

Couple in friends group are constant complainers



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: We have a group of friends who get together most Friday nights. We go out to eat, meet for drinks or gather at one of the group member's homes for dinner and drinks. One person in particular constantly complains about everything every single week.

They don't like the restaurant that was chosen, or the food the host prepared or the place the pizza was ordered from. Once, they kept repeatedly telling the host they wanted to punch

the host's son in the face because he was rude to the host on his way out for the evening. This guest's spouse also nitpicks relentlessly. It makes everybody uncomfortable.

It has reached the point that the group doesn't want to get together anymore because of the damper this couple puts on the evening. My spouse and I haven't seen the group for several weeks now, but we miss them. Is there a polite way to tell this couple their negativity is a drag on the rest of the group, and maybe they should seek professional help or learn to keep their mouths shut? — **DOWN WITH THE DOWNER**

DEAR DOWN: No, there isn't. But you could stop inviting this particular couple. If you are asked about it, all

you have to say is that you grew tired of their constant criticism, which put a damper on the events.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is married with two children and, so far, she's happy with a wonderful husband and a beautiful home. My concern — or curiosity — is that they have hung professionally done photos of themselves, their kids, their friends and candid images from their wedding in many of the rooms on the first floor, but there are none of my husband and me or the other grandparents. Every Christmas we receive another framed family photo of them. What would you think if we gifted them a lovely portrait of us? — **UNSEEN IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR UNSEEN: I think it's worth a

try, but don't be offended if they don't display it. They appear to be so centered on their nuclear family that there isn't room for anyone else in their picture-perfect house.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my wife told me her brothers have been mad at her for more than a decade and don't talk to her because of something I said at a family get-together 12 years ago. I asked what they were mad about and what the discussion was about that upset them, but they didn't say — they just quit contacting her. To me, it's childish and rude to treat their sister that way. Do you have any thoughts or suggestions? — **DID NOT KNOW IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR DID NOT: Yes, I do. The term for what your wife's brothers have been

doing is "passive aggression." Because your wife's brothers aren't willing to address the issue, nothing can be done to resolve it. This is why I suggest the two of you — and whatever other relatives you do get along with — go on with your lives and waste no more time looking back.

DEAR READERS: Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour at bedtime tonight. And while you're at it, be sure to put fresh batteries in your fire alarms and smoke detectors. — **LOVE, ABBY**

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Swiss claim record for world's longest passenger train

The Associated Press
GENEVA — A Swiss railway company claimed the record for the world's longest passenger train Saturday, Oct. 29, with a trip on one of the most spectacular tracks through the Alps.

The Rhaetian Railway company ran the 1.2-mile-long train composed of 100 coaches along the Albula/Bernina route from Preda to Berguen.

The route was designated a UNESCO World Heritage in 2008 and leads through 22 tunnels, some of which spiral through mountains, and across 48 bridges, including the curved Landwasser Viaduct.

The entire journey took over an hour. Rail enthusiasts lined the valley to watch the train's 25 sections wind their way about 15.5 miles through the Alps.

Rhaetian Railway director Renato Fasciati said the record attempt was intended to highlight some of Switzerland's engineering achievements and to celebrate 175 years of Swiss railways.

SpaceX nails booster landings after foggy military launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX launched its mega Falcon Heavy rocket for the first time in more than three years Tuesday, Nov. 1, hoisting satellites for the military and then nailing side-by-side booster landings back near the pad.

Thick fog shrouded NASA's Kennedy Space Center as the rocket blasted off at midmorning. The crowd at the launch site couldn't even see the pad 3 miles away, but heard the roar of the 27 first-stage engines.

Both side boosters peeled away two minutes after liftoff, flew back to Cape Canaveral,



Yanik Buerkli/Keystone

A train of the Rhaetian Railway is on its way to set a world record for longest passenger train, on Saturday, October 29, 2022, in Berguen, Switzerland. The 1.2 mile long train is on a journey on the UNESCO world heritage track from Preda to Alvanen. The train consists of 100 waggons. The old world record of 1732,9 meters dates back to 1991.

and landed alongside one another, just a few seconds apart. The core stage was discarded at sea, its entire energy needed to get the Space Force's satellites to their intended extra-high orbit.

This was SpaceX's fourth flight of a Falcon Heavy, currently the most powerful rocket in use. The first, in 2018, launched SpaceX chief Elon Musk's red Tesla convertible; the next two Heavy launches followed in 2019, lifting satellites.

'Bluey,' 'Funny Girl' set for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

NEW YORK — The debut of a giant "Bluey" balloon, Lea Michele and the Broadway cast of "Funny Girl" and the legendary Dionne Warwick are some of the highlights slated for this year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

This year's parade — the 96th annual — will feature 16 giant character balloons, 28 floats, 40 novelty and heritage inflatables,

12 marching bands, 700 clowns, 10 performance groups and, of course, Santa Claus.

New balloon giants joining the line-up on Nov. 24 include Stuart the one-eyed Minion from "Despicable Me 2," a new green dinosaur, an Apatosaurus, the debut of the animated sensation "Bluey," and a new "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" balloon.

Other celebrities slated to be on hand include Paula Abdul, making her parade debut; Fitz and the Tantrums; Big Time

Rush; "Blue's Clues & You!" host Josh Dela Cruz; Gloria Estefan along with her daughter, Emily, and grandson, Sasha; Kirk Franklin; Mario Lopez; Ziggy Marley; and Miss America 2022 Emma Broyles.

The singers Joss Stone, Jordin Sparks and Betty Who will all be part of the festivities as will the stars of Peacock's "Pitch Perfect: Bumper in Berlin" — Adam Devine, Sarah Hyland and Flula Borg, Jimmy Fallon & The Roots will be on a float celebrating Central Park.

"This November, as we once again set the stage for the start of the holiday season, we are thrilled to showcase another spectacle full of magic and wonder that will help create everlasting memories with loved ones during this special time of year," Will Coss, the parade's executive producer, said in a statement.

Viewers nationwide can see the parade live on NBC and streaming on Peacock on Nov. 24.

weather

	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Snow	A shower in the afternoon	Mostly cloudy, a shower	Cloudy and cold	Partly sunny; quite cold
Baker City	22	40 22	39 22	34 13	31 7
La Grande	30	42 29	41 21	35 19	29 12
Enterprise	28	42 29	39 19	32 16	26 11

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.

ALMANAC		THURSDAY EXTREMES	
TEMPERATURES	Baker City 40° La Grande 41° Elgin 41°	NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	High: 92° Zapata, Texas
High Thursday	40°	Low: 4° Stanley, Idaho	Wettest: 1.02" Punta Gorda, Fla.
Low Thursday	16°		
PRECIPITATION (inches)		OREGON	High: 51° Astoria
Thursday	Trace	Low: 6° Burns	Wettest: 0.14" Astoria
Month to date	0.10		
Normal month to date	0.07		
Year to date	5.81		
Normal year to date	7.55		

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	50%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 10 to 20 mph
Hours of sunshine	1.1
Evapotranspiration	0.06

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)	
Phillips Reservoir	1% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	25% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	9% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	30% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	6% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	2% of capacity

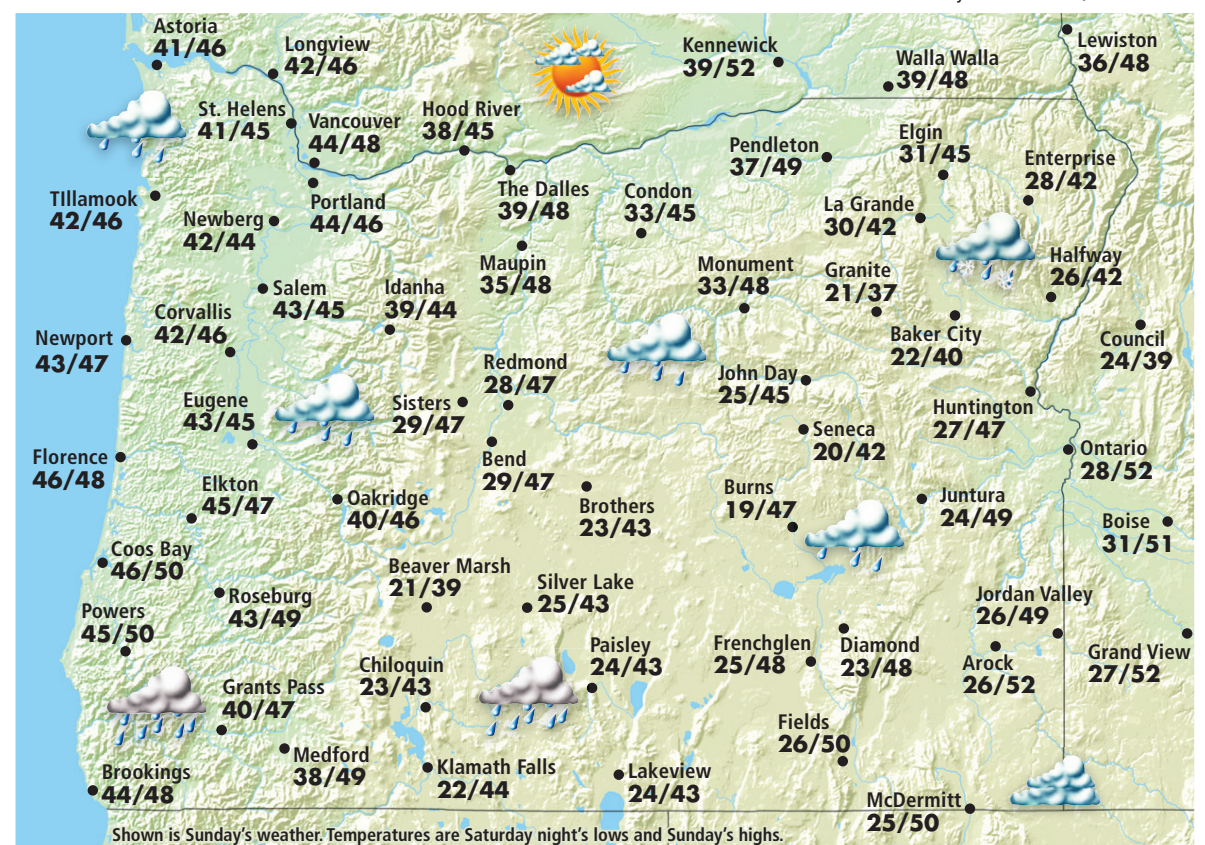
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	788 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	2 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	13 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	66 cfs
Minam River at Minam	72 cfs
Powder River near Richland	15 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY	
Cooperstown, N.Y., home of baseball's Hall of Fame, entered the "weather hall of fame" on Nov. 5, 1971, with its third-latest first frost on record. The cold made only a short stop.	

SUN & MOON	
Sunrise	7:37 a.m.
Sunset	6:38 a.m.
Moonrise	5:34 p.m.
Moonset	4:34 p.m.
Moonset	4:22 a.m.

MOON PHASES	
Full	Nov 8
Last	Nov 16
New	Nov 23
First	Nov 30

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY	
ASTORIA	41/46	ANTHONY LAKES	Snow at times
LONGVIEW	42/46	PHILLIPS LAKE	Cloudy, a shower
VANCOUVER	44/48	28 13	39 21
PORTLAND	44/46	MT. EMILY REC.	A p.m. shower
SALEM	43/45	36 26	44 30
MAUPIN	35/48	EAGLE CAP WILD.	Snow showers
REDMOND	28/47	30 17	40 25
ELGIN	31/45	WALLOWA LAKE	Cloudy and chilly
LA GRANDE	30/42	41 29	48 31
GRANITE	21/37	THIEF VALLEY RES.	A shower
BAKER CITY	22/40	40 22	42 29
HALFWAY	26/42	PHILLIPS LAKE	Cloudy, a shower
COUNCIL BLUFFS	24/39	BROWNLEE RES.	Cloudy and chilly
ONTARIO	28/52	EMIGRANT ST. PARK	A p.m. shower
BOISE	31/51	MCKAY RESERVOIR	Afternoon showers
JUNTA	24/49	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	A shower
HUNTINGTON	27/47	42 29	42 29
SENECA	20/42		
BURNS	19/47		
JORDAN VALLEY	26/49		
AROCK	26/52		
GRAND VIEW	27/52		
FIELD	26/50		
LAKEVIEW	24/43		
MCDERMITT	25/50		