

Widower fears impotence will kill new relationship

DEAR ABBY: I am a faithful male reader of your column. I lost my beautiful wife of 40 years last year.

During our marriage, I had prostate cancer and decided to have the surgery to remove it. I was told by my doctor that there was a chance I would never again be intimate with my wife, and she was

OK with it. Now that she's gone, I have grown close to her childhood best friend. I don't know whether a relationship is in the making, but I'm afraid once she finds out I'm unable to perform, the relationship will die. I have tried every pill on the

market, pump, etc. Is it possible to have a good relationship with someone without intercourse? Or do you think I'm doomed?

— GOING FORWARD

DEAR GOING: I do NOT think you are "doomed." If you are under the impression that all women your age (and younger) would reject you because

you can no longer have sexual intercourse, allow me to reassure you.

Many women would value warmth, affection, compatible ethics and morals and an intellectual equal to share their life with. So be honest, and you may be

pleasantly surprised to discover that not only are you eligible, but that you are also in demand.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who is really popular. We have been best friends since third grade, but when we started ninth grade, she really changed. She started hanging out with the "cool" kids and acting weird. She told me that because I was her friend, I had the automatic right to hang out with them.

I don't like to hang out with large groups of people because I'm afraid of big groups, but I still want to be friends with her. When I told her I'd think about it, she suddenly turned cold. I'm confused. I don't know what I should do. She was there for me

since third grade, and I was there for her, and now she seems to be fading really fast — six years of friendship just forgotten. Please give me some advice.

— FRIEND DRAMA

DEAR FRIEND DRAMA: Sometimes when a person says "I'll think about it," it comes across as a negative reply. Your friend's feelings may have been hurt because she interpreted it as a rejection. It would have been better if you had explained that you are uncomfortable in large groups and would prefer to see her one-on-one if she was willing. It may not be too late to get that message across to her. If the price of her company is that you will have to learn to be more social,

you will then have to decide which is more important.

DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker who just built a house. When I asked her what she would like for a housewarming gift, she told me a nice wine carafe with a stopper. So that's exactly what I got her.

I recently found out she had a housewarming party, and I wasn't invited. I had asked her when it was going to be, and she didn't mention a word about it. Am I still obligated to give her the gift I got for her? Or should I write her off and give it to someone else?

— EXCLUDED IN CORPUS CHRISTI

DEAR EXCLUDED: Ouch! Write her off and regift it.

Eruption of Iceland volcano easing, not affecting flights

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — The eruption of a long-dormant volcano that sent streams of lava flowing across a small valley in southwestern Iceland is easing and shouldn't interfere with air travel, the Icelandic Meteorological Office said Saturday.

The fissure eruption began at around 8:45 p.m. Friday, March 19, in the Geldinga Valley, about 20 miles southwest of the capital, Reykjavik, the Met Office said. The eruption is "minor" and there were no signs of ash or dust that could disrupt aviation, the agency said.

"The more we see, the smaller this eruption gets," geophysicist Pall Einarsson told The Associated Press on Saturday after monitoring the volcano throughout the night.

This southwestern corner of Iceland is the most heavily populated part of the country. The Department of Emergency Management said it doesn't anticipate evacuations, unless levels of volcanic gases rise significantly.

Keflavik Airport, Iceland's international air traffic hub, said flights have remained on schedule since the eruption began.

"There is no indication of production of ash and tephra, and there is no imminent hazard for aviation," the Met Office said on its website.

In 2010, an eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano in Iceland sent clouds of ash and dust into the atmosphere, interrupting air



Icelandic Coast Guard via AP

A volcano continues to erupt Saturday, March 20, 2021, on the Reykjanes Peninsula in southwestern Iceland. A long dormant volcano on the Reykjanes Peninsula flared to life Friday night, spilling lava down two sides in that area's first volcanic eruption in nearly 800 years.

travel between Europe and North America because of concerns the material could damage jet engines. More than 100,000 flights were grounded, stranding millions of passengers.

The Geldinga Valley eruption is the first on the Reykjanes Peninsula in almost 800 years.

The area began rumbling with increased seismic activity 15 months ago, and the tremors increased dramatically last month.

Over the past three weeks, the area has been rattled by about 50,000 small earthquakes, dozens of them magnitude 4 or stronger, the Met Office said.

Iceland, located above a volcanic hotspot in the North Atlantic, averages one eruption every four to five years. The last one was at Holuhraun in 2014, when a fissure eruption spread lava the size of Manhattan over

the interior highland region.

Scientists flew over the Geldinga Valley eruption on Saturday morning and estimated the eruptive fissure was about 1,640 feet. The two streams of lava were about 2.5 kilometers from the nearest road.

German brewery pairs with bakers to use surplus beer

DUESSELDORF, Germany — With restaurants and bars all closed due to pandemic restrictions, a Duesseldorf brewery found itself with 1,585 gallons of its copper-colored "Altbier" unsold and nearing its expiry date. But with trying times come novel solutions. Fuechschen Brewery paired up with craft bakers already using leftover grains from the brewing process to produce loaves of "Treberbrot," or "Spent Grain Bread."

"It would have been such a shame to just toss out such a tasty beer," said Peter Koenig, whose family has run the brewery since 1908.

"Then we came up with this idea to bake the bread with the beer, to leave out the water," he said Tuesday. "I think it's great that these two craft industries have come together like this."

About a dozen bakeries have been producing the Treberbrot since the start of the week, giving the added bonus of a bottle of Fuechschen's Altbier, a regional specialty, for free with each loaf.

"It's a very hearty, tasty bread with a crispy baked crust and a soft middle," said baker Janika Derksen, whose family runs Coelven bakery. She said that word of the bread, which her bakery sells for 3.95 euros (\$4.65) a loaf including the bottle of Altbier, has spread rapidly. "We've had queries from



Daniel Niemann/Associates Press

A bread loaf that was baked with beer is displayed in the Coelven bakery in Duesseldorf, Germany, Tuesday, March 23, 2021. About 1,585 gallons of the renowned copper-colored "Altbier" of the historic Fuechschen brewery remain unsold and nearing its expiry date. The brewery now works with craft bakers who use the beer to make bread.

all across Germany if we can send it by mail, which we gladly do," she said.

Customer Michael Maassen dropped by on Tuesday to pick up a loaf for himself — and the bottle of Altbier — after hearing about the promotion from social media.

"It's a great campaign, solidarity with one another is more important now than it ever has been," said the 48-year-old soldier.

Beer sales in Germany have been hurt by lockdown measures that have kept restaurants and bars shut since the beginning of November, except for take-outs. That's a problem particularly for Germany's many small brewers, which often rely heavily on selling draft beer that they can't shift at the moment.

BYU players get assist for freeing Wade from elevator

INDIANAPOLIS — The BYU Cougars already have the biggest assist in

the NCAA Tournament and they had yet to play their first game.

Jesse Wade was stuck in an elevator for 40 minutes at the team's Indianapolis hotel before his teammates forced open the doors and freed the junior guard.

The whole affair played out on Twitter Thursday night, March 18, including a video showing several teammates prying open the elevator doors and an ecstatic Wade popping out into the hallway to cheers.

"Scariest moment of my life but I knew the boys had my back," Wade tweeted.

Coach Mark Pope had some fun with the situation. He was on a video hookup on his phone with Wade.

"We came down to dinner and right now we've got a fallen soldier. Jesse Wade is stuck in the elevator," Pope said to the sound of laughter in the background.

"It's been about 15 minutes. It's brutal," Wade said. "I'm starved."

— Associated Press

weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Partly cloudy and cold	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny and warmer	Increasing cloudiness	Snow possible in the a.m.
Baker City	28	56	26	64	33
Comfort Index™	1	9	10	10	0
La Grande	30	53	26	63	37
Comfort Index™	0	6	10	10	0
Enterprise	28	49	26	59	35
Comfort Index™	0	6	10	10	0

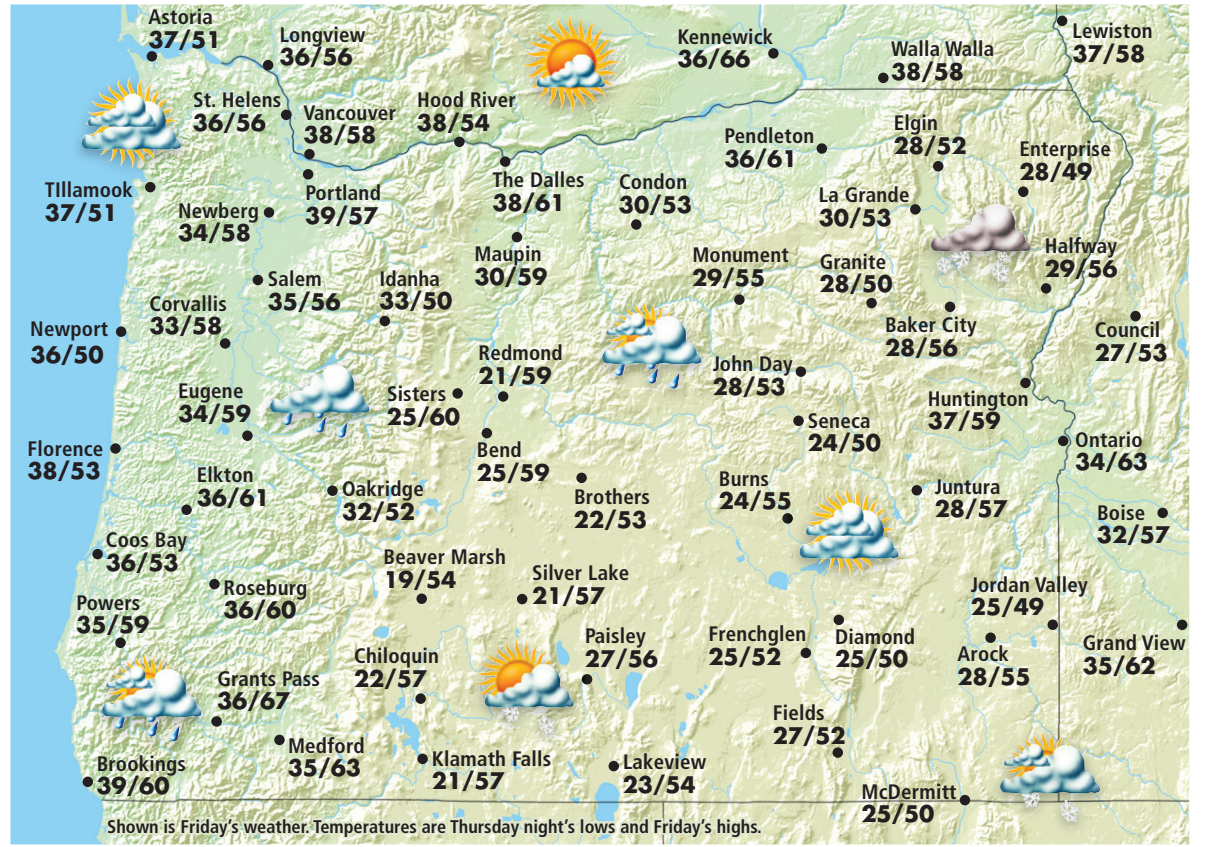
Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

ALMANAC		TUESDAY EXTREMES	
TEMPERATURES			
High Tuesday	49°	47°	51°
Low Tuesday	26°	27°	28°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	Trace	0.17
Month to date	0.14	0.13	0.65
Normal month to date	0.60	1.08	1.66
Year to date	1.09	5.16	12.58
Normal year to date	1.98	3.85	7.16

AGRICULTURAL INFO.		WEATHER HISTORY	
HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY			
Lowest relative humidity	35%		
Afternoon wind	WNW at 6 to 12 mph		
Hours of sunshine	1.8		
Evapotranspiration	0.10		
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)			
Phillips Reservoir	13% of capacity		
Unity Reservoir	61% of capacity		
Owyhee Reservoir	56% of capacity		
McKay Reservoir	72% of capacity		
Wallowa Lake	50% of capacity		
Thief Valley Reservoir	101% of capacity		
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)			
Grande Ronde at Troy	4740 cfs		
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	129 cfs		
Burnt River near Unity	39 cfs		
Umatilla River near Gibbon	367 cfs		
Minam River at Minam	273 cfs		
Powder River near Richland	326 cfs		

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES				RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY			
City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	51/41/pc	55/39/s	Lewiston	58/36/pc	64/41/pc	Anthony Lakes	Not as cold
Bend	59/29/s	70/36/s	Longview	56/37/pc	63/36/pc	Phillips Lake	Not as cool
Boise	57/34/s	63/39/s	Meacham	53/25/s	63/35/pc	MT. EMILY REC.	Not as cold
Brookings	60/43/s	62/44/s	Medford	63/36/s	73/41/s	Brownlee Res.	Mostly sunny
Burns	55/26/s	60/40/s	Newport	50/35/s	55/39/s	Eagle Cap Wild.	Mostly sunny
Coos Bay	53/38/s	64/31/s	Olympia	55/35/pc	57/36/pc	Wallowa Lake	Mostly sunny
Corvallis	58/35/pc	63/38/s	Ontario	63/33/s	67/42/pc	Thief Valley Res.	Mostly sunny
Council	53/21/s	58/29/s	Pasco	65/36/s	69/43/pc	Phillips Lake	Not as cool
Eugene	52/26/s	62/33/pc	Pendleton	61/35/s	67/41/pc	Brownlee Res.	Mostly sunny
Hermiston	65/38/s	71/42/pc	Portland	57/40/pc	70/41/pc	Emigrant St. Park	Mostly sunny
Hood River	54/38/pc	65/38/pc	Powers	59/37/s	62/41/s	McKay Reservoir	Mostly sunny
Imnaha	54/30/pc	62/39/pc	Redmond	59/26/s	68/32/s	Red Bridge St. Park	Mostly sunny
John Day	53/28/s	65/34/s	Roseburg	60/35/s	69/41/s	Anthony Lakes	Not as cold
Joseph	47/26/s	56/35/pc	Salem	56/34/pc	61/39/pc	Phillips Lake	Not as cool
Kennewick	66/37/s	70/43/pc	Spokane	53/33/pc	58/40/pc	Brownlee Res.	Mostly sunny
Klamath Falls	57/24/s	66/29/s	The Dalles	61/36/s	66/40/pc	Emigrant St. Park	Mostly sunny
Lakeview	54/25/s	64/30/s	Ukiah	52/24/s	60/33/s	McKay Reservoir	Mostly sunny
			Walla Walla	58/39/s	64/45/pc	Red Bridge St. Park	Mostly sunny