

# Daughter tires of mother's commentary on relationship



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 29-year-old woman in a healthy, loving relationship with my boyfriend of 2-1/2 years. We talk about marriage and kids and are committed to each other. We know we are each other's special one. He recently bought a home, and we live together. My issue is with my mother. I feel she won't be happy with me until I'm married and have children. She and Dad met and were

married within six months, so to her, any relationship that lasts longer than that without marriage or an engagement must not be the real deal. It has been extremely frustrating over the past couple of years. She slips in judgmental comments all the time and clearly doesn't respect my relationship with the man I have chosen.

If I try to defend my life and our relationship, she says I'm too defensive and must be unhappy. If I say nothing, which has been my approach for the past six months or so, her snide comments continue. I want a good relationship with her, but I am not sure where to go from here. Marriage and kids are in our future but not for

some time. We are enjoying our own timeline. — **IT'S MY LIFE IN COLORADO**

**DEAR I.M.L.:** At 29, you are well into adulthood, so perhaps it's time to draw the line. Tell your mother you know she loves you and is concerned for your welfare, but you do not plan to marry anyone on her timeline. Then say, calmly, that her comments are hurtful, and you need her to quit the needling, or she will be seeing a lot less of you. Be prepared to follow through.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have wrestled with this for a year. I thought I had a good friend. I had a pacemaker implanted, and eight months later I broke my

elbow. Both times I was hospitalized. Not once did she come to see me or send a card, even though she is a card lover. I overlooked it until my son's death made me rethink our friendship. She sent me some fruit but didn't make one call to see how we were doing, no visitation, nothing. She didn't send a sympathy card either.

I now regard her as selfish, and I can no longer bring myself to be friends with her. We all make mistakes, that's true, but three times with no support from her is more than I can accept. I now feel we weren't friends at all. Am I wrong? We have many dear friends who were

there when we needed them. They cried with us, consoled us, brought food, stayed with us. Are my feelings valid? — **ABANDONED IN FLORIDA**  
**DEAR ABANDONED:** Where feelings are concerned, there is no "right" or "wrong." Sometimes people feel extremely uncomfortable about what they should say or do when a difficult situation arises such as an illness, an accident or a death. That your friend made herself absent when you needed her support is unfortunate. Not knowing her, I can't guess her reason, and neither can you. So before YOU abandon HER, you should ask her that question.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Goodyear to recall RV tires 19 years after last one was made

The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — Nineteen years after the last one was made, Goodyear has agreed to recall more than 173,000 recreational vehicle tires that the U.S. government says can fail and have killed or injured 95 people since 1998.

Goodyear's G159 tires have been under investigation by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration since December of 2017. On Tuesday, June 7, the agency posted documents on its website saying that it had pressured the company into a recall.

Documents say the tire tread can separate from the body, causing drivers to lose control and increasing the risk of a crash.

The agency began investigating the tires nearly five years ago after a judge ordered the release of Goodyear data that had been sealed under court orders and settlement agreements.

Lawsuits and safety advocates allege that the tires were designed for delivery trucks and not for recreational vehicles that travel at highway speeds. They allege that Goodyear kept the problems secret for years by settling cases and getting judges to seal records.

The tires were made from 1996 to 2003. The death and injury numbers were revealed in a 2018 information request letter to the Akron, Ohio, company. The agency did not specify how many people were killed in crashes involving the tires.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. denied that the tires have a safety defect and said June 7 that few, if any, are still on the road. The company said it's doing the recall to address risks that happen when the tires are underinflated or overloaded on motor homes.

"This tire hasn't been made since 2003, it consistently met Goodyear's demanding safety standards, and we have not received an injury claim related to the tire's use on a Class A motor



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This is a Goodyear tire garage in downtown Pittsburgh on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022. Nine years after the last one was made, Goodyear has agreed to recall more than 173,000 recreational vehicle tires that the government says can fail and have killed or injured 95 people since 1998.

home in more than 14 years," Goodyear said in a prepared statement.

Documents show that the government safety agency sent Goodyear a letter requesting a recall of the 22.5-inch diameter tires on Feb. 22 of this year, and the company declined the request on March 8. But Goodyear later agreed to the recall "to address concerns that some of these tires may still be in the marketplace or in use."

NHTSA must hold a public hearing and then go to court to force a company to do a recall.

Goodyear will replace the tires with a newer model at no cost to RV owners. Owners of tires used on other vehicles can exchange them for \$500.

Goodyear said in government documents that the RV makers who used the tires are no longer in business, so it does not have access to registration data for the RVs with the faulty tires.

NHTSA issued a statement urging anyone who owns, rents or uses an RV or truck with 22.5-inch rims to make sure that G159 tires are not on the vehicles. "If their vehicle has these tires, they should have this recall completed as soon as possible," the statement said. The agency said it found that the tires experienced a high failure rate when compared to similar tires.

Michael Brooks, acting executive director of the nonprofit Center for Auto Safety, said the Goodyear case is one that exposes

every flaw in the system designed to keep unsafe tires and vehicles off the roads.

"Sealing off the documentation that there is a distinct threat to public safety should be against the law," said Brooks, who added that several states have such laws.

### Joshua Tree park closes trail so bighorn sheep can get water

**JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK, Calif.** — A popular hiking trail to an oasis in Joshua Tree National Park has been temporarily closed so bighorn sheep can get undisturbed access to water.

"The park is under extreme drought conditions and herds in the area are increasingly reliant on

the oasis spring to survive the hot summer months," a park statement said.

The Fortynine Palms Oasis spring is surrounded by palms in mountains on the northern side of the park.

The closure started June 1 and will remain in effect until summer monsoon rains provide enough water for the bighorns.

An estimated 100 to 200 desert bighorn live in the park. They are among a population of about 13,000 in parts of California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah, according to the Joshua Tree website.

The current population is about 10% of what it was before the settlement of the western U.S., the website said.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Considerable cloudiness	Brief afternoon showers	Periods of rain	Morning showers; cloudy	Mostly cloudy and cool	
Baker City	55	75 54	67 50	60 39	57 37
Comfort Index™	9	10	6	0	3
La Grande	59	74 55	69 50	61 46	59 42
Comfort Index™	9	6	4	2	3
Enterprise	53	73 53	67 45	57 39	54 41
Comfort Index™	10	9	7	0	4

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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<b>TEMPERATURES</b>	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	72°	75°	81°
Low Tuesday	36°	38°	39°
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.12
Month to date	0.43	1.09	1.99
Normal month to date	0.31	0.38	0.51
Year to date	4.41	7.45	16.16
Normal year to date	4.65	9.07	13.19

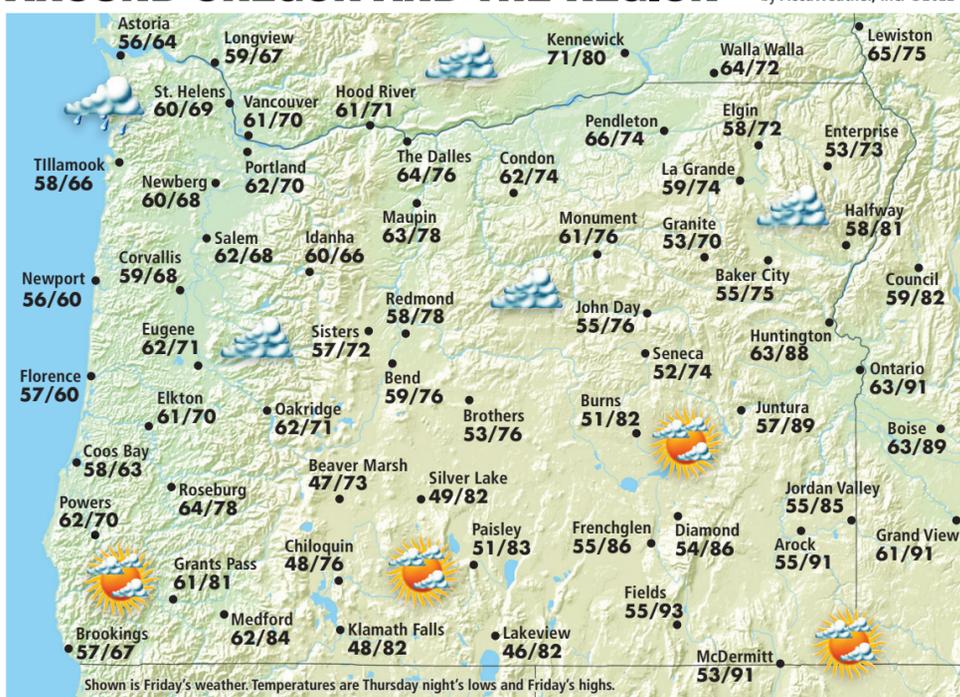
TUESDAY EXTREMES			
<b>NATION</b> (for the 48 contiguous states)			
High: 114°	Death Valley, Calif.		
Low: 28°	Boca Reservoir, Calif.		
Wettest: 4.58"	Fort Smith, Ark.		
<b>OREGON</b>			
High: 83°	The Dalles		
Low: 33°	Meacham		
Wettest: 0.05"	Prineville		

WEATHER HISTORY			
The storm that spawned one of Cleveland's rare killer tornadoes on June 8, 1953, moved on to cause New England's worst tornado disaster ever on June 9. The storm struck Worcester, Mass., and took 90 lives.			

SUN & MOON			
Sunrise	5:05 a.m.	5:04 a.m.	
Sunset	8:39 p.m.	8:40 p.m.	
Moonrise	3:03 p.m.	4:18 p.m.	
Moonset	2:20 a.m.	2:40 a.m.	
<b>MOON PHASES</b>			
Full	Last	New	First
Jun 14	Jun 20	Jun 28	Jul 6

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES				RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY			
City	FRI. Hi/Lo/W	SAT. Hi/Lo/W	City	FRI. Hi/Lo/W	SAT. Hi/Lo/W	ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Astoria	64/55/sh	63/52/r	Lewiston	75/62/sh	75/58/r	Showers around	A few showers
Bend	76/57/c	76/51/r	Longview	67/56/sh	68/51/r	<b>51 43</b>	<b>72 53</b>
Boise	89/62/pc	83/60/c	Meacham	71/57/sh	68/50/r	<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b>	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b>
Brookings	67/56/r	62/54/r	Medford	84/64/pc	79/58/r	Showers around	High clouds
Burns	82/53/pc	76/51/c	Newport	60/55/sh	58/51/r	<b>61 51</b>	<b>84 62</b>
Coos Bay	63/58/sh	62/53/r	Olympia	66/54/sh	67/49/r	<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b>	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b>
Corvallis	68/58/sh	68/53/r	Ontario	91/63/pc	85/62/sh	Rain and drizzle	Showers around
Council	82/61/pc	78/60/sh	Pasco	80/62/sh	82/58/r	<b>62 44</b>	<b>67 52</b>
Elgin	72/55/sh	67/50/r	Pendleton	74/60/sh	76/55/r	<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b>	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b>
Eugene	71/62/sh	72/53/r	Portland	70/59/r	71/56/r	A shower	Showers around
Hermiston	78/64/sh	82/59/c	Powers	70/61/r	68/52/r	<b>72 53</b>	<b>74 57</b>
Hood River	71/59/sh	71/55/r	Redmond	78/63/c	70/55/r	<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b>	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b>
Imnaha	75/60/c	71/56/r	Roseburg	78/63/c	70/55/r	Sun, then clouds	Brief p.m. showers
John Day	76/55/t	73/53/r	Salem	68/59/c	70/56/r	<b>75 54</b>	<b>74 55</b>
Joseph	72/53/c	67/45/r	Spokane	68/56/sh	71/52/c		
Kennewick	80/65/sh	85/60/r	The Dalles	76/61/c	76/58/r		
Klamath Falls	82/49/pc	76/50/sh	Ukiah	70/54/sh	67/47/r		
Lakeview	82/48/pc	78/47/r	Walla Walla	72/60/c	74/55/r		

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, f-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice