

# Mom takes action against daughter's abusive boyfriend

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 26. My mom recently got my boyfriend sent to jail. We met six months ago. After a month, he started verbally abusing me, which progressed to physical abuse. Each time I was sure I was about to die.

He is now locked up for kidnapping, false imprisonment and aggravated assault. Mom had had enough of hearing about the abuse and took matters into her own hands. I didn't want her to call the police because I don't feel jail is right for people except killers.

I understand she wanted to protect me because I kept going back, but now I cry every day worrying about if he is safe. I think it's heartless that everybody is saying I shouldn't worry about him because he didn't care about how he made me feel.

When he got arrested, I was in pain with my neck and back, but all I could think about was him. People tell me I need counseling, but I don't think it will help, because I will still worry about him.

I don't think the cops and my mom took into consideration how this would affect me mentally. I'm depressed and can't stop wondering if my boyfriend is OK because I'm a really good and nice person, and it sucks. I am going to go to counseling, but Abby, how do I eventually not think about him and his well-being and be heartless like him?

— HAVING A HARD TIME IN GEORGIA

**DEAR HARD TIME:** I believe you are a good and nice person, but you are also very mixed up right now. If you think your abuser loved you, you are mistaken. Men who treat women the way he treated you don't even LIKE women. Had your mother not done what she did, you could be dead.

If you want an example of what love is, love is doing something to help your daughter, knowing it may alienate her forever, but doing it anyway to save her life. I'm pleased you have agreed to counseling because you need it very much. After you have gone for a while, your emotional dependence on your abuser will dissipate. He is exactly where he belongs, and you need to get on with your life.

**DEAR ABBY:** Five months ago, my husband and I suffered a miscarriage. We had been trying to have a baby for six years, and we were over the moon excited. We waited 12 weeks to tell any friends or family, but we ended up having complications and losing our little one at 22 weeks.

My problem is some of our friends. I'm sure they mean well, but they continue to ask if we are trying again or if I'm expecting, and some keep insisting that I'm pregnant and that I should take a pregnancy test. It's crushing. What can I say that will stop them from asking in the future? We will tell them when it happens, but I don't want to discuss it until then.

— CHANGING THE SUBJECT

**DEAR CHANGING:** Please accept my sympathy for your loss. The most appropriate way to handle these intrusive and insensitive questions would be to tell them exactly what you told me in the last sentence of your letter and repeat it as necessary.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Joe," and I have been married 45 years. I have asked him countless times to use better table manners, speak proper English and treat others with respect. I'm not asking for perfection. I know I'm not perfect, but if someone pointed I was doing something incorrectly or that embarrassed someone, I'd change what I was doing.

What can I do? It's hard to ignore!  
— NOTHING CHANGES IN NEW YORK

**DEAR NOTHING:** After 45 years you should have come to the realization that you cannot change another person. For your sake, learn to change the way you react to your husband's table manners and bad English. Because he's a sloppy eater, consider eating with him less often. Because his grammar isn't up to par, try to remember that you married him this way and he managed to get the words "I do" out well enough to satisfy the officiant.

As to his disrespect for other people, the next time it happens, don't ask him to cut it out, TELL him!

# Rockaway Beach must pay \$213K in fight with beachfront owner

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The Associated Press

In a stunning loss for Rockaway Beach, a judge has ruled that the Oregon Coast town must pay \$213,000 to a beachfront property owner who has fought for years to stop his vacation home from getting washed away by winter storms.

In an order Wednesday, Tillamook County Circuit Judge Jonathan Hill cited a state law that allows him to award legal costs to homeowner Tai Dang if the city acted in ways that were "reckless, willful, malicious, in bad faith or illegal."

The judge found that the city wasn't reasonable in its fight against Dang. He awarded Dang about \$201,000 in fees for his attorneys and \$12,000 in other litigation costs.

The judge cited problems with the way Rockaway Beach handled Dang's case — first by granting Dang permits to build the house on that precise spot of beachfront property in 2008, then years later flipping its position and saying Dang couldn't repair damage to the home from winter storms because the city now believed he built too close to the ocean.

The judge noted the city brushed off the warnings of then-City Council member Mardi Wing, who in 2016 emailed the city manager at the time, Lars Gare, that the continuing battle was wrong.

By then, Dang had already been trying for a year to install a permanent wall of riprap to form a protective buffer between the ocean and his home. But the city wouldn't sign off on the barrier.

"If this goes to court, the city will lose," Wing predicted. "And the public needs to be made aware that we are the ones that are going to pay for it." Attorneys representing Rockaway Beach, John Putman and Gerald Warren, didn't respond Thursday to a request for comment or a question about whether the city would appeal the judge's award.

The city had argued Dang's Portland area attorneys, Wendie Kellington and Jonathan Radmacher, were charging too much at \$365 per hour and \$390 per hour respectively. But the judge disagreed, saying that's the median rate for attorneys who specialize in real estate, land use and environmental law. Radmacher told The Oregonian/OregonLive that Rockaway Beach did things that escalated costs.

Radmacher said Kellington drove from the Portland area to attend a court hearing for the case only to learn upon arrival that the hearing wasn't going to happen because the city attorneys said they wanted a different judge.

Dang and two other co-owners — Hue Le and Tue Nguyen — built the six-bedroom house as a place for their families to gather. But as their children grew older, they turned to renting it out to cover expenses.

The sand bluff between the home and the ocean started eroding in the 1980s, according to a geologist's report. Dang said when the trio built the home in 2008 and 2009, there was still a sizable bluff that wasn't eroding fast. But by 2014, a geologist wrote in a report that the erosion had accelerated to as much as 10 feet per year.

Dang, on behalf of his interests and those of Le and Nguyen, began his long struggle to install riprap in 2015.

In December, the judge ruled that the city must allow Dang to repair his home. Waves also washed out the basement walls and sent seaweed and sand onto the floors.

In January, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department agreed to give Dang a one-year permit to install 81 feet of riprap.

Dang still has a pending federal lawsuit against the city for the cost of damages to his home and lost rental income. His suit seeks at least \$1.8 million and claims that the city discriminated against him based on his race. Dang immigrated from Vietnam when he was 14.

# weather

	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Overcast	Cooler with rain	Spotty afternoon showers	Clouds and sun; chilly	Partial sunshine
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>52 34</b>	<b>53 32</b>	<b>51 31</b>	<b>57 32</b>
Comfort Index™	3	0	2	5	8
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48 36</b>	<b>49 31</b>	<b>47 31</b>	<b>55 38</b>
Comfort Index™	0	0	0	3	5
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>45 34</b>	<b>46 29</b>	<b>44 30</b>	<b>52 37</b>
Comfort Index™	0	0	1	3	5

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 Saturday	55°	54°	51°
Low Saturday	30°	28°	32°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Saturday	0.06	0.15	0.06
Month to date	0.09	0.25	0.51
Normal month to date	0.15	0.31	0.40
Year to date	3.72	5.16	12.23
Normal year to date	2.35	4.54	8.10

## SATURDAY EXTREMES

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 93° McAllen, Texas  
Low: 12° Tuolumne Meadows, Calif.  
Wettest: 3.40" Austin, Texas

**OREGON**  
High: 63° Hermiston  
Low: 23° Crater Lake  
Wettest: 1.01" Florence

## AGRICULTURAL INFO.

**HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY**  
Lowest relative humidity 65%  
Afternoon wind WNW at 8 to 16 mph  
Hours of sunshine 0.1  
Evapotranspiration 0.07

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)

Phillips Reservoir	23% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	73% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	67% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	92% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	69% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	107% of capacity
<b>STREAM FLOWS</b> (through midnight Saturday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	12000 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	431 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	966 cfs
Minam River at Minam	646 cfs
Powder River near Richland	797 cfs

## WEATHER HISTORY

In the middle of the nation on April 8, 1963, Williston, N.D., had 5 inches of snow, while Laredo, Texas, had a record high of 104 degrees.

## SUN & MOON

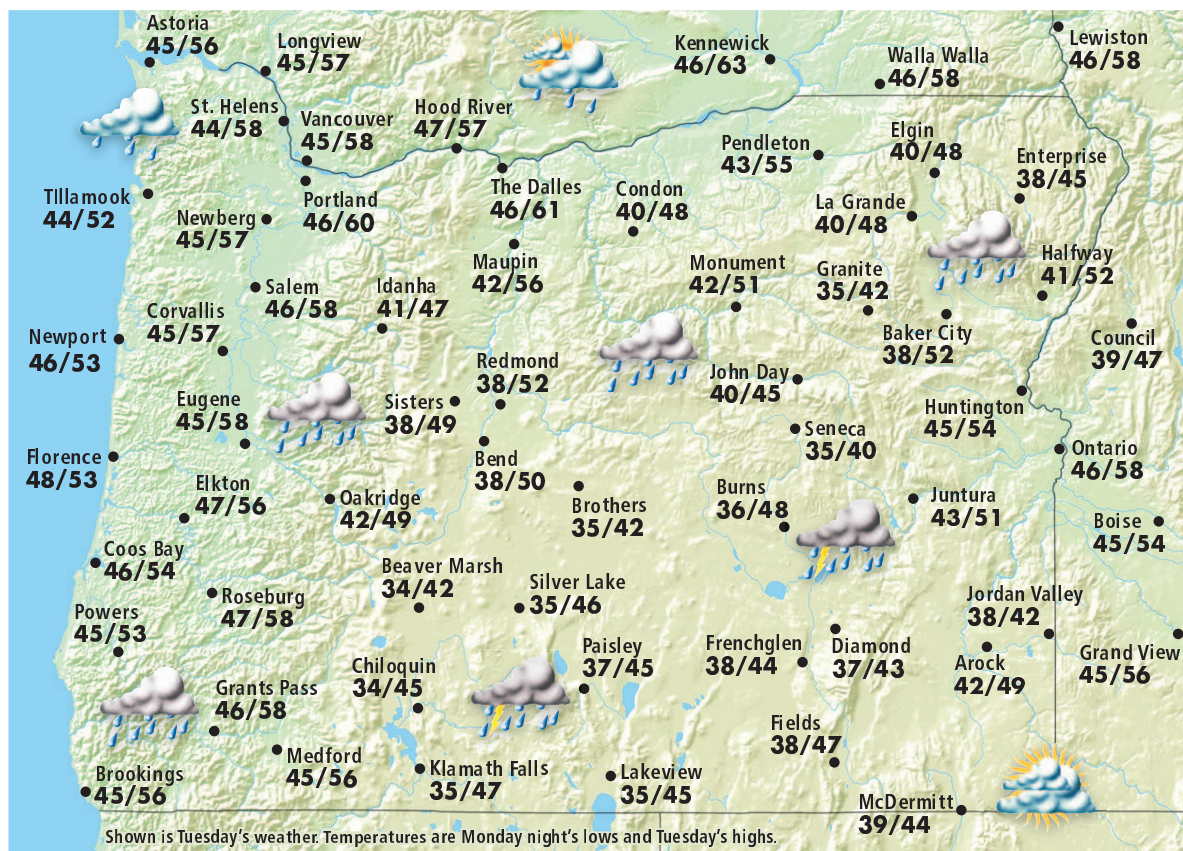
	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	6:21 a.m.	6:19 a.m.
Sunset	7:29 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Moonrise	8:24 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Moonset	11:12 p.m.	none

## MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26	May 4

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	56/43/sh	55/41/sh	Lewiston	58/41/r	56/39/c
Bend	50/32/c	50/33/pc	Longview	57/44/pc	55/41/sh
Boise	54/37/c	54/36/pc	Mecham	46/33/sn	46/31/c
Brookings	56/43/sh	56/45/c	Medford	56/40/sh	57/43/pc
Burns	48/30/sh	51/30/c	Newport	53/46/pc	53/44/sh
Coos Bay	54/44/sh	54/45/sh	Olympia	60/38/pc	56/34/sh
Corvallis	57/44/sh	56/42/sh	Ontario	58/41/sh	59/37/pc
Council	47/34/sh	51/29/c	Pasco	64/39/c	62/38/pc
Elgin	48/35/r	48/31/c	Pendleton	55/39/sh	55/38/pc
Eugene	58/44/sh	56/42/sh	Portland	60/45/pc	57/43/sh
Hermiston	62/44/c	61/41/pc	Powers	53/43/sh	52/44/c
Hood River	57/46/pc	56/43/sh	Redmond	52/34/c	52/33/c
Imnaha	51/39/r	51/36/c	Roseburg	58/45/c	57/42/sh
John Day	45/35/sh	47/32/c	Salem	58/45/pc	57/42/sh
Joseph	45/33/sn	45/28/c	Spokane	55/36/sh	54/34/c
Kennewick	63/41/c	62/41/pc	The Dalles	61/46/c	57/41/c
Klamath Falls	47/29/sh	50/31/c	Ukiah	45/32/r	46/29/pc
Lakeview	45/28/c	48/30/pc	Walla Walla	58/42/r	56/40/c

## RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

Location	Forecast	Temp
<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b>	Snow, 1-3"	29 20
<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b>	A bit of snow	44 31
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b>	A little snow	38 29
<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b>	Rain and drizzle	53 38
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b>	A bit of snow	34 23
<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b>	A bit of snow	41 30
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b>	A bit of snow	45 33
<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b>	A morning shower	54 38
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b>	A touch of rain	52 34
<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b>	Cooler with rain	48 36



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