

**DEAR ABBY**

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**Dear Abby:** I have come to realize that the best thing a person can do for anyone is to cook something for them. I enjoy the expression on their faces when they take the first bite, and the positive compliments I receive.

I have a cookbook collection that, at present, numbers more than 3,200 items. I actually ran out of room for all of it in my home. Nevertheless, I would like to order your cookbooks — I guess you could say in order to “feed” my obsession. I’d love to know which of the recipes are among your favorites.

— *Cooking It Up in Vermont*

**Dear Cooking:** For years, I, too, obsessively collected cookbooks, so I relate to your addiction. Be careful what you wish for! (My late husband used to walk by the crowded shelves muttering that he couldn’t understand why I didn’t actually prepare the recipes, but it was the photographs that hooked me.) The recipes in my cookbooklet set of two are ones that I have used for entertaining. Among my favorites in “Favorite Recipes” are the Company Crab Dip, Lobster Bisque, Sweet Potato Casserole (Thanksgiving), Swedish Meatballs, Everybody’s Favorite Meatloaf, Burgundy Lamb Shanks, Date Cake, Fruitcake (Yes, I know — but THIS one IS good!), the Famous Pecan Pie (a blue ribbon winner) and the Chocolate Mousse. Among my favorites from “More Favorite Recipes” are the Little Mushroom “Pies,” Hearty Bean Soup, Cathy Lee’s Rice, Eggplant Mozzarella Casserole, Cornish Game Hens (stuffed with raisins, walnuts and apple), Chocolate Zucchini Cake (it’s healthy!), Raw Apple Cake With Caramel

— *Abby*

Glaze, Heavenly Peanut Butter Pie and Regency Brownies. For anyone not experiencing sugar shock after reading this, my booklets can be ordered by sending name and address, plus check or money order for \$16 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. After reviewing this list, my mouth is watering, my toes are curling and I’m realizing what a miracle it is that I’m not six ax handles across, but these are dishes I prepare for GUESTS — not my own daily consumption. Readers have written to tell me some of them have won prizes at county fairs in years past, so I’m sure you will enjoy them, too.

**Dear Abby:** I’ve been in an off-and-on marriage for eight years. My husband drinks every day. Once he’s reached a certain alcohol level, he curses me and talks trash about my family. He is no longer affectionate with me. Our marriage is toxic. We are living like roommates instead of husband and wife. He won’t go to AA and is very disrespectful, and I’m going to leave him. What do you think?

— *Can’t Do It Anymore in Georgia*

**Dear Can’t:** I think your husband has shown you he isn’t going to change for the better. After eight years of living with his drinking problem and verbal abuse, the time has come to consult a lawyer and set yourself free. If you’re looking for validation from me, you have it.

**To My Muslim Readers:** It is time for the breaking of the Ramadan fast. Happy Eid al-Fitr, everyone.

**Ducks****Continued from A5**

Brown admitted the spring game wasn’t his best performance, but given the absences from the starting secondary it’s hard to make much of any of those numbers regardless.

The competition won’t be officially over for 90 or so days and while outside expectations are obviously for Brown to be the starter, Cristobal isn’t counting anyone out yet.

“Really proud of the way Anthony is running the offense,” Cristobal said. “You can’t take anything away from that, but in this program there’s no room for relax time. It’s not going to make anybody better handing and saying hey you’re good to go is not going to enhance the competitive character of our football team. So we’re going to turn it up and we’re going to turn it up on everybody and we expect to get really good results from that.”

The bottom line is it’s Brown

**Oregon QB post-spring depth chart**

**Anthony Brown:** 6-foot-2, 226 pounds, graduate transfer  
**Jay Butterfield:** 6-foot-6, 212 pounds, redshirt freshman  
**Ty Thompson:** 6-foot-4, 215 pounds, true freshman  
**Robby Ashford:** 6-foot-3, 225 pounds, redshirt freshman

job to lose. He’s experienced and skilled, but also hasn’t played against the best of competition during his career, though that might not change much this fall when looking at Pac-12 secondaries.

“(I’m) even more comfortable with (the receivers), getting those extra reps with them and working with them every day,” Brown said. “As we work together we’re going to continue to get more and more comfortable with each other, which is always going to be good.”

Oregon’s three freshmen quarterbacks split reps with the second and third offenses during the spring and each had solid performances in the spring game.

“I feel like they made a great impression this spring and they did a really good job,” Brown said of the trio. “They worked their tails off and they’re really talented. I’m excited to see how they progress from here on out.”

Butterfield was the second quarterback to take the field in both the first scrimmage and spring game, when he was 6 of 9 for 118 yards and a touchdown, and showed the ability to drive the ball downfield multiple times in those settings. If he can fill out his frame and increase his throwing velocity the second-year freshman definitely has a bright future.

Thompson was the third quarterback on the field throughout spring and his upside is obvious. Thomp-

son might have the strongest arm of any of UO’s QBs and he might be the most mobile. The question is how quickly can he adapt to the speed of the college game and grasp the offense enough to make best use of his skills in game situations.

Ashford, who’s splitting time with baseball, missed the first spring scrimmage due to an ankle injury and got most of his stats in the spring game on the final drive. He too has a big arm and great speed, probably the best among the QBs.

“I love Butterfield, I love how he throws,” receiver Kris Hutson said. “Really every quarterback on our team throws pretty good. Everybody has their fair share of throwing. His arm is terrific. It’s been great working with (Thompson) and Robby. Seeing Robby go through both sports, that’s a real big thing for him and for him to still come out and make a big impact, that’s a huge thing that opened a lot of eyes. With Ty, he’s real smart, good decision-making.”

**Oakland****Continued from A5**

“We’re hopeful that our really exciting plan for a waterfront ballpark that’s privately financed will be taken up by the city council,” Kaval said. “I think it’s something that is kind of a once-a-generational opportunity to re-imagine the waterfront. We’re going to continue to pursue that and we’re still hopeful that that could get approved, but we have to be realistic about where we are with the timelines.”

Early this year, Kaval asked the city council to make a decision before it breaks for the summer on a \$12 billion privately funded ballpark project and major community development plan featuring \$450 million in community benefits, but the team has been given no indication anything is imminent.

“We have an offer in front of the city council that we have not got a response on,” Kaval said.

“So I think we’re still doing what we can to pursue the waterfront ballpark, which we think is a dynamic and exciting project but we are running out of time here in Oakland at our existing facility and we need to look at other options to see what might be possible.”

The team’s lease at the Coliseum is up in 2024, but the aging venue where the A’s have played since 1968 is already having lighting and flooding issues. A’s owner John Fisher said in a statement Tuesday he will honor MLB’s instructions but remains committed to continuing to pursue the waterfront ballpark proposed for construction in the city’s Howard Terminal location, close to the popular Jack London Square neighborhood.

“The future success of the A’s depends on a new ballpark,” Fisher said. “Oakland is a great baseball town, and we will continue to pursue our waterfront ballpark project. We will also

follow MLB’s direction to explore other markets.”

The A’s are hopeful MLB’s pressure might help push that process with the city.

“We share MLB’s sense of urgency and their continued preference for Oakland. Today’s statement makes clear that the only viable path to keeping the A’s rooted in Oakland is a ballpark on the waterfront,” Mayor Libby Schaff said.

“We have made great strides with the Governor’s certification and release of the EIR. Now, with the recent start of financial discussions with the A’s, we call on our entire community — regional and local partners included — to rally together and support a new, financially viable, fiscally responsible, world class waterfront neighborhood that enhances our city and region, and keeps the A’s in Oakland where they belong.”

The proposed ballpark site is about 6 miles from the Coliseum and there is no mass tran-

sit. The A’s and city have said they plan to build a gondola that would go from the waterfront area of the ballpark over Interstate 880 to downtown.

The team’s new downtown offices would have a view of the project, including from Kaval’s large corner window.

Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred has mentioned as possible expansion candidates: Charlotte, North Carolina; Las Vegas; Montreal; Nashville, Tennessee; Portland; and Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Athletics have moved twice since the franchise was founded in Philadelphia, arriving in Kansas City for the 1955 season and in Oakland for the 1968 season.

Just two MLB teams have moved in the past half-century: The expansion Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers for the 1972 season and the Montreal Expos transformed into the Washington Nationals for the 2005 season.

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**MOON ALERT:** Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. EDT today (5:15 a.m. to 6 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Taurus into Gemini.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021:** You are caring and thoughtful, plus you have a lighthearted, witty charm. You are multitalented and have excellent money savvy, which means you can be successful in many fields. You will quickly warm to the challenges of your coming year because your hardworking nature will come alive. You’re heading into a window where you will build and create more structure in your life.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★ This is the perfect day for detail-oriented work because you can concentrate on mental work with focus and diligence. You have a sharp eye for the little pieces that make up the whole in whatever you’re doing. Conversations with others will be reserved. Tonight: Guard against extravagance.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★ You have an eye for detail today, especially with finances. If spending money, you’ll be conservative. If shopping, you will buy long-lasting, practical items. If negotiating financial matters, you will choose what is safe and secure. Tonight: Help a friend.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★ Today your ruler Mercury is dancing with stern Saturn, which makes you more reserved. You might prefer to be alone with your thoughts. Although it might be harder to see the big picture, you will be aware of tiny details. Tonight: You feel sympathetic to someone.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ This is an excellent day for research because your mind is focused and capable of sorting out details. Furthermore, you will prefer the solitude that research requires. Whatever you do today will be done with care and thought. Tonight: You’re entertaining idealistic goals.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★ A discussion with someone older or more experienced will help you today. Someone might have advice for you or suggest important contacts for you in the future. Lean on their experience, because you don’t have to reinvent the wheel. Tonight: Be realistic when dealing with bosses and parents.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★ Discussions with parents, bosses, VIPs and the police will be serious and to the point today. “Just the facts, ma’am.” Many of you might give serious thought to the general direction in which you’re headed. Where are you going? Tonight: Appreciate beauty wherever you find it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★ This is the perfect day to study anything that requires focus and concentration. Your mind is steady, which means you can stay on one topic with relative ease. You might study legal matters, timetables or travel plans. Tonight: Don’t give away the farm.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ You couldn’t pick a better day to tie up loose ends with taxes, debt, insurance issues and shared property. (Have you got this much string?) You’re happy to work at practical matters because you can concentrate on “boring stuff.” Tonight: You feel sympathetic with loved ones.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★ Today serious thinking will prevail in discussions with partners and close friends. You might work with someone to organize yourself or your environment. This is an excellent day to seek counsel from someone more experienced. Tonight: Enjoy helping co-workers and pets.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ You will be productive today, especially if it is work-related. You will work with care and be thorough, which is why you will avoid mistakes. “Measure twice, cut once.” You might have serious health discussions related to your teeth, your joints and your skeleton. Tonight: Romance is the stuff of movies.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★ Today you have the patience to practice something until you improve your ability to do it. This could relate to the arts, musical performances or sports. The main thing is you will concentrate on what you’re doing because you have the necessary mindset and perseverance. Tonight: Helping family will be rewarding.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★ You might tackle home repairs today. If so, you will get a lot done because you will be careful and persevering. You also might have a serious discussion with an older family member that is beneficial to you. Tonight: Your idealism is aroused. Daydreams will be strong.

**Ferguson****Continued from A5**

It won’t keep the Super Golf League or the Premier Golf League from tempting players with as much money as McIlroy has made in his PGA Tour career (his victory in the Wells Fargo Championship pushed that over \$53 million, the sixth-highest in tour history).

If the tour offers \$40 million, Saudi organizers can counter with \$350 million. It’s not a fair fight.

The PGA Tour offers what money can’t — creating a legacy based on history.

What made this impact program difficult to grasp was how the tour is deciding who finishes in the top 10. It will be measured by an impact score derived from Meltwater Mentions, Google searches, Nielsen Brand Exposure, an MVP index and Q-rating. This is more complicated than birdies and bogeys.

It’s designed to identify players who have the “it” factor, a shorter way of saying “Player Impact Program.”

Ty Votaw was commissioner of the LPGA Tour in 2002 when he rolled out the five points of celebrity. It started with performance and included approachability, passion and joy, appearance and relevance. That was as good a definition as any. It still is.

A more anecdotal variety was evident at Quail Hollow on Saturday in a span of 10 minutes.

Hundreds of fans were relaxing on the grassy hill behind the 13th green. McIlroy made a 10-foot par putt, and as he headed up the walkway to the next tee, fans scrambled to get up and rush to side of the ropes to take his picture, say something to him with hopes he replied or simply to look. They didn’t do that for every player.

McIlroy then sent his drive well to the right into the gallery, the ball bouncing to a stop under a spectator’s chair. The man waited until McIlroy arrived because he wasn’t sure what to do. McIlroy leaned over to speak to him at eye level and give him a fist bump. Some laughs were exchanged.

“I said, ‘I’m going to get a ball out of this, right?’” the fan said. “He said, ‘It depends on

the shot. If I make it, you get anything you want.’ He’s just so down-to-earth.”

McIlroy, facing a flop shot over a bunker to a tucked pin, did well to keep it on the fringe. The man got his signed golf ball. So did the woman behind him, and then she pointed to a man behind her because the shot apparently nicked him, too.

“I’m going to run out of golf balls,” McIlroy said to another round of laughter.

Moments like that probably fall somewhere between Q-rating and Google searches. If this program had started a year ago, there surely would have been a “Live Under Par” hashtag.

Even great play and a few more tweets isn’t a guarantee to be on the list, and there are players in the top 10 of performance — world ranking, FedEx Cup points, even winning a major — who inevitably will be left out.

Bryson DeChambeau says being different helps, and everything about him is different. Rickie Fowler said he notices kids flocking to the more popular players. “Kids are the best judge of character,” he said.

Yes, performance still matters. That’s what gets a player noticed in the first place. From there?

“I think showing a little bit of your personality,” McIlroy said. “You don’t have to be putting out 10 social media posts every day, but you can show your personality through your golf game if you want.”

Tiger Woods will make the list — he likely will lead the list — without playing this year. Phil Mickelson can make the list without playing very well.

They have a quarter-century behind them of making tournaments better when they played. They moved the needle.

To see the crowds that Woods attracted in his lone appearance at the Valspar Championship in 2018, the argument can be made quite easily that Woods is the needle.

Going forward? McIlroy touched on one other trait.

“As Arnold Palmer said, ‘Every person you meet, look them dead in the eye, give them the time of day.’ If Arnold were still around, he would be No. 1 in that impact program for the next 50 years because of just how he was with people,” McIlroy said.

“That’s what’s popular. It’s being engaging. I don’t really see anything else.”

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