

Women's friendship mysteriously ends after 30-year relationship

DEAR ABBY: I need help moving past the end of a longtime friendship. I don't know what happened. My friend, my former college roommate, just drifted away.

After school we continued to be friends — not besties, but we would meet for coffee or dinner a few times a year. Fast-forward 25 years. She called me the day she left her husband, 10 years ago, to tell me the news. I was her emotional lifeline for a few days, and it was intense. We continued to be in touch a few times a year.

Then, a few years ago, I sent a message suggesting we meet soon.



DEAR ABBY

She replied that she was busy but would get back to me about a date, but she never did. I waited six months and again suggested we meet. She replied that she had a conflict but would let me know a date that would work. She didn't do it. I didn't reach out again and haven't heard from her since. It has been three years, and I know through other sources she is doing well.

I'm having difficulty dealing with being dropped after a 30-year friendship. I can't think of anything I did to cause it, and I don't understand how a friendship like that can just be kaput. What

do you think?

— **DISAPPOINTED**

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: I find it interesting that when this woman was in turmoil, she reached out to you. However, after her marriage and the emotional dust-up that surrounded it, I suspect she may have decided to close that chapter of her life.

You stated that the two of you didn't stay in contact other than "a few times a year." Think back. Did she contact you only when she needed emotional support? If that's the case, recognize the relationship for what it was. Now that she is doing well, she may be firmly focused on the present rather than the past, and frankly,

although it may sting, I think you should do the same.

DEAR ABBY: I have a family friend who at one time I considered to be like a sister. The issue is, my family hosts her family every Thanksgiving. They are never invited. They just say they are coming over. They bring drinks, more for themselves than for us. Their kids run around, break things and behave disrespectfully, while the parents seem to regard the behavior as amusing. They also bring along Tupperware for leftovers but don't bother staying around to help clean up.

When my family told them we weren't cooking for Thanksgiving last year, her response was that

they'd do something just for their immediate family. I was shocked, because my family has hosted them for more than 15 years. I have kept my distance since, but I'm still upset about it. How do I bring up the subject without anyone getting their feelings hurt?

— **RETURNING THE FAVOR**

DEAR RETURNING: Why are you worried about bruising the feelings of these self-entitled people? They haven't shown they are concerned about your family's feelings. Be glad to be rid of them. If the subject comes up, tell her that your family has again made "other plans" for Thanksgiving — just YOUR immediate family.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Oregon Libertarians hold naked rally

PORTLAND — Oregon Libertarians revealed a lot more than their party platform Saturday, Oct. 3, in Portland.

Party members participated in a naked rally on the Interstate 205 Glenn Jackson Bridge from Oregon to Washington as a means to draw media attention. Gary Dye, the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate in Oregon, helped spread word of the event. He stated in a press release the rally was necessary because Libertarian candidates were "getting zero attention from the media this year."

Dye also said prior to the rally he would attend, but "whether I am wearing any clothes remains to be seen."

According to the candidate's press release, the organizer of the event works in a "strip bar that is in jeopardy of closing down permanently because of the state-imposed restrictions to her business." She and others at risk of losing their job

would be at the rally.

The Facebook page for the rally showed 11 people attended the event, which ran from 1-3 p.m., but 24 were interested in going.

Dye also stated the rally coincided with World Naked Bike Ride Day, although the website for that event in Portland states the annual bike ride was set for June 27 but then was canceled because of the pandemic.

Dye also stated in the press release it was "shameful that Libertarians have to do desperate things in order to get any media attention," and that shame is on the media.

Physicist 'squares the numbers' on time travel

BRISBANE, Australia — Paradox-free time travel is theoretically possible, according to the mathematical modeling of a prodigious University of Queensland undergraduate student.

Fourth-year Bachelor of advanced science student Germain Tobar has been investigating the possibility of time travel under the supervi-



University of Queensland physicist Fabio Costa, left, speaks with undergraduate science student Germain Tobar in the undated photo. Tobar's recent mathematical model demonstrates paradox-free time travel is theoretically possible.

sion of UQ physicist Fabio Costa, according to a press release from The University of Queensland.

"Classical dynamics says if you know the state of a system at a particular time, this can tell us the entire history of the system," Tobar said in the release. "This has a wide

range of applications, from allowing us to send rockets to other planets and modeling how fluids flow."

Tobar explained if we know the position and velocity of an object falling under the force of gravity, we can calculate where it will be at any time.

"However," he con-

tinued, "Einstein's theory of general relativity predicts the existence of time loops or time travel — where an event can be both in the past and future of itself — theoretically turning the study of dynamics on its head."

Tobar said in the release a unified theory that

could reconcile traditional dynamics and Einstein's Theory of Relativity was the holy grail of physics.

"But the current science says both theories cannot both be true," he said. "As physicists, we want to understand the universe's most basic, underlying laws and for years I've puzzled on how the science of dynamics can square with Einstein's predictions."

Still, he wondered if time travel was mathematically possible.

Tobar and Costa said they found a way to "square the numbers," and Costa said the calculations could have fascinating consequences for science.

"The maths checks out — and the results are the stuff of science fiction," Costa said in the press release.

"Say you travelled in time, in an attempt to stop COVID-19's patient zero from being exposed to the virus," he explained. "However, if you stopped that individual from becoming infected — that would eliminate the motivation for you to go back and stop the pandemic in the first place."

AccuWeather Plan your week | Get the NEW app

weather

	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Clear	Sun mixing with clouds	Warm with periods of sun	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Showers possible
Baker City	37	82 37	78 36	75 38	63 38
Comfort Index™	8	8	10	10	8
La Grande	41	81 44	78 42	74 45	65 41
Comfort Index™	8	8	10	10	8
Enterprise	44	79 42	75 41	71 44	66 38
Comfort Index™	9	9	10	10	9

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.

ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	81°	80°	82°
Low Sunday	35°	37°	36°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal month to date	0.07	0.12	0.14
Year to date	2.99	13.39	26.04
Normal year to date	7.71	11.70	16.07

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	OREGON
High: 107°	High: 91°
Death Valley, Calif.	Low: 30°
Walden, Colo.	Wettest: 1.00"
Bremerton, Wash.	Lowest: 0.02"
	High: 91°
	Low: 30°
	Wettest: 1.00"
	Lowest: 0.02"
	Rome
	Lakeview
	Seaside

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY	RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)	STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)
Lowest relative humidity	Phillips Reservoir	Grande Ronde at Troy
25%	9% of capacity	718 cfs
Afternoon wind	Unity Reservoir	Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder
S at 6 to 12 mph	21% of capacity	17 cfs
Hours of sunshine	Owyhee Reservoir	Burnt River near Unity
10.4	42% of capacity	14 cfs
Evapotranspiration	McKay Reservoir	Umatilla River near Gibbon
0.14	43% of capacity	46 cfs
	Wallowa Lake	Minar River near Minam
	12% of capacity	70 cfs
	Thief Valley Reservoir	Powder River near Richland
	6% of capacity	22 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

The highest daily total rainfall ever for Canada occurred on Oct. 6, 1967, at Ucluelet Brynorr Mines, measuring 19.61 inches.

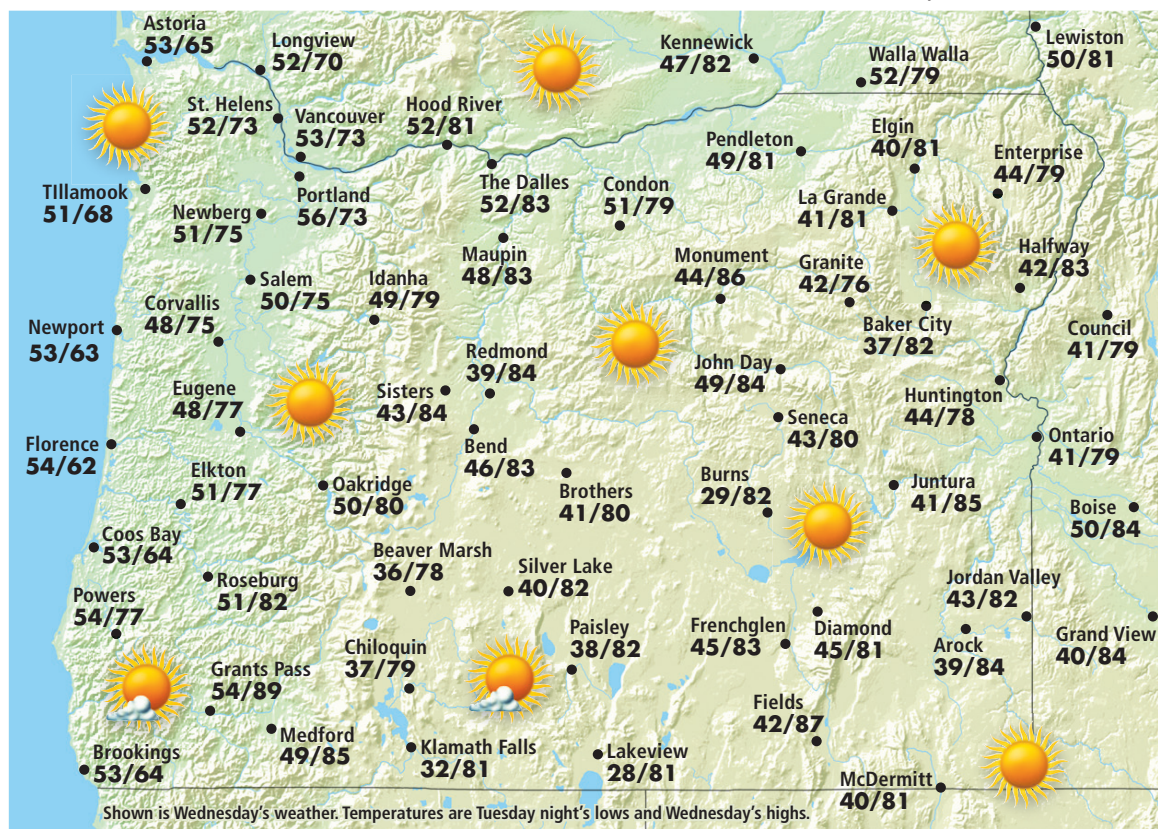
SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6:57 a.m.	6:58 a.m.
Sunset	6:23 p.m.	6:21 p.m.
Moonrise	8:56 p.m.	9:34 p.m.
Moonset	11:38 a.m.	12:40 p.m.

MOON PHASES	Last	New	First	Full
	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 31

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

Forecasts and graphics provided by AccuWeather, Inc. ©2020



REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W	City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	65/53/pc	63/53/c	Lewiston	81/50/s	77/52/pc
Bend	83/46/pc	77/44/pc	Longview	70/54/s	68/55/c
Boise	84/51/s	82/52/pc	Meacham	80/41/s	77/43/pc
Brookings	64/52/pc	63/54/c	Medford	85/49/pc	77/49/pc
Burns	82/29/pc	79/32/pc	Newport	63/53/c	60/52/c
Coos Bay	64/53/pc	65/52/c	Olympia	67/50/s	66/50/c
Corvallis	75/49/s	67/46/c	Ontario	79/39/s	77/41/pc
Council	79/43/s	77/42/pc	Pasco	81/48/s	79/46/pc
Elgin	81/44/s	77/45/pc	Pendleton	81/49/s	80/47/pc
Eugene	77/52/pc	68/48/c	Portland	73/55/pc	68/53/c
Hermiston	83/50/s	81/50/pc	Powers	77/52/s	71/51/c
Hood River	81/53/pc	73/50/pc	Redmond	84/40/pc	78/39/pc
Imnaha	83/48/s	80/47/pc	Roseburg	82/52/pc	72/50/c
John Day	84/47/s	79/47/pc	Salem	75/52/pc	70/49/c
Joseph	78/43/s	75/41/pc	Spokane	77/51/s	72/49/pc
Kennecook	82/50/s	81/49/pc	The Dalles	83/51/pc	77/50/pc
Klamath Falls	81/34/s	75/35/pc	Ukiah	80/42/s	75/42/pc
Lakeview	81/32/s	75/32/pc	Walla Walla	79/55/s	77/54/pc

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

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Sun, some clouds	61	38
PHILLIPS LAKE	Mostly sunny; warm	77	43
MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly sunny; mild	70	45
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny; warm	82	45
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Mostly sunny; mild	66	35
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Warm with sunshine	77	40
WALLOWA LAKE	Warm with sunshine	78	43
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Mostly sunny; warm	81	52
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Mostly sunny	82	37
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Partly sunny	81	44

A Little Compassion Goes A Long Way.

September 4 - October 19, 2020

If you want to help the ones who are struggling but you're not sure how, here's something you can do right now that will surely be appreciated.



Donate \$50 or more to charity and we'll give you \$400 off Stressless® Mayfair in all Paloma leather colors, \$300 off most other Stressless® recliners and ottomans (including Stressless® with power and Stressless® office chairs) and \$200 off every Stressless® sofa seat as appreciation for your donation. *See store for details.

- Free Delivery
- In-Store Credit
- 70 Store Buying Power
- Decorating Assistance



HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 9:30 am-6:30 pm
Sat. 9:30 am-5:30 pm
Sun. 12 noon-4 pm

1520 ADAMS AVENUE LA GRANDE, OREGON 97850

Be safe, practice social distancing. (541) 963-4144 • 888-449-2704