

Sisters react differently in longtime rift with mother

Dear Abby: Seventeen years ago, when my sister “Elise” and I were 19 and 25, our mother kicked us both out. I have long since forgiven her, and I have a happy relationship with her. Elise, on the other hand, has never let it go. I don’t understand why, because she’s the older of us, and 25 was a normal age to leave the nest.



DEAR ABBY

is there, she speaks to no one, not even me. Mom and I talk and beg her to join us, while Elise sits off to the side and refuses to join in. I have planned girls’ trips for the three of us with the same result.

I long for a relationship with Elise, but not a one-sided one. I feel bad for Mom and for her, because I’m sure Elise is lonely. I feel like a horrible person when I say I have a sister but we are not close. Do you think there’s any hope? — Missing Normal in Michigan

Dear Missing Normal: There

may be a lot more wrong with your sister than a case of hard feelings. As you stated, 17 years ago it was normal for 25-year-old women to leave their parents’ home and live independently or with a contemporary. If, at age 41, Elise is as isolated and uncommunicative as you describe, she may need the help of a psychotherapist to get back on track. Of course, this would entail her admitting she has a problem and a desire to do something about it. Unless that happens, there’s nothing you or your parents can do to “help” her.

Dear Abby: I am a 63-year-old man, born “Thomas

J. Reilly.” I was legally adopted at 14, although I had lived with my adoptive parents since I was 6 months old and was given their surname, “Johnson.” My wife of 42 years recently passed. My adoptive parents died several years ago, and my brother, who was also adopted by the Johnsons, has been gone two years.

My mother always wanted me to search for my birth family, but out of respect for her and Dad, I never did. Now, because I have no adoptive relations left in my life, I’m considering changing my name back to Reilly, but I’m ambivalent about it. I want to reengage with my birthright, yet

remain respectful to the Johnsons, who lovingly raised me as their own. My heart has two halves, and I don’t know which to nurture. — Confused in the East

Dear Confused: The line “What’s in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet” is a classic in English literature. In a situation like yours, however, it may not hold true. You honored your adoptive parents and your brother every day of their lives. If you feel changing your name would make your heart whole, then follow through with what you need to do.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Whimsical new NYC waterfront park floats over Hudson River

NEW YORK — A whimsical new park that appears to float on pilings above the Hudson River opened to the public just off the Manhattan shoreline Friday, May 21, four years after a fight between media mogul Barry Diller and a billionaire real estate developer threatened to derail it.

The new park, called Little Island but nicknamed Diller Island while under construction, was built with \$260 million from the foundation of Diller, the former 20th Century Fox CEO, and his wife, fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg.

It joins a string of piers along Manhattan’s west side that have been redeveloped for recreational use over the last 20 years, but its unusual design sets it apart.

Little Island’s flowers, trees and performance spaces rest on 132 concrete pots that the park’s creators call tulip pots. The pots are set on pilings of different heights, so that paths wind through the 2.4-acre park at a gentle, rolling grade.

The park is reachable by two bridges.

The design is from Thomas Heatherwick, who also created the Hudson Yards climbing structure known as the Vessel, some 20 blocks north of Little Island.

Diller, also a major donor to the nearby High Line, has spoken of Little Island as an enchanted forest or a visit to Oz.

“All of it is an oasis of everything fun, whimsical, playful that we can conjure,” he says in a video on the park’s website.

Plans for the project, part of the state-run Hudson River Park, were announced in 2014, but several lawsuits were filed arguing that the park had been planned without public input and could threaten marine wildlife. Real estate developer Douglas Durst, who had been pushed out of his position as chair of the fundraising group Friends of Hudson River Park a few years before, was revealed to have bankrolled the lawsuits filed by the



A woman rolls a baby carriage past a series of concrete tulip pots that support Little Island, Tuesday, May 18, 2021, in New York, days before the new public park’s planned opening May 21. The park on the Hudson River has two amphitheaters, one large and one intimate, that will open for performances from June through September, winding pathways and rolling hills with multiple views of the city, a casual outdoor dining area, and a children’s playground.

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nonprofit City Club of New York.

Facing rising costs because of the litigation, Diller announced in September 2017 that he was pulling the plug. He agreed to revive the project the next month after Gov. Andrew Cuomo brokered a deal.

“We are pleased the project helped get Hudson River Park finished,” Durst, the one-time lawsuit bankroller, said May 19 through a spokesperson.

The spokesperson said the reason Durst had supported the litigation was because the project hadn’t gone through the required regulatory process.

Little Island will be open from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. every day, but there will be timed entry from noon to 8 p.m. at least through September, executive director Trish Santini said.

Entertainment including

musical performances, theater and dance will start in mid-June, she said.

Producer Scott Rudin, who stepped down from the Broadway League last month over allegations of abusive behavior, was part of the team planning the performances spaces but “doesn’t have a formal ongoing relationship with the project,” Santini said.

There will be a mix of free and ticketed performances at the park’s 687-seat amphitheater. A smaller stage in an area called the Glade will host additional performances.

New Yorkers and visitors who walk on the High Line or bike along the waterfront have watched as Little Island was assembled, piece by piece.

The concrete tulips that support the park were fabricated and pieced together in upstate New York and floated down the Hudson

by barge, four at a time, Santini said.

Planting started after the massive tulips were in place at the end of 2019. The park’s landscaping was designed by Signe Nielsen of Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects to evoke a leaf floating on water. It features 35 species of trees, 65 species of shrubs and 290 types of grasses, vines and perennials.

Little Island’s human-made hills provide views of the Hudson on one side and of the city on the other, but the park’s carefully constructed topography makes it feel like its own little world.

“I think it’s going to represent for New York a place to come to rest and restore but also ignite their imaginations and remind us all that we’re creative,” Santini said. “My hope is that people come back time and time again

because they realize every time they come there’s always something new and fun to do.”

Rays’ Kiermaier has eye irritation stemming from eyelash

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Tampa Bay Rays center fielder Kevin Kiermaier has another freaky injury: left eye irritation stemming from an eyelash.

Kiermaier left the game Saturday night, May 22, against Toronto in the fifth inning after first experiencing discomfort while shagging balls during batting practice.

“A couple minutes in, I was like, dang it, I got an eyelash in my eye,” Kiermaier said. “There was an eyelash in there and then we rinsed my eye, and then it disappeared or kind of went into one of these crevices or whatever. Once that happened, everything took a turn for the worse.”

“I don’t know how or if we scratched, that’s definitely what it feels like,” Kiermaier added. “I keep telling people it just feels like a piece of sand on the inside of my eyelid. Every time I blink, just pressure, irritation, a scratching feeling.”

Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash said Kiermaier was not scheduled to start in the May 23 game against the Blue Jays but was available off the bench.

Kiermaier felt slight improvement that day.

“Still feel a little bit of a scratch or irritation, whatever we’ve got going on in there,” he said.

Kiermaier has a history of off-beat injuries, including hurting his hand during a base-running slide and injuring a wrist while attempting a diving catch.

“Just one of those weird things,” he said. “Seems like this stuff could only happen to me. Got to get through it and roll with the punches. I’ll be fine. I assume I’ll be 100% whenever my eye chooses to cooperate, but we’re kind of waiting for that moment.”

— The Associated Press

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	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Partly cloudy	Partly sunny and nice	Partly sunny and warm	Mostly sunny and warm	Sunny and hot
Baker City	39	77 42	82 47	87 52	92 55
Comfort Index™	10	8	6	6	3
La Grande	44	79 47	83 55	88 56	94 60
Comfort Index™	10	8	6	4	3
Enterprise	42	75 47	79 55	84 60	92 58
Comfort Index™	10	8	6	4	3

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.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	75°	79°	74°
Low Thursday	42°	49°	40°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	Trace	Trace	Trace
Month to date	0.57	0.06	0.49
Normal month to date	1.27	1.72	1.93
Year to date	2.23	5.90	14.20
Normal year to date	4.32	7.53	11.62

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 110°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 23°	Boca Raton, Fla.
Wettest: 3.07"	Joplin, Mo.
OREGON	
High: 82°	Ontario
Low: 29°	Howard Prairie
Wettest: 0.34"	Tillamook

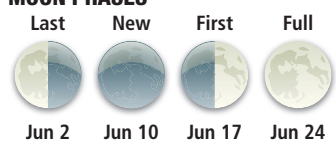
WEATHER HISTORY

Severe sandstorms lasting two days hit Yuma, Ariz., on May 29, 1877. Such sandstorms have helped create the unique landscape in the Southwest.

SUN & MOON

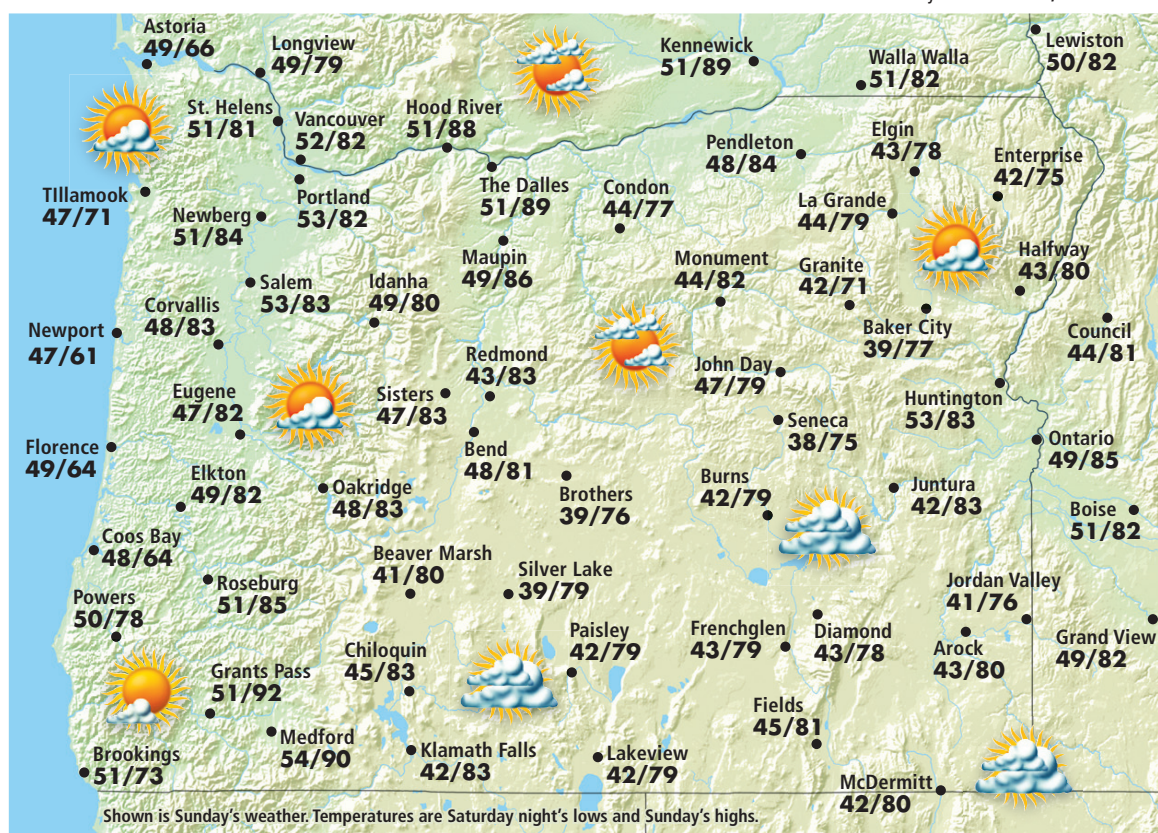
	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	5:09 a.m.	5:09 a.m.
Sunset	8:31 p.m.	8:31 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:29 a.m.
Moonset	8:10 a.m.	9:22 a.m.

MOON PHASES



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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W	City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	66/52/c	69/55/c	Lewiston	82/55/pc	87/58/pc
Bend	81/50/pc	86/56/pc	Longview	79/53/c	79/59/pc
Boise	82/53/pc	85/57/pc	Meacham	78/43/pc	82/51/pc
Brookings	73/57/pc	78/58/pc	Medford	90/56/pc	95/61/s
Burns	79/45/pc	84/50/s	Newport	61/49/pc	64/52/pc
Coos Bay	64/49/pc	68/53/pc	Olympia	76/49/c	78/53/pc
Corvallis	83/52/pc	87/58/pc	Ontario	85/56/pc	89/57/s
Council	81/47/pc	82/49/pc	Pasco	88/53/pc	93/60/pc
Elgin	78/48/pc	83/53/pc	Pendleton	84/54/pc	90/57/pc
Eugene	82/53/pc	85/56/pc	Portland	82/55/pc	84/60/pc
Hermiston	89/51/pc	95/57/pc	Powers	78/49/pc	83/56/pc
Hood River	88/49/pc	92/62/pc	Redmond	83/47/pc	87/53/pc
Imnaha	79/48/pc	84/53/pc	Roseburg	85/54/pc	90/60/pc
John Day	79/47/pc	84/54/s	Salem	83/56/pc	85/60/pc
Joseph	74/50/pc	78/56/pc	Spokane	78/52/pc	83/55/pc
Kennewick	89/55/pc	95/61/pc	The Dalles	89/57/pc	94/62/pc
Klamath Falls	83/46/pc	87/49/pc	Ukiah	74/40/pc	81/47/pc
Lakeview	79/46/pc	84/49/pc	Walla Walla	82/59/pc	88/61/pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY

City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W
ANTHONY LAKES	53 41	Partly sunny
MT. EMILY REC.	63 48	Partly sunny
EAGLE CAP WILD.	62 39	Partly sunny
WALLOWA LAKE	74 50	Partly sunny
THIEF VALLEY RES.	77 42	Partly sunny
PHILLIPS LAKE	74 44	Partly sunny; nice
BROWNLEE RES.	80 49	Partly sunny
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	71 40	Clouds and sun
MCKAY RESERVOIR	81 53	Clouds and sun
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	79 47	Partly sunny; nice