

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.

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weather

TONIGHT

Cloudy

Baker City 31

Comfort Index™ 3

La Grande 32

Comfort Index™ 3

Enterprise 31

Comfort Index™ 4

FRI

Cloudy with a little snow

Baker City 36

Comfort Index™ 1

La Grande 38

Comfort Index™ 0

Enterprise 36

Comfort Index™ 0

SAT

A blend of sun and clouds

Baker City 35

Comfort Index™ 3

La Grande 36

Comfort Index™ 3

Enterprise 35

Comfort Index™ 4

SUN

Mostly cloudy

Baker City 34

Comfort Index™ 1

La Grande 35

Comfort Index™ 1

Enterprise 36

Comfort Index™ 3

MON

Mostly cloudy

Baker City 36

Comfort Index™ 1

La Grande 36

Comfort Index™ 1

Enterprise 37

Comfort Index™ 3

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TEMPERATURES

Baker City 42°

La Grande 42°

Elgin 38°

High Tuesday 27°

Low Tuesday 28°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Tuesday 0.00

Month to date 0.22

Normal month to date 0.15

Year to date 0.22

Normal year to date 0.15

0.00

0.48

0.28

0.48

0.28

0.42

2.23

0.52

2.23

0.52

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

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 84° Kingsville, Texas

Low: -8° Crested Butte, Colo.

Wettest: 1.66" Quillayute, Wash.

OREGON

High: 55° Brookings

Low: 21° Burns

Wettest: 0.14" Astoria

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

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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.

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

REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	50/39/r	50/42/pc
Bend	41/22/c	41/26/c
Boise	40/27/sn	37/25/pc
Brookings	51/38/r	54/43/pc
Burns	37/15/sn	34/16/pc
Coos Bay	52/38/r	55/43/pc
Corvallis	50/34/r	42/36/pc
Council	29/18/sn	30/13/pc
Elgin	38/30/sh	38/29/pc
Eugene	51/32/sn	46/37/c
Hermiston	44/31/r	43/33/pc
Hood River	48/32/sh	43/36/pc
Imnaha	40/29/r	40/25/c
John Day	38/23/sn	37/22/pc
Joseph	35/25/sn	33/22/pc
Kennewick	45/31/r	40/31/c
Klamath Falls	38/19/sn	37/23/c
Lakeview	38/13/sn	35/17/pc
Lewiston	40/34/r	43/31/c
Longview	48/38/c	46/39/pc
Meacham	35/22/sn	33/24/pc
Medford	48/30/sh	47/33/c
Newport	51/39/r	52/42/pc
Olympia	48/34/c	46/36/c
Ontario	39/28/sn	38/25/s
Pasco	46/31/r	41/32/c
Pendleton	42/30/r	39/30/pc
Portland	51/38/sh	49/39/pc
Powers	52/34/r	55/41/pc
Redmond	44/24/c	44/29/pc
Roseburg	51/32/sh	48/37/c
Salem	50/33/sh	45/36/pc
Spokane	36/31/sn	37/29/c
The Dalles	46/30/r	44/35/pc
Ukiah	35/23/sn	34/26/pc
Walla Walla	43/33/r	40/32/pc

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