

Friend forced to play role in couple's melodrama



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: I have two good friends who dated all through college until "Isaac" broke up with "Jen" in a very stressful and dramatic way. We were all living together in a house, and he broke up with her to date a girl he liked from his newspaper club. We used to host parties for the club, and the girls would openly flirt with him in front of Jen. During the mess of the breakup, I learned that Isaac had known for a while he wanted to end things with Jen,

and stayed with her only because he wanted to have enough people for a nice student house.

Fast-forward three years: We are out of college, and I still live with Jen. Isaac relies on her for all his emotional needs and says she's his "best friend." She can't say no to him or distance herself because she's still hoping that "maybe" something could happen. Earlier this year he told me that he was not planning on getting back together with her, but he's here almost every day, insisting on spending time with us.

It's frustrating since I feel Jen deserves more. She's very anxious, and told me during the

breakup that she didn't want me telling her any details about him that she wouldn't want to hear. I'm now wondering if I have used that as an excuse to spare her from all the things I feel she ought to know. I don't know how I would even broach the subject, and it's making me irritable around them. Help! — **Hoping I'm A Good Friend**

Dear Hoping: Jen made clear that she doesn't want to hear any bad news from you. If you disclose what you know, you will lose your housemate. The message you want to deliver falls into that category. From your description of Isaac, he's a user and a player. She would be better off

without him in her life. But she must arrive at that conclusion herself. (After their breakup, she should have realized he couldn't be counted on.) Sometimes people have to learn the hard way, and Jen appears to be one of them. If you uncouple your life from theirs and spend less time with them, it will be healthier for you.

Dear Abby: There are several same-sex couples within our circle of friends and former co-workers. Whether male or female, each has a husband and wife. We are not sure how it is decided who will assume which role; and we don't feel comfortable asking what might be too intrusive a question regarding

their relationships. We would appreciate it if you could find the answer, if there is one. — **Curious in the East**

Dear Curious: Unlike with straight couples, who define their spouse as "husband" or "wife," when male couples marry, both spouses refer to their partner as "husband." With female couples, the spouses are both called "wife." Household tasks usually fall to whomever does them best or wants to do them. Roles are assigned according to ability and circumstance, rather than imitating traditional marital duties. (By the way, the same applies to some opposite-sex couples as well.)

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Library book returned after 50 years with \$20 bill

The Associated Press

PLYMOUTH, Pa. — A book checked out a half-century ago has been anonymously returned to a library in northeastern Pennsylvania, officials said.

The Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice reports that the 1967 copy of "Coins You Can Collect" by Burton Hobson arrived last month at the Plymouth Public Library in Luzerne County along with a \$20 bill.

An accompanying unsigned letter, written as if by the book itself, said "Fifty years ago (yes 50!), a little girl checked me out of this library in 1971. At this time, she didn't know they were going to move from Plymouth. Back then, kids weren't told things like that. "As you can see, she took very good care of me," the letter continued, explaining that it was packed away often for frequent moves but was "always with many other books."

The writer, speaking in her own voice rather than as the book, then says she often intended to send the book back but somehow never got around to it.

"This became a running joke in my family. Each time we moved, they always asked me if I packed 'the Plymouth Book,'" she wrote.

The letter writer said she knew the \$20 wouldn't come close to paying the accrued fine, but suggested "Perhaps you can pay off some fines of some kids with it."

Library director Laura Keller said she did just that,



Plymouth Pa. Public Library Director Laura Keller holds up the book "Coins You Can Collect", Tuesday Aug. 3 2021, after it was returned 50-years overdue. Included with the book was a letter and \$20 donation. (Dave Scherbenco/The Citizens' Voice via AP)

paying "some hefty fines" of a young mother who wanted to start borrowing books again. Borrowing privileges at the library are suspended if fines exceed \$5, she said.

Both letter and book will soon be on display at the library, Keller said. The writer's identity remains a mystery, although she

said her family and friends would know the story was about her if it was published in a local newspaper.

Woman bought \$1M lottery ticket after flight was canceled

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Having just had her flight canceled, a Mis-

souri woman's luck quickly changed when she won \$1 million from a Florida Lottery scratch-off ticket.

Angela Caravella, 51, of Kansas City, Missouri, claimed a \$1 million top prize last month from The Fastest Road to \$1,000,000 scratch-off game, according to a Florida Lottery news release.

Dave Scherbenco/The Citizens' Voice

She chose to receive her winnings as a one-time, lump-sum payment of \$790,000.

"I had a feeling something bizarre was going to happen after my flight was canceled unexpectedly," Caravella said. "I bought a few scratch-off tickets to pass the time and just like that — I won \$1 million!"

Caravella purchased her winning ticket from a Publix supermarket in Brandon, just east of Tampa. The store will receive a \$2,000 bonus commission for selling the winning ticket.

The \$30 game that Caravella won launched in February 2020 and features 155 top prizes of \$1 million and over \$948 million in cash prizes.

Woman unaware she had \$39M lottery ticket in purse for weeks

BERLIN — Lottery officials say a woman in Germany carried a winning ticket in her purse for weeks without realizing it was worth about \$39 million.

Lotto Bayern said last month that the 45-year-old woman was the sole winner of a draw on June 9, having correctly guessed seven fields on a German lottery ticket.

It quoted the woman, who wasn't named, saying "I still get dizzy at the thought that I carelessly carried almost 33 million euros around in my purse for several weeks."

The mother of one had picked random numbers on the 1.20-euro lottery ticket and doesn't plan to play again, saying the win was "more than enough for my husband, my daughter and me," the company quoted her as saying.

It said she plans to use her lucky windfall to live a healthy life and do more for the environment.

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	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Partly cloudy	Times of clouds and sun	Sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny and very hot
Baker City	54	75 41	81 45	89 52	95 51
Comfort Index™	6	10	9	6	4
La Grande	58	71 48	79 51	88 59	96 61
Comfort Index™	7	9	9	8	4
Enterprise	52	66 44	74 51	85 56	92 60
Comfort Index™	7	6	10	7	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 Thursday	92°	92°	92°
Low Thursday	55°	57°	60°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.05	Trace	0.00
Month to date	0.47	0.21	0.23
Normal month to date	0.07	0.10	0.10
Year to date	2.93	6.33	15.60
Normal year to date	6.06	10.76	15.33

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 122°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 34°	Leadville, Colo.
Wettest: 3.45"	Lake City, Fla.
OREGON	
High: 100°	Rome
Low: 44°	Lakeview
Wettest: 0.02"	North Bend

WEATHER HISTORY

Philadelphia, Pa., had a high temperature of 106 degrees on Aug. 7, 1918. This mark was not matched until 1936 and has yet to reach that high again.

SUN & MOON

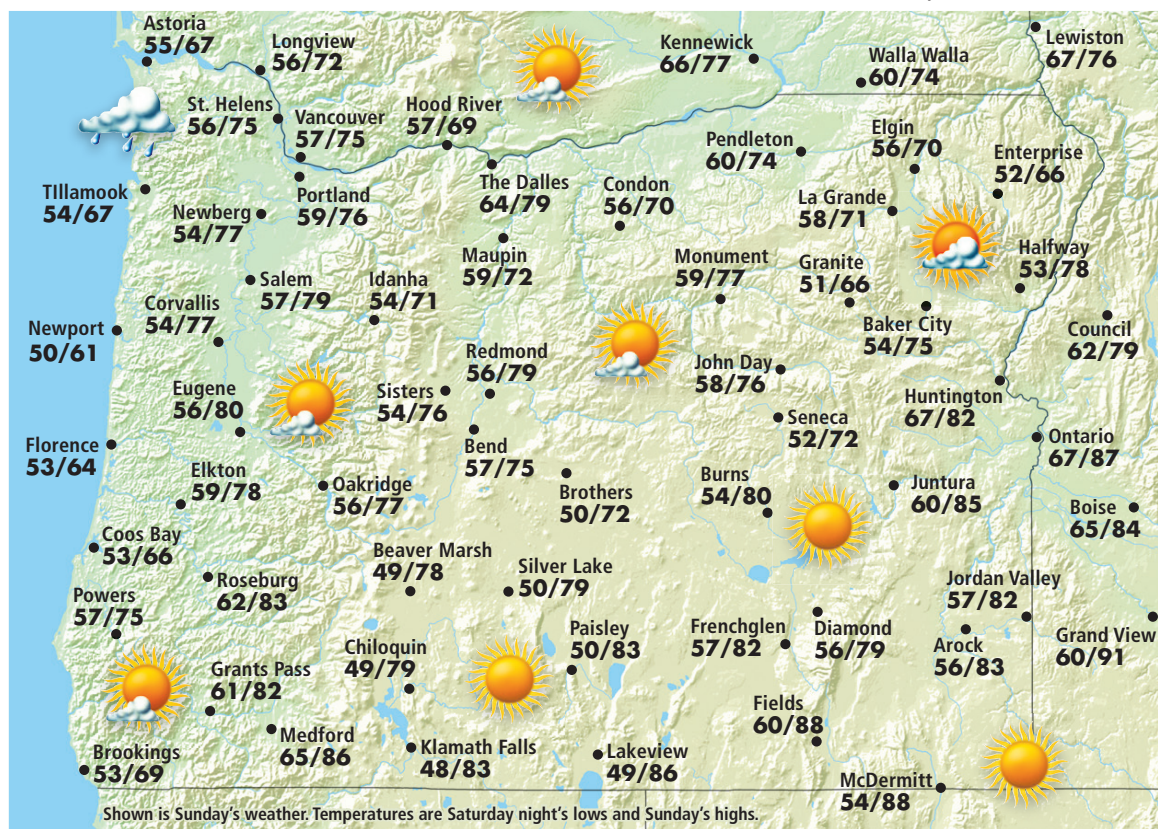
	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	5:44 a.m.	5:45 a.m.
Sunset	8:12 p.m.	8:10 p.m.
Moonrise	4:24 a.m.	5:32 a.m.
Moonset	8:17 p.m.	8:49 p.m.

MOON PHASES



AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W	City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	67/54/c	69/54/pc	Lewiston	76/57/pc	83/60/pc
Bend	75/44/s	83/55/s	Longview	72/54/c	82/60/s
Boise	84/54/s	83/59/s	Meacham	68/46/pc	79/48/s
Brookings	69/53/pc	70/53/s	Medford	86/55/s	95/61/s
Burns	80/40/s	84/47/s	Newport	61/48/pc	62/49/s
Coos Bay	66/52/pc	68/52/s	Olympia	73/50/pc	80/55/s
Corvallis	77/51/pc	86/58/s	Ontario	87/56/s	86/58/s
Council	79/49/s	83/51/s	Pasco	81/54/pc	88/56/s
Elgin	70/45/pc	79/49/s	Pendleton	74/55/pc	83/59/s
Eugene	80/50/pc	87/56/s	Portland	76/55/pc	84/62/s
Hermiston	77/56/pc	87/57/s	Powers	75/51/pc	79/53/s
Hood River	69/55/pc	87/60/s	Redmond	79/44/s	87/51/s
Imnaha	74/46/pc	81/54/pc	Roseburg	83/55/pc	88/61/s
John Day	76/48/s	84/53/s	Salem	79/53/pc	87/61/s
Joseph	65/43/pc	72/51/pc	Spokane	70/54/pc	79/60/pc
Kennewick	77/58/pc	86/58/s	The Dalles	79/57/pc	90/65/s
Klamath Falls	83/43/s	89/49/s	Ukiah	67/42/pc	78/47/s
Lakeview	86/45/s	89/50/s	Walla Walla	74/57/pc	83/62/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Colder	47	41
PHILLIPS LAKE	Mostly sunny	68	41
MT. EMILY REC.	Partly sunny	55	45
BROWNLEE RES.	Partly sunny	79	49
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Cooler	55	36
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Periods of sun	64	38
WALLOWA LAKE	Periods of sun	65	43
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Breezy in the a.m.	74	49
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Cooler	75	41
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Partly sunny	71	48