Female workers prefer to maintain professionalism

DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: My co-workers and I want to know how to handle customers who ask us out. We are an all-female staff at a liquor store, and our job is kind of like being a bartender without pouring drinks. Our customers are happy to see us after a long day at work and sometimes misinterpret our excellent customer service skills as flirting and ask us out.

It is sometimes a very uncomfortable situation because we are paid to be kind and don't know how to say no without causing a loss of business for our company or possibly putting ourselves in a dangerous situation. Can you give us some guidance on how to delicately handle these moments? — **On The Job In Missouri**

Dear On The Job: A polite turndown to the invitation would be, "Thank you for the compliment, but I never date a customer. It's against the rules."

Dear Abby: I have a longtime friend who is an amazing person. He has almost every positive attribute anyone could want — he's smart, hardworking, successful, strong and athletic, fit and attractive, generous, witty, etc.

His only flaw is a big one. He lacks empathy and is sometimes very insensitive. Over the years, on a number of occasions, he has said or done things that left me feeling humiliated. He doesn't seem to understand that it isn't how generous you were to them, people remember how you make them FEEL.

He has few real friends who can tolerate him, and some have walked out of his life. I'm on the verge of doing the same thing. How can I get him to change his behavior before it is too late? (We are both older men.) — **Humiliated In Albuquerque**

Dear Humiliated: Point out to this person that, more than once, he has said or done things that made you feel humiliated. While you're at it, mention that this unpleasant trait is what has caused "Tom," "Dick," "Harry," "Sleepy" and "Grumpy" to walk out of his life. Then tell him you no longer intend to allow it to happen to you, and if it happens again, you will join the others.

Dear Abby: I am looking for advice about whether I'm violating any ethics while walking my dogs. I walk my two dogs almost every day so the dogs can perform their business. I always pick up what they leave behind, as I don't like having any dog's business left on my lawn. During these walks, I pass trash containers on the street that belong to my neighbors. Sometimes I place my dog's business in their trash containers. Since my walks are long, it's not convenient to carry the used bags all the way home. Is this wrong to do? — **Doggy Business**

Dear Doggy: What you are doing is a big no-no. Many homeowners feel as territorial about their trash receptacles as you do your lawn. If you think I'm exaggerating, let a few of those homeowners catch you in the act. Readers, do you agree with me? One of my staff members feels that if the container is on the curb awaiting pickup, there is no harm.

ENVIRONMENT

Judge orders stay in case seeking to remove Snake River dams

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SPOKANE, Wash. — A federal judge on Tuesday, Oct. 26, granted a stay in litigation seeking to save endangered salmon runs on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

U.S. District Judge Michael Simon in Portland granted a request by both sides in the lawsuit seeking the stay until July 31, 2022, so they can try to negotiate a settlement in the lawsuit.

Fishing and conservation groups joined with the state of Oregon, the Nez Perce Tribe and the Biden administration to seek the pause in litigation challenging the latest federal plan for hydropower operations on the Snake and Columbia rivers that are blamed by many for killing salmon.

The federal lawsuit, filed against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Bonneville Power Administration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service, involves the most recent plan for dam operations issued by the Trump administration in late 2020.

The conservation groups, along with the state of Oregon and the Nez Perce, sued to block the Trump administration plan and filed a request for an immediate injunction to dramatically increase water flow through the dams to help salmon migrate through the Snake and Columbia rivers to the ocean to mature.

The two sides last week told the judge they had reached an agreement on how eight federal dams in the Columbia River Basin will be operated over the coming year. This will include additional spill of water past the dams at certain times of year to aid fish migration, while still preserving reliable hydropower production, transportation and other services provided by the dams.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Contributed Photo

Ice Harbor Dam on the Lower Snake River holds back Lake Sacajawea, a source of irrigation water for 47,000 acres of farmland. A federal judge on Tuesday, Oct. 26, granted a stay in litigation seeking to save endangered salmon runs on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

Increasing the amount of water next spring for a brief time will help juvenile salmon pass through the dams and avoid the fish-killing turbines during migration.

The Columbia River Basin was once the greatest salmon-producing river system in the world. But dams built in the basin are blamed by conservationists for pushing salmon runs toward extinction. Four dams along the Snake River in eastern Washington state — Ice Harbor, Little Goose, Lower Monumental and Lower Granite — slow passage along the lower Snake River, a major migration corridor linking pristine cold-water streams in central Idaho to the Pacific Ocean.

About $17 billion has been spent over two decades in efforts to prevent salmon extinction. Because of that, many groups continue to demand those four dams be breached.

Dam supporters blame declining salmon runs on other factors, such as changing ocean conditions.

Opponents of breaching the dams include river users and mostly Republican politicians in the region who argue the dams provide many benefits, such as electricity, river navigation and irrigation.

In another development last Friday, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, and U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington, said they were exploring options to breach the four Snake River dams and replace the benefits they provide.

"The next step is for us to define how to replace the services of the Snake River dams if they are breached," Inslee said. "We know that they are a salmon impediment, we know that the salmon are on the verge of extinction, and we also know that they do provide services upon which a lot of folks and our economy depends."

That proposal is similar to one offered by Rep. Mike Simpson, an Idaho Republican, who in February said he could support breaching the dams and investing $33.5 billion to replace their benefits. Simpson's recommendation to breach the dams was met with fierce opposition.

"I'm not announcing a breaching decision today," Inslee said last week. "I don't want to prejudge that next step."

That wasn't good enough for Washington GOP Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Spokane; Dan Newhouse of Sunnyside; and Jaime Herrera Beutler of Battle Ground.

"It is becoming more and more clear that the public and stakeholders who rely on the Columbia Snake River System have been shut out of conversations between the Biden administration, federal agencies, and groups whose sole mission is to breach the Lower Snake River dams," the three Republicans said in a joint statement.

"We need a transparent and balanced public dialogue, not a fishy backdoor deal!" McMorris Rodgers tweeted Tuesday.

Samuel Penney, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Council, hailed Inslee and Murray's move.

"The Columbia Power System was literally constructed out of the rivers and reservations and homelands of 19 Columbia Basin tribes," Penney said. "When that destructive history is truly understood, the modesty of the present request is plain, and the science supporting it is clear: salmon need a free-flowing, climate-resilient Lower Snake River, not a series of slow, easily-warmed reservoirs. The Nez Perce Tribe and its people intend to ensure that salmon do not go extinct on our watch."

Kurt Miller, the executive director of Northwest RiverPartners, a hydropower advocacy group based in Vancouver, Washington, called Murray and Inslee's commitment to salmon recovery "commendable," but questioned its transparency and worried it would begin with the assumption that dam breaching is the best way to save Snake River salmon.

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	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Becoming cloudy and mild	Rain and drizzle	Periods of sun	Sunshine, but chilly	A shower possible
Baker City	43	59 33	50 26	50 31	49 33
Comfort Index™	8	6	3	3	2
La Grande	53	57 34	52 29	49 31	51 37
Comfort Index™	10	1	3	5	5
Enterprise	46	55 35	49 31	50 34	51 40
Comfort Index™	10	4	5	6	8

Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	52°	54°	55°
Low Tuesday	32°	38°	37°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	Trace	0.05	Trace
Month to date	0.74	0.82	1.52
Normal month to date	0.50	1.24	1.66
Year to date	4.32	8.20	17.93
Normal year to date	7.36	13.24	18.53

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	50%
Afternoon wind	NW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	2.4
Evapotranspiration	0.08
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	10% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	11% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	17% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	4% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	744 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	18 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	45 cfs
Minam River at Minam	95 cfs
Powder River near Richland	8 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 102°	Zapata, Texas
Low: 16°	Mammoth Lakes, Calif.
Wettest: 4.77"	Shirley, N.Y.
OREGON	
High: 68°	Hermiston
Low: 27°	Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.54"	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

On October 28, 1983, a strong earthquake occurred at 10:06 a.m. EDT centered 110 miles northwest of Pocatello, Idaho. It registered 6.9 on the Richter Scale and caused two deaths and extensive damage.

SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	7:26 a.m.	7:27 a.m.
Sunset	5:45 p.m.	5:44 p.m.
Moonrise	11:44 p.m.	none
Moonset	2:45 p.m.	3:17 p.m.

MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 28	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 19

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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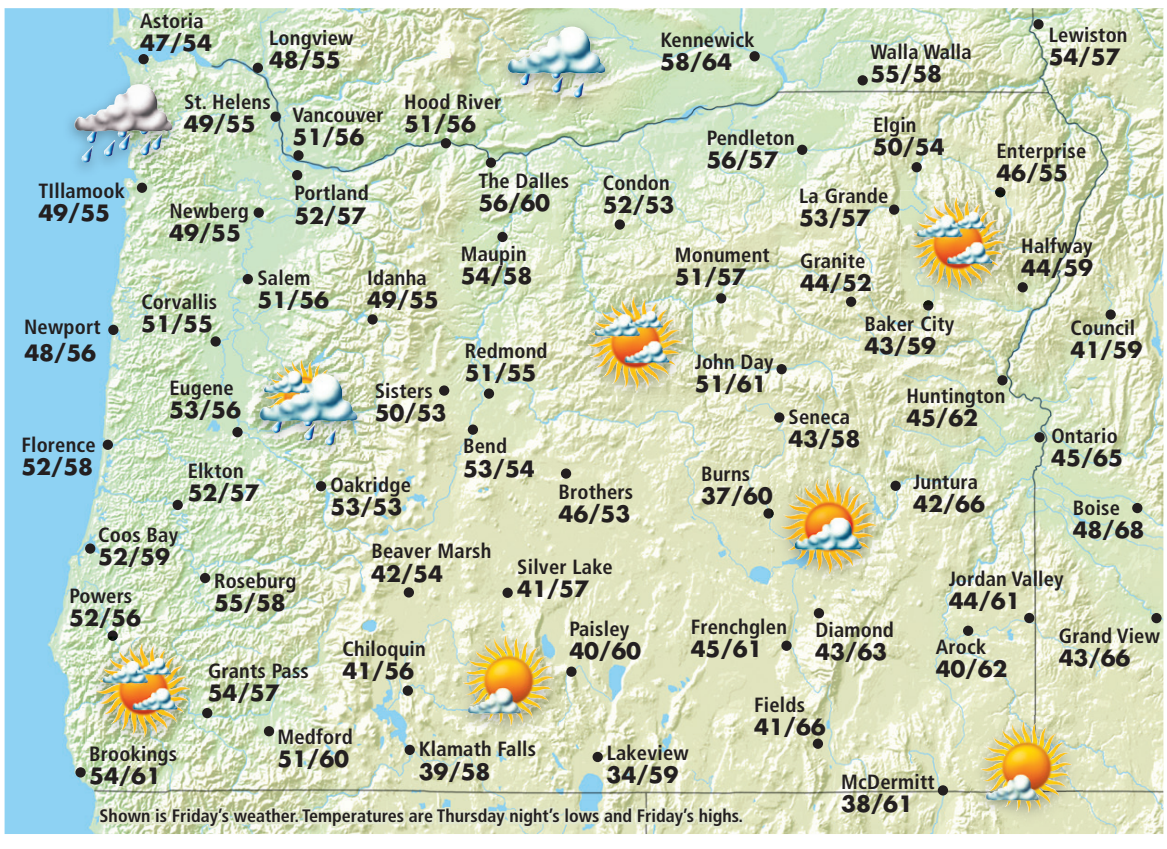

Shown is Friday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday night's lows and Friday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. Hi/Lo/W	SAT. Hi/Lo/W	City	FRI. Hi/Lo/W	SAT. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	54/43/s	58/44/s	Lewiston	57/37/sh	55/35/s
Bend	54/41/r	48/31/c	Longview	55/36/pc	56/35/s
Boise	68/42/pc	58/40/s	Meacham	54/33/sh	54/29/pc
Brookings	61/49/r	59/47/c	Medford	60/46/sh	60/43/c
Burns	60/33/c	54/26/pc	Newport	56/43/pc	57/44/c
Coos Bay	59/44/r	60/47/pc	Olympia	52/38/pc	53/36/s
Corvallis	55/40/sh	58/36/pc	Ontario	65/43/pc	62/36/pc
Council	59/38/c	60/36/pc	Pasco	63/35/sh	59/34/s
Elgin	54/33/r	53/28/pc	Pendleton	57/36/c	51/34/pc
Eugene	56/39/sh	57/38/c	Portland	57/44/pc	58/45/pc
Hermiston	64/39/sh	59/34/pc	Powers	56/44/sh	66/50/pc
Hood River	56/40/pc	55/39/pc	Redmond	55/34/r	51/27/c
Imnaha	59/37/sh	55/34/c	Roseburg	58/45/sh	62/46/c
John Day	61/44/r	54/39/pc	Salem	56/42/sh	58/40/pc
Joseph	58/35/sh	48/33/pc	Spokane	56/30/sh	49/29/s
Kennewick	64/36/sh	59/35/s	The Dalles	60/37/pc	57/36/pc
Klamath Falls	58/37/c	57/32/c	Ukiah	52/31/sh	48/27/pc
Lakeview	59/33/c	55/29/pc	Walla Walla	58/36/r	52/34/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES
A shower or two
39 30

PHILLIPS LAKE
A shower
55 34

MT. EMILY REC.
Rain and drizzle
49 32

BROWNLEE RES.
Rain and drizzle
61 41

EAGLE CAP WILD.
Bit of rain, snow
44 26

EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Showers around
48 26

WALLOWA LAKE
A few showers
58 35

MCKAY RESERVOIR
Showers; cooler
59 35

THIEF VALLEY RES.
A few showers
59 33

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Rain and drizzle
57 34