

Angry acupuncturist gets stuck with dinner bill twice after dates

DEAR ABBY: I am a licensed acupuncturist. One of my patients (also male) asked me to dinner, and since he seemed like a decent guy, I decided to go. After we finished and the \$60 bill arrived, he told me he had forgotten his wallet and I needed to pay, which I did. After dinner he took me back to his house to supposedly show me some recent renovations, and within 10 minutes he tried to kiss me. Fortunately for me, the date ended well enough.

He asked me out again the next week. I figured everyone deserves a second chance, so I said yes. Well, THIS time he took me to a more expensive restaurant and — guess what? He forgot his wallet again. This time it cost me \$90. After dinner we went for a walk by the water and, when he tried to give me a hug, he knocked my only pair of glasses into the river.

I don't know if it was pre-planned or not, but because I had driven to his house, he knew I wouldn't be able to legally drive home without my glasses. This forced me to spend the night at his house. That I am able to retell this story means I survived that night, but what do you think? Does this guy sound like a loser or what?

— STUCK WITH THE BILL

DEAR STUCK: "This guy" strikes me as irresponsible or a manipulator. At the very least he should reimburse you for the glasses.

I'm not sure if it's ethical for you to be dating a client. According to the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, the provider should not engage in sexual contact with a patient if the contact commences after the practitioner-patient relationship is established. Because you don't trust his motives, you should not see him again socially.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 28 years. Over the past three years, I have survived a cancer diagnosis and a serious car accident. Earlier this year, I found out my wife has been leading a double life. The doctor says it is because she's bipolar.

Over the past year, she has had five boyfriends, three online and two in person. What she posted online is repeatable as it is X-rated. It came to light after a checkup and blood tests that resulted in an STD diagnosis. Now my doctor wants to test me for HIV.

I am still with my wife, but I have lost all respect. All I can think of is how I was betrayed

and what little time I may have left. I don't have the money to seek help. Can you recommend some way to help me through this?

— BETRAYED

DEAR BETRAYED: You have been through a lot, and I empathize with you. Have another talk with your doctor, and when you do, please allow him to test you. There have been major changes in the treatment of HIV since the 1980s, when it was an automatic death sentence. Many HIV-positive individuals now lead long, productive lives because they got tested and medicated, so please try to control your anxiety.

A final thought: If your wife refuses to get help for her mental illness, then you should consult a divorce lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: My mom is 82 and suffering from dementia. I have called her every Sunday since I left home for college in 1990. We used to talk for an hour, sharing what had happened to us since we last spoke.

Abby, I loved those calls, which allowed me to stay close to my mom despite the distance. Now I can barely manage five or 10 minutes. It's basically just me telling her things about my week. She still remembers me, but she doesn't talk much.

I have started to skip our weekly calls because they are very painful to me. Dad says Mom misses my calls, but I know that's not true. I know I should call her — even if she doesn't remember I did — but it hurts so much. Do you have any advice on how to deal with this?

— HER SON IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR SON: You are a good son, and a fortunate one to have had such a close and loving relationship with your mom. Dementia is a terrible disease, one that steals not only memories but the ability to communicate. If you think you are feeling bad or guilty now, imagine how you will feel when she passes away and you are left knowing you didn't do the things you could to lift her spirits.

Please don't skip those calls. They may no longer last an hour, but your father has told you she is aware of their absence. Believe him. Tell her the good things that are happening in your life. Tell her jokes that will make her laugh. If her disease is as advanced as you say, you can tell them repeatedly and she won't know the difference. The sound of your voice is what counts, and the words, "I love you, Mom."

Workers install tarps to protect gutted Notre Dame from rain

The Associated Press

PARIS — Professional mountain climbers were hired to install synthetic, waterproof tarps over the gutted, exposed exterior of Notre Dame Cathedral, as authorities raced to prevent further damage ahead of storms that are rolling in toward Paris.

The looming bad weather threatens to further damage the 850-year-old cathedral whose roof was destroyed by the April 15 blaze, leaving the church to the mercy of the elements.

Architect-in-chief Philippe Villeneuve

said he had to rush the installation of the protective covers that started Tuesday.

"The climbers, since it will be climbers who will do that, and the scaffolders, are ready," Villeneuve told BFMTV on Tuesday. "The highest priority is to protect the cathedral from the rain."

Some of Notre Dame's remaining statues were removed by crane before the tarpaulins were hoisted up. Workers in the afternoon began dragging them over to cover vulnerable parts of the structure.

Parts of the cathedral, including its

partially-destroyed vaulted ceiling, had already been soaked with water after firefighters desperately fought the blaze for over 12 hours that day.

Notre Dame's vaulted ceiling was also badly damaged after the cathedral's 19th-century spire burnt up and collapsed.

Notre Dame isn't expected to reopen to the public for five or six years, according to its rector, although French President Emmanuel Macron is pushing for a quick reconstruction.

So far, investigators think the fire was an accident.

The budget-friendly way to build a beautiful deck or patio

Cassie Sheets

The Associated Press

If you've always dreamed about having your own beautiful deck or patio, but you've put off renovating that cracked concrete slab patio or worn out wood deck because you weren't sure it was in your budget, you need to know about these affordable decking tiles.

HOW IT WORKS

These decking tiles from Matladin will transform your outdoor space. The interlocking tiles can cover unsightly worn

out all-weather carpet, concrete patios, or splintery wood deck surfaces. They're easy to install yourself with no tools. With a pack of 9 tiles that cover 9 square feet coming in at \$33, they're budget-friendly.

A BETTER OUTDOOR SURFACE

These water-resistant tiles are the perfect outdoor surface. They're made from a nontoxic and eco-friendly wood-plastic composites material that's resistant to the problems traditional wood decks face like

mildew and insects. The anti-slip design is safer for children that rough concrete surfaces.

ENDLESS USES

These tiles are the perfect way to transform your deck or patio on a budget, and they're great for balconies, around pool, in mud or sun rooms, or to cover up dated bathroom tile while you save for a big renovation. They're easy to clean, attractive, and simple to set up, so your deck and patio can be ready for the next backyard party.

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	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Mainly clear	Partly sunny and warm	Clouds and sun	Some sun	Times of sun and clouds
Baker City	31	73 44	69 36	66 33	61 33
Comfort Index™	10	9	10	10	9
La Grande	35	71 42	63 35	58 32	55 30
Comfort Index™	10	9	9	5	3
Enterprise	32	69 38	60 31	56 28	51 27
Comfort Index™	10	10	9	5	3

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 Monday	71°	69°	70°
Low Monday	28°	32°	32°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.84	2.16	5.05
Normal month to date	0.58	1.12	1.47
Year to date	4.47	7.07	16.77
Normal year to date	2.78	5.35	9.17

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY

Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	NW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	9.5
Evapotranspiration	0.17

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)

Phillips Reservoir	42% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	95% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	85% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	97% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	90% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	107% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Monday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	15300 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	52.6 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	978 cfs
Minam River at Minam	1260 cfs
Powder River near Richland	878 cfs

MONDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 96° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 21° Leadville, Colo.
Wettest: 2.59" Milton, Mass.

OREGON

High: 79° Grants Pass
Low: 24° Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.01" Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

On April 24, 1908, a series of tornadoes moving from Louisiana to Alabama took more than 300 lives and leveled many communities.

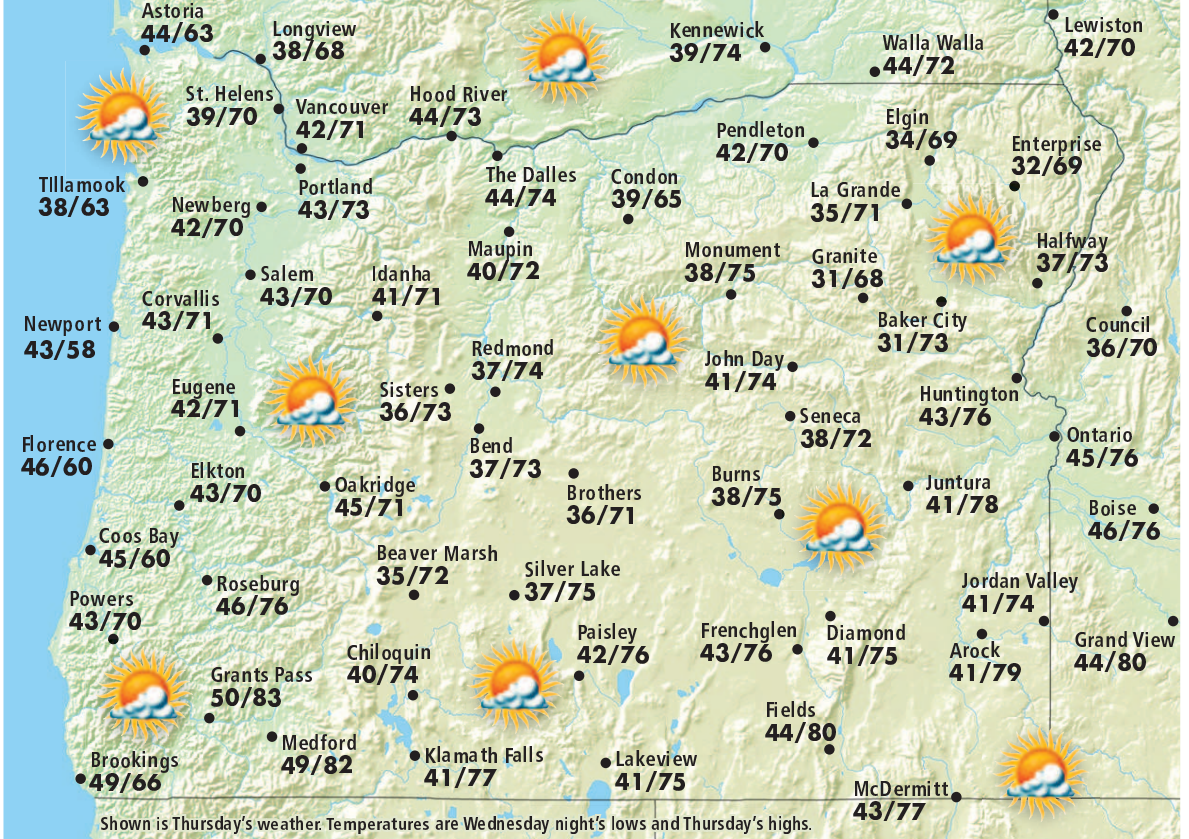
SUN & MOON

	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	5:53 a.m.	5:51 a.m.
Sunset	7:49 p.m.	7:51 p.m.
Moonrise	12:42 a.m.	1:33 a.m.
Moonset	9:46 a.m.	10:39 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
			
Apr 26	May 4	May 11	May 18

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



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REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	63/47/pc	56/44/pc
Bend	73/40/pc	65/32/pc
Boise	76/53/pc	73/45/pc
Brookings	66/49/pc	65/48/pc
Burns	75/45/pc	68/36/pc
Coos Bay	60/47/pc	58/44/pc
Corvallis	71/45/pc	65/39/pc
Council	70/43/pc	67/33/pc
Elgin	69/41/pc	62/34/pc
Eugene	71/45/pc	67/40/pc
Hermiston	74/49/pc	70/44/pc
Hood River	73/47/pc	65/44/pc
Imnaha	73/45/pc	66/37/c
John Day	74/41/pc	65/32/pc
Joseph	69/38/pc	61/30/pc
Kennewick	74/49/pc	72/42/pc
Klamath Falls	77/42/pc	70/37/pc
Lakeview	75/42/pc	70/37/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

ANTHONY LAKES
Partly sunny; mild

47 29

PHILLIPS LAKE
Partly sunny; mild

69 38

MT. EMILY REC.
Partly sunny

58 37

BROWNLEE RES.
Partly sunny

75 46

EAGLE CAP WILD.
Partly sunny; mild

56 31

EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Partly sunny; mild

63 36

WALLOWA LAKE
Partly sunny; mild

69 38

MCKAY RESERVOIR
Partly sunny

69 47

THIEF VALLEY RES.
Partly sunny; warm

73 44

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Partly sunny; warm

71 42



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