

# Former employee and wife sue embattled foster care provider

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SALEM — Problems continue to mount for Mary Holden, the former executive director of the troubled Portland foster care provider Give Us This Day.

A former employee and his wife have sued Holden for breach of contract, fraud and abuse of a vulnerable person in connection with \$155,000 in loans they gave Holden to keep Give Us This Day and two other charities in operation.

Felix Cabrera La Rosa, 65, and Eva Diaz Palomino claim that when Holden requested the loan, she hid information that she and Give Us This Day were under investigation for allegedly mispending state money allocated for foster kids, according to the complaint.

"They have known Mary for years," said James Tschudy, an attorney with Portland law firm Eblen Freed representing the couple. "They thought they were helping to further the mission of the charities and like many others were deceived and are trying to recover as best they can."

Holden approached Cabrera and his wife in March 2014 to request an initial loan of \$120,000, the complaint indicates.

"They were told it was needed to keep the charities going," Tschudy said. "Knowing Mary for so long, they didn't ask too many questions. They didn't demand financials."

According to the complaint, Holden told them that the sale of another property on Alberta Street in north Portland was pending and offered to pay the couple back the loan principal, plus 10 percent, when the sale was finalized. In fact, the north Portland property was sold at a tax auction in May 2014. Holden made only three payments on the loan, equaling \$30,000, in April, May and June of 2015, the lawsuit states.

Give Us This Day shut down in September under a settlement agreement with the Department of Justice in which Holden also was barred from holding any fiduciary positions in Oregon nonprofits. She refused to sign an agreement that also would have shuttered another nonprofit she controls — Alfred Yaun Child Care Centers, according to the complaint.

That same month, she worked with associates to try to establish a for-profit corporation, Trinity of Oregon, based out of a property owned by the Alfred Yaun Child Care Centers. The house on Northeast

Rodney Avenue in Portland had previously served as a group home for foster kids placed with Give Us This Day.

That month, Holden also asked Cabrera for another loan of \$35,000 to help avoid a tax foreclosure on the Rodney property scheduled for the next day, according to the complaint.

A promissory note between Cabrera and Alfred Yaun Child Care Centers granted power of sale over the Rodney property to Cabrera if the loan was not repaid by Oct. 30, 2016, the lawsuit states.

The second loan went toward paying off about \$50,000 in delinquent taxes on the Rodney house, according to the lawsuit.

Cabrera was 65 at the time of the second loan, and therefore is considered a vulnerable adult under Oregon statute, Tschudy said.

The Department of Justice began investigating allegations of child neglect and misuse of funds at Give Us This Day in 2012, according to a report by *The Oregonian*. The foster care provider is accused of spending \$2 million in state money on travel, luxury items and services, paying off debt on Holden's personal home and other items, *Willamette Week* reported.



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## Seahawks fly over Capitol

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, left, celebrates after he passed a football to Blitz, the Seattle Seahawks mascot Thursday at the Capitol in Olympia, Wash. Inslee raised a Seahawks flag as part of a rally before the Seahawks face the Minnesota Vikings Sunday in an NFL wild-card game.

## Zoo staff infected by TB from elephants

PORTLAND (AP) — Seven staff members at the Oregon Zoo tested positive for tuberculosis after an outbreak among three elephants started in 2013, according to a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The seven had a latent form of the respiratory disease and displayed no symptoms, according to the CDC report released Thursday.

The report adds to the somewhat thin knowledge about the transmission of tuberculosis from elephants to people, said Dr. Jennifer Vines, deputy health officer for Multnomah County. According to the CDC, the illness is one of many that can spread from pets or wildlife to humans. Those include bird flu, mad cow disease and West Nile virus.

Roughly 5 percent of the captive Asian elephants in North America are infected with the disease, the report said.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said in a statement Friday that the report confirms what the group has been saying for years about the risk of captive elephants to human health.

"People concerned about

their own health as well as the elephants' should stay far away from circuses, elephant rides, and any other cash-grabbing stunts still featuring elephants," said Rachel Mathews, counsel with PETA's Captive Animals Law Enforcement unit.

The outbreak at the Portland-based zoo began in May 2013, when a test on an elephant named Rama was positive. At the time, the animals were checked annually for TB by testing secretions from their trunks. Packy tested positive in December 2013 and Tusko did so in June 2014.

Bob Lee, the zoo's elephant curator, told *The Oregonian* that the infected elephants were put on a months-long round of treatment and the zoo enacted safety measures, such as keeping the public at least 100 feet away.

While zoo staff tended to the animals, Multnomah County epidemiologists tried

to identify human cases. Health officials found 118 people who might have been at risk for the disease that's generally spread by coughing and sneezing. They included zoo staff with close contact with the animals and volunteers and members of the public who may have been exposed to trunk secretions or elephant feces.

The report said no one who tested positive had spent time in TB-endemic countries or had other risk factors, such as a history of injection drug use. Those with positive tests had chest radiographs, were evaluated for symptoms and were offered free medication.

Two of the three infected elephants were later euthanized because of painful injuries. Rama had an old leg injury, and Tusko had a decades-old foot problem.

"TB wasn't a factor in deciding to euthanize them," Lee said. "They had done really well with the treatment."

### BRIEFLY

#### Madras hospital to resume deliveries later this month

MADRAS (AP) — A hospital in Madras that hasn't admitted mothers in labor since July will resume deliveries later this month.

*The Bulletin* in Bend reports that St. Charles Health System will resume delivering babies Jan. 25. The hospital closed its labor and delivery unit July 10 due to a shortage of nurses trained in obstetrics.

The shutdown was intended to last only 30 days, but an ongoing nurse shortage forced the hospital to continue to send mothers to Redmond or Bend much longer.

The hospital needs to have 10 nurses trained in obstetrics on its roster and two working at all times to ensure safe deliveries. St. Charles Madras CEO Jeanie

Gentry says the hospital now has 11 trained OB nurses.

#### Dozens still without housing due to Oregon City landslides

OREGON CITY (AP) — Dozens of people are still without housing after parts of two large apartment complexes in Oregon City were evacuated due to landslide dangers.

*The Oregonian* reports that of the approximately 50 families displaced by the mandatory evacuation orders the day before Christmas at least 30 are still trying to find housing.

Many of those displaced initially were sheltered at Oregon City High School by the American Red Cross. The shelter closed Sunday. Others are being temporarily housed at the Rivershore Hotel.

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy	Freezing fog in the morning	Fog, freezing early; chilly	Mostly cloudy; ice at night	Variably cloudy with a shower

#### PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

35°	26°	35°	21°	32°	21°	36°	28°	40°	33°
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#### HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

37°	28°	37°	26°	34°	23°	36°	30°	39°	31°
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#### PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

#### TEMPERATURE

HIGH LOW

Yesterday 36° 30°

Normals 41° 28°

Records 65° (1933) -14° (1937)

#### PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.05"

Month to date 0.06"

Normal month to date 0.46"

Year to date 0.06"

Last year to date 0.18"

Normal year to date 0.46"

#### HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

#### TEMPERATURE

HIGH LOW

Yesterday 37° 32°

Normals 40° 28°

Records 67° (2002) -20° (1937)

#### PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.04"

Month to date 0.05"

Normal month to date 0.32"

Year to date 0.05"

Last year to date 0.10"

Normal year to date 0.32"

#### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:35 a.m.

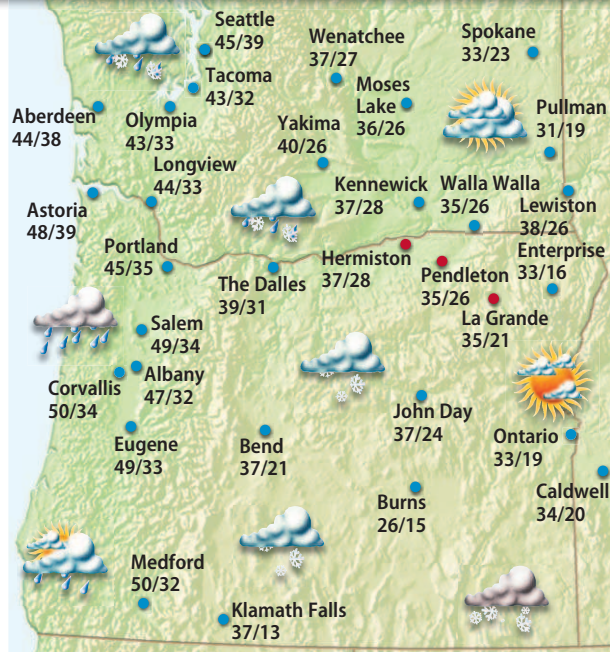
Sunset tonight 4:30 p.m.

Moonrise today 6:55 a.m.

Moonset today 4:41 p.m.

New First Full Last

Jan 9 Jan 16 Jan 23 Jan 31



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Occasional rain and drizzle today; only during the morning in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Cloudy today; flurries; snow, accumulating 1-3 inches near the Cascades. Clouds and sun in the upper Treasure Valley.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today; occasional rain and drizzle; however, dry in central parts.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today and tonight. Areas of freezing fog tomorrow morning.

Cascades: Cloudy today with a little snow, accumulating up to an inch; chilly. A flurry tonight.

Northern California: A little rain today; however, a little snow in the interior mountains.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	48	39	r	51	36	pc
Baker City	33	20	pc	32	19	c
Bend	37	21	sn	37	21	pc
Brookings	51	39	r	53	43	pc
Burns	26	15	sn	28	16	c
Enterprise	33	16	pc	33	9	c
Eugene	49	33	r	46	32	pc
Heppner	35	24	sf	35	19	c
Hermiston	37	28	c	37	26	c
John Day	37	24	sf	38	17	c
Klamath Falls	37	13	sn	37	12	c
La Grande	35	21	pc	35	18	c
Meacham	33	19	pc	34	17	c
Medford	50	32	r	49	33	pc
Newport	50	38	r	50	38	pc
North Bend	54	39	r	56	43	c
Ontario	33	19	pc	33	21	c
Pasco	38	28	c	37	24	c
Pendleton	35	26	c	35	21	c
Portland	45	35	r	45	33	pc
Redmond	49	33	sn	39	17	pc
Salem	49	34	r	47	31	pc
Spokane	33	23	c	31	20	c
Ukiah	35	17	sn	35	13	c
Vancouver	44	35	r	45	32	pc
Walla Walla	35	26	c	35	24	c
Yakima	40	26	c	38	27	c

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Sunday
Boardman	VAR 2-4	NE 3-6
Pendleton	VAR 3-6	NE 3-6

### UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

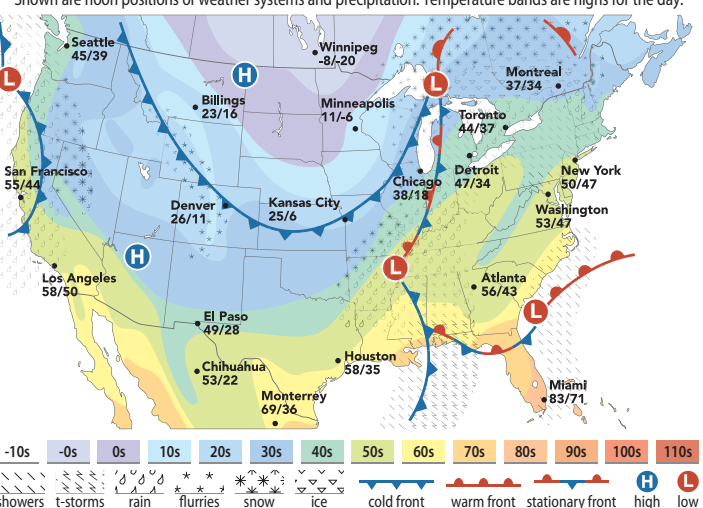
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



National Summary: Warmer air will be accompanied by spotty rain in the East today. A change to snow will accompany colder air from the central Plains to the western Great Lakes. Rain will soak a large part of the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 81° in McAllen, Texas Low -9° in Tuolumne Meadows, Calif.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.				Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	38	21	s	35	19	c	Louisville	57	34	r	54	18	pc
Atlanta	56	43	r	47	26	s	Memphis	58	27	r	36	21	pc
Baltimore	52	46	c	62	28	r	Miami	83	71	t	81	61	pc
Birmingham	57	37	pc	50	19	s	Minneapolis	36	17	sn	18	5	c
Boise	33	23	c	33	23	pc	Nashville	57	31	r	57	31	pc
Boston	44	41	c	54	34	r	New Orleans	70	44	pc	53	37	s
Charlotte, SC	66	58	sh	65	36	s	New York City	50	47	pc	61	34	r
Chicago, IL	57	44	c	45	20	sh	Oklahoma City	35	18	sn	33	23	s
Cleveland	50	42	c	44	16	sn	Omaha	16	-1	pc	18	13	s
Dallas	47	28	pc	44	27	s	Philadelphia	54	48	c	63	30	r
Denver	26	11	pc	32	13	s	Phoenix	57	43				