Man's true colors shock his longtime girlfriend



DEAR ABBY: I am a 58-year-old, never-married woman with a 22-year blue-collar career. I own a home and will retire with benefits many people dream of.

I've recently ended a relationship with a man I've known since childhood. I truly love him. The problem is that he had been stealing from me. I confronted him several times, but finally had to involve the police. Now, he has flattened my tires and repeatedly dented my cars.

My question is this: Is there

more than one right person for everyone? How long will it take me to recover from a broken heart, if ever? His vandalism and my huge financial loss keep me away from this whack job. How well do you really know anyone? — **DISILLUSIONED IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR DISILLUSIONED: Inform the police that your ex-boyfriend is continuing to retaliate because you reported him. There is no timetable for healing from a broken heart, but take it from me, it does happen. I firmly believe there is more than one "right person" for everyone. You do not truly love HIM. What you love is the fantasy that he's the only right person for you.

We get to know the significant people in our lives — both male and female — by observing them over a long period of time and watching how they treat others. You should not keep your distance from this man only because of his vandalism and the money he has cost you, but also because he has anger problems he seems unable to control. Surely those character flaws showed themselves before he started acting out on you. Think back on the little things you may have chosen to ignore, and you may recognize that I'm right.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I married as teenagers 40 years ago. Our children are adults, and most people consider us a perfect couple. My wife has had several affairs over the years, some she has admitted to and others I have stumbled across. For the most part, they have been physical only, with no emotional attachment. Twenty years ago she had a passionate affair with a younger man. It ended when he broke it off to be with someone else. I didn't know about it at the time.

A year ago, she found out he's single again and invited him back into her life. Now, she's openly seeing him. She's telling me they are "just friends" and she "needs his company because only he understands her." I believe if he had a better job and financial outlook, she would leave me in a minute.

I can't stand the thought of losing the love of my life, but I

also can't keep living with her knowing I play second fiddle in her heart. She refuses counseling because she doesn't see this as a problem. Should I give her more time (a year already) or file for divorce? — CONFUSED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR CONFUSED: You have given your wife enough time to come to her senses. You state that she refuses counseling and you believe she would leave you in a minute if he made more money. That means she is staying with you only because of the lifestyle you provide. I do think there should be some counseling for YOU. It will provide insight and emotional support as you contemplate divorce.

100s of US urban areas will become rural with new criteria

By MIKE SCHNEIDER The Associated Press

MAUSTON, Wisc. — Hundreds of urban areas in the U.S. are becoming rural, but it's not because people are leaving.

It's just that the U.S. Census Bureau is changing the definition of an urban area. Under the new criteria, more than 1,300 small cities, towns and villages designated urban a decade ago would be considered rural.

That matters because urban and rural areas qualify for different types of federal funding. Some communities worry the change could affect health clinics in rural areas as well as transportation and education funding from federal programs. But leaders in other communities designated to lose their urban status say it won't make a difference.

"We are rural and we feel rural, and that's how we already identify," said Randy Reeg, city administrator of Mauston, Wisconsin, a city of 4,347 residents about 75 miles northwest of Madison.

Groups like the American Hospital Association say the changes,



Brennan Linsley/The Associated Press, File A train carries blades for wind turbines bound for another state through Rocky Ford, Colorado, in Otero County on June 30, 2016. Both Rocky Ford and Dawson, Georgia, were classified as urban areas after the 2010 census because they had populations over 2,500 residents. Under new criteria posted this spring by the U.S. Census Bureau, these communities would no longer be designated as urban. The new criteria require places to have 2,000 housing units, which is equivalent to 5,000 residents, to be considered an urban area.

which are the biggest being made to the definitions in decades, could cause problems for people who need medical care in rural areas.

"Going with the new definition could limit the number of rural health clinics moving forward and have a negative impact on rural access to care," said Shannon Wu, senior associate director of policy at the hospital association.

For starters, the Census Bureau is switching to housing units instead of people as the basis for calculating what should be an urban area. Bureau officials say the change will make it easier to update between once-a-decade head counts of the U.S. They also contend that it's needed because a new privacy method introduces errors into 2020 census population numbers at small geographies to protect people's identities. Housing counts stay accurate under the method.

A place had to have at least 2,500 people to be urban under old criteria that lasted more than a century. Now, it will need at least

2,000 housing units, the equivalent of about 5,000 people. A revised list of urban areas won't be released until later this year, but a third of the areas deemed urban a decade ago would be knocked into the rural category under the new criteria.

Places with 50,000 residents or more were considered "urbanized areas," compared with "urban clusters" having between 2,500 and 49,999 residents in the past. But those distinctions will be eliminated and all will be called urban areas under the new definition.

Some communities worry that the switch to housing units will cause some areas to be underestimated if the Census Bureau uses the U.S. average of 2.6 people per household for its calculations. For instance, Madera County, California, has 3.3 people per household, and the change "would not fully represent the community," Patricia Taylor, executive director of the Madera County Transportation Commission, said in a letter to the bureau last year.

The Census Bureau says the new definition should be used for statistical purposes only. But the bureau's urban areas form the cores of metro and micro areas, and its definitions provide the basis for how other agencies classify urban and rural areas in determining eligibility for federal funding. The bureau reviews the definitions every 10 years after a census, and the urban population has grown from about 45% of the total U.S. population in 1910 to more than 80% a decade ago.

"We've heard people say 2,500 was too low. That was the impetus for the increase," said Michael Ratcliffe, a senior geographer with the Census Bureau.

Different federal programs use different definitions of urban and rural, and some communities qualify for rural funding for some programs and not others. But any changes "will have significant implications for many groups and communities," said Kenneth Johnson, a senior demographer at the University of New Hampshire who studies rural issues.

"Another likely concern for many rural communities is that if many existing urban areas are redefined as rural, competition for the limited rural funds will increase," Johnson said.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin			
High Sunday	56°	55°	61°			
Low Sunday	33°	34°	36°			
PRECIPITATION (inches)						
Sunday	0.02	0.01	0.16			
Month to date	0.02	0.01	0.16			
Normal month to dat	e 0.03	0.07	0.07			
Year to date	1.95	3.79	10.03			
Normal year to date	2.91	6.52	10.36			

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Burnt River near Unity

Minam River at Minam

Umatilla River near Gibbon

Powder River near Richland

Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	1.7
Evapotranspiration	0.17
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)
Phillips Reservoir	10% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	83% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	46% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	94% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	48% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	99% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through	midnight Sunday)
Grande Ronde at Troy	3980 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near	North Powder 32 cfs

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 co	ntiguous states)
High: 98°	El Centro, Calif.
Low: 15°	Yellowstone, Wyo.
Wettest: 3.33"	Plant City, Fla.
OREGON	
High: 74°	The Dalles
Low: 23°	Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.39"	Rome

WEATHER HISTORY

Ronald Reagan's horse in the T.V. series "Death Valley Days," Sinbad the Sailor, was struck and killed by lightning on May 3, 1982, at Kanab, Utah.

SUN & MOON

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y	Sunrise		:38 a.m.	5:37 a.m.
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Astoria	58/47/pc	55/47/sh	Lewiston	72/52/pc	64/50/c	10 35	2
Bend	81/47/s	61/47/c	Longview	71/45/c	57/49/sh	48 35	- MIL
Boise	68/49/s	68/50/pc	Meacham	69/48/c	58/48/c	MT. EMILY REC.	
Brookings	61/46/c	54/50/c	Medford	80/50/s	64/50/c	Milder	MUL
Burns	71/42/s	63/43/c	Newport	57/44/pc	52/48/sh		Contrast.
Coos Bay	63/42/s	55/48/sh	Olympia	65/43/c	56/45/sh	58 43	
Corvallis	70/45/s	58/49/sh	Ontario	74/51/s	70/51/c		2733
Council	68/43/pc	64/47/c	Pasco	76/56/pc	68/51/c	EAGLE CAP WILD.	NGC .
Elgin	71/45/c	58/48/c	Pendleton	75/52/pc	61/51/c	Not as cool	
Eugene	72/48/pc	59/51/sh	Portland	71/51/pc	58/52/sh	FA 97	
Hermiston	77/56/pc	67/53/c	Powers	73/47/s	57/53/c	54 37	ALL.
Hood River	78/51/pc	61/51/sh	Redmond	80/47/s	62/46/c	WALLOWA LAKE	
Imnaha	72/50/pc	63/48/c	Roseburg	77/48/pc	60/52/sh		SHI(
John Day	72/45/pc	64/48/c	Salem	72/49/s	60/52/sh	Warmer	3
Joseph	67/45/s	59/44/sh	Spokane	67/49/c	60/43/sh	67 45	225
Kennewick	76/58/pc	68/52/c	The Dalles	77/55/s	66/53/c	•••	-////
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RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY PHILLIPS LAKE Warmer 44 66 **BROWNLEE RES.** Some sun; pleasant 72 46 **EMIGRANT ST. PARK** Warmer 40 66 **MCKAY RESERVOIR** Some sun; warmer 75 48





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