

# Ex-boyfriend offers woman money to take him back

**DEAR ABBY:** I was involved with a man ("Mike") I cared deeply about. One day he came to me saying he had a "secret" he needed to share. He explained that he was in love with another woman, and they had decided to get back together. I asked him all the normal questions. He explained as best as he could and apologized.

Three weeks later, Mike called me and told me he missed me and thought he had made a mistake. I went over and stayed the night. I didn't call him after that, but now he's calling me all the time.

Mike is still involved with the woman he broke up with me for. I have asked him repeatedly to leave me alone, but he is now offering me money and promising to pay my bills if I will be involved with him while he's with this other woman.

I need your advice. I could use the help financially, but I don't want to get involved with this situation because my feelings are at risk.

—FRAGILE IN FLORIDA

**DEAR FRAGILE:** I wonder if the woman Mike reconciled with has a clue that he is cheating already. He does not care about you or have your best interests at heart. He's attempting to put your relationship on a cash-on-delivery basis not out of concern for your financial difficulties but because he has no respect for your integrity. How insulting! Although you may need financial help, if you value your self-respect, turn him down. And from now on, block his calls because Mike is bad news.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been living with intense grief and depression for a number of years. I have tried every way imaginable to deal with it, to no avail. I am no longer interested in fighting it. I have had suicidal ideation for years but haven't acted on it because of the pain it would cause my family.

Now it appears I have an answer. I have discovered that I have cancer. I have decided to do nothing about it and let it take me. I'm just not sure whether or not to tell my family.

I am inclined to say nothing until it's too late, but I fear this decision will cause them as much pain as if I had died by my own hand. I don't want to be here, and I don't

think I should have to be simply because others expect it. I don't have a close relationship with my family anyway, if that has any bearing. We speak infrequently at best. Your thoughts, please?

—DONE WITH IT

**DEAR DONE:** I am sorry for your despair. You say your only question is whether to tell your family about your diagnosis because of the pain it may cause them, although you are not close and communicate infrequently. If you have truly made up your mind to refuse treatment, I vote for not informing them, which could be construed as trying to put them on a guilt trip. Everyone has a right to make this highly personal decision for themselves, but I hope you will remain in touch with your doctor, which may lessen any physical or psychological suffering you experience during the course of your disease.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 15-year-old girl. I have been friends with "Amanda" for two years. She helped me through a really tough time, which is how we became friends.

Recently, she has been going around telling people she is dating someone famous from a band and claiming she gets to hang out with them all the time. It is really stressful.

My other friend and I don't understand why Amanda is doing this. We think it's wrong to tell people these lies. When we have asked her about it, she always gets defensive and lies to us. She blocked my friend and me on Instagram, and that really upset us as well.

We don't know what to do. We know you give great advice, and we hope you can help us with this.

—STRESSED OUT IN IOWA

**DEAR STRESSED OUT:** People lie for various reasons — to make others think they are important, popular, smarter or more successful than they really are. Sometimes it works. More often, when the truth comes out, the liar looks foolish and untrustworthy.

Unfortunately, there is nothing you can do to fix Amanda. You tried and it didn't work, so step aside. This is a lesson she will have to learn on her own.

# Oregon man snowed in with taco sauce grateful for rescue

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PORTLAND, Ore. — An Oregon man who was rescued after five days stuck in deep snow with his dog is deeply grateful to his rescuers and embarrassed to have caused so much trouble, his aunt told The Associated Press on Monday.

Jeremy Taylor's 4-wheel-drive vehicle got stuck Feb. 24 in snow on a U.S. Forest Service road as he headed to do some off-road driving in the wilderness outside the central Oregon city of Bend.

As night fell, Taylor, 36, decided to sleep in his car with his Australian shepherd, Ally, and hike out the next day, his aunt, Denise Tremaine said in a telephone interview with AP.

Taylor fashioned some snowshoes from pieces of the roof rack he uses for his kayak and started off on Feb. 25. But after a mile, Taylor had to turn around because the dog was sinking in the deep snow and could not continue.

Taylor carried Ally back to the car and the two hunkered down there, sharing a sleeping bag to keep warm. Taylor had a full tank of gas and was able to blast the heat briefly when it got unbearably cold and ate a few packets of taco sauce he had with him, she said.

He and the dog drank melted ice, but she said she does not think Taylor fed the dog hot sauce.

"That's his world right there, that dog. She goes everywhere with him," Tremaine said of the dog. "He

would never, ever leave that dog in the car."

Eventually, Tremaine said, heavy snow from more snowstorms made it impossible for Taylor to open his vehicle's door.

At one point, he saw an airplane overhead and raced to push the snow off the car's roof so rescuers might see him, but it did not work. He did not have a cellphone with him or any emergency supplies, she added.

"He didn't take the provisions he should have. I gave him a little of that talk and I'm just glad he's alive, because I think there was a point there when he didn't think he was going to make it," she said.

What Taylor did not know is that by Feb. 27, his friends had realized that the self-employed building contractor was missing. He had not shown up to work and no one had heard from him, so friends reported him missing.

Search and rescue crews combed the forests outside Bend by snowmobile, airplane and drone and as word spread on social media, friends and acquaintances searched on their own using snowmobiles.

On Friday afternoon, a snowmobiler found Taylor and he and his dog were brought out of the woods on a snowcat, a type of snow tractor, and they were reunited with family and friends.

He returned home to find his roof was damaged from heavy snow and his water pipes were frozen,

Tremaine said.

On Monday, he headed back to work and ignored interview requests from TV bookers and messages to talk with public relations representatives for Taco Bell, among others, she said. He did not respond to a Facebook message from the AP seeking comment.

"Jeremy is very, very quiet and he doesn't want the limelight. He is just incredibly sorry and slightly embarrassed that so many people were out looking for him," Tremaine said.

Over the years, many people have gotten stranded on Oregon's snowbound rural roads — and the outcome isn't always so good.

In 2000, a 29-year-old man was discovered by snowmobilers clinging to life in his car, which was completely buried by snow in the Deschutes National Forest near Bend. Thomas Wade Truett had been stuck for 16 days in five feet of snow, surviving on orange juice and almond M&Ms. He had written a goodbye letter to his parents.

Six years later, a family of four headed home to San Francisco from a Thanksgiving trip to Seattle and Portland missed a turn and wound up stranded for a week on a logging road after trying to take a short cut over a mountain range.

The husband, James Kim, tried to hike for help and died after walking 20 miles in freezing temperatures. His wife and two young daughters were found alive in the car after a nine-day ordeal.

# weather

	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Rain and snow showers	Mostly cloudy and chilly	Cold with periods of sun	Mostly cloudy and cold	Chilly with some sun
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40 25</b>	<b>35 20</b>	<b>38 23</b>	<b>41 20</b>
Comfort Index™	0	2	0	2	2
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>40 24</b>	<b>35 22</b>	<b>38 21</b>	<b>41 23</b>
Comfort Index™	0	1	0	2	2
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37 21</b>	<b>31 16</b>	<b>34 17</b>	<b>37 20</b>
Comfort Index™	1	0	0	2	2

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

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Monday	35°	29°	34°
Low Monday	11°	10°	15°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.05	Trace	Trace
Normal month to date	0.10	0.18	0.34
Year to date	2.51	4.15	9.89
Normal year to date	1.48	2.95	5.84

## MONDAY EXTREMES

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 91° Tampa, Fla.  
Low: -39° Bozeman, Mont.  
Wettest: 1.47" Tampa, Fla.

## OREGON

High: 56° Medford  
Low: 8° The Dalles  
Wettest: 0.01" Lakeview

## AGRICULTURAL INFO.

### HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY

Lowest relative humidity	50%
Afternoon wind	NW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.2
Evapotranspiration	0.05

### RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)

Phillips Reservoir	10% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	39% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	46% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	58% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	32% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	105% of capacity

### STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Monday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	1250 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	18 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	116 cfs
Minam River at Minam	117 cfs
Powder River near Richland	194 cfs

## WEATHER HISTORY

A storm that had caused floods on the West Coast hit farther east on March 6, 1983. A tornado at Monroe, N.C., derailed a train. Winnipeg, Canada, was encased in ice, which closed the airport for three days.

## SUN & MOON

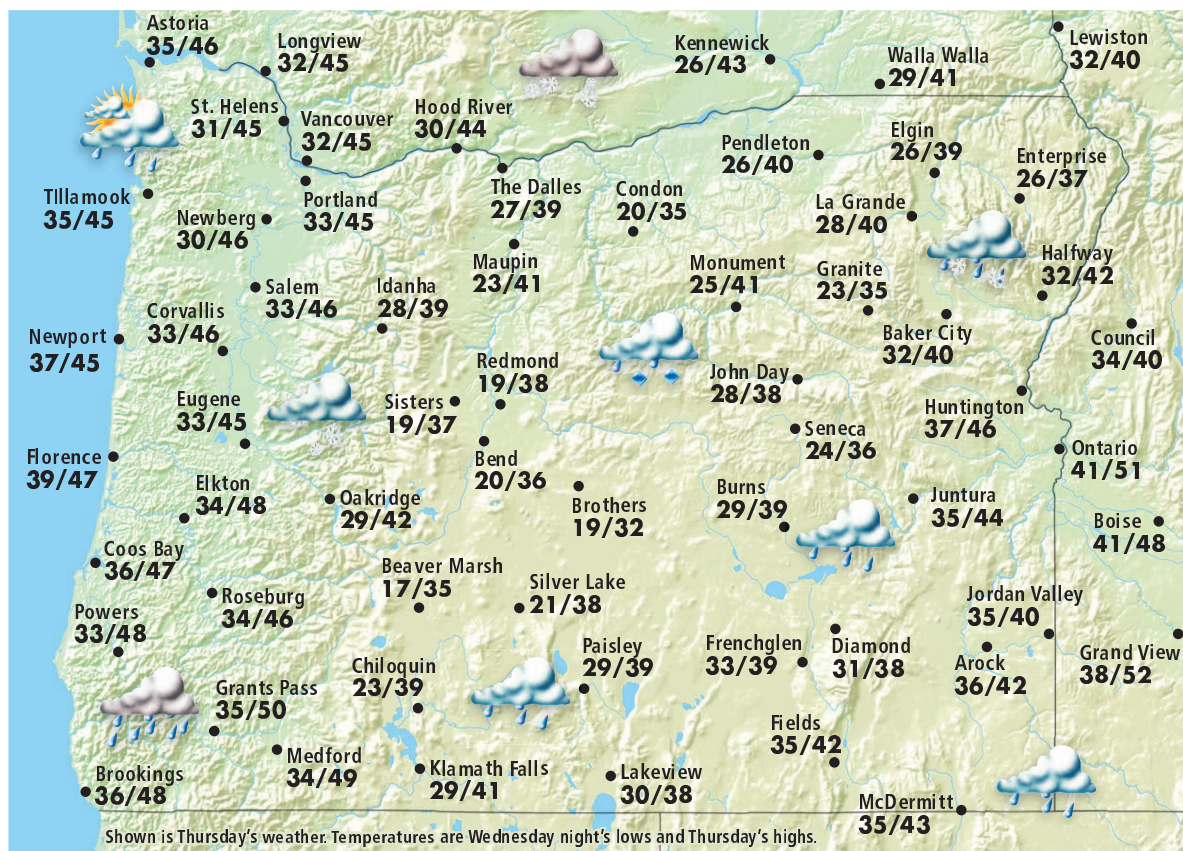
	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	6:22 a.m.	6:21 a.m.
Sunset	5:46 p.m.	5:47 p.m.
Moonrise	6:47 a.m.	7:11 a.m.
Moonset	5:56 p.m.	6:57 p.m.

## MOON PHASES

	New	First	Full	Last
	Mar 6	Mar 14	Mar 20	Mar 27

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU. HI/LO/W	FRI. HI/LO/W	City	THU. HI/LO/W	FRI. HI/LO/W
Astoria	46/34/sh	46/33/pc	Lewiston	40/27/c	37/27/c
Bend	36/18/pc	36/17/pc	Longview	45/29/sh	45/31/c
Boise	48/31/sn	42/25/pc	Meacham	36/21/c	31/20/pc
Brookings	48/33/sh	48/36/pc	Medford	49/31/pc	49/30/c
Burns	39/22/sf	36/18/pc	Newport	45/35/sh	45/35/sh
Coos Bay	47/34/sh	48/35/sh	Olympia	46/28/sh	45/26/pc
Corvallis	46/32/sh	47/29/sh	Ontario	51/30/sh	47/29/c
Council	40/21/sn	36/14/c	Pasco	41/23/pc	39/21/pc
Elgin	39/22/pc	34/22/pc	Pendleton	40/25/pc	36/23/pc
Eugene	45/31/pc	46/30/sh	Portland	45/33/sh	44/31/sh
Hermiston	43/25/pc	40/21/pc	Powers	48/30/sh	49/33/sh
Hood River	44/28/pc	43/27/c	Redmond	38/19/pc	37/19/sf
Imnaha	41/23/sn	37/19/c	Roseburg	46/30/sh	46/32/pc
John Day	38/23/sn	34/19/c	Salem	46/34/sh	46/30/c
Joseph	37/19/sn	31/15/c	Spokane	35/18/c	32/18/c
Kennewick	43/23/pc	38/20/pc	The Dalles	39/27/pc	39/24/sf
Klamath Falls	41/24/sn	39/20/sf	Ukiah	36/18/c	30/16/c
Lakeview	38/21/sn	35/16/pc	Walla Walla	41/27/c	36/26/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

Location	THU. HI/LO/W	FRI. HI/LO/W	Location	THU. HI/LO/W	FRI. HI/LO/W
ANTHONY LAKES	19 5	37 19	PHILLIPS LAKE	37 19	37 19
MT. EMILY REC.	27 16	44 25	BROWNLEE RES.	44 25	44 25
EAGLE CAP WILD.	25 10	32 17	EMIGRANT ST. PARK	32 17	32 17
WALLOWA LAKE	37 19	40 25	MCKAY RESERVOIR	40 25	40 25
THIEF VALLEY RES.	40 25	40 24	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	40 24	40 24



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