

# Woman's old sweetheart still can't win her dad's approval

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm dating my grammar school and high school sweetheart, "Gary." We've known each other since I was 6. (I'm 33 now.) In high school we dated for nine months and were in love, but he told lies to my dad, so Dad ordered him to stay away. Now, 16 years later, after being only friends all this time, we finally both became single and got back together.

Gary is and always has been the love of my life, as I am his. He would do anything for me. He says he wants to marry me and have kids, and he's never said that to any other woman.

Since we broke up at 16, Gary has done some bad things (drugs, prison). Because of it, my dad hates him. Dad was finally getting used to Gary being back in my life until a few months ago, when Gary crashed my car after relapsing. Gary is getting me a new car and trying to get my dad to like him, but Dad is stubborn. I know he's just worried about me.

I want to bring Gary to my parents' to visit because enough time has gone by since the accident. Is there any way to get my dad used to him?

— TORN IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR TORN:** I think the chances of your father "getting used" to his beloved daughter being married to a convicted felon and drug user who can't quite kick the habit are somewhere between a snowflake and hell. Gary may have been the love of your life since childhood, but if you plan to marry him, it's important you get a glimpse of what you may be in for.

There are self-help groups for the friends and family of addicts. Join one of them. (Visit Nar-Anon.org to find the nearest meeting.) If you do, you will meet other individuals who are involved with people who have a drug addiction and learn about the challenges that will face both of you.

**DEAR ABBY:** A longtime friend of mine, "Jenny," and I reunited after years of not speaking. Our pregnancies brought us back together, and since the births of our children we have had playdates, shared baby stories, advice, etc. My problem is, Jenny tries to pass down

stained, out-of-season clothes from her child to mine. (She gets free handouts from organizations that help moms and families who aren't financially well off.) She and her child's father drive brand-new cars with hefty car payments, and they are paying a big mortgage — all the while collecting assistance.

It bothers me because, while we struggle, my family doesn't use assistance. We feel it should be used only for those who really need it. Am I silly for letting something like this get to me? I find myself making excuses to cancel playdates and avoid her.

— MAKING MY OWN WAY IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR MAKING:** Your problem isn't the baby clothes. It's that you disapprove of Jenny's values. While you have some things in common, you also have major differences. Among them, your choice to work for what you get and her willingness to game the system. That's a big difference, and you're not being silly.

**DEAR ABBY:** For 17 years I have been using the same hairstylist, "Marietta," because she does great cuts and color. She's married to my cousin "Gil," but not for long. They're divorcing.

Gil's mother suggested I should find a different stylist, but when I did, I had horrible results. I returned to Marietta and it took her several appointments to correct my color.

Some family members are now furious with me for getting my hair done by someone who is soon to be a relative's ex. I look at it as a business. I like what Marietta does for me. We never discuss the divorce. Family is now demanding an apology, and I don't think I owe one. I haven't been close to any of these people in years.

Must I say I'm sorry to distant family and discontinue Marietta's services? Or should I say nothing and continue my professional relationship with her? My roots are beginning to show again, so please answer quickly.

— SNIPPED IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR SNIPPED:** Tell Gil's mother to stay out of your hair. You tried leaving Marietta; it was a disaster — and you plan on using her until the day you curl up and dye.

# Was a great white shark to blame for attack?

By William Kole  
Associated Press

TRURO, Mass. — On a windswept dune overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, hastily erected signs warned Cape Cod beachgoers to stay out of the water on Thursday, a day after a New York man became the first person to be attacked by a shark off the coast of Massachusetts since 2012.

The victim, William Lytton, of Scarsdale, New York, was airlifted to a hospital in Boston, where he was being treated for deep puncture wounds to his torso and leg after staggering to shore, dazed and bleeding. The hospital said Lytton, 61, remained in serious condition, and his family asked for privacy.

Police said Lytton was bitten by a shark while wading about 30 yards off Long Nook Beach in Truro, on the outer coastline of the peninsula. The area is part of the Cape Cod National Seashore, a major summer tourism destination.

In a scene reminiscent of the movie "Jaws," Massachusetts' foremost shark expert, Greg Skomal, planned to speak with Lytton and examine his wounds to see if he was bitten by a great white shark. Numerous great white sightings have been reported in the area, which is frequented by seals, and witnesses reported seeing seals in the water just before the attack.

Truro was the site of the last shark attack in Massachusetts, in July 2012, when a Colorado man on nearby Ballston Beach suffered a bite that required 47 stitches. The state's last shark attack fatality was in 1936.

"They're there, just as much as the sunrise and



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A New York man was attacked by a shark off the coast of Massachusetts Thursday.

sunset. We're just guests," vacationer Steven McFadden, of Plattsburgh, New York, said as he watched waves break on the deserted beach at dawn. "I'll cool my feet off sometimes, but I'm not going to swim. I don't want to be that guy."

Town officials said the beach would be closed to swimming at least through Friday, and they put up signs that read, "Danger, No Swimming." A few of the nearly 40 miles of coast that comprise the Cape Cod National Shoreline will be off limits.

Town manager Rae Ann Palmer said several shark sightings were reported Thursday, but she did not have details.

The area is a feeding ground for seals, which draw sharks, and authorities regularly caution people to avoid the water whenever seals are present.

"We hope people understand sharks are part of the ecosystem on Cape Cod," said Brian Carlstrom, superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore.

Despite the public's primal fear of sharks, the odds of being killed by one are roughly 1 in 3.7 million, according to the National Aquarium in

Baltimore. An organization that studies sharks, the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy, said shark encounters in which people are injured are as "terrifying as they are rare."

"While we still don't know all of the details of this particular bite, sharks are not known to target people specifically and when they do bite people it's usually a case of mistaken identity," the group said in a statement. "Sharks 'test the waters' with their teeth, much like we use our hands. It's how they determine if what they encounter is prey or something to avoid."

Andrea Worthington, of Schenectady, New York, and her husband, Rob Olberg, walked their dogs on Long Nook Beach at sunrise on Thursday but heeded the warnings not to swim.

They said they were swimming about 20 yards (18 meters) offshore just a few hours before the attack and later were chilled to realize they'd shared the waters with a shark.

"We saw the seals and came in," Worthington said. "It's never a good time to be in the water."

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	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	Mainly clear and smoky	Partly sunny and smoky	Dimmed sun and warm	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny and warm
Baker City	46	90 44	93 50	94 50	96 51
Comfort Index™	9	5	4	4	4
La Grande	48	89 49	92 53	93 54	92 56
Comfort Index™	6	6	5	4	4
Enterprise	47	87 51	89 53	91 55	91 55
Comfort Index™	6	6	5	4	3

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.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	97°	96°	96°
Low Thursday	62°	65°	64°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	Trace	Trace	0.00
Month to date	Trace	Trace	0.00
Normal month to date	0.34	0.42	0.32
Year to date	4.75	10.30	20.78
Normal year to date	6.70	10.44	14.69

## THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 117°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 28°	West Yellowstone, Mont.
Wettest: 7.27"	Blytheville, Ark.
OREGON	
High: 101°	Pendleton
Low: 43°	Lakeview
Wettest: 0.39"	Prineville

## WEATHER HISTORY

Hurricane Bob was 45 miles south of Cape Hatteras, N.C., at 9 a.m. EDT on Aug. 18, 1991. It had sustained winds of 115 mph and gusts to 130 mph. Hurricane warnings were issued from the Carolinas to New England.

## SUN & MOON

	FRI.	SAT.
Sunrise	5:56 a.m.	5:57 a.m.
Sunset	7:57 p.m.	7:55 p.m.
Moonrise	1:13 p.m.	2:17 p.m.
Moonset	11:41 p.m.	none

## MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 18	Aug 26	Sep 2	Sep 9

## AGRICULTURAL INFO.

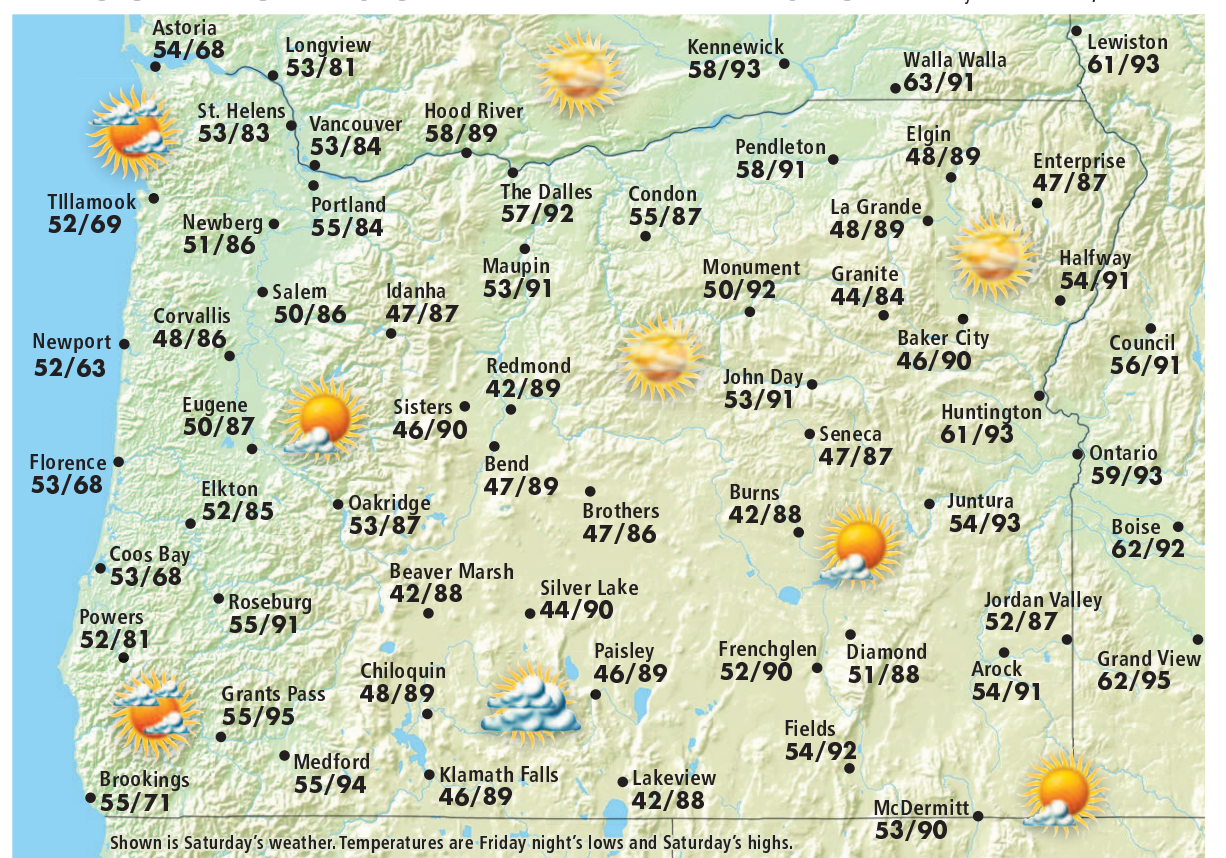
HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	15%
Afternoon wind	N at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	10.0
Evapotranspiration	0.21

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)	
Phillips Reservoir	21% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	34% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	44% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	47% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	16% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	18% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	489 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	99 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	125 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	34 cfs
Minam River at Minam	70 cfs
Powder River near Richland	45 cfs

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	SAT. Hi/Lo/W	SUN. Hi/Lo/W	City	SAT. Hi/Lo/W	SUN. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	68/53/c	70/56/pc	Lewiston	93/60/s	96/66/pc
Bend	89/50/pc	89/54/pc	Longview	81/55/pc	84/57/pc
Boise	92/61/s	95/65/s	Meacham	86/46/pc	90/50/s
Brookings	71/53/pc	67/51/pc	Medford	94/58/pc	93/59/pc
Burns	88/44/s	92/48/s	Newport	63/52/pc	62/54/pc
Coos Bay	68/56/s	66/56/pc	Olympia	82/49/pc	86/54/pc
Corvallis	86/52/pc	85/55/pc	Ontario	93/57/s	95/62/s
Council	91/54/pc	92/57/s	Pasco	92/52/s	95/56/s
Elgin	89/50/pc	92/53/s	Pendleton	91/59/pc	94/61/s
Eugene	87/52/pc	88/53/pc	Portland	84/58/pc	88/63/pc
Hermiston	93/55/pc	97/60/s	Powers	81/56/pc	76/54/s
Hood River	89/61/pc	94/63/pc	Redmond	89/47/s	91/52/s
Imnaha	92/57/pc	93/60/pc	Roseburg	91/57/pc	88/58/s
John Day	91/55/s	93/55/s	Salem	86/53/pc	89/58/pc
Joseph	87/50/pc	89/53/s	Spokane	88/60/pc	90/63/pc
Kennecook	93/54/s	96/57/s	The Dalles	92/60/pc	98/66/pc
Klamath Falls	89/49/pc	89/51/pc	Ukiah	87/46/pc	89/50/s
Lakeview	88/44/pc	90/46/s	Walla Walla	91/61/pc	95/67/s

## RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

Location	Forecast	Temp	Temp
ANTHONY LAKES	Variable clouds	62	38
PHILLIPS LAKE	Mostly cloudy	83	46
MT. EMILY REC.	Hazy; not as warm	74	47
BROWNLEE RES.	Some sun; smoky	91	56
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Some sun; smoky	72	40
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Hazy and smoky	80	40
WALLOWA LAKE	Some sun; smoky	85	49
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Becoming cloudy	91	57
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Mostly cloudy	88	46
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Hazy sun and smoky	87	48



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