

Pregnancy changes dynamic of women's friendship

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my late 20s, married and happily child-free. My best friend recently became pregnant, and I am having a hard time with it. I don't enjoy children, and it feels like I am losing my best friend. All she wants to talk about is the baby. I've tried hinting that I'll be here when she and her husband need a break from being "Mom and Dad," but she continues to talk on and on about the all-consuming baby.



DEAR ABBY

I know this is a big change and a huge part of her life, but I also know she has plenty of other support for this child. I would hope she realizes that I do not care for

children or wish to be around them. How can I let her know — without offending her — that the last thing I want to hear about are diapers and prams?

— **CHILD-FREE IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR CHILD-FREE: I am sorry you feel so negative about the topics of babies and chil-

dren, because your intolerance will eventually isolate you from friends and peers. If you voice what you are thinking, you will alienate your best friend, who is thrilled to be embarking on the adventure of parenthood.

Because her talk about babies, diapers and the process she's going through affects you like

nails on a chalkboard, limit the conversations and visits you have with her.

Do NOT write her off, however, because it is possible that in time she will be reaching out to you, craving conversation that goes beyond the playpen.

DEAR ABBY: As the pandemic has forced many to work remotely, I feel certain I'm not the only person with this dilemma. I have been working from home since last March. My fiancé, on the other hand, has a manual labor job in a skilled trade. Abby, it seems like every other day he picks a fight with me because he thinks I should have the house clean, chores done and dinner cooked when he returns from work, despite the

fact that I have been working at my job all day.

He equates my being home to me being able to take care of all the chores. He criticizes me and calls me lazy and other names all the time. Regardless of what he thinks, I have a demanding job in an IT field, which is no less demanding because I'm home. It involves numerous conference calls all day.

I have an opportunity now where some of us can come back to the office, but because I have an autoimmune disease, I'm hesitant. Should I go back to the office to keep the peace or remain working from home, which I actually enjoy? I have talked to him about this repeatedly, and it not only doesn't seem

to be getting any better, it's getting worse. Your thoughts?

— **TELECOMMUTING IN FLORIDA**

DEAR TELECOMMUTING: Your physical health must come first. If returning to the office will endanger your health, you must stay home and protect it.

Your mental health comes next. Your fiancé appears to be having a chauvinistic fever dream in which he has been transported back to the 1950s. For the last quarter of a century — and more — men have been helping their partners with the "chores" he's harassing you about. If he can't dig deep and find it in his heart to chip in, then for the sake of your health and your sanity, PLEASE rethink this engagement, because it is unhealthy.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Tom Brady rookie football card fetches \$2.25 million at auction

NEW YORK — Quarterback Tom Brady is proving he's the GOAT not just on the football field but also in the collectibles market: A rookie football card just sold for \$2.25 million.

The card was signed by the GOAT, a common reference to Brady that stands for "greatest of all time."

The price fetched Friday night, April 2, through online sports auction house Lelands broke a football card record that was previously held by Brady. Another of his rookie cards sold for \$1.32 million on PWCC Marketplace last month.

"Tom Brady continues to shatter records both on and off the football field," Lelands President Mike Heffner said in a statement.

Brady began his professional football career with the New England Patriots, where he won six Super Bowls.

He continued his winning ways after parting from the Patriots in 2020 and joining the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He earned his seventh Super Bowl win when the Buccaneers beat the Kansas City Chiefs earlier this year.

Unique 4/3/21 date draws lines for Vegas wedding licenses

LAS VEGAS — Soon-to-be newlyweds lined up out the door of the marriage license office in Las Vegas on Friday, ahead of a unique date to tie the knot: 4/3/21.

Nearly 700 couples obtained licenses for the Saturday date, said Jeff Klein, a spokesperson for the Clark County Marriage Bureau, as the city where Elvis can be part of the wedding party got set to mark yet another



Lelands via AP

This photo provided by Lelands shows quarterback Tom Brady's rookie football card, which recently sold through the online sports auction house for \$2.25 million.

quirky date for nuptials. The clerk's office marked the occasion with keepsake marriage certificates.

"Specialty dates like 4/3/21 are always immensely popular," said county Clerk Lynn Goya, who noted that more than 1,800 couples were married on Dec. 13, 2014.

April is usually busy for weddings, and past dates with notable numeric sequences have tallied more than 1,000 weddings in a day, Goya said.

The office is bracing for a busy first 10 days this December, offering what the clerk dubs "palindrome days" for numbers reading the same forward and backward.

Nearly 2,700 couples married on 10/10/10; more than 1,800 tied the knot on 12/12/12; and 3,125 were wed on 11/11/11.

The most popular date to date?

Goya said 7/7/7 took the cake, with 4,492 marriages.



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People wait in line for marriage licenses at the Marriage License Bureau, Friday, April 2, 2021, in Las Vegas. The bureau was seeing busier than normal traffic ahead of 4/3/21, a popular day to get married in Las Vegas.

MMA fighter has finger severed in match; doctors reattach it

PHILADELPHIA — A mixed martial arts fighter had his finger severed during a match in Philadelphia, but doctors were eventually able to reattach it.

Khetag Pliev was injured Thursday night, April 1, during the second round of his fight, which was stopped when the referee noticed Pliev was missing his left ring finger.

"In the second round, he (opponent Devin Goodale) caught my glove with one hand and held it," Pliev told ESPN. "I felt my finger snapped. He kept pulling my glove and my finger snapped. We kept

fighting. When the second round was finished, I see my (bone) was out in the open. I wanted to keep fighting, because I felt like I had this guy. But the doctor saw that and stopped the fight."

Event promoter Rob Haydak told ESPN that officials began searching inside the cage where the match was held, and an announcement was made to the crowd, asking them to look for it also.

After several minutes, the finger was ultimately discovered inside Pliev's glove, Haydak said.

"It was crazy," Haydak told ESPN. "He didn't even flinch. He was getting ready to do the (official) decision and I was like,

"Uh, guys, get him out of the cage and go put his finger back on."

Pliev was taken to a hospital where the finger was reattached. He said the doctor told him he tore 50% of the tendon on the finger, and he may need another procedure.

His opponent, Goodale, was ruled the winner by TKO.

Pliev, though, said he will appeal the decision to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, claiming Goodale illegally grabbed his gloves during the bout.

Pliev, 37, is a native of Russia who competed in the 2012 Olympics as a wrestler for Canada.

— **Associated Press**

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	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Clear and colder	Partly sunny and warmer	Snow showers in the a.m.	Sunny and warmer	Clouds and sun
Baker City	22	64 31	50 20	55 24	60 26
Comfort Index™	1	10	1	5	8
La Grande	24	65 32	43 23	53 22	58 27
Comfort Index™	1	10	0	9	8
Enterprise	21	61 28	40 20	50 24	52 25
Comfort Index™	0	10	0	6	5

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 Tuesday	61°	62°	66°
Low Tuesday	15°	20°	21°
Wettest: 0.81"			
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	Trace	0.00
Normal month to date	0.15	0.31	0.40
Year to date	1.09	5.69	13.17
Normal year to date	2.35	4.54	8.10

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High: 97° Zapata, Texas
 Low: 11° Ely, Nev.
 Wettest: 0.81" Pierre, S.D.

OREGON
 High: 75° Medford
 Low: 12° Lakeview
 Wettest: none

WEATHER HISTORY

In the middle of the nation on April 8, 1963, Williston, N.D., had 5 inches of snow, while Laredo, Texas, had a record high of 104 degrees.

SUN & MOON

THU. **FRI.**
 Sunrise 6:20 a.m. 6:18 a.m.
 Sunset 7:29 p.m. 7:31 p.m.
 Moonrise 5:28 a.m. 5:50 a.m.
 Moonset 4:06 p.m. 5:12 p.m.

MOON PHASES



AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	S at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	5.4
Evapotranspiration	0.13

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

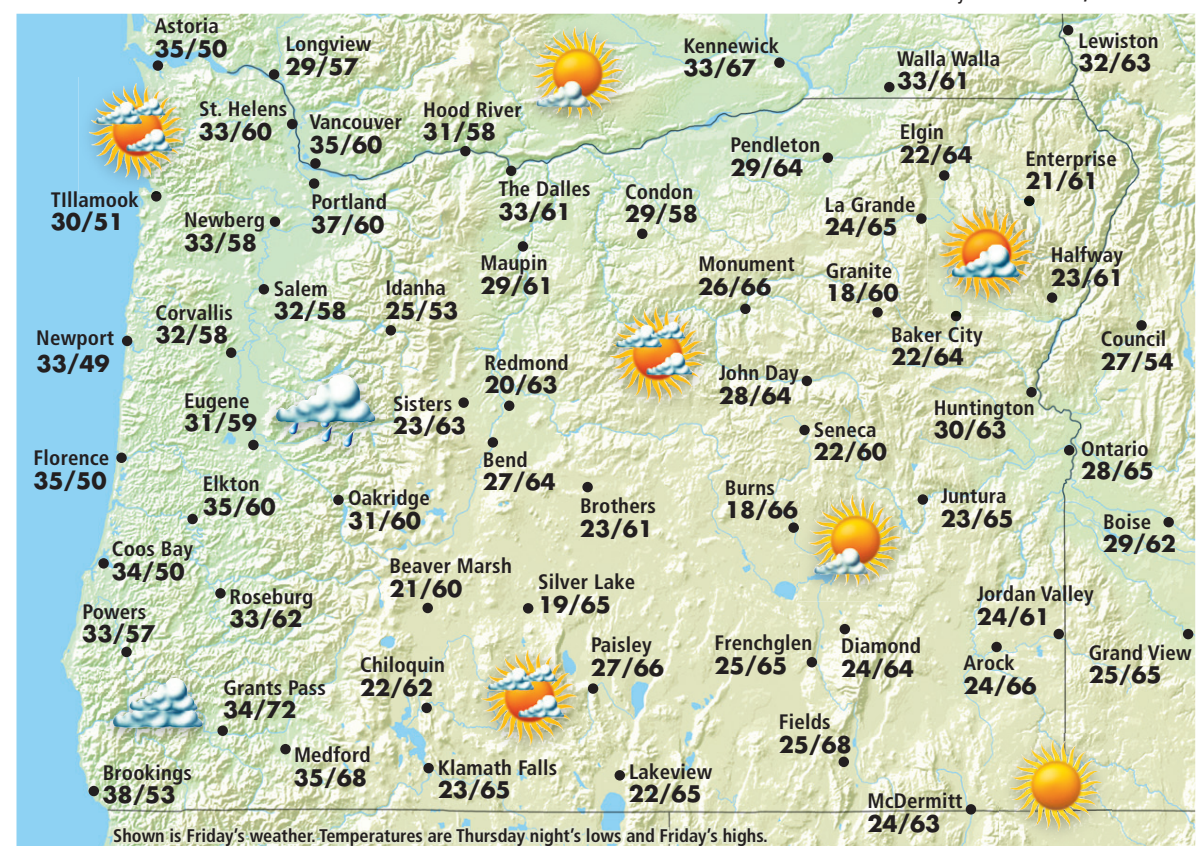
Phillips Reservoir	19% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	86% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	60% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	88% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	60% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	101% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	7340 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	69 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	59 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	644 cfs
Minam River at Minam	444 cfs
Powder River near Richland	340 cfs

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	50/38/c	50/34/c	Lewiston	63/41/pc	51/29/sh
Bend	64/32/pc	49/22/pc	Longview	57/37/c	51/30/c
Boise	62/38/s	57/28/s	Meacham	61/33/pc	42/21/sf
Brookings	53/41/s	55/40/pc	Medford	68/35/s	62/32/pc
Burns	66/30/s	53/18/pc	Newport	49/39/c	47/33/r
Coos Bay	50/39/pc	48/35/pc	Olympia	50/33/c	51/27/r
Corvallis	58/38/pc	52/30/c	Ontario	65/37/s	60/29/pc
Council	54/34/pc	50/26/pc	Pasco	66/40/c	58/27/pc
Elgin	64/33/pc	43/22/sf	Pendleton	64/37/c	51/28/sh
Eugene	59/38/pc	52/30/c	Portland	60/40/c	52/35/c
Hermiston	65/41/c	57/28/pc	Powers	57/38/pc	50/32/pc
Hood River	58/40/c	49/31/c	Redmond	63/27/pc	50/20/pc
Imnaha	60/33/pc	47/23/c	Roseburg	62/37/s	56/31/c
John Day	64/31/pc	46/20/pc	Salem	58/39/c	51/29/pc
Joseph	59/26/pc	40/19/sn	Spokane	53/34/c	47/25/pc
Kennewick	67/41/c	58/28/pc	The Dalles	61/42/pc	53/32/pc
Klamath Falls	65/27/pc	57/23/s	Ukiah	62/29/pc	41/21/pc
Lakeview	65/28/s	61/20/s	Walla Walla	61/39/c	50/31/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 FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Not as cold	Warmer
40 18	60 32
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Partly sunny	Warmer
48 27	59 37
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Not as cold	Warmer
42 21	58 25
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Warmer	Milder
59 26	66 35
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Warmer	Warmer
64 31	65 32