

Receptionist hears doctor and staff ridicule patients

DEAR ABBY: I work as a receptionist in a small medical office. I love my job, but I cannot tolerate when my co-workers make fun of our patients. Sometimes it happens while the patients are still in the exam rooms, maybe within earshot. Even the doctor contributes to this crudeness.

Some examples: "Did you see the size of that guy's nose?" or, "What's with the color of her hair?" or, "He smells like he hasn't had a bath in weeks." This goes on throughout the day every



DEAR ABBY

day. Is there anything I can do or say to change this mindset? We have great patients.

— AT A LOSS FOR WORDS

DEAR AT A LOSS: The person who's responsible for the lack of respect for the patients is your employer,

the doctor. If this is happening sometimes within earshot of the patients, I am, frankly, shocked that he or she has a medical practice.

There is nothing you can do to change the culture in that environment. Because it upsets you

— and I can certainly see why it would — you might be happier working for another doctor.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Tiffany" is 12. Her best friend, "Wendy," lives down the block. We are good friends with her parents.

How do I put this: Wendy is a thief. She has no impulse control. When she comes over, she helps herself to whatever is lying around, mostly candy and trinkets. For this reason, we no longer allow friends into our children's rooms.

Recently, another item went missing, and my daughter spotted it at Wendy's house. I told her she

should say something and take it back, but she is shy. I want to say something to the parents, but I'm afraid it will ruin our friendship. I don't think the mother knows her daughter does these things. Any ideas?

— STICKY FINGERS

DEAR STICKY FINGERS: If the shoe was on the other foot and your daughter was stealing things from her friends' homes, wouldn't you want to know what was going on so you could deal with it? Talk to Wendy's mother! Tell her you don't want to spoil a friendship you treasure, but Wendy has a problem she needs to know about. If you ignore it,

the problem will only escalate.

DEAR ABBY: Would you please settle an argument between my husband and me? One of us thinks it's OK to dry our everyday dishes with the same dish towel we clean our dog's bowl with. The bowl is first rinsed with soap and water then wiped with the dish towel. One of us thinks it's disgusting. The other disagrees. Would you wash your dishes with said towel?

— CURIOUS IN KETTERING, OHIO

DEAR CURIOUS: Although the dish may be perfectly clean after being washed with soap and water, because of the "ick" factor, I sure wouldn't.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Hundreds show up in Nebraska for fight over name Josh

LINCOLN, Neb. — A fight over the name of Josh drew a crowd from around the country to a Nebraska park Saturday for a heated pool-noodle brawl.

It all started a year ago when pandemic boredom set in and Josh Swain, a 22-year-old college student from Tucson, Arizona, messaged others who shared his name on social media and challenged them to a duel.

Hundreds showed up at Air Park in Lincoln — a location chosen at random — to participate in the silliness.

The festivities started with a "grueling and righteous battle of Rock, Paper, Scissors" between the Josh Swain from Arizona and another Josh Swain from Omaha. KLKN-TV reports that the Arizona student won that competition, allowing him to claim the title of the true Josh Swain.

The pool-noodle competition that followed was open to anyone with the first name of Josh. The victor of that competition was a 4-year-old boy, who was coronated with a Burger King crown.

Swain, the organizer, said he is a little surprised about how the whole thing blew up: "I did not expect people to be as adamant about this as they are right now."

Kanye West sneakers fetch record \$1.8 million

NEW YORK — A pair of prototype Nikes worn by Kanye West during his performances of "Hey Mama" and "Stronger" at the Grammy Awards in 2008 has shattered the record for



Kenneth Ferreria/Lincoln Journal Star via AP

Josh Swain, left, declares Lincoln native 4-year-old Joshua Vinson Jr., right, the ultimate Josh after the Josh fight took place Saturday, April 24, 2021, in an open green space in Lincoln, Nebraska. What started as a mid-pandemic joke took on life Saturday, as a mixed bag of individuals sharing only their name came to battle it out.

a pair of sneakers ever sold.

Sotheby's announced Monday that West's so-called "Grammy Worn" Nike Air Yeezy 1 fetched \$1.8 in a private sale. It was acquired by RARES, a sneaker investment marketplace.

The sale marks the highest publicly recorded price for a sneaker sale and the first pair of sneakers to top \$1 million. Sotheby's brokered the private sale.

The size 12 shoes designed by West and Mark Smith are made of soft black leather with perforated detailing throughout the upper, and the heel overlay is branded with a tonal Swoosh. The design features the iconic Yeezy forefoot strap and signature 'Y' medallion lacelocks in bright pink.

The price is nearly triple the auction record for a sneaker set in 2020 at Christie's for \$615,000. That was a pair of '85 Jordan 1s that the basket-

ball superstar wore when he famously shattered the backboard during a pre-season game in Italy.

"We are thrilled with the result, which has nearly tripled the highest price on record," Brahm Wachter, Sotheby's head of streetwear and modern collectables, said in a statement. "The sale speaks volumes of Kanye's legacy as one of the most influential clothing and sneaker designers of our time, and of the Yeezy franchise he has built which has become an industry titan."

Browns' QB Mayfield on UFO sighting: 'I believe'

CLEVELAND — Baker Mayfield's offseason has included running, lifting, getting a guaranteed \$18 million and a celestial close encounter he won't forget.

Mayfield said he saw a UFO. Nothing has changed his mind.

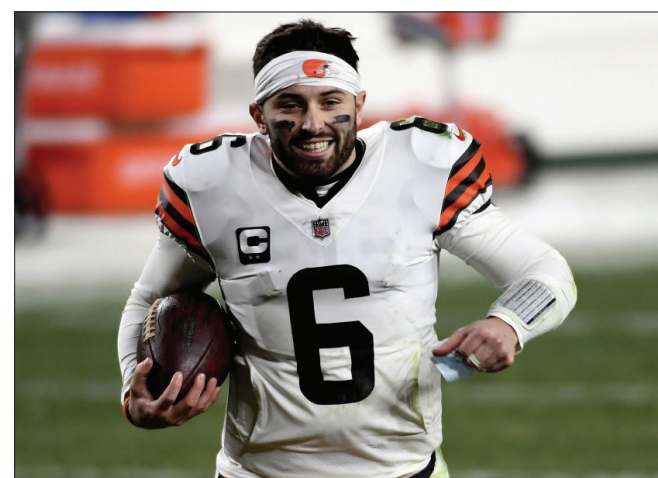
"I'm a firm believer in UFOs and Sasquatch,"

Mayfield said with a smile Monday on a Zoom call with reporters. "It's real. I saw it. I'm glad the Navy finally confirmed some more pictures. Now everybody doesn't think I'm as crazy."

"I believe." The Browns believe in Mayfield, which is why they exercised the fifth-year option on the quarterback's rookie contract last week, a decision that gives him at least two more years in Cleveland — an \$18.8 million paycheck in 2022 — and could lead to a long-term extension.

Mayfield is now eligible for a longer deal, and the Browns are expected to offer one in the coming months to the 25-year-old after he led them to their first postseason appearance in 18 years last season and has them thinking Super Bowl.

"I'm truly thankful for them taking the chance, (General Manager) Andrew



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Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield runs off the field after defeating the Pittsburgh Steelers in an NFL wild-card playoff football game Jan. 10, 2021, in Pittsburgh. On his way home from dinner in Texas last month with his wife, Emily, Mayfield said he saw a UFO.

(Berry) and the Haslam family, for picking up that fifth-year option and making it one more year in Cleveland, extending this journey that we started three years ago today," Mayfield said on a Zoom call. "I've been kind of thinking about that all day, so I'm very happy about that."

"In terms of long-term deals or all that, I'm taking it one day at a time. I've still got two seasons left on this full rookie contract now to see what happens."

Until he's signed beyond 2022, Mayfield's future will remain a topic of conversation, but he's prepared to handle it.

"If we win games, everything will happen how it should," he said. "That is my mentality, and I truly do believe that."

Mayfield ended any doubt about his long-term future in Cleveland last season. He rebounded from a rough 2019 by throwing 30 touchdown passes and taking the Browns into the postseason, where they knocked off Pittsburgh in

the wild-card round to snap a 17-game losing streak at Heinz Field.

Expectations are soaring in Cleveland for 2021, and Mayfield is quite certain he saw something else above him last month.

He and his wife, Emily, were headed home from dinner in Texas when they spotted "a very bright ball" in the sky. Mayfield posted his experience on Twitter soon after, and he's now more convinced that they weren't imagining something.

"Just driving back home and had the music going. It was one of those things (Emily) was looking down at her phone in the passenger seat," he said. "It was nighttime so when you are looking at your phone screen, everything is dark around you and you can only see that light, but it was bright enough to where it caught her attention, too."

"We kind of just looked at each other, 'Did you just see that? Yeah.' Other people in that area confirmed, too."

— Associated Press

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	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Mainly clear	Warm with sun and clouds	Not as warm	Spotty showers	Mostly cloudy
Baker City	44	78 46	68 38	59 32	62 34
Comfort Index™	8	8	10	3	8
La Grande	50	75 53	65 42	59 37	59 40
Comfort Index™	8	9	10	5	7
Enterprise	47	72 49	62 41	54 36	55 40
Comfort Index™	8	9	10	6	7

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	63°	64°	69°
Low Tuesday	33°	36°	30°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.17
Month to date	0.57	0.15	0.54
Normal month to date	0.75	1.41	1.80
Year to date	1.66	5.84	13.71
Normal year to date	2.95	5.64	9.50

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY		
Lowest relative humidity		30%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph	
Hours of sunshine		7.7
Evapotranspiration		0.20
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)		
Phillips Reservoir		23% of capacity
Unity Reservoir		99% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir		58% of capacity
McKay Reservoir		96% of capacity
Wallowa Lake		64% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir		99% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)		
Grade Ronde at Troy		5710 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder		39 cfs
Burnt River near Unity		225 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon		587 cfs
Minam River at Minam		562 cfs
Powder River near Richland		114 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 101°	Zapata, Texas
Low: 12°	Bridgeport, Calif.
Wettest: 2.80"	Akron, Colo.

OREGON	
High: 73°	Hermiston
Low: 23°	Prineville
Wettest: none	

WEATHER HISTORY

A late-season cold snap on April 29, 1874, brought 0.50 of an inch of snow to New York City, its latest measurable snowfall on record.

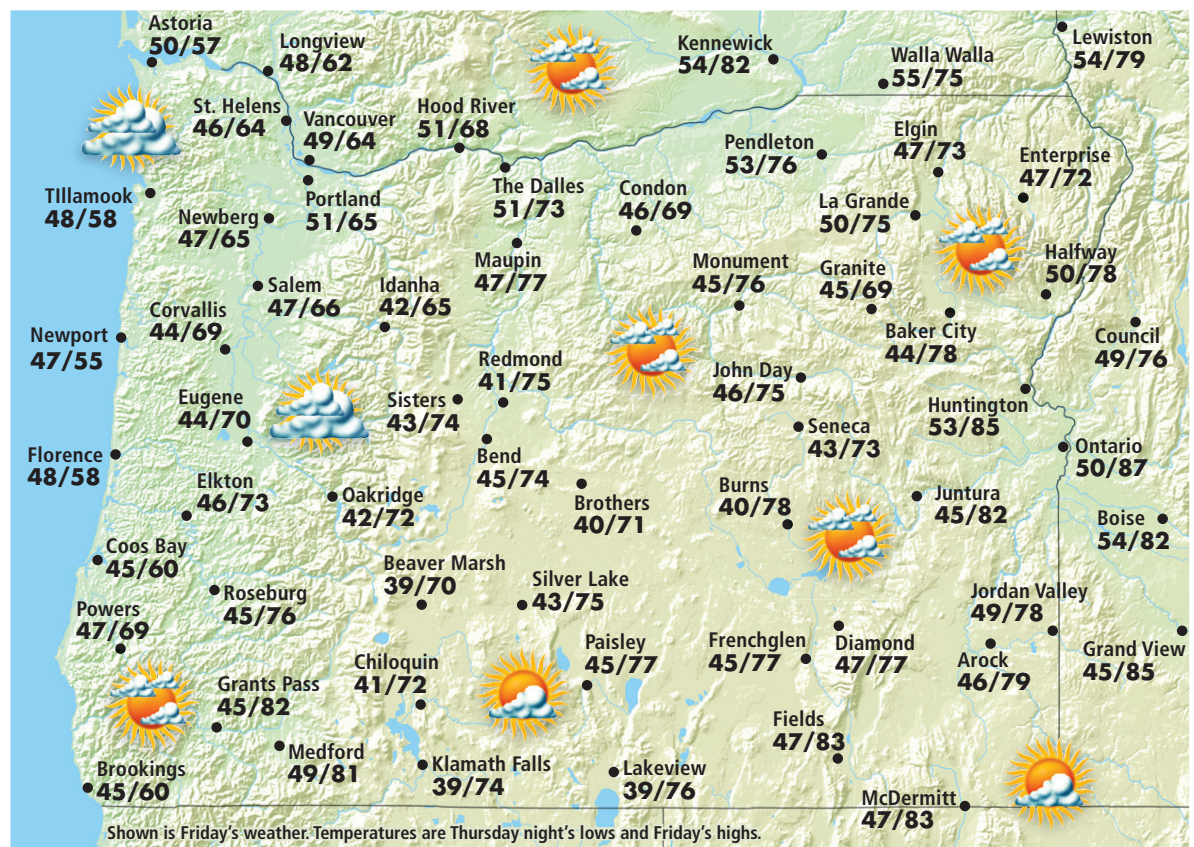
SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	5:44 a.m.	5:42 a.m.
Sunset	7:56 p.m.	7:58 p.m.
Moonrise	11:46 p.m.	none
Moonset	7:32 a.m.	8:22 a.m.

MOON PHASES	Last	New	First	Full
	May 3	May 11	May 19	May 26

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI.		SAT.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	57/47/r	55/46/c	Lewiston	79/55/pc
Bend	74/44/c	65/40/pc	Longview	62/46/sh
Boise	82/53/pc	73/46/pc	Meacham	73/52/pc
Brookings	60/48/c	59/45/c	Medford	81/53/c
Burns	78/43/c	69/36/pc	Newport	55/45/sh
Coos Bay	60/45/pc	64/46/pc	Olympia	59/43/r
Corvallis	69/46/sh	65/42/c	Ontario	87/57/pc
Council	76/49/pc	67/41/sh	Pasco	82/46/pc
Elgin	73/52/pc	65/43/pc	Pendleton	76/51/pc
Eugene	70/47/pc	66/43/c	Portland	65/47/c
Hermiston	80/51/pc	75/51/s	Powers	69/49/c
Hood River	68/50/pc	64/46/pc	Redmond	75/43/pc
Imnaha	77/50/pc	69/43/pc	Roseburg	76/49/c
John Day	75/47/pc	66/40/pc	Salem	66/46/c
Joseph	73/49/pc	64/41/pc	Spokane	72/45/pc
Kennewick	82/46/pc	78/46/s	The Dalles	73/51/pc
Klamath Falls	74/40/c	67/35/pc	Ukiah	73/43/pc
Lakeview	76/39/pc	67/37/pc	Walla Walla	75/53/pc

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

CITY	FRI.	SAT.	PHASE
ANTHONY LAKES	50	34	Clouds and sun
MT. EMILY REC.	60	44	Partly sunny
EAGLE CAP WILD.	59	37	Partly sunny; mild
WALLOWA LAKE	73	49	Clouds and sun
THIEF VALLEY RES.	78	46	Breezy in the p.m.
PHILLIPS LAKE	72	45	Clouds and sun
BROWNLEE RES.	80	52	Some sun; pleasant
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	65	42	Clouds and sun
MCKAY RESERVOIR	76	48	Sun and clouds
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	75	53	Partly sunny; warm