

Patron is bruised and battered in altercation with waitress

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were getting ready to leave after dinner at a restaurant we've patronized for 15 years. I went to the ladies' room and was washing my hands when a waitress I don't care for came barging in, got in my face and started yelling at me. I tried to leave, but she wouldn't let me out of the restroom. I asked her several times to let me out, and she kept telling me no. When she finally let me go, I told the man in charge what she did.

My husband called him later, but the manager believed the waitress, who said that I started it. Another waitress who calls me her "sister" didn't answer the texts I sent her. I am very hurt that she ignored me. Clearly, she believes the waitress, too.



DEAR ABBY

The restroom encounter left red marks all over my arm, but the manager didn't care. The offender has left town and moved out of state. I'm 74 and was tempted to go to the police but didn't. Now I wish I had pressed charges. Should I have?

— BEATEN UP IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BEATEN UP: There is probably more to this story than what you have written, but yes, you should have notified the police. You were assaulted and falsely imprisoned in that restroom. Had you contacted the police and gone to an emergency room about the marks on your arm, you would have had proof about what the woman did to you.

DEAR ABBY: My older sister has just been diagnosed with cervical cancer. The HPV vaccine might have protected her from it, had it been available to our generation.

A few of us were out to lunch recently, and when I asked a younger sister if her granddaughter had received the vaccine, she went off on me like I had asked something terrible. Do you think I was wrong for asking? I have grandkids and would not be offended if someone asked me that question.

— CONCERNED SISTER

DEAR CONCERNED SISTER: If you and the younger sister are close, then I don't think your question was offensive. However, if you are not, because it was asked in front of friends, she may have interpreted it as an implication that her granddaughter — who

is, of course, pure as the driven snow — is sexually active, which made her defensive.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of more than 20 years just purchased plane tickets to India. It's a 24-hour trip from the USA. My problem is, he is sitting in business class, while I'm in economy. We have plenty of money, but he simply doesn't want to spend it. He's older and has health concerns and mobility issues.

Am I right to feel hurt and consider his love of money may be stronger than his love for me? Or should I be content and happy I'm going to a beautiful country?

— FEELING LIKE SECOND RATE

DEAR FEELING: Of course you should be happy that you will be visiting a beautiful country. Content, not so much. You have a right to be upset at your penny-pinching husband for providing less-comfortable accommodations for you than he has arranged for himself on that long flight. Upgrade your seat. You have a right to put your foot down and make clear that the two of you either sit together or he'll be sitting first-class in the doghouse.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a teenager who has lived in Boston and a few other places. Now I live in Utah. My two Boston friends were just out here visiting, but they are gone now. I have "friends" here, but they bully me. They make fun of me and call me dumb, or say that I never seem to do the right thing.

I have pulled back from them, and I now realize I really have no friends. What do I do? Help.

— BULLIED IN UTAH

DEAR BULLIED: Friends don't treat friends the way those individuals treated you, so be glad they are out of your life. Making friends requires putting yourself out there.

Consider participating in sports or extracurricular activities, if they are offered at school or in your community. If there are youth clubs, see if any of them interest you. If your family has joined a church, inquire about youth activities you can join.

If you do, I predict that in a very short time, you'll be friendless no more.

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	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Clear and colder	Plenty of sunshine	Sunny much of the time	Clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy
Baker City	18	45 12	47 13	46 19	46 23
Comfort Index™	3	5	5	5	5
La Grande	21	43 18	47 21	47 28	47 28
Comfort Index™	2	3	5	5	5
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ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
TEMPERATURES			
High Monday	54°	56°	52°
Low Monday	22°	33°	30°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Monday	0.00	0.01	0.01
Month to date	Trace	0.09	0.15
Normal month to date	0.53	1.20	1.77
Year to date	7.14	13.19	26.00
Normal year to date	8.78	14.03	19.32

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY
Lowest relative humidity	40%
Afternoon wind	NNE at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	4.6
Evapotranspiration	0.04

RESERVOIR STORAGE	(through midnight Tuesday)
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	33% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	63% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	20% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	30% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	43% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS	(through midnight Monday)
Grande Ronde at Troy	833 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	2 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	13 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	60 cfs
Minam River at Minam	103 cfs
Powder River near Richland	27 cfs

MONDAY EXTREMES
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 97° Santee, Calif.
Low: -7° Clayton Lake, Maine
Wettest: 0.76" Plymouth, Mass.
OREGON
High: 67° Rome
Low: 22° Burns
Wettest: 0.55" Astoria

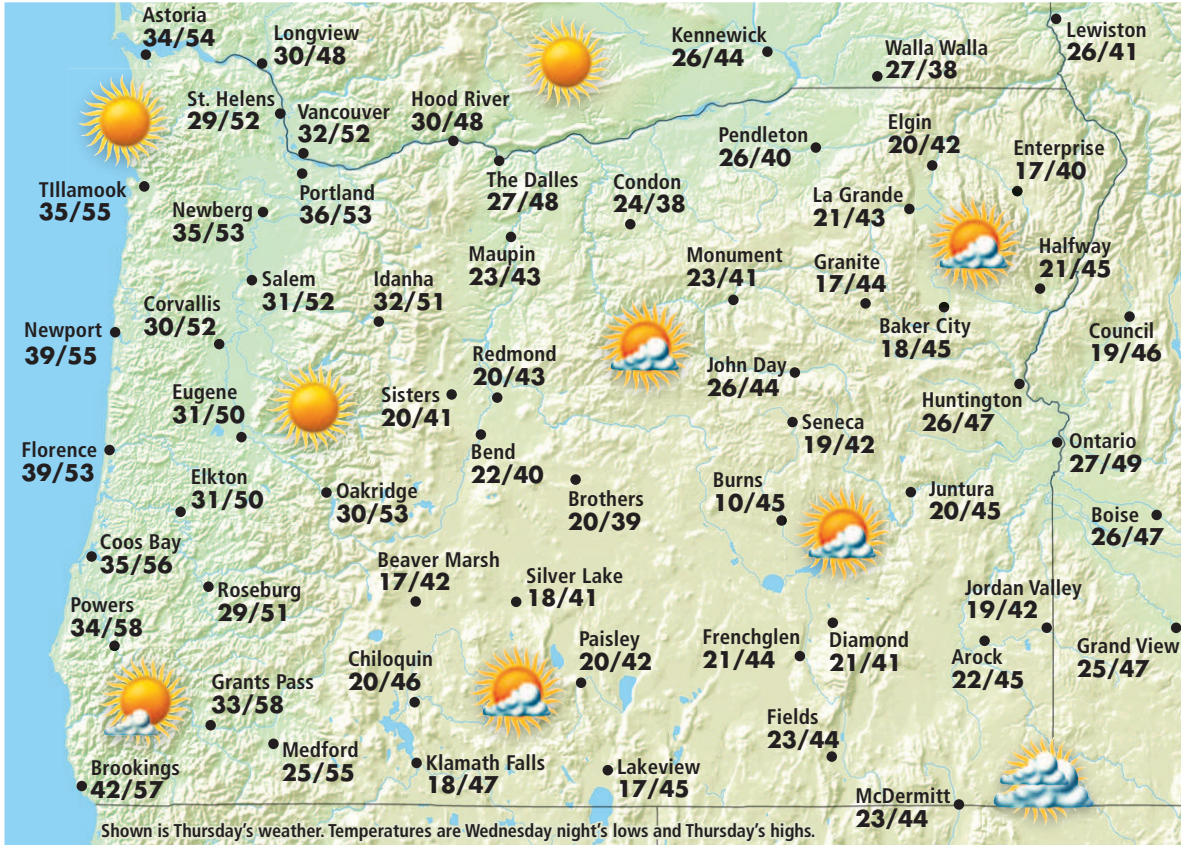
WEATHER HISTORY
A storm on Nov. 20, 1798, brought heavy snow with high winds to New England. The storm caused great damage to vessels on coast, and many people were killed.

SUN & MOON	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	6:57 a.m.	6:58 a.m.
Sunset	4:18 p.m.	4:17 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:39 a.m.
Moonset	1:39 p.m.	2:08 p.m.

MOON PHASES	New	First	Full	Last
	Nov 26	Dec 3	Dec 11	Dec 18

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REGIONAL CITIES

	THU.	FRI.		THU.	FRI.
City	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	City	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Astoria	54/35/pc	54/38/pc	Lewiston	41/24/s	43/28/pc
Bend	40/19/s	53/26/s	Longview	48/28/s	49/32/pc
Boise	47/24/s	48/25/s	Meacham	40/17/s	46/20/s
Brookings	57/41/s	59/41/s	Medford	55/29/s	57/28/s
Burns	45/9/s	49/9/s	Newport	55/37/s	54/39/s
Coos Bay	56/35/s	56/35/s	Olympia	50/26/pc	50/29/pc
Corvallis	52/28/s	52/29/s	Ontario	49/19/s	48/20/s
Council	46/22/s	46/22/s	Pasco	45/21/s	43/24/pc
Elgin	42/20/s	46/22/pc	Pendleton	40/24/s	45/25/pc
Eugene	50/28/s	53/29/s	Portland	53/30/s	52/33/pc
Hermiston	43/23/s	44/25/pc	Powers	58/35/s	59/35/s
Hood River	48/26/s	49/30/pc	Redmond	43/13/s	54/19/s
Imnaha	46/26/s	52/28/s	Roseburg	51/30/s	53/32/s
John Day	44/25/s	49/27/s	Salem	52/26/s	51/29/s
Joseph	41/21/s	46/23/pc	Spokane	42/25/pc	41/26/s
Kennewick	44/24/s	43/26/pc	The Dalles	48/23/s	46/26/s
Klamath Falls	47/16/s	51/16/pc	Ukiah	41/19/s	47/22/s
Lakeview	45/16/s	51/13/pc	Walla Walla	38/25/s	41/27/c

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Sunny	Sunshine
36 16	44 15
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Plenty of sun	Mostly sunny
38 20	50 23
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Sunshine	Sunshine
36 16	39 18
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Sunshine	Sunny and chilly
41 21	40 24
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Mostly sunny	Plenty of sunshine
45 12	43 18

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