

Mother continues to treat grown son like a child



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: Several months after we met, my partner asked me to move into her home. That was three years ago. She told me she had a son who was living with her, but that he would soon be moving into his own place. I have never loved anyone the way I do her, but her son is a different story.

What she didn't tell me before I moved in was that he is 37 years old and

hasn't worked more than three weeks in his life. He is not physically or mentally disabled. In fact, he is extremely bright in the tech field. He is totally dependent on his mother to pay for everything, including his car. He buys nothing.

She gives him a hefty "allowance" for doing her yardwork. He has no shame about being a slacker, and she keeps saying she wants him out on his own, but she sets no deadlines. I want her to set a departure date. Her son has to grow up, get a job and move out six

months after that, just as my daughter and son both did. They now have families and are economically sound.

I want my partner and me to have our own home together. She's pushing marriage, and I'm thinking I should use my head and move back to Florida. I have no security here and I do not want any responsibility for him. Any advice? — **Smarter Woman**

Dear Smarter Woman: Your partner may be pressing for marriage, but you absolutely shouldn't do it under these circumstances. Set a departure

date at which time either her son moves out, or you do. I agree that the man (37!) needs to move out and accept responsibility for himself, but it won't happen as long as Mama is his enabler.

Dear Abby: At family gatherings, I can't get a word in edgewise. When I try to join the conversation, invariably someone — usually my wife — cuts me off, dismisses what I have to say as "fiction" and shuts me down. It is extremely disrespectful and I feel humiliated and embarrassed by her comments. My silence does not

mean consent.

She and the family live by the rule that the one who speaks loudest speaks best. I have complained privately to her to no avail. She won't admit there's a problem. She says these verbal free-for-alls are a part of her "culture." I love her and the family, but have begun to withdraw as much as I can from these gatherings. For what it's worth, I'm fairly well-educated, stay reasonably well-informed, have traveled quite a bit and believe I could add worthwhile and valid input to our gatherings, if I had the chance.

Please advise. — **Unheard Man of the Family**

Dear Unheard: You may be the "man of the family," but your wife assumed the dominant role the first time she dismissed what you were saying as "fiction." You may love her and her overbearing, disrespectful family, but what has been going on is a part of no "culture" I have heard of. Nothing will change until you either insist that she be sensitive to your feelings and treat you with respect, or refuse to attend gatherings if you are not allowed to fully participate.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

World's tallest horse dies at age 20

The Associated Press

POYNETTE, Wis.— The world's tallest horse has died in Wisconsin.

The 20-year-old Belgian named Big Jake lived on Smokey Hollow Farm in Poynette. Valicia Gilbert, wife of the farm's owner, Jerry Gilbert, said Big Jake died two weeks ago but declined to give the exact date of death when The Associated Press reached her Monday via Facebook.

"We would rather not remember him by a date — it's been a traumatic event for our family," she said.

Big Jake was 6-foot-10 and weighed 2,500 pounds. The Guinness Book of World Records certified him as the world's tallest living horse in 2010.

Jerry Gilbert told WMTV that Big Jake was a "superstar" and a "truly magnificent animal." He said Big Jake was born in Nebraska and weighed 240 pounds at birth, about 100 pounds heavier at birth than a typical Belgian foal.

He said he plans to memorialize Big Jake by keeping his stall empty and inserting a brick on the outside of it with his picture and name.

Boa constrictor accidentally freed in Utah still missing

TOOELE, Utah — A boa constrictor accidentally freed from its container last week has eluded authorities in Utah for more than three days.

Animal control officers were called to a home on Friday, July 2, after contractors accidentally knocked over the 8-foot-long snake's container, KSL TV reported July 6. The contractors were working on the home in Tooele, about 35 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

Tooele Police Lt. Jeremy Hansen said animal control searched the home for more than 90 minutes but couldn't find the reptile. He said the snake's owner believes that it may still be on his property.

Anyone who may know about the snake's whereabouts is asked to contact the Tooele Police Department.



Carrie Antfinger/The Associated Press, File

Jerry Gilbert brushes Big Jake at the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison, Wisconsin, on Friday, April 11, 2014. The world's tallest horse has died in Wisconsin. WMTV reported Monday, July 5, 2021, that the 20-year-old Belgian named "Big Jake" died several weeks ago. Big Jake was 6-foot-10 and weighed 2,500 pounds. The Guinness Book of World Records certified him as the world's tallest living horse in 2010. The farm's owner, Jerry Gilbert, says Big Jake was a "superstar" and a "truly magnificent animal."

Big cats, bears, ferrets get COVID-19 vaccine at Oakland Zoo

OAKLAND, California — A San Francisco Bay Area zoo is inoculating its big cats, bears and ferrets against the coronavirus as part of a national effort to protect animal species using an experimental vaccine.

Tigers Ginger and Molly were the first two animals at the Oakland Zoo to get

the vaccine this week, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Saturday. The doses were donated and developed by veterinary pharmaceutical company Zoetis in New Jersey.

Alex Herman, vice president of veterinary services at the zoo, said none of the animals have gotten the virus, but they wanted to be proactive. Tigers,

black and grizzly bears, mountain lions and ferrets received the first of two doses. Next are primates and pigs.

In a press release, she said the zoo has used barriers for social distancing and staff have worn protective gear to protect susceptible species. "We're happy and relieved to now be able to better protect our ani-

mals with this vaccine," she said.

Zoetis is donating more than 11,000 doses for animals living in nearly 70 zoos, as well as more than a dozen conservatories, sanctuaries, academic institutions and government organizations in 27 states, according to the press release.

The San Diego Zoo

started inoculating primates in January after a COVID-19 breakout among a troop of gorillas at its Safari Park.

Great apes share 98% of their DNA with humans and are especially susceptible, as are felines. Confirmed coronavirus cases include gorillas, tigers and lions at zoos, and domestic cats and dogs.

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TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Clear	Plenty of sunshine	Sunshine and very hot	Sunny and hot	Blazing sun and hot
Baker City 48 Comfort Index™ 5	93 48 5	100 52 2	96 48 4	96 49 4
La Grande 53 Comfort Index™ 5	93 54 4	97 55 3	94 55 4	95 53 4
Enterprise 48 Comfort Index™ 4	89 59 4	96 56 3	92 56 4	96 53 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 Tuesday	99°	101°	105°
Low Tuesday	45°	48°	47°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	Trace	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	0.00	0.29
Normal month to date	0.15	0.18	0.18
Year to date	2.44	5.93	15.27
Normal year to date	5.86	9.52	13.85

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	15%
Afternoon wind	NE at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	14.2
Evapotranspiration	0.32

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir	11% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	64% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	36% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	72% of capacity
Umatilla River near Gibbon	29% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	54% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	888 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	136 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	91 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	44 cfs
Minam River at Minam	273 cfs
Powder River near Richland	24 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 124°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 38°	Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.
Wettest: 5.98"	Corpus Christi, Texas
OREGON	
High: 107°	Ontario
Low: 41°	Meacham
Wettest: Trace	Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY

Ten inches of rain fell July 8, 1935, near Cortland, N.Y., with similar amounts southward to Pottsville, Pa. Floods in the Susquehanna Valley killed 52 people.

SUN & MOON

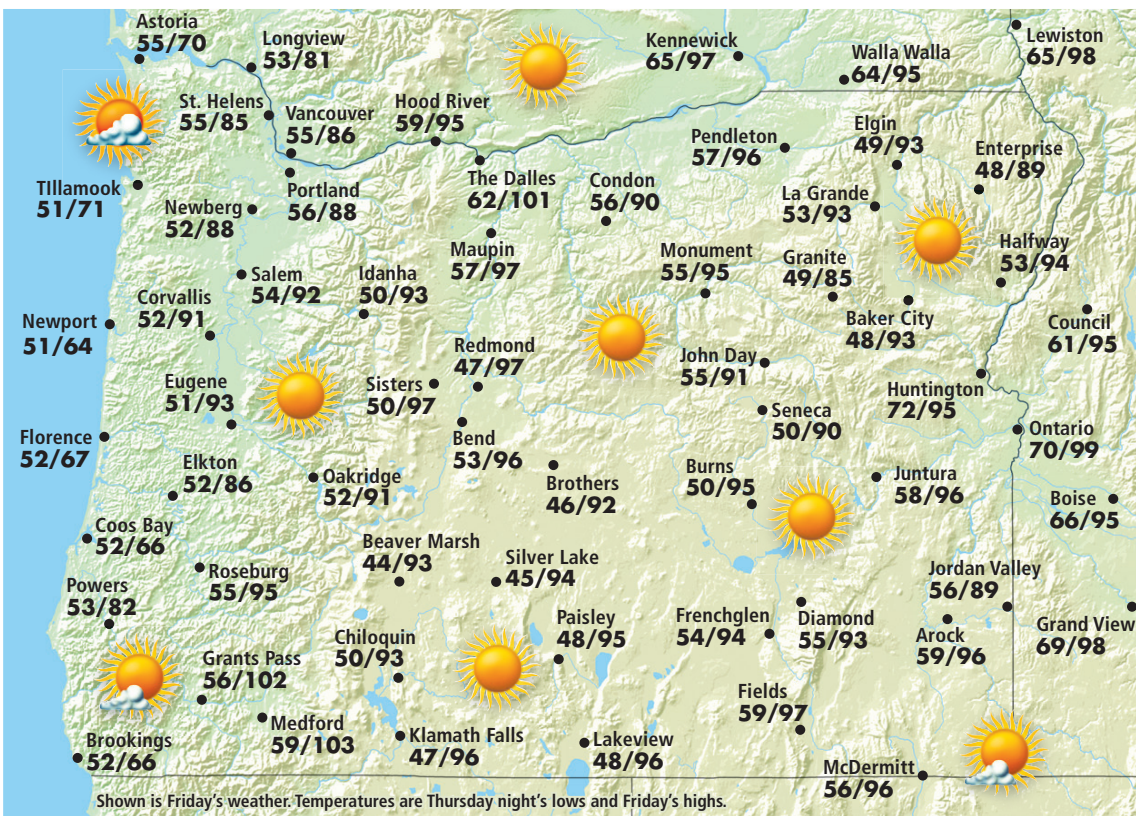
	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	5:13 a.m.	5:14 a.m.
Sunset	8:42 p.m.	8:41 p.m.
Moonrise	3:47 a.m.	4:35 a.m.
Moonset	8:08 p.m.	8:59 p.m.

MOON PHASES

New	First	Full	Last
			
Jul 9	Jul 17	Jul 23	Jul 31

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	70/57/s	68/57/pc	Lewiston	98/66/s	105/67/s
Bend	96/59/s	95/56/s	Longview	81/53/s	79/53/s
Boise	95/67/s	103/70/s	Meacham	93/53/s	97/51/s
Brookings	66/53/s	72/57/s	Medford	103/64/s	100/63/s
Burns	95/54/s	101/57/s	Newport	64/54/s	63/52/pc
Coos Bay	66/55/pc	67/54/pc	Olympia	84/54/s	80/52/s
Corvallis	91/56/s	88/55/s	Ontario	99/61/s	105/67/s
Council Bluffs	95/57/s	100/64/s	Pasco	98/60/s	103/63/s
Elgin	93/60/s	97/56/s	Pendleton	96/61/s	98/61/s
Eugene	93/55/s	92/55/s	Portland	88/62/s	86/58/s
Hermiston	98/58/s	102/66/s	Powers	82/55/pc	80/56/pc
Hood River	95/66/s	93/64/s	Redmond	97/54/s	98/50/s
Imnaha	92/60/s	103/63/s	Roseburg	95/59/s	93/60/s
John Day	91/57/s	99/58/s	Salem	92/59/s	91/57/s
Joseph	88/61/s	95/56/s	Spokane	91/64/s	97/65/s
Kennewick	97/62/s	102/65/s	The Dalles	101/67/s	98/66/s
Klamath Falls	96/52/s	100/55/s	Ukiah	88/49/s	91/48/s
Lakeview	96/51/s	100/58/s	Walla Walla	95/68/s	99/67/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Sunny and nice	Sunny and warm
65 52	88 52
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sunshine
79 57	95 61
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Sunny and pleasant	Plenty of sun
73 47	86 42
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Sunny and warm	Sunny and warm
88 61	95 65
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sunshine
93 48	93 54