

Fiance's aversion to pets plants small seed of doubt



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have gotten engaged and we are being married in a year or so. Everything about him is wonderful, and I'm excited to share my life with him — except for one worry. I have been an animal lover my entire life. After living with him this past year with my two cats, I have slowly come to the realization that he absolutely loathes the idea of pets.

Besides my inability to understand this (he has never had a bad past experience with an animal),

it makes me question his compassion (or lack thereof) for all things living. Should this be a red flag, worthy of reconsidering our engagement? — **CRITTER LOVER IN NEW ENGLAND**

DEAR LOVER: Perhaps. Not everyone is an animal lover, but it's usually because they haven't had pets or been exposed to them. This does not mean they lack compassion for all things living. It simply means they haven't interacted with different species.

However, you say your fiance absolutely "loathes" pets. If you plan to have animals in your household in the future, you must have some serious discussions about it and lay your cards on the table. If you don't deal with this

now, it could be a deal-breaker in the future.

DEAR ABBY: As a frequent traveler, there is the inevitability of being seated near children on airplanes. I can't blame kids for becoming a little bit fussy. Often, they seem miserably bored. My sad observation is their parents seem to be unprepared to engage their kids.

When I traveled by plane with my children, I always planned ahead. I packed plenty of healthy snacks, a few surprise treats and games, books and art supplies to engage them. I also talked to them in advance about the trip, the plane, who we were going to visit and what we were going to do after we arrived. Strangers

would thank me at the end of the flight for my children's good behavior.

Time on a plane is a perfect opportunity to forgo the hustle and bustle of a typical day. Use the downtime to have fun and enjoy special bonding time with your kids and, hopefully, give the other passengers a break. — **MILE-HIGH PLAY TIME**

DEAR MILE-HIGH: I'm printing your intelligent suggestions in the hope that as families travel in the coming months, they will be taken to heart. I'm not doing this for the benefit of airline passengers, but rather the comfort of the children involved. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with my readers and me. You may

not be an angel, but today you have earned your "wings."

DEAR ABBY: I find myself depressed 90% of the time because I'm afraid of death. Do you think LGBTQ individuals are doomed after death? Will we go to hell? I'm gay and I worry every day about it. Please settle my nerves. — **STRESSED-OUT IN GEORGIA**

DEAR STRESSED-OUT: I'm glad you asked. Please stop worrying, because you are making your own hell right here on Earth. LGBTQ individuals are no more "doomed" after death than are straight people. The misguided individual who planted that idea in your head deserves that fate, not you.



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From left, Corrina Smith and Dakota Anderson, sophomores, Elgin FFA; and Gary Walls, senior, Ione FFA.

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Two years ago, Oregon FFA members were preparing for the annual state convention when the first COVID-19 restrictions were announced. All public gatherings were banned to prevent the spread of the virus, forcing the cancellation of the convention a week before it was scheduled to begin.

Oregon FFA leaders moved quickly to pivot to a virtual convention in 2020, then again in 2021. While not ideal, the format still allowed members to compete in events, attend workshops and elect new officers.

Kendall Castrow, a senior at Redmond High School, said she is excited to be coming out of the pandemic and reuniting

with her fellow FFA members from across the state. "I feel like there's been a lot of built-up energy," Castrow said. "Everybody gets to kind of release that energy and just be themselves."

Bush, the Tillamook FFA advisor, said this year was his 15th state convention as both a teacher and student. It was here, Bush said, that he met his best friend and the future best man at his wedding. It was also here that he decided he wanted to become an agriculture teacher in his hometown.

"The kids learn stuff here they can take home," Bush said. "Perhaps most importantly, they learn who they are."

Gary Walls, a senior from Ione, met March 19 with Corrina Smith and Dakota Anderson, both sophomores from Elgin. Walls, who joined FFA in seventh grade, had just earned his State Degree, the highest award a state FFA association can bestow on its members.

The friends said they remember feeling disappointed when the state convention was canceled in 2020. Now it was time to celebrate.

"You can feel all the positivity and great emotions in-person," Walls said.

"I'm really a people person," Anderson added. "I like to meet new people."

Phil Ward, Oregon FFA CEO, said this year they eclipsed 14,000 total members statewide — the most in the state organization's history.

For the majority of these students, Ward said this was their first in-person state convention. "They're seeing it for the first time with fresh eyes," he said. "It's been fun to watch."

Though Ward said he is proud of Oregon FFA for how it has responded to the pandemic, there is simply no substitute for being together in person.

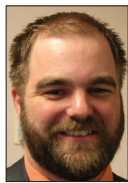
"It just reminds me of what FFA is all about," he said. "This is an organization that builds potential in young people."



Ward



Castrow



Bush

MUSIC

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include the Beatles Esher demos, a collection that ended up on the now-classic White Album.

"When they got together in George Harrison's house, they taped all the songs that they were planning to put on the White Album," Greg said. "It's got the full White Album and two discs of them just sitting in George Harrison's house doing the songs before they actually recorded them — demos."

The package set goes for \$95 at Ruby Peak, Greg said, adding that he believes it sells online for about \$120.

Not all sealed deals are

vinyl. A Pink Floyd CD box set has all kinds of extras like scarves, concerts and posters.

"All kinds of crazy things," Greg said. "These are going for quite a bit on the internet and we have them for \$100. ... We try and keep our prices lower than the internet," he said.

Reasonable prices

They have a system of colored stickers showing the cost of each record. The stickers are placed inside the album covers so as to not damage the outer cover when they're removed. Many are less than \$10.

"We know from raising two boys that we never had enough money to do anything, so we try to keep our

prices reasonable," Michelle said. "Music should be accessible to people other than just the rich."

"We want people to be able to afford to come in here," Greg added. "We have several customers who love just going through things."

But like any businesspeople who hope to be successful, they're doing their best to cater to what the customer wants.

"We're a work in progress," Michelle said. "We have to see what it is people want or what they'll buy."

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administrative rules that would cap greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels and reduce them over time.

The resulting Climate Protection Program does just that: it caps emissions from gasoline, diesel, propane, kerosene and natural gas and makes the cap more restrictive over time. The program, which launched this month, will distribute a declining number of emission credits to fuel suppliers and allow them to buy and sell those credits as the cap comes down. It also creates a fund that allows companies to pay for emission reductions in communities that are most impacted by climate change.

The rules include financial penalties for companies that can't meet the emission reduction targets.

Fuel suppliers will likely face higher costs that would



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Semis and other motorists line Island Avenue in La Grande on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021, waiting to get back on the road. Rules passed by the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission in December target a 90% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuels and natural gas by 2050.

be passed along to consumers. That will leave Oregonians and businesses with two choices: reduce their use of fossil fuels or pay increasingly higher prices for them.

DEQ staff have said the agency will track prices in Oregon and neighboring states to see if prices begin increasing more than

expected. If Oregon gas prices increase by more than 20% compared to other states, staff will review the program to see if changes need to be made.

— Oregon Public Broadcasting reporter Cassandra Profita contributed to this report.

weather

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TONIGHT Partly cloudy	FRI Mild with clouds and sun	SAT Mainly cloudy and mild	SUN Rather cloudy and mild	MON A morning shower; cooler
Baker City Comfort Index™ 10 34	67 35 10	65 41 10	67 42 10	58 34 1
La Grande Comfort Index™ 10 40	66 39 10	67 41 10	68 47 10	57 38 10
Enterprise Comfort Index™ 10 38	65 37 10	64 45 10	67 44 10	55 39 7

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 Tuesday	61°	63°	69°
Low Tuesday	32°	38°	41°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.01
Month to date	0.06	0.47	1.60
Normal month to date	0.52	1.21	1.60
Year to date	0.45	2.34	7.15
Normal year to date	1.81	4.11	7.21

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY
Lowest relative humidity 35%
Afternoon wind NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine 2.6
Evapotranspiration 0.11

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	7% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	49% of capacity
McWay Reservoir	32% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	64% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	33% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	84% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	4170 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	7 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	325 cfs
Minam River at Minam	250 cfs
Powder River near Richland	60 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 88° Fort Myers, Fla.
Low: -6° Gould, Colo.
Wettest: 1.96" Mount Airy, N.C.

OREGON
High: 75° The Dalles
Low: 29° Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.09" Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

Kansas City, Mo., already knows the danger of severe spring thunderstorms and tornadoes. However, on March 24, 1912, 25 inches of snow accumulated in 24 hours.

SUN & MOON

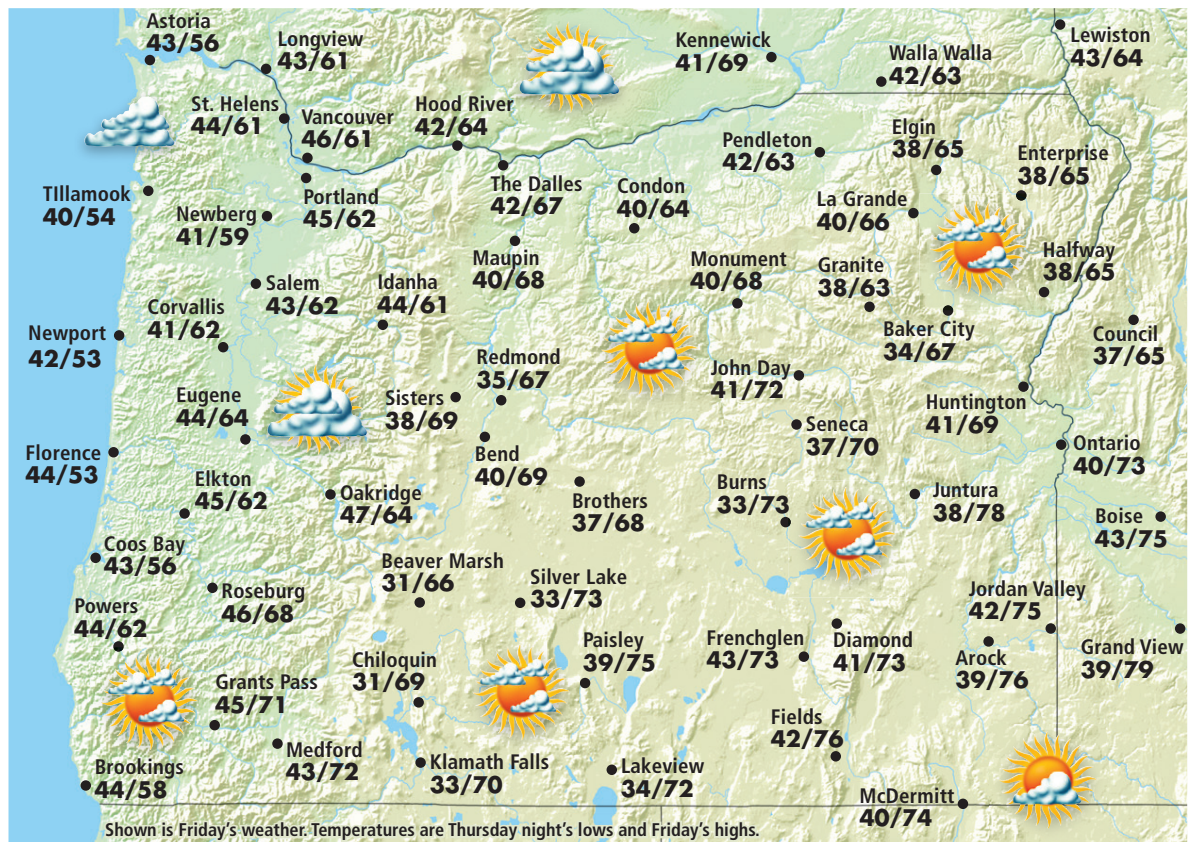
	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	6:48 a.m.	6:46 a.m.
Sunset	7:10 p.m.	7:11 p.m.
Moonrise	2:10 a.m.	3:18 a.m.
Moonset	10:32 a.m.	11:31 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
Mar 24	Mar 31	Apr 8	Apr 16

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	56/44/c	55/45/sh	Lewiston	64/45/pc	65/47/c
Bend	69/38/pc	68/45/pc	Longview	61/42/c	64/46/sh
Boise	75/46/pc	75/50/c	Meacham	64/37/pc	67/43/c
Brookings	58/45/pc	57/47/c	Medford	72/43/pc	71/46/c
Burns	73/35/pc	72/38/pc	Newport	53/43/pc	56/45/c
Coos Bay	56/41/pc	60/44/c	Olympia	59/43/c	57/43/sh
Corvallis	62/41/pc	65/44/c	Ontario	73/43/pc	74/44/c
Council	65/40/pc	64/42/pc	Pasco	68/44/pc	70/45/c
Elgin	65/37/pc	65/42/c	Pendleton	63/44/pc	65/47/pc
Eugene	64/44/pc	67/46/c	Portland	62/46/pc	64/47/c
Hermiston	67/42/pc	70/44/c	Powers	62/43/pc	67/45/c
Hood River	64/46/pc	67/48/c	Redmond	67/37/pc	68/41/pc
Imnaha	68/43/pc	67/49/c	Roseburg	68/42/pc	68/48/c
John Day	72/40/pc	70/45/c	Salem	62/45/pc	66/47/c
Joseph	65/39/pc	63/47/c	Spokane	56/42/pc	58/43/c
Kennewick	69/42/pc	72/46/c	The Dalles	67/43/pc	70/49/c
Klamath Falls	70/33/pc	69/37/pc	Ukiah	64/37/pc	65/41/c
Lakeview	72/34/pc	70/38/pc	Walla Walla	63/44/pc	64/47/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

ANTHONY LAKES Partly sunny	46 31 	PHILLIPS LAKE Partly sunny	67 37
MT. EMILY REC. Partly sunny	53 39 	BROWNLEE RES. Clouds and sun	69 43
EAGLE CAP WILD. Partly sunny	50 30 	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Partly sunny	57 32
WALLOWA LAKE Partly sunny	65 39 	MCKAY RESERVOIR Partly sunny	62 44
THIEF VALLEY RES. Partly sunny; mild	67 35 	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Periods of sun	66 39