

# Mom suspects daughter's boyfriend of cheating



**DEAR ABBY:** We recently found out my 19-year-old daughter is pregnant. This is her first boyfriend, and she is absolutely smitten with him. He has asked her to marry him, and we are excited and happy for her, but there is one thing we are having a hard time with: I am almost certain he is cheating on her.

They live with us, so I can see the signs — he says he's working late, and several times even told her he had to work all night. He's always on his phone, and he never allows her to see it. He keeps it on silent and facedown. When he gets

a text message (which is often), he immediately says he has to go to the bathroom. Then he stays in there for about a half hour.

I've tried talking to her about what I'm seeing, but she gets mad at me. She says she trusts him and insists he would never cheat on her. It's painful to watch this happening to her, and I don't know how to handle it. Should I continue bringing it up or let her find out on her own? — **KNOWS ALL TOO WELL**

**DEAR KNOWS:** You have already brought it up. Your daughter should not rush into marriage just because she is pregnant, if that's her intention. Because her boyfriend is living with you, he's likely not mature or financially stable enough to be married to anyone. (What do his

parents think about this?) I was tempted to advise you to hire a private investigator to find out if the young man is really working late or all night, but I'm not sure you need to go to that expense. The truth will eventually reveal itself. In the meantime, give your daughter plenty of emotional support because she is going to need it, and probably more.

**DEAR ABBY:** I married my high school sweetheart in 1967. In 1979, after 12 years of marriage, we refinanced our mortgage so we could add a room. During the credit check, it was brought to my attention that my wife had borrowed \$14,000 and opened a secret mailbox in a different town to hide it from me.

The problem was, and still is, that she has refused for 52 years to

tell me what it was for. Needless to say, my trust in her was shaken. She had no drinking, gambling or drug problems. I must have asked her a thousand times what she needed the money for, and still no answer. Our marriage went downhill, I had an affair, and we separated.

In 1990, we got back together, but it wasn't the same. The kids were grown, so four years later we divorced. I'm 75 now, remarried 20 years ago, and I still can't figure out why she couldn't tell me the truth to save our marriage. (Abortion keeps popping into my mind.) A day does not go by that it doesn't enter my mind even all these years later. My kids are estranged because all they know is that I had an affair. I suppose I will be wondering until my dying day. Advice? — **STILL IN THE DARK**

**DEAR STILL:** What your ex-wife needed that money for is anybody's guess. She may have used it to bail out a friend who was in trouble. She also could have been paying off a blackmailer. The possibilities are so varied that guessing her motive could be a parlor game.

Since you asked, my advice to you is to finally let the past stay in the past and quit upsetting yourself over something you will never get a straight answer about. There are few more effective ways to diminish the joys of the present than to do what you are doing.

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# What aid is still available for renters?

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**SALEM** — Renter protections from Oregon's pandemic-era emergency rent assistance program expired Friday, Sept. 30, eliminating the last renter safety net policies tied to the economic fallout from COVID-19.

Among the expiring provisions were protection from eviction when a renter had a pending application for housing aid, as well as a provision that landlords had to give tenants 10 days' notice of eviction. Landlords can now resume a three-day or six-day eviction notice. And they can now evict tenants for back rent they didn't pay during the pandemic.

The state began distributing funds through the emergency rental assistance last May and paid out \$408 million in rent and utility assistance. According to a dashboard that tracks the program, the state approved close to 65,000 applications and declined at least 39,000.

Although the emergency rental assistance program closed its application portal in March, the state housing agency has continued to work through pending applications.

State housing spokesperson Delia Hernández said the agency is also receiving funds that have been reallocated from other



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states who didn't use up their housing funds quickly enough. So far, the agency has received \$29.4 million in reallocated funds, and it has requested an additional \$17.6 million.

But there are no plans to accept new applications for emergency rent assistance, Hernández said. Instead, the state housing agency will put the funds toward its eviction prevention program. It will also distribute money toward legal services and case management for renters, Hernández said.

The pandemic programs are winding down as renters rights groups are anticipating steep increases in rents next year that could lead to a wave of evictions. State economists announced last month that landlords can raise rents up

to 14.6% next year under the 2019 state rent control law that ties the maximum increase to inflation.

The Community Alliance of Tenants called on lawmakers to strengthen eviction laws during the next legislative session, to avoid unnecessary evictions. The group also

called for lawmakers to roll back the upcoming rent increase and to track landlords through a registration program.

People facing eviction can contact the Oregon Law Center's Eviction Defense Project for legal help or call 211 for other resources.

## AGENT

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and making sure they come first," Young said.

The Allstate agent said the transition after taking over for Wylam has gone smoothly over the past year.

"Usually business drops off the first year when a new guy comes in, but that hasn't happened because of the continuity we have had. I have a lot of ties to our customers. Everything has been good," Young said.

The insurance agent said he likes his job because of the opportunity it provides him to make connections with the public.

"I really like working with people," he said.

Young's office is at 1110 Adams Ave., the

same that Wylam operated out of. He said it is an excellent location.

"It is visible and everyone knows where it is," he said.

Coincidentally, one of the first firms to do business at that Adams Avenue address was Sergeant and Wright Insurance, which records indicate occupied the space in 1905, according to Bob Bull, a La Grande author and historian. It is not known when Sergeant and Wright Insurance stopped operating at 1110 Adams Ave. but it is known that by 1912 into the 1920s Pattison Grocery and Bakery was there, and that by 1933 the site housed Barnhart Grocery. Wright's Drug Store began operating at that address around 1941, Bull said, and served customers at the site for at least two decades.

**\$408 million**

The amount Oregon paid out in rent and utility assistance through its emergency rent assistance program since May 2022.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Weather	Clear	Mostly sunny and warm	Warm with plenty of sun	Sunny, nice and warm	Sunny, pleasant
Baker City	32	75 35	73 34	72 34	73 28
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	10
La Grande	39	75 38	74 39	75 36	74 36
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	10
Enterprise	39	72 39	73 38	73 37	72 36
Comfort Index™	9	10	10	10	10

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.

### ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	71°	74°	77°
Low Tuesday	37°	43°	45°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	Trace
Normal month to date	0.18	0.38	0.51
Year to date	5.38	9.63	18.51
Normal year to date	7.04	12.38	17.38

### AGRICULTURAL INFO.

#### HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	9.2
Evapotranspiration	0.13

#### RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir	2% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	22% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	7% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	44% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	3% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

#### STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	621 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	3 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	18 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	45 cfs
Minam River at Minam	56 cfs
Powder River near Richland	9 cfs

### TUESDAY EXTREMES

<b>NATION</b> (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 103°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 18°	Randolph, Utah
Wettest: 1.44"	Okeechobee, Fla.
<b>OREGON</b>	
High: 84°	Grants Pass
Low: 28°	Lakeview
Wettest: none	

### WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 13, the Great Hurricane of 1846 moved from Cuba northward through Georgia and the Carolinas to Pennsylvania and caused great damage all along its path.

### SUN & MOON

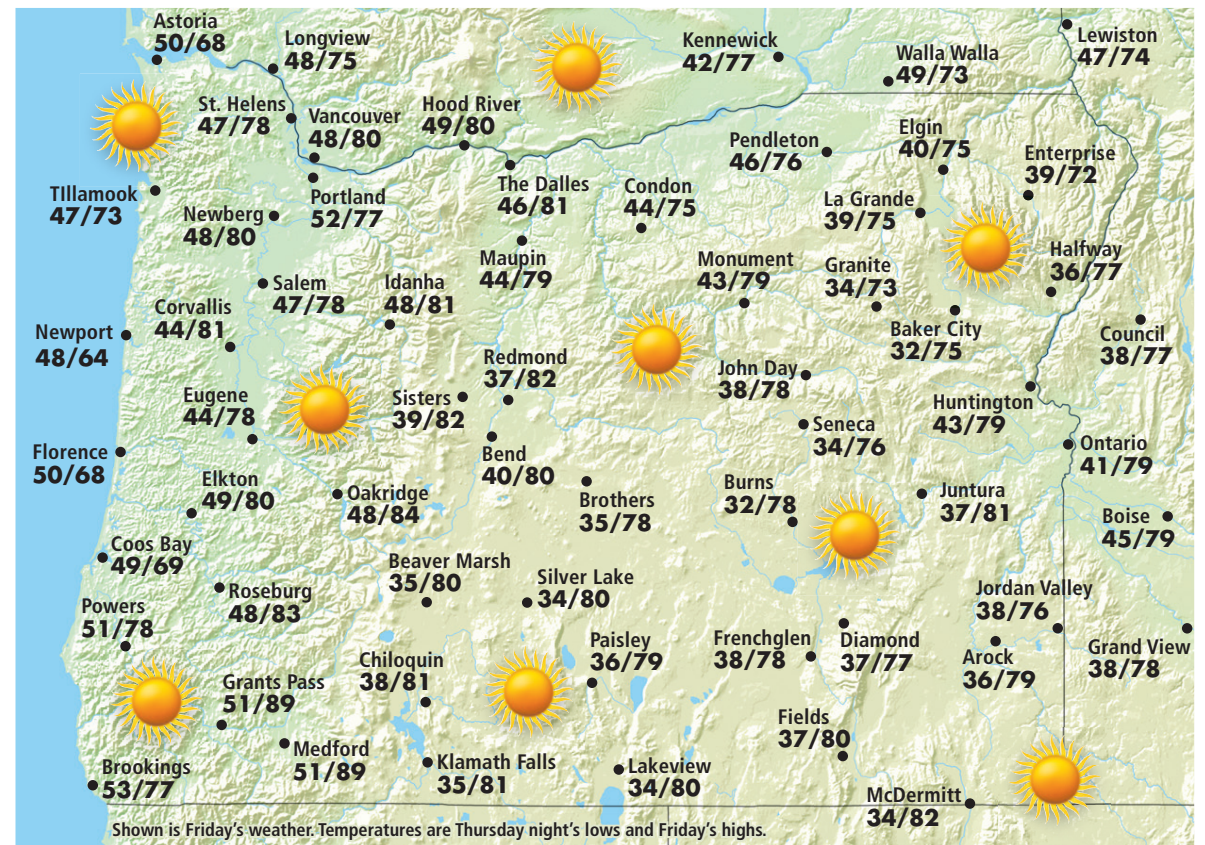
	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	7:06 a.m.	7:07 a.m.
Sunset	6:11 p.m.	6:09 p.m.
Moonrise	8:09 p.m.	8:48 p.m.
Moonset	11:25 a.m.	12:30 p.m.

### MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 17	Oct 25	Oct 31	Nov 8

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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### REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI.	SAT.	City	FRI.	SAT.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	68/51/s	76/54/s	Lewiston	74/47/pc	74/49/s
Bend	80/40/s	75/38/s	Longview	75/48/s	79/49/s
Boise	79/45/s	77/49/s	Meacham	75/39/s	73/39/s
Brookings	77/54/s	66/53/pc	Medford	89/50/s	89/52/s
Burns	78/33/s	77/37/s	Newport	64/50/s	68/53/s
Coos Bay	69/49/s	71/51/s	Olympia	72/44/pc	77/43/s
Corvallis	81/45/s	82/44/s	Ontario	79/41/s	78/43/s
Council	77/40/s	77/41/s	Pasco	77/43/pc	78/43/s
Elgin	75/42/s	76/42/s	Pendleton	76/45/s	75/46/s
Eugene	78/46/s	80/45/s	Portland	77/52/s	81/56/s
Hermiston	76/43/pc	77/43/s	Powers	78/49/s	78/54/s
Hood River	80/50/s	78/50/s	Redmond	82/38/s	77/36/s
Idanha	75/48/s	75/48/s	Roseburg	83/48/s	86/48/s
John Day	78/33/s	77/37/s	Salem	78/46/s	82/48/s
Joseph	71/38/s	71/40/s	Spokane	71/46/pc	73/47/s
Kennewick	77/43/pc	76/44/s	The Dalles	81/47/s	79/48/s
Klamath Falls	81/37/s	80/35/s	Ukiah	76/37/s	73/40/s
Lakeview	80/34/s	79/36/s	Walla Walla	73/49/pc	73/50/s

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

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Mostly sunny; mild	<b>61 34</b>		<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Mostly sunny; warm	<b>72 36</b>	
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Mostly sunny; mild	<b>67 41</b>		<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Mostly sunny; warm	<b>79 41</b>	
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Mostly sunny; mild	<b>64 30</b>		<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Mostly sunny; warm	<b>73 35</b>	
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Mostly sunny; warm	<b>71 38</b>		<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Mostly sunny	<b>75 47</b>	
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Mostly sunny; warm	<b>75 35</b>		<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Mostly sunny; warm	<b>75 38</b>	