

New living arrangement includes a proposition



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: Six months into the pandemic I was furloughed, then laid off a few months later. Because of the loss of income, I could no longer afford my rent and was forced to move. It was tough finding anything affordable in the area. A good friend from college ("Josie") and her husband own a big home with a detached guest house, and offered me the opportunity to rent for next to nothing until I found a new job. I was super happy about it because

we are very close friends from college. Josie, her husband and I often BBQ together and hang out watching movies. One night recently, Josie had to work late, and her husband and I had dinner and wine. We got pretty drunk, and I decided to turn in early. Before I went to bed, Josie's husband asked me to have a threesome. He said Josie was going to ask me, but she was nervous about it, so she chickened out. I think my jaw must have hit the ground. I didn't know what to say, so I told him I'd "think about it." A week has passed and Josie hasn't mentioned anything about

the threesome, but I'm scared to bring it up. I don't know if her husband was telling the truth. They may want a threesome, but I'm not into it. If I say "no" it might make things weird between us. What should I do? Should I ask Josie about it, or move out back home with my parents till I find a new job? — **Not What I Bargained For**
Dear Not: The husband's drunken proposition has already made things weird, but let it go — for now. I doubt this is something Josie is "too chicken" to ask you. If he raises the subject again, make it plain that you are not into threesomes and not to ask again. If he presses further,

inform your old college chum, pack your bags and go to your parents'.
Dear Abby: My husband's daughter "Crystal" is married to "Jeremy," who is a racist. I know this because of comments he has made over the past five years. At our only granddaughter's first birthday celebration, my husband and Jeremy got into a heated argument (a little politics, a little racism). Since we live out of state, we were supposed to stay with them, but we had to leave. Jeremy started screaming at my husband, calling him a pedophile and some other awful names. Crystal is demanding an apology from us and refuses to

communicate or send photos of the baby until he does. My husband feels that Crystal's mind is made up and she will defend her husband no matter what, so there's no point. I hate that we're at an impasse. She has cut me off as well. Do you have any suggestions? — **Cut Off in the South**
Dear Cut Off: Crystal, whose views on race seem to coincide with her husband's, has you sidelined already. When your husband craves contact with his daughter and his grandchild, he will hold his nose, reach out and offer to mend fences. Until that happens, listen to what he is telling you and stay out of this mess.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

'Barney' eludes capture for days after farm escape

The Associated Press

MASTIC, N.Y. — An escaped bull has eluded capture for several days on Long Island despite searchers employing a helicopter and night-vision equipment along with attempts to lure the roaming animal with grain and a cow.

Police in Suffolk County say they began responding to calls about the 1,500-pound bull running loose Tuesday, July 20, after it broke through the fence of a local farm.

Residents have spotted the dark-coated bull, since nicknamed Barney, walking across fields, roads and suburban front yards.

And it briefly shut down a portion of Sunrise Highway.

Teams have searched the area about 50 miles east of New York City on foot and on horseback. They've used drones. A "bull trap" baited with the same feed Barney eats on the farm did not work, nor did other would-be traps.

"We've tried luring him with a cow, with horses," Frankie Florida of Strong Island Animal Rescue told Newsday. "I'm out here with a (tranquilizer gun), looking for him, and I'm thinking, 'I'm hunting cows in an Indiana Jones movie.' It's just frustrating. The longer it goes, you wonder what happens."

The bull is roaming around a part of Long Island that features dense underbrush and pine barrens. Florida said the dense vegetation has hindered the search.

Rescuers said they hope to have the bull moved to a sanctuary.

"I'm not afraid of him being



Suffolk County Police Department/Contributed Photo

This photo provided by Suffolk County Police Department, Friday July 23, 2021, shows a bull on the loose in Mastic, N.Y. The bull has eluded capture for several days on Long Island despite attempts to lure the roaming animal with grain and a cow in heat.

aggressive to humans," Florida said. "He doesn't have horns, he's not an aggressive animal. I think he's going to see people and he's going to run away. I'm just afraid, with the color of his coat, he's going to wander into a road in the dark and some driver won't see him."

Woman arrested after skinny-dipping in strangers' pool

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — A Florida man returning home from a doctors appointment found a stranger skinny dipping in his backyard swimming pool,

sheriff's officials said. At first, the man only noticed clothes scattered across his lanai earlier this week, Charlotte County Sheriff's officials said in a social media post Tuesday, July 20.

Then, he saw the woman in his pool and called deputies, sheriff's officials said.

The woman was hostile and told sheriff's deputies to leave her alone, the report said.

They asked her several times to get out of the pool and get dressed. She finally followed their orders, but resisted when the deputies tried to detain her. She pulled away and said she

was not going anywhere, the report said.

Deputies took her to the Charlotte County Jail, but she refused to tell them her name. Officials eventually identified her through previous jail booking photos. The 42-year-old woman was charged with trespassing and resisting a law enforcement officer without violence

Woman convicted of swapping pebbles for gems in London heist

LONDON — A woman who secretly swapped seven pebbles for \$5.7 million worth of diamonds has been sent to prison for her role in the audacious heist at a luxury jewelry store in London's tony Mayfair district.

Lulu Lakatos, 60, was sentenced Wednesday, July 28, to 5-1/2 years in prison after a jury at Southwark Crown Court in London found her guilty of conspiracy to steal.

Lakatos was part of an international gang that fled to France after stealing the diamonds from Boodles on New Bond Street on March 10, 2016. The gems haven't been recovered.

"This was an audacious theft, carried out in plain view of experienced and professional staff at a renowned jewelers," Detective Sgt. William Man of London's Metropolitan Police Service said in a statement. "The meticulous planning and execution of this theft reveals to me that those involved were highly skilled criminals."

In the days leading up to the heist, the criminals held a series of meetings with Boodles staff on the pretense that they represented

a wealthy Russian investor who was looking to purchase gems, police said.

Lakatos, who was born in Romania and lived in France, posed as a gem expert named "Anna" who then went to Boodles to value seven diamonds for the buyer.

After she inspected the gems, which included a 20-carat heart-shaped diamond valued at more than 2.2 million pounds, they were individually wrapped and placed in a locked bag that was supposed to be held in the jeweler's vault until payment was received.

But when Boodles' own expert became suspicious the next day, the bag was X-rayed and the store discovered it held nothing but seven ordinary pebbles.

Lakatos had used a distraction to swap the bag containing the diamonds for an identical one containing the pebbles before it was locked in the vault, according to security camera video released by police.

After leaving the store, Lakatos handed the bag containing the diamonds to one of her female accomplices, before ditching the long coat, hat and scarf she wore as a disguise and boarding a high-speed Eurostar train to France.

She was arrested on a European arrest warrant last September and returned to Britain to stand trial.

Two men who worked with Lakatos previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal and were sentenced to 3 years and eight months in prison. Police are still investigating the involvement of two other women.

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| | HOT | | | |
| TONIGHT Mainly clear | FRI Partly sunny and very hot | SAT Mostly cloudy and warm | SUN Cloudy and not as warm | MON Mostly sunny and pleasant |
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| Enterprise 60 Comfort Index™ 4 | 97 64 3 | 89 62 5 | 85 60 9 | 84 58 9 |

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| TEMPERATURES | Baker City | La Grande | Elgin |
| High Tuesday | 91° | 90° | 89° |
| Low Tuesday | 57° | 55° | 55° |
| PRECIPITATION (inches) | | | |
| Tuesday | 0.00 | 0.00 | Trace |
| Month to date | Trace | Trace | 0.37 |
| Normal month to date | 0.50 | 0.54 | 0.64 |
| Year to date | 2.44 | 5.93 | 15.35 |
| Normal year to date | 5.94 | 10.60 | 15.16 |

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 111° Buffalo, S.D.
Low: 36° Fraser, Colo.
Wettest: 2.68" Sarasota, Fla.

OREGON
High: 104° Ontario
Low: 49° Meacham
Wettest: 0.37" Klamath Falls

WEATHER HISTORY

July 29 is known for rain in Waynesburg, Pa. By 1990, it had reportedly rained on this date in 92 of the previous 113 years; however, no rain fell from 1987 through 1990.

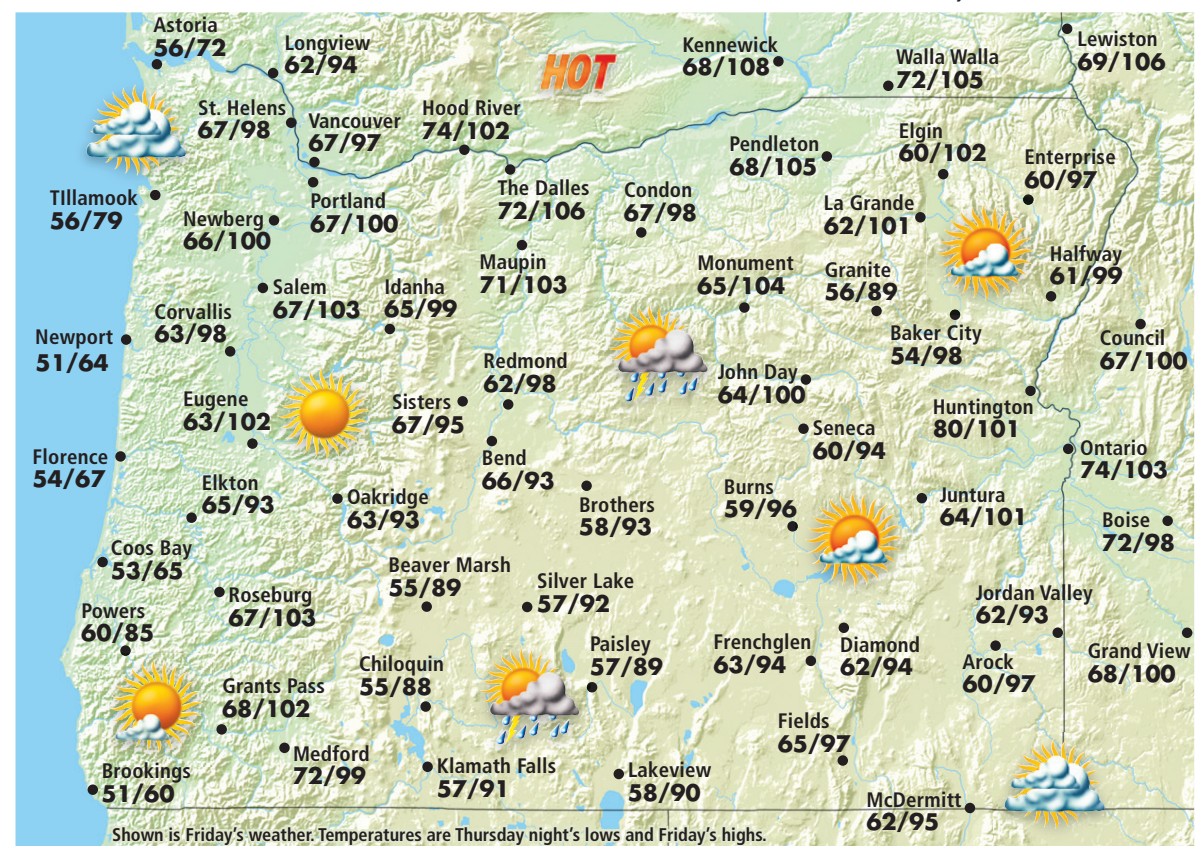
SUN & MOON

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| | THU. | FRI. |
| Sunrise | 5:34 a.m. | 5:35 a.m. |
| Sunset | 8:24 p.m. | 8:22 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 11:29 p.m. | 11:48 p.m. |
| Moonset | 11:43 a.m. | 12:47 p.m. |

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| MOON PHASES | Last | New | First | Full |
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| | Jul 31 | Aug 8 | Aug 15 | Aug 22 |

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

| City | FRI. | | SAT. | | City | FRI. | | SAT. | |
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| | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | |
| Astoria | 72/57/pc | 68/58/pc | Lewiston | 106/73/pc | 105/74/pc | | | | |
| Bend | 93/68/s | 91/65/pc | Longview | 94/65/s | 84/62/pc | | | | |
| Boise | 98/74/pc | 89/69/t | Meacham | 101/63/pc | 97/67/c | | | | |
| Brookings | 60/51/s | 62/51/pc | Medford | 99/72/s | 99/72/pc | | | | |
| Burns | 96/62/pc | 82/58/t | Newport | 64/52/c | 63/53/pc | | | | |
| Coos Bay | 65/54/pc | 66/55/c | Olympia | 94/59/s | 88/58/pc | | | | |
| Corvallis | 98/64/s | 91/62/pc | Ontario | 103/74/pc | 93/70/c | | | | |
| Council Bluffs | 100/68/pc | 90/63/c | Pasco | 108/69/s | 104/79/c | | | | |
| Elgin | 102/63/pc | 97/65/c | Pendleton | 105/72/s | 97/74/c | | | | |
| Eugene | 102/64/s | 94/63/pc | Portland | 100/69/s | 90/65/pc | | | | |
| Hermiston | 109/70/s | 101/80/c | Powers | 85/57/s | 79/58/pc | | | | |
| Hood River | 102/79/s | 92/77/c | Redmond | 98/65/s | 94/65/pc | | | | |
| Imnaha | 102/66/pc | 96/68/pc | Roseburg | 103/64/s | 91/64/pc | | | | |
| John Day | 100/66/pc | 89/67/c | Salem | 103/68/s | 93/66/pc | | | | |
| Joseph | 95/65/pc | 88/62/pc | Spokane | 99/71/s | 102/73/pc | | | | |
| Kennewick | 108/70/s | 103/81/c | The Dalles | 106/77/s | 96/77/pc | | | | |
| Klamath Falls | 91/59/s | 83/56/pc | Ukiah | 96/59/s | 91/57/c | | | | |
| Lakeview | 90/58/pc | 81/57/pc | Walla Walla | 105/76/s | 99/75/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

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| ANTHONY LAKES Clouds and sun | 68 55 | | PHILLIPS LAKE Partly sunny | 88 59 | |
| MT. EMILY REC. Partly sunny | 87 61 | | BROWNLEE RES. Partly sunny; warm | 102 68 | |
| EAGLE CAP WILD. Clouds and sun | 78 54 | | EMIGRANT ST. PARK Partly sunny; hot | 93 52 | |
| WALLOWA LAKE Partly sunny; hot | 95 65 | | MCKAY RESERVOIR Mostly sunny; hot | 103 70 | |
| THIEF VALLEY RES. Very warm | 98 60 | | RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Very hot | 101 65 | HOT |