

Abuse victim can't get mother to see truth



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: One of my siblings was abused as a child. In turn, he abused me when he was a pre-teen and into his teens. It stopped when he got a girlfriend at the age of 14. This was news to my parents.

Now that the cat is out of the bag, I have tried to explain to my mom that I don't like being around him. She has heard me, but she pretends like it didn't happen and still tries to get everyone together for holidays,

etc. The idea of seeing him makes me sick, and I'm terrified for his children.

I went to therapy as a young adult to work out my issues with him and what happened. The abuse has affected my ability to hold on to relationships, and I fight depression often, which I am good at hiding. She keeps saying, "but you were so close as kids." I don't think she understands what "grooming" is. Can you please explain it in a manner that doesn't make me feel like it was all my fault? — **GETTING BEYOND IT**

DEAR GETTING: Your fault? NONE of what happened was your fault! Predators groom

victims by first establishing a close relationship with them, telling them they are "special," that their bond is special, that the usual rules of behavior do not apply to them, bestowing time, attention and gifts, and pledging them to secrecy. Please show this to your mother. I hope it will help her understand that getting the family together is not in the cards now or ever.

I am concerned by your statement that the abuse has caused you to be depressed, which you are "good at hiding," and which prevents you from forming relationships. Those issues might be resolved if, as an adult, you consult another licensed psychother-

apist. While it may not be something you wish to revisit, I hope you will consider it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman who is engaged to a wonderful woman who has a busy life. We met online 18 months ago and felt an instant connection. She has two grown children, a 16-year-old son, two grandchildren and one on the way. We live five hours apart and see each other every three weeks.

My concern is that we talk only once or twice during the week and maybe text once a day. It is not enough for me. I have expressed how I feel, but I think she's just too busy. She plans on moving in with me once we are married. I recently purchased a brand-new

home. Because she is so involved in her family's lives, I can't see her leaving them to live with me. What should I do? — **NERVOUS IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR NERVOUS: You and your fiancée need to have a serious, in-depth conversation about how this will work. It is important you two clarify how she plans to divide her time between you and her family because, right now, you are getting the short end of the stick. Will the 16-year-old live with you? Because you aren't getting what you need from this relationship despite the fact that you have explained what your needs are, it may be time to rethink this romance.

Gunman kills 19 children, 2 teachers in Texas school

Attack is the deadliest shooting since 2012

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UVALDE, Texas — The 18-year-old gunman who slaughtered 19 children and two teachers at a Texas elementary school barricaded himself inside a single classroom and "began shooting anyone that was in his way," authorities said Wednesday in detailing the latest mass killing to rock the U.S.

Law enforcement officers eventually broke into the classroom and killed the gunman, who used an AR-style rifle. Police and others responding to the Tuesday, May 24, attack also went around breaking windows at the school to enable students and teachers to escape, Lt. Christopher Olivarez of the Texas Department of Public Safety said on NBC's "Today" show.

Olivarez told CNN that all of the victims were in the same fourth-grade classroom at Robb Elementary.

The killer "barricaded himself by locking the door and just started shooting children and teachers that were inside that classroom," he said. "It just shows you the complete evil of the shooter."

Dillon Silva, whose nephew was in a nearby classroom, said students were watching a movie when a bullet shattered a window. Moments later, their teacher saw the armed



A woman cries as she leaves the Uvalde Civic Center on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, in Uvalde, Texas. An 18-year-old gunman opened fire at a Texas elementary school, killing multiple children and a teacher and wounding others, Gov. Greg Abbott said.

William Luther/The San Antonio Express-News

assailant walk past the door.

"Oh, my God, he has a gun!" the teacher shouted twice, according to Silva. "The teacher didn't even have time to lock the door," he said.

Investigators did not immediately disclose a motive but identified the assailant as Salvador Ramos, a resident of the community about 85 miles west of San Antonio.

Ramos had hinted on social media that an attack could be coming, suggesting that "kids should watch out," according to state Sen. Roland Guti-

errez, who said he had been briefed by state police.

Ramos legally brought two AR-style rifles just days before the attack, soon after his 18th birthday, state senators briefed by law enforcement said.

One of the guns was purchased at a federally licensed dealer in the Uvalde area on May 17, according to Sen. John Whitmire. Ramos bought 375 rounds of ammunition the next day, then purchased the second rifle on May 20.

On that day, an Instagram account appearing

to belong to the gunman shared a photo of two AR-style rifles.

Officers found one of the rifles in Ramos' truck, the other in the school, according to the briefing. Ramos was wearing a tactical vest, but it had no hardened body-armor plates inside, lawmakers were told. He also dropped a backpack containing several magazines full of ammunition near the school entrance.

The attack in the heavily Latino town of Uvalde was the deadliest school shooting in the U.S. since

a gunman killed 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, in December 2012.

Families in Uvalde waited hours for word on their children. At the town civic center where some gathered, the silence was broken repeatedly by screams and wails. "No! Please, no!" one man yelled as he embraced another man. On Wednesday, May 25, volunteers were seen arriving with Bibles and therapy dogs.

The attack was the latest in a seemingly unending

string of mass killings at churches, schools, stores and other sites in the United States. Just 10 days earlier, 10 Black people were shot to death in a racist rampage at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket.

In a somber address to the nation hours after the bloodshed in Uvalde, President Joe Biden pleaded for new gun restrictions.

"As a nation we have to ask: When in God's name are we going to stand up to the gun lobby? When in God's name are we going to do what has to be done?" he asked. "Why are we willing to live with this carnage?"

But the prospects for any reform of the nation's gun regulations appeared dim. Repeated attempts over the years to expand background checks and enact other curbs have run into Republican resistance in Congress.

Before the attack, Ramos shot and wounded his grandmother, then fled the scene, crashing his truck near the school and entering the building, authorities said.

Inside the barricaded classroom, he "just began shooting anyone that was in his way," Olivarez said.

A tactical team forced its way into the classroom and was met with gunfire from Ramos but shot and killed him, according to Olivarez.

Earlier, a law enforcement official said one Border Patrol agent who was working nearby when the shooting began rushed into the school without waiting for backup and shot and killed the gunman. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk about it.

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	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Cloudy, a t-storm late	Cooler with a few showers	A shower in the afternoon	Cloudy, a shower, colder	Cloudy with a few showers
Baker City	50	67 43	60 40	49 38	56 36
Comfort Index™	8	8	2	0	1
La Grande	52	63 48	60 44	49 43	58 41
Comfort Index™	10	3	4	0	0
Enterprise	47	63 43	57 38	47 41	54 40
Comfort Index™	8	8	3	1	0

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 Tuesday	68°	69°	76°
Low Tuesday	35°	41°	39°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	Trace	0.00	0.05
Month to date	0.64	1.44	3.24
Normal month to date	1.10	1.70	1.85
Year to date	2.57	5.22	13.11
Normal year to date	3.98	8.15	12.14

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	55%
Afternoon wind	NW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	1.7
Evapotranspiration	0.11

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	13% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	99% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	45% of capacity
Owkey Reservoir	100% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	47% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	100% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	5110 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	64 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	76 cfs
Umattilla River near Gibbon	304 cfs
Minam River at Minam	1070 cfs
Powder River near Richland	34 cfs

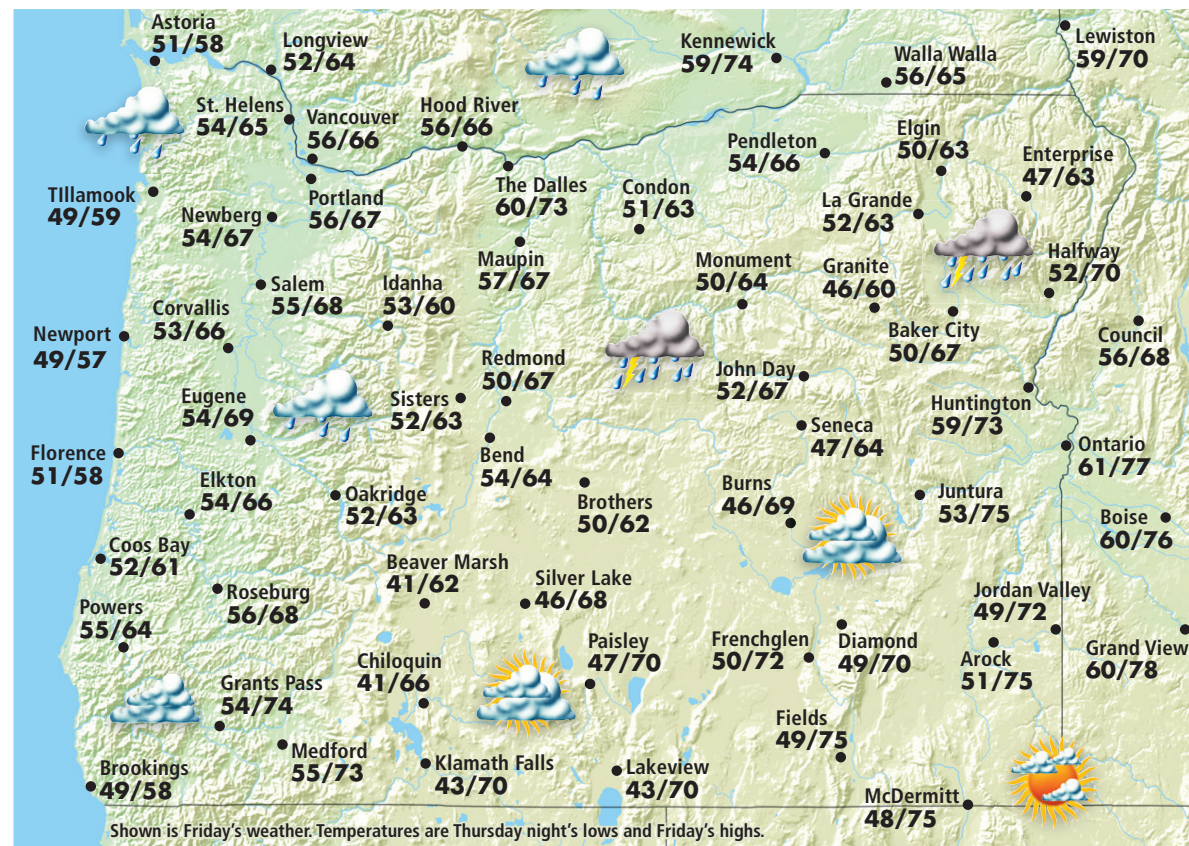
TUESDAY EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 108°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 17°	Daniel, Wyo.
Wettest: 4.61"	Brownsville, Texas
OREGON	
High: 83°	Medford
Low: 30°	Prineville
Wettest: 0.01"	McMinnville

WEATHER HISTORY	
A devastating tornado ripped through Illinois on May 26, 1917. The storm killed 70 people as it tracked along a damage path 293 miles long for a period of seven hours and 20 minutes.	

SUN & MOON	
Sunrise	5:12 a.m.
Sunset	8:27 p.m.
Moonrise	3:34 a.m.
Moonset	4:49 p.m.
MOON PHASES	
New	May 30
First	Jun 7
Full	Jun 14
Last	Jun 20

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY			
City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	58/48/sh	57/47/sh	Lewiston	70/53/r	61/49/c
Bend	64/44/c	61/44/sh	Longview	64/47/r	57/51/r
Boise	76/53/c	65/47/c	Meacham	62/47/c	59/43/c
Brookings	58/47/c	56/45/sh	Medford	73/52/c	68/48/c
Burns	69/42/c	62/40/sh	Newport	57/48/sh	53/45/sh
Coos Bay	61/49/c	57/49/sh	Olympia	63/45/r	58/46/r
Corvallis	66/48/r	61/47/r	Ontario	77/53/c	69/49/c
Council	68/49/c	61/43/sh	Pasco	75/54/pc	68/53/c
Elgin	63/44/sh	59/43/c	Pendleton	66/50/sh	64/49/c
Eugene	69/49/r	62/50/r	Portland	67/54/r	60/52/r
Hermiston	71/55/pc	67/52/c	Powers	64/50/c	60/50/sh
Hood River	66/54/c	62/52/sh	Redmond	67/44/r	62/41/sh
Imnaha	68/50/r	61/46/sh	Roseburg	68/54/c	66/51/sh
John Day	67/46/c	62/43/sh	Salem	68/51/c	62/49/r
Joseph	63/42/r	55/40/sh	Spokane	66/44/c	56/44/c
Kennewick	74/57/pc	68/54/c	The Dalles	73/53/c	64/54/sh
Klamath Falls	70/44/pc	62/37/c	Ukiah	59/43/r	58/40/c
Lakeview	70/46/c	59/36/sh	Walla Walla	65/52/sh	63/47/sh

ANTHONY LAKES		PHILLIPS LAKE	
Cooler		Cooler	
43 28		63 41	
MT. EMILY REC.		BROWNLEE RES.	
A few showers		A shower; cooler	
50 39		68 51	
EAGLE CAP WILD.		EMIGRANT ST. PARK	
A few showers		A few showers	
47 32		56 39	
WALLOWA LAKE		MCKAY RESERVOIR	
Showers around		Showers around	
63 42		64 48	
THIEF VALLEY RES.		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	
Cooler		A few showers	
67 43		63 48	

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