

# Wife feels it's the end of the line with drunk hubby



DEAR ABBY  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** I got pregnant at 15 and had my oldest daughter at 16. I met my husband at 18, and went on to have four more daughters. I have been with him for more than 30 years (I just turned 49).

My girls are living their own lives now. The thing is, now that I'm alone with my husband, I have come to discover that we have nothing in common. I want to leave him, but I have no money, no car and no job. I have become someone I never thought I would

become — alone with no life. My husband ignores me and drinks a lot. When we visit family, it's a free-for-all drunk fest for him. I just don't have the energy at my age to deal with a drunk. I dealt all my life with an alcoholic father and I don't want to do it anymore. How do I begin to rebuild my life and start over? I really need to do this for myself. — **AT A CROSSROADS IN OHIO**

**DEAR AT A CROSSROADS:** I agree that rebuilding your life is something you need to do for yourself. The surest way to accomplish it would be to get a job. This may eventually equip you to survive on your own. If you need transportation, ask your daughters for help,

or take public transportation. If you prefer not to attend "family" gatherings, have your husband go alone. Your father's alcoholism may have contributed to the fact that you married someone with an alcohol problem, thinking it was "normal." If that's the case, consider finding a nearby chapter of Al-Anon ([al-anon.org/info](http://al-anon.org/info)) or Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families ([adultchildren.org](http://adultchildren.org)) and attend some of the meetings. They are sometimes held online, so you could do it on a computer, if necessary. I wish you luck on your journey.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a widow with three serious illnesses, one

of which is potentially deadly. I hesitate to confide in some of my friends because the majority of them go into a litany of their illnesses. For the most part, their ailments are common and require just a small change in diet or perhaps losing some weight. What makes it uncomfortable for me is they act like they are in a life-threatening situation, which they aren't.

I find it increasingly difficult to empathize with their common colds, achy joints, etc. How can I explain to these folks how much they upset me? For the most part, they are good people, just very self-centered. — **CHALLENGED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEAR CHALLENGED:**

It may be unrealistic to expect friends who don't know about your serious medical conditions to empathize with you or stop complaining about their aches and pains. Rather than say their complaints are annoying, tell them the truth about what's going on with you. After that, try to remember that regardless of how minor, every person's health challenges are important to them, even if on the grand scale of things they don't seem that way to you.

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Burmese python hunt in Florida Everglades slated for August

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Flanked by a huge writhing snake, Gov. Ron DeSantis announced on Thursday, June 16, that the annual prize-winning hunt for invasive Burmese pythons in the Florida Everglades will begin Aug. 5.

People must register to participate and complete an online training course for the event, which typically draws hundreds from across the country. Last year's "Python Challenge" involved more than 600 people from 25 states, DeSantis said at a news conference in the Everglades.

Behind the Republican governor, it took three people to hold a live, 10-foot female python as a demonstration. The snakes have virtually no natural enemies in the Everglades and have decimated native populations of mammals, birds and other reptiles. "These pythons are a threat to the Everglades," DeSantis said. "Let's reel in some pythons."

The hunt begins Aug. 5 at 8 a.m. and ends Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. Prizes include \$2,500 for the most pythons captured and \$1,500 for the longest snake. Last year, the



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Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, center, holds a Burmese python at a media event, Thursday, June 16, 2022, where he announced that registration for the 2022 Florida Python Challenge has opened for the annual 10-day event to be held Aug 5-14, in Miami. The Python Challenge is intended to engage the public in participating in Everglades conservation through invasive species removal of the Burmese python. Also pictured are Ron Bergeron, left, McKayla Spencer, second from left, Rodney Barreto, third from right, and Jan Fore, second from right.

first-prize winner captured 223 pythons, while the \$1,500 winner bagged a snake that was more than 15 feet long. Snakes must be killed humanely.

DeSantis said this year's state budget includes \$3 million specifically for python removal in the Everglades, including technology such as infrared sensors to locate

the hard-to-see snakes in the wild. A key point of the snake event, the governor said, is to raise awareness about the threat and enable people to take part.

"We view this as a challenge," he said. "We really wanted to supercharge those efforts."

**Apple workers vote to unionize at Maryland store**  
TOWSON, Md. — Apple store employees in a Baltimore suburb voted to unionize by a nearly 2-to-1 margin Saturday, June 18, a union said, joining a growing push across U.S. retail, service and tech industries to organize for greater workplace protections.

The Apple retail workers in Towson, Maryland, voted 65-33 to seek entry into the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, the union's announcement said. The vote could not immediately be confirmed with the National Labor Relations Board, which would have to certify the outcome. An NLRB spokesperson referred initial queries about the vote to the board's regional office, which was closed late Saturday.

Apple declined to comment

on the development, company spokesperson Josh Lipton told The Associated Press by phone.

Union organizing in a variety of fields has gained momentum recently after decades of decline in U.S. union membership. Organizers have worked to establish unions at companies including Amazon, Starbucks, Google parent company Alphabet and outdoors retailer REI.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and the Apple employees who wanted to join said they sent Apple CEO Tim Cook notice last month that they were seeking to form a union. The statement said their driving motivation was to seek "rights we do not currently have." It added that the workers recently organized in the Coalition of Organized Retail Employees, or CORE.

"I applaud the courage displayed by CORE members at the Apple store in Towson for achieving this historic victory," said IAM International President Robert Martinez Jr. in the statement. "They made a huge sacrifice for thousands of Apple employees across the nation who had all eyes on this election."

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# weather

TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Clear	Sunny and pleasant	Sunshine and not as warm	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Sunny and beautiful
Baker City 45 Comfort Index™ 9	84 49	74 44	74 44	82 52
La Grande 52 Comfort Index™ 9	82 51	71 46	74 49	81 54
Enterprise 48 Comfort Index™ 10	79 50	68 44	72 46	77 55

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 Sunday	63°	65°	66°
Low Sunday	33°	41°	39°

**PRECIPITATION** (inches)

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Sunday	0.00	Trace	0.04
Month to date	0.47	2.35	3.26
Normal month to date	0.78	0.98	1.28
Year to date	4.45	8.71	17.43
Normal year to date	5.12	9.67	13.96

**AGRICULTURAL INFO.**  
**HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY**

	Percentage
Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	WSW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	9.7
Evapotranspiration	0.26

**RESERVOIR STORAGE** (through midnight Monday)

Reservoir	Capacity
Phillips Reservoir	25% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	95% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	42% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	100% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	40% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	102% of capacity

**STREAM FLOWS** (through midnight Sunday)

Stream	Flow
Grand Ronde at Troy	9570 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	370 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	66 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	161 cfs
Minam River at Minam	1860 cfs
Powder River near Richland	354 cfs

**SUNDAY EXTREMES**

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 105° Eloy, Ariz.  
Low: 16° Bodie State Park, Calif.  
Wettest: 1.91" Miami, Fla.

**OREGON**  
High: 77° Ontario  
Low: 32° Crater Lake  
Wettest: 0.17" Tillamook

**WEATHER HISTORY**  
The temperature fell to 32 degrees on June 21, 1953, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Since then, Sault Ste. Marie has not dropped below 32 until late August and September.

**SUN & MOON**

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	5:04 a.m.	5:05 a.m.
Sunset	8:44 p.m.	8:44 p.m.
Moonrise	1:21 a.m.	1:40 a.m.
Moonset	1:33 p.m.	2:41 p.m.

**MOON PHASES**

Phase	Date
New	Jun 28
First	Jul 6
Full	Jul 13
Last	Jul 20

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Tuesday night's lows and Wednesday's highs.

City	Wed. Hi/Lo	Thu. Hi/Lo
Astoria	56/62	63/50
Longview	56/68	68/47
Kennewick	61/92	76/55
Walla Walla	60/84	69/48
Lewiston	57/85	69/43
St. Helens	57/74	81/49
Vancouver	58/74	89/59
Hood River	60/81	61/48
Pendleton	58/86	60/49
Elgin	49/82	68/46
Enterprise	48/79	74/46
Tillamook	54/65	71/47
Newberg	55/74	75/51
Portland	59/77	75/51
The Dalles	62/86	75/51
Condon	56/81	82/46
Maupin	58/84	79/52
Salem	58/79	82/46
Idanha	53/78	76/51
Corvallis	56/79	81/49
Newport	53/61	88/51
Eugene	57/79	82/46
Sisters	53/84	84/55
Redmond	51/88	82/46
John Day	49/86	79/53
Baker City	45/84	76/50
Council Bluffs	51/85	71/49
Huntington	56/87	78/52
Ontario	53/91	84/55
Florence	55/66	84/55
Elkton	56/79	79/52
Oakridge	55/78	76/51
Bend	54/86	75/51
Brothers	47/83	82/46
Burns	45/86	81/49
Juntura	50/89	82/46
Boise	55/88	81/49
Coos Bay	54/67	82/46
Roseburg	58/84	82/46
Beaver Marsh	44/84	82/46
Silver Lake	41/89	82/46
Paisley	43/90	82/46
Frenchglen	48/87	82/46
Diamond	48/86	82/46
Fields	47/88	82/46
Brookings	59/76	82/46
Medford	57/89	82/46
Klamath Falls	46/87	82/46
Lakeview	43/86	82/46
Jordan Valley	46/86	82/46
Arock	44/88	82/46
Grand View	47/93	82/46
McDermitt	47/89	82/46

### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo	Thu. Hi/Lo
Astoria	62/51	63/50
Bend	86/53	79/50
Boise	88/62	87/55
Brookings	76/57	76/55
Burns	86/50	82/45
Coos Bay	67/50	65/51
Corvallis	79/49	76/49
Council Bluffs	85/53	80/48
Elgin	82/48	71/47
Eugene	79/52	75/51
Hermiston	91/61	81/54
Hood River	81/54	78/53
Imnaha	85/56	74/48
John Day	86/54	76/46
Joseph	79/48	69/44
Kennewick	92/58	83/56
Klamath Falls	87/49	85/46
Lakeview	86/46	86/46
Lewiston	85/60	76/55
Longview	68/47	69/48
Meacham	81/49	69/43
Medford	89/59	87/56
Newport	61/48	60/49
Olympia	68/46	69/46
Ontario	91/61	88/58
Pasco	92/58	84/55
Pendleton	86/59	76/52
Portland	77/51	76/51
Powers	76/54	75/48
Redmond	88/51	82/46
Roseburg	84/55	79/53
Salem	79/51	76/50
Spokane	78/52	71/49
The Dalles	86/59	82/55
Ukiah	79/49	71/41
Walla Walla	84/60	77/52

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

### RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

Location	Forecast	Temp
ANTHONY LAKES	Sunny	60 44
MT. EMILY REC.	Plenty of sunshine	69 51
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Sunny and pleasant	66 42
WALLOWA LAKE	Mostly sunny; nice	79 48
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Sunny and pleasant	84 49
PHILLIPS LAKE	Sunny and nice	81 50
BROWNLEE RES.	Sunny and pleasant	87 57
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Mostly sunny; nice	74 46
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Mostly sunny; nice	84 56
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Sunny and pleasant	82 51

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