

Abusive husband manipulates wife, kids living in shelter



DEAR ABBY ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of two small children. I have separated from their verbally abusive, alcoholic father. I returned to my grandmother, who raised me, and tried to get a job. I couldn't find one quickly because we went into quarantine and my uncles made me move out.

I currently live in a women's shelter with my children, and I finally got a job. My problem is my husband still acts like we are getting back together, and he's

embarrassed that we are living here. I want a divorce, but he won't talk about it, and threatens not to send money to support me and the children. He doesn't send much, but I have enough gas to get everywhere during the week.

He keeps telling me how much money he makes now and that he can get us a nice place where he is, or he can come stay a whole week with us when he's off. I don't want him to come stay with us. When I tell him this, he gets angry and hangs up, but then calls back the next day to say the same thing. I can't get him to understand that I don't want to be with him anymore, and I'm tired of his abuse. (The last time I lived with him, he "accidentally" knocked

our son into the couch and walked out.) He won't admit he has a problem. Any advice? — DONE FOR GOOD

DEAR DONE: Your husband persists the way he has been because he's trying to wear you down to the point that you will reunite with him. Perhaps you should accept fewer of those phone calls. If there are social workers connected to the shelter you're staying in, consult them about your predicament.

Your husband cannot shirk paying child support. If he doesn't do it voluntarily, his wages can be garnished. While you're at it, reach out to the National Domestic Violence Hotline (800-799-7233) because they may have useful suggestions about how to

rid yourself of your abusive, alcoholic husband.

DEAR ABBY: Our only son has moved 2,000 miles away and has no contact with his sisters or me. I know his street address and still have his email address and phone number. About 10 years ago, when I was separated from his father, we were both expressing our angst, and I more than likely negated his feelings in an email. I ran across it the other day, and now realize that it may have caused the rift.

Should I bring that up in an apology now, hoping he will accept my most sincere acknowledgment that I ignored his pain? If so, what do I say? I am heartbroken and cannot sleep well with this hanging over my head.

— HEARTBROKEN MOM IN TEXAS

DEAR MOM: Write your son and tell him you are trying to understand what has caused the rift between you. Explain that you have been going over things in your mind and found the email from so long ago. Tell him that if this is what caused it, you sincerely apologize, but that you were both going through a difficult time when the email was written, that you love him and hope he will forgive you if it caused him pain.

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Farm shares vary by commodity and fluctuate year-to-year. Some commodities saw the farmers' share shrink in 2021, according to USDA. The agency has not yet released complete 2022 data.

Chips or potato salad are staples at many summer cookouts. Farmers in 2021 got 16% of the retail price of potatoes, down from the longtime average of 18%.

Lemonade is another popular picnic item. Of every retail dollar spent on fresh lemons, farmers in 2021 received 18%, down from the 20% average.

The farm share of each retail dollar spent on cheddar cheese was 29%, down from the 31% average.

The dairy farmers' share on a half-gallon of vanilla ice cream was 16%, 1% below average.

Other commodities have seen the farmers' share spike.

In May of 2022, according to USDA, farmers received 41% of the price consumers paid at the store for beef, up from the last

few years but under the six-year average of 42%.

Pork producers received 26% of the retail price in May, up from the six-year average of 22%.

But the food dollar is an imperfect indication of farm profits, as it does not take into account farmers' input costs.

"The farmers' share (data) is not necessarily super helpful to tell you whether farmers are making money, because it's more important to them what the actual price is relative to their costs," said William Hahn, agricultural economist for USDA.

In 2022, farmers' costs are high.

According to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, farmers in April 2022 compared to April 2021 paid 29% more for livestock feed, 71% more for fertilizer, 16% more for chemicals, 62% more for fuel and 21% more for machinery.

"Bottom line, in many cases, the higher prices farmers are being paid aren't covering the increase in their farm expenses," said Cryan, of the Farm Bureau.

RIMROCK

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Now, he and his wife, Kim, have decided to sell.

"I can't afford two mortgages and a business lease," he said, referring

"Once you get to the edge, you can see the river more clearly and the cool thing is you can see Zumwalt Prairie and the snowcapped Wallowa Mountains. It's the best view of the canyonlands I know of."

— Cabot Carlston, RimRock co-owner, speaking of a nearby hike

to the inn, his wife's boutique and the business lease in downtown Ashland. "We only opened our business in Ashland because we thought we sold this place."

But selling has been difficult.

"It's hard to sell because it's zoned timber and grazing — mixed

use — but it has a kitchen, so any bank or lender says, 'restaurant' and they're not lending to restaurants because they've had bad experiences with restaurants because of COVID," he said. "So we're trying to find somebody who has cash so we don't have to deal with bankers."



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Cabot Carlston, co-owner of the RimRock Inn near Flora, opens the smoke flap on one of three teepees at the inn Thursday, June 16, 2022.

Planned Parenthood sues Idaho over 'trigger' abortion ban

By REBECCA BOONE

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BOISE, Idaho — A regional Planned Parenthood organization is suing Idaho over its "trigger law" abortion ban, contending the ban violates Idaho residents' rights under the state Constitution and that it is so vague that physicians will not know when they can legally help patients who are miscarrying or facing medical emergencies.

Dr. Caitlin Gustafson, an abor-

tion provider, joined with Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawaii, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky in the lawsuit filed in the Idaho Supreme Court on Monday, June 27. The Planned Parenthood organization operates two reproductive health care clinics in Idaho and is in the process of opening another just over the state line in Ontario, Oregon.

"It is abhorrent that we have now entered an era where the delivery of safe essential health care will be criminalized," Gus-

tafson said in a press release. "Physicians take an oath to provide the care patients need to keep them safe, so we cannot stand by while the government intrudes on this deeply personal and complex medical decision."

The Idaho law, passed in 2020, makes it a felony punishable by up to five years in prison for anyone to perform or attempt to perform an abortion. The law says health care providers can attempt to defend themselves against criminal charges by saying that the

abortion was necessary to prevent the death of the pregnant person, or that the pregnant person showed them a police report alleging rape or incest. The law also requires physicians to use the medical method that provides the "best opportunity for the unborn child to survive."

Specifically, Idaho's trigger law requires a judgement from the U.S. Supreme Court, which follows the court's Friday opinion and allows time to allow requests for a potential rehearing. It's not

clear when the court will issue its judgement, but it's expected fairly soon, starting the clock on Idaho's trigger law.

Planned Parenthood is asking the state's highest court to put the case on a fast track so that it can hear arguments and issue a decision before mid-August.

The Idaho Attorney General's Office did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden generally declines to comment on pending litigation.

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weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Clear	Mostly sunny and pleasant	A thunderstorm around	A thunderstorm around	A stray p.m. t-shower
Baker City	49	85 51	84 50	79 49	72 47
Comfort Index™	8	8	7	10	10
La Grande	55	85 52	85 54	77 55	72 50
Comfort Index™	9	7	7	10	10
Enterprise	51	81 52	83 50	79 52	69 49
Comfort Index™	9	9	5	9	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	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	88°	86°	88°
Low Tuesday	51°	55°	56°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.48	2.40	3.27
Normal month to date	1.05	1.31	1.75
Year to date	4.46	8.76	17.44
Normal year to date	5.39	10.00	14.43

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	Death Valley, Calif.	Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.	Beaufort, S.C.
High: 122°			
Low: 29°			
Wettest: 2.80"			
OREGON			
High: 100°			
Low: 37°			
Wettest: 0.05"			

WEATHER HISTORY

Juneau, Alaska, received more than 53 inches of rain for the year by June 30, 1985. Olympia, Wash., south of the jet stream, had its driest six months in a century with only 14 inches of rain.

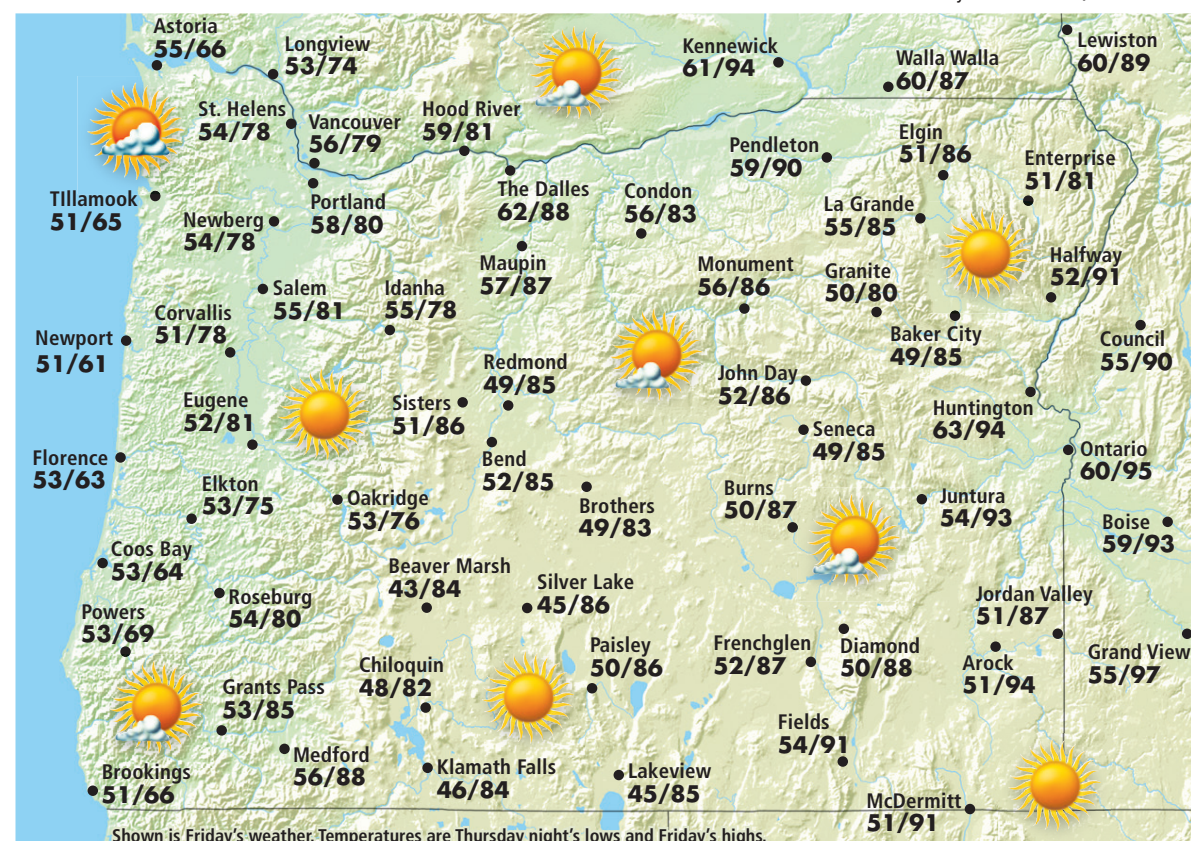
SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	5:08 a.m.	5:08 a.m.
Sunset	8:44 p.m.	8:44 p.m.
Moonrise	6:10 a.m.	7:13 a.m.
Moonset	10:27 p.m.	10:58 p.m.

MOON PHASES	First	Full	Last	New
	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 28

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	66/56/pc	64/55/pc	Lewiston	89/62/s	90/63/pc
Bend	85/52/pc	81/53/c	Longview	74/52/c	73/53/pc
Boise	93/61/s	96/61/s	Meacham	78/47/s	76/48/t
Brookings	66/52/pc	62/53/pc	Medford	88/57/s	82/56/t
Burns	87/50/s	89/49/s	Newport	61/53/c	58/52/pc
Coos Bay	64/53/c	63/52/pc	Olympia	76/51/pc	70/53/pc
Corvallis	78/51/s	74/54/pc	Ontario	95/62/s	97/63/s
Council	90/56/s	93/58/pc	Pasco	93/60/s	95/63/pc
Elgin	86/52/s	86/53/t	Pendleton	90/59/s	88/62/t
Eugene	81/52/s	74/53/pc	Portland	80/56/pc	75/59/pc
Hermiston	91/62/s	90/61/t	Powers	69/54/c	66/53/pc
Hood River	81/58/s	81/60/t	Redmond	85/50/pc	81/52/c
Imnaha	86/60/s	89/59/pc	Roseburg	80/55/pc	76/56/pc
John Day	86/52/s	87/55/pc	Salem	81/55/s	78/57/pc
Joseph	80/52/s	84/50/t	Spokane	83/58/s	87/61/pc
Kennewick	94/60/s	95/62/pc	The Dalles	88/61/s	84/61/t
Klamath Falls	84/47/s	82/48/pc	Ukiah	79/47/s	78/51/t
Lakeview	85/44/s	83/43/s	Walla Walla	87/62/s	87/61/s

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, cf-snow flurries, cn-snow line

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Partly sunny	Mostly sunny
58 45	81 52
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Mostly sunny	Sunshine and nice
69 50	90 60
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
A few showers	Sunny and nice
67 44	76 44
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Mostly sunny	Sunny and pleasant
80 52	86 57
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Mostly sunny; nice	Mostly sunny; nice
85 51	85 52