Difference of opinion ends longtime friendships



DEAR ABBY: The pandemic has put a strain on relationships. Last year, I lost my best friend of 40 years over the COVID vaccines. I believe the vaccine helps to keep me safe, as well as helps my family and friends. This friend decided he and his family would not take the jab. He quit his job rather than get vaccinated. This caused a rift so wide that, in his eyes, he and his family could not continue being friends with our family. I'm sad about it.

The big problem my wife and

I are contending with concerns our 8-year-old daughter. She has been best friends with my (former) best friend's daughter since birth. There have been eight years of sleepovers, birthdays, park visits, get-togethers and everything in between. We haven't seen them in six months. We can't keep telling our daughter the pandemic is the reason she can't see her best friend. This situation is so simple and so complicated. What do I tell my daughter about her best friend? VICTIM OF THE TIMES

DEAR VICTIM: Tell your daughter the truth — that her friend's parents will no longer allow it. Then explain why. That way she won't think that this is in any way her fault.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently contacted by my graduating class to help organize a reunion. Since then, one of the organizers has decided that our committee is an inseparable trio who must get together regularly by Zoom and occasionally in person.

We were not in touch before the reunion and we have little in common, but I can tell she's lonely, so I've indulged her so far. However, she now wants to convene periodically for long weekends at a nearby inn. I do not want to leave my spouse for long weekends or spend money and time on a person whom I don't care to befriend.

When I've tried to demur with "unavailability" excuses, she

insists we are a trio and we simply will wait a few weeks until I can find an open date. I don't want to be rude, but I can't figure out how to politely tell her that I have no interest in accepting her suggestions for an extended slumber party. How should I handle this? — ŘELUCTANT ALUMNA IN THE WEST

DEAR ALUMNA: Handle it by being frank with this needy individual. Tell her, "This isn't going to happen. I do not wish to leave my husband for a weekend. I don't mind helping with the reunion, but your demands on my time have increased to the point where they are too much for me."

DEAR ABBY: The season of pleasant weather and outdoor concerts is approaching. Invariably, we end up sitting by the chatterboxes. These folks seem oblivious to anyone else, including the performers and the rest of us who want to enjoy the performance. I realize these are free concerts, but I don't want to have to listen to these rude people. Any suggestions for silencing them so we can hear what the rest of us came for? — DISGUSTED IN SOUTH **CAROLINA**

DEAR DISGUSTED: Keep your tone civil. You might ask, "Would you please talk more quietly? We are trying to enjoy the performance." However, if they aren't receptive to your suggestion, consider moving as far away from them as possible.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Spain probes private taxidermy museum with 1,000 animals

The Associated Press

MADRID — Spain's Civil Guard says it is investigating a businessman in the eastern Valencia region who owned a private taxidermy collection with more than 1,000 stuffed animals, including just over 400 from protected species and at least one specimen of a North African oryx, already extinct.

The collection would fetch \$31.5 million on the black market, the Civil Guard said Sunday, April

10, in a statement, adding that its owner could be charged with trafficking and other crimes against the environment.

It said the finding was the largest of protected stuffed specimens in Spain.

Investigating agents found the stuffed animals in two warehouses extending over 50,000 square meters on the outskirts of Bétera, a small town north of the eastern coastal city of Valencia.

Of the 1,090 stuffed animals found, 405 belonged

to specimens protected by the CITES convention on wildlife protection.

They included the scimitar oryx, also known as the Sahara oryx, which the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. or IUCN, declared extinct in the wild in 2000, and at least two more species nearly extinct: the addax, or white antelope, originally from the Sahara desert and the Bengal tiger.

The agents also recorded stuffed specimens of cheetah, leopard, lion, lynx,

polar bear, snow panther and white rhinoceros, among others, as well as 198 large ivory tusks from elephants.

The Civil Guard said it would investigate whether any documents exist justifying the ownership of the collection.

Accused shooter in **Lady Gaga dog theft** mistakenly freed

LOS ANGELES A gunman accused of shooting and seriously wounding Lady Gaga's dog walker and stealing her two French bulldogs was mistakenly released from jail and is being sought, authorities said Friday, April 8.

James Howard Jackson, 19, was facing an attempted murder charge when he was released from Los Angeles County's jail on April 6 "due to a clerical error," the county Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

The sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau is Major Crimes Bureau is working on finding him, the statement said.

Jackson is one of five

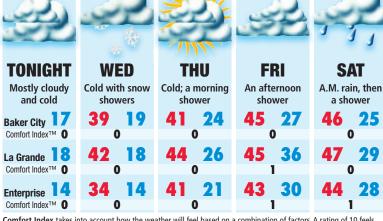
people arrested in connection with the Feb. 24, 2021, attack in Hollywood. Prosecutors said Jackson and two other alleged gang members had driven around looking for expensive French bulldogs to steal, then spotted, tailed and robbed Ryan Fischer as he walked Lady Gaga's dogs near Sunset Boulevard.

During a violent struggle, Fischer was hit, choked and then shot in an attack captured by the doorbell camera of a nearby home.





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5 cfs

237 cfs

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgii	
High Sunday	41°	42°	399	
Low Sunday	20°	28°	30°	
PRECIPITATION (inches)				
Sunday	0.01	Trace	0.16	
Month to date	0.05	0.08	0.97	
Normal month to dat	te 0.26	0.57	0.81	
Year to date	0.72	2.46	8.16	
Normal year to date	2.32	5.19	8.67	

AGRICULTURAL INFO. HAV INCODMATION WEDNESDAY

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Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	W at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.5
Evapotranspiration	0.05
RESERVOIR STORAGE (th	rough midnight Monday)
Phillips Reservoir	10% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	70% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	43% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	74% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	40% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	96% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through m	nidnight Sunday)
Grande Ronde at Troy	3060 cfs

Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder

Burnt River near Unity

Minam River at Minam

Umatilla River near Gibbon

Powder River near Richland

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 conti	guous states)
High: 103°	Zapata, Texas
Low: 4°	Dixie, Idaho
Wettest: 1.26"	Florence, Ore.
OREGON	
High: 54°	Medford
Low: 17°	Burns
Wettest: 0.38"	Meacham

WEATHER HISTORY

The all-time measured wind speed record was set at Mt. Washington, N.H., on April 12, 1934. The wind averaged 186 mph for five minutes and gusted briefly to a record 231 mph.

SUN & MOON

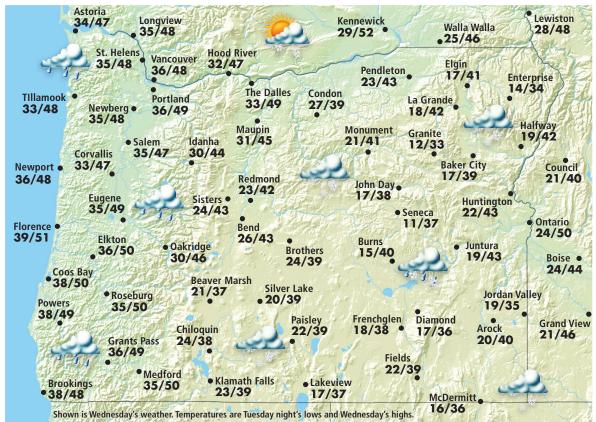
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Sunset	7	:34 p.m.	7:36 p.m.	
Moonrise	3	:00 p.m.	4:11 p.m.	
Moonset	4	:52 a.m.	5:14 a.m.	
MOON PI	HASES			
Full	Last	New	First	
Apr 16	Apr 23	Apr 30	May 8	

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REGIONAL CITIES

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City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	47/36/pc	49/36/c	Lewiston	48/30/c	49/35/c
Bend	43/29/sn	47/27/r	Longview	48/35/c	48/37/sh
Boise	44/27/sf	47/33/c	Meacham	40/18/sf	43/27/sn
Brookings	48/42/r	51/37/r	Medford	50/38/r	53/36/r
Burns	40/17/sf	43/24/sn	Newport	48/34/pc	48/35/pc
Coos Bay	50/39/r	50/37/sh	Olympia	47/31/r	48/32/c
Corvallis	47/34/sh	48/31/pc	Ontario	50/27/sh	51/30/c
Council	40/19/sf	42/27/pc	Pasco	52/28/c	52/34/pc
Elgin	41/16/sf	43/27/pc	Pendleton	43/23/sf	47/31/c
Eugene	49/36/r	50/37/c	Portland	49/36/r	49/38/sh
Hermiston	51/28/sn	50/30/c	Powers	49/38/sh	52/37/sh
Hood River	47/31/c	48/35/sh	Redmond	42/25/sf	44/23/sn
Imnaha	43/20/sf	45/23/c	Roseburg	50/39/sh	51/35/sh
John Day	38/19/c	43/26/sf	Salem	47/35/r	51/38/pc
Joseph	37/17/sf	41/21/c	Spokane	44/26/c	45/29/c
Kennewick	52/29/c	53/34/pc	The Dalles	49/33/sn	49/34/pc
Klamath Falls	39/27/c	45/28/c	Ukiah	35/18/sn	41/23/c
Lakeview	37/24/sf	42/30/c	Walla Walla	46/27/sh	48/32/pc
Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain,					

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY



