Family friend knows too much about couple's finances



Dear Abby: I am friends with "Pete" and "Pam," a couple I have known for more than 20 years. Pam is keeping secrets from Pete, and, unfortunately, I'm aware of

I need a way to address my concerns to Pete. He works full time in a great job, and his salary goes into a joint bank account. Pam handles all the finances and pays the bills — rent, car, etc. When Pete and I hang out and he asks Pam (who has the credit cards) for small amounts of money, she says, "Sorry, we don't have it." I understand that might be the case sometimes, but it happens all the time.

Pam also secretly borrows cash from me. She pays it back late sometimes, but not always. I talked with Pam and told her to tell Pete she borrows. I don't think she did, and it concerns me. I'm her enabler but I'm putting my foot down and not doing it anymore.

I'm worried because Pete thinks they have all this money saved for a house. I'm starting to think Pam has spent it, or most of it. How can I tell Pete as a friend to check the finances without starting World War III? I'd hate to lose my friends over this, but I'm afraid the money he is earning is going somewhere else — where,

I have no idea. Please help. — In **Danger Of Losing Friends**

Dear In Danger: Tell Pete everything you have written to me. If he is so financially ignorant that he doesn't know how to check his balances and his credit rating, he should talk with a CPA for help ascertaining his financial status. Whether Pam has a spending problem or some other type of addiction, he needs to know. He also needs to know how long his dreams of homeownership may need to be postponed if what you are concerned about is

Dear Abby: I'm a 37-year-old woman who has had to move back to my mother's home after ending a long-term relationship. I love her dearly and appreciate

her letting me stay with her until I can get back on my feet. The problem is, I never have any alone time at home or even out when I socialize. She's close with all my friends and frequently goes to the same bars and restaurants I do.

When I go out on weekends, she invariably asks me where I'm going and then shows up and sits with me and my group. I love her, but I really need some space. I'm single. I want to meet people when I'm out, and I can't do it with her there. When I try to talk to her about it, she gets upset and thinks I don't "ever" want her around. That's not true. I just want my own social life without her ALWAYS being there. Please help. — Needing Space In New

Dear Needing Space: It's time for an adult conversation with Mama. Explain that you enjoy her company but need some time by yourself — whether it's at home or with your friends. If you don't want her beside you all the time when you're home, agree on a place you can retreat to for some solitude — like your bedroom.

When you're going out with friends, be clear that you want some time with them without her being present because it inhibits you. This does not mean she's not ever welcome, but maybe half the time. Encourage her to spend more time with her own friends. If she doesn't have any, help her to find some. Your problem may be that your mother is simply lonely and starved for company.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Artist says NYC tribute removed in permit snafu

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Have a heart, New York!

A giant red heart sculpture installed last week in Central Park as a tribute to health care workers and COVID-19 victims has been taken down — an apparent casualty of confusion and red tape.

Italian sculptor Sergio Furnari says he was walking by the park Thursday, Oct. 28, with friends when he noticed that his "Heroes Heart Monument" was gone.

When he went to file a police report, he said, he was bounced from police station to police station until a police officer on Oct. 29 showed him video of people removing the 10-foot-tall, 3,000pound monument and placing it on a truck.

'They literally broke my heart," Furnari said when reached

Furnari conceded he did not have a permit to place the heart in the park but considered a \$4,000 grant he received from New York City's government to be his permit for the temporary instal-



Dieu-Nalio Chery/The Associated Press, File

Italian sculptor Sergio Furnari poses for pictures in front of "The Hero Monument" heart sculpture that he made, a symbol of hope and love dedicated to health care workers around the world, Monday, Oct. 25, 2021, in in New York. The giant red heart sculpture installed this week as a tribute to health care workers and COVID-19 victims has been taken down — an apparent casualty of confusion and red tape.

lation. He said he considered the removal of his memorial "an abuse of power."

A message seeking comment was left with the Central Park Conservancy, the nonprofit that manages the park on behalf of the city. Furnari said he planned to

go to the organization on Nov. 1 to find out what happened to his

Furnari said he wanted the sculpture to be a place for emotional and spiritual solace in the bustling city and not just a popular spot for selfies, though he

said he was cool with that, too.

The work was an extension of another piece he created earlier in the pandemic: a life-size sculpture of a health care worker kneeling with arms stretched to the sky.

In an interview prior to the sculpture's removal, the artist explained his vision for the piece.

"Everybody suffers in different ways and needs all different types of comfort," Furnari said. "I hope this heart helps them remember their loved ones and cope with the grief. For a moment, they can forget about their problems."

Man with knife injures 17 on Tokyo train, starts fire

TOKYO — A man dressed in Batman's Joker costume and brandishing a knife on a Tokyo commuter train on Sunday, Oct. 31, stabbed several passengers before starting a fire, which sent people scrambling to escape and jumping from windows, police and witnesses said.

The Tokyo Fire Department said 17 passengers were injured, including three seriously. Not all

of them were stabbed and most of the other injuries were not serious, the agency said.

The attacker, identified as a 24-year-old man, was arrested on the spot and was being investigated on suspicion of attempted murder, NHK said. His motive was not immediately known.

Nippon Television reported that the suspect told police that he wanted to kill and get a death penalty, and that he used an earlier train stabbing case as an example.

Witnesses told police that the attacker was wearing a bright outfit — a green shirt, a blue suit and a purple coat — like the Joker in Batman comics or someone going to a Halloween event, according to media reports.

Tokyo police officials said the attack happened inside the Keio train near the Kokuryo station.

Television footage showed a number of firefighters, police officials and paramedics rescuing the passengers, many of whom escaped through train windows. In one video, passengers were running from another car, where flames were gushing.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin		
High Sunday	48°	43°	46°		
Low Sunday	25°	28°	29°		
PRECIPITATION (inches)					
Sunday	Trace	Trace	0.00		
Month to date	0.77	1.02	2.10		
Normal month to dat	e 0.62	1.58	2.16		
Year to date	4.35	8.40	18.51		
Normal year to date	7.48	13.58	19.03		

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

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Lowest relative humidity	4	5%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 8 to 16 r	nph
Hours of sunshine		1.2
Evapotranspiration	(0.09
RESERVOIR STORAGE (thro	ough midnight Monda	y)
Phillips Reservoir	1	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	11% of capa	city
Owyhee Reservoir	12% of capa	
McKay Reservoir	15% of capa	
Wallowa Lake	5% of capa	
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capa	city
STREAM FLOWS (through mid	dnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	788	cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near No	rth Powder 0	cfs)
Burnt River near Unity	18	cfs

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)			
High: 94°	Zapata, Texas		
Low: 2°	Cut Bank, Mont.		
Wettest: 2.88"	Bangor, Maine		
OREGON			
High: 66°	Salem		
Low: 25°	Baker City		
Wettest: 0.05"	Madras		

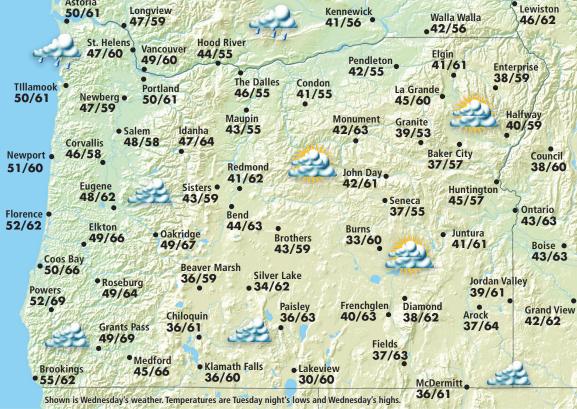
WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 2, 1861, a hurricane in the Carolinas sank two Union ships. Despite the loss, Union forces managed to capture Port Royal, S.C., five days later.

SUN & MOON

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Sunrise	7	':33 a.m.	7:34 a.m.	
Sunset		:38 p.m.	5:37 p.m.	
Moonrise	4	:33 a.m.	5:51 a.m.	
Moonset	4	:52 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	
MOON PHASES				
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REGIONAL CITIES

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City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	61/53/sh	56/46/r	Lewiston	62/50/c	58/44/
Bend	63/48/c	54/37/c	Longview	59/52/sh	55/47/
Boise	63/47/pc	64/41/c	Meacham	59/50/c	58/37/sh
Brookings	62/53/r	57/47/r	Medford	66/52/c	59/44/sh
Burns	60/38/c	58/30/c	Newport	60/50/r	55/46/
Coos Bay	66/53/r	56/45/r	Olympia	56/48/c	53/44/
Corvallis	58/50/r	55/44/r	Ontario	63/46/pc	61/38/pd
Council	60/41/c	54/36/sh	Pasco	56/45/pc	61/41/
Elgin	61/47/c	60/36/r	Pendleton	55/47/c	57/40/sh
Eugene	62/53/r	54/46/r	Portland	61/53/r	57/49/
Hermiston	56/44/c	61/41/sh	Powers	69/54/r	55/46/
Hood River	55/45/c	54/42/r	Redmond	62/47/c	57/36/
Imnaha	65/54/c	61/40/c	Roseburg	64/55/c	56/45/
John Day	61/49/c	57/38/t	Salem	58/51/r	57/47/
Joseph	58/49/pc	55/34/c	Spokane	55/43/c	52/39/
Kennewick	56/45/c	62/45/r	The Dalles	55/46/c	57/42/
Klamath Falls	60/44/c	52/33/r	Ukiah	60/46/c	56/33/
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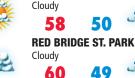
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RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES PHILLIPS LAKE Cloudy Cloudy 38 MT. EMILY REC. **BROWNLEE RES.** Cloudy High clouds **EAGLE CAP WILD. EMIGRANT ST. PARK** High clouds Mostly cloudy 38 **WALLOWA LAKE MCKAY RESERVOIR** High clouds Cloudy

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