

Wife returns home to find extra lingerie in her bed

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 31 years. We have four lovely children and seven grandchildren.

I went to visit a friend out of state for a week. After I returned home, I went to make our bed. When I pulled back the sheets, I found a pair of lacy underwear that is absolutely not mine. I want to confront my husband, but what if I'm wrong? I wonder if there's a logical explanation or it belongs to one of my children who no longer live in the house.

Abby, I love my husband, but I cannot tolerate betrayal like this. What should I do?

— ON PINS AND NEEDLES

DEAR ON PINS AND NEEDLES: Unless your husband has taken to wearing lacy underwear to bed, it appears there may have been a sleepover guest in your absence. Show him what you found, tell him you love him but will not tolerate a betrayal like this. Then insist on marriage counseling. If he values your 31-year marriage, he will take you up on it.

DEAR ABBY: I have just learned that a woman I have been very close with for the last 2 1/2 years has been faking breast cancer. She's a single mother. I decided to be there for her when she first told me about it, and have helped her extensively to pay for her chemo, radiation and other treatments. It turns out the payments were going toward luxuries and cosmetic surgery I discovered only later. The biggest violation for me in all of this was the emotional manipulation.

I have many questions now about how to proceed, but my question to you is: Can someone who is capable of doing this ever truly change? She has expressed some remorse and said that she wants help, but I'm not sure how to proceed. Most people have told me to cut my losses and just walk away or take legal action. There are so many questions involved in this betrayal, but I need to know if there is any hope for someone like this

— CUTTING MY LOSSES

DEAR CUTTING: Not in my opinion. The woman has sociopathic tendencies — she has no conscience, as she has amply demonstrated.

You should absolutely take legal action if you're interested in recouping your money.

The first step would be to contact the police because the woman has committed fraud. The next step should be to call your lawyer. As to your hurt from her emotional manipulation, recognize that it's time to divorce yourself from your relationship with her.

DEAR ABBY: When children/babies are screaming, crying or misbehaving in a restaurant and the parents do nothing, can we approach them or tell our server to approach them to quiet their child or take the child outside? This happens frequently, and it ruins our dinner. We are senior citizens and would like to enjoy a quiet and peaceful meal. What's the proper way to handle this annoying situation?

— IRRITATED DINER

DEAR IRRITATED DINER: When a child is screaming or misbehaving, a good parent takes the child outside until he/she calms down so other patrons are not bothered. When you encounter a parent who has such little consideration for the rest of the patrons in the restaurant, do NOT approach. Ask the server to do it or refer the problem to the manager.

DEAR ABBY: I have the classic evil stepmom — except she is my mother, and it's my stepsisters that she mistreats. They are 8 and 6 and have suffered enough through their mother's divorce.

My mother treats them as if they are less than human and don't have the right to be in "her" house. I feel terrible about the way she treats them. I want to do something about it, but I can't say anything to her because that would be disrespectful. Please advise.

— SILENT WITNESS IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR SILENT WITNESS: Your mother's behavior is despicable. She knew the girls were part of the package deal when she married their father, and she has no right to abuse them.

Because you feel that talking to your mother would be disrespectful, I urge you to tell the girls' father chapter-and-verse about what's happening to his daughters. No law says your mother has to love them, but at the very least, she should treat them with courtesy and respect.



DEAR ABBY

California storm brings power outages, shuts down highway

■ The National Weather Service says blizzard conditions with gale-force winds could trigger widespread avalanche activity in California

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tens of thousands of people lost power Sunday after a powerful winter storm swept through Northern California, while another storm system in the southern part of the state unleashed mudslides in wildfire burn areas and trapped motorists on a major highway.

The deluge loosened hillsides where a major blaze burned last year in and around Malibu, clogging the Pacific Coast Highway with mud and debris.

A stretch of the scenic route northwest of Los Angeles was expected to remain closed in both directions until Monday while crews tow away stuck vehicles and clear lanes. No injuries were reported.

The rapper Soulja Boy was among those whose cars were mired in the muck that was up to 4 feet deep in some areas.

The 28-year-old retweeted a photo of the mudslide and posted: "My car got stuck too almost went into the ocean," along with a prayer emoji.

An automated rain gauge in the western Santa Monica Mountains showed nearly three-quarters of an inch of rainfall in one hour, said the National Weather Service.

"These are heavy rates," the weather service tweeted. Up to 1 1/2 inches of rain fell in coastal and valley areas, while mountain communities got heavy snow.

Flash-flood watches and warnings were eventually

lifted for areas burned by the fires that scorched more than 155 square miles of brush and timber acres in November, destroyed about 1,600 structures and claimed three lives.

The sun emerged in Los Angeles on Sunday and the red carpet for the evenings Golden Globe awards were expected to remain dry. Scattered showers were possible later in the night.

To the north, wind and rain forced delays or cancellations of flights out of San Francisco International Airport for a second day. A wind advisory was in place until 10 p.m. Sunday.

The San Francisco Bay Area could get up to 1 1/2 inches of rain, with the heaviest downpours coming after sunset.

Strong winds and downed trees knocked out electricity for at least 80,000 customers across the Sacramento region Sunday night. The National Weather Service said Sunday that winds gusted up to 49 mph.

Saturday's storm brought about a foot of snow to the Sierra Nevada and twice that amount was expected Sunday. A winter storm warning was in effect until 4 a.m. Monday.

Avalanche warnings were posted in parts of California, Nevada and Utah. The Sierra Avalanche Center issued a backcountry avalanche warning for the Lake Tahoe area stretching south into the Sierra along the California-Nevada line from noon

Sunday until 7 a.m. Monday. The National Weather Service says blizzard conditions with gale-force winds could trigger widespread avalanche activity.

Two feet of snow was reported at Mammoth Mountain 150 miles south of Tahoe. More than a foot fell in the upper elevations around Tahoe, including 19 inches at Squaw Valley.

Windstorms that pummeled parts of Washington state and Oregon over the weekend left hundreds of thousands of people without electricity.

A strong system brought winds that registered gusts of about 60 mph at Sea-Tac Airport in Washington, the National Weather Service in Seattle said. Dozens of flights in the region were canceled or delayed.

Up to 5 inches of rain fell in some Northern California coastal and valley areas Monday, while mountain communities got heavy snow. A new wet system is expected in the region on Tuesday.

In Southern California, light to moderate rain fell early Monday as a second system followed heavy Saturday night downpours that unleashed massive mud flows from the fire-scarred Santa Monica Mountains onto Pacific Coast Highway.

Cleanup work kept about 13 miles of the scenic highway closed from western Malibu to Ventura County. Caltrans said the closure might last into Tuesday.

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	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Mostly cloudy, a shower	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
Baker City	32	42 28	40 26	37 21	36 21
Comfort Index™	2	4	2	1	1
La Grande	36	45 34	42 30	41 26	40 24
Comfort Index™	3	3	2	3	2
Enterprise	34	43 27	40 25	39 21	39 21
Comfort Index™	3	5	3	3	4

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	38°	41°	39°
Low Tuesday	25°	31°	18°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	Trace	Trace	0.00
Month to date	0.02	0.03	0.24
Normal month to date	0.23	0.45	0.85
Year to date	0.02	0.03	0.24
Normal year to date	0.23	0.45	0.85

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 84°	Edinburg, Texas
Low: -22°	Daniel, Wyo.
Wettest: 1.75"	Mount Shasta, Calif.
OREGON	
High: 64°	Medford
Low: 16°	Keno
Wettest: 0.88"	Brookings

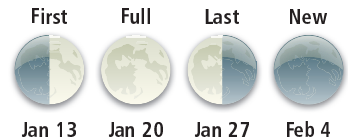
WEATHER HISTORY

The heaviest snowstorm ever to affect the Southeast coast of the United States struck on Jan. 10, 1800. The port of Charleston, S.C., received 10 inches.

SUN & MOON

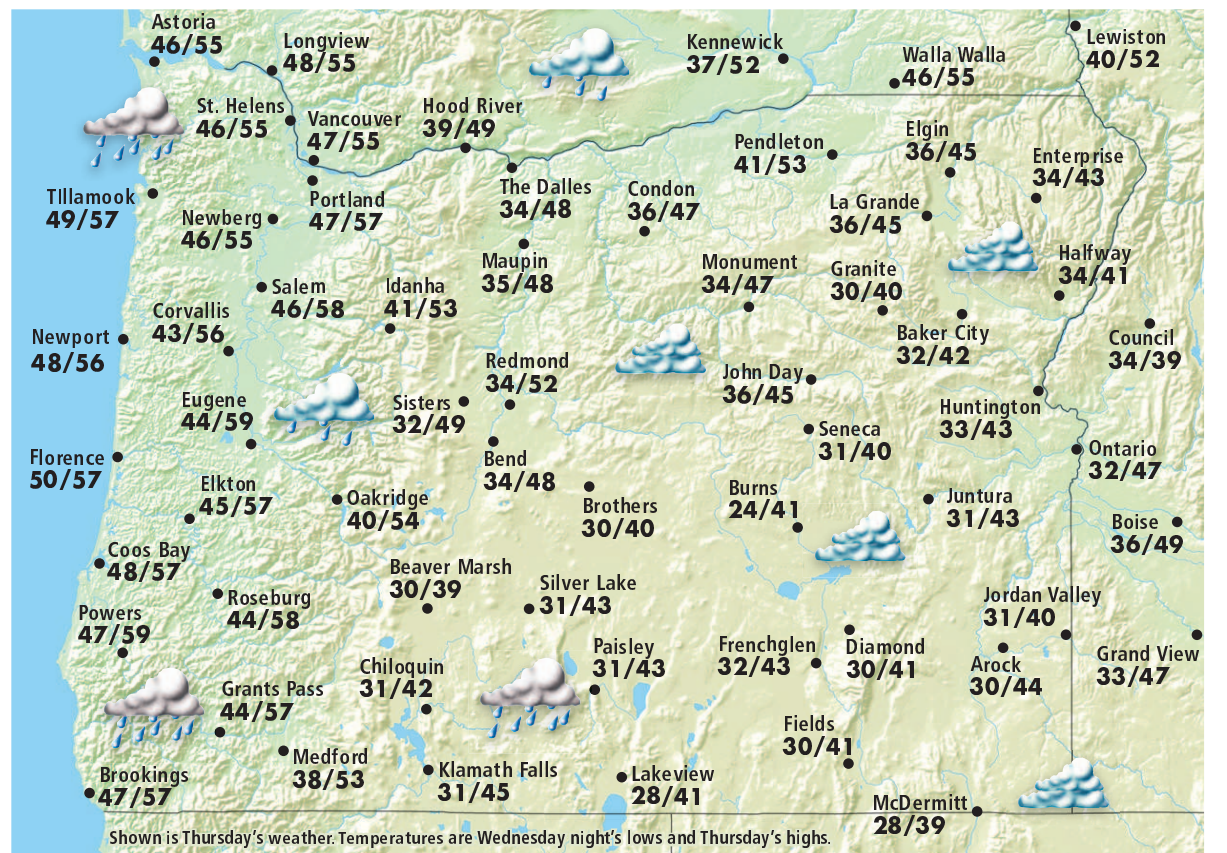
	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	7:31 a.m.	7:31 a.m.
Sunset	4:28 p.m.	4:29 p.m.
Moonrise	9:46 a.m.	10:13 a.m.
Moonset	8:09 p.m.	9:10 p.m.

MOON PHASES



AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W	City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	55/43/c	53/44/pc	Lewiston	52/34/c	48/33/pc
Bend	48/28/pc	45/27/pc	Longview	55/40/c	52/38/pc
Boise	49/29/pc	48/27/s	Meacham	43/31/pc	41/29/pc
Brookings	57/45/c	59/47/c	Medford	53/35/c	50/36/c
Burns	41/20/pc	36/17/pc	Newport	56/45/c	54/45/pc
Coos Bay	57/45/c	58/46/c	Olympia	53/38/r	51/35/pc
Corvallis	56/37/c	49/36/pc	Ontario	47/30/pc	45/28/s
Council	39/22/pc	37/18/s	Pasco	51/31/pc	44/28/pc
Elgin	45/31/pc	42/28/pc	Pendleton	53/34/pc	43/29/pc
Eugene	59/37/c	51/36/pc	Portland	57/42/c	52/39/pc
Hermiston	52/34/pc	43/31/pc	Powers	59/44/c	58/44/c
Hood River	49/38/c	46/33/pc	Redmond	52/31/pc	48/30/pc
Imnaha	48/31/pc	46/26/pc	Roseburg	58/39/c	55/39/c
John Day	45/32/pc	44/27/pc	Salem	58/38/c	52/36/pc
Joseph	42/27/pc	39/23/pc	Spokane	44/30/c	40/27/pc
Kennewick	52/33/pc	42/30/pc	The Dalles	48/34/pc	46/32/pc
Klamath Falls	45/25/pc	43/26/c	Ukiah	45/28/pc	42/24/pc
Lakeview	41/18/pc	40/18/pc	Walla Walla	55/37/pc	47/34/pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Cloudy and breezy	31	20
PHILLIPS LAKE	Cloudy and milder	40	30
MT. EMILY REC.	Cloudy	38	32
BROWNLEE RES.	Cloudy	45	36
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Cloudy	30	25
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Cloudy	41	33
WALLOWA LAKE	Cloudy and milder	43	33
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Cloudy	51	41
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Cloudy and breezy	42	32
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Cloudy	45	36



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