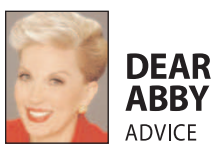


# Engaged couple eager to live on their own



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**Dear Abby:** I am a 25-year-old woman. My fiance is 26. Both of us live at home with our parents but have decided to move out in a few months to an apartment. Although his parents have given their blessing, my parents are against it and keep trying to change my mind.

Abby, I have been wanting to leave for years. Both of us are experiencing tension living at home with our parents and trying to get along as adults. We feel it's

time for us to move out, and we also crave our freedom. We are tired of my parents not regarding me as an adult capable of making her own decisions. What should I do? I don't want them getting in the way on move-in day. — **Grown Woman in Mississippi**

**Dear Woman:** It's time for you and your fiance to sit down together with your parents. Tell them you love them, but you are no longer minors. You are both well into adulthood, and it is time for you to live independently. Then give them the date you plan to move your belongings and stick to it. A way to ensure that they won't get in your way on moving day would

be to enlist the assistance of some friends to help you make the move.

**Dear Abby:** Recently, I took my two sons to a cooking class. The instructor, a married woman and mother, was very friendly and nice. She kept telling me I was "beautiful" and how lucky my boys are to have such a beautiful mom. She also kept calling me "my love." I found it peculiar, but didn't give it a lot of thought because I presumed she was being friendly and I know some people speak that way. I am more reserved. I save words like "love" for people I truly love (my kids and husband). However, my husband was

upset that I didn't ask her to stop. He said he felt I disrespected him because I allowed someone else to call me "my love." Had she been a man, I'd understand his feelings, but I saw no harm in it. Am I wrong for not having spoken up? — **War of Words in New Jersey**

**DEAR W.O.W.:** Your husband is overreacting. The woman was not being disrespectful. She went overboard trying to pay you a compliment. All you had to do was smile and say, "Thank you very much, but you are making me uncomfortable. Please. No more."

**Dear Abby:** We gave our daughter-in-law a \$100 check

for her birthday, as she is hard to shop for. That was 11 1/2 months ago. When we went over there the other day, we saw our check stuck to the fridge door. Of course, it is now stale. Her birthday is coming up in two weeks. Any suggestions of what we should do this time? — **Means Well in Arizona**

**Dear Means Well:** Point out to your daughter-in-law that you noticed the check you gave her for her last birthday hadn't been cashed, and ask why. Take your cues from her answer. If she doesn't need the money, send her a nice card she can plaster onto her refrigerator next to the outdated check.

## ENVIRONMENT

# Senators demand climate action in federal budget plan

By **PETER WONG**  
Oregon Capital Bureau

WASHINGTON — Oregon's senators are among seven Western Democrats who say they are including steps to counter climate change in the federal budget resolution and other measures pending before Congress.

Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley spoke Wednesday, Sept. 22, during a conference call organized by Washington Sen. Patty Murray.

"Climate change is here and now, not some distant worry for another day. None of us here wants our kids to have to live through droughts that get worse every year, or to only know smoke-filled skies in the summer," she said. "We need to meet this moment with the urgency that it demands. We know what we have got to do."

Murray conceded there's a lot of work to be done in the next few weeks by the thin Democratic congressional majorities — no Republican support is likely — to include what President Joe Biden wants in the budget.

"We are working as quickly as possible," she said. "But we want it done right."

### Wildfire wakeup call

Wyden and Merkley said the wildfires that swept western Oregon after Labor Day 2020 and the Bootleg fire east of Klamath Falls — which consumed an area larger than Los Angeles this past summer, and one of Oregon's largest fires — demonstrated how things have changed.

Among the measures that

Wyden said Senate Democrats will include in the \$3.5 trillion budget resolution is funding for a Civilian Climate Corps, modeled on President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps, which between 1933 and 1942 put thousands of young men to work in the nation's forests. Silver Falls State Park, east of Salem, is one of its legacies.

"What we ought to be doing is putting thousands of young people to work in the forests," Wyden said, particularly in helping with prescribed burning to reduce the potential fuels for wildfires.

An area that underwent this treatment is credited with lessening the impact of the 2017 Mill fire, which still consumed 24,000 acres near Sisters.

In addition to more federal aid for prescribed burning, Wyden said the tax-writing Finance Committee — which he leads for a second time — has proposed to scrap 44 current tax breaks for fossil fuels into just three for renewable energy, transportation fuels and energy efficiency.

"It is the linchpin of what we are going to be doing to grow clean energy that can support thousands of good-paying jobs," he said. "We have a simple message: The more you reduce carbon emissions, the bigger your tax savings."

Merkley said an urgent task is for the nation to make a quicker transition from fossil fuels and their greenhouse gases, in line with Biden's pledge to generate 80% of the nation's power from alternative sources and cut emissions in half by 2030.

### Political roadblocks

Merkley also raised possi-



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**Sen. Jeff Merkley, left, and Sen. Ron Wyden speak at the 2017 Oregon Leadership Summit in Portland. Both senators are among seven Western Democrats who say they are including steps to counter climate change in the federal budget resolution and other measures pending before Congress.**

bilities of a tax on carbon emissions, a fee on methane — a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide — and a border-adjustment tax (tariff) on imported goods from nations with less-strict emissions standards.

"Will any of these be in it? We will see," Merkley said. "But I wanted to mention they are part of the conversation at this point."

Because the Senate is split 50-50 — Democrats hold a majority only with the tie-breaking vote of Vice President Kamala Harris — Democrats

will have to be united to pass any budget resolution. But some of the tax proposals may run into opposition from Joe Manchin, a Democrat from West Virginia whose state is a major coal producer. Manchin also leads the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which Wyden himself led in 2013 and still sits on.

"I think Sen. Manchin understands we are undergoing dramatic change in our country," Wyden said. "There are areas we can help through the tax code and elsewhere. But I call tell you that failure is not an option."

The Senate version of the budget resolution will have to mesh with the plan being developed by the House, which also has a slim Democratic majority. Wyden said the Congressional Budget Office is scoring the tax proposals put forth by the House Ways and Means Committee, the counterpart to Wyden's committee, but that Democratic members and Biden administration officials have spent much of the summer discussing provisions for climate change and other goals in Biden's Build Back Better plan.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Partly cloudy	Partly sunny	Sunshine with a shower	Showers around	Cool with clouds and sun
<b>Baker City</b>	39 / 40	82 / 40	75 / 41	56 / 32	62 / 31
<b>La Grande</b>	47 / 48	81 / 46	73 / 47	57 / 36	58 / 40
<b>Enterprise</b>	49 / 49	80 / 49	72 / 42	52 / 35	57 / 40

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 Thursday	74°	77°	83°
Low Thursday	34°	40°	40°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.43	0.43	0.49
Normal month to date	0.34	0.49	0.73
Year to date	3.54	6.97	16.28
Normal year to date	6.76	11.82	16.64

### AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	W at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	9.8
Evapotranspiration	0.17

### RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)

Reservoir	Storage
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	11% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	11% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	30% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	0% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

### STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)

Stream	Flow
Grande Ronde at Troy	476 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	41 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	44 cfs
Minam River at Minam	59 cfs
Powder River near Richland	2 cfs

### THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 108°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 20°	Wolcott, Colo.
Wettest: 3.99"	Sebring, Fla.

### OREGON

High: 93°	Brookings
Low: 30°	Sunriver
Wettest: Trace	Astoria

### WEATHER HISTORY

On Sept. 25, 1994, violent thunderstorms in western Pennsylvania produced damaging hail. Golf ball-sized hail accumulated 8 inches at Arthurdale, Pa.

### SUN & MOON

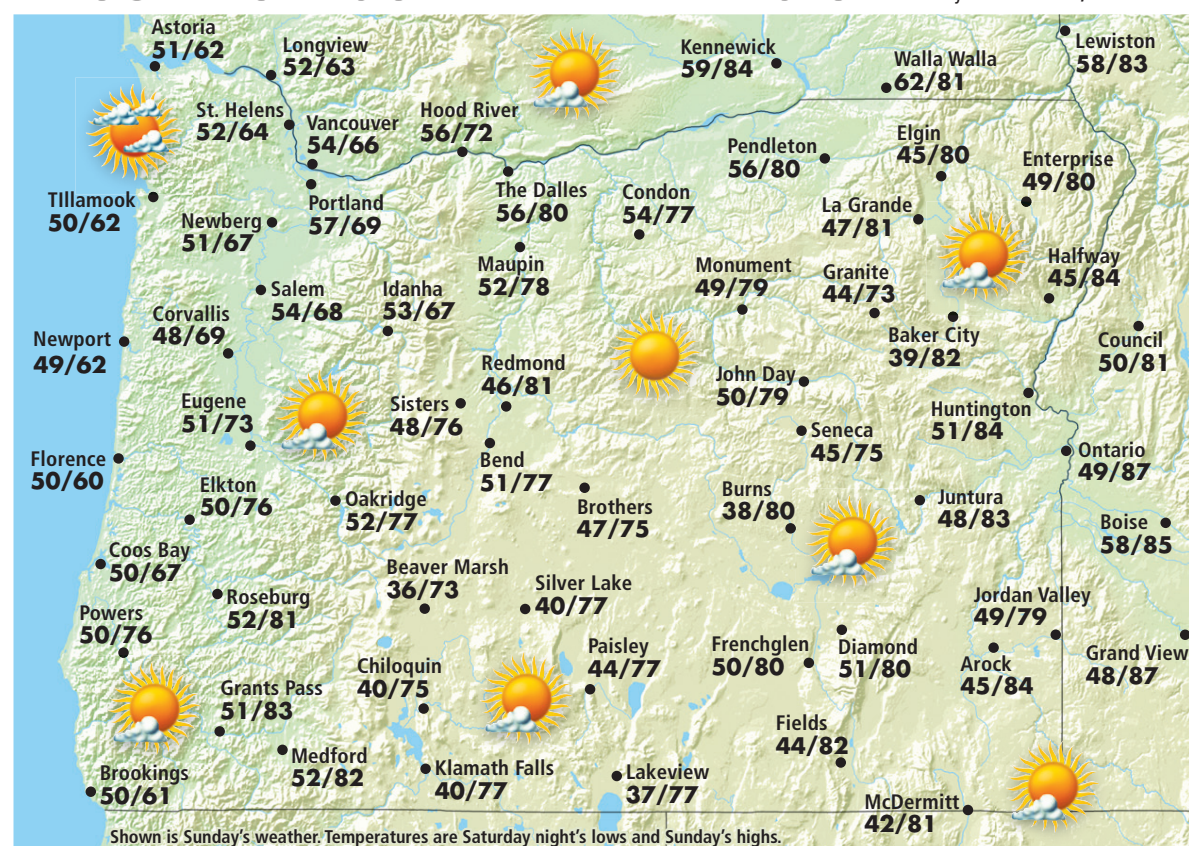
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Sunrise	6:43 a.m.	6:44 a.m.
Sunset	6:44 p.m.	6:42 p.m.
Moonrise	9:02 p.m.	9:33 p.m.
Moonsset	11:33 a.m.	12:37 p.m.

### 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	62/55/r	63/50/r	Lewiston	83/57/pc	77/55/s
Bend	77/56/pc	72/41/c	Longview	63/59/r	64/51/r
Boise	85/55/s	82/52/s	Meacham	80/42/pc	73/45/pc
Brookings	61/55/pc	59/50/r	Medford	82/56/s	71/50/r
Burns	80/37/s	76/38/s	Newport	62/53/sh	59/49/sh
Coos Bay	67/59/sh	67/49/sh	Olympia	64/53/r	63/49/sh
Corvallis	69/58/sh	65/50/r	Ontario	87/48/s	83/51/s
Council	81/44/s	77/41/s	Pasco	84/58/pc	78/53/r
Elgin	80/42/pc	74/43/pc	Pendleton	80/52/pc	78/50/r
Eugene	73/58/r	65/51/r	Portland	69/61/sh	66/53/r
Hermiston	82/55/pc	80/52/sh	Powers	76/60/r	66/50/sh
Hood River	72/60/pc	66/51/r	Redmond	81/51/pc	72/41/r
Imnaha	84/52/pc	76/48/s	Roseburg	81/60/pc	66/52/r
John Day	79/52/pc	75/43/sh	Salem	68/60/pc	65/54/r
Joseph	78/51/pc	71/41/s	Spokane	77/55/pc	70/49/r
Kennewick	84/58/pc	80/53/r	The Dalles	80/58/pc	69/52/sh
Klamath Falls	77/41/s	67/39/pc	Ukiah	77/47/pc	72/42/r
Lakeview	77/38/s	71/36/s	Walla Walla	81/58/pc	76/54/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 SUNDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Cooler	53	39
MT. EMILY REC.	Partly sunny	65	42
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Partly sunny	64	38
WALLOWA LAKE	Warm with some sun	78	51
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Partly sunny; nice	82	40
PHILLIPS LAKE	Sun and clouds	76	42
BROWNLEE RES.	Partly sunny	82	46
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Clouds and sun	72	41
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Sunny intervals	79	54
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Partly sunny	81	46