Dinner parties dominated by woman's nonstop talking

DEAR ABBY: I am part of a couples group that gets together on a regular basis

The problem is one of the women takes over the

conversation, and it becomes her monologue. She just won't stop! She goes into minute detail about

every aspect of her life for the last couple of weeks (or months or years!) and the lives of her family, friends, friends of family and friends of friends. These are people we don't know and don't care about!

We have tried to redirect the conversation by asking someone else a specific question. Before they can hardly comment, she jumps right in again. She's a nice person, and a friend. Can you suggest a kind way we can fix this, or do we just have to exclude them from these dinners?

– EARS HURTING IN

DEAR EARS HURTING: The woman may not realize how her

efforts to be entertaining are perceived by the rest of you. Someone — possibly you — has to summon up the courage to tell her how off-putting her mono-

logues are. It may not **DEAR** be an easy **ABBY** conversation to have, but it would

be better than excluding her with no explanation. If, however, she is unable (or unwilling) to change her behavior, the solution would be to stop inviting

DEAR ABBY: I just turned 51 and have been diagnosed with cancer for the second time. Why is it that when I tell someone I have cancer, their first response is to tell me about every person in their life who has had cancer and all the gloomy stories? One family member actually pulled out pictures to show me her SIL's hair growing back. Why do they think this is an appropriate response? It's the last thing I want to hear.

It is difficult to remain

positive, and I struggle with letting people in.

The more this happens, the more I shut down. Your thoughts?

- TRYING IN SALEM, MASS.

DEAR TRYING: It might help to remind yourself that these individuals may be trying to show you they identify with what vou and their relatives have experienced.

The family member who showed you that picture may have thought she was being encouraging by showing you a positive outcome — that after chemo, your hair may grow back.

If someone starts a con-

versation along these lines,

it is perfectly acceptable to tell the person you would rather not discuss the subject right now — or ever. Please don't allow the fact that some people are inappropriate to isolate you. As I am sure you are aware, there are cancer support groups in which you can receive emotional support. If you need to find one, visit cancer.org.

Coronavirus stalls work to keep alive a rare rhino subspecies

By Joe Mwiha and Kheled Kazziah Associated Press

NANYUKI, Kenya — It's not quite a case of coitus interruptus, but efforts to create a very special baby are definitely on hold. Blame the pandemic.

Groundbreaking work to keep alive the nearly extinct northern white rhino subspecies — population, two — by in-vitro fertilization has been stalled by travel restrictions. And time is running out.

The two northern white rhinos are female. The goal is to create viable embryos in a lab by inseminating their eggs with frozen sperm from dead males, then transfer them into a surrogate mother, a more common southern white

As of January, three embryos had been created and stored in liquid nitrogen. But further key steps now have to wait.

"It has been disrupted by COVID-19, like everything else," said Richard Vigne, managing director of Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Kenya, home of the two

remaining rhinos. "That is, the process of collecting more eggs from the females as well as the process of developing the technique to introduce the northern white rhino embryo into the southern white rhino females."

It's an international effort that includes conservationists from Kenva. the Czech Republic, Germany and Italy — many affected by closed borders or restricted travel.

For those involved in the effort, acutely aware of time, the delay can be painful. The procedure to create viable embryos has proven to be safe, they say, and can be performed regularly before the animals become too old.

In January, the transfer of the embryos to surrogates had been planned for the coming months. In March, the plan had been to collect another round of eggs from the two remaining females.

Because those eggs are limited, scientists are working with embryos from southern white rhinos until they can establish a successful pregnancy.

Seven or eight transfers so far have failed to take hold. A receptive female is needed, along with the knowledge of exactly when

she ovulates. "We know time is working against us," said Cesare Galli, an in-vitro fertilization expert based in Italy. "The females will age and we don't have

many to choose from." He hopes restrictions on international travel will loosen in the coming weeks so key steps can resume in August. "The problem is quite serious," he said. "

Certainly as soon as international travel is resumed, it will be the first priority to go" to Kenya and collect more eggs from the two females.

Even when travel can resume, another problem looms. The Ol Pejeta Conservancy also is home to primates — non-human primates — which are susceptible to the coronavirus, Galli said.

"If you bring in the virus accidentally, it's an additional risk," he said. 'You threaten one species to save another."

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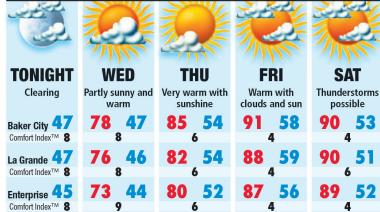
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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgir		
High Sunday	71°	71°	789		
Low Sunday	37°	38°	389		
PRECIPITATION (inches)					
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Month to date	1.03	4.03	2.79		
Normal month to dat	te 1.11	1.51	1.70		
Year to date	2.02	10.62	22.52		
Normal year to date	4.18	7.36	11.47		

AGRICULTURAL INFO. HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

HAT INFORMATION W	EDITEODAT
Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	3.7
Evapotranspiration	0.21
RESERVOIR STORAGE	(through midnight Monday)
Phillips Reservoir	47% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	99% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	81% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	103% of capacity

79% of capacity Wallowa Lake 106% of capacity Thief Valley Reservoir STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday) Grande Ronde at Troy Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder Burnt River near Unity 210 cfs Umatilla River near Gibbon Minam River at Minam

Powder River near Richland

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48	contiguous states)
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High: 102°	Thermal, Calif.
Low: 20°	Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 4.88"	Manhattan, Kan.
OREGON	
High: 82°	Medford
Low: 27°	Crater Lake
Wettest: Trace	Newport

WEATHER HISTORY

A devastating tornado ripped through Illinois on May 26, 1917. The storm killed 70 people as it tracked along a damage path 293 miles long for a period of seven hours and 20 minutes

SUN & MOON

Sunrise		5:11 a.m.	5:11 a.m.
Sunset		8:28 p.m.	8:29 p.m.
Moonrise		8:25 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Moonset		none	12:24 a.m.
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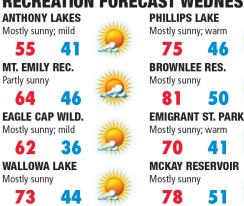
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Bend	79/50/s	83/54/pc	Longview	78/48/pc	82/52
Boise	83/57/s	90/63/s	Meacham	74/44/pc	80/53
Brookings	70/56/s	73/55/s	Medford	90/59/s	94/63
Burns	82/52/s	88/53/pc	Newport	64/51/pc	65/52
Coos Bay	65/50/s	66/52/s	Olympia	77/48/c	81/51/p
Corvallis	80/53/s	85/54/s	Ontario	87/56/s	91/61
Council	80/49/s	85/55/s	Pasco	86/52/pc	92/60
Elgin	76/48/pc	83/57/s	Pendleton	80/52/s	85/59/
Eugene	80/52/s	83/53/s	Portland	81/57/pc	87/59
Hermiston	86/53/pc	91/59/s	Powers	79/53/s	80/50
Hood River	82/55/pc	88/58/s	Redmond	83/50/s	87/53/p
Imnaha	78/54/pc	86/57/s	Roseburg	84/57/s	88/58
John Day	78/50/s	86/60/pc	Salem	79/54/s	85/55
Joseph	73/44/s	80/51/s	Spokane	74/51/pc	79/55
Kennewick	86/52/pc	92/59/s	The Dalles	85/56/pc	91/60
Klamath Falls	84/53/s	89/53/s	Ukiah	73/43/s	80/51
Lakeview	83/53/s	87/51/s	Walla Walla	79/55/pc	84/61
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Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Tuesday night's lows and Wednesday's highs. RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY



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