

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: My wife and I have been married five years and are raising four children. One is from my previous relationship, one is from her previous relationship and two are ours. We both have joint custody. My son goes to school near his mom. My wife's son goes to school where we live. They are 9 and 8.

There's a lot of tension between us because my stepson's father isn't the greatest parent. He never comes to school events or sporting events, so he misses half of everything. I regularly attend my son's events, which are a couple of hours away and take time away from my stepson. I put my 9-year-old first because he's my first-born, and I have him less. My wife disagrees with this, and we fight about it constantly. I believe I am doing the right thing. Advice, please.

— *Wondering in Wisconsin*
Dear Wondering: I'm sorry your wife's father hasn't stepped up to the plate. But please do not allow your wife to interfere with your relationship with your son. You ARE doing the right thing by showing an interest in what he's doing and supporting him emotionally.

Dear Abby: I have been married nine years. My husband doesn't allow me to leave the house without him. He makes sure I don't have a car or access to the one we have. He tells me he doesn't mean anything by it, but if I try to take a walk alone, he is right on my heels.

If I go anywhere with my sister or a friend, I must wait until he is gone. If he gets home before I do, he's sitting

on the porch waiting for me. He is not physically abusive, but I feel like a prisoner. I have told him several times how it makes me feel, but he doesn't seem to get it. I really need some advice.

— *Trapped in Georgia*
Dear Trapped: Your husband doesn't get it because he doesn't WANT to. What he is doing is NOT a demonstration of love or concern for your safety. It's an example of his own insecurity and need to control you. This is a big red flag, and my advice is to call the National Domestic Violence Hotline and discuss this with someone there because what's happening could escalate into abuse. The toll-free phone number is: (800) 799-7233.

Dear Abby: I love my grown children and grandchildren, but I hate it when they come "home" for a week or more. My house gets turned upside down and inside out, and I end up losing my temper. Then I feel like an awful mother. I suggested we all meet somewhere else, but it didn't go over well. Help!

— *Invaded in North Carolina*
Dear Invaded: Your suggestion may not have gone over well with your children and grandchildren, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't "suggest" it again. And when you do, make sure they understand you are saying it because when they visit they leave your home in disarray, which creates more work for you than you are comfortable doing. Unless they are willing to make sure your home is as neat when they leave as when they arrived, enough is enough.

New Belgium

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Torched Earth Ale is part of New Belgium's Fat Tire family of beers, which the company says "became America's first certified carbon neutral beer in 2020."

How does Torched Earth taste? In a word, awful.

"If this was the beer of the future, I'd probably drink less beer," said Cody Reif, R&D brewer with New Belgium Brewing, in a promotional video about the beverage.

The dark, starchy brew is made with less-than-ideal ingredients that would be more available and affordable to brewers in a climate-ravaged

future, including smoke-tainted water, climate-proof dandelions and drought-resistant grains.

The brewing company said that extreme weather events and constant drought would cause the loss of entire crop years, placing perishable ingredients like hops and malt at risk. Torched Earth Ale's smoky hint is a reminder that ingredients could be perpetually tainted by smoke from wildfires, which have grown larger and more dangerous in recent years.

This is certainly true of the brewery's home state of Colorado and across the western U.S., where 2020 brought the worst wildfire season on record

in many areas.

Beer is big business. Reports from Climate Central, a non-profit climate communications organization, illustrate how much the beverage contributes to local economies.

Citing data from the Brewers Association, Climate Central reported that the craft brewing industry alone contributed more than 580,000 jobs in 2019. The economic impact was highest per capita in Colorado, Vermont, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Maine.

For New Belgium, its campaign is more than just about raising climate change awareness by promoting a less-than-delicious beer. It's also about motivating its

drinkers to demand climate action.

Along with the beer, New Belgium is launching the "Last Call for Climate" campaign, a call to action for Fortune 500 companies to adopt a 2030 climate plan, an essential step on the journey to net-zero emissions.

"If you don't have a climate plan, you don't have a business plan," said New Belgium chief executive Steve Fechheimer in a press release. "Aggressive action to help solve the climate crisis is not only an urgent environmental and social imperative — it's also a no-brainer for companies seeking to create long-term shareholder value."

Pendleton

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Many of PGG's other properties have been sold to various businesses and organizations. But PGG hasn't yet sold its flagship property.

That's what Realty Marketing/Northwest and President John Rosenthal are trying to change.

Rosenthal said he's already heard interest from several prospective bidders both locally and from the Portland area. With bids due on June 9, Rosenthal said none of the people who have inquired about the building have complained about the price.

Having already sold some of



Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian

The Pendleton Grain Growers sign remains near automotive bays on the side of the former PGG building in Pendleton.

PGG's other properties, Rosenthal said steps were taken to creatively market the building.

In 2019, PGG commissioned a Portland architect to create renderings of what

the 1951 building could look like if it was renovated and put back into use. Marketing material also now includes a couple of suggested uses for a repurposed building, including a van or RV conversion business to take advantage of the building's repair bays and showroom or a Goodwill-like operation that includes both retail and work training components.

Once the building is sold, PGG has promised to move its remaining offices out of the building and leave the Washington Federal ATM, which brings in a small amount of revenue each year.

PGG did not return a request for comment.

Mo's

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It was a locals' kind of a place, featuring a menu rich with comfort food like chicken-fried steak and 90-cent spaghetti and meatballs. But not much seafood. "Seafood back then was for the poor people," McEntee said. "That's what they ate every day because it was a seafood town."

Then, in the 1970s, "Sometimes A Great Notion" starring Paul Newman and Henry Fonda was filmed in Lincoln County, and the celebrity cast discovered Mo's. Tourists also started flocking to the place. What drew them was the chowder, which happened to be made by a shifting crew of three competitive cooks who made variations of white New England style clam chowder. Soon, diners started planning their visits to Mo's based on whose chowder was up that day.

"We had three different

chowders going," Dylan said. "Mo pulled all the cooks into the kitchen and told them we are going to come up with one recipe and that's what we're going to go with. When people come to eat clam chowder, they are going to know what they're getting."

Decades later, the recipe remains the same. The family still owns and operates Mo's Seafood & Chowder restaurants — two on the Bayfront and one in Otter Rock. The other namesake restaurants are owned by a corporation Mo entered into an agreement with in the late 1970s.

As troubling as the past year has been, it also made for some amusing stories destined to be passed on for years. There were the people who greeted McEntee and his crew on the road, sharing stories of their time at Mo's.

There was the officer in the Idaho parking lot, whom Dylan approached thinking "to soften the blow." "He said, 'Oh

no, I'm just here to pick up my chowder.' His wife had made a big order."

And it wouldn't be the last time the crew encountered the sheriff in Eureka. As McEntee and his wife, Celeste, were returning from yet another trip, she texted their new friend—a former Oregon State University baseball player—to let him know they had 300 quarts of chowder and 60 cobblers remaining from their deliveries.

"He said, 'Show up at the fire station in Eureka. I already have all of that sold.' It was 1 o'clock in the morning and it seemed like the entire population of 300 was there," Dylan McEntee recalled. "They bought everything we had left."

It was a gratifying experience both for the McEntees and the people hundreds of miles from Mo's. "It made them feel they were being thought of," Dylan McEntee said. "Some people told me they hadn't been able to make it to the coast for years because of their health. They

were just so grateful we would come to their town and deliver. It was really touching."

And it was made possible not only by the people who turned out to order their Beach Bundles from afar, but by the clan at home, led by Cindy McEntee, president of the business, mother to Gabrielle and Dylan, and very close to her late "Granny Mo."

On March 18 when it became obvious it could no longer be business as usual, Cindy McEntee picked up the phone. "I said, 'We're going to have to pull our socks up and work.' And then we just opened up for takeout, and I started baking pies again."

But despite COVID-19 and all the hardship it's entailed, the 75th anniversary celebration will go on — albeit a bit more quietly.

"We just as a family did it, Cindy said. "My granny would be down there expecting us to do exactly what we are doing. She would be really proud."

YOUR HOROSCOPE By Madalyn Aslan

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You will need to respond to a proposal quicker than you thought. Step up your pace to make time to study it. If you must, adjust your schedule. Be flexible, but discuss with family before agreeing to anything. Tonight: Last-minute plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Discover a new subject you want to study. The catch is more hours of online learning. Get fresh air and figure out how to balance your time. Knowledge always works in your favor. Tonight: Be lazy for a change of pace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ A business or financial agreement could be finalized. Celebrate the end of endless talks and negotiations. Buy a new device or upgrade an old one. Add new apps and you will be in heaven. Tonight: Ask kids for creative ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Not much can spoil your good mood today. Avoid negativity at all costs. If someone has a problem, tackle it tomorrow. Let things flow naturally with a relationship. Time together is worth celebrating. Tonight: Watch a concert with someone special.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Pets deserve your attention today. Promote a nearby shelter to friends or post photos of animals in need of homes. Get a rigorous workout outside. Order new gear to match your new exercise plan. Tonight: Dine with someone special.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Give yourself permission to sleep in, but make sure you can still catch the sun. Do something athletic or be a spectator in a sporting event. Make a date with someone who shares your interest in the arts. Tonight: Romantic evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Work through pressures coming from parents and in-laws. The first step is to not react. You might need to remember that after today's emotional discussion. Let it go and then let off steam. Tonight: Relax with a friendly group.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Keep to yourself in the early morning hours. Don't say anything that could arouse an argument. Stay off social media until the mood subsides. Once it does, socialize with friends who you cannot reach during the weekdays. Tonight: Family game night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Retail therapy might not be the answer to stress relief. Call a friend to talk you out of an impulsive purchase. Divert your attention from shopping. A nature walk in a park or gardens will do the trick. Tonight: Joke telling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Excess energy gets you moving. Ride a bicycle, go for a run or find a pool where you can swim. Make plans that revolve around what you want to do. Everyone else can join in or stay home. Tonight: Movie night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Integrate a relaxation technique into your daily routine. Compassion for someone in your extended family could change the day's preplanned activities. Daydreaming creates light bulb ideas. Write them down and revisit them at a later date. Tonight: Work up a sweat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Figuring out the dynamics of a group dedicated to the same cause can be challenging. Stay directed and take in what everyone says. Brainstorming sessions yield positive results. Get out the yoga mat and relax. Tonight: Be honest about your feelings.

Chicken

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On an earnings call this week, McDonald's USA President Joe Erlinger didn't mention shortages but said sandwich sales are "exceeding our projections" and announced the chain was at "the beginning of our multiyear chicken journey."

But the poultry industry's problems run much deeper than a shortage of the finished product. If 2019 was the year of the chicken sandwich, 2020 was the year that big meat's labor issues became the subject of national headlines.

Investigative reporting and lawsuits have revealed life-threatening conditions that workers in meat and poultry plants have endured during the pandemic, and they've prompted criticism that the industry is more concerned with profit than with safety. The industry, meanwhile, has argued that it has invested in protections and that facility operations were essential.

Many plants became virus hot spots. Nearly 60,000 meatpacking workers have tested positive for the coronavirus and at least 291 have died, according to data compiled by the Food and Environment Reporting Network, and the vast majority of those infected have been racial or ethnic minorities.

During the pandemic, the meat industry wielded its political power at both the state and federal levels. Reporting by the nonprofit journalism outlet ProPublica found that companies lobbied local officials to

keep their plants open while failing to implement social distancing and masking policies.

The Trump administration also allowed 15 poultry plants to increase slaughter line speeds, which both boosts production and makes it more difficult for workers to maintain space between one another. It also appears to have accelerated coronavirus spread, according to a Post analysis.

And at a Tyson Foods plant in Iowa, supervisors placed "winner-take-all" bets on how many of their workers would catch the virus, according to a wrongful-death suit.

Yet, chicken remains as popular as ever. A study from TOP, a network of marketing agencies, says fried chicken chains have fared far better than other fast-food outlets during the pandemic. Both demand and price remain high, and restaurants across the country have had to

adapt, some by cutting chicken wings from their menus.

One industry official in North Carolina predicted the

crunch would get more acute as the weather warms and more Americans begin grilling regularly.

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