

Man talks about his will but won't put it in writing

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for seven years. We are in our 60s. He refuses to make a will. He tells me what he "would" put in his will and asks me if I am OK with his wishes.



DEAR ABBY

for this. There are times when I want to get a divorce because I feel if something should happen to him, I will have no security. I also think he is being selfish to me and his adult child to leave us in a situation where we would have to go through the probate process. Please help me to get through to him.

— RESENTFUL IN MAINE
DEAR RESENTFUL: Your husband may be afraid to face the idea of his own mortality. He wouldn't be the first. The two of you need to make an appointment with an attorney who specializes in wills and estates. If he

doesn't put his wishes in writing, the assets he has worked so hard for may be seriously diminished when the state decides "for him" and takes a sizable chunk out of the estate. While you are talking with the lawyer, there should also be a discussion of end-of-life planning. Does he want hospice? Palliative care? Do you know what his wishes are in the event he is unable to speak for himself? Those wishes should be in writing and so should YOURS. (This subject should also be raised with your doctor(s). Most people want to keep what they have worked for and decide for themselves what will happen when they die. Death is

a fact of life, and hiding from it won't make it go away. DEAR ABBY: I send out lots of greeting cards every year for birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas. I keep a large number of them on hand so I am prepared. I received a Christmas card this year from an elderly family member that said: "Thank you for the insulting anniversary card." "Insulting" was underlined twice. I was dismayed. Their anniversary was last August. I have no idea which card I sent since I keep so many on hand. I am guessing it may have been a humorous card that they didn't find funny, but I'm not sure. Both are very alert and ori-

ented. What is the proper thing to do here? Do I call them and apologize when I have no idea what it said? Should I not send an anniversary card next year or send a very generic one? I have been very upset that my good wishes were so poorly received. Any advice you can give would be appreciated. Thank you. — CONFUSED IN THE MIDWEST
DEAR CONFUSED: Call the couple and ASK what it was about the card that upset them. Explain that it wasn't your intention to offend them, and apologize. DO send an anniversary card when the time comes, but when you do, make certain the message inside is appropriate.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Two space fans get seats on billionaire's private flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A billionaire's private SpaceX flight filled its two remaining seats Tuesday with a scientist-teacher and a data engineer whose college friend actually won a spot but gave him the prize.

The new passengers: Sian Proctor, a community college educator in Tempe, Arizona, and Chris Sembroski, a former Air Force missileman from Everett, Washington. They will join flight sponsor Jared Isaacman and another passenger for three days in orbit this fall.

Isaacman also revealed some details about his Inspiration4 mission, as the four gathered Tuesday at NASA's Kennedy Space Center. He's head of Shift4 Payments, a credit card-processing company in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and is paying for what would be SpaceX's first private flight while raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Their SpaceX Dragon capsule — currently parked at the International Space Station for NASA — will launch no earlier than mid-September, aiming for an altitude of 335 miles (540 kilometers). That's 75 miles (120 kilometers) higher than the International Space Station and on a level with the Hubble Space Telescope.

The capsule will be outfitted with a domed window in place of the usual space station docking mechanism for their trip.

Isaacman, 38, a pilot



Jared Isaacman (from left), Hayley Arceneaux, Sian Proctor and Chris Sembroski pose for a photo, Monday, March 29, 2021, from the SpaceX launch tower at NASA's Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

who will serve as spacecraft commander, still won't say how much he's paying. He's donating \$100 million to St. Jude, while donors so far have contributed \$13 million, primarily through the lottery that offered a chance to fly in space.

Hayley Arceneaux, 29, was named to the crew a month ago. The St. Jude physician assistant was treated there as a child for bone cancer.

That left two capsule seats open. Proctor, 51, beat out 200 businesses and nabbed the seat reserved for a customer of Isaacman's company. An independent panel of judges chose her space art website dubbed Space2Inspire.

"It was like when Harry Potter found out he was a wizard, a little bit of shock and awe," Proctor told The Associated Press last week. "It's like, 'I'm the winner!'"

Sembroski, 41, donated and entered the lottery but wasn't picked in the random drawing earlier this month — his friend was.

His friend declined to fly for personal reasons and offered the spot to Sembroski, who worked as a Space Camp counselor in college and volunteered for space advocacy groups.

"Just finding out that I'm going to space was an incredible, strange, surreal event," he said.

He's about to start a new job at Lockheed Martin and admits it will be a balancing act over the next six months, as the crew trains.

Isaacman insists they won't cut any corners as they prepare for launch. "You don't go up on Everest, right, after just a hike in the backyard. You build your way to it," he told reporters.

Proctor, who studied geology, applied three times to NASA's astronaut corps, coming close in 2009, and took part in simulated Mars missions in Hawaii. She was born in Guam, where her late father worked at NASA's tracking station for the Apollo moonshots, including Neil Armstrong

and Buzz Aldrin's.

She plans to teach from space and create art up there, too.

Looie the Lookout costume back with Tennessee baseball team

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — A minor league baseball team in Tennessee has its mascot back a day after it was reported stolen from a ballpark.

The Chattanooga Lookouts announced Wednesday, March 31, on Twitter that the costume for Looie the Lookout "has been returned home safe."

Chattanooga Police spokeswoman Elisa Myzsal said in an email that an employee of a nearby aquarium found the costume near the team's stadium.

The Lookouts told authorities the mascot's costume was stolen from an office at AT&T Field on Tuesday, according to a Facebook post from Chattanooga police. Looie's head



Children from the YMCA Westside and Salvation Army high-five Looie the Lookout on July 18, 2019, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Chattanooga Lookouts announced Wednesday, March 31, 2021, on Twitter that the costume for Looie the Lookout has been returned home safe. The team told authorities the mascot's costume was stolen from an office at AT&T Field on Tuesday, along with merchandise and equipment.

looks like a big red baseball cap, with a black brim for a nose.

The Lookouts said hundreds of dollars in merchandise and equipment also were stolen. Myzsal said none of that property has been returned or located. She said police are reviewing security cameras in the area.

The Lookouts kick off their season at home on May 4.

'Major' pain: Biden's dog involved in second biting incident

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden's younger dog Major this week was involved in his second biting incident of the month, the White House said Tuesday, March 27.

The dog "nipped someone while on a walk" on Monday, said Michael LaRosa, press secretary to first lady Jill Biden, adding the dog "is still adjusting to his new surroundings." The individual was seen by

the White House Medical Unit "out of an abundance of caution" and returned to work without injury, LaRosa added.

The dog had been seen by reporters on a walk around the White House South Lawn before the president and first lady traveled to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial early Monday evening.

The German shepherd only just returned to the White House last week, along with his sibling Champ, after causing a minor injury to an employee of the U.S. Secret Service on March 8.

After that incident, the president said Major was "a sweet dog." In an interview with ABC News, Biden explained the biting by saying that the dog had "turned a corner, there's two people he doesn't know at all, you know, and they move and moves to protect."

This week's biting incident was reported by CNN. — Associated Press

weather

TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny and cooler	Morning snow showers	Sun and clouds; warmer	Nice with periods of sun
Baker City 38 Comfort Index™ 10	68 31 10	54 30 3	62 32 9	68 35 10
La Grande 44 Comfort Index™ 10	58 31 8	53 28 4	65 39 10	66 38 10
Enterprise 39 Comfort Index™ 10	57 29 8	52 30 4	61 36 10	60 38 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.

ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
TEMPERATURES			
High Thursday	71°	69°	72°
Low Thursday	33°	45°	41°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal month to date	0.02	0.05	0.07
Year to date	1.09	5.69	13.17
Normal year to date	2.22	4.28	7.77

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY
Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	NW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.7
Evapotranspiration	0.11

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)	STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)
Phillips Reservoir	6070 cfs
Unity Reservoir	102 cfs
Owyhee Reservoir	40 cfs
McKay Reservoir	644 cfs
Wallowa Lake	336 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir	279 cfs

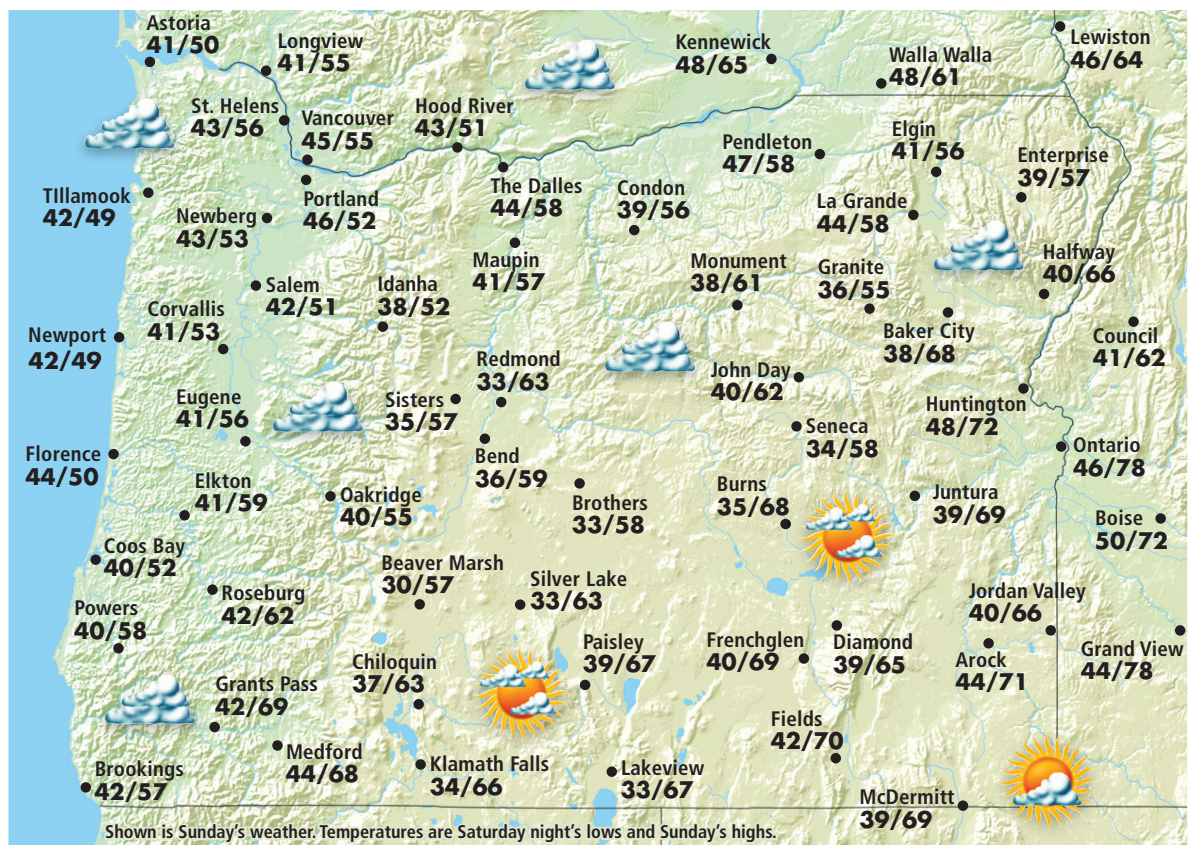
THURSDAY EXTREMES		
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)		
High: 96°	Anaheim, Calif.	
Low: -3°	Climax, Colo.	
Wettest: 1.46"	Rockland, Maine	
OREGON		
High: 78°	Medford	
Low: 16°	Lakeview	
Wettest: none		

WEATHER HISTORY		
A heavy storm struck the mid-Atlantic on April 3, 1915. It dropped 10 inches of snow in New York City, 15 inches in Dover, Del., and nearly 20 inches in Philadelphia.		

SUN & MOON		
Sunrise	6:29 a.m.	6:27 a.m.
Sunset	7:23 p.m.	7:24 p.m.
Moonrise	2:01 a.m.	3:02 a.m.
Moonset	10:33 a.m.	11:34 a.m.

MOON PHASES		
Last	New	First
Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 19
		Full
		Apr 26

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES			
City	SUN. Hi/Lo/W	MON. Hi/Lo/W	City
Astoria	50/36/sh	52/37/pc	Lewiston
Bend	59/21/pc	58/29/pc	Longview
Boise	72/38/s	54/34/pc	Meacham
Brookings	57/41/c	59/40/pc	Medford
Burns	68/27/pc	52/25/sh	Newport
Coos Bay	52/35/c	56/38/c	Olympia
Corvallis	53/34/c	58/35/pc	Ontario
Council	62/28/pc	45/26/sn	Pasco
Elgin	56/30/r	53/30/sf	Pendleton
Eugene	56/33/c	58/35/pc	Portland
Hermiston	63/36/pc	63/33/pc	Powers
Hood River	51/34/pc	58/36/pc	Redmond
Imnaha	61/36/pc	50/32/sn	Roseburg
John Day	62/36/pc	47/31/r	Salem
Joseph	56/28/pc	51/29/sh	Spokane
Kennewick	65/34/pc	64/32/pc	The Dalles
Klamath Falls	66/28/pc	58/24/c	Ukiah
Lakeview	67/27/pc	55/22/pc	Walla Walla

RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY			
ANTHONY LAKES	Colder	37	14
MT. EMILY REC.	Cooler	44	23
EAGLE CAP WLD.	Clouds and sun	45	21
WALLOWA LAKE	Some sun; cooler	56	28
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Breezy in the p.m.	68	31
PHILLIPS LAKE	Cooler	58	26
BROWNLEE RES.	Cooler	65	30
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Cooler	49	22
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Cooler	57	31
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Cooler	58	31