

Struggling wife at wits' end with her unhelpful hubby



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for 12 years and our relationship has started to suffer. We no longer have dates, we don't spend any time talking with each other unless it's about the kids, and the intimacy has faded.

A year ago, I asked him to go to a counselor with me. I asked him to be the one to set it up, as I'm always in charge of doctor appointments, bill paying, etc. I wanted him to show he was "all in" to help fix our marriage. I have reminded him to do it sev-

eral times, but he hasn't.

He claims to love me and to want our marriage to thrive, yet he does nothing. Now that the intimacy is completely gone, he all of a sudden wants to work on things. Go figure. I feel hurt and rejected and like throwing in the towel, but we have built a life together and I do love him. I don't think therapy will work because I'll feel like I manipulated him to get there by withholding the intimacy.

I feel sad and defeated. The man I married is gone, replaced by this person who is just going through the motions and using me to take care of his kids and clean his house. Please advise. — **ON HOLD IN ARKANSAS**

DEAR ON HOLD: Ask your

doctor for a referral to a psychologist and make an appointment — for yourself — for help rebuilding your sagging self-esteem.

Because you long ago assumed the role of organizer-arranger in your marriage, it was unrealistic to expect your husband to suddenly pick up the ball. He may not know how. Once you are stronger emotionally, schedule those sessions with a licensed marriage and family therapist, as you have all the other appointments during your marriage. Your relationship with your husband does need work, and this is the path to repairing it.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I have a child together. I'm 31, and he's 16 years older. Sometimes I don't know if our relationship will

work out in the long run because he's so stubborn and set in his ways. I'm more laid-back and easygoing.

What is bothering me the most right now is his mother constantly asks him for money. It's not just for little things; it's for roof and furnace repair and problems with her water heater, washer/dryer, stove and A/C. She's married, and her husband works. He should be able to provide her with the things they need for their house.

It's not like my fiance is rich. He isn't. I have tried talking to him about it, but it just ends up in an explosive argument. It's like, why should I even try to save for our family's future and the things we need for our house if he's going to keep giving it to his mother

every time she asks? Please help.

— **ALL FOR MAMA**
DEAR ALL: You wrote that you are trying to save for your family's future. Is your fiance giving his mother money that you have been earning, or is it his? If it is his, he can do with it as he pleases — at least until after the wedding. If he is fiscally responsible, he should also be trying to save for the future. However, if he isn't, recognize that the pattern he has established may not be a sound one for you and your child, and plan accordingly.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Leaning lighthouse could collapse

The Associated Press

BERLIN — An iconic lighthouse at the northern German port of Bremen has tilted sideways and could soon topple over entirely, officials said Thursday, Aug. 18.

Public broadcaster Radio Bremen quoted the head of the water police, Uwe Old, as saying that nothing could be done to save the lighthouse.

"Unfortunately, I think the tower is going to be history in the coming days," he said.

Authorities have banned ships from entering the Geeste River at Bremerhaven because of the risk posed by the leaning lighthouse, which is located at the end of a stone jetty that has long required repair.

But port operator Bremenports said it planned to allow commercial ships entry again soon. If the lighthouse doesn't topple by itself, the company said it would tear it down over the weekend with the aim of replacing it with an identical structure.

Giant sharks once roamed the seas, feasting on huge meals

NEW YORK — Today's sharks have nothing on their ancient cousins. A giant shark that roamed the oceans millions of years ago could have devoured a creature the size of a killer whale in just five bites, new research suggests.

For their study published Wednesday, Aug. 17, researchers used fossil evidence to create a 3D model of the megalodon — one of the biggest predatory fish of all time — and find clues about its life.

At around 50 feet from nose to tail, the megalodon was bigger than a school bus, according to the study in the journal Science Advances. That's about two to three times the size of today's great white shark. The megalodon's gaping jaw allowed it to feed on other big creatures. Once it filled its massive stomach, it could roam the oceans for months at a time, the researchers suggest.

The megalodon was a strong swimmer, too: Its average cruising speed was faster than sharks today and it could have migrated across multiple oceans with ease, they calculated.

"It would be a superpredator just dominating its ecosystem," said co-author John Hutchinson, who studies the evolution of animal movement at England's Royal Veterinary College. "There is nothing really matching it."

It's been tough for scientists to get a clear picture of the megalodon, said study author Catalina Pimiento, a paleobiologist with the University of Zurich and Swansea University in Wales.

The skeleton is made of soft cartilage that doesn't fossilize well, Pimiento said.



Sina Schuldt/dpa via AP

Beach chairs stay on the beach next to the leaning Mole tower in Bremerhaven, Germany, Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022. Officials in Bremen said that an iconic lighthouse at the German city's port has tilted sideways and could soon topple over entirely.

So the scientists used what few fossils are available, including a rare collection of vertebrae that's been at a Belgium museum since the 1860s.

Researchers also brought in a jaw's worth of megalodon teeth, each as big as a human fist, Hutchinson said. Scans of modern great white sharks helped flesh out the rest.

Based on their digital creation, researchers calculated that the megalodon would have weighed around 70 tons, or as much as 10 elephants.

Even other high-level predators may have been lunch meat for the megalodon, which could open its jaw to almost 6 feet wide, Pimiento said.

Megalodons lived an estimated 23 million to 2.6 million years ago.

Since megalodon fossils are rare, these kinds of models require a "leap of imagination," said Michael Gottfried, a paleontologist at Michigan State University who was not involved in the study. But he said the study's findings are reasonable based on what is known about the giant shark.

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	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Partly cloudy	Abundant sun and hot	Sunshine and hot	Very warm	Sunny and beautiful
Baker City	50	89 52	90 51	90 47	82 42
Comfort Index™	8	6	8	8	9
La Grande	57	90 56	90 57	91 54	83 47
Comfort Index™	6	6	6	7	9
Enterprise	54	87 54	88 55	86 50	80 47
Comfort Index™	7	6	6	7	9

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	96°	97°	101°
Low Sunday	50°	53°	53°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.13	0.16	0.08
Normal month to date	0.29	0.46	0.43
Year to date	4.60	9.14	17.84
Normal year to date	6.28	11.12	15.66

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 119° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 37° Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 3.35" Lorain, Ohio

OREGON
High: 101° Rome
Low: 41° Sunriver
Wettest: 0.01" Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

Hurricane Andrew wreaked havoc from south of Coral Gables to the northern tip of Key Largo on Aug. 23, 1992. A wind gust of 164 mph was recorded at the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables.

SUN & MOON

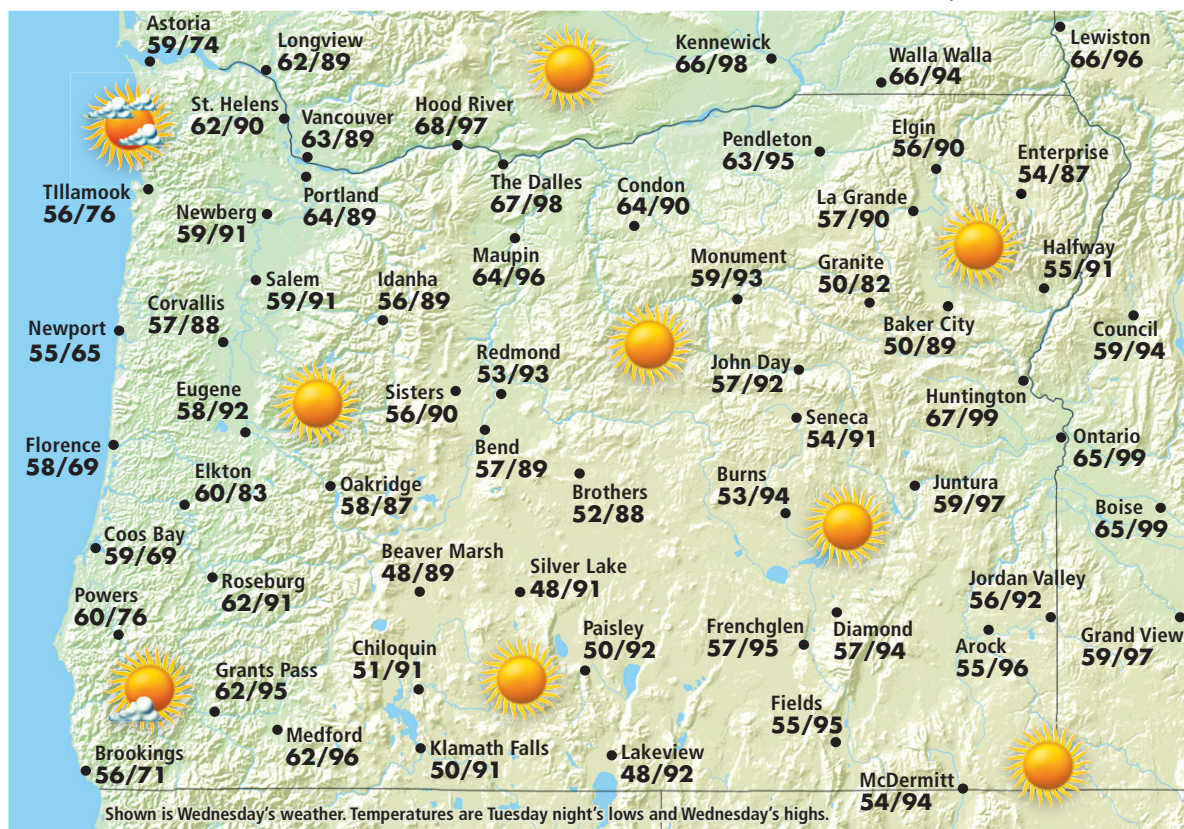
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6:03 a.m.	6:04 a.m.
Sunset	7:46 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
Moonrise	1:55 a.m.	2:55 a.m.
Moonset	6:27 p.m.	7:03 p.m.

MOON PHASES

	Aug 27	Sep 3	Sep 10	Sep 17
New				
First				
Full				
Last				

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	74/59/pc	73/60/pc
Bend	89/59/s	91/57/s
Boise	99/65/s	95/66/s
Brookings	71/56/pc	69/58/pc
Burns	94/54/s	94/56/s
Coos Bay	69/60/c	72/59/c
Corvallis	88/59/s	90/56/s
Council	94/59/s	92/57/s
Elgin	90/58/s	89/56/s
Eugene	92/60/s	94/59/s
Hermiston	95/62/s	97/67/s
Hood River	97/71/s	94/69/s
Imnaha	92/62/s	92/63/pc
John Day	92/57/s	92/58/s
Joseph	86/56/t	85/57/s
Kennewick	98/67/s	97/67/s
Klamath Falls	91/53/s	93/52/s
Lakeview	92/48/s	91/51/s
Lewiston	96/66/s	95/67/s
Longview	89/63/s	84/62/s
Meacham	88/54/s	88/55/s
Medford	96/65/s	98/64/s
Newport	65/56/c	65/55/c
Olympia	88/59/s	88/58/s
Ontario	99/65/s	98/66/s
Pasco	98/66/s	98/65/s
Pendleton	95/63/s	95/67/s
Portland	89/67/s	92/65/s
Powers	76/59/pc	79/58/pc
Redmond	93/56/s	95/57/s
Roseburg	91/64/s	92/63/s
Salem	91/62/s	90/61/s
Spokane	86/63/t	87/63/pc
The Dalles	98/70/s	101/72/s
Ukiah	86/50/s	87/53/s
Walla Walla	94/65/s	93/69/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 WEDNESDAY

Location	Forecast	Temp
ANTHONY LAKES	A stray t-storm	67 49
PHILLIPS LAKE	A stray t-storm	85 51
MT. EMILY REC.	Sunny	78 53
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny	95 57
EAGLE CAP WILD.	A t-storm around	72 47
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Sunny	83 47
WALLOWA LAKE	A t-storm around	86 56
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Sunny and hot	93 63
THIEF VALLEY RES.	A t-storm around	89 52
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Sunny and hot	90 56

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