

60th anniversary looms with no acknowledgment from kids



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: I have a good, if not terribly close, relationship with my adult son and daughter. We speak every few weeks. They live some distance away. There's no drama, no negative angst between us. My husband and I will soon be celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary. Neither our son nor our daughter has acknowledged the occasion nor asked if we wish to celebrate it. I assume they are somehow unaware of this milestone. Should I contact them about it? It's not like we're incommunicado or estranged, because we're

not. This anniversary is a big deal to us, yet they seem unaware. I'm blaming myself somehow. Their father has been treated for cancer and is, fortunately, deemed cancer-free now. What is your advice? — **READY TO CELEBRATE IN FLORIDA**

DEAR READY: Your son and daughter may be so wrapped up in themselves and their own lives that it hasn't occurred to them to volunteer to host something or ask what you and their father would like. Call them and raise the subject. They may be waiting to be told what, if anything, you have planned for the occasion. If they are not available, do not let that stop you from having the celebration the occasion deserves.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend broke up with me. After a few

weeks, I was OK with it. Then he wanted to visit me, but I was busy that day and, truth be told, I didn't want to see him. I was going to hang out with a guy friend when my ex showed up although I had told him not to. When I went out with my friend, my ex couldn't go in my house because I didn't want him there if I wasn't there. When I returned home, my ex was mad that we went out to eat and didn't get him anything. Was I supposed to buy him food if I didn't even want him there to begin with? This happened months ago and I'm still furious. — **DEE IN NEW YORK**

DEAR DEE: Being furious is a waste of your time and energy. That your former boyfriend would force himself on you in spite of having been told he was unwel-

come was rude and boorish. You did exactly the right thing by not allowing him to insert himself into your plans. I hope you are now rid of him. If he keeps it up, it could be considered borderline stalking.

DEAR ABBY: I recently returned from an annual girls trip with my retired teachers group. We all get along well and enjoy each other's company except for one "fly in the ointment" who refuses to leave decent tips for great restaurant service. I'm talking about \$2 on a \$20 tab. We all pay our own bills and tip 25% or more every time. We have mentioned the subject of tipping to her before. She says she thinks it's a "racket." Is there anything we can do? — **CHEAPSKATE'S FRIEND**

DEAR FRIEND: The annual girls trip may be this woman's only splurge for the year, which may be why she's conservative when it comes to tipping. I will assume that you and the others have spoken to her about the wage scale for restaurant servers, and the fact that many of them have to share their tips with other staff. Because there's nothing you can do to change the behavior of another adult, either consider your own generous tips as balancing out her stingy ones or stop including her because she's an embarrassment.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Constipated scorpions, love at first sight inspire Ig Nobels

By MARK PRATT
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The sex lives of constipated scorpions, cute ducklings with an innate sense of physics, and a life-size rubber moose may not appear to have much in common, but they all inspired the winners of this year's Ig Nobels, the prize for comical scientific achievement.

Held less than a month before the actual Nobel Prizes are announced, the 32nd annual Ig Nobel prize ceremony, held Thursday, Sept. 15, was for the third year in a row a prerecorded affair webcast on the Annals of Improbable Research magazine's website.

The winners, honored in 10 categories, also included scientists who found that when people on a blind date are attracted to each other, their heart rates synchronize, and researchers who looked at why legal documents can be so utterly baffling, even to lawyers themselves.

Even though the ceremony was prerecorded, it retained much of the fun of the live event usually held at Harvard University.



Michael Dwyer/The Associated Press

Master of Ceremonies Marc Abrahams poses with the 2022 Ig Nobel prize, Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, at his office in Cambridge, Mass. The prize was emailed in advance to the winners with instructions for self-assembly. The annual prize ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, was for the third year in a row a prerecorded affair because of the lingering effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Abrahams also holds a Zimbabwean \$10 trillion bill that is part of the prize presented to the winners.

As has been an Ig Nobel tradition, real Nobel laureates handed out the prizes, using a bit of video trickery: The Nobel laureates handed the prize off screen, while the winners reached out and brought a prize they had been sent and self-assembled into view.

Winners also received a virtually worthless Zimbabwean \$10 trillion

bill.

Curiosity Ig-nited? Learn more about some of the winners:

Get your ducks in a row

"Science is fun. My sort of a tagline is you're not doing science if you're not having fun," said Frank Fish, a biology professor at West Chester University in Pennsylvania

who shared the physics Ig Nobel for studying why ducklings follow their mothers in single-file formation.

It's about energy conservation: The ducklings are drafting, much like stock cars, cyclists and runners do in a race, he said.

"It all has to do with the flow that occurs behind that leading organism and the way that moving in formation can actually be an energetic benefit," said the appropriately named Fish, whose specialty is studying how animals swim.

He shared the prize with researchers at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland, who found that the ducklings actually surfed in their mother's wake.

and found that the heart rates of people attracted to each other synchronized.

So is her work evidence of "love at first sight"?

"It really depends, on how you define love," Prochazkova, a researcher at Leiden University in the Netherlands, said in an email. "What we found in our research was that people were able to decide whether they want to date their partner very quickly. Within the first two seconds of the date, the participants made a very complex idea about the human sitting in front of them."

That synching feeling

Eliska Prochazkova's personal experiences inspired her research on dating that earned her and colleagues the cardiology Ig Nobel.

She had no problems finding her apparent perfect match on dating apps, yet she often found there was no spark when they met face-to-face.

So she set people up on blind dates in real social settings, measured their physiological reac-

A cruel sting

Solimary García-Hernández and Glaucio Machado of the University of São Paulo in Brazil won the biology Ig Nobel for studying whether constipation ruins a scorpion's sex life.

Scorpions can detach a body part to escape a predator — a process called autotomy. But when they lose their tails, they also lose the last portion of the digestive tract, which leads to constipation — and, eventually, death, they wrote in the journal "Integrated Zoology."

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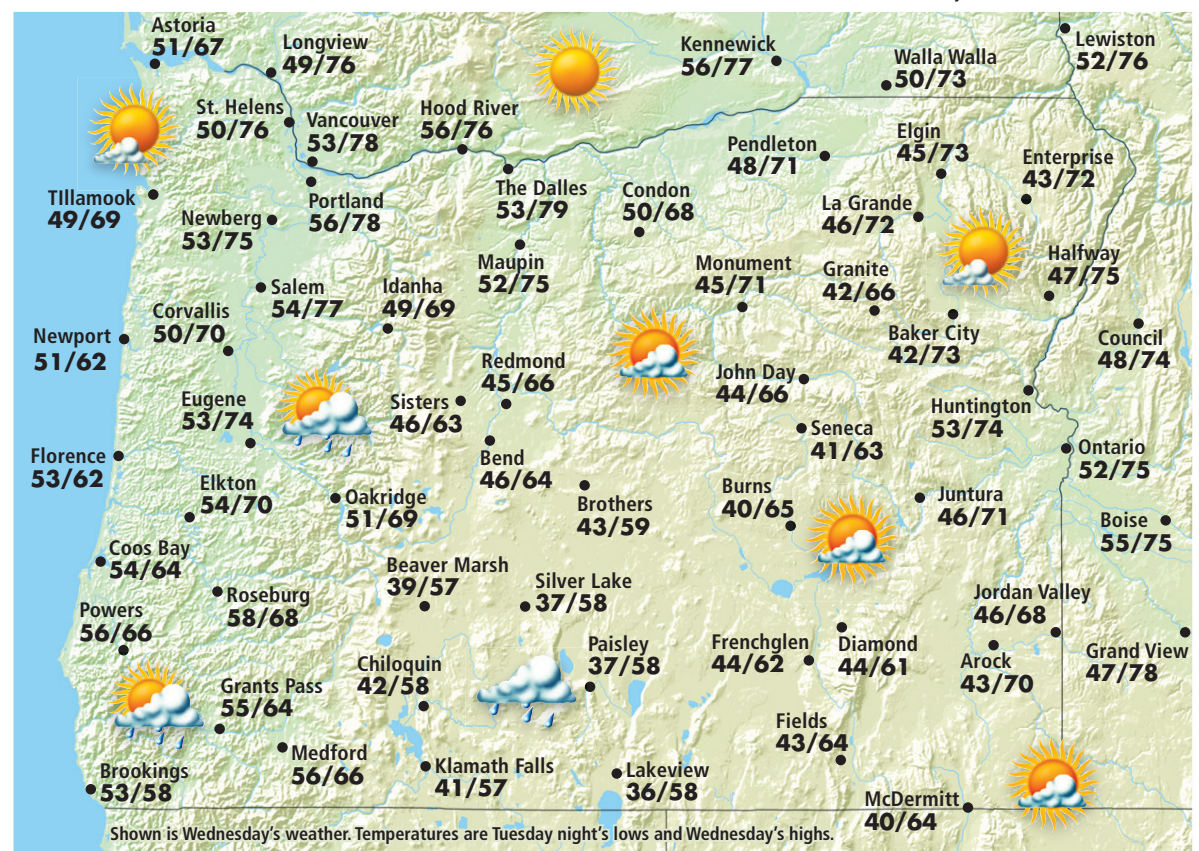
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ALMANAC		SUNDAY EXTREMES	
TEMPERATURES	Baker City 63° La Grande 64° Elgin 69°	NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	High: 104° Eloy, Ariz. Low: 17° Bodie State Park, Calif. Wettest: 2.46" St. Augustine, Fla.
PRECIPITATION (inches)	Sunday 0.08 Month to date 0.64 Normal month to date 0.27 Year to date 5.37	OREGON	High: 81° Ontario Low: 34° Crater Lake Wettest: 0.08" Baker City
	0.07 0.11 0.37 9.33	WEATHER HISTORY	
	0.14	On Sept. 20, 1911, the temperature rose 40 degrees in 5 minutes at Kimberly, South Africa. Most thunderstorms bring cooler air. Sometimes a downdraft brings warm, dry air.	
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)	Phillips Reservoir 3% of capacity Unity Reservoir 27% of capacity Owyhee Reservoir 10% of capacity McKay Reservoir 58% of capacity Wallowa Lake 3% of capacity Thief Valley Reservoir 0% of capacity	SUN & MOON	
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	Grande Ronde at Troy 598 cfs Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder 0 cfs Burnt River near Unity 71 cfs Umatilla River near Gibbon 46 cfs Minam River at Minam 70 cfs Powder River near Richland 14 cfs	Tue. 6:37 a.m. Wed. 6:38 a.m. 6:54 p.m. 6:52 p.m. 12:42 a.m. 1:45 a.m. 5:03 p.m. 5:34 p.m.	
		MOON PHASES	
		New First Full Last	
		Sep 25 Oct 2 Oct 9 Oct 17	

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	67/56/pc	66/54/pc
Bend	64/43/sh	66/36/pc
Boise	75/52/t	65/48/pc
Brookings	58/51/c	62/50/c
Burns	65/37/pc	66/35/sh
Coos Bay	64/55/sh	68/51/c
Corvallis	70/53/pc	72/48/c
Council	74/41/t	54/37/pc
Elgin	73/47/s	63/42/r
Eugene	74/55/c	74/50/pc
Hermiston	77/54/s	73/52/pc
Hood River	76/59/s	76/53/pc
Imnaha	76/56/pc	65/52/sh
John Day	66/39/pc	63/35/c
Joseph	73/45/sh	57/41/sh
Kennewick	77/57/s	73/56/pc
Klamath Falls	57/39/r	67/37/pc
Lakeview	58/35/r	65/33/pc
Lewiston	76/56/s	66/49/sh
Longview	76/55/s	69/54/pc
Meacham	67/40/s	56/37/r
Medford	66/53/r	77/49/pc
Newport	62/53/c	63/52/c
Olympia	79/49/s	70/52/pc
Ontario	75/50/s	69/43/c
Pasco	79/58/s	76/56/pc
Pendleton	71/52/pc	71/48/c
Portland	78/59/s	73/54/c
Powers	66/57/sh	66/54/pc
Redmond	66/45/c	68/38/pc
Roseburg	68/54/sh	74/52/pc
Salem	77/58/s	73/52/pc
Spokane	76/52/s	63/47/c
The Dalles	79/59/s	75/54/pc
Ukiah	65/41/c	58/38/c
Walla Walla	73/54/s	67/53/pc

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Anthony Lakes	53 39	53 39
Phillips Lake	68 41	68 41
Brownlee Res.	78 44	78 44
Emigrant St. Park	64 39	64 39
Mckay Reservoir	68 50	68 50
Red Bridge St. Park	72 46	72 46

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