

**DEAR ABBY**

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**Dear Abby:** I have been married to my husband for seven years. We are in our 60s. He refuses to make a will. He tells me what he "would" put in his will and asks me if I am OK with his wishes.

He has an adult child from his first marriage and would like to include her in the will. I'm fine with what he wants. This conversation has been going on for more than five years, but he never acts on it. I am very hurt and frustrated.

The house is in his name, and my name isn't even on his checking accounts. I resent him for this. There are times when I want to get a divorce because I feel if something should happen to him, I will have no security. I also think he is being selfish and unloving to me and his adult child to leave us in a situation where we would have to go through the probate process. Please help me to get through to him.

— *Resentful in Maine*

**Dear Resentful:** Your husband may be afraid to face the idea of his own mortality. He wouldn't be the first.

The two of you need to make an appointment with an attorney who specializes in wills and estates. If he doesn't put his wishes in writing, the assets he has worked so hard for may be seriously diminished when the state decides "for him" and takes a sizable chunk out of the estate.

While you are talking with the lawyer, there should also be a discussion of end-of-life planning. Does he want hospice? Palliative care? Do you know what his wishes are in the event he is unable to speak for himself? Those wishes should be in writing

and so should YOURS. (This subject should also be raised with your doctor(s).)

Most people want to keep what they have worked for and decide for themselves what will happen when they die. Death is a fact of life, and hiding from it won't make it go away.

**Dear Abby:** I send out lots of greeting cards every year for birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas. I keep a large number of them on hand so I am prepared.

I received a Christmas card this year from an elderly family member that said: "Thank you for the insulting anniversary card." "Insulting" was underlined twice. I was dismayed. Their anniversary was last August. I have no idea which card I sent since I keep so many on hand. I am guessing it may have been a humorous card that they didn't find funny, but I'm not sure.

Both are very alert and oriented. What is the proper thing to do here? Do I call them and apologize when I have no idea what it said? Should I not send an anniversary card next year or send a very generic one? I have been very upset that my good wishes were so poorly received.

Any advice you can give would be appreciated. Thank you.

— *Confused in the Midwest*

**Dear Confused:** Call the couple and ASK what it was about the card that upset them. Explain that it wasn't your intention to offend them, and apologize. DO send an anniversary card when the time comes, but when you do, make absolutely certain the message inside is appropriate.



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**Deschutes County is considering renovations to Bill Worrell Wayside Park located near the Deschutes County administration building that include more parking and better wheelchair access.**

## Worrell Park

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Though there are no formal plans to do so in the near future, the expansion of the courthouse will require the county to provide more parking spaces within 1,000 feet of the courthouse, according to city of Bend code.

The courthouse sits across the street from the county's downtown campus.

Between the possible future expansion and a parking study, which showed in 2019 the downtown campus parking area of 654 spaces was consis-

tently at 95% capacity during the work week, Randall said the county is trying to prepare for future parking needs.

But Commissioner Patti Adair opposed moving forward with the project, mostly because she objected to the estimated project cost of \$2.5 million to add only 68 more spots.

Adair also said she was fond of the park the way it is now, despite its steep terrain, and objected to the idea of cutting down two of the five mature ponderosa pines at the site, which is suggested in this conceptual plan.

"We're spending a lot of

money, and what are we really getting?" Adair said.

Chang encouraged Adair in the meeting to see the estimated \$2.5 million price tag as the cost for not just parking spaces, but for an improved park that would actually be usable by the community.

Despite working in the building, all of the commissioners said Monday they had never gone to even eat their lunch out in the park because it was too hard to access.

"I do like the idea of the park being used more actively," Chang said.

However, the reality of the

parking situation at the downtown campus has changed since the survey was done two years ago. Due to more people working remotely because of the pandemic, the demand for parking has gone down, Randall said Thursday.

This could influence how the park is redesigned, and how parking is prioritized.

"I don't know to what extent that will impact decisions about parking spaces," Randall said. "It certainly will be a consideration because it's the reality we are all living in."

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## Programs

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"We've spent the last year responding to crisis after crisis. As our state continues to recover from the many challenges 2020 brought, this funding package will make urgent investments to help Oregonians who are truly hurting."

Included in the summer package are these programs:

- For high school students behind on their credits for the past two academic years because of the coronavirus pandemic, \$71.9 million, with school districts putting up a 25% match from federal pandemic aid they will get separately. Districts qualify for money if half of high school students participate.

- For students from kindergarten through fifth grade, \$93.7 million, with school districts putting up a 25% match, for academic or other enrichment programs. Districts will get money based on the distribution formula for regular state aid, but more weight will be given to students at the poverty level. Assuming a cost of \$1,800 per student, the state estimates that up to 70,000 children could benefit.

- For child care, \$30 million, plus \$10 million in federal funds.

- For preschool programs, \$12 million, plus \$11.2 million in federal funds, for one-time activities this summer.

- For summer recreation activities, \$40 million that the Oregon Community Foundation will award in grants to public agencies and nonprofit groups, such as the YMCA and Boys and Girls Clubs.

- For parents whose children have disabilities, suffer from trauma or are at risk of placement into the child welfare system, \$1.2 million. The state estimates this program could support about 600 parents.

Money not spent by Jan. 1 will return to state coffers.

Kotek said she expects as much as \$75 million in federal funds from districts and the Employment-Related Day Care program to match the \$250 million.

The \$250 million package is attached to a larger bill that enables lawmakers to rebalance the budgets of state agencies before the close of the two-year state budget cycle on June 30. Some of the proposed spending for summer programs will carry over into the next cycle, which starts July 1.

### Reading stalls vote

The votes on three budget bills were stalled in a dispute between majority Democrats

and minority Republicans, who sought to slow down the lawmaking process by declining to waive the constitutional requirement of every bill being read aloud before a final vote. Republicans have insisted on the House limiting itself to budgets and legislation with a "bipartisan consensus."

The reading aloud of House Bill 2111 — a bill that simply renames the Oregon Liquor Control Commission as the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission, but was 170 pages long — took the better part of three days. Kotek allowed the chief clerk's office to use computer software, rather than the human staff, to read the text. The marathon reading ended at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. That bill passed on a 54-1 vote with little discussion.

"This is the kind of focused work that Oregonians need from us right now," House Republican Leader Christine Drazen of Canby said in a statement before Thursday night's session. "We will continue to find ways to collaborate on priority issues like a balanced budget."

Rep. Dan Rayfield, a Democrat from Corvallis and the House's chief budget writer, said the budget rebalancing bill

— which is normally routine — was different this time because of millions in federal and other funds that the state needed to cope with the pandemic and the Labor Day wildfires.

The main bill will save \$21.5 million in the tax-supported general fund, but add \$567.8 million in federal funds and \$898.2 million in other funds. Other bills adjust lottery proceeds, which have bounced back from reduced projections during the pandemic, and spending on capital projects.

### Other spending

Other items of note:

- \$3.7 million total in grants to 11 local governments, including \$220,000 to the city of Estacada, for repair of Labor Day wildfire damage.

- \$20 million total in grants to seven local governments, including \$2.5 million for the city of Bend, for navigation centers that help people find housing and other services.

- \$20 million from marijuana sales taxes during this budget cycle for the Oregon Health Authority to start work on the new addiction recovery centers that Oregon voters

approved in Measure 110 last year. Senate Bill 846, which the House has not yet considered, would set the start date for the new centers on Jan. 1, instead of Oct. 1 as stated in Measure 110.

- \$2.9 million to the Oregon Food Bank to enable it to make emergency food purchases. The food bank and its network of 20 regional banks received \$2.9 million in December to cover emergency purchases for the first three months of this year.

- \$15.7 million in federal funds from the National Guard Bureau for construction of a third barracks and associated buildings at Camp Umatilla, an Oregon National Guard training center in Hermiston. The original federal grant for two barracks was \$11.3 million.

The Senate already has passed bills to implement program changes, including the new deadlines for actions under Measure 110, and extend spending authority to state agencies that do not have 2021-23 budgets approved by the start of the new cycle on July 1. The House has yet to act on those bills.

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## YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021:** Perky, outgoing and headstrong, take advantage of all life has to offer. This year, you accept professional challenges that transform you into a successful team player. Travel looms large in planned activities with friends and family. Avoid spending on credit, and your monetary situation will stabilize and even increase. If single, accept invitations to parties and networking events. If attached, listen to what your partner has to say. SAGITTARIUS provides adventure.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Reorganize your home office or the room where you use your devices. Filing is a good place to start. Complete a group project that fell by the wayside. Contact everyone involved. Pick up where you left off. Tonight: Romance awaits.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Look up a recent news story that piqued your curiosity. This may lead to pursuing an interest in international relations or travel. Discover a meet-up group, book club or lecture that deals with that same topic. Tonight: Dinner invitation.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Today brings an unexpected opportunity, so take time to think it over. Keep an open mind since you may have to rearrange your schedule. A family meeting may be in order. Outdoor activities are still on the agenda. Tonight: Video games.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Passion may be ignited at the drop of a hat. Memories stir up mixed emotions. Express your feelings to someone who understands you deeply. Partners and friends save the day and keep you in check. Tonight: Prepare a gourmet meal.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Don't get sidetracked with errands and chores. Take a walk in a park or garden where you can smell the spring flowers. The more active you are by day, the more relaxed you are later. Tonight: Accept a friendly invitation.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Talk to someone who shares your taste in art or music. Arrange a date to attend a concert or visit a museum together. Step up your fitness routine a notch. Remember to drink lots of water. Tonight: Get out the munchies.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Today is for hanging around the house. Catch up on reading, gardening or any activity you can do at home. Connect with relatives you miss seeing. Prepare a family dinner. Experiment with exotic flavors and spices. Tonight: Old movies and popcorn.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Don't let setbacks throw you. Take minor annoyances in stride. A positive attitude can change your approach to the day. Neighbors are friendlier than usual. Share a funny story with someone who will crack a smile. Tonight: Care for an animal.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ It is never too early to save for a vacation. Frugality is not your style, but wise budgeting comes in handy. Visualize a few destinations and research online specials. Aromatic fragrances brighten your home and mood. Tonight: Sample aromatherapy.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Pamper yourself and take time to look your best. Ask someone for a favor. Speak from your heart and it won't sound like a demand. Show your appreciation with a meaningful gift that has sentimental value. Tonight: Family game night.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Use downtime to clear mental clutter. If you feel misunderstood, be patient. Make an effort to speak with clarity. Write down your dreams since they may reveal the answer you've been looking for. Tonight: Own up to a mistake.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Take a break from large groups. A close friend will introduce you to someone with whom you have an instant connection. Take time to get to know each other better and explore common interests. Tonight: Organize a sing along.

## Looking for a job with meaning?

Grandma's House  
Cascade Youth & Family Center  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of CO  
The Academy at Sisters  
J Bar J Boys Ranch  
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