

Jealousy undermines woman's relationship with retiree



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: I've been in a "friend with benefits" relationship for more than a year now. I'm 57 and he's 79. I was raised a Christian and wanted to save myself for marriage. This is the first time I have loved someone and been the FWB. I'm jealous of his last girlfriend and what they had together. She wanted to get married, and he didn't.

A woman at my church says I ought to just remain friends with him and pray God will send me

a man who will love and marry me. This is a retirement town. There aren't many available men my age. I feel guilty because I went against my Christian faith. I'd appreciate your advice. — **IN LIMBO IN ARIZONA**

DEAR IN LIMBO: Why are you wasting your time being jealous of his ex-girlfriend? They are history. The odds of you changing this man's mind on the subject of marriage are not good, but you know that from the beginning. The guilt you're carrying may be the price you pay for whatever pleasure this relationship brings you.

Since pickings are so slim in your community, please note that I'm not telling you to end it. How-

ever, if the situation becomes increasingly painful, that's what you should do. Because you are deeply religious, this may be a subject to discuss with your religious adviser.

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, our son was arrested for child porn. At the time, he was responsible for running our family business. When he was sent to prison for two years, we realized he had been running it into the ground, plus stealing as much as he could. We have not spoken since. Our grandson is now being married, and he wants us to attend.

We haven't spoken to our grandson or his father since all this happened. Must we attend

this wedding? — **BAD BLOOD IN FLORIDA**

DEAR BAD BLOOD: It would be unfair to shun your grandson for the sins of his father. Must you attend the wedding? No. Should you go? I think so. When you do, be cordial to your son. You do not have to see him often or at all after that, but keep in mind there may be other family celebrations in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I have a best friend of 15 years. (We even got matching tattoos.) However, I feel like I'm always put on the back burner. I'm easygoing, so maybe she feels she doesn't need to be a good friend in return? I understand we all have busy lives, but there are 24 hours in a

day and seven days in a week. It doesn't take but a minute to send a text to ask how I'm doing. Am I being unrealistic for wanting a friendship that goes both ways? — **LOST IN A FRIENDSHIP**

DEAR LOST: It is only unrealistic if you have spoken to your longtime friend about how you feel (15 years late) and she's unwilling to expend a little more effort in your direction. I recommend you have that long-overdue conversation with her and let her know what your needs are.

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SURVEY

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In the survey, 33% of Oregonians said that they at least partially agreed that the reason employers have had difficulty filling jobs is because since the COVID lockdowns, "people have gotten used to not working and are continuing to live off savings and unemployment benefits and are not feeling a sense of urgency to work."

Unemployment benefits were expanded during the height of the pandemic, but have since shrunk back. Laid-off workers, who pay into unemployment insurance through payroll, can

receive roughly 65% of their weekly wages when unemployed. A person working 40 hours a week at minimum wage could receive around \$350 per week if laid off. The additional weekly payments approved by the federal government — initially \$600 and then \$300 — ended in September 2021.

People receiving unemployment benefits typically have to demonstrate that they are searching for employment. The work search requirement was suspended during the height of the pandemic, but reinstated more than a year ago.

One in five Oregon workers switched to remote

or hybrid work during the pandemic.

Workers who make \$100,000 or more were three times more likely than workers making less than \$50,000 to have the flexibility to work from home or go into the office, the survey found.

One in four workers making less than \$50,000 had to go on unemployment at some point during the past two years. Just one in 10 workers making \$100,000 or more went on unemployment.

Still, 38% of working Oregonians said that nothing had changed in their employment in the past two years.

Sienna Fitzpatrick was

halfway through a year-long AmeriCorps program in Central Oregon when the pandemic hit. Despite the pandemic, Fitzpatrick was hired on as a full-time employee in September 2020.

Fitzpatrick's organization went to remote work during the pandemic and only returned back to the office this spring.

"We had a lot of really long and sometimes kind of tense discussions as a department," about the return to the office, Fitzpatrick said, which resulted in a hybrid schedule that has had increased flexibility when needed, like for a coworker struggling to find consistent childcare.

DILLON

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The agency was unable to find the vast majority of 1,000 "ghost workers" supposedly identified by its hourly harvest formula, which farmers claimed was arbitrarily and inaccurately calculated.

"The precedent was super important for anyone who has labor," he said. "There was a lot of interest nationally in what was happening. We weren't just carrying the torch for Oregon producers. It had a lot of importance to the broader ag community."

The episode taught a valuable lesson to overzealous, "out-of-control"

federal employees, Dillon said. "We see what you're doing and there are mechanisms for us to correct what you're doing. And you really shouldn't do it again."

Though he doesn't come from an agricultural background, Dillon said he felt a kinship with farmers and ranchers while working as a staffer in the 1990s for U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore.

He was eager to build on those relationships upon accepting a job as the Oregon Farm Bureau's communications director, which led to his hiring for the top position in 2002.

"I felt a connection with producers," Dillon said. "They're very pragmatic and want to get stuff done."

OASIS

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"A wine-and-dine kind of place," he said. "Come hang out, cool off, check it out, watch some TV."

Tia said when they do reopen, they'll be keeping the same menu the Vails had when they closed. Then, modifications could be in the works.

"We'll talk to customers and see what they like and

what they want and what we can feasibly do," she said.

Overnight

In addition to the cabins they now have, they're planning something a little different — geodesic domes as overnight accommodations.

Tia called the domes "a different, unique way to stay here." For those who want to be more in the outdoors, there's also camping across the road at the river access owned by the Washington

Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Outdoors

In addition to serving as a fishing guide, Louis plans to have a hunting guide available. He has hunted big game in Alaska, but not yet in Washington, so he's leaving the guiding to a contractor.

But Boggans will be

selling hunting and fishing licenses, as well as Discover passes, which are required for vehicle access to state parks and recreation lands managed by the state.

Wallowa County connection

Just five miles from Oregon, the Villagomezes look forward to getting to know their neighbors in

Wallowa County. They said they hope to sell pies from one of the bakeries in Enterprise and to learn more about the Nez Perce Tribe and its ties to the land here.

"I'm big on all things Native American," Louis said.

With all they've had to do to get Boggans ready to open, they haven't had time to explore Wallowa County

yet, but they plan to.

Their kids, too, are eager to start school in Troy. Gabriel, a 10-year-old fifth-grader, and Graciella, a second-grader who's almost 7, will make up half of the schools student body as soon as their parents obtain a cross-state waiver.

"We kind of feel an obligation to enroll our kids there," Tia said.

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weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	A moonlit sky	Partly sunny and hot	Sunshine	Sunny and pleasant	Hot with plenty of sun
Baker City	53	94 52	88 46	89 46	90 49
Comfort Index™	6	6	8	8	7
La Grande	57	95 55	88 50	87 51	95 55
Comfort Index™	6	4	9	8	5
Enterprise	57	91 55	87 51	86 54	91 53
Comfort Index™	5	5	7	7	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 Tuesday	96°	101°	102°
Low Tuesday	54°	59°	64°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.08	0.04	0.00
Month to date	0.08	0.04	Trace
Normal month to date	0.12	0.18	0.17
Year to date	4.55	9.02	17.76
Normal year to date	6.11	10.84	15.40

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 114° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 33° Walden, Colo.
Wettest: 3.94" Texarkana, Ark.

OREGON
High: 101° Hermiston
Low: 49° Lakeview
Wettest: 0.33" Bend

AGRICULTURAL INFO.
HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY
Lowest relative humidity 20%
Afternoon wind SSW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine 10.7
Evapotranspiration 0.25

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir	10% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	56% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	24% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	80% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	3% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	45% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	661 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	77 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	128 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	53 cfs
Minam River at Minam	150 cfs
Powder River near Richland	16 cfs

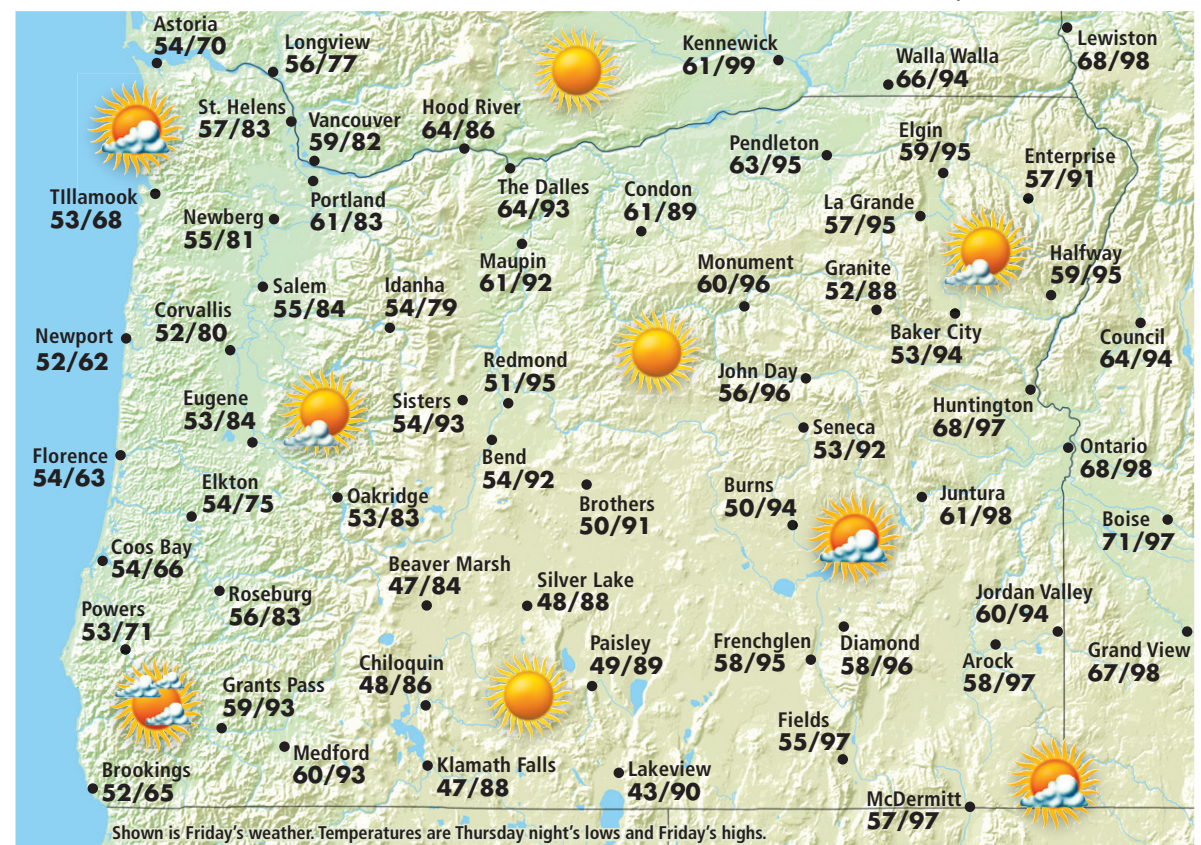
SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	5:48 a.m.	5:50 a.m.
Sunset	8:06 p.m.	8:04 p.m.
Moonrise	8:32 p.m.	9:01 p.m.
Moonset	4:50 a.m.	6:15 a.m.

MOON PHASES

	Full	Last	New	First
	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 27	Sep 3

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	70/56/pc	71/55/pc	Lewiston	98/69/pc	93/63/s
Bend	92/50/s	87/52/s	Longview	77/56/pc	77/56/pc
Boise	97/69/pc	95/66/s	Meacham	92/51/pc	85/44/s
Brookings	65/54/pc	66/54/s	Medford	93/59/s	92/59/s
Burns	94/49/s	91/49/s	Newport	62/52/pc	65/51/c
Coos Bay	66/55/pc	68/55/pc	Olympia	80/54/s	77/52/c
Corvallis	80/53/s	81/55/pc	Ontario	98/69/pc	98/65/s
Council	94/60/c	95/58/s	Pasco	99/62/s	94/57/s
Elgin	95/55/pc	88/51/s	Pendleton	95/62/s	89/58/s
Eugene	84/53/s	85/55/pc	Portland	83/60/pc	82/61/pc
Hermiston	97/62/s	92/57/s	Powers	71/54/s	73/57/s
Hood River	86/64/s	85/59/s	Redmond	95/48/s	89/47/s
Imnaha	98/64/pc	92/60/s	Roseburg	83/55/s	86/57/s
John Day	96/54/s	91/54/s	Salem	84/55/s	83/58/pc
Joseph	92/57/pc	89/50/s	Spokane	94/61/s	88/58/s
Kennewick	99/62/s	94/59/s	The Dalles	93/66/s	90/60/s
Klamath Falls	88/49/s	87/49/s	Ukiah	87/42/s	82/39/s
Lakeview	90/43/s	88/49/s	Walla Walla	94/65/s	88/62/s

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES A shower or two	75 45	PHILLIPS LAKE Partly sunny; hot	91 52
MT. EMILY REC. Partly sunny; warm	84 52	BROWNLEE RES. Partly sunny; warm	97 58
EAGLE CAP WILD. Partly sunny; warm	79 45	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Partly sunny	86 40
WALLOWA LAKE Partly sunny; hot	92 57	MCKAY RESERVOIR Plenty of sunshine	94 58
THIEF VALLEY RES. Partly sunny	94 52	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Partly sunny; hot	95 55

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