

Overbearing dad makes living at home aggravating for son

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 34-year-old man who lives with my father, who is 76 years old. I'm currently without a job, but when I have one, I buy food and whatever else is needed for the house. I believe I'm doing my fair share.

I love my father dearly, but I can't stand him as a person. He can be very rude and verbally abusive. He has told people we know very personal things about me. When we're visiting family, if I ask for something to eat or drink, he'll answer, "No! You don't need anything." (I can tell that the relatives are annoyed by him, too.)

Dad played a major role in ruining a relationship with a woman I was dating. I don't invite any of my new friends over because I know he'll have something sarcastic to say. He also accuses me of not doing any cleaning around the house, but he fails to notice that I have done it at night while he was asleep.

I rarely converse with him because we have nothing in common. He takes almost no interest in what I have to say, even when I tell him about something I saw on TV. He says, "Well, you shouldn't be watching that." I keep my mouth shut because I need a place to live, but day by day, more and more, my rage is building, and I want to tell him off. Help, please.

— LIVING WITH A TYRANT

DEAR LIVING: Do not tell him off. Although you may be living "rent-free," you are paying plenty for the "privilege" of staying under his roof. It appears your father resents having you there as much as you dislike being there. Do whatever you can to find a job. When you do, save every penny. And, for the sake of your self-respect, move out as quickly as possible so you can start living a normal life. You may need to find a roommate, but anything would be better than this.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I took our granddaughters, 16 and 13, on a two-week cruise to Europe this past summer. We had a wonderful time with them. To make a long story short, the 16-year-old, "Megan," confided to us that she's afraid of failing.

She's a straight-A student and a perfectionist when it comes to her classes. We want to make sure we use the correct words with her. These girls are precious to us, and we're very close. Megan sent us an emotional thank-you note for the trip, as did her sister. She seems to do all the right things. We just don't want her to put excessive pressure on herself.

We're almost 80, and they keep us young. Those girls rock our world. Could you tell us how to handle this?

— LOVING GRANDMA

DEAR GRANDMA: Tell Megan that you love her and she rocks your world. Then assure her your feelings about her will never change regardless of whether she succeeds or fails at whatever she does. Nobody wants to fail, but most successful people will tell you they learned more from their failures than they did from their successes. Tell her that worse than failure is being so afraid that she isn't willing to try. Then advise her to talk to her parents about her fears, or a counselor at school if she needs more help.

DEAR ABBY: I am 12 and in the sixth grade. My problem is that I'm having trouble talking with girls. Every time I meet an attractive girl, I either can't speak to her, or I talk to her and sometimes she doesn't like me.

What I'm asking for are some tips on how to be a good talker and get the girl of my dreams. I'd also like to know from your girl readers what they like in a guy.

— J.C. IN ERIE, PA.

DEAR J.C.: Becoming a good talker is an acquired skill for most people. But one technique that works is to ask someone about her opinion, "What do you think about ...?" It can be something that happened in class, at school, an athletic event or something in the news. Of course, there are no guarantees that everyone you talk to will like you, but most people feel complimented when you ask their opinion.

And if you'd like some tips from my younger female readers, I'm sure they'll be happy to oblige. Readers?

Fishermen prepare for climate and crab

By Katie Frankowicz

The Daily Astorian

Fishermen for lucrative Dungeness crab are already busy preparing boats and gear for the upcoming season.

What they'll find when they hit the fishing grounds is always an open question, but researchers and fishery managers are seeing a large harmful algal bloom off Oregon's southern coast and a mass of unusual warm water forming off Alaska.

More and more, these and other events tied to a shifting climate threaten the fishery, determining when seasons open and how successful fishermen are after they drop their pots.

"We don't see these challenges going away," said Troy Buell, with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's marine resources program.

"Our ability to adapt to what's going on in the ocean will determine if we're successful or not."

In recent years, blooms of domoic acid, a naturally occurring marine toxin that can accumulate in razor clams and then potentially in crab meat, has delayed, curtailed and even shut down crabbing seasons on the West Coast.

The increasing number of blooms led to regulatory changes in Oregon this year. The state now requires the fishing industry to track crab from when it is landed to when it reaches consumers. Fishery managers hope the move will provide more flexibility within the fishery itself when marine toxin levels spike, while also improving the state's ability to track contaminated crab.

This summer, the state

also began looking at ways to increase its management flexibility when it comes to closing or opening areas along the coast in response to events like harmful algal blooms.

Meanwhile, the industry is grappling with issues like how to best address the entanglement of whales in crabbing gear along the West Coast, as well as the rise of ocean acidification and low-oxygen conditions — hypoxia — that threaten both the Dungeness fishery and the shellfish industry as a whole.

It's a lot. The industry-funded Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission is well aware of all the challenges the fishery faces.

Among the commission's top priorities are to find ways for the industry to reduce the chances of whale entanglements and to support research into why Oregon is seeing increased occurrences of hypoxia, said Tim Novotny, the commission's spokesman.

But by the numbers, Oregon's Dungeness crab fishermen had a great last season.

The season, which traditionally starts Dec. 1, got off to a rocky start, delayed first by crabs that didn't pass state "meat fill" tests and then by price negotiations and bad weather. However, when crabbers finally hit the water in late January, they landed 23 million pounds in Oregon for a total ex-vessel value of 62 million in the 2016-17 season, and only 14 million pounds for \$51 million in the 2015-16 season.

Last season's record landings far exceeded Alan Shanks' own predictions — and he isn't sure if that's a good thing.

Shanks, a professor at the University of Oregon's Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, has been predicting Dungeness crab abundance season to season for 18 years. He looks at the abundance of megalopae — Dungeness in one of its larval stages — to help predict the size of the commercial catch four years later. Up until this last season, his predictions were more or less correct.

"I was within plus or minus 12 percent, which for a fishery prediction is really good," he said.

Shanks theorizes, though he can't be sure, that several years of warm ocean conditions — the anomalous warm water, nicknamed "the Blob," that persisted off the West Coast in 2013 through 2015, followed by a massive El Niño in 2016 — created a situation where crab larvae grew very quickly.

Last season, it is likely fishermen caught a mix of the usual 4-year-old crabs, as well as a bunch of 3-year-olds that looked like they were older.

"Now if that actually happened, there's a good chance my prediction for this upcoming fishing season will be too high," Shanks said.

But he can't say for sure. What he can say is this:

"I think a more important way of looking at this is the Blob was, according to the meteorologists, definitely the result of climate change and the strong El Niño was probably strengthened due to climate change.

"So this is the first pretty clear indication that climate change is starting to affect the crab pot fishery and the crab population."

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	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Rather cloudy	A stray morning shower	A passing shower or two	Plenty of sunshine	Partly sunny
Baker City	28	48 23	45 17	45 17	45 22
Comfort Index™	6	4	2	5	4
La Grande	37	48 31	45 22	46 23	48 30
Comfort Index™	0	4	1	6	4
Enterprise	34	45 29	42 20	45 21	48 28
Comfort Index™	2	3	3	6	5

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	59°	60°	58°
Low Sunday	38°	44°	45°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	Trace	0.17	0.34
Month to date	Trace	0.41	0.80
Normal month to date	0.11	0.26	0.34
Year to date	5.24	13.33	23.87
Normal year to date	8.36	13.09	17.89

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 95° Lake Elsinore, Calif.
Low: 13° Angel Fire, N.M.
Wettest: 2.65" Stampede Pass, Wash.

OREGON

High: 67° Hermiston
Low: 24° Lakeview
Wettest: 0.68" Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 6, 1953, a coastal storm brought 3 inches of snow to Richmond, Va., and up to 18 inches to Philadelphia. Wind gusts reached 98 mph at Block Island, R.I.

SUN & MOON

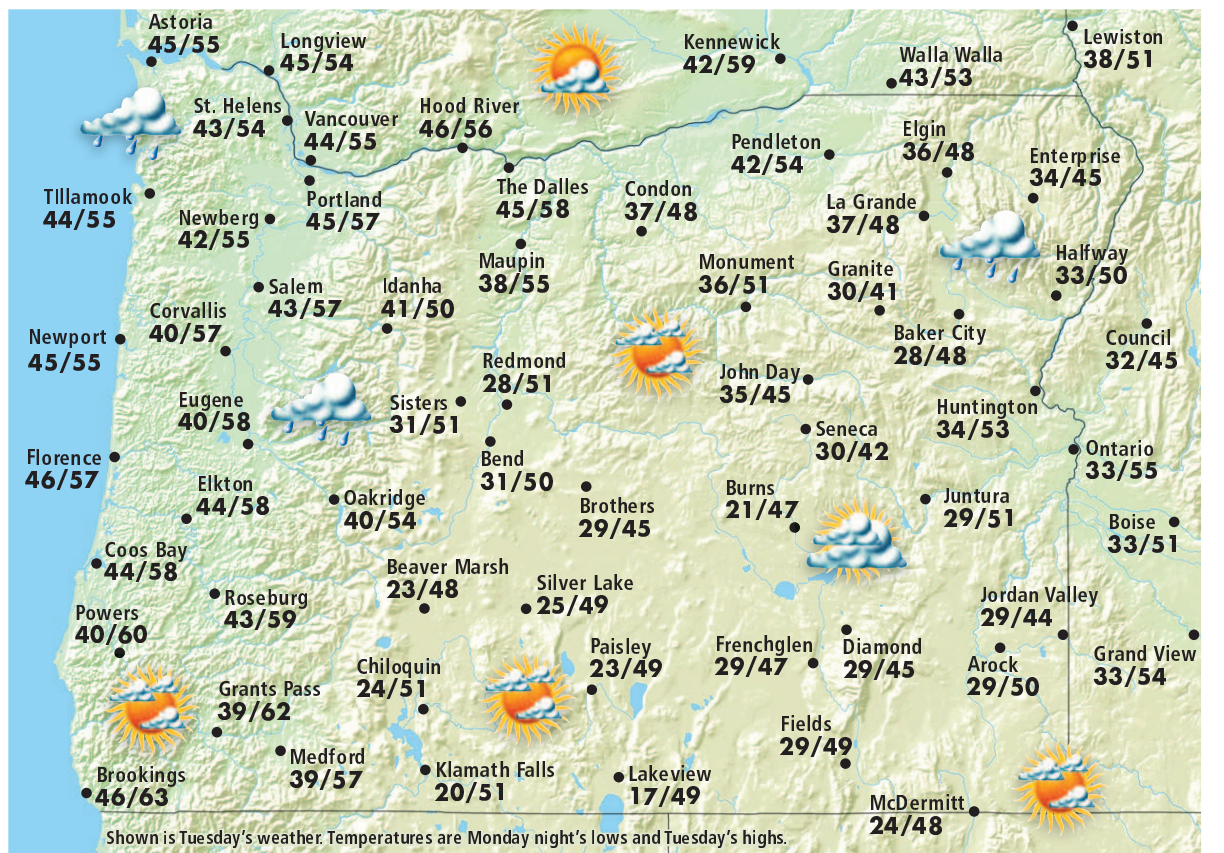
	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	6:37 a.m.	6:38 a.m.
Sunset	4:34 p.m.	4:33 p.m.
Moonrise	4:05 a.m.	5:16 a.m.
Moonset	4:05 p.m.	4:33 p.m.

MOON PHASES



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REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE.	WED.	City	TUE.	WED.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	55/39/pc	55/38/s	Lewiston	51/35/c	49/29/pc
Bend	50/24/pc	47/19/pc	Longview	54/40/pc	52/34/s
Boise	51/30/pc	49/26/s	Meacham	44/29/c	43/20/pc
Brookings	63/44/s	62/47/s	Medford	57/32/s	55/29/s
Burns	47/15/pc	45/11/pc	Newport	55/41/pc	53/40/s
Coos Bay	58/41/s	56/39/s	Olympia	54/36/pc	51/32/s
Corvallis	57/34/pc	55/30/pc	Ontario	55/27/pc	53/25/s
Council	45/26/sn	45/20/pc	Pasco	59/32/pc	53/27/pc
Elgin	48/32/c	45/23/pc	Pendleton	54/37/pc	49/29/pc
Eugene	58/34/pc	55/30/pc	Portland	57/40/sh	54/36/pc
Hermiston	58/36/pc	54/29/pc	Powers	60/38/s	57/34/s
Hood River	56/39/c	55/33/pc	Redmond	51/24/pc	49/19/pc
Imnaha	49/32/pc	47/22/sh	Roseburg	59/37/s	57/33/pc
John Day	45/28/pc	45/24/pc	Salem	57/38/pc	55/33/pc
Joseph	45/28/pc	42/18/c	Spokane	46/32/c	44/27/pc
Kennewick	59/36/pc	54/30/pc	The Dalles	58/36/pc	55/32/pc
Klamath Falls	51/16/s	51/17/s	Ukiah	44/28/c	43/19/pc
Lakeview	49/17/s	48/15/s	Walla Walla	53/40/pc	50/32/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 TUESDAY

Location	TUE.	WED.	Location	TUE.	WED.
ANTHONY LAKES	28	17	PHILLIPS LAKE	45	29
MT. EMILY REC.	39	31	BROWNLEE RES.	52	35
EAGLE CAP WILD.	35	24	EMIGRANT ST. PARK	43	33
WALLOWA LAKE	47	33	MCKAY RESERVOIR	56	41
THIEF VALLEY RES.	51	28	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	50	37



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