulty making a political misstep. Hunters thrive in both states and mistrust of the federal government and environmentalists runs deep.

"I really don't understand why our wildlife is managed from the bench rather than letting our wildlife officials — the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the people that are trained to do this," said Todd Stevie, owner of Thomson Outfitters in Pinedale. "That's what their job is. That's what they're trained to do."

Stevie said he's been guid-

ing hunters his whole life and would've been glad to help anybody hunt a grizzly bear in the mountains.

U.S. District Judge Dana Christensen ruled grizzlies weren't sufficiently recovered to sustain hunting, pointing out an estimated 50,000 bears once roamed the contiguous states.

But Mead, who is finishing his second term and has often described the Endangered Species Act as broken, pointed to the ruling as a reason why Yellowstone's grizzlies are a success, rebounding from as few as 136 in the 1970s to over 700 today, he said in a statement after the decision.

Besides appealing, Wyoming could now encourage Congress to exempt Yellowstone-area grizzlies from the act as it did with the ecosystem's wolves in 2011. Wyoming officials hinted at that possibility in court filings in the grizzly case while arguing that such an approach weakens the act.

"Every time Congress needs to legislate a fix to a recovery effort, the ESA becomes more fragile because it shows that the statute, with its goal of recovery, is not functioning as Congress intended," attorneys for Wyoming wrote in urging Christensen to rule promptly in their favor.

Wyoming U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney introduced legislation Tuesday that would keep Yellowstone-area grizzlies off the list of threatened and endangered species and prohibit courts from overturning that decision.

"My bill will stop this

abuse of the court system," Cheney, a Republican, said in a release.

Wyoming and Idaho also might choose now to not cooperate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on conserving species such as the greater sage grouse, a chicken-sized bird the agency decided in 2015 didn't need federal protections in part because of such coordination.

States wildlife managers might lose their incentive to work with their federal counterparts if courts keep overruling their conclusions, the attorneys for Wyoming told Christensen.

"The citizens of Wyoming have no desire to pay millions of dollars in state funds for grizzly bear management if the grizzly bear will remain forever under federal control," they wrote.

The ruling was a victory for wildlife advocates and Native American tribes that sued when the Interior Department revoked federal protections. They argued that the animals face continued threats from climate change and loss of habitat.

Tim Preso, an attorney with Earthjustice who represented many of the plaintiffs, said Christensen's ruling made clear that the government had moved too hastily to remove protections because bears are absent from much of their historical range.

"Putting the blinders on to everything other than Yellowstone grizzlies was illegal," he said. "We tried to get them to put on the brakes, but they refused to do that."

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# weather

	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Clear to partly cloudy	Partly sunny	Sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny	Not as warm
Baker City	35	83 37	81 38	83 44	69 40
Comfort Index™	10	8	8	8	9
La Grande	38	80 40	79 39	80 47	69 43
Comfort Index™	10	9	10	8	10
Enterprise	41	78 43	78 42	79 46	67 42
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	8	10

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## ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	71°	70°	75°
Low Tuesday	27°	28°	30°

PRECIPITATION (inches)	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	0.04	0.09
Normal month to date	0.47	0.54	0.67
Year to date	4.75	10.52	21.04
Normal year to date	7.54	11.41	15.70

## AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	20%
Afternoon wind	N at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	8.1
Evapotranspiration	0.15

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	9% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	9% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	32% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	31% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	4% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	553 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	28 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	48 cfs
Minam River at Minam	49 cfs
Powder River near Richland	9 cfs

## TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 111°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 11°	Stanley, Idaho
Wettest: 4.58"	Williamatic, Conn.

OREGON	
High: 90°	Medford
Low: 25°	Meacham
Wettest: none	

## WEATHER HISTORY

On Sept. 27, 1936, a 60-hour storm brought Denver early, heavy snowfall of 21.30 inches. This storm caused \$7 million damage to trees and shrubs in the Denver area alone.

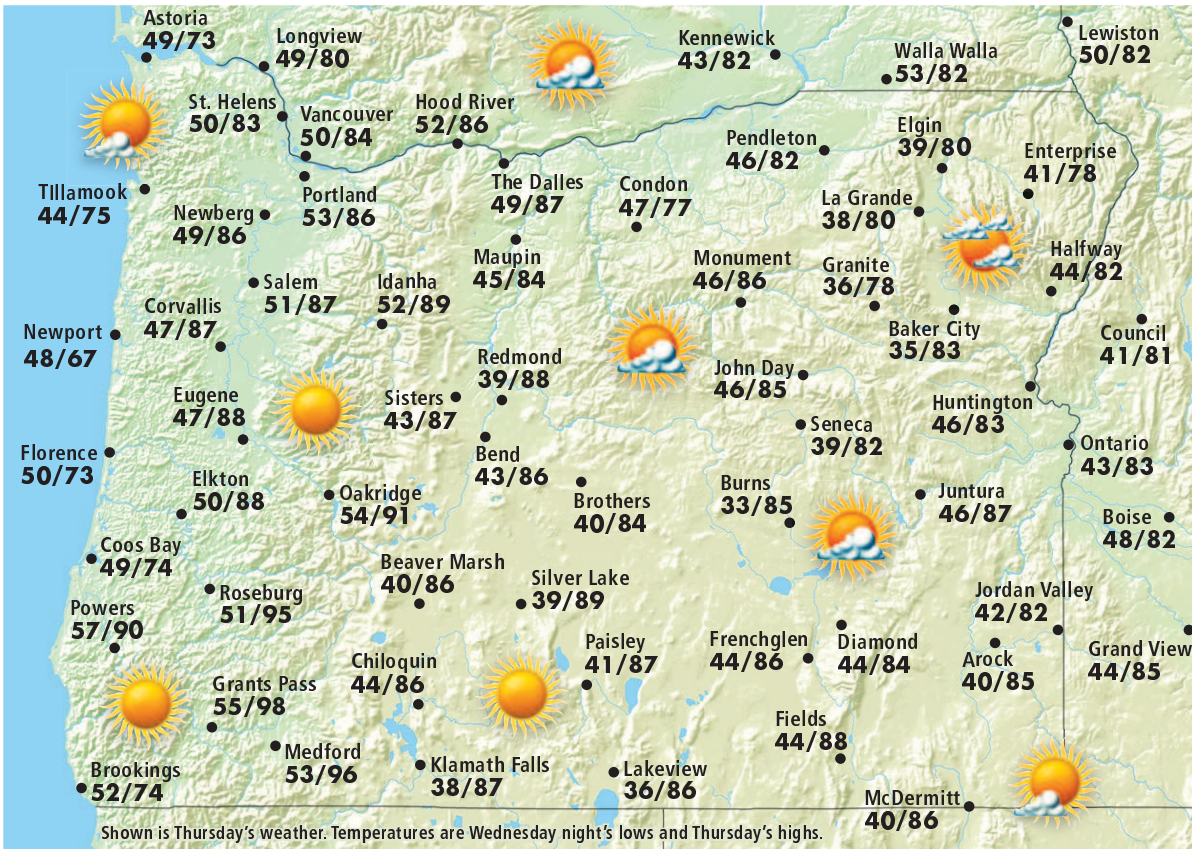
## SUN & MOON

	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	6:44 a.m.	6:45 a.m.
Sunset	6:43 p.m.	6:41 p.m.
Moonrise	7:55 p.m.	8:23 p.m.
Moonset	8:11 a.m.	9:17 a.m.

MOON PHASES	Last	New	First	Full
	Oct 2	Oct 8	Oct 16	Oct 24

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W	City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	73/51/s	77/52/s	Lewiston	82/51/pc	80/49/c
Bend	86/43/s	82/47/s	Longview	80/50/s	83/52/s
Boise	82/50/s	83/53/s	Meacham	78/37/pc	77/37/s
Brookings	74/52/pc	67/52/pc	Medford	96/55/s	95/55/pc
Burns	85/35/s	84/37/s	Newport	67/51/s	68/51/s
Coos Bay	74/51/s	69/52/pc	Olympia	76/48/s	80/48/s
Corvallis	87/49/s	88/50/s	Ontario	83/47/s	85/47/s
Council	81/45/pc	81/46/s	Pasco	83/46/pc	81/45/s
Elgin	80/41/pc	78/40/s	Pendleton	82/47/pc	79/48/s
Eugene	88/48/s	89/50/s	Portland	86/55/s	88/56/s
Hermiston	84/45/pc	82/46/s	Powers	90/58/pc	84/52/pc
Hood River	86/55/s	83/53/s	Redmond	88/39/s	82/43/s
Idanha	81/48/pc	82/48/s	Roseburg	95/53/s	93/53/pc
John Day	85/47/s	85/50/s	Salem	87/51/s	89/53/s
Joseph	78/43/pc	78/42/s	Spokane	75/48/pc	70/46/s
Kennewick	82/48/pc	82/48/s	The Dalles	87/51/s	83/51/s
Klamath Falls	87/39/pc	86/43/pc	Ukiah	79/38/s	77/39/s
Lakeview	86/38/s	85/40/pc	Walla Walla	82/53/pc	78/53/pc

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

## RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Milder	Partly sunny; warm
54 32	75 37
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Clouds and sun	Clouds and sun
66 40	79 45
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Some sun; warmer	Partly sunny; nice
64 33	73 34
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Clouds and sun	Partly sunny
74 41	79 48
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Partly sunny; nice	Partly sunny
79 35	77 38



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