

Mom is pressured to teach native language to daughter

DEAR ABBY: I came to this country 30 years ago, at 16. My parents were very abusive and neglectful, so my uncle in the U.S. took me in. I have worked with therapists, and my mind is clear about my past.

I now have a 14-year-old daughter. I do not speak to her in my native language. It is not very good at expressing love and caring, and has more emphasis on strict hierarchy and obedience.

There are many things I cannot convey in my native language. One must understand the huge cultural difference between my native country and the U.S. In addition, I do not want to force my daughter to learn something because someone other than her insisted. I prefer to spend my



DEAR ABBY

resources helping her learn something she is interested in.

If she says she wants to learn my native language, I'll teach her. So far, she has shown no interest.

My friends criticize me for not teaching it to her. I'm bothered by their insistence that I'm robbing my daughter of the opportunity to learn it. How do I tell them it is none of their business?

— READER IN HAWAII

DEAR READER: Your daughter may not have asked to learn your native language because it hasn't occurred to her that it might one day be a valuable asset. I do think you should offer to teach it to her if she's interested in knowing more about the culture that shaped her mother, because her answer might sur-

prise you.

That said, because your friends' comments bother you, tell them that because you don't tell them how to raise their children, you prefer they not tell you how to raise yours.

DEAR ABBY: I have a unique problem, and if it isn't resolved, I'm afraid my marriage is going to end in divorce. Ten years ago, at my brother-in-law's wedding, I was left in charge of the bar. I got drunk and made a fool of myself. This included overtly flirting with one of the bridesmaids. I'm incredibly sorry about the embarrassment it caused my wife.

Fast-forward to today: My wife has accused me of inappropriate behavior and hundreds of affairs that never happened. I have been faithful to her since we started dating. She goes through my business phone and accuses me and

my professional contacts of sexual behavior. I have offered to take a polygraph exam, but she continues to accuse me of infidelity. I'm at my wits' end, and marriage counseling isn't an option.

— NOT FOOLING AROUND IN MAINE

DEAR NOT FOOLING: Marriage counseling may not be an option for you and your wife, but YOU should definitely consult a licensed psychotherapist. Something is not right with your wife. Is it possible that the wedding incident so severely unbalanced her that she has never recovered?

What you have described is a miserable existence for both of you. That it has gone unresolved for a decade is tragic. Where you need to go from here I cannot decide for you, but a therapist may be able to guide you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a

55-year-old successful businesswoman who has fallen in love with a man who has nothing. I would have to support him completely in retirement, but he is so lovable, so kind and so much fun. He does bring me great joy and happiness. What should I do — stay with him and take on the burden of his finances or just keep moving?

— EYE TO THE FUTURE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR EYE: You are a 55-year-old successful businesswoman. I assume you are asking me whether you should marry this man or not, even though you find him lovable, kind and fun to be with. People have valuable assets to offer besides money. However, before you make any trips to the altar, I suggest you have a chat with your attorney, just in case your assessment of him should change after the wedding.

News of the Weird

Acrobats hurt in circus accident reach \$52.5M settlement

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Eight acrobats severely injured when the rigging suspending them by their hair plummeted to the floor during a circus performance in Rhode Island in 2014 reached a \$52.5 million settlement in late December with the ownership and management of the arena where the circus was held.

“It’s a great result, it’s the right result and it’s a just result,” Zachary Mandell, an attorney for the eight women, said of the settlement, first reported by The Providence Journal.

A metal clip that held the acrobats 20 feet above the floor of the Dunkin’ Donuts Center snapped during the May 2014 performance, causing the women to suffer broken bones and spinal injuries. A ninth worker on the ground also was hurt.

Some of the women still suffer from “life-altering” injuries, according to Mandell, who said he could not get into specifics because of medical privacy laws. “These clients will now be able to have meaningful recoveries with the assistance of this settlement,” he said.

The women in 2016 sued the

Rhode Island Convention Center Authority, which owns the arena, and SMG, which manages it. Sean Brousseau, listed as an attorney for both entities, said Monday he could neither confirm nor deny a settlement.

The settlement will be paid by insurers, Mandell said.

— Associated Press

Invasion of the green crabs in Coos Bay estuary

It’s almost like something out of a horror movie. Waves of invasive European green crabs are threatening the Coos Bay estuary and its existing population of Dungeness crabs, as well as clams, oysters, and mussels, according to a recent report published by South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve.

The report comes on the heels of a 19-year study conducted by the Reserve and Oregon State University scientists, during which researchers trapped crabs annually throughout the Coos Bay estuary, on Oregon’s southern coast. In 2020, about 77% of the crabs caught were European green crabs. The green crabs were found at all sites, but were most abundant in mid to upper parts of the estuary, the



South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve/Contributed Photo

This undated photo shows adult European green crabs and a juvenile Dungeness crab in a Fukui fish trap. The invasive green crabs threaten Dungeness crabs in the Coos Bay estuary.

study found.

The number of green crabs collected in the estuary has consistently increased since 2016, when the average number of crabs caught in each trap set by the researchers was less than one (0.92). In 2020, an average

of 4.66 green crabs were caught per trap.

Green crabs are an invasive species that established in the San Francisco estuary before 1989 and have since moved north to Southern Oregon. The researchers said that the green

crabs likely thrive in Coos Bay because of available food and shelter.

The increase in green crabs could harm coastal species and habitats, the researchers said.

— The News-Review via AP StoryShare

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Cloudy

Baker City 31

Comfort Index™ 3

FRI

Cloudy with a little snow

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SAT

A blend of sun and clouds

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Comfort Index™ 3

SUN

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Baker City 34 20

Comfort Index™ 1

MON

Mostly cloudy

Baker City 36 22

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La Grande 32

Comfort Index™ 3

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TEMPERATURES

Baker City 42°

La Grande 42°

Elgin 38°

High Tuesday

27°

28°

30°

Low Tuesday

27°

28°

30°

Wettest: 1.66"

Quillayute, Wash.

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Tuesday

0.00

0.00

0.42

Month to date

0.22

0.48

2.23

Normal month to date

0.15

0.28

0.52

Year to date

0.22

0.48

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AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity

60%

Afternoon wind

SW at 4 to 8 mph

Hours of sunshine

1.9

Evapotranspiration

0.04

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir

8% of capacity

Unity Reservoir

38% of capacity

Owyhee Reservoir

46% of capacity

McKay Reservoir

32% of capacity

Wallowa Lake

29% of capacity

Thief Valley Reservoir

68% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy

2450 cfs

Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder

3 cfs

Burnt River near Unity

13 cfs

Umatilla River near Gibbon

569 cfs

Minam River at Minam

179 cfs

Powder River near Richland

70 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

On Jan. 7, 1953, 1-3 inches of ice accumulated in parts of eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut. In Norwalk, Conn., 90 percent of the residents lost telephone and electric service.

SUN & MOON

THU.

FRI.

Sunrise

7:31 a.m.

7:31 a.m.

Sunset

4:27 p.m.

4:28 p.m.

Moonrise

1:14 a.m.

2:32 a.m.

Moonset

12:21 p.m.

12:49 p.m.

MOON PHASES

New

First

Full

Last

Jan 12

Jan 20

Jan 28

Feb 4

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Astoria 44/50

Longview 41/48

Kennewick 35/45

Walla Walla 39/43

Lewiston 35/40

St. Helens 40/47

Vancouver 41/49

Hood River 39/48

Pendleton 35/42

Elgin 34/38

Enterprise 31/36

Tillamook 44/51

Newberg 41/50

Portland 43/51

Maupin 35/45

Condon 34/43

La Grande 32/38

Granite 23/35

Baker City 31/36

Halfway 27/37

Corvallis 40/50

Salem 41/50

Idanha 39/44

Redmond 37/44

John Day 33/38

Seneca 28/34

Huntington 30/38

Council 16/29

Newport 45/51

Eugene 41/51

Sisters 33/41

Bend 33/41

Brothers 31/36

Burns 27/37

Ontario 34/39

Florence 46/52

Elkton 43/53

Oakridge 39/46

Beaver Marsh 27/37

Silver Lake 31/38

Paisley 30/38

Frenchglen 30/38

Diamond 29/37

Juntura 30/39

Boise 33/40

Coos Bay 45/52

Roseburg 43/51

Grants Pass 41/52

Chiloquin 28/37

Klamath Falls 33/38

Lakeview 29/38

Fields 30/39

Jordan Valley 29/38

Arock 29/42

Grand View 31/42

Brookings 46/51

Medford 39/48

McDermitt 27/38

Shown is Friday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday night's lows and Friday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

FRI.

HI/LO/W

SAT.

HI/LO/W

City

HI/LO/W

City

HI/LO/W

Astoria

50/39/r

50/42/pc

Lewiston

40/34/r

43/31/c

Bend

41/22/c

41/26/c

Longview

48/38/c

46/39/pc

Boise

40/27/sn

37/25/pc

Meacham

35/22/sn

33/24/pc

Brookings

51/38/r

54/43/pc

Medford

48/30/sh

47/33/c

Burns

37/15/sn

34/16/pc

Newport

51/39/r

52/42/pc

Coos Bay

52/38/r

55/43/pc

Olympia

48/34/c

46/36/c

Corvallis

50/34/r

42/36/pc

Ontario

39/28/sn

38/25/s

Council

29/18/sn

30/13/pc

Pasco

46/31/r

41/32/c

Elgin

38/30/sh

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Hermiston

44/31/r

43/33/pc

Powers

52/34/r

55/41/pc

Hood River

48/32/sh

43/36/pc

Redmond

44/24/c

44/29/pc

Imnaha

40/29/r

40/25/c

Roseburg

51/32/sh

48/37/c

John Day

38/23/sn

37/22/pc

Salem

50/33/sh

45/36/pc

Joseph

35/25/sn

33/22/pc

Spokane

36/31/sn

37/29/c

Kennewick

45/31/r

40/31/c

The Dalles

46/30/r

44/35/pc

Klamath Falls

38/19/sn

37/23/c

Ukiah

35/23/sn

34/26/pc

Lakeview

38/13/sn

35/17/pc

Walla Walla

43/33/r

40/32/pc

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

ANTHONY LAKES

3-6 inches of snow

33 12

MT. EMILY REC.

A bit of snow

35 25

EAGLE CAP WILD.

A bit of snow

33 12

WALLOWA LAKE

A little snow

35 25

THIEF VALLEY RES.

A little snow

36 20

PHILLIPS LAKE

Snow, 3-6"

35 17

BROWNLEE RES.

A little snow

35 20

EMIGRANT ST. PARK

Snow, 2-4"

34 23

MCKAY RESERVOIR

Periods of rain

42 29

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK

A bit of snow

38 27