

Boss in love with secretary tries to chart the road ahead

DEAR ABBY: My secretary has worked for me for six years, and I have fallen in love with her. Neither of us is married. There's a couple of problems, however.

The first is, she's half my age. The second, she's a great secretary, and I would never want to do anything to upset her. I have never said anything about how I feel, but I am fairly certain she knows.

I have never done anything as far as making advances toward her or making any type of inappropriate comments. However, I do know I am in love, and I'm finding it harder to concentrate and wonder what to do, which is why I am writing to you. Should I just leave it alone?

— DAZED AND CONFUSED

DEAR DAZED: Harassment policies in the business world have become more stringent. Conversations that could make a subordinate uncomfortable could put your own employment at risk if you are rebuffed. Because I don't know the policies in the company you work for, I'm recommending you err on the side of caution and leave it alone.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are getting married this summer. We are both atheists here in the Bible Belt and come from religious families who will be invited to our small backyard wedding. Our families don't know that we are atheist. We won't be having any prayers or religious readings in our ceremony.

We are concerned about the reception. There is sure to be someone who expects a prayer over the meal and, if there isn't one, will speak up and do it.

I would like to address this issue ahead of time so our wishes are respected. I thought of perhaps including a little note in the invitations asking that any prayers be offered silently. Would that be rude? Do you have another suggestion to help us figure out the best way to handle this before our big day?

— RELIGIONLESS GATHERING

DEAR RELIGIONLESS: Would it be rude? Yes. Technically, the only enclosure with your invitation should be the RSVP card. Feeling as strongly as your relatives

do about religion, your families could feel confused or offended. Because you know someone is likely to want to bless the food, be polite, grin and bear it, and while it's being offered, focus your thoughts on your honeymoon.

DEAR ABBY: I am considering putting aside some money for my granddaughter's college education while I am able to do so. Do I need to see a lawyer for this? I just want a simple solution and need to know the best way to do it. She is 12 and wants to go to college

someday. Is setting up a private bank account just for her a good idea? I really need some help in doing it the right way.

— SUPPORTIVE GRANDMA IN ARIZONA

DEAR GRANDMA: This is a question you should direct to your financial adviser or the manager of your bank. Setting up an education savings account is an excellent idea, and you are a generous and loving grandparent to want to do it.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has two boys who treat her like crap. They swear, call her a b---, whore, liar and the f-word. They break things in her house and have no respect for anyone.

The problem started after she broke up with their biological father and married her new boyfriend. The father brainwashes the boys to do these things to make life a living hell with her new husband.

What I cannot understand is why my daughter goes out of her way to please these two ungrateful kids and still cannot see how they are destroying her present household. This is killing me. What can she do to solve the problem?

— ANGRY IN THE WEST

DEAR ANGRY: The first thing your daughter will have to do to solve her problem is acknowledge that there is one, and she may be part of it. Then, she will have to quit trying to ingratiate herself with the boys and act more like a parent than a doormat, which means she will have to institute consequences when her sons misbehave and treat her disrespectfully. Unless she is prepared to do that, nothing will change.

California residents survey damage as floods recede

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GUERNEVILLE, Calif. — Tom Orr began moving lyrics and scripts, clothes and photo albums from his apartment as authorities ordered evacuations along a rapidly rising Northern California river that was threatening to reach a historic crest.

But the actor and writer couldn't move costumes, computers and performance videos. So he shifted those to his loft bed about 10 feet up and prayed they would survive. On Wednesday, television news footage showed muddy brown water nearly swallowing his ground-level unit and much of the tiny town of Guerneville, part of Sonoma County's famed wine country and a popular tourist destination.

Residents woke up Thursday to assess the damage as water started receding. Orr, 48, was among those still unable to get into his house after the rain-swollen river climbed to its highest peak in more than 20 years.

"I feel so helpless just sitting here and waiting before I can go back and start salvaging whatever I can," Orr said in text messages to The Associated Press before preparing for a friend to take him by canoe to work at the Main Street Bistro, one of the few places in town that did not flood.

The Russian River in wine country north of San Francisco crested at more than 46 feet Wednesday night, and floodwaters were receding after a two-day storm inundated the area. One National

Weather Service station measured 20 inches of rain in 48 hours.

While no flood-related serious injuries or deaths were reported in Sonoma County, a man about 150 miles to the north in Ferndale died trying to rescue three children.

The unidentified man was trying to walk from a barn to his home through up to 5 feet of water Wednesday evening when he was carried away by the fast-moving current, said Samantha Karges, a spokeswoman with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.

Two adults and a child tried to rescue the man, but their tractor stalled in the water. Deputies in a boat then rescued them and the three children from the home, Karges said.

The missing man's body was found Thursday morning. He was the father of a 12-year-old trapped in the home with two children under 4, Karges said. She was not sure if all three children were related. The low-lying rural area about 215 miles north of San Francisco is home to many dairy farms and flooded when the Eel River went over its banks.

In Sonoma County, Guerneville and Monte Rio were cut off by floodwaters that swamped the communities. About 2,000 homes, businesses and other structures were flooded by water up to 8 feet deep and about 3,500 people were under evacuation orders.

In addition, two wastewater treatment plants were not working, leading to concerns about sewage spills, said Briana Khan, a Sonoma County

spokeswoman.

Guerneville, a town of 4,500, is a former logging community now popular with day-tripping tourists, including gays and lesbians who flock to the town's resorts and fine restaurants. Throughout the storm, residents with canoes and kayaks gave rides to neighbors and documented the rising water with photos posted to social media.

Locals are accustomed to the Russian River flooding in rainy weather, but not like this.

In Monte Rio, 28-year-old Michael Super watched helplessly as water seeped in from five different entry points, including doors and walls. He grabbed the cat and dog and found higher ground.

He said the landlord has insurance, but the silt and dirty water are a mess to clean.

"A lot of the furniture will have to go into the dump," he said. "We've seen oil and gas sheens and alcohol bottles so the water is unsafe."

Sandra Jagger, 69, said that within hours of her morning walk Wednesday, the water had reached the bottom of the steps leading to her apartment in Guerneville.

"It came up real fast," she said. "I was thinking, 'Well it's going to be fine, it'll stop.' But when it started coming up the steps, I got a little nervous."

Officials received no calls for help overnight from hundreds of people who stayed in their homes instead of heeding evacuation orders, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

weather

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TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Mainly clear and cold	Cold with clouds and sun	Cold with clouds and sun	Cold with periods of sun	Cloudy and chilly
Baker City 20 Comfort Index™ 1	37 17	33 14	33 20	41 32
La Grande 20 Comfort Index™ 1	35 18	32 17	33 22	40 32
Enterprise 17 Comfort Index™ 1	32 16	29 13	32 18	38 29

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 Wednesday	42°	35°	38°
Low Wednesday	24°	20°	23°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Wednesday	0.22	0.01	0.07
Month to date	1.92	2.54	5.94
Normal month to date	0.56	1.10	2.25
Year to date	2.46	4.15	9.34
Normal year to date	1.36	2.73	5.42

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY

Lowest relative humidity	50%
Afternoon wind	N at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	3.0
Evapotranspiration	0.04

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)

Phillips Reservoir	10% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	38% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	42% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	56% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	31% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	105% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Wednesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	1400 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	11 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	125 cfs
Minam River at Minam	128 cfs
Powder River near Richland	193 cfs

WED. EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High: 84° Key West, Fla.
 Low: -27° Grayling, Mich.
 Wettest: 0.97" Hattiesburg, Miss.

OREGON

High: 55° Rome
 Low: 5° Moro
 Wettest: 0.78" Roseburg

WEATHER HISTORY

On March 1, 1983, the temperature dropped to 59 in Honolulu while heavy rain hit California. When the jet stream dips far south, Hawaii is cool while California is wet.

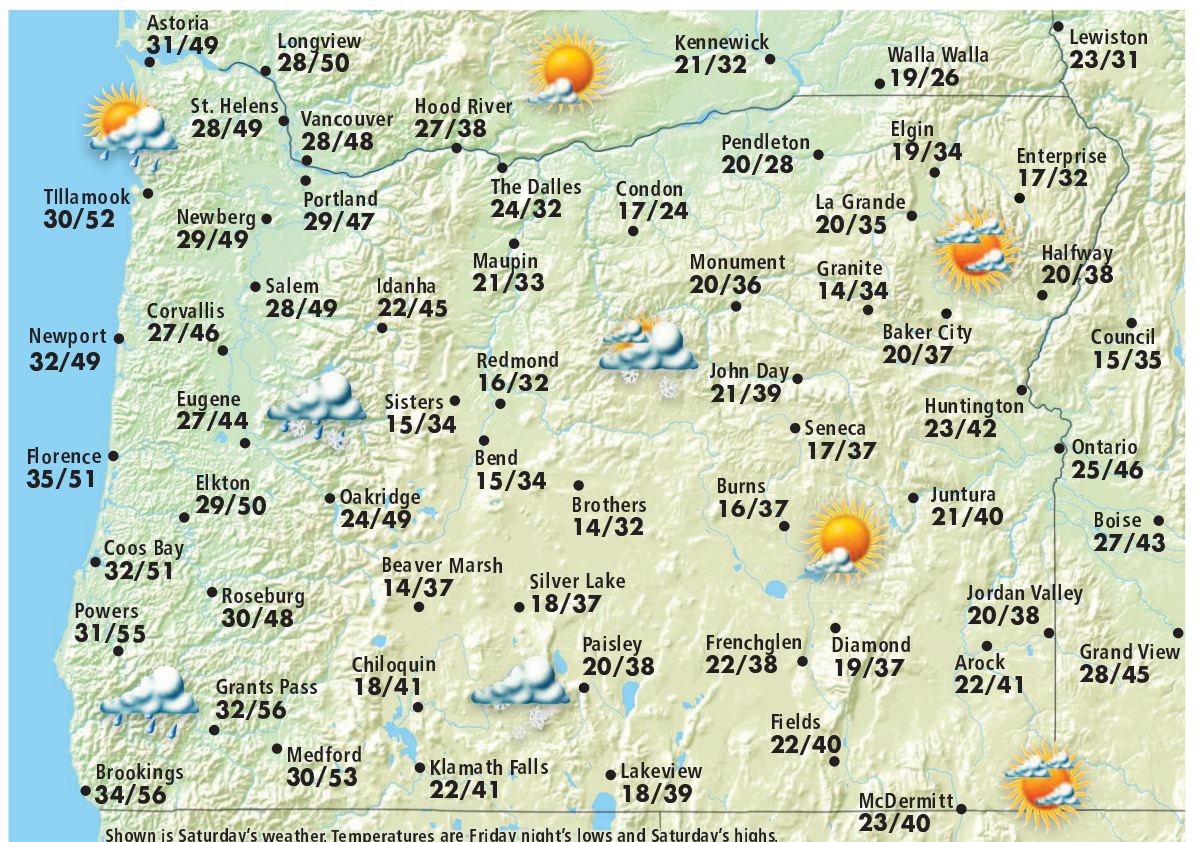
SUN & MOON

	FRI.	SAT.
Sunrise	6:31 a.m.	6:30 a.m.
Sunset	5:39 p.m.	5:40 p.m.
Moonrise	3:54 a.m.	4:39 a.m.
Moonset	1:04 p.m.	1:58 p.m.

MOON PHASES

New	First	Full	Last
Mar 6	Mar 14	Mar 20	Mar 27

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	SAT. HI/Lo/W	SUN. HI/Lo/W	City	SAT. HI/Lo/W	SUN. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	49/30/s	47/27/s	Lewiston	31/16/pc	26/13/pc
Bend	34/14/pc	27/9/c	Longview	50/26/s	48/23/s
Boise	43/25/c	41/25/s	Meacham	32/14/pc	29/12/pc
Brookings	56/36/pc	54/35/pc	Medford	53/29/c	53/28/pc
Burns	37/17/c	37/18/pc	Newport	49/30/s	47/26/s
Coos Bay	51/34/s	50/32/pc	Olympia	48/26/pc	43/22/s
Corvallis	46/24/pc	42/19/s	Ontario	46/25/s	43/26/s
Council	35/13/c	35/14/s	Pasco	31/13/pc	25/9/pc
Elgin	34/16/pc	31/15/pc	Pendleton	28/18/pc	24/14/c
Eugene	44/24/pc	41/21/s	Portland	47/27/s	41/27/s
Hermiston	31/18/pc	28/13/pc	Powers	55/32/s	54/30/pc
Hood River	38/24/pc	35/18/s	Redmond	32/13/c	25/3/c
Imnaha	38/18/pc	35/15/c	Roseburg	48/29/pc	48/28/pc
John Day	39/18/c	36/21/pc	Salem	49/26/pc	46/21/s
Joseph	32/15/pc	31/13/pc	Spokane	24/6/pc	21/4/s
Kennewick	32/15/pc	27/11/pc	The Dalles	32/18/pc	29/13/s
Klamath Falls	41/22/sn	44/20/pc	Ukiah	31/12/pc	26/12/pc
Lakeview	39/16/sn	40/15/pc	Walla Walla	26/13/pc	21/11/pc

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Frigid	16 5	COLD	PHILLIPS LAKE Rather cloudy	35 13
MT. EMILY REC. Very cold	25 15	COLD	BROWNLEE RES. Rather cloudy	40 19
EAGLE CAP WILD. Periods of sun	23 5		EMIGRANT ST. PARK Sun and clouds	27 13
WALLOWA LAKE Partly sunny	32 15		MCKAY RESERVOIR Very cold	29 17
THIEF VALLEY RES. Mostly cloudy	37 17		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Periods of sun	35 18

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

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