

DEAR ABBY

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**Dear Abby:** At the age of 30, I recently had to move back with my parents. I am not the tidiest person in the world, but I thrive on the saying, "Dust, not dirt."

I recently went on vacation. I knew my room was a little messier than I'd like, but I also knew I'd return from vacation ready to tackle the pile of laundry and sweep and mop the floor. Lo and behold, when I walked into my room, it was clean and organized! Abby, I felt my privacy had been invaded.

I was embarrassed and ashamed, but also hurt because my parents had trespassed beyond my closed door. I feel betrayed and like my personal privacy was undermined. What should I do?

—Invaded Space

**Dear Invaded:** I'm glad you asked. I think you should get over it, and fast. I assume you are staying rent-free in your parents' home.

You are no longer a teenager, and nobody trespassed. While you are under their roof, make an extra effort to keep the room you occupy free from dust and a pile of dirty laundry. If you act like a gracious guest instead of a spoiled child, there will be no reason to feel embarrassed or ashamed.

**Dear Abby:** I'm married and the mother of two kids, ages 5 and 7. My husband is a very involved father and partner in our marriage. My complaint is that he's too trusting of other people and doesn't keep an eye on the kids in public places.

An example: He'll take them to the grocery store and

let them hang out in the toy department while he's getting groceries. They will be 100 yards away from each other. I have told him several times that I'm not comfortable with this, yet he continues to do it. I'm not sure what to do about it anymore. Have you any suggestions?

—Nervous in Nebraska

**Dear Nervous:** Yes. Because your husband can't be trusted to watch the children when they accompany him shopping, talk to the kids and impress upon them the importance of staying close to their father. However, if this doesn't work, then YOU will have to take over the errands until the children are older.

**Dear Abby:** I'm 60 and was a stay-at-home mom for 20 years. I have an associate degree in the field that I just got a job in. My problem is, at this age, I'm a little slower at learning new things. My supervisor was willing to help me for the first week, but now she seems to have lost patience with me.

I have been here barely two weeks, and she made a comment that made me feel terrible. She was trying to teach me a filing system, and I was having a hard time understanding it. She said in front of the entire office that "around here we have to use our brains." Should I talk to her or just push through?

—A Little Slower

**Dear Slower:** Let it slide this time. However, if her lack of tact continues, talk to her about how her comment made you feel. And in the meantime, learn that filing system.

Weather

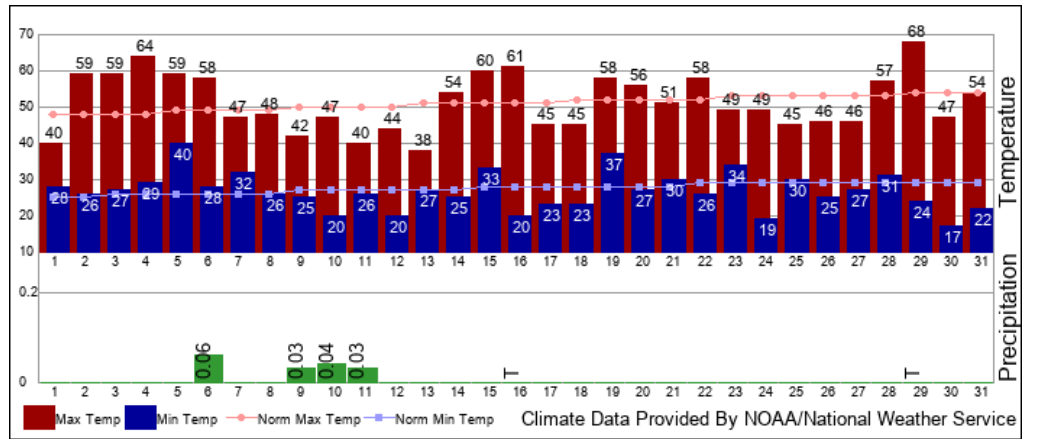
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The lowest temperature recorded last month was 17 degrees on March 30. The record low temperature for the month in Bend was minus 13 degrees on March 2, 1917, according to the data.

March precipitation in Bend totaled 0.16 of an inch, which was 0.57 of an inch below normal. Measurable precipitation of at least 0.01 of an inch was recorded on four days. The heaviest precipitation last month was 0.06 of an inch on March 6.

So far this year, precipitation in Bend has reached 2.33 inches, which is 1.02 inches below normal.

March snowfall in Bend totaled 0.6 of an inch. The heaviest snowfall was 0.2 of an inch on March 9. The totals were much lower than the 4.5 inches of snow recorded in March



The summary of the weather in Bend during March 2021.

2019.

The weather outlook for April calls for below normal temperatures and near normal precipitation.

The 60 degree weather this week is expected to cool down by Monday, when high temperatures drop to 50 degrees,

said Rob Brooks, a weather service meteorologist in Pendleton.

"We have another system coming in Sunday," Brooks said. "It brings in a little cold air behind it."

Normal high temperatures for April in Bend rise from

54 degrees at the start of the month to 60 degrees at the end.

Normal low temperatures rise from 29 degrees to 32 degrees throughout the month.

The normal April precipitation in Bend is 0.78 of an inch.

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Internships

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Russell is one of 32 high school and college students in Deschutes and Jefferson counties who have started an internship this school year with the help of Bend organization Youth CareerConnect. Youth CareerConnect — operated by the nonprofit Economic Development for Central Oregon — has linked local students with internships since 2017. And despite the COVID-19 pandemic forcing the organization to pause operations last spring, Youth CareerConnect staffers began helping students again this fall.

Now, nearly 45 local businesses, from medical nonprofits to airplane manufacturers to real estate companies, are offering internships to students.

"Businesses are recovering. We've got a lot of opportunities coming in," said Larry Holeman, Youth CareerConnect's Bend internship coordinator. "Students are getting interviews and placed."

Although some interns are working inside offices, stores and manufacturing centers, other students are still working remotely, Holeman said.



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Wahoo Films production manager Carlene Orsillo teaches 18-year-old intern Roman Russell of Bend how to operate the teleprompter before a shooting at the Wahoo Films studio in downtown Bend on Wednesday.

Many of these positions just opened back up this winter. Last fall, while waiting for more jobs to become available, Youth CareerConnect staff focused on helping students build resumes and hone interview skills — two important factors to getting a job, Holeman said.

"A resume gets you in the door, and an interview closes the deal," he said. "These are skills they'll take now, through the end of their career."

Holeman said there are many benefits for students who get an internship through Youth CareerConnect. It's not only immediate perks, like earning college credit and having something unique to put on a college application — these internships also help teens figure out what they're interested in, and how to thrive in an adult work setting.

"Think about it as a real world classroom," Holeman said.

Youth CareerConnect is expecting even more internship opportunities to be available this summer for students, as the weather gets nicer and COVID-19 cases hopefully continue to fall, said Debbie Taylor, the group's Jefferson County internship coordinator.

"I've had so many (jobs) come into the system in the last two weeks, oh my goodness," she said. "These businesses are ready to get behind these kids and get them started in the industry."

The three Youth CareerConnect coordinators — one for Bend, one for Redmond and one for Jefferson County — are working to make sure students have a variety of internship opportunities, Taylor said. She's used her connections built from 16 years living in Madras to hunt down great jobs for teens, she said — from the Madras Animal Hospital to a seed seller in Metolius.

"There's quite a few business owners I know personally," Taylor said. "And if I don't know them, I know somebody to make a warm introduction, or I'm not shy to walk into the door and introduce myself."

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YOUR HOROSCOPE By Madalyn Aslan

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021:** Funny, sharp and vigorous, pursue your dreams no matter how far-reaching they seem. This year, you initiate changes you never thought possible. Keep your day job but use your spare time to fulfill physical and creative challenges. Be mindful of finances since your extracurricular activities may run over budget. If single, you will attract someone who thinks like you. If attached, don't hide anything from your partner. GEMINI humors you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take advantage of a few hours when you have no obligations. Search online for an out-of-print or rare book you have wanted to purchase. It requires patience, but you might find what you want. Tonight: Fun with children and grandchildren.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Your emotions may be on overdrive. Feeling joyful will infect everyone around you. Don't give in to irrational fears. Think about happy things instead. Reserve time to get physical with a walk, run or swim. Tonight: A serious talk with someone close.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You may have second thoughts about a commitment you made too hastily. Take time to negotiate the terms and conditions. Talk it over with someone you trust. Strengthen a connection with someone you recently met. Tonight: Live dangerously with a rich dessert.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Give your pet special attention. Find a home for a stray at an animal shelter. Teamwork saves you from a monotonous job. Enter a competition or take on a challenge you may have passed on previously. Tonight: Attend an online meeting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Lay the groundwork for fulfilling an artistic vision. A mentor can steer you in the right direction. Be open to unusual ideas. Follow your instincts, and you can never go wrong. Go out with friends. Tonight: Laugh it up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Explore real estate for fun. Visit interesting neighborhoods or places you might want to live. Make your workspace at home practical and comfortable. If you need to replace equipment, take time to research the best deal. Tonight: Unwind with a mystery.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Brush up on time-management skills. You may have to rely on them if overloaded with too many projects. Set limits for yourself and stay true to them. Too much information can tie you in knots. Tonight: Do what you love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Make healthy lifestyle choices a family affair. Join a gym or take power walks together. Purchase weights so you can work out at home. Prepare nutritious and balanced meals. The fun is eating the delicious results. Tonight: Plan weekend activities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Use your charisma to get your foot in the door. Take the lead even though you don't always like being in charge. There is no time like the present. Friends and family will support you if you fall. Tonight: Story time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Carve out a space for alone time. Just say "no" to parties and social events. Friends will understand. Use your imagination. A drawing pad and notebook is all you need to delve into new ways to express yourself. Tonight: Karaoke.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Get together with friends who make you laugh. Keep the conversation light. A serious talk is for another time. Get tickets to a concert or sporting event. Order online. It might take time, but it is worth the wait. Tonight: Play trivia.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Share ideas with people you respect but whose views are different from yours. Incorporate those concepts into your work and think outside the box. Reward yourself for your efforts. Treat yourself to a frivolous yet inexpensive item. Tonight: Practice public speaking.

Gun storage

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On March 25, the Oregon Senate voted 16-7 to approve a bill making state buildings — including the Capitol — off-limits to firearms carried by concealed-handgun licensees. Senate Bill 554, which went to the House, leaves it up to local governments to decide that question for their own buildings.

Oregon is among the states with no laws regulating gun storage, according to the pro-regulation Giffords Law Center. Laws in California and Washington apply to some aspects of storage.

When the House Health Care Committee heard the gun storage bill March 11, almost 400 pieces of testimony were submitted for and against House Bill 2510. Some people submitted more than one.

"We cannot gun-proof children," Dr. Benjamin Hoffman, pediatrician at Doernbecher Children's Hospital at Oregon Health & Science University, testified. "We must child-proof guns."

Between 1999 and 2019, he said, Oregon averaged 3.5



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A cable gun lock. Oregon has no laws regulating gun storage.

deaths by firearms per 100,000 people, compared with the national average of 2.3 per 100,000. For youths under 19 during the period, he said Oregon averaged 6.3 deaths per 100,000, compared with the national average of 5 per 100,000.

"Gun violence is one of the leading causes of death for people my age," Hope Williams, a volunteer with Students Demand Action in Oregon, said in a statement after the vote. "We want to feel safe at home and in our communities and that starts with securely storing

firearms to prevent gun violence."

Students Demand Action, together with Moms Demand Action, constitute Everytown for Gun Safety.

"Even in a pandemic, our communities are continuing to endure gun violence everyday," said Elizabeth Klein, a gun violence survivor and volunteer for the Oregon chapter of Moms Demand Action. "And, unintentional shootings and gun suicides have continued to rise over the past year. Secure storage is an effective and easy way to help prevent these

tragedies.

But Oregon's gun-rights advocates staunchly opposed the bill.

"This bill will subject hundreds of thousands of law-abiding citizens with potential criminal and civil liability overnight for actions that are perfectly legal today," Paul Donheffner, legislative committee chairman for the Oregon Hunters Association, said in testimony to the committee.

Kevin Starrett is director of the Oregon Firearms Federation, which bills itself as a no-compromise group on gun rights. It even disparaged Republican lawmakers working on regulation of firearms sales at gun shows in 1999, a year after the group's founding. The bill did not pass, but voters approved a related initiative measure in 2000 by a 62% majority.

Starrett had harsher words for lawmakers during his committee testimony. "Gun owners in Oregon have been remarkably well-behaved," he said. "But if you keep rewarding criminals and punishing the law-abiding, don't expect them to stay that way."

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