

Woman can't stop thinking about her husband's friend



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

talk to him, so I stayed sitting on the bleachers. When my husband returned, he said Shane asked him where I was.

Abby, I have felt this way for two years. My husband and I have been married for seven. When I'm driving home from work, I fantasize about Shane riding in the car with me. I hurry to get to town hoping I'll see him at the gas station or passing by. I'm considering contacting him on Messenger. I have never thought about my husband this way. Please give me some advice on what to do. — **OVER THE MOON IN MISSOURI**

DEAR OVER: Nowhere in your letter did you mention whether your feelings for Shane are reciprocated. If you contact him, what exactly do you plan

on telling him — that you love him? That you lust for him? Your efforts would be better spent trying to figure out what happened to the excitement in your marriage rather than starting a romance with your husband's friend.

If you do what you have in mind and Shane doesn't feel the same way, it will be enormously embarrassing. If he does have similar feelings, your husband will be devastated. The next time you have a fantasy about Shane, I urge you to switch to another channel.

DEAR ABBY: My grandson is 24. He was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome after he graduated from high school. He was first diagnosed with ADHD when he was young, then, years

later, as bipolar. Since high school, he spends his time in his bedroom playing video games. He has no social interactions and doesn't engage much, if at all, with his two younger brothers. He also doesn't get along well with his stepfather.

My daughter, his mother, is desperate for help but has been unable to find it. Most programs are designed for children or are too far away. Even trying to find a counselor locally who specializes in Asperger's has led to blind alleys.

Where do we go to find help for him? He's very functional but somewhat naive socially, and my daughter is fearful of him falling in with the wrong crowd. He has become depressed, and after years of turning his nose up at getting

help, he actually wants it now. What do we do? — **SEEKING HELP IN TEXAS**

DEAR SEEKING: Forcing help on a person who isn't ready usually accomplishes little. That your grandson is finally willing to accept that he needs help is hopeful. Suggest that your daughter reach out to an organization called AANE, the Asperger/Autism Network, and ask for guidance for her son. To have questions and concerns addressed and to receive information and resources, she should visit aane.org.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Florida amusement park pauses new sniper-like laser game

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando amusement park where a teenager fell from a ride and died earlier this year has paused a new sniper-like laser shooting game amid criticism following a recent spate of mass shootings.

The Bullseye Blast game let riders of the 400-foot Wheel at ICON Park pay an extra \$5.95 to shoot laser blasters at 50 targets strategically placed along rooftops throughout the park.

In a statement issued Saturday, July 16, park officials said that while the ride had been "well-received" by customers, some had questioned whether it was appropriate following mass shootings at a Fourth of July parade in a Chicago suburb, an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, and a grocery store in Buffalo, New York.

"Some non-guests and community members expressed that they considered the toy shooting device used to be insensitive," the statement said.

"The attractions industry has many similar games which use similar shooting devices, so that is what we were limited to when exploring the game. However, we believe that a device can and should be designed which does not offend anyone in the community."

Park officials said they "look forward to leading this new innovation."

While the park has removed the game from its website, earlier this week it offered the following description of Bullseye Blaster: "To get the highest

score possible, players need to hit as many of these as possible with their laser blaster during the 18-minute ride."

The promos featured photos of riders pointing laser guns from the ride, FOX-35 reported.

Critics and supporters of the ride weighed in on social media over the past few days.

"This is in poor taste," Florida state Sen. Linda Stewart, a Democrat from Orlando, said in a tweet responding to a news story about the ride. Others on social

media scoffed at the park for pausing the game.

Controversy has surrounded the park, which is located along Orlando's International Drive, since 14-year-old Tyre Sampson, of Missouri, fell from the Free Fall tower and died earlier this year.

An investigation later found the teen was nearly 100 pounds over the ride's weight limit. His family has filed a lawsuit.

The park announced the Bullseye Blast in a news release on July 14.

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weather

TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Clear	Mostly sunny and warm	Mostly sunny	Sunny and nice	Mostly sunny
Baker City 49 Comfort Index™ 6	94 50 6	91 53 7	85 47 8	89 49 7
La Grande 60 Comfort Index™ 5	97 60 4	94 60 6	87 57 8	91 58 6
Enterprise 57 Comfort Index™ 5	93 58 5	89 57 5	84 56 9	88 57 5

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 Sunday	93°	92°	93°
Low Sunday	49°	60°	50°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.01	0.22	0.32
Normal month to date	0.34	0.39	0.45
Fear to date	4.47	8.98	17.76
Normal year to date	5.78	10.45	14.97

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 120° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 38° Gothic, Colo.
Wettest: 3.87" Effingham, Ill.

OREGON
High: 103° Rome
Low: 39° Lakeview
Wettest: Trace Sexton Summit

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	15%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	14.2
Evapotranspiration	0.34

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	20% of capacity
Jiny Reservoir	79% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	32% of capacity
VicKey Reservoir	94% of capacity
Mallowa Lake	14% of capacity
Chief Valley Reservoir	79% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	2080 cfs
Chief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	126 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	107 cfs
Jmatilla River near Gibbon	66 cfs
Vinam River at Minam	507 cfs
Powder River near Richland	17 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

Haze replaced the normal blue sky over Florida's east coast on July 19, 1984. Satellite imagery showed that the haze was actually dust picked up by the wind in Africa and carried across the Atlantic Ocean.

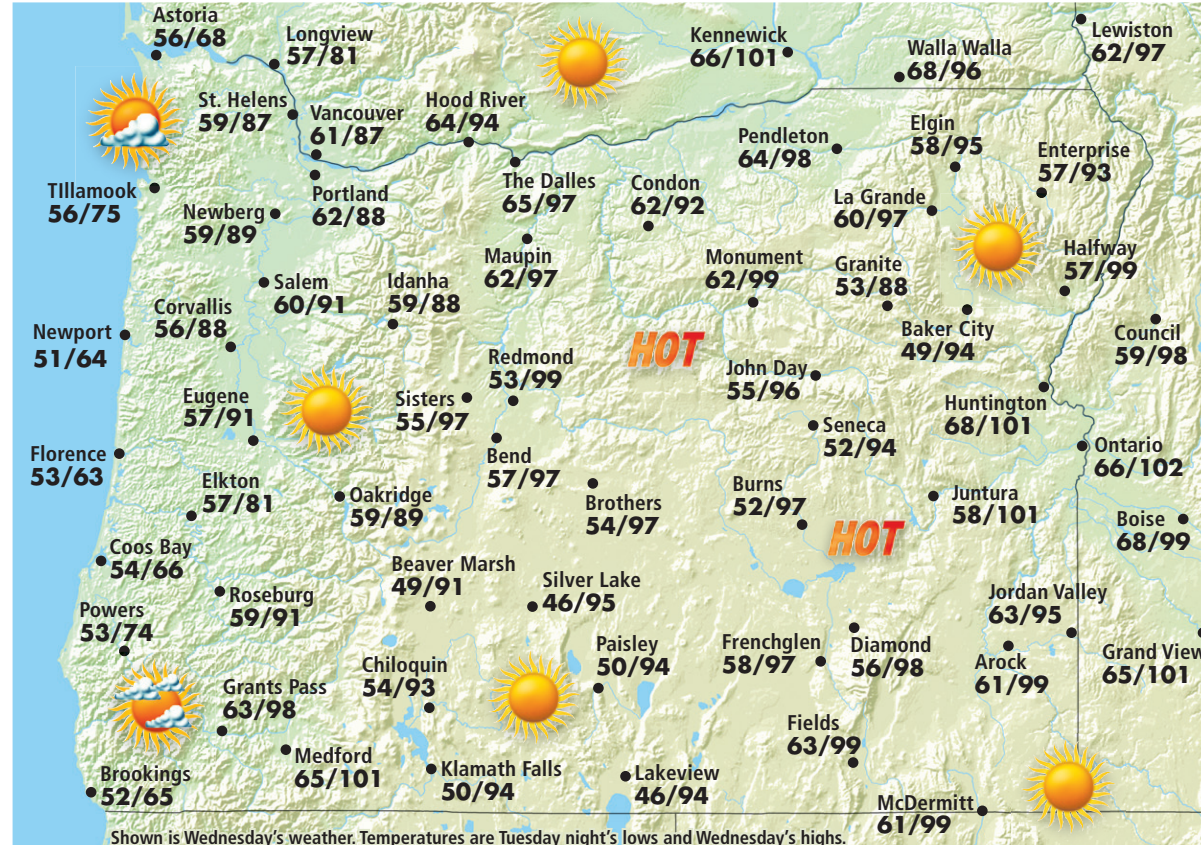
SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	5:23 a.m.	5:24 a.m.
Sunset	8:34 p.m.	8:33 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:04 a.m.
Moonset	12:30 p.m.	1:39 p.m.

MOON PHASES

Phase	Date
Last	Jul 20
New	Jul 28
First	Aug 5
Full	Aug 11

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED.	THU.	City	WED.	THU.
Astoria	68/57/pc	67/56/pc	Lewiston	97/63/s	96/63/s
Bend	97/59/s	93/54/s	Longview	81/55/s	77/57/pc
Boise	99/68/s	99/67/s	Meacham	93/56/s	91/55/s
Brookings	65/53/c	65/54/pc	Medford	101/64/s	94/60/s
Burns	97/53/s	96/52/s	Newport	64/53/pc	63/52/c
Coos Bay	66/53/c	67/54/pc	Olympia	83/54/s	79/52/pc
Corvallis	88/55/s	80/52/pc	Ontario	102/69/s	101/69/s
Council	98/59/s	97/56/s	Pasco	101/64/s	99/64/s
Elgin	95/57/s	92/58/s	Pendleton	98/63/s	96/64/s
Eugene	91/54/s	83/52/pc	Portland	88/60/s	84/58/pc
Hermiston	102/65/s	99/66/s	Powers	74/54/c	73/53/pc
Hood River	94/66/s	90/63/s	Redmond	99/54/s	94/52/s
Imnaha	97/63/s	95/59/s	Roseburg	91/57/s	85/58/s
John Day	96/54/s	95/54/s	Salem	91/57/s	86/55/pc
Joseph	92/61/s	91/57/s	Spokane	90/61/s	91/62/pc
Kennewick	101/64/s	99/67/s	The Dalles	97/66/s	94/63/s
Klamath Falls	94/51/s	89/50/s	Ukiah	91/48/s	89/47/s
Lakeview	94/45/s	92/45/s	Walla Walla	96/68/s	95/64/s

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

Location	Forecast	Temp
ANTHONY LAKES	Mostly sunny	72 48
MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly sunny	82 59
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Mostly sunny; warm	80 46
WALLOWA LAKE	Hot with sunshine	92 61
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Mostly sunny	94 50
PHILLIPS LAKE	Hot with sunshine	91 53
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny; warm	99 58
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Mostly sunny; warm	87 44
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Sunny and hot	98 62
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Mostly sunny; warm	97 60

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

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