

# Couple's roommates get snippy over canine care



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**Dear Abby:** My husband and I are newlyweds and share an apartment with another couple because we ran into financial difficulties, and this was our only option. The problem is the other couple has two dogs they expect us to take care of while they're at work.

My husband and I get home two hours earlier than they do in the evening, and they have become accustomed to our gen-

erosity in occasionally taking the dogs out and walking them. They now expect us to do it every day, and get angry and nasty if we don't. Please help. — **In The Doghouse in Georgia**

**Dear In The Doghouse:** You and your roommates appear to have a communication problem. Speak up. Tell them you dislike their palming off the responsibility for walking their animals and you won't be doing it anymore. Then remind them that while you were willing to do an occasional favor, you do not appreciate their attitude of entitlement. You are not their built-in dog walkers. You only

have to occupy the "doghouse" if you allow yourself to be put in one.

**Dear Abby:** I have never told anyone about this. I was molested by my pastor when I was 8, and again when I was 14. I see a doctor because of depression and PTSD. My doctor doesn't know, and I don't want my family to know. I don't even know if the pastor is still alive.

Should I tell my doctor or just let it go? I have heard about priests doing this, but I was going to a Pentecostal church. — **Male Reader in Kentucky**

**Dear Male Reader:** It is very important for your mental health

that you tell your doctor everything you have disclosed to me, because what happened to you is likely the cause of your depression and PTSD.

Do this, not only for yourself, but also because it may help other young people who belong to that church and who also may have been molested by that predator.

**Dear Abby:** Is it appropriate to use dental floss in public? When my mom eats out, she uses dental floss while she is still at the table or while walking out of the restaurant. She thinks she's being discreet, but what she's doing is obvious.

When I ask her to stop, she says she can't stand having food in her teeth. I tell her to go into the restroom or do it outside, but she does neither and continues to floss. I'm hoping she'll listen to you and that you will back me up. — **Ellen in the USA**

**Dear Ellen:** I agree that flossing one's teeth in public is unsightly and something that should be done in private. If it becomes necessary, it should be done in the restroom. (Need I add that if there is mouth-rinsing, the sink should be cleaned afterward and any detritus stuck to the mirror removed?)

## SHARK

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blistering run at any moment. But it didn't. I got it in more quickly than the first one, but as we got it boatside, the scale of the nearly 10-footer was staggering. It was also much, much thicker.

"This fish is pretty green, so be careful," Dom said as we staged for pictures. I snapped a few middling ones before the fish got irritated and swept its massive tail out of my hand and dove. With a powerful stroke, its tail slapped into Dom's shoulder with a wet smack that would've broken his nose if delivered just a bit higher.

We wrestled the beast back in, unhooked it and caught our breaths.

My largest fish was now a (very conservatively) 9-foot lemon shark that weighed 328 pounds, according to NOAA. Probably more like 350 or 375 given how thick the pregnant female was.

### Reef madness

My spirit was willing, but my body was only marginally able. I'd pulled my left forearm, my right hand was swollen and aching, my back screamed in pain and I felt as though I'd just sprinted several miles in double gravity.

So naturally, this is when we hooked up again.

The third and final shark of the day was a reef shark, the same species that had sampled Dom's foot years before. But it was just a 6-footer, and we got it boatside relatively quickly on the heavy gear.

At Dom's instruction, I loosened the drag and placed the rod in the holder so we could handle and release the fish. I only loosened the drag three or four clicks, though. Something told me to loosen it more, but I didn't. With the lemon, the rod was facing the same way as the fish when in the holder. This reef was facing the opposite way. I brushed the thought away.

We got some fantastic pictures and tried to unhook it. At this, the reef shark dove with shocking



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**My 7-foot sandbar shark. A new species and (briefly) my largest fish ever at 7 feet long and about 150 pounds.**

speed. Dom had been holding the steel leader in his gloves and let go. I was holding the one-pound sliding sinker in one hand to protect our teeth and the 250-pound mono leader in the other. I was not wearing gloves. And like an idiot, I didn't let go immediately.

I moved to grab the rod but before I could react, the mono dug into my palm and left me with a friction burn. I flinched instead of going for the rod, which was being pulled backwards. In a horrifying moment, it snapped.

It was my fault.

We both cursed but Dom was much more gracious than I would've been. I felt sick, but we were able to re-land and release the fish, though our shark fishing was over.

This one was almost exactly 6-foot and weighed 80 pounds via NOAA.

We finished up the day chasing a smaller quarry before limping back to the dock. Even with the broken rod, bruised shoulder and aching muscles, it was a great day. Those are the risks of shark fishing, and better a broken rod than a bitten foot, right?

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Man with coronavirus disguises as wife on flight

The Associated Press

TERNATE, Indonesia — An Indonesian man with the coronavirus has boarded a domestic flight disguised as his wife, wearing a niqab covering his face and carrying fake IDs and a negative PCR test result.

But the cover didn't last long. Police say a flight attendant aboard a Citilink plane traveling from Jakarta to Ternate in North Maluku province on Sunday, July 18, noticed the man change clothes in the lavatory.

"He bought the plane ticket with his wife's name and brought the identity card, the PCR test result and the vaccination card with his wife's name. All documents are under his wife's name," Ternate police said after arresting the man upon landing. He was only identified by his initials.

Police took him for a COVID-19 test, which came back positive.

The man is currently self-isolating at home and police said the investigation will continue.

Indonesia is in the grip of the worse coronavirus surge in Asia with 33,772 new confirmed cases and 1,383 deaths in the last 24 hours. The total number of reported cases is 2.9 million with 77,583 fatalities.

Restrictions on public gatherings and on nonessential travel, including a mandatory negative coronavirus test, been toughened this week.

### Cocaine disguised as cake seized from vehicle

NEW YORK — A New York man and a Maine woman are facing charges over cocaine disguised as a cake that was seized from their vehicle, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency said

Wednesday, July 21. Acting on a tip, police stopped the car on Interstate 295 in Gardiner on Tuesday, and a drug-sniffing dog found 4 pounds of cocaine worth \$200,000 on the street, the MDEA said. Also seized was \$1,900 in cash.

About 2 pounds of the cocaine was disguised as a marble cake with coffee grounds used to cover up the scent, officials said.

The two were released on bail and were expected in court on July 21.

### Florida man tries to throw live gator onto roof

DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, Florida — A Florida man told police officers he was "teaching it a lesson" when he tried to throw a live alligator he had stolen from a miniature golf course onto the roof of a beachside cocktail lounge, authorities said.

The 32-year-old man was arrested early Thursday, July 15, when Daytona Beach Shores police officers spotted him attempting to throw the gator onto the roof of a cocktail lounge just off Highway A1A, according to a police report.

The officers then saw the man take the alligator by its tail, hit it against the awning of the building, throw it to the ground and stomp on it twice, the report said. The man from Homestead, Florida was taken into custody and charged with possession and injury of an alligator, unarmed burglary of an occupied dwelling, theft and criminal mischief.

The man told officers that he had stolen the gator from an enclosure at a nearby miniature golf course.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Clear	Sunshine and very warm	Clouds and sunshine	Clouds and sun; pleasant	Mostly sunny
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>95 54</b>	<b>96 60</b>	<b>91 57</b>	<b>91 55</b>
Comfort Index™	6	4	4	9	7
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>95 62</b>	<b>91 67</b>	<b>87 64</b>	<b>91 62</b>
Comfort Index™	6	4	6	7	6
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>94 61</b>	<b>94 65</b>	<b>87 62</b>	<b>91 61</b>
Comfort Index™	5	3	4	8	6

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.

### ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	85°	87°	87°
Low Thursday	49°	51°	42°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	Trace	0.37
Normal month to date	0.42	0.46	0.55
Year to date	2.44	5.93	15.35
Normal year to date	5.86	10.52	15.07

### THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	High: 111°	Ocotillo Wells, Calif.
Low: 32° <td></td> <td>Sunriver, Ore.</td>		Sunriver, Ore.
Wettest: 2.19" <td></td> <td>Jacksonville, Fla.</td>		Jacksonville, Fla.
OREGON	High: 96°	Ontario
Low: 32°		Sunriver
Wettest: none		

### WEATHER HISTORY

Between July 22 and 24, 1788, a hurricane struck North Carolina and moved inland through Virginia. The storm was still potent when later observed by George Washington.

### SUN & MOON

	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	5:28 a.m.	5:29 a.m.
Sunset	8:29 p.m.	8:28 p.m.
Moonrise	9:31 p.m.	10:02 p.m.
Moonset	5:45 a.m.	7:02 a.m.

### MOON PHASES



### AGRICULTURAL INFO.

#### HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY

Lowest relative humidity	15%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	14.0
Evapotranspiration	0.33

#### RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)

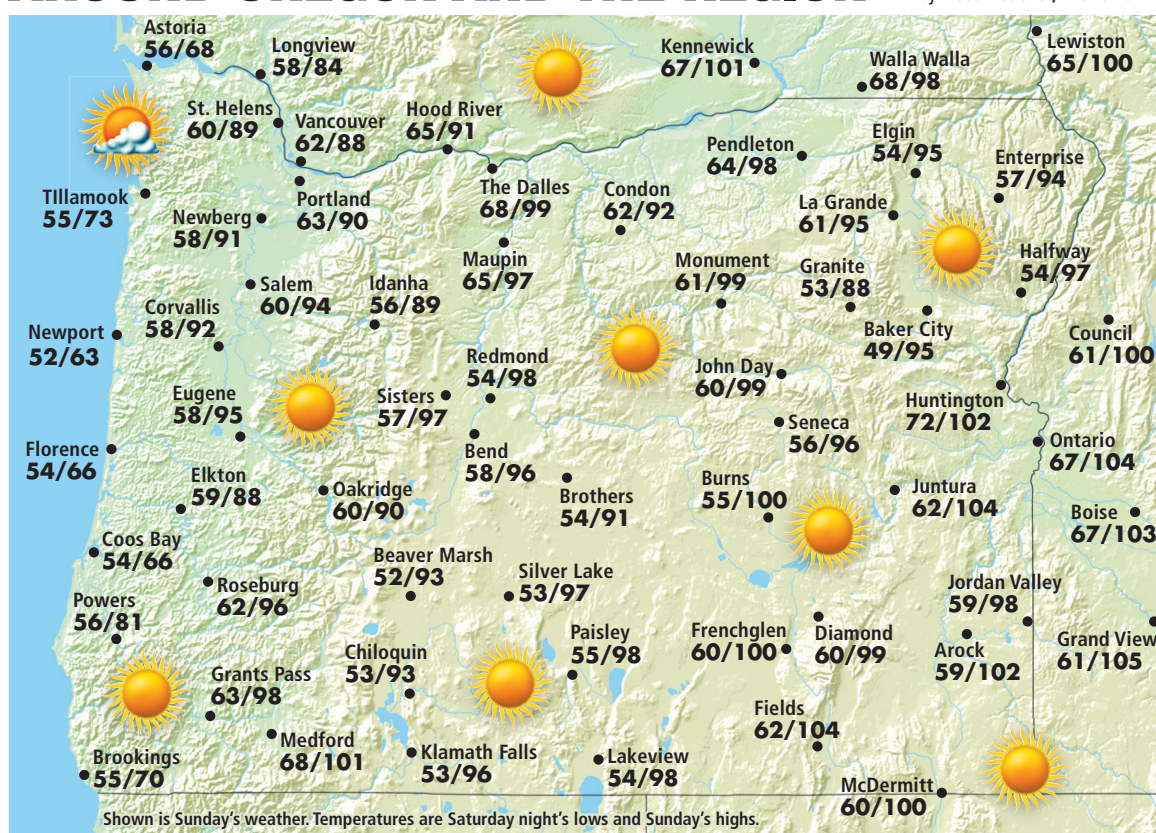
Phillips Reservoir	7% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	52% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	30% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	62% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	18% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	27% of capacity

#### STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	546 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	120 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	123 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	39 cfs
Minam River at Minam	129 cfs
Powder River near Richland	26 cfs

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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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	68/55/s	70/55/pc	Lewiston	100/68/s	98/71/pc
Bend	96/57/s	90/58/pc	Longview	84/55/s	84/57/pc
Boise	103/71/s	104/76/pc	Meacham	95/58/s	91/65/pc
Brookings	70/56/pc	65/53/pc	Medford	101/67/s	98/70/pc
Burns	100/58/s	99/64/pc	Newport	63/51/s	63/51/pc
Coos Bay	66/52/s	66/54/pc	Olympia	85/52/s	83/53/s
Corvallis	92/57/s	90/58/pc	Ontario	104/73/s	106/76/pc
Council	100/65/s	100/66/pc	Pasco	102/63/s	101/66/pc
Elgin	95/58/s	91/64/pc	Pendleton	98/64/s	93/67/pc
Eugene	95/58/s	93/59/pc	Portland	90/59/s	88/61/s
Hermiston	101/65/s	97/70/pc	Powers	81/55/s	82/57/pc
Hood River	91/66/s	92/66/pc	Redmond	98/54/s	95/59/pc
Imnaha	100/63/s	100/66/pc	Roseburg	96/62/s	93/62/pc
John Day	99/62/s	96/64/pc	Salem	94/60/s	92/60/pc
Joseph	93/62/s	93/66/pc	Spokane	94/63/s	93/66/pc
Kennewick	101/67/s	98/69/pc	The Dalles	99/67/s	98/68/pc
Klamath Falls	96/55/s	94/58/pc	Ukiah	91/51/s	88/50/pc
Lakeview	98/57/s	95/60/pc	Walla Walla	98/69/s	96/71/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

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Plenty of sunshine	<b>67 52</b>	<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Plenty of sunshine	<b>91 55</b>
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Sunny and nice	<b>81 61</b>	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Sunny and warm	<b>99 69</b>
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Sunny and pleasant	<b>76 52</b>	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Sunny and pleasant	<b>87 42</b>
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Sunny and hot	<b>93 62</b>	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Plenty of sunshine	<b>97 62</b>
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Sunny and warm	<b>95 54</b>	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Sunny and warm	<b>95 62</b>