

Woman's sticky fingers make continued friendship awkward

DEAR ABBY: I think a person in my life, "Janine," has kleptomania. I have seen her take things from my house, and I know she steals clothing from stores (as evidenced by the security clips still on them).

A friend witnessed her take boxes of doughnuts from my wedding. When my friend confronted her about it, Janine said that she "deserved" them. She even took my husband's glasses and then, a year later, set them on the kitchen counter — next to her purse. She has other sporadic behaviors as well.

I'm struggling to be understanding about kleptomania, knowing that it's a mental illness. I don't want to lose my personal belongings or my relationships!

We're no longer comfortable having Janine in our home. I'm reluctant to talk to her about it because she can be combative and defensive. Is it socially acceptable to bring up this behavior with our mutual friends, or should we keep our mouths shut?

— TESTED IN THE PNW

DEAR TESTED: If you are sure that Janine has kleptomania, it would be a kindness to caution your mutual friends about it so they can protect their belongings. I would certainly want to know if I were inviting her to MY home.

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing a girl I met in high school and went with for a year. We both went our separate ways for a couple of years because I moved far away with my family. We started college in different states, but got back together over spring break a year ago. This year we got pinned to each other. However, even though we are committed to each other, because we are so far apart, we

agreed we would go out on dates and socialize until we are engaged.

After a few months, I found out she had gone home with a co-worker after work when he offered to fix her dinner. Dinner led to wine and more than a few drinks, and then to kissing, fondling, etc. I was extremely hurt when she

confessed it to me, and now I'm not sure I can trust her or if there are other things going on. We still plan to get engaged

when the time is right, but should I believe she'll be faithful and truthful, or should I find someone else I know I can trust?

— LET DOWN IN ILLINOIS

DEAR LET DOWN: Give her props for being honest with you about the kissing and fondling, but before making up your mind, clarify exactly what the "etc." means. You should also make sure you have a clear definition about what "socializing" means. (There is socializing and then there is SOCIALIZING.) If your definitions don't line up, then break up.

DEAR ABBY: My mother committed to going to my son's first College National Honor Society induction ceremony. My brother's wife's grandmother passed away, and her wake/funeral is the same day. My mother backed out of her commitment to my son and is now going to the wake/funeral. Should I feel angry that she did this? Which event should she commit to?

— HURT IN THE EAST

DEAR HURT: Calm down. You stated that this will be your son's "first" induction into the National Honor Society, which implies that there may be more. Your mother will have but one opportunity to pay respects to her in-law, which is why she changed her plans. Accept it.



DEAR ABBY

Four die after construction crane crushes cars in Seattle

By Lisa Baumann and Nicholas K. Geranios
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Four people died and three were injured when a construction crane on the new Google Seattle campus collapsed Saturday, pinning six cars underneath.

One female and three males were dead by the time firefighters got to the scene, Fire Chief Harold Scoggins said. Two of the dead were ironworkers, not crane operators, as had been previously stated, and the two others were people who had been in cars, Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan said Saturday night.

A 25-year-old mother and her 4-month-old daughter were in a car that was smashed by the crane, but both managed to escape with only minor injuries, Durkan said. They and a 28-year-old man were taken to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle Fire spokesman Lance Garland said. A fourth person also was injured and treated at the scene.

Harborview spokeswoman Susan Gregg said Saturday night that the mother and baby had been discharged, while the man injured was in satisfactory condition.

The King County Medical Examiner's Office said it would not release names of people who died until Monday.

"It's a horrible day in Seattle when something like this happens. But it's a time when we come together because Seattle is a city that rallies around each other," Durkan said.

The crane collapsed near the intersection of Mercer

Street and Fairview Avenue near Interstate 5 shortly before 3:30 p.m., Scoggins said.

With Amazon and other tech companies increasing their hiring in Seattle, the city has dozens of construction cranes building office towers and apartment buildings. As of January, there were about 60 construction cranes in Seattle, more than any other American city.

Officials do not yet know the cause of the collapse. Police and the state Department of Labor and Industries were investigating the incident, which Durkan said could take months.

Daren Konopaski, the business manager for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302, which represents heavy-equipment operators, told The Seattle Times he understood the crane was being dismantled when heavy winds moved through the area.

"We don't know, but that's what seems to have happened here," he said. "We are in the process of trying to get information."

Durkan confirmed that people were actively working on top of the building Saturday, but she didn't say whether the crane was being dismantled.

A line of showers moved over Seattle just about the time the crane fell, the National Weather Service in Seattle said. An observation station on nearby Lake Union showed winds kicked up with gusts of up to 23 mph at 3:28 p.m., just about the time officials said the crane fell.

"Esther Nelson, a biotech

researcher who was working in a building nearby, told the newspaper.

"The wind was blowing really strong," she said, and added that the crane appeared to break in half. "Half of it was flying down sideways on the building," she said. "The other half fell down on the street, crossing both lanes of traffic."

The office building the crane fell from was badly damaged, with several of its windows smashed.

A Google spokesperson said in a statement that the company was saddened to learn of the accident and that they were in communication with Vulcan, the real estate firm that is managing the site and working with authorities.

A crane collapsed in the Seattle suburb of Bellevue in 2006, damaging three neighboring buildings and killing a Microsoft attorney who was sitting in his living room. The state Department of Labor and Industries cited two companies for workplace-safety violations after an investigation that found a flawed design for the crane's base.

"Trudi and I join all Washingtonians in extending our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the four people who died in this afternoon's tragic accident," Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee said in a statement. Inslee also said he hoped for a speedy and full recovery for those injured, thanked first responders and urged people to stay clear of the accident scene.

Assistant Police Chief of Patrol Operations Eric Greening said all lanes may be closed until Sunday night.

weather

	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Mainly clear and cold	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny to partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
Baker City	26	57 24	64 29	66 33	70 38
Comfort Index™	3	3	10	10	10
La Grande	28	55 26	61 32	64 36	70 41
Comfort Index™	1	3	10	10	10
Enterprise	25	51 23	58 29	61 33	67 39
Comfort Index™	5	5	9	10	10

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		SATURDAY EXTREMES	
TEMPERATURES	Baker City La Grande Elgin	NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High Saturday	66° 60° 57°	High: 104°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low Saturday	26° 34° 37°	Low: 17°	Baraga, Mich.
PRECIPITATION (inches)		Wettest: 1.58"	Bangor, Maine
Saturday	0.00 0.00 0.00	OREGON	
Month to date	0.84 2.31 5.06	High: 75°	Ontario
Normal month to date	0.75 1.41 1.80	Low: 26°	Baker City
Year to date	4.47 7.22 16.78	Wettest: 0.03"	Astoria
Normal year to date	2.95 5.64 9.50		

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	30%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 8 to 16 mph
Hours of sunshine	6.8
Evapotranspiration	0.14

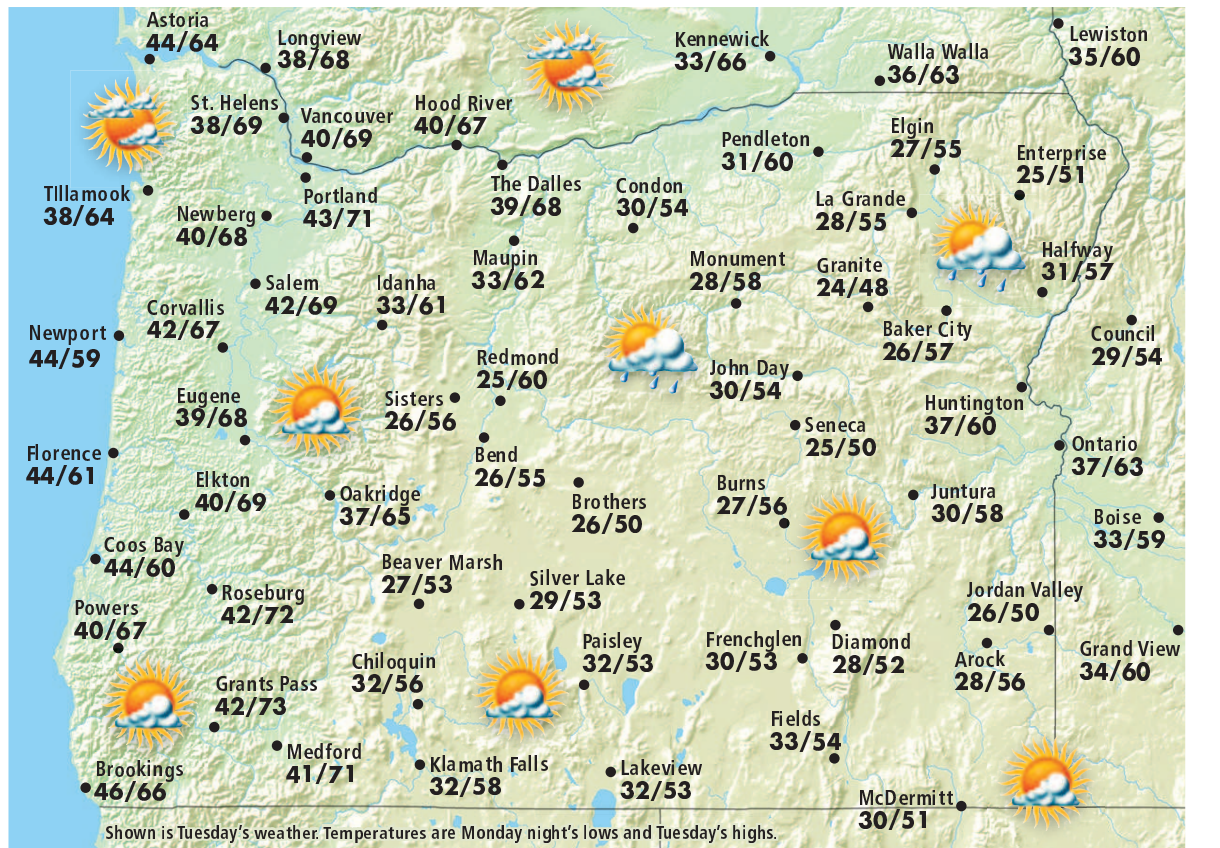
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)	
Phillips Reservoir	46% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	96% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	87% of capacity
Mckay Reservoir	96% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	91% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	107% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Saturday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	11900 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	463 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	585 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	654 cfs
Minam River at Minam	1160 cfs
Powder River near Richland	895 cfs

SUN & MOON		
Sunrise	5:45 a.m.	5:43 a.m.
Sunset	7:56 p.m.	7:57 p.m.
Moonrise	3:54 a.m.	4:19 a.m.
Moonset	2:36 p.m.	3:37 p.m.

MOON PHASES			
New	First	Full	Last
May 4	May 11	May 18	May 26

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	64/45/pc	57/44/pc	Lewiston	60/37/pc	65/42/pc
Bend	55/29/pc	64/31/s	Longview	68/37/pc	65/41/s
Boise	59/35/pc	63/42/s	Meacham	53/25/pc	59/29/s
Brookings	66/47/pc	63/44/pc	Medford	71/41/pc	74/42/pc
Burns	56/24/pc	63/30/s	Newport	59/45/pc	56/43/s
Coos Bay	60/43/pc	60/42/pc	Olympia	68/38/pc	63/40/pc
Corvallis	67/40/pc	68/37/s	Ontario	63/34/pc	67/40/s
Council	54/25/pc	57/31/s	Pasco	70/41/pc	75/43/s
Elgin	55/26/pc	61/32/s	Pendleton	60/37/pc	66/40/pc
Eugene	68/39/pc	69/37/pc	Portland	71/44/pc	70/43/s
Hermiston	66/38/pc	71/43/pc	Powers	67/39/pc	68/36/pc
Hood River	67/39/pc	69/42/s	Redmond	60/28/pc	66/30/s
Imnaha	56/29/pc	63/34/c	Roseburg	72/42/pc	73/41/pc
John Day	54/28/pc	62/31/pc	Salem	69/41/pc	68/38/s
Joseph	51/22/pc	57/28/s	Spokane	57/37/pc	60/38/pc
Kennewick	66/38/pc	72/41/pc	The Dalles	68/41/pc	71/42/s
Klamath Falls	58/29/pc	64/31/pc	Ukiah	52/23/pc	60/28/s
Lakeview	53/25/pc	62/30/s	Walla Walla	63/42/pc	68/45/pc

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Partly sunny; cold	28 12	PHILLIPS LAKE Partly sunny; cool	51 20
MT. EMILY REC. Partly sunny	42 24	BROWNLEE RES. Clouds and sun	59 27
EAGLE CAP WILD. Partly sunny	37 16	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Partly sunny	49 20
WALLOWA LAKE Clouds and sun	51 22	MCKAY RESERVOIR Partly sunny	59 35
THIEF VALLEY RES. Clouds and sun	57 24	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Partly sunny	55 26



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