

DEAR ABBY

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**Dear Abby:** I am a male reader with a complaint. Have you noticed that women hardly ever compliment men? On ANYTHING! They expect men to compliment them but never reciprocate.

If you move furniture, take them out for a nice dinner, buy tickets to their favorite show, buy them a gift, they don't have enough manners or couth to say thank you or express appreciation. Getting a compliment is like pulling teeth from a great white shark while he's feeding.

Don't women ever think, "Maybe I should say something to HIM instead of expecting him to say it to me"? Where do they learn this behavior? Are they taught this growing up? Or do they just not care or even realize?

— *Shaking My Head in New Jersey*

**Dear Shaking:** My late mother, God rest her soul, once commented to me that people with "class" never use that word. In this case, I will make an exception and tell you that individuals of both sexes who have class were taught from early childhood the magic words "please" and "thank you," and to express gratitude.

I don't know what kind of women you are involved with, but I'm suggesting it is time to upgrade the quality. Do not spoil anyone who isn't worthy to spoil you right back.

**Dear Abby:** I've been going to the same poke joint for more than five years now. Several of the employees have worked there for years. I feel at this point, I should know their names, but they don't wear name tags, and I'm embarrassed to ask what

their names are after so many years. They don't know mine either, but they know enough about me to ask how my son is doing or how my work is going.

I like calling people by their names, but I'm a little shy and awkward and don't know how to ask. Should I just keep our weekly (sometimes bi-weekly) exchanges at surface-level chitchat without worrying about what their names are?

— *Friendly in the West*

**Dear Friendly:** You can certainly do that. It has worked for you so far. However, if you would like to know the employees' names, just say that you are "terrible with names, and embarrassed to even have to ask after all this time, but ... what is your name? My name is (insert name)."

**Dear Abby:** I'm getting married next month, and I'm so nervous. What can I do to not be scared?

— *Cold Feet in Florida*

**Dear Cold Feet:** I wish you had been more forthcoming about what you are worried about. Is it the wedding ceremony and your wedding day? If that's the case, have faith that you and your fiance will make it through together because you WILL. Is it your wedding night? A talk with your doctor should allay your fears.

Is it that you are unsure about the person you are marrying? If that's the case, postpone the wedding and schedule premarital counseling for you and your intended. In some religions, the clergy recommend this type of counseling so issues like money and child-rearing can be discussed and not cause serious problems later.

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

★★★★★ DYNAMIC | ★★★★★ POSITIVE | ★★★ AVERAGE | ★★ SO-SO | ★ DIFFICULT

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 28, 2021:** Vibrant, alive and emotionally complex, you live in a vital and uncompromising way. This year, by investigating a new avenue in your work you become even more successful. You receive major recognition. If single, be careful not to get too carried away with thrills and sensations. Your mate is around the corner in 2022. If attached, love is bliss and your partner helps you with your goals. ARIES inspires you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
 ★★★ Today blesses a commitment you make. Listen to suggestions. Others are competitive and a bit argumentative; focus on tolerance and cooperation. A partner has definite plans and ideas involving you. Compromise is key. Tonight: Delicious dinner with a loved one.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 ★★★★★ Today emphasizes a need for clarity. Make time to release stress and clear away clutter. Heed a hunch about the well-being of a cherished pet. Also, a new animal may find its way to your door. Tonight: Many projects need your attention at once.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 ★★★★★ You can feel unusually scattered, uncertain and divided regarding matters of the heart. But Venus comes to the rescue. A healthy and loving relationship begins to deepen, and this restores you. Tonight: Dance like no one is watching.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Communicate with family members concerning home improvements and repairs. Now would be a wonderful time to bless your dwelling, perhaps with a sage smudge. Visitors suggest interesting ideas and offer valuable insights during casual conversation. Tonight: Relax with family.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Be tolerant of others' beliefs. It's not the time to be too forceful if debating politics. Anticipate some intriguing conversations and messages. Several short journeys are likely. It's a great time to catch up on current events. Tonight: Catch up with a sibling or neighbor.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Today emphasizes money and purchases. Do not overextend yourself financially. Set funds aside to cover an unexpected expense. Consider new directions concerning budgeting. Financial brainstorming sessions offer valuable perspectives about security issues. Tonight: Take the night off and just relax.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ A competitive spirit encourages you to be progressive and experiment today. An important relationship intensifies. Be aware of your own aptitudes. Do some soul searching to determine how best to be who you are and do what you can. Tonight: As you like.

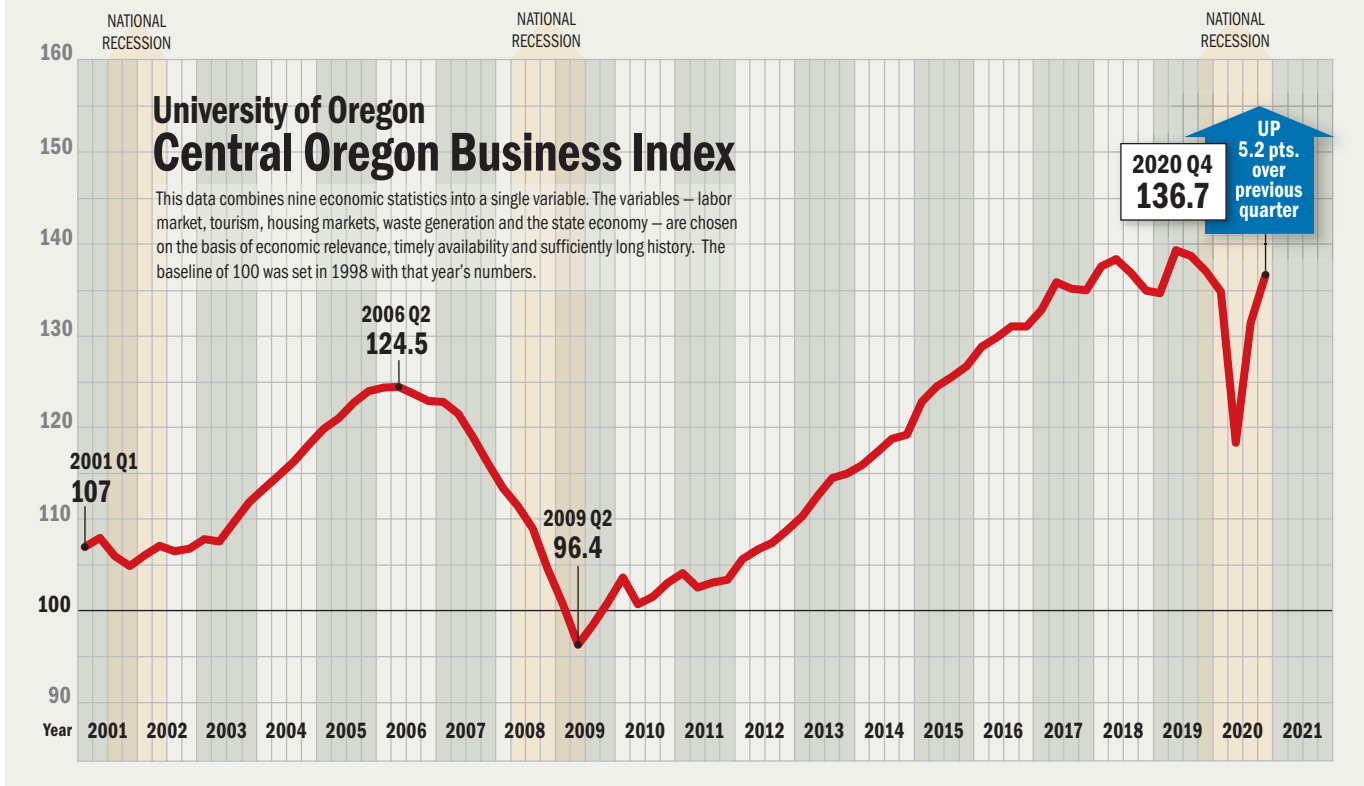
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 ★★★★★ Your insight is keen; memories are vivid and poignant. Plan something reminiscent of childhood activities. You will savor quiet moments, cherishing chances to release stress. Intuitively you realize that a tranquil mind knows the right moments. Tonight: A soothing herbal bath or sauna.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 ★★★★★ Today impacts your circle of friends and long-range goals. Reflect, but delay steering away from established associates or committing to a new direction. An invitation is extended to participate in an organization. Think this through before acting. Tonight: A network reaches out to you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 ★★★★★ Memories of grandparents or relationships with grandchildren are heartwarming, and any volatile situations with in-laws should settle down. It is also a wonderful day to combine business with pleasure. Tonight: One who admires you can offer a valuable recommendation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 ★★★★★ Appreciation of beauty marks today. Employ art and music to heighten your connection to the heavens. Today is also perfect for travel or for enrolling in a study and learning program. A sense of freedom and completion surrounds you. Tonight: Insights about loved ones.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 ★★★★★ Today reveals how family dynamics are shifting. Hidden facts come to light; a message from the spirit world arrives. Your attitudes and perceptions are in flux. Heed subtle signs and synchronicities. Tonight: Donate items to a worthy cause and you'll experience good karma in return.



Source: University of Oregon College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Economics  
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 These numbers are a good indicator that once restrictions are lifted and business can get back to normal, Central Oregon's economy should rebound to pre-pandemic levels.

The index comprises of nine variables, which are adjusted for seasonality and are measured against a benchmark of 100 set in 1998. It is designed to show the health of an economy.

In the first quarter of 2020, which was prior to when

COVID-19 was identified in the United States, the index was 134.8, in the second quarter it plummeted to 118.4 and in the third quarter it had bounced back up to 131.5. Much of that bouncing around was due to job losses and shuttered businesses.

The Central Oregon housing market has been breaking records through the third quarter, Duy said. And although it slowed a bit in the fourth quarter, homes are still selling faster and inventory remains low. In addition, new construc-

tion accelerated with 243 units permitted compared to 166 the prior quarter, according to the report.

And in the leisure and hospitality industry, hotel revenues were strong for Central Oregon, fueled by the love affair for our outdoor recreation. But air travel remained soft, still below pre-pandemic levels, according to the report.

In all, the index was only down slightly in the fourth quarter of 2020, compared to 2019, Duy said.

The two government stim-

ulus efforts and the rounds of Paycheck Protection Program funds for businesses has helped buffer the Central Oregon economy, he said. But it will take a bit of time for the economy to fully rebound overcoming the supply chain shock felt earlier in the year.

"The region has done really well," Duy said. "I expect the first quarter to show continued improvement. It will be hard for people to hold back when things fully open up."

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