Dysfunctional relationships collide in workplace affair



ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I'm a supervisor at my job and have feelings for a married man who also works here. He's lonely and looks to me for attention, companionship, sex and to listen to his troubles. We have only had sex once, but I know I cannot continue this "relationship."

It breaks my heart because I care for him deeply, and if he was single, this is someone I could actually have a relationship with. I have already told him I won't accept any more of his offers to walk me home, and to quit texting me. He's open with his wife regarding dating other people. It seems she's also "talking" to another man outside of their marriage.

Am I delusional to think he will leave her for me? Would he have the same problems with me that he has with her? He has difficulty expressing his emotions, but I think he still loves his wife. I know their marriage is broken, and it's not my job to fix it for them or to push him to choose me over her. It should not have to be this way.

Please, I would appreciate any advice you can offer. By the way, I'm also married, but my husband lives 7,000 miles away. After

seven years, his immigration status still needs to be resolved. I'll probably ask him for a divorce because, even though I care about him, I'm no longer in love with the man I married. He knows I have been dating someone because I told him. -IN KNOTS IN NEW YORK

DEAR IN KNOTS: You didn't mention whether there are policies in your business about fraternizing, but if there are, then what you have been doing could get you fired. You have already started disengaging from this office romance, so please continue to do that.

Because of the unique circumstances of your marriage, you have some serious decisions to make. Do not drag your co-worker into it. IF there is the possibility of a future with him, he also needs to decide if he is satisfied with the status quo before making any other commitments. I know you are lonely, but for your sake and his, back off.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of more than 20 years has taken to hiding decorative accessories that he doesn't like. An example: A designer bowl set packaged in a box suddenly disappeared from the cupboard. The plug-in air freshener from my home office also went missing. A lamp I moved from the living room to the foyer appeared on my bookcase two hours later. My complaints fall on deaf ears. His favorite coffee mug and iPad are about to mysteriously vanish. Can you talk some sense into him? — HIDE AND SEEK IN **GEORGIA**

DEAR HIDE: Is this recent behavior, or has your husband been hiding things all during your marriage? If it's recent, your husband may need a medical checkup, because what you are describing can be a symptom of dementia. If he's mentally fit, you two need to work on sharpening your communication skills and, perhaps, agree that before any more items are brought into the home the two of you share, they're not something either of you will hate.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

For whom the bell rolls: Paul Revere chime returns home



Amy Miller/Contributed Photo

In this handout photograph provided by Amy Miller, a bronze bell forged in 1834 by Paul Revere's son, Joseph Warren Revere, is readied for shipping in Chino Hills, Calif., on Feb. 8, 2022, for transport to the Paul Revere Heritage Site in Canton, Massachusetts. Amy Miller, the daughter of the California couple who acquired the bell in 1984, says she and her brother donated it to the museum so the public could view and appreciate it.

The Associated Press

BOSTON — A bronze bell cast in 1834 in Paul Revere's Massachusetts foundry has come home capping a nearly two-century, cross-country odyssey that saw it hauled by oxcart to churches in Ohio before languishing for decades in a California garage.

After a weeklong journey across the U.S., the historic bell was returned Friday, Feb. 25, to the site where it was created 188 years ago, said Kiley Nichols, a spokesperson for the Paul Revere Heritage Site in Canton, just south of Boston.

The museum said the 1,000-pound bell was made by the Revolutionary War patriot's son, Joseph Warren Revere, who took over his father's foundry in 1804.

In 1984, real estate agent Jeannene Shanks became the bell's accidental owner. She'd helped broker the sale of what once was First Baptist Church in Vermilion, Ohio, to a fitness center –

but the gym didn't want the heavy bell, and Shanks didn't feel good about it being scrapped. She made a \$1,000 donation to the church in exchange for the bell, which earlier had adorned the belfry of the First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland.

When Shanks and her husband, Robert, retired in Chino Hills, California, they hauled the bell with them.

"It became the joke of the family," said Shanks' daughter, Amy Miller, 66, a psychologist in Chino Hills. "They'd open the doors to the garage and ring the bell every Fourth of July. People would look at it and say, 'What the heck is that?"

After their parents' deaths, Miller and her 69-year-old brother, retired Ford Motor Co. executive Robert L. Shanks Jr. of Miami, moved the bell to Miller's garage, where it's sat since 2009.

A collector in Texas offered \$50,000 for the bell, which bears Revere's imprimatur. But after he casually mentioned he'd melt it down if he decided not to keep it, the siblings spurned the offer.

Miller did some online sleuthing, figured out where the bell was forged, and decided to donate it to the Massachusetts museum so the public could view and appreciate it.

"I don't need a bell in my garage, and this bell has a story of its own," she said. "It represents what our history and our country are all about. I wanted it to go beyond us — to go back to where it started. We're the keepers of our history."

Local historian George Comeau, a board member of the Revere & Son Heritage Trust Corp., which operates the museum, said few of the hundreds of bells the Reveres produced are in private hands — and most are hidden from public view.

"This bell went 3,000 miles from Canton to California," he said. "It just shows the long reach of history. We're super excited

it's coming home."

Police in Canton ceremonially escorted the truck carrying the bell to the Paul Revere Heritage Site, a sprawling 9-acre facility that preserves Revere's legacy. Revere, an entrepreneur and innovator, is credited with launching the U.S. copper industry after the war.

Revere is best known for his midnight ride from Boston to Lexington on April 18, 1775, warning the Colonial militia that British forces were coming.

His backup plan lighting either one or two lanterns as signals from the steeple of Boston's Old North Church — is immortalized in a line in "Paul Revere's Ride," a Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem: "One if by land, and two if by sea ..."

Nearly 2-1/2 centuries later, Revere still fascinates. In 2017, archaeologists excavated what they believe was the site of an outhouse next door to his home in Boston's North End.

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Low Sunday	26°	25°	239		
PRECIPITATION (inches)					
Sunday	0.00	Trace	0.00		
Month to date	0.02	0.19	0.87		
Normal month to dat	e 0.13	0.30	0.49		
Year to date	0.41	2.06	6.42		
Normal year to date	1.42	3.20	6.10		

AGRICULTURAL HAY INFORMATION WED						
Lowest relative humidity	55%					
Afternoon wind	NNW at 8 to 16 mph					
Hours of sunshine	0.0					
Evapotranspiration	0.04					
RESERVOIR STORAGE (th	rough midnight Monday)					
Phillips Reservoir	4% of capacity					
Unity Reservoir	36% of capacity					
Owyhee Reservoir	25% of capacity					
McKay Reservoir	49% of capacity					
Wallowa Lake	28% of capacity					
Thief Valley Reservoir	60% of capacity					
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)						
Grande Ronde at Troy	3780 cfs					
Thief Valley Reservoir near N	orth Powder 1 cfs					
Burnt River near Unity	7 cfs					
Umatilla River near Gibbon	293 cfs					
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Powder River near Richland	54 cfs					

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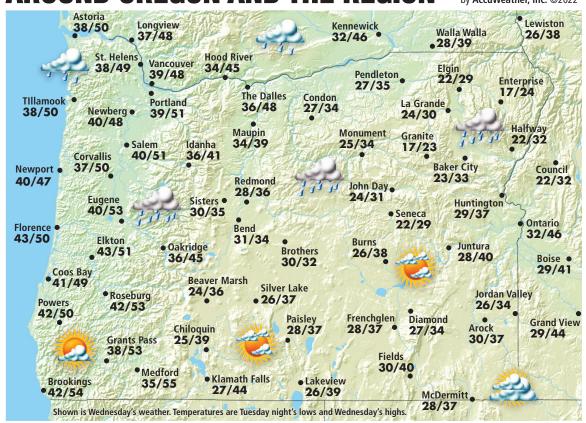
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WEATHER HISTORY On March 8, 1995, the blue grass was covered with 6 inches of snow at Jackson. Ky. That same day felt like spring in Blue Hill, Mass., with temperatures in the 60s.

SUN & MOON

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Sunrise	6	:18 a.m.	6:16 a.m.		
Sunset		:49 p.m.	5:50 p.m.		
Moonrise	9	:07 a.m.	9:38 a.m.		
Moonset		none	12:43 a.m.		
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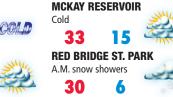
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Bend	34/14/sn	47/24/s	Longview	48/25/pc	52/28/pc
Boise	41/17/sf	41/18/s	Meacham	29/6/sf	34/13/pc
Brookings	54/38/pc	58/38/s	Medford	55/25/sh	60/29/9
Burns	38/8/pc	42/17/s	Newport	47/31/pc	48/35/9
Coos Bay	49/28/pc	53/29/s	Olympia	49/25/pc	50/29/
Corvallis	50/24/pc	52/27/pc	Ontario	46/19/pc	45/21/9
Council	32/7/pc	30/7/pc	Pasco	45/21/pc	50/26/pd
Elgin	29/6/sn	36/16/pc	Pendleton	35/15/sf	38/24/pc
Eugene	53/26/pc	51/30/s	Portland	51/27/c	52/34/pd
Hermiston	45/18/pc	48/23/pc	Powers	50/28/c	55/31/9
Hood River	45/24/r	53/31/pc	Redmond	36/11/c	48/20/9
Imnaha	32/10/c	36/16/c	Roseburg	53/28/c	55/31/s
John Day	31/11/pc	40/22/s	Salem	51/25/pc	51/32/pc
Joseph	24/2/c	28/14/pc	Spokane	33/20/pc	38/26/pc
Kennewick	46/21/pc	49/26/pc	The Dalles	48/25/r	54/34/pc
Klamath Falls	44/11/sf	47/16/s	Ukiah	27/5/pc	35/14/pc
Lakeview	39/8/sn	44/15/s	Walla Walla	39/21/c	41/29/pc
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