

Decades-old loan remains unpaid despite threats

DEAR ABBY: I am an 83-year-old mother of four. I have been living with my second husband now for 21 years. Nineteen years ago, my husband loaned one of my daughters and her husband a large sum of money so they could buy a house and pay off bills and judgments. All the necessary paperwork for the loan was signed at the time of the closing with a lawyer present, and it was agreed they would pay us back a certain amount every month.

After a few years of mostly regular repayments, the payments dwindled, although they continued to buy expensive electronics and other items. Several years have passed now, and a few checks and cash payments have arrived, but only after much begging.

Our lawyer sent them a letter a few years ago telling them to pay up or we would sue them. It resulted in their not seeing or



DEAR ABBY

talking to us for a couple of years. We REALLY need the money now. Maybe she's hoping we will die. What do you suggest we do at this point? Her brother and sisters don't want to get involved.

— LOVING, GIVING MOM

DEAR MOM: I am truly sorry. But because your other children refuse to become involved in convincing your deadbeat daughter and her husband to pay what they owe you, you have no other choice but to contact the lawyer who drafted the loan agreement and instruct him to follow through.

DEAR ABBY: My husband retired four years ago. At first he seemed to enjoy not having to go to work. Then he got bored and needed something to do. For some reason, he bought an old Corvette to restore. I was supportive, until I found out it's an expensive hobby. Finding and buying all the replacement parts costs money. He has been working on that

car for 3 1/2 years now. As soon as he gets it ready to drive, something else breaks. Meanwhile, he has bought four more old Corvettes "to work on." Our backyard looks like a junkyard.

We haven't had a vacation trip since he retired, not even a weekend to the mountains. He argues that we can't afford it, but he spends thousands on those old cars. It has become an obsession for him, and it's "driving" ME crazy. Any suggestions?

— CORVETTE WIDOW IN THE SOUTH

DEAR WIDOW: Healthy couples discuss large purchases before making them. What your husband is doing is destructive to your relationship. It almost seems as though he is using his hobby as a way of avoiding spending time with you.

My suggestion is that you and your husband find the money to consult a marriage counselor because what's going on is unfair to you. And if you need a vacation, consider taking one by your-

self or with a friend.

DEAR ABBY: I will be turning 50 soon. How do I explain to my husband and parents that I just want to spend it alone? Is there something wrong with me for feeling this way?

— BIRTHDAY WISH IN IOWA

DEAR BIRTHDAY WISH: People react to their birthdays, especially milestone birthdays, differently. Some are elated, while others feel depressed. Not everyone wants a lot of "hoopla." If you prefer spending your 50th birthday quietly, your wish should be respected, and you should not have to go into a long explanation about why.

DEAR ABBY: I was sexually abused by a sibling for 10 years during my childhood. I never told anyone what happened to me until I confided in my fiancé after we were engaged. I have gone through counseling sessions and am at a place in my life where I am happy and healthy.

Currently, I have a relationship with my parents, but not

with my sibling. My parents often express their wish for me to have a relationship with my sibling, but I always refuse. I feel that telling them what happened at this point would only cause hurt for them. But I also feel that if I tell them, I can stop getting asked uncomfortable questions. What do you suggest?

— SURVIVOR IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR SURVIVOR: I suggest you tell your parents everything. It's something you should have done years ago. Do not worry about hurting them. Once they have all the facts, they will understand why you want nothing to do with your sibling and stop pushing you to have a relationship with your abuser, and that's the goal.

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Fostering pets takes off as coronavirus keeps Americans home

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Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The Simeon family was heading home to Omaha from a Smoky Mountains vacation when Kim Simeon spotted a social media post from the Nebraska Humane Society, pleading with people to consider fostering a pet amid concerns about how the coronavirus would affect operations.

A day later, a young black lab mix named Nala was nestling in at her home. Nala is one of 35 dogs and cats that have been placed with Omaha-area families as part of an emergency foster care program.

"I just felt like, with all the virus stuff going on, it just seemed like a need we could help with," Simeon said. "We're all quarantined anyway. I mean, what a perfect opportunity to do something good."

Amid an avalanche of bad news, Simeon's story and thousands like it across the country are prompting smiles as suddenly isolated people rush to care for animals, easing a burden on shelters and providing homes — even if just temporarily — for homeless dogs, cats and other pets.

Shelters from California to New York have put out the call for people to temporarily foster pets. Thanks to an overwhelming response from people who suddenly found themselves stuck at home, shelters say they have placed record numbers of dogs, cats and other animals. If past trends hold, many of those who agree to temporarily care for a pet will ultimately decide they want the animal to stay for good.

"We have a waiting list of 2,000 people wanting to foster," said Dr. Apryl Steele, president and CEO of Dumb Friends League shelter in Denver. It's

the largest animal shelter in the Rocky Mountain region, caring for an average of 22,000 animals a year.

Shelters have several reasons for pushing to foster out animals, Steele said, including the fear that they might have to stop adopting out animals if people can't visit them or that they might see an influx of people surrendering animals amid economic woes. But the overriding factor, she said, was concern for workers' health.

"We need to get to a skeleton staff, stat. We can't do that if the shelter is full," she said.

Stephanie Filer, spokeswoman for Animal Rescue League of Iowa also noted that shelters are seeing a drop in donations — a normal occurrence during an economic downturn. The Des Moines-based organization and others have also had to cancel fundraising events because of virus containment efforts.



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In this March 27, 2020 photo, Kim Simeon and children Annabel, 9, and Brennan, 11, pose for a photo with Nala, a dog they are fostering, in Omaha, Nebraska. The Simeon family was headed home to Omaha from a vacation when Kim Simeon spotted a social media post from the Nebraska Humane Society, pleading with people to consider fostering a pet.

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TEMPERATURES

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	55°	57°	56°
Low Sunday	32°	38°	35°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Sunday	Trace	Trace	0.14
Month to date	Trace	0.19	0.44
Normal month to date	0.12	0.26	0.33
Year to date	0.79	5.80	18.77
Normal year to date	2.34	4.53	8.11

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 88°

Low: 4°

Wettest: 3.00"

High: 64°

Low: 13°

Wettest: 0.66"

OREGON

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WEATHER HISTORY

Lightning struck an oil refinery on April 7, 1926, at San Luis Obispo, Calif. The resulting fire lasted five days, scorched 900 acres and burned more than 6 million barrels of oil.

SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6:21 a.m.	6:19 a.m.
Sunset	7:28 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Moonrise	7:15 p.m.	8:36 p.m.
Moonset	6:35 a.m.	7:03 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 22	Apr 30

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	NNE at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	10.2
Evapotranspiration	0.14

RESERVOIR STORAGE

(through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	36% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	88% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	84% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	92% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	72% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	102% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS

(through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	3700 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	91 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	155 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	371 cfs
Minam River at Minam	230 cfs
Powder River near Richland	253 cfs

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W	City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	60/41/s	57/43/pc	Lewiston	65/41/pc	68/45/pc
Bend	61/35/s	70/35/s	Longview	66/37/s	69/41/pc
Boise	68/41/s	70/44/s	Meacham	59/30/s	65/34/s
Brookings	68/50/s	66/46/s	Medford	74/45/s	78/44/s
Burns	65/34/s	70/34/s	Newport	56/42/s	56/42/pc
Coos Bay	58/42/s	58/41/pc	Olympia	63/35/s	67/39/pc
Corvallis	67/41/s	71/37/pc	Ontario	72/41/s	75/42/s
Council	61/33/s	66/34/pc	Pasco	70/37/s	77/44/s
Elgin	62/33/s	67/38/s	Pendleton	64/41/s	71/45/s
Eugene	67/42/s	70/39/pc	Portland	69/43/s	70/45/pc
Hermiston	70/38/s	76/47/s	Powers	68/42/s	70/42/pc
Hood River	66/40/s	74/45/s	Redmond	66/33/s	72/35/s
Imnaha	60/35/pc	67/40/pc	Roseburg	70/44/s	73/44/pc
John Day	64/34/s	69/39/s	Salem	67/42/s	70/39/pc
Joseph	57/31/s	60/37/s	Spokane	59/38/s	64/41/s
Kennewick	70/38/s	77/44/s	The Dalles	70/43/s	77/47/s
Klamath Falls	67/33/s	71/34/s	Ukiah	57/30/s	64/32/s
Lakeview	63/34/s	69/32/s	Walla Walla	64/44/s	69/48/s

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	Mostly sunny	43	27
MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly sunny	50	33
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Mostly sunny	46	24
WALLOWA LAKE	Mostly sunny	57	31
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Sunny and nice	66	33
PHILLIPS LAKE	Plenty of sun	61	30
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny	65	36
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Mostly sunny	54	29
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Mostly sunny	62	40
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Mostly sunny	61	32

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Please remember, even those who are healthy and not at risk can contribute to the spread and have a devastating effect on the most vulnerable members of our community. Let's work together to keep our friends, families and neighbors safe!

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