

# Unhappy wife is loath to be first in her family to divorce

*DEAR ABBY: I am an attractive woman who has been married for 30 years. I think my husband has been cheating on me for most of them. Through the years I have seen the telltale signs and confronted him many times. But he continually tells me no, he would never do anything.*

*I have tried hard to stay with him, although I feel stupid for doing it. You see, my parents were married for 62 years, and I have two sisters and three brothers who have never been divorced or separated. So I'd feel like a failure if I left him.*

*I need to know for sure whether he has cheated, but I don't know how to prove it. I have found a letter in his wallet, notes slid under my door at work and actually saw him touch another woman in a sexual manner years ago. My friends say if it walks and quacks, it is a duck.*

*I have asked him many times to go to counseling and he always says he will, but we never do. I no longer want to continue living with this man. There has got to be something better than always waiting for the next bomb to drop. Advice?*

— SUSPICIOUS IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: Because your husband avoids going to counseling doesn't mean that you shouldn't see a licensed therapist without him. If you do, it will help you to clarify your thinking and make a rational decision about your future. Your siblings' marital history should not influence your decision. What's important is doing what is right for yourself.

If you feel you need to have proof that your husband is being or has been unfaithful, and has lied to you all these years, then hire a private detective and you will probably get what you are looking for. You have my sympathy.

*DEAR ABBY: I'm 13, and I have had a few problems with my boyfriend's family. I got him in trouble a few times, and I feel really bad about it, even though I'm not a bad person. We have talked about things we shouldn't have talked about at our age and used bad language. His parents have gotten on him about it.*

*I tried to talk to his mother, but I have the feeling they don't particularly like me even though she says she has nothing against me. I know my boyfriend's older sister doesn't like me and*

*doesn't want me and her brother to be together. We are now being forced to break up until he is respectful enough to have a girlfriend, even though he is very respectful. I feel like this all revolves around me, and I want to get his family to know the real me and give me another chance. What should I do?*

— FORCED TO BREAK UP  
IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR FORCED TO BREAK UP: Thirteen is young for a serious romance, and your boyfriend's family may be worried that you are trying to rush him into a relationship for which he isn't ready. For now, the smart move would be to put some distance between you and your boyfriend.

If you stand any chance of improving your standing with his mother and sister, a step in the right direction would be to clean up your bad language. Another would be to concentrate your efforts on becoming someone they can respect — a good student, active in a youth group or sports activity. If they can see a positive change in you, they may be more receptive to your being in his life. And if they don't, your time won't have been wasted because you will have become a more successful person.

*DEAR ABBY: My 5-year-old daughter, "Maude," is afraid of large dogs. In the past, my husband has publicly scolded her when she covered away from them.*

*A friend of our family has a dog that Maude is especially hesitant around, and my daughter recently confided that she no longer wants to go over to this friend's house because of it. She made me promise not to tell her father why. When I told him privately about our conversation, he rolled his eyes and accused our daughter of having a "weak" mentality. Is he being unreasonable or is it just me?*

— PHRUSTRATED IN PHILLY

DEAR PHRUSTRATED: Your daughter doesn't have a "weak mentality." She's afraid of dogs, and possibly with good reason. Find an animal rescue organization or shelter that encourages the public to spend time socializing with the dogs and cats. It may help to get her past her aversion. It has helped other children, and it's also good for the animals. Give it a try and let me know what happens.



DEAR ABBY

# Mississippi River flooding approaches 1993 records

By Heather Hollingsworth  
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — The swollen Mississippi River is straining levees, snarling traffic and forcing people from their homes as the water level in some places approaches record levels set during devastating flooding in 1993.

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson was touring flooded areas Monday in the northeast part of the state, where there have been around a dozen water rescues. Statewide, nearly 400 roads are closed, including part of U.S. 136.

Locks and dams upstream of St. Louis are shut down as the Mississippi River crests at the second-highest level on record in some communities. Midwestern rivers have flooded periodically since March, causing billions of dollars of damage to farmland, homes and businesses from Oklahoma and Arkansas and up to Michigan.

Residents, emergency responders and volunteers helping in recovery efforts are facing another challenge from swarms of mosquitoes drawn to standing water.

"Nuisance mosquitoes are usually the first populations to take advantage of flooded conditions," said Howard Pue, of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. "They can be big, really numerous and inflict painful bites."

Gary Stubblefield, a volunteer coordinator for recovery and cleanup efforts in the Joplin area, said the volunteers cleaning up after an EF-3 tornado struck parts of Carl Junction May 22

are asking for bug repellent contributions. Organizers have handed out hundreds of cans, and more is needed, Stubblefield said.

Near the 1,400-person town of Winfield, Missouri, a Mississippi River levee breached Sunday, forcing evacuations in a rural area, said Sue Casseau, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. On Saturday, sandbags were intentionally removed from a farm levee along the Mississippi River near Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, to allow water through and remove pressure downstream. The Illinois River also overtopped levees that protect a combined 1,500 acres in western Illinois, she said.

"If water is over the field, no one is planting," Casseau said. "The full economic impact won't be known until the end of this planting and harvest season."

Parson's office said Monday 28 levee breaches have been reported across the state.

Floodgates also have been closed in St. Louis in advance of the Mississippi River cresting there Thursday. The high water already is causing problems. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports that several hotels that were crowded with visitors for the Stanley Cup Final and Cardinals-Cubs baseball games were left without hot water Sunday after too much water overwhelmed a pump station.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. Eric Brown said there also has been sandbagging in several towns and added that "one of the most impressive things is to see

these communities come together."

In Lewis County, Missouri, the focus of much of the sandbagging, floodwaters from the Mississippi River surround the Mark Twain casino on three sides in the town of LaGrange, which isn't protected by a levee, said Sheriff David Parrish. People also are sandbagging around homes and the city hall there, as well as several other areas of the county. He said that one levee that protects the towns of Taylor and West Quincy is being shored up with 3,500 tons of rock.

"It is the second highest level by inches since '93," he said of the river.

The 1993 flood covered nine states and rivers reached record heights across the region. It lasted nearly 200 days in some areas and was responsible for about 50 deaths.

In Michigan, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency Monday for Tuscola County after heavy rainfall last week caused widespread flooding. Whitmer earlier announced a state of emergency in Wayne County, which includes Detroit. Areas along Lake St. Clair and western Lake Erie also have been hit by flooding in recent weeks.

Vice President Mike Pence announced plans for a trip to Oklahoma on Tuesday to visit flood damage from the Arkansas River. Damage has extended from the Tulsa area downstream into Arkansas. The river is slowly cresting, with major flooding is expected to subside within a few weeks.

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# weather

**TONIGHT**  
Partly cloudy

**THU**  
A.p.m. thunderstorm

**FRI**  
An afternoon shower

**SAT**  
Mostly cloudy and cool

**SUN**  
Partly sunny and warmer

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|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Baker City</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>64</b> <b>37</b> | <b>59</b> <b>36</b> | <b>62</b> <b>35</b> | <b>72</b> <b>39</b> |
| Comfort Index™    | 6         | 5                   | 3                   | 5                   | 10                  |
| <b>La Grande</b>  | <b>49</b> | <b>58</b> <b>41</b> | <b>56</b> <b>41</b> | <b>59</b> <b>40</b> | <b>70</b> <b>44</b> |
| Comfort Index™    | 6         | 5                   | 4                   | 4                   | 10                  |
| <b>Enterprise</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>58</b> <b>38</b> | <b>52</b> <b>38</b> | <b>55</b> <b>35</b> | <b>65</b> <b>42</b> |
| Comfort Index™    | 6         | 6                   | 2                   | 5                   | 10                  |

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**

|             |                   |                  |              |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
|             | <b>Baker City</b> | <b>La Grande</b> | <b>Elgin</b> |
| High Monday | 79°               | 79°              | 82°          |
| Low Monday  | 51°               | 47°              | 48°          |

**PRECIPITATION** (inches)

|                      |      |      |       |
|----------------------|------|------|-------|
| Monday               | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00  |
| Month to date        | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01  |
| Normal month to date | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.22  |
| Year to date         | 5.37 | 9.89 | 19.54 |
| Normal year to date  | 4.68 | 7.99 | 12.14 |

**MONDAY EXTREMES**

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 109° Death Valley, Calif.  
Low: 23° Doe Lake, Mich.  
Wettest: 1.55" Ottawa, Kan.

**OREGON**  
High: 91° Ontario  
Low: 37° Crater Lake  
Wettest: Trace Astoria

**WEATHER HISTORY**

Out-of-season frosts proved fatal to many crops, and snow fell in Boston, in June 1815. 1815 was known as the "year without a summer." Strong evidence credits a volcanic eruption in Indonesia that year.

**SUN & MOON**

Sunrise

5:06 a.m.

Sunset

8:36 p.m.

Moonrise

7:17 a.m.

Moonset

11:08 p.m.

**MOON PHASES**

First

Jun 9

Full

Jun 17

Last

Jun 25

New

Jul 2

**REGIONAL CITIES**

| City          | THU. HI/Lo/W | FRI. HI/Lo/W |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Astoria       | 59/47/pc     | 58/50/sh     |
| Bend          | 60/34/sh     | 55/34/c      |
| Boise         | 82/49/t      | 62/43/c      |
| Brookings     | 58/44/pc     | 59/46/sh     |
| Burns         | 65/37/t      | 56/33/pc     |
| Coos Bay      | 58/47/pc     | 57/47/sh     |
| Corvallis     | 64/46/pc     | 60/45/sh     |
| Council       | 74/45/t      | 56/34/c      |
| Elgin         | 57/39/t      | 56/41/c      |
| Eugene        | 65/44/pc     | 60/44/sh     |
| Hermiston     | 71/47/t      | 70/50/pc     |
| Hood River    | 65/49/pc     | 61/51/c      |
| Imnaha        | 65/45/t      | 58/41/c      |
| John Day      | 58/39/t      | 54/39/pc     |
| Joseph        | 61/38/t      | 52/36/c      |
| Kennewick     | 73/47/sh     | 71/49/s      |
| Klamath Falls | 65/33/pc     | 56/30/pc     |
| Lakeview      | 66/38/pc     | 53/29/sh     |
| Lewisville    | 65/47/t      | 66/47/c      |
| Longview      | 62/46/pc     | 58/49/sh     |
| Meacham       | 54/39/t      | 54/39/c      |
| Medford       | 70/44/pc     | 63/44/t      |
| Newport       | 56/46/pc     | 55/48/sh     |
| Olympia       | 62/42/pc     | 60/46/sh     |
| Ontario       | 81/51/t      | 66/45/pc     |
| Pasco         | 73/46/sh     | 71/48/s      |
| Pendleton     | 63/44/t      | 64/47/pc     |
| Portland      | 64/49/pc     | 61/51/sh     |
| Powers        | 60/43/pc     | 59/45/sh     |
| Redmond       | 63/35/sh     | 57/36/pc     |
| Roseburg      | 67/48/pc     | 63/47/sh     |
| Salem         | 64/45/pc     | 61/46/sh     |
| Spokane       | 61/42/r      | 61/43/pc     |
| The Dalles    | 68/48/pc     | 63/52/c      |
| Ukiah         | 54/34/t      | 53/37/sh     |
| Walla Walla   | 65/48/t      | 66/48/pc     |

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

**RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY**

**ANTHONY LAKES**  
A.p.m. t-storm

**43** **23** 

**MT. EMILY REC.**  
A.p.m. t-storm

**48** **32** 

**EAGLE CAP WILD.**  
A.p.m. t-storm

**50** **28** 

**WALLOWA LAKE**  
A.p.m. t-storm

**61** **38** 

**THIEF VALLEY RES.**  
A.p.m. t-storm

**64** **37** 

**PHILLIPS LAKE**  
A.p.m. t-storm

**59** **35** 

**BROWNLEE RES.**  
A.p.m. t-storm

**71** **43** 

**EMIGRANT ST. PARK**  
A.p.m. t-storm

**51** **34** 

**MCKAY RESERVOIR**  
A.p.m. t-storm

**62** **43** 

**RED BRIDGE ST. PARK**  
A.p.m. t-storm

**58** **41** 



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