

Mom feels she is caught in the middle between dad, adult children

DEAR ABBY: My husband said no. My husband wants me to stop speaking to our adult children. He says they have both offended him, and he wants an apology from them.

My daughter didn't help him when he was out of the home for a few months and had nowhere to go. At the time, she was living in her boyfriend's grandparents' home. She had asked them if it was OK, but they



said no. My husband was hurt by this and wants her to apologize for "treating him this way." They no longer speak to each other and exchanged hurtful texts until my daughter blocked him.

My son, who just turned 18, is in college. He came home for a break and asked if he could stay with his girlfriend. I said yes. When my husband found out, he ordered our son to come home. My son pulled the "I'm 18; you can't tell me what to do." He then said our family crisis was causing his girlfriend to have anxiety and depression. This upset my husband because he felt he was being blamed for her issues and disre-

spected when my son refused to come home. My husband feels I should stop speaking to him, too, to support him.

I cannot bring myself to do this. My husband says our marriage is over if I can't support him. What would you do?

— IN A FAMILY MESS

DEAR ABBY

Your husband is a handful. With his authoritarian attitude, he cannot seem to stop himself from alienating family members. He is acting like a bullying child. Right now, he is two for two and counting.

I do not think you should stop talking to your daughter for things beyond her control or for telling the truth. If you have any power at all in your marital relationship, please insist that all of you get family counseling from a licensed professional. Your husband needs to learn to communicate more effectively with his son. If your husband refuses to participate, and he may, then you have some important decisions about your future that I cannot make for you.

DEAR ABBY: My younger sister died two years ago. She was only 43. She left behind her husband of 19 years, three children, my parents and myself (along with many other family members and friends).

Her choice was to be cremated. As a family, we discussed my brother-in-law's plans for the ashes. He discussed various options and we, of course, shared our desires and wishes. Her ashes remained in the cardboard box from the funeral home on a shelf in their living room until my brother-in-law moved into a new place a year later.

My mother finally confronted him. She said it was disrespectful not to have finalized a resting place for her daughter. She said she knew the ashes belong to him because he's the husband. His response was he was sorry she felt that way. Now we don't know what he's done with them. He became engaged 15 months after my sister's death and has been living with his fiancée.

This seems so wrong to me and so dismissive of my sister and my family. What can we do? We want

a final resting place for her. We think his actions show he obviously doesn't care.

— DISILLUSIONED AND HEARTBROKEN

DEAR D&H: That's not necessarily true. Your former brother-in-law may care so much about his late wife that he cannot let the ashes go. I hope you will maintain contact with him because it's a way to keep track of those ashes. As his wedding date grows near, he may soften his stance and allow them to be divided, perhaps with some prodding from his new wife, which may be the solution that's best for everyone concerned.

DEAR ABBY: How would you suggest I deal with people who continually want to sabotage my diet? I worked very hard to drop more than 30 pounds. I also have digestive health issues that are no one's business.

An example: During the coffee break at a meeting at work, someone offered me lovely homemade baked goods. I said, "No, thank you." I then got a snide remark about being ungrateful for all the "effort that went into them" and was urged to "just try

a little bit to be sociable."

Another time someone plunked a huge chunk of frosting-laden something in front of me. Or, a friend brings me a large quantity of candy or wine or strange "gourmet" stuff I can't eat, all of which wind up in the trash even after I have asked them to please don't.

When I visit my mother, she continues to pile stuff on my plate even after I repeatedly say, "No more, thank you." Then I get a lecture about wasting food. What do I need to be doing or saying differently?

— SABOTAGED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR SABOTAGED: Take your easily offended co-workers aside and tell them that you cannot eat their tempting pastries because your doctor has told you you mustn't. I am sure it is the truth, and you should not feel guilty.

As to your mother, the next time she accuses you of wasting food, I don't think you would be out of line to tell her that she, not you, is the one wasting food by piling more than you can eat on your plate.

Tiger at NYC's Bronx Zoo tests positive for coronavirus

By Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A tiger at the Bronx Zoo has tested positive for the new coronavirus, in what is believed to be the first known infection in an animal in the U.S. or a tiger anywhere, federal officials and the zoo said Sunday.

The 4-year-old Malayan tiger named Nadia — and six other tigers and lions that have also fallen ill — are thought to have been infected by a zoo employee who wasn't showing symptoms, the zoo said. The first animal started showing symptoms March 27. All are doing well and expected to recover, said the zoo, which has been closed since March 16 amid the coronavirus outbreak in New York.

The test result stunned zoo officials, but director Jim Breheny said he hopes the finding can con-

tribute to the global fight against the virus that causes COVID-19.

"Any kind of knowledge that we get on how it's transmitted, how different species react to it, that knowledge somehow is going to provide a greater base resource for people," he said.

The finding raises new questions about transmission of the virus in animals. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which confirmed Nadia's test result at its veterinary lab, said there are no known cases of the virus in U.S. pets or livestock.

"There doesn't appear to be, at this time, any evidence that suggests that the animals can spread the virus to people or that they can be a source of the infection in the United States," Dr. Jane Rooney, a veterinarian and a USDA official, said in an interview.

The USDA said Sunday it's not recommending routine coronavirus testing of animals, in zoos or elsewhere, or of zoo employees. Still, Rooney said a small number of animals in the U.S. have been tested through the USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratories, and all those tests came back negative except Nadia's.

The coronavirus outbreaks around the world are driven by person-to-person transmission, experts say.

There have been a handful of reports outside the U.S. of pet dogs or cats becoming infected after close contact with contagious people, including a Hong Kong dog that tested positive for a low level of the pathogen in February and early March. Hong Kong agriculture authorities concluded that pet dogs and cats couldn't pass the virus to human

beings but could test positive if exposed by their owners.

Some researchers have been trying to understand the susceptibility of different animal species to the virus, and to determine how it spreads among animals, according to the Paris-based World Organization for Animal Health.

The American Veterinary Medical Association and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been recommending that out of an abundance of caution, people ill with the coronavirus should limit contact with animals — advice that the veterinary group reiterated after learning of the tiger's test result.

In general, the CDC also advises people to wash their hands after handling animals and do other things to keep pets and their homes clean.



Julie Larsen Maher/The Bronx Zoo/WCS Nadia, a 4-year-old female Malayan tiger at the Bronx Zoo, New York City, has tested positive for COVID-19. She is expected to recover.

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	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Clear to partly cloudy	Partly sunny and mild	Clouds and sun; cooler	Mostly sunny and chilly	Mostly cloudy and milder
Baker City	35	71 39	58 28	51 22	57 25
Comfort Index™	10	10	5	2	5
La Grande	38	67 38	55 25	50 22	59 29
Comfort Index™	10	10	5	3	10
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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	65°	63°	65°
Low Tuesday	24°	29°	29°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	0.19	0.45
Normal month to date	0.17	0.35	0.46
Year to date	0.79	5.80	18.78
Normal year to date	2.39	4.62	8.24

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 93°	Falfurrias, Texas
Low: 12°	Sunset Crater, Ariz.
Wettest: 1.85"	Winona, Miss.
OREGON	
High: 70°	Hermiston
Low: 22°	Klamath Falls
Wettest: Trace	North Bend

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	NW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	10.7
Evapotranspiration	0.16

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir	37% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	89% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	85% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	92% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	73% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	102% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	4090 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	75 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	121 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	392 cfs
Minam River at Minam	255 cfs
Powder River near Richland	224 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

On April 9, 1947, a tornado cut a 221-mile path through Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. The storm took 169 lives and caused more than \$10 million in damage.

SUN & MOON

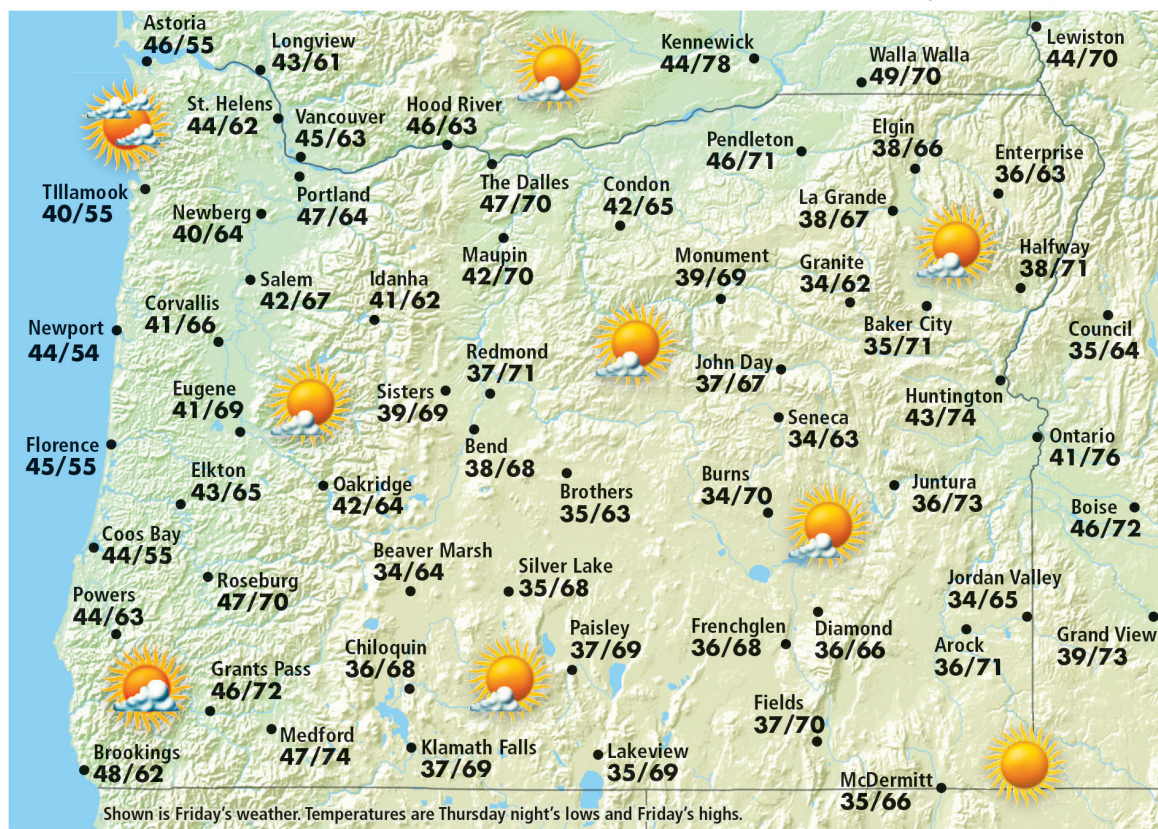
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Sunrise	6:17 a.m.	6:16 a.m.
Sunset	7:31 p.m.	7:32 p.m.
Moonrise	9:57 p.m.	11:15 p.m.
Moonset	7:32 a.m.	8:05 a.m.

MOON PHASES



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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI.		SAT.		
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Astoria	55/43/pc	54/37/c	Lewiston	70/47/c	57/33/sh
Bend	68/39/pc	59/30/pc	Longview	61/39/pc	61/35/pc
Boise	72/47/s	63/36/s	Meacham	64/36/pc	53/23/pc
Brookings	62/49/s	61/43/pc	Medford	74/48/pc	69/41/pc
Burns	70/38/s	58/27/s	Newport	54/43/pc	53/39/pc
Coos Bay	55/42/pc	54/37/c	Olympia	60/40/c	59/34/c
Corvallis	66/42/pc	61/37/pc	Ontario	76/49/s	66/36/s
Council	64/37/s	56/26/pc	Pasco	79/47/pc	66/34/pc
Elgin	66/38/s	54/26/pc	Pendleton	71/44/s	61/29/pc
Eugene	69/43/pc	62/38/pc	Portland	64/43/pc	61/40/pc
Hermiston	76/46/pc	67/32/pc	Powers	63/42/pc	62/34/c
Hood River	63/43/s	60/35/pc	Redmond	71/39/s	60/30/pc
Imnaha	67/40/pc	56/26/pc	Roseburg	70/48/pc	64/41/pc
John Day	67/40/pc	57/27/c	Salem	67/41/pc	61/38/pc
Joseph	63/34/s	50/21/sh	Spokane	66/41/pc	50/28/c
Kennewick	78/47/pc	67/31/pc	The Dalles	70/46/s	63/38/pc
Klamath Falls	69/38/s	60/34/pc	Ukiah	64/34/s	52/22/c
Lakeview	69/34/s	62/31/pc	Walla Walla	70/45/pc	58/33/sh

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

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Partly sunny	46 24	PHILLIPS LAKE Lots of sun; mild	64 36
MT. EMILY REC. Partly sunny	54 33	BROWNLEE RES. Mostly sunny	68 40
EAGLE CAP WILD. Partly sunny	51 26	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Mostly sunny	59 33
WALLOWA LAKE Lots of sun; nice	63 34	MCKAY RESERVOIR Mostly sunny	70 43
THIEF VALLEY RES. Mostly sunny	71 39	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Partly sunny; mild	67 38

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