

Condo community feels effects of stress during the pandemic

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I own a condo in a building with 22 units. Because of COVID-19, one of the HOA board members has posted signs stating "rules" throughout the building. The rules are typical for these trying times, but the number of signs is obsessive. Many of the residents dislike the signs, but my husband was the one who wrote a nasty letter to the HOA about how many are posted.



DEAR ABBY

weekly for happy hour, and she and I are both part of that group. I feel caught in the middle. My husband has had a hard time getting over being mad about the signs, and I know the HOA member is angry at him. I just want to go to happy hour and drink and gossip. Why can't we all just get along?

— IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: We are living in trying times, and many people — your husband included — aren't their better selves right now. The HOA board was fulfilling its obligation to the community by posting health and safety signs. They are meant

to educate not only homeowners but also visitors to the building, but too often they tend to become like "wallpaper" and are ignored. You are not caught in the middle. Your husband owes that woman an apology for getting snarky. But it probably won't happen unless you insist upon it. (If it doesn't, you can always do it "for" him the next time you all meet for happy hour.)

DEAR ABBY: I met a wonderful man who was 14 years older who treated me like I have never been treated before. He opened doors for me, took me on actual dates, paid for things, met all my friends and family, and took me on my first vacation at 39 years old. He was very cuddly and such a gentleman. He even

introduced himself as my "boy-friend" to some of my friends.

Seven months ago, we had our first argument and he asked me how I felt about him. I said I loved him and he returned with, "I like you a lot." He said he didn't feel as strongly as I did and doesn't want a relationship.

When we broke up shortly after, he said he wanted to be friends. But he still called and invited me over for sex regularly for the next six weeks. I was very hurt, but I finally cut ties because emotionally I couldn't handle it. He still will do anything for me and wants the benefits of being together without the labels. It has been more than two

months and I'm heartbroken. If I call him, he answers and talks like we are the best of friends, and it kills me. How do I get over him? Is it worth trying to see if we will work out?

— BROKEN IN UTAH

DEAR BROKEN: This "gentleman" made clear that his feelings for you are not as strong as those you have for him. You are involved with someone who is honest about wanting nothing more than the status quo. If you're willing to settle for being only FWB — which, I suspect, you have too much intelligence and self-esteem to do — go along with what he's offering (which is very little). But if you do, know full well that it won't "work out."

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

1-year sentence for angry fan who made football game threat

By Andrew Welsh-Huggines
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A California man's threats to harm college football players because they beat his favored team epitomized "fandom spiraled out of control," something that can't be ignored in the age of mass shootings, a federal judge said Tuesday as he handed down a sentence of one year and a day over the 2018 threats.

Daniel Rippey, of Livermore, California, a Michigan native and University of Michigan fan, used Facebook Messenger to threaten a shooting at Ohio State University during its annual game against Michigan, and vowed to hurt players on the football team and then-head coach Urban Meyer, authorities said.

Federal Judge Algenon Marbley had harsh words for Rippey during Tuesday's sentencing done via video conference because of the coronavirus pan-



Jay LaPrete/Associated Press

Michigan quarterback Shea Patterson throws a pass Nov. 24, 2018, against Ohio State during an NCAA college football game in Columbus, Ohio. Daniel Rippey of Livermore, California, faces charges of making an "electronic communication" threat from California during this game, threatening a shooting and vowing to hurt players on the football team.

demic. Marbley referenced the mass shootings at Columbine High School in 1999 and Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012 as he lectured Rippey on the seriousness of the threats against college athletes just

playing a game. "It's college competition. That's all it is," Marbley said.

What Rippey "epitizmes is fandom spiraled out of control," Marbley said. The judge added: "We have to take this seriously because

it happens."

The 29-year-old Rippey, being held in jail in Columbus, apologized several times, saying he'd been having "a bad day" when he made the threats and promised it would never

happen again. As part of an argument for a lesser sentence, Rippey and his lawyer emphasized that once he's out of prison, he has a placement at a transitional housing center in California for men recently released from incarceration.

"I really didn't mean for any of this. I feel really bad about it. I would never, ever do any act like this," Rippey said.

Prosecutors asked for a 15-month sentence, on the lower end of sentencing guidelines. But in the end Marbley went even lower, noting that, "Some type of psychological or psychic imbalance may have animated this kind of behavior." Rippey will receive credit for the 10 months he's spent in jail since his January arrest.

Rippey's mental health issues coupled with "some totally unrelated frustrations" led him to lash out the day he made the threats, said his attorney, public defender Soumyajit Dutta.

What Rippey needs most are "resources for both mental health treatment and for an ability for him to get

back on his feet," Dutta said before sentencing.

An indictment unsealed late last year in federal court in Columbus accused Rippey of "electronic communication" threat from California during the game between Ohio State and the University of Michigan on Nov. 24, 2018. The game was played in Columbus that year, and Ohio State won 62-39.

Rippey threatened a shooting at the school, saying in a Facebook message to the university, "I'm seriously going to hurt the students and all of the players from the football team," according to a statement of facts filed with Rippey's July plea agreement.

In separate messages, Rippey also threatened "to injure or kill specific players, their family members and the head coach," the document said.

Rippey made similar threats against Gonzaga University on its Facebook page three days before the football game, after the Gonzaga men's basketball team defeated Duke University on Nov. 21, 2018.

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weather

| TONIGHT | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| A little snow at times | A few morning snowflakes | Mostly cloudy and cold | Snow and rain in the p.m. | Chance for snow showers |
| Baker City 26 Comfort Index™ 3 | 44 18 3 | 40 26 1 | 42 32 0 | 44 28 3 |
| La Grande 31 Comfort Index™ 0 | 39 23 2 | 39 29 0 | 41 34 0 | 41 32 1 |
| Enterprise 28 Comfort Index™ 0 | 37 14 0 | 37 24 3 | 39 29 1 | 37 31 0 |

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| TEMPERATURES | Baker City | La Grande | Elgin |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| High Sunday | 35° | 32° | 34° |
| Low Sunday | 24° | 26° | 21° |
| PRECIPITATION (inches) | | | |
| Sunday | Trace | 0.22 | Trace |
| Month to date | 0.01 | 0.56 | 1.35 |
| Normal month to date | 0.23 | 0.53 | 0.71 |
| Year to date | 3.01 | 14.44 | 30.33 |
| Normal year to date | 8.50 | 13.40 | 18.34 |

SUNDAY EXTREMES

| NATION (for the 48 contiguous states) | High: 93° | Castolon, Texas |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Low: 9° | | White Sulphur Springs, Mont. |
| Wettest: 5.82" | | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. |
| OREGON | High: 51° | Brookings |
| Low: 15° | | Crater Lake |
| Wettest: 0.30" | | Meacham |

WEATHER HISTORY

A powerful storm produced a state record low barometer reading of 28.54 inches in Spencer, Iowa, on Nov. 10, 1998. Albert Lea, Minn., had a record low reading of 28.43 inches.

SUN & MOON

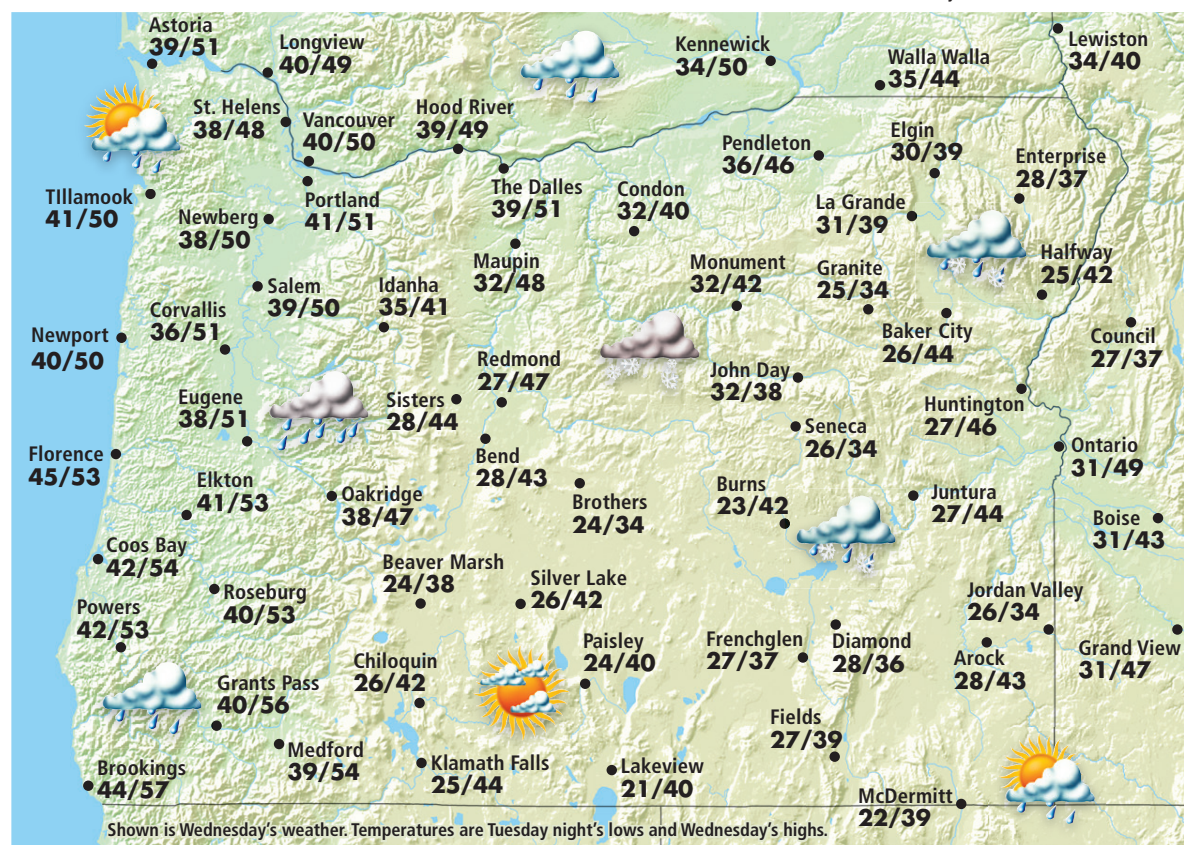
| | TUE. | WED. |
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| Sunrise | 6:44 a.m. | 6:46 a.m. |
| Sunset | 4:28 p.m. | 4:26 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 12:40 a.m. | 1:57 a.m. |
| Moonset | 2:35 p.m. | 3:00 p.m. |

MOON PHASES



AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

| City | WED. Hi/Lo/W | THU. Hi/Lo/W | City | WED. Hi/Lo/W | THU. Hi/Lo/W |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Astoria | 51/39/pc | 51/44/r | Lewiston | 40/28/pc | 37/31/c |
| Bend | 43/24/pc | 46/32/r | Longview | 49/39/sh | 48/43/c |
| Boise | 43/24/pc | 44/33/c | Meacham | 37/18/sf | 38/25/c |
| Brookings | 57/43/pc | 55/47/r | Medford | 54/31/c | 55/39/r |
| Burns | 42/15/pc | 43/23/c | Newport | 50/40/pc | 49/44/r |
| Coos Bay | 54/39/pc | 54/46/r | Olympia | 48/34/c | 47/39/r |
| Corvallis | 51/34/c | 48/40/c | Ontario | 49/22/c | 45/32/c |
| Council | 37/17/sn | 38/23/c | Pasco | 50/28/pc | 46/33/c |
| Elgin | 39/21/sn | 39/26/c | Pendleton | 46/29/pc | 47/34/c |
| Eugene | 51/35/pc | 50/42/r | Portland | 51/41/pc | 49/44/c |
| Hermiston | 51/31/pc | 48/35/c | Powers | 53/36/c | 53/44/r |
| Hood River | 49/32/c | 47/36/c | Redmond | 47/22/pc | 48/34/pc |
| Imnaha | 39/15/sn | 41/27/c | Roseburg | 53/35/pc | 52/44/r |
| John Day | 38/22/sn | 43/33/c | Salem | 50/38/c | 47/42/c |
| Joseph | 35/23/sn | 43/33/c | Spokane | 35/26/c | 38/30/c |
| Kennewick | 50/27/pc | 45/34/pc | The Dalles | 51/33/pc | 48/39/c |
| Klamath Falls | 44/16/c | 47/28/r | Ukiah | 36/16/sn | 39/25/c |
| Lakeview | 40/13/pc | 44/22/sn | Walla Walla | 44/34/pc | 46/35/c |

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

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| ANTHONY LAKES Snow, up to 1" | 22 10 | PHILLIPS LAKE Mostly cloudy | 36 14 |
| MT. EMILY REC. A little a.m. snow | 30 18 | BROWNLEE RES. A bit of a.m. snow | 40 18 |
| EAGLE CAP WILD. A bit of a.m. snow | 25 7 | EMIGRANT ST. PARK Morning flurries | 33 15 |
| WALLOWA LAKE A little a.m. snow | 35 13 | MCKAY RESERVOIR Sunny intervals | 44 28 |
| THIEF VALLEY RES. Clouds and sun | 44 18 | RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Morning flurries | 39 23 |

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