

Bathroom peeping tom stuns retirement home employee

DEAR ABBY: Something happened at work that has me traumatized. I work at a retirement house for a convent. The nuns are sweet, kind and easy to get along with. But last week while I was using the bathroom, a nun decided to be a Peeping Tom while I was on the toilet. She laughed at me in a taunting manner saying, "I can see you!" I screamed at her to stop, but she just kept looking and laughing at me. When she finally left, I was in shock.



DEAR ABBY

I reported the nun to my supervisor as soon as I could, but later in the day I was still so humiliated and upset that I ended up having an anxiety attack. I can't stop thinking about it. It left me feeling disgusted with the nun and with myself.

I want to report her to the police, but I don't want drama at work. This is my only source of income. I need my job in order to provide for my kids, but I no longer feel comfortable working in a place where there are perverted nuns who don't respect people's privacy.

What do I do? I'm confused and angry, spending my days in my home crying and contemplating whether to file a police report. Please give me some advice.

— TRAUMATIZED IN THE EAST

DEAR TRAUMATIZED: I hope you realize that the behavior the retired nun exhibited is that of a 4-year-old. She may suffer from dementia. While the woman may have had good judgment in her younger years, clearly she does not now. It may be the reason she is living in that retirement community.

I'm curious about how your supervisor reacted when you told her what happened. If you cannot move beyond the trauma, talk to the director of the home and ask for counseling so you can regain some perspective. Filing a police report may not be the way to go.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are getting ready to retire. We are both employed and will have continued access to health insurance through our employers in retire-

ment. My insurance covers her even if I predecease her, unless she remarries.

My wife now says she wants to carry her own health insurance because she feels she might want to remarry sometime after my death. Her new interest about remarrying bothers me, and I feel somewhat guilty about that.

What has me depressed is the question of who she would want to be buried beside — her new husband or me. We have been married for 38 years, and the possibility of having a final resting place without her seems very lonely and like I am being rejected. It almost feels like a divorce. These are thoughts and feelings I can neither shake off nor rationalize. Your thoughts?

— LIFE GOES ON

DEAR LIFE GOES ON: Your wife is trying to keep her options open, which, although it isn't sentimental, makes sense. There are no guarantees that if you predecease her, she will be swept off her feet, so you may be worrying needlessly. If you haven't told her how you feel, it might put your mind at ease if you do.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Jared," who is the nephew of my sister's husband. Due to the family situation, this is a very weird relationship. I was widowed at 22. I am now 27, and this is the first relationship I have had since my husband died. I'm not sure what to do.

Is it wrong to date Jared? How do I introduce him to family and friends? My sister always refers to him as her nephew. That makes me feel like my relationship with him is incestuous.

— MIXED UP IN WISCONSIN

DEAR MIXED UP: Because Jared isn't a blood relative, your relationship with him is not incestuous. Introduce him to family and friends as Jared, the friend you're dating. If the relationship becomes more serious, introduce him as Jared, your boyfriend or fiance. But please stop feeling guilty about your relationship because you're doing nothing wrong.

Resort keeps alive tradition of harvesting ice from lake

By Michael Casey

Associated Press

HOLDERNESS, N.H. — Modern refrigerators have little appeal for summer guests at a rustic New Hampshire resort who prefer cooling their bottles of water, soda and beer the old-fashioned way.

The preparation begins five months ahead of time, when resort staffers and volunteers gather to harvest ice from nearby Squam Lake. The January ritual dates back to 1897, when Rockywold-Deephaven Camps first opened in the town of Holderness, and is practiced for commercial purposes only at a handful of other places in the country.

The group, equipped with chain saws, ice picks and a huge saw on a sled, can harvest 200 tons of ice over several days in a typical winter. They transport the ice to two storage sheds on the campgrounds, where it's kept until the summer. Then, staffers with wheelbarrows provide the ice to resort guests, who place it in an antique icebox — some dating back to the 1930s with oak exteriors and a tin or zinc lining — to keep beverages and snacks cold. Guests are told not to eat the ice, though some old-timers apparently still put a few shards in their cocktails.

"Many of the families have been coming for generations, and people who come here don't like to see much change. They like it to be a simple, quiet

place," said John Jurczynski, the co-general manager of Rockywold-Deephaven Camps for the past 29 years and who oversees the ice harvest. A push to bring in electrical refrigerators in the 1960s was rebuffed by guests.

"It's such a neat tradition. People love it," he said.

For weeks, Jurczynski had been putting out bulletins about ice conditions on Squam Lake. By mid-January, the word went out. The ice had finally reached a safe thickness — in this case about 13 inches — and the harvest could begin.

Once they cleared the snow and charted a grid, the cutting started and whining sounds of saws echoed across the lake.

Workers mostly use a contraption called an ice saw — with a huge blade mounted on a sled — to make the cuts. The 16-inch-by-19-inch chunks weighing as much as 120 pounds look like huge pieces of cake with a powdery top and a clear body with bubbles. The blocks are pried loose with the help of chain saws and a line of workers with ice pikes float them along a chute. They are then pushed up a ramp and into a truck for a trip to the storage facilities.

When it's all done, the group collects as many as 3,600 blocks of ice.

"Obviously spending this time and energy, we wouldn't have to do it. We could buy blocks of ice," said Jane Kellogg, a retired teacher on the ice whose

father came to the resort as a boy and who used to bring her elementary school students out here to watch the harvest.

"But there is something about the pride this place has in still being the place that maintains that culture, that tradition," she said.

Jon Spence, a resort maintenance worker loading the ice onto the truck, said he prepares for the event each year by watching old movies and videos of ice harvesting. He found a top hat to wear for the occasion but wasn't able to track down the long coats that were popular among harvesters back in the day.

"I love the icing. One of the reasons I've worked here so long is the icing," Spence said. "Whenever anyone asked what I do for a living, I say I am a commercial ice harvester. They don't know what that is. Most people don't get it. Most people think we are ice fishing out here."

Ice harvesting got its start back in 1805 when Frederic Tudor, who lived outside Boston, came up with the idea of "selling cold" and shipping ice around the world, according to Dennis Picard, a retired Massachusetts museum director who is considered an expert on ice harvesting. At its peak, the ice was being shipped as far away as Asia and the venture made Tudor a millionaire, Picard said. Tens of thousands were employed in the industry, mostly in the Northeast and Midwest, he said.

weather

| TONIGHT | SAT | SUN | MON | TUE |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Periods of snow, 1-3" | Chilly with snow, 1-3" | Colder with a little snow | Cold with snow | Snow or flurries possible |
| Baker City 25 Comfort Index™ 0 | 35 22 0 | 28 11 0 | 28 14 0 | 32 18 0 |
| La Grande 27 Comfort Index™ 0 | 37 20 0 | 26 14 0 | 28 15 0 | 31 18 0 |
| Enterprise 23 Comfort Index™ 0 | 34 22 0 | 26 11 0 | 25 10 0 | 27 14 0 |

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| TEMPERATURES | Baker City | La Grande | Elgin |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| High Wednesday | 27° | 28° | 25° |
| Low Wednesday | 13° | 9° | 3° |
| PRECIPITATION (inches) | | | |
| Wednesday | 0.00 | Trace | Trace |
| Month to date | 0.70 | 0.96 | 1.32 |
| Normal month to date | 0.13 | 0.22 | 0.50 |
| Year to date | 1.24 | 2.57 | 4.72 |
| Normal year to date | 0.93 | 1.85 | 3.67 |

WED. EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 89° McAllen, Texas
Low: -30° Cut Bank, Mont.
Wettest: 5.36" Nashville, Tenn.

OREGON

High: 49° Brookings
Low: 2° Hermiston
Wettest: 0.04" Brookings

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY
Lowest relative humidity 60%
Afternoon wind SSE at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine 0.3
Evapotranspiration 0.03

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)

| | |
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| Phillips Reservoir | 9% of capacity |
| Unity Reservoir | 33% of capacity |
| Owyhee Reservoir | 39% of capacity |
| McKay Reservoir | 46% of capacity |
| Wallowa Lake | 26% of capacity |
| Thief Valley Reservoir | 91% of capacity |
| STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Wednesday) | |
| Grande Ronde at Troy | 2260 cfs |
| Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder | N.A. |
| Burnt River near Unity | 10 cfs |
| Umatilla River near Gibbon | 267 cfs |
| Minam River at Minam | N.A. |
| Powder River near Richland | 67 cfs |

SUN & MOON

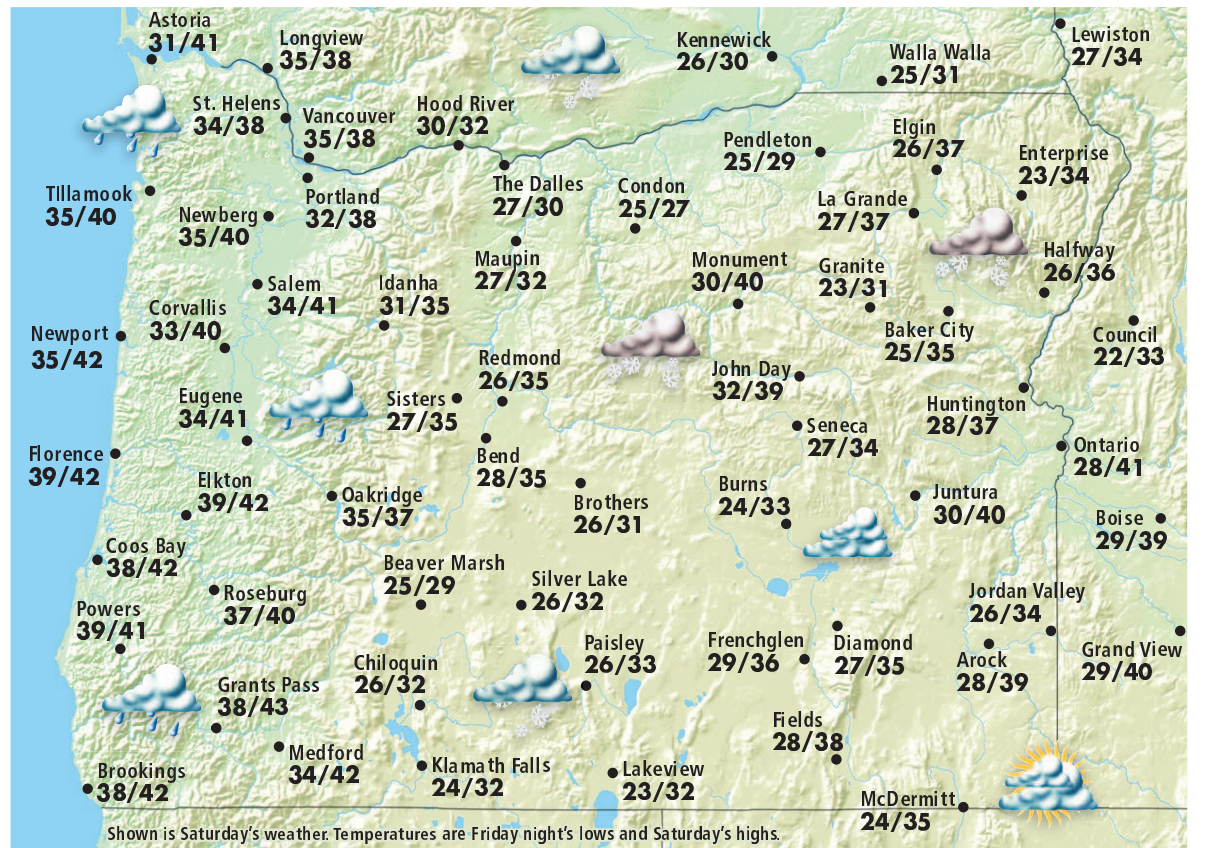
FRI. **SAT.**
Sunrise 7:05 a.m. 7:03 a.m.
Sunset 5:09 p.m. 5:11 p.m.
Moonrise 9:07 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Moonset 9:04 p.m. 10:06 p.m.

MOON PHASES

| First | Full | Last | New |
|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Feb 12 | Feb 19 | Feb 26 | Mar 6 |

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

| City | SAT. | | SUN. | |
|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W |
| Astoria | 41/24/sh | 40/26/c | Lewiston | 34/19/sn |
| Bend | 35/12/sn | 25/16/sf | Longview | 38/21/sn |
| Boise | 39/29/sn | 39/17/sn | Meacham | 34/17/sn |
| Brookings | 42/31/sh | 45/35/c | Medford | 42/24/sn |
| Burns | 33/16/sn | 24/6/sn | Newport | 42/27/sh |
| Coos Bay | 42/32/sh | 43/33/c | Olympia | 35/18/sn |
| Corvallis | 40/25/sn | 39/27/sn | Ontario | 41/27/sf |
| Council Bluffs | 33/25/sn | 31/13/sn | Pasco | 28/12/sn |
| Elgin | 37/20/sn | 24/13/sn | Pendleton | 29/15/sn |
| Eugene | 41/25/sn | 38/27/sn | Portland | 38/23/sn |
| Hermiston | 31/20/sn | 25/14/sf | Powers | 41/31/sh |
| Hood River | 32/23/sn | 32/21/sn | Redmond | 35/9/sn |
| Idanha | 40/26/sn | 32/16/sn | Roseburg | 40/27/sn |
| John Day | 39/22/sn | 28/17/sn | Salem | 41/24/sn |
| Joseph | 34/22/sn | 27/10/sn | Spokane | 17/4/sn |
| Kennewick | 30/17/sn | 24/15/sf | The Dalles | 30/19/sn |
| Klamath Falls | 32/17/sn | 29/15/sn | Ukiah | 33/16/sn |
| Lakeview | 32/15/sn | 26/13/sn | Walla Walla | 31/15/sn |

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

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|---|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| ANTHONY LAKES Snow, 1-2"; cold | 17 6 | PHILLIPS LAKE Snow, 1-3"; chilly | 32 20 |
| MT. EMILY REC. Snow, 1-2"; chilly | 27 13 | BROWNLEE RES. Snow showers | 37 28 |
| EAGLE CAP WILD. A little snow | 22 15 | EMIGRANT ST. PARK A little snow | 30 13 |
| WALLOWA LAKE A little snow | 34 22 | MCKAY RESERVOIR A little snow | 32 15 |
| THIEF VALLEY RES. A little snow | 35 22 | RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Snow, 1-3"; chilly | 37 20 |



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