

Wife in long marriage becomes abusive to spouse over time

DEAR ABBY: My husband's dad, "Adam," is very mellow and can talk to anyone. His mom, "Eve," is friendly, but a little more reserved.

Early in their marriage, Adam was a drinker, and my mother-in-law has never forgiven him for the way he treated her during that time. She has always treated him disrespectfully, but as they get older, it's becoming worse.

She has hit Adam when we had people over because he didn't do what she told him to do. I told her to stop, and my husband told her she embarrassed him, but Eve for-



DEAR ABBY

gets or doesn't care and continues to do it. She talks down to him constantly. If that's how she acts when people are around, I hate to think what happens behind closed doors.

When she hits him, Adam sits there expressionless and doesn't react. He's not the man he once was, and he is adored by many people. What can we do to help my FIL and make her stop doing this in front of her grandkids and company? Eve claims to be a Christian, but isn't acting like one.

— FRUSTRATED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your father-in-law may have had a drinking problem years ago, but he has a different problem now. He is a victim of verbal and physical abuse. He may have tolerated it all these years out of guilt for what he put his wife through when he was drinking. He may also have become so beaten down that he can no longer protect himself.

He does need help. With your and his son's encouragement, he can receive it because there are programs available for male victims of domestic violence. Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE) is an organization that helps abused individuals of all ages, genders,

and sexual orientations. The website is stopabuseforeveryone.org.

DEAR ABBY: I met a nice friend. He's a widower whose wife has been gone for three years. My husband died 10 years ago.

He makes me laugh, something I haven't done in a while. I really like this guy, but he is still grieving. Some days he's good, but others he's a mess.

I want us to be in a relationship, and I think he could be "the one." We've only been courting for a month, but he has been pursuing me for a year. Should I give it more time, or should I move on with my life? I haven't been intimate with him, but he still makes

me feel like a woman, which is something I've missed.

— THINKING IT'S HIM IN MARYLAND

DEAR THINKING: As you know, the process of grieving isn't a straight line. When a loved one dies, the survivors have good periods and ones that are less so. You are further along in this grieving process than your friend because his loss is more recent.

If a relationship (or more) is what you want, allow him more time to work through his feelings. However, if the bad spells don't become less frequent, suggest he talk with his doctor about joining a grief support group in which he can safely vent his feelings.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Woman gets probation for unlawful sale of pangolin scales

PORTLAND — A woman who illegally imported pangolin scales and sold them to an undercover officer from her Southeast Portland store was sentenced Monday, April 12, to three years of federal probation.

Agnes Yu, 53, who has owned Wing Ming Herbs with her husband for about 20 years, said the scales are believed to have medicinal properties and used to help promote the production of breast milk.

Yu admitted to ordering the scales from an importer in San Francisco and selling 30 grams of the scales to the officer for \$165 in 2017, according to a prosecutor.

Personnel at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory confirmed the scales were from a pangolin, a species of scaled anteater-like mammals endemic to Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

Yu pleaded guilty to reckless sale of illegally imported wildlife.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, also known as CITES, prohibits all commercial trafficking in pangolins.

In 2018, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service undercover agent purchased from Wing Ming Herbs giant sea horses and fins from scalloped hammerhead sharks under the protection of the Endangered Species Act, prosecutors said.

The federal agency searched the store with a warrant and seized thou-

sands of additional wildlife items, which Yu agreed to abandon, prosecutors said.

Her husband, Ken Yu, said in court they were never trying to break the law and they would volunteer to help with community education and outreach about the wildlife laws.

Fore, dad! McIlroy sends errant Masters shot off his father

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Rory McIlroy hit his approach on the seventh hole Thursday, April 8, at the Masters right where he was aiming.

Problem was, he was aiming at his father.

Gerry McIlroy was standing near the right side of the green, watching his son play his second shot from off to the left of the fairway. The ball wound up hitting Gerry McIlroy in the left leg.

"It was a perfect shot," Rory McIlroy said.

Well, kind of. He wound up making bogey, which was his third consecutive one at that point.

"It was dead straight," Rory McIlroy said. "But I think he was OK. He didn't limp away. He walked away pretty swiftly, so that was all right."

Gerry McIlroy is a pretty good golfer himself. He introduced his son to the game long ago, and has developed quite a following among his fellow members at his home course, Seminole Golf Club in Florida.

There's a tradition of sorts in golf that when someone gets struck by an errant ball, the golfer signs a glove and presents it to the person as a part-apology, part-souvenir. McIlroy didn't seem like he

was planning to give one to his dad.

"I think he just needs to go and put some ice on," he said. "Maybe I'll autograph a bag of frozen peas for him."

Maine couple celebrates bicentennial with hidden treasure

BANGOR, Maine — A pair of Mainers have hidden \$20,000 somewhere in the state and they're inviting treasure seekers to come and get it.

The creators of the treasure hunt and the company behind the hunt, Dirigo Treasures LLC, are Kurt and Kelly Stokes of Newcastle, the Lincoln County News reports.

The couple spent three years exploring locations around the state before creating an elaborate hide-and-seek game.

"We created the game to celebrate Maine's 200 years of statehood," Kurt Stokes told the newspaper. "What better way to celebrate Maine than to get people out of the house, out of their town and exploring parts of the state they never knew existed?"

Finding the Dirigo treasure will involve solving a secret, a riddle and a puzzle. Getting started means ponying up for a deck of cards or flash cards for \$19.99 or \$39.99, with a dollar from each sale going to the Maine Cancer Foundation. The couple ensured that the quest for the hidden treasure is legal, ethical and environmentally responsible.

"We abided by the principles of leaving no trace," Kurt Stokes said.

— Associated Press



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Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland hits out of the rough on the sixth hole during the first round of the Masters golf tournament on Thursday, April 8, 2021, in Augusta, Georgia.

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weather

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Baker City	29 Comfort Index™ 10	64 10	29 10	73 10	38 9
La Grande	32 Comfort Index™ 9	63 10	31 10	73 9	36 10
Enterprise	27 Comfort Index™ 9	57 9	33 10	68 10	36 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	55°	56°	57°
Low Tuesday	28°	35°	30°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	0.02	0.10
Normal month to date	0.33	0.64	0.85
Year to date	1.09	5.71	13.27
Normal year to date	2.53	4.87	8.55

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	NE at 8 to 16 mph
Hours of sunshine	9.3
Evapotranspiration	0.16

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Reservoir	Capacity
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	95% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	60% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	92% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	65% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	99% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS

Location	Flow
Grande Ronde at Troy	4600 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	78 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	61 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	295 cfs
Minam River at Minam	349 cfs
Powder River near Richland	185 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION	(for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 99°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 5°	Daniel, Wyo.
Wettest: 4.41"	Acadiana, La.

OREGON

High: 70°	Low: 20°	Wettest: Trace
		Brookings
		Meacham
		Medford

WEATHER HISTORY

Silver Lake, Colo., had 75.80 inches of snow on April 15, 1921. This was the most intense 24-hour snowfall in United States history.

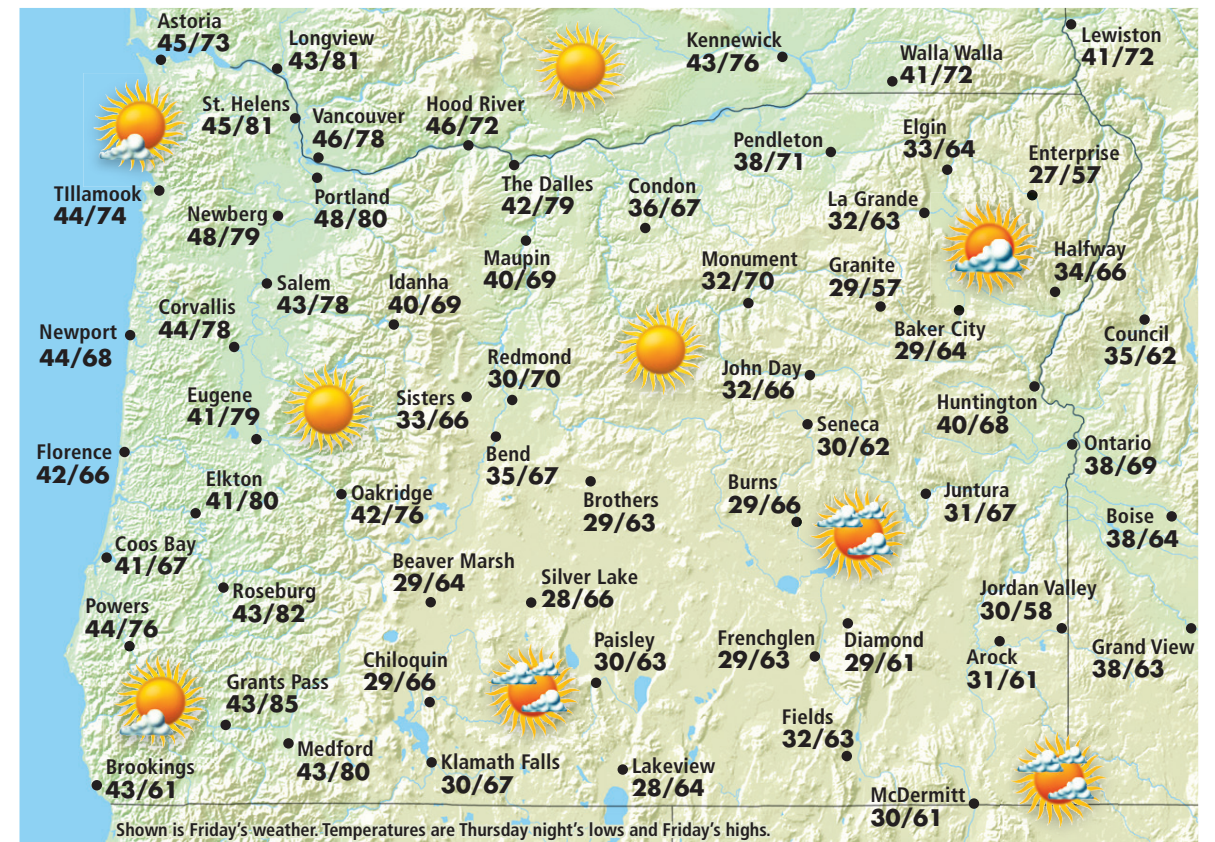
SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	6:07 a.m.	6:05 a.m.
Sunset	7:38 p.m.	7:40 p.m.
Moonrise	7:58 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Moonset	11:32 p.m.	none

MOON PHASES

Phase	Date
First	Apr 19
Full	Apr 26
Last	May 3
New	May 11

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. Hi/Lo/W	SAT. Hi/Lo/W	City	FRI. Hi/Lo/W	SAT. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	73/48/s	74/46/s	Lewiston	72/41/s	74/43/s
Bend	67/36/s	72/37/s	Longview	81/43/s	85/45/s
Boise	64/40/pc	66/40/s	Meacham	62/31/s	68/34/s
Brookings	61/46/s	61/46/pc	Medford	80/46/s	85/48/s
Burns	66/27/s	68/29/s	Newport	68/47/s	68/44/s
Coos Bay	67/43/s	66/42/s	Olympia	78/41/s	80/43/s
Corvallis	78/44/s	81/45/s	Ontario	69/39/s	73/39/s
Council	62/33/s	63/32/s	Pasco	77/39/s	80/39/s
Elgin	64/32/s	69/37/s	Pendleton	71/37/s	75/42/s
Eugene	79/42/s	83/44/s	Portland	80/50/s	83/48/s
Hermiston	76/37/s	78/38/s	Powers	76/48/s	79/48/s
Hood River	72/46/s	77/46/s	Redmond	70/32/s	75/36/s
Imnaha	65/35/s	72/40/s	Roseburg	82/45/s	87/48/s
John Day	66/35/s	71/38/s	Salem	78/43/s	81/46/s
Joseph	56/32/s	63/40/s	Spokane	66/41/s	71/44/s
Kennewick	76/38/s	80/38/s	The Dalles	79/44/s	80/45/s
Klamath Falls	67/31/s	61/29/s	Ukiah	61/29/s	69/33/s
Lakeview	64/28/s	66/29/s	Walla Walla	72/43/s	75/47/s

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Mostly sunny	39	25
MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly sunny	49	31
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Mostly sunny	44	20
WALLOWA LAKE	Mostly sunny	56	32
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Nice with sunshine	64	29
PHILLIPS LAKE	Mostly sunny	60	28
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny	65	39
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Mostly sunny	58	27
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Plenty of sun	69	38
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Nice with sunshine	63	31

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice