# Spiteful ex-boyfriend causes legal nightmares

**DEAR ABBY**
ADVICE

**Dear Abby:** My boyfriend and I have been together for five years, and friends for eight. We share a daughter, who is a toddler. I have a son with my abusive ex as well. Although we are financially stable, we qualify as low-income. (I am the breadwinner.)

My boyfriend had a hard home life and was a troubled youth growing up. He has a criminal history, which is why my family opposed our relationship. He's a wonderful father and has changed his life, but we have experienced many hardships because of his past. Because of a phone call from my ex, the state picked up his most recent charge from four years ago, and he is now facing prison time for a crime he did not commit.

We are both devastated. He has become withdrawn and is now at a paranoid level of distrusting. I know he has every right to be upset. But after six months of urging him to seek professional help and fearing he regrets being with me, I'm wondering if I'm doing myself a disservice by not seeking happiness elsewhere. I know I should be there for him because he needs me. But he won't make future plans or seek better job opportunities because of his fear of prison time. What should I do? — **In a Corner in Wisconsin**

**Dear in a Corner:** You are in a difficult situation, but don't cut and run just yet. Advise your boyfriend that reclaiming his future may require the help of a criminal defense attorney. Then help him find one who will take his case and defend him if the need arises. And while you are at it, maintain as much distance as you can from your vindictive ex.

**Dear Abby:** I've had a male friend, "Herb," for more than 35 years. He has helped me a lot with things such as repairs at my home. Many years ago, I became pregnant, but the baby's father and I didn't end up together. When Herb offered to marry me and raise my child as his own, that's when I realized he had feelings for me. I explained that this was a kind offer, but I could not reciprocate his feelings.

Over the past 10 years, Herb has become touchy-feely, and it makes me very uncomfortable. He will kiss me on my forehead or come from behind me and hold me or hug me while rubbing my back. I have told him how it makes me feel and he laughs it off.

He also makes remarks like, "Oh, I've never been in your bedroom," or while we're on the phone he tells me he is in bed and we are having pillow talk.

What can I do? He's been a good friend, and I hate to lose his friendship, but I really don't know what else I can say to him to make him understand how he makes me feel. — **Too Friendly in Ohio**

**Dear Too Friendly:** Try this: When Herb gives you an unwanted kiss or hug, tell him you do not enjoy it when he invades your personal space and you don't want it to happen again. If he brings up the subject of your bedroom or alludes to pillow talk during a phone call, get off the phone immediately. ("Gotta go now!") Frankly, what he has been doing is creepy. If it continues, you will have to end the relationship and hire a handyman.

## BRICK

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their niche. With others offering breakfast and lunch, they decided to focus on dinner and staying open later. That's evident in both their hours and their menu.

"Our option was to pick a lane," Tish said, since nearby restaurants offer earlier meals, so they planned to concentrate on fare for later in the day and evening.

"Our intent was to not do what everyone else was doing, not to offer the same kind of thing," she said. "Originally, we wanted to be the place that stayed open later."

The intent is not to compete with nearby restaurants.

"There's no need for that much competition in a tiny community like this," she said. "Rather than making it about competition, it's more about giving more opportunities to the folks who are here. That's the route we wanted to go and we'll stick with for awhile. We like change."

That'll be evident as the seasons change. Right now, the menu is "focused more on dinners: steak dinners, pork chops, chicken, pastas, and we have a few options for burgers, chilis, a sirloin dip like a French dip but with sirloin meat so it's better," Tish said. "When I switch to the winter menu in a couple of weeks, we'll be gearing toward the warm, comfort foods, so a lot of hot sandwiches, hot rolls and soups."

They'll also have a unique, namesake offering.

"We are going to serve a 'brick of fries,' because we are The Brick," she said. "You typically see something like that at a fair. It's this compressed 'brick' of potatoes and you fry it. … Usually they're topped with cheese, chili and you can even do a lot of different things."

Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain

**Tish Green, co-owner of The Brick Restaurant in Wallowa, gets the kitchen ready to open on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021. She and husband, Cody, operate their new venture together.**

## ELGIN

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according to the press release.

Elgin's Dollar General is among 65 in Oregon and upward of 17,000 across the United States, according to the chain's website.

Suzannah Moore-Hemann, director of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, hopes that the Dollar General will give the local economy a boost.

"We are hoping it will bring good living wage jobs to the county," she said. "It is always exciting when a new business comes to our area."

Dan Nieser, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development, said the new store in Elgin will have a positive financial impact on the local economy.

"At Dollar General, we believe the addition of each new store provides positive economic growth for the communities we proudly serve, and the addition of our new Elgin store highlights our commitment to deliver a pleasant shopping experience that includes great prices on quality products in a convenient location," Nieser said. "We look forward to welcoming customers to our new store and hope they will enjoy shopping at our new location."

To commemorate the opening of the new Elgin store, Dollar General plans to donate 100 new books to a nearby elementary school to benefit students ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade. Through a partnership with the Kellogg Company, the contribution will be part of a planned donation of more than 100,000 books across the country to celebrate new Dollar General store openings.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Court battle ends tree dispute in pricey San Francisco area

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Tall trees are venerated across California, but one towering Monterey Pine at the center of a heated dispute in San Francisco's wealthiest neighborhood has to go, according to an appeals court ruling last week.

A state appeals court on Wednesday, Sept. 22, ordered a couple in the Pacific Heights neighborhood to remove the tree, which is at least 32 feet tall. A neighbor argued the tree was blocking her view of the San Francisco Bay and other city landmarks, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

The neighbor moved into the San Francisco home with her now-deceased husband in 1976. When the couple "saw the magnificent views, they were sold," said Barri Bonapart, the woman's lawyer.

"You could see all the way from Marin Headlands, out to the Pacific Ocean, and then the Golden Gate Bridge, Palace of Fine Arts, Sausalito, Belvedere, Tiburon and Angel Island," Bonaparte said. She said her client asked to withhold her name because she was afraid of being harassed.

The pine was planted in 1999 and, by the time the case went to trial in 2019, had grown dozens of feet tall with widening, thickly growing branches. The lawsuit was filed in 2018 after mediation failed.

The woman "tried everything she could to work with her neighbors to find a collaborative solution," Bonapart said. "Unfortunately, they were always adamant that they would never agree to restore her views unless they were ordered to."

Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Ross visited the site before issuing a December 2019 ruling to remove the pine, citing a San Francisco ordinance that seeks to resolve treetop feuds. He ruled that "the tree's rapid growth in both height and breadth obstructs the views of landmarks and vistas that could once be seen."

The First District Court of Appeal ruled Sept. 22 that the only workable solution in this case was to remove the tree.

Pruning might have worked when the pine was smaller, but it has grown too much now to be thinned or topped in a way that would restore the view, the court ruling said.

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# weather

| | TONIGHT | FRI | SAT | SUN | MON |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Partly cloudy | Times of clouds and sun | Partly sunny | Nice with sun and clouds | Sunny and pleasant |
| Baker City | 36 | 68 31 | 74 34 | 77 37 | 79 38 |
| Comfort Index™ | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| La Grande | 44 | 66 35 | 70 38 | 74 38 | 77 44 |
| Comfort Index™ | 10 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Enterprise | 37 | 63 38 | 72 43 | 76 46 | 80 43 |
| Comfort Index™ | 10 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 8 |

**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.

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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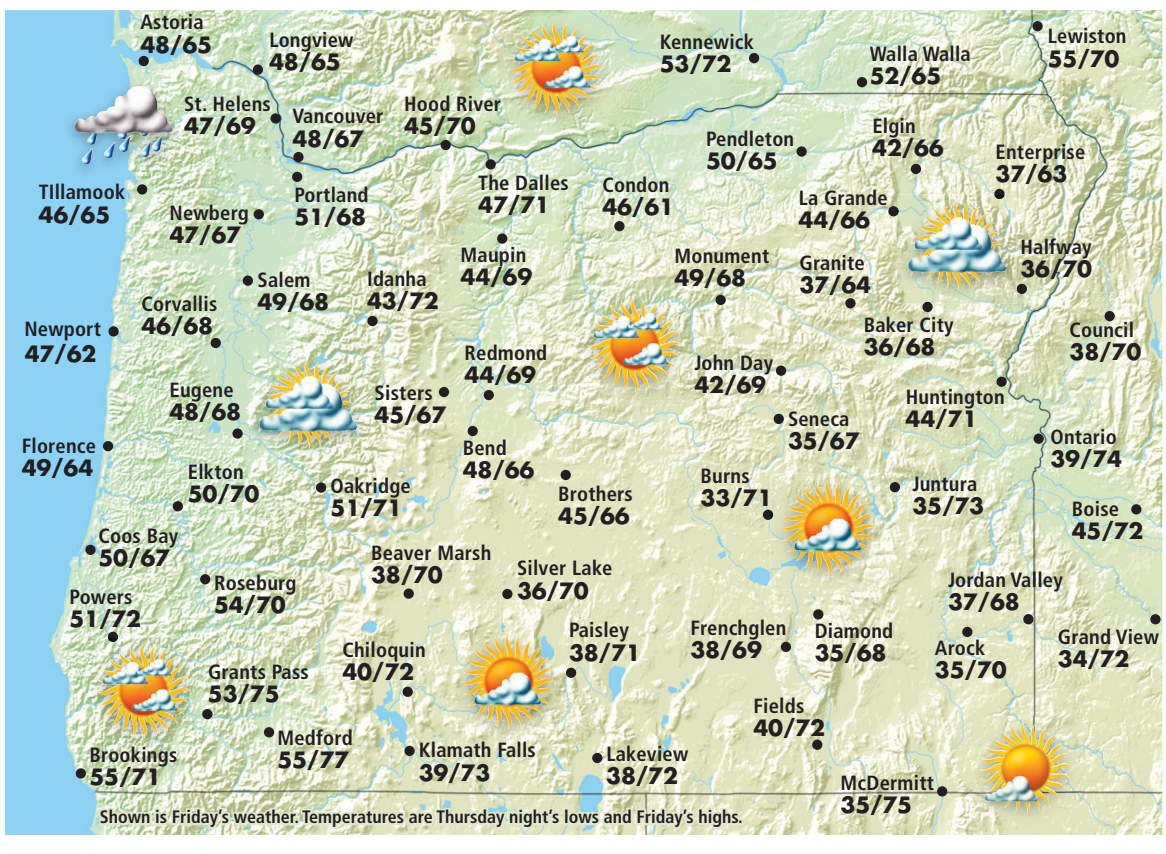


## ALMANAC

| TEMPERATURES | Baker City | La Grande | Elgin |
|---|---|---|---|
| High Tuesday | 57° | 54° | 57° |
| Low Tuesday | 27° | 38° | 45° |
| **PRECIPITATION** (inches) | | | |
| Tuesday | 0.03 | 0.37 | 0.09 |
| Month to date | 0.47 | 0.84 | 0.58 |
| Normal month to date | 0.41 | 0.62 | 0.89 |
| Year to date | 3.58 | 7.38 | 16.37 |
| Normal year to date | 6.83 | 11.95 | 16.80 |

## TUESDAY EXTREMES

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)

| | |
|---|---|
| **High: 101°** | Zapata, Texas |
| **Low: 24°** | Yellowstone N.P., Wyo. |
| **Wettest: 5.01"** | Fort Polk, La. |
| **OREGON** | |
| **High: 69°** | Hermiston |
| **Low: 29°** | Crater Lake |
| **Wettest: 0.94"** | Tillamook |

## AGRICULTURAL INFO.

| HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY | |
|---|---|
| Lowest relative humidity | 45% |
| Afternoon wind | N at 6 to 12 mph |
| Hours of sunshine | 7.7 |
| Evapotranspiration | 0.10 |
| **RESERVOIR STORAGE** (through midnight Wednesday) | |
| Phillips Reservoir | N.A. |
| Unity Reservoir | 10% of capacity |
| Owyhee Reservoir | 10% of capacity |
| McKay Reservoir | 28% of capacity |
| Wallowa Lake | 0% of capacity |
| Thief Valley Reservoir | 0% of capacity |
| **STREAM FLOWS** (through midnight Tuesday) | |
| Grande Ronde at Troy | 546 cfs |
| Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder | 0 cfs |
| Burnt River near Unity | 30 cfs |
| Umatilla River near Gibbon | 52 cfs |
| Minam River at Minam | 64 cfs |
| Powder River near Richland | 2 cfs |

## WEATHER HISTORY

A cold outbreak sent temperatures into the teens as far south as western Kansas on Sept. 30, 1985. On the same day, Grand Island, Neb., had 3.80 inches of snow.

## SUN & MOON

| | THU. | FRI. |
|---|---|---|
| Sunrise | 6:49 a.m. | 6:51 a.m. |
| Sunset | 6:34 p.m. | 6:32 p.m. |
| Moonrise | none | 12:54 a.m. |
| Moonset | 4:10 p.m. | 4:46 p.m. |

**MOON PHASES**

| New | First | Full | Last |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oct 6 | Oct 12 | Oct 20 | Oct 28 |

## REGIONAL CITIES

| City | FRI. Hi/Lo/W | SAT. Hi/Lo/W | City | FRI. Hi/Lo/W | SAT. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Astoria | 65/47/s | 65/49/pc | Lewiston | 70/49/pc | 75/50/pc |
| Bend | 66/39/s | 76/45/s | Longview | 65/43/pc | 66/47/pc |
| Boise | 72/45/pc | 75/49/s | Meacham | 64/35/pc | 70/37/pc |
| Brookings | 71/52/s | 68/50/pc | Medford | 77/48/pc | 84/50/s |
| Burns | 71/27/s | 76/32/s | Newport | 62/44/s | 62/47/s |
| Coos Bay | 67/49/s | 70/47/s | Olympia | 63/41/pc | 65/45/pc |
| Corvallis | 68/42/s | 71/46/s | Ontario | 74/40/s | 77/41/s |
| Council | 70/38/s | 73/39/s | Pasco | 72/42/s | 72/44/s |
| Elgin | 66/37/pc | 70/39/pc | Pendleton | 65/43/pc | 71/48/pc |
| Eugene | 68/42/s | 72/45/pc | Portland | 68/46/pc | 71/50/s |
| Hermiston | 70/44/s | 72/46/s | Powers | 72/48/s | 80/47/s |
| Hood River | 70/45/s | 73/49/s | Redmond | 69/36/s | 77/41/pc |
| Imnaha | 65/43/pc | 75/47/pc | Roseburg | 70/47/s | 77/48/pc |
| John Day | 69/39/pc | 76/45/s | Salem | 68/46/pc | 73/49/pc |
| Joseph | 63/41/pc | 71/46/s | Spokane | 65/43/s | 68/46/pc |
| Kennewick | 72/42/s | 72/46/s | The Dalles | 71/45/s | 74/49/s |
| Klamath Falls | 73/36/s | 77/36/s | Ukiah | 62/37/pc | 72/40/pc |
| Lakeview | 72/34/s | 76/35/s | Walla Walla | 65/46/s | 70/51/pc |

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

## RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

**ANTHONY LAKES**
A shower
44 35

**MT. EMILY REC.**
Periods of sun
53 35

**EAGLE CAP WILD.**
A morning shower
52 32

**WALLOWA LAKE**
Partly sunny
63 41

**THIEF VALLEY RES.**
Partly sunny
68 31

**PHILLIPS LAKE**
Partly sunny
66 36

**BROWNLEE RES.**
Mostly sunny
72 41

**EMIGRANT ST. PARK**
Partly sunny
58 31

**MCKAY RESERVOIR**
Not as warm
66 44

**RED BRIDGE ST. PARK**
Partly sunny
66 35