

# When going gets tough, husband locks his door



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** When my husband and I fight, which isn't really that often, he shuts himself away for several days. He locks the door to his office or the guest room and won't come out. I try to give him time to cool off, but sometimes it's awkward. He wouldn't talk to me at all for several days while his whole family was here celebrating his grandma's 90th birthday.

He's mad again. I apologized by text since he wouldn't talk to

me, but our kids — ages 6 and 8 — are going to wonder why Daddy isn't with us. Should I skip a planned event and give him more time to cool off or try to approach him? — **WAITING FOR HIM IN GEORGIA**

**DEAR WAITING:** Skip the planned event, and when your passive-aggressive husband comes out of hiding, insist the two of you get marriage counseling to resolve your differences. What he has been doing isn't healthy for your marriage. Dealing with conflict by hiding and using the silent treatment to punish one's spouse sets a poor example for your children, who are old enough to recognize that

something is wrong between Daddy and Mommy. If he won't do it for the sake of your marriage, he should do it for the emotional health of those kids.

**DEAR ABBY:** I will be meeting an old high school friend for lunch. We are now in our 50s. I heard through the grapevine that she never had children. I am unsure what to say when the subject of children comes up, as it invariably will. "I'm sorry" may not be appropriate because perhaps she never wanted any. "Wow" or "interesting" may sound a bit odd.

In a similar vein, what does one say to someone when they share that they are divorced? I

recall a woman I met telling me she was divorced. I said, "I'm sorry," and she replied, "I'm not!" What's an appropriate response for when these situations happen? I don't want to appear unsympathetic, but perhaps they don't want sympathy. — **SYMPATHETIC IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR SYMPATHETIC:** You may have hit on something. The birthrate in the United States is at an all-time low because many women have chosen to forgo motherhood. If someone tells you she doesn't have children, all you have to say is "Oh," and change the subject. You should not interrogate the person further. As for the subject of

divorce, sometimes dissolution of a marriage is therapeutic. Do not ask for — or expect — more details. Show an interest in what your old friend is doing NOW and move on from there.

**DEAR ABBY:** My late husband was a dentist. Should I include his DDS degree on his headstone? — **NOT SURE IN THE SOUTH**

**DEAR NOT SURE:** Although your husband may be deceased and no longer practicing dentistry, it doesn't make him any less a dentist. He earned his degree. If you would like it carved in granite, I don't see why it shouldn't be. Inquire at the cemetery about its protocol.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Pandemic hasn't slowed China's love for U.S. lobster

The Associated Press

**PORTLAND, Maine** — China is showing no signs of slowing its demand for American lobster this year despite disruption to the supply chain and international trade caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Chinese demand for the crustaceans grew dramatically during the 2010s in part because of the expansion of the country's middle class. The lobsters are especially sought after in winter because they are a popular delicacy on Chinese New Year, which is Feb. 1 this year.

American exporters sent more than 13.2 million pounds of lobster to China during the first 11 months of 2021. That was about 6% more than the same time period the previous year.

The pandemic has made the already difficult task of sending live seafood across the globe more challenging, but Maine lobster exporters are gearing up for a decent Chinese New Year, said Bill Bruns. The operations manager at The Lobster Co. in Arundel said shipments are complicated by the fact the company can't send lobsters to Beijing because of COVID-19 restrictions — but they are able to send to other airports, such as Shenzhen.

"Chinese New Year is always a crapshoot the last couple years," Bruns said. "But I'm prepared for it. I have the staff. Because otherwise it's going to be a long spring."

China buys lobsters from the U.S. — where the



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**A lobster rears its claws after being caught off Spruce Head, Maine, Aug. 31, 2021. China is showing no signs of slowing its demand for American lobster this year despite disruption to the supply chain and international trade caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The lobsters are especially sought after in winter because they are a popular delicacy on Chinese New Year, which is Feb. 1 this year.**

industry is based mostly in Maine — and Canada, where the industry is situated in the Atlantic provinces. Exports from Canada were up even more than the U.S. the first 11 months of 2021 compared to 2020, said John Sackton, an industry analyst and founder of SeafoodNews.com.

Signs point to a strong season for the industry, Sackton said. Consumption of seafood could also get a boost from the Beijing Winter Olympics, which are set to start a few days after Chinese New Year, he said.

"I've seen nothing that consumption of lobsters at Chinese New Year this year won't exceed last year's," Sackton said.

The U.S. lobster industry weathered similar challenges during the first year of the pandemic in 2020 and ultimately had a strong export season. The value of exports was down from the record year of 2018, but still well over \$100 million.

High prices for lobsters have played a role in the value of this year's exports. The price of a live 1.25-pound hard shell lobster was \$11.25 per pound in New England this month, according to business publishing company Urner Barry. That was more than a third higher than January 2021.

To send lobsters to China, American and Canadian fishermen have to trap

them in the cold waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Bad weather has made that difficult for Maine fishermen this year, but harvesters are still having a decent winter on the water, said Kristan Porter, president of the Maine Lobstermen's Association.

"When guys get out there, they are doing OK," Porter said. "It takes someone harder than me to fish the wintertime."

### Official: Alec Baldwin surrenders phone for shooting probe

**SANTA FE, N.M.** — Alec Baldwin has surrendered his cellphone to authorities as part of the investigation into a fatal

shooting on a New Mexico film set last fall, a law enforcement official said.

Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office spokesman Juan Rios said Baldwin's phone was turned over Friday, Jan. 14, to law enforcement officials in Suffolk County, New York, who will gather the information from the phone and provide it to Santa Fe County investigators, the Santa Fe New Mexican reported.

Sheriff's office investigators in December obtained a search warrant for the phone's contents in their investigation into the Oct. 21 shooting on the "Rust" film set at Bonanza Creek Ranch near Santa Fe.

Baldwin was an actor and

co-producer, and the search warrant for his phone sought text messages, images, videos, calls or any other information related to the movie.

Authorities have said Baldwin's prop revolver discharged a live round during a rehearsal, killing cinematographer Halyna Hutchins and wounding director Joel Souza.

Baldwin's lawyer, Aaron Dyer, said his client had been cooperating with authorities throughout the course of the investigation, and the delay in providing information from the phone was no indication otherwise.

"Alec voluntarily provided his phone to the authorities this morning so they can finish their investigation," Dyer said in a statement. "But this matter isn't about his phone, and there are no answers on his phone."

Baldwin, who has denied any wrongdoing in the shooting, and said in an Instagram message on Jan. 8 that New Mexico needed to go through New York law enforcement and that the process of specifying exactly what is needed took time.

"They can't just go through your phone and take your photos, or your love letters to your wife, or what have you," he said.

Baldwin has said he didn't know the gun he was holding contained a live round when it went off. Investigators are trying to find the source of the live round.

No charges have been filed in the shooting.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Rain and drizzle late	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Times of clouds and sun
<b>Baker City</b>	26	38 20	34 16	35 20	34 20
Comfort Index™	0	3	3	2	2
<b>La Grande</b>	34	41 23	40 22	38 24	41 23
Comfort Index™	1	5	5	3	5
<b>Enterprise</b>	30	38 25	43 29	44 29	38 25
Comfort Index™	1	4	6	6	4

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 Tuesday	29°	35°	35°
Low Tuesday	22°	26°	30°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	Trace	0.00
Month to date	0.27	0.83	2.78
Normal month to date	0.42	1.03	2.00
Year to date	0.27	0.83	2.78
Normal year to date	0.42	1.03	2.00

### TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	Zapata, Texas
High: 82°	
Low: -13°	Williams Fork Dam, Colo.
Wettest: 0.50"	Grand Marais, Minn.
OREGON	
High: 56°	Brookings
Low: 17°	Burns
Wettest: 0.23"	Meacham

### WEATHER HISTORY

Extreme cold froze the Midwest and the East in January 1994. In Detroit, the temperature stayed below zero for 57 straight hours, the second longest period on record.

### SUN & MOON

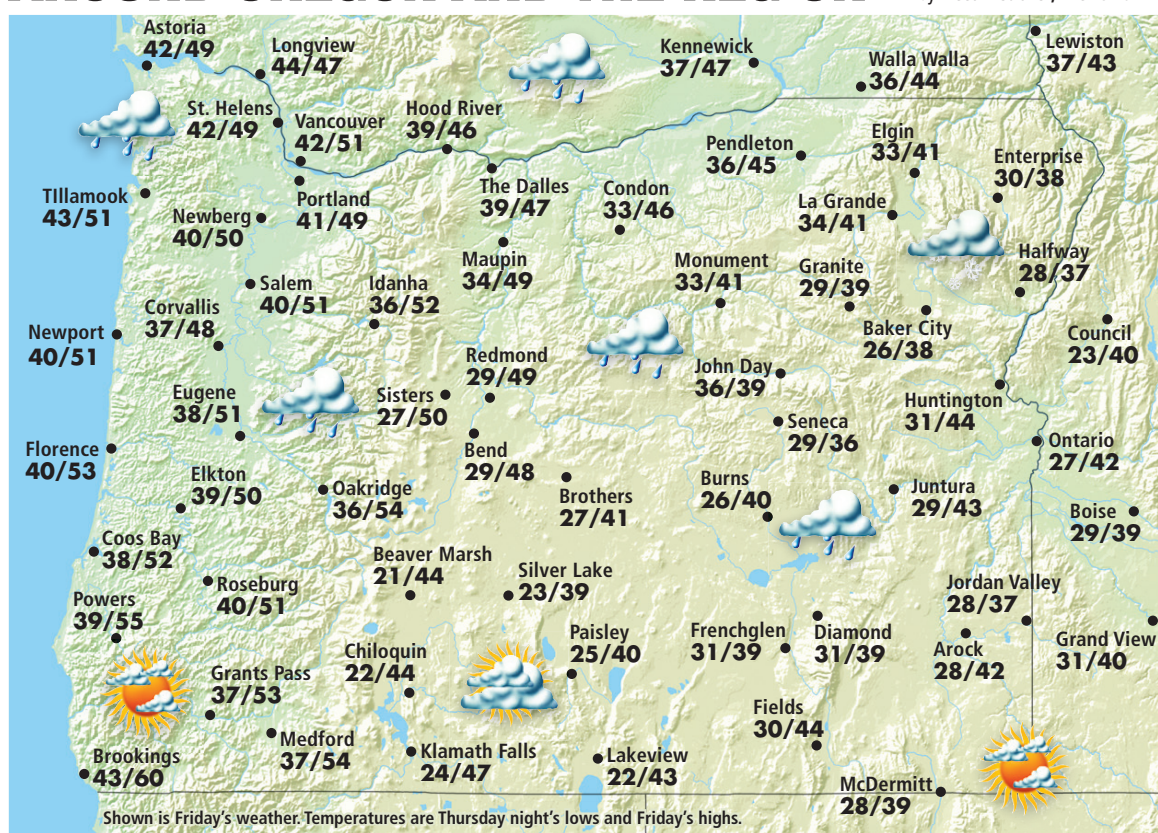
	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	7:25 a.m.	7:24 a.m.
Sunset	4:42 p.m.	4:44 p.m.
Moonrise	7:38 p.m.	8:47 p.m.
Moonset	9:19 a.m.	9:42 a.m.

### MOON PHASES



## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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### REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	49/36/c	52/38/pc	Lewiston	43/31/pc	41/29/s
Bend	48/31/pc	56/30/s	Longview	47/36/c	49/31/pc
Boise	39/24/pc	37/24/s	Meacham	39/23/pc	39/22/pc
Brookings	60/47/s	65/43/s	Medford	54/31/pc	58/30/s
Burns	40/20/s	40/18/s	Newport	51/39/pc	55/40/pc
Coos Bay	52/37/pc	61/39/pc	Olympia	50/36/c	48/34/pc
Corvallis	48/33/c	46/32/pc	Ontario	42/24/s	36/26/s
Council	40/18/pc	34/16/s	Pasco	47/29/pc	43/28/pc
Elgin	41/23/pc	40/22/pc	Pendleton	45/31/pc	43/27/s
Eugene	51/35/pc	49/32/pc	Portland	49/35/c	49/35/pc
Hermiston	48/30/s	44/27/s	Powers	55/39/s	65/39/s
Hood River	46/32/pc	45/28/pc	Redmond	49/24/pc	55/22/s
Imnaha	44/28/pc	46/26/pc	Roseburg	51/35/pc	54/35/pc
John Day	39/33/pc	45/34/s	Salem	51/35/c	50/32/pc
Joseph	37/27/pc	43/31/s	Spokane	38/29/c	37/26/pc
Kennewick	47/28/pc	40/27/pc	The Dalles	47/30/pc	45/32/pc
Klamath Falls	47/19/s	49/20/s	Ukiah	40/25/pc	46/25/s
Lakeview	43/19/pc	45/16/s	Walla Walla	44/30/pc	41/28/s

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

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Partly sunny	31	21
PHILLIPS LAKE	Decreasing clouds	40	23
MT. EMILY REC.	Partly sunny	35	27
BROWNLEE RES.	Decreasing clouds	44	24
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Partly sunny	29	16
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Partly sunny	39	21
WALLOWA LAKE	Partly sunny	37	27
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Partly sunny	45	31
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Decreasing clouds	38	20
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Partly sunny	41	23