

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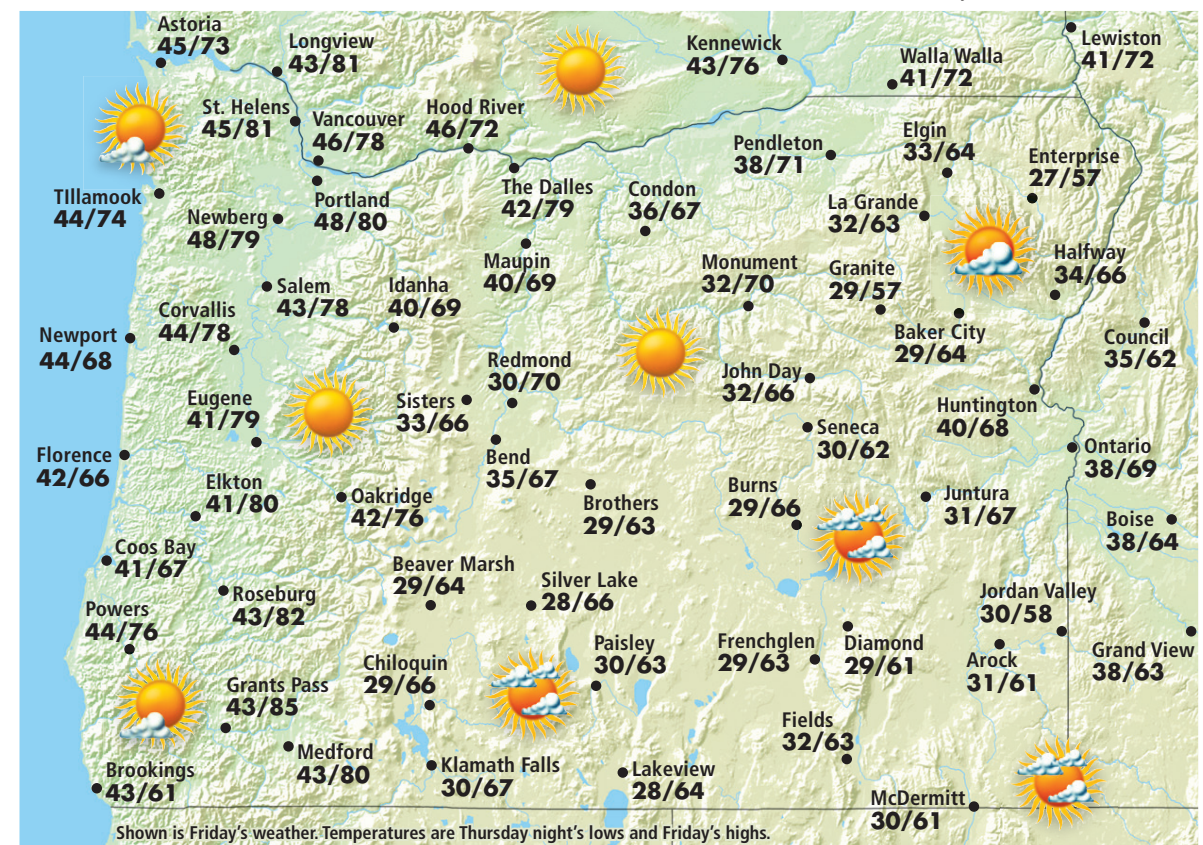
Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

ALMANAC			TUESDAY EXTREMES		
TEMPERATURES			NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)		
High Tuesday	55°	56°	57°	High: 99°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low Tuesday	28°	35°	30°	Low: 5°	Daniel, Wyo.
PRECIPITATION (inches)			Wettest: 4.41" Acadiana, La.		
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00	OREGON	
Month to date	Trace	0.02	0.10	High: 70°	Brookings
Normal month to date	0.33	0.64	0.85	Low: 20°	Meacham
Year to date	1.09	5.71	13.27	Wettest: Trace	Medford
Normal year to date	2.53	4.87	8.55	WEATHER HISTORY	

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 (through midnight Wednesday)			
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 (through midnight Tuesday)			
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

SUN & MOON	
Sunrise	6:07 a.m.
Sunset	7:38 p.m.
Moonrise	7:58 a.m.
Moonset	11:32 p.m.

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



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	73/48/s	74/46/s	Lewiston	72/41/s	74/43/s	ANTHONY LAKES	Mostly sunny
Bend	67/36/s	72/37/s	Longview	81/43/s	85/45/s	PHILLIPS LAKE	Mostly sunny
Boise	64/40/pc	66/40/s	Meacham	62/31/s	68/34/s	MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly sunny
Brookings	61/46/s	61/46/pc	Medford	80/46/s	85/48/s	EAGLE CAP WILD.	Mostly sunny
Burns	66/27/s	68/29/s	Newport	68/47/s	68/44/s	WALLOWA LAKE	Mostly sunny
Coos Bay	67/43/s	66/42/s	Olympia	78/41/s	80/43/s	THIEF VALLEY RES.	Nice with sunshine
Corvallis	78/44/s	81/45/s	Ontario	69/39/s	73/39/s	ANTHONY LAKES	Mostly sunny
Council	62/33/s	63/32/s	Pasco	77/39/s	80/39/s	PHILLIPS LAKE	Mostly sunny
Elgin	64/32/s	69/37/s	Pendleton	71/37/s	75/42/s	BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny
Eugene	79/42/s	83/44/s	Portland	80/50/s	83/48/s	EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Mostly sunny
Hermiston	76/37/s	78/38/s	Powers	76/48/s	79/48/s	MCKAY RESERVOIR	Plenty of sun
Hood River	72/46/s	77/46/s	Redmond	70/32/s	75/36/s	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Nice with sunshine
Imnaha	65/35/s	72/40/s	Roseburg	82/45/s	87/48/s	ANTHONY LAKES	Mostly sunny
John Day	66/35/s	71/38/s	Salem	78/43/s	81/46/s	PHILLIPS LAKE	Mostly sunny
Joseph	56/32/s	63/40/s	Spokane	66/41/s	71/44/s	BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny
Kennewick	76/38/s	80/38/s	The Dalles	79/44/s	80/45/s	EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Mostly sunny
Klamath Falls	67/31/s	61/29/s	Ukiah	61/29/s	69/33/s	MCKAY RESERVOIR	Plenty of sun
Lakeview	64/28/s	66/29/s	Walla Walla	72/43/s	75/47/s	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Nice with sunshine

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