

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: Last year, after a falling out with someone I have been friends with for more than 20 years, I was OK with writing this person off and going on with my life. From my understanding, this person felt the same way. Last week, their teenage son died in a terrible accident. I was heartbroken. I truly cared about the boy and had watched him grow up. I reached out and received no response (as I expected). I'm torn about whether I should go to the funeral. I want to show support, but I'm concerned I'm not wanted there.

I'm also concerned that if I don't go, it will look awful and disrespectful, since I have been a part of this boy's life. — *Cared For Him in Ohio*
Dear Cared For Him: You may not have heard from the family because they are grieving and not communicating with everyone. You have several choices: Send a condolence card, send flowers, contribute to a charity in the young man's name and/or go unobtrusively to the funeral and sit in the back. If you decide to do this, do not go with any expectation it will heal the breach in your relationship.

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Georgia Nicols*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. EDT today (5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Capricorn into Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021: You are hardworking and organized. You are extremely creative, which is often not immediately apparent because you have a quiet, soft-spoken nature. You are sensible, practical and even dutiful to others. People respect you. This is a year of new beginnings and fresh starts. It will be fast-paced with lots of action. Get ready to open any door!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Oh joy! For the next two weeks, you have more opportunities for fun, entertainment and having a good time! Welcome a chance for creative self-expression as well as a romance! Fun activities with children are also on the agenda. Tonight: No need to prove something.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You'll be keen to redecorate at home in the next two weeks and make where you live look more beautiful. Many of you will entertain at home as well. This window of time is solid for real estate negotiations and major purchases for home. Tonight: Temper your ambition.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ In the next two weeks, you will appreciate your daily surroundings more than usual. You will see for yourself just how much love and affection there is in your daily world. This will be a gratifying experience. Tonight: Steer clear of controversial subjects.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Good news! You can attract money to you in the next two weeks. This is also a favorable time for financial negotiations or borrowing money. If shopping, you will want to buy beautiful things for yourself and for loved ones. Ka-ching! Tonight: Avoid money disputes

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Fair Venus will be in your sign for the next two weeks, which makes this the perfect time to buy wardrobe goodies! It's also a wonderful time to enjoy socializing with friends, to take a vacation or to do whatever it is that you enjoy. Pleasure will rank above work. Tonight: Cooperate with others

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Solitude in beautiful surroundings will totally appeal to you in the next two weeks. Admittedly, you are involved with others, especially groups and organizations. However, this is probably why you will relish any moment to have the luxury of some privacy. Tonight: Get organized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You will be more active with others in the next two weeks, particularly creative, artistic people. You also will more readily tell someone, perhaps a friend or an acquaintance in an organization, how much you appreciate them and how much you care about them. Tonight: Fun times!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ The next two weeks will be a favorable time for business and your professional life because you will attract important people who will help you. Expect to be asked for your advice about something to do with design, layout or artistic matters or office redecorating. Tonight: Family discussions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You are the traveler of the zodiac, and in the next two weeks, you long to take a pleasure trip — anywhere! Not only will you enjoy new places and meeting people from different backgrounds, a romance with someone who is different might begin. Tonight: Listen to others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Your intimate, personal relationships will be important to you in the next few weeks. Your desire will be heightened, and you will feel greater affection for someone. Tonight: Defend what you own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Relations with partners and close friends will beautifully improve in the next two weeks because fair Venus is opposite your sign. In fact, things will be so warm and cushy that, even if you are in conflict with someone, you will make peace. Tonight: You have strong opinions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ A work-related romance might begin for some of you in the next two weeks. In addition, your health will feel robust; although you might be tempted by sweet foods and desserts. (Caution against overindulgence.) A balanced diet is not a muffin in each hand. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

Amazon

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Amazon thrived during the pandemic, delivering food and just about everything else to a nation of locked-down consumers. It is the second largest private company in the world, with more than a million employees. Sales in the first quarter of this year alone exceeded \$108 billion.

But the company has also come under criticism for low pay and harsh working conditions. Just this week, two large delivery companies serving the Portland area notified drivers they will stop working with Amazon, their only client. In an email to drivers, one of the contractors cited "unsafe" working conditions and a deteriorating relationship with the retail giant.

Between Intel's sprawling computer chip factories, Nike's headquarters expansion and several data centers, Oregon has hosted plenty of enormous construction projects of late. At 3.84 million square feet, the



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This 2019 photo shows the Amazon robotics fulfillment center in Troutdale. The company plans to build in Woodburn a 3.84-million-square-foot center — more than four times the size of the one in Troutdale.

Woodburn fulfillment center ranks near the top. The building will be 105-feet tall — double the maximum permissible under the city's current zoning rules, an exception approved by the city — with floor area equivalent to 66 football fields.

Amazon's growth has led to a seemingly inexhaustible appetite for warehouse space, where its employees pick from

tens of millions of stored items, pack them and ship them to customers. The company says it operates more than 175 fulfillment centers worldwide, and the Woodburn facility will be its fourth major logistics center in the area.

It's unclear how much the Woodburn project will cost to build. Amazon's facility in Troutdale cost \$180 million.

The Woodburn project is more than four times the size of the 855,000 square-foot Troutdale warehouse.

Amazon is proposing several traffic changes to accommodate the expected increase in truck and car volume in the vicinity. Most notably, it wants to overhaul the southbound I-5 exit ramp.

In its project document filed with the city, Amazon pledged to work with the Oregon Department of Transportation "to identify an acceptable modification to the southbound I-5 offramp to maximize the amount of southbound right-turn lane storage and lengthen the overall offramp."

Though it is the second largest private company in the world, Amazon may qualify for Oregon property tax breaks if it goes ahead with the Woodburn project. Some companies inside the Woodburn-Gervais Enterprise Zone qualify for three to five years of property tax abatements.

Amazon officials did not return messages.



Demars



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The Bulletin

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After just under a year away from Central Oregon, Zack Demars is returning to The Bulletin as a special projects reporter. Demars comes to Bend from Oregon's South Coast, where he reported for the Coos Bay World and its affiliated newspapers.

Before that, the Washington native spent the summer after graduation from the University of Oregon as an intern The Bulletin, covering a summer of fires, protests and COVID-19. In college, Demars reported and co-authored a book about Southern Oregon Cold War pen pals, and his work for the Catalyst Journalism Project and Howard Center for Investigative Reporting has been published nationwide.

Demars lives in Bend and spends his time outside the office testing local brews and finding mountains and lakes to explore.

Dylan Jefferies, a 2021 graduate of Portland State University, is a reporting intern for the summer through the University of Oregon's Charles Snowden Program for Excellence in Journalism.

Jefferies grew up in Portland. During his time at PSU, he served as news editor and editor-in-chief at PSU's student-run newspaper, Vanguard, where he was the recipient of multiple Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association awards and the Wilma Morrison Scholarship for Excellence in Journalism.

He has volunteered at Portland-SocietyPage.com, a public news source for nonprofits, and Street Roots, Portland's award-winning weekly investigative street newspaper. He is pursuing a career in investigative journalism, and is passionate about covering topics such as homelessness, poverty, the criminal justice system and education.

Oregon Business & Industry names Angela Wilhelms as lobbyist's CEO

Oregon Business & Industry, the state's leading business lobbying organization, named a new CEO on Friday, hiring University of Oregon executive Angela Wilhelms.

Currently secretary to the university's board of trustees, Wilhelms previously served as a chief of staff to a state representative and press secretary to former U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River.

Oregon Business & Industry's current chief, Sandra McDonough, retires in Octo-

ber. Wilhelms starts her new job Sept. 1.

The organization formed in 2017 by the merger of two rival groups — the Oregon Business Association and the Associated Oregon Industries.

When she starts at OBI in September, Wilhelms said her top priorities at Oregon Business & Industry will be helping lead the economy's recovery from the pandemic recession, assisting businesses with regulatory challenges and workforce needs, and implementing new technologies to aid their organizations.

—The Oregonian

Eviction

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With the state and federal eviction moratoriums set to expire at the end of June, on Tuesday Oregon lawmakers passed an amendment to Senate Bill 278 to pause evictions. Under the amendment, tenants who are unable to pay their July or August rent would not be evicted for 60 days if they provide proof to their landlords that they have applied for rental assistance through Oregon Housing and Community Services.

Gov. Kate Brown signed the bill Friday, according to the Legislature's website.

In addition, earlier this year Oregon lawmakers voted to extend the grace period for past-due rent during the moratorium, allowing tenants to have until Feb. 28, 2022, to pay back rent.

How are the courts handling evictions?

As the state braces for evictions, courts are also hastily preparing for an influx of evictions.

"We are closely monitoring the situation, but there continue to be a lot of unknowns and variables that will affect court workload and processes," said Todd Sprague, a

spokesperson for the Oregon Judicial Department.

The Chief Justice Order directs courts to schedule eviction proceedings "as soon as practicable," but allows them to schedule first appearances within 14 days and any trial within 30 days, both of which are double the normal time.

In addition retired judges are being assigned to courts that need short-term assistance. Some circuit courts are exploring mediation as well.

What is the affordability in rental markets?

The Oregonian reported that, from March to April this year, Portland apartment rents increased by 1.8%, with median rents sitting at \$1,153 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$1,344 for a two-bedroom apartment. However, at the time the cost of renting an apartment in Portland was still down 4% as compared with last April 2020.

Website rentcafe.com reported an average monthly rent for an 878-square-foot apartment in Bend at \$1,475, a 12% increase year over year.

Are evictions expected to increase homelessness?

Oregon had a housing crisis before the pandemic and since then it has only been exacerbated. It's hard to say

exactly how much homelessness will increase in Oregon.

However, one indication of the scope of the problem is census data in May showing 53% of Oregon renters who responded to a survey — or more than 27,000 renters — said that it was "very likely" or "somewhat likely" that they would be evicted from their homes.

DEATH NOTICES

Annette Sternfeld of Bend, OR
 February 23, 1935 - June 19, 2021

Arrangements:
 Baird Funeral Home of Bend is honored to serve the Sternfeld family. Please visit our website, www.bairdfh.com, to share condolences and sign our online guest book.

Services:
 There will be a Celebration of Life announced at a later date. No service will be held at this time.
Contributions may be made to:
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