

Water leak damages more than ceiling for neighbors



DEAR ABBY ADVICE

Dear Abby: I live in an apartment and recently had a serious leak come through my bathroom ceiling. I called maintenance and texted my upstairs neighbor, who asked me when they were coming. I responded that I didn't know and I wasn't sure whether they'd have to go up to her apartment or not.

Well, they went to her apartment first. She was very upset and messaged me a dozen

more times to let me know how stressed she was, that she was crying and afraid she would get evicted from her apartment because she has a dog she failed to put on her lease. She ended by saying "next time" I should let her know in advance. Abby, I did let her know. But I guess she wants more notice next time she causes an emergency, so she'll have more time to hide her dog.

So — I'm supposed to let my apartment get more water damage to give her time to hide an animal she should've put on her lease years ago and be paying pet rent for? I feel like she was trying to make me feel bad when

she's the one who is wrong for being irresponsible. Why do I have to cater to her needs first? Should I feel bad? — Leaky Mess in the West

Dear Leaky Mess: You do not have to accept the guilt trip your neighbor laid on you or "cater" to her. You handled the situation appropriately and have nothing to apologize for. When the "good neighbor policy" was written, she must have been out to lunch.

Dear Abby: I got COVID from a friend who came to our book club even though her husband was ill. When she texted me a few days later about his positive test, I told her I was now sick.

She called and left a message that she felt bad if she had given me COVID, but she has shown no concern since. I have had long-term COVID chest pain for three months, but she's never sent a card or called to see how I am. I reached out to her several times and even brought her a birthday gift, but she doesn't seem to care that I'm not well. It's awkward because we're neighbors and in several groups together. How can I save this friendship? — Recovering in California

Dear Recovering: How can you save this friendship? Lady, you are the injured party. This woman may be a neighbor, but

she isn't acting like a friend. Call her and clear the air about how the situation has made you feel. When you see her, be civil and keep your distance. If she had been less self-centered, she wouldn't have exposed you and the other book club members to what her husband had — even if it was "only" a common cold.

Dear Abby: What are the three most important things parents should instill in their children in their formative years? — Wondering in Arizona

Dear Wondering: In my opinion, the three most important things would be empathy, that they are loved and curiosity.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Dirty laundry in space? NASA, Tide tackle cleaning challenge

By **MARCIA DUNN**
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida — How do astronauts do laundry in space? They don't.

They wear their underwear, gym clothes and everything else until they can't take the filth and stink anymore, then junk them.

NASA wants to change that — if not at the International Space Station, then the moon and Mars — and stop throwing away tons of dirty clothes every year, stuffing them in the trash to burn up in the atmosphere aboard discarded cargo ships. So it's teamed up with Procter & Gamble Co. to figure out how best to clean astronauts' clothes in space so they can be reused for months or even years, just like on Earth.

The Cincinnati company announced Tuesday, June 22, that it will send a pair of Tide detergent and stain removal experiments to the space station later this year and next, all part of



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Astronaut Leland Melvin, STS-129 mission specialist, exercises in the International Space Station while the space shuttle Atlantis is docked with the station on Nov. 22, 2009. Space station astronauts exercise two hours every day to counter the muscle- and bone-withering effects of weightlessness, quickly leaving their workout clothes sweaty, smelly and stiff. Their T-shirts, shorts and socks end up so foul that they run through a pair every week, according to Melvin, a former NASA astronaut and NFL player.

the galactic battle against soiled and sweaty clothes.

It's no small problem, especially as the U.S. and other countries look

to establish bases on the moon and Mars.

Rocket cargo space is tight and expensive, according to NASA, so

why waste it on new outfits if their clothes could be kept looking and smelling fresh? When you figure an astronaut needs 150 pounds

of clothes in space per year, that quickly adds up, especially on a three-year Mars mission, said Mark Sivik, a chemist specializing in fabric and home care technology for P&G.

There's also the health factor. Space station astronauts exercise two hours every day to counter the effects of weightlessness, leaving their workout clothes sweaty, smelly and stiff. Their T-shirts, shorts and socks end up so foul that they run through a pair every week, according to Leland Melvin, a former NASA astronaut and NFL player.

"After that, they're deemed toxic," said Melvin, who's serving as a spokesman for the project. "They like have a life of their own. They're so stiff from all that sweat."

While NASA and the other space station partners have looked into special antimicrobial clothes to prolong wear, it's not a long-term solution.

In its initial experiment, P&G will send up detergent custom-made for space in December so scientists can see how the enzymes and other ingredients react to six months of weightlessness.

Then next May, stain-removal pens and wipes will be delivered for testing by astronauts.

At the same time, P&G is developing a washer-dryer combo that could operate on the moon or even Mars, using minimal amounts of water and detergent. Such a machine could also prove useful in arid regions here on Earth.

One of the challenges: The laundry water would need to be reclaimed for drinking and cooking, just like urine and sweat are recycled on the space station.

"The best solutions come from the most diverse teams," Melvin said, "and how more diverse can you be than Tide and NASA?"

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TONIGHT Partly cloudy	FRI Mostly sunny and hot	SAT Sunshine and very hot	SUN Sunshine and very hot	MON Sunny and hot
Baker City Comfort Index™ 6	94 57 4	99 61 3	100 61 2	97 57 3
La Grande Comfort Index™ 5	93 63 4	100 65 2	102 66 2	94 65 4
Enterprise Comfort Index™ 6	90 63 4	96 68 3	101 67 1	91 55 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	85°	83°	88°
Low Tuesday	55°	56°	54°
PRECIPITATION (inches)	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Tuesday	0.01	Trace	0.00
Month to date	0.13	Trace	0.77
Normal month to date	0.93	1.23	1.38
Year to date	2.36	5.90	14.98
Normal year to date	5.46	9.03	13.30

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 116° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 30° Cadillac, Mich.
Wettest: 4.23" Opelousas, La.
OREGON
High: 102° Ontario
Low: 49° Brookings
Wettest: 0.11" Lakeview

WEATHER HISTORY

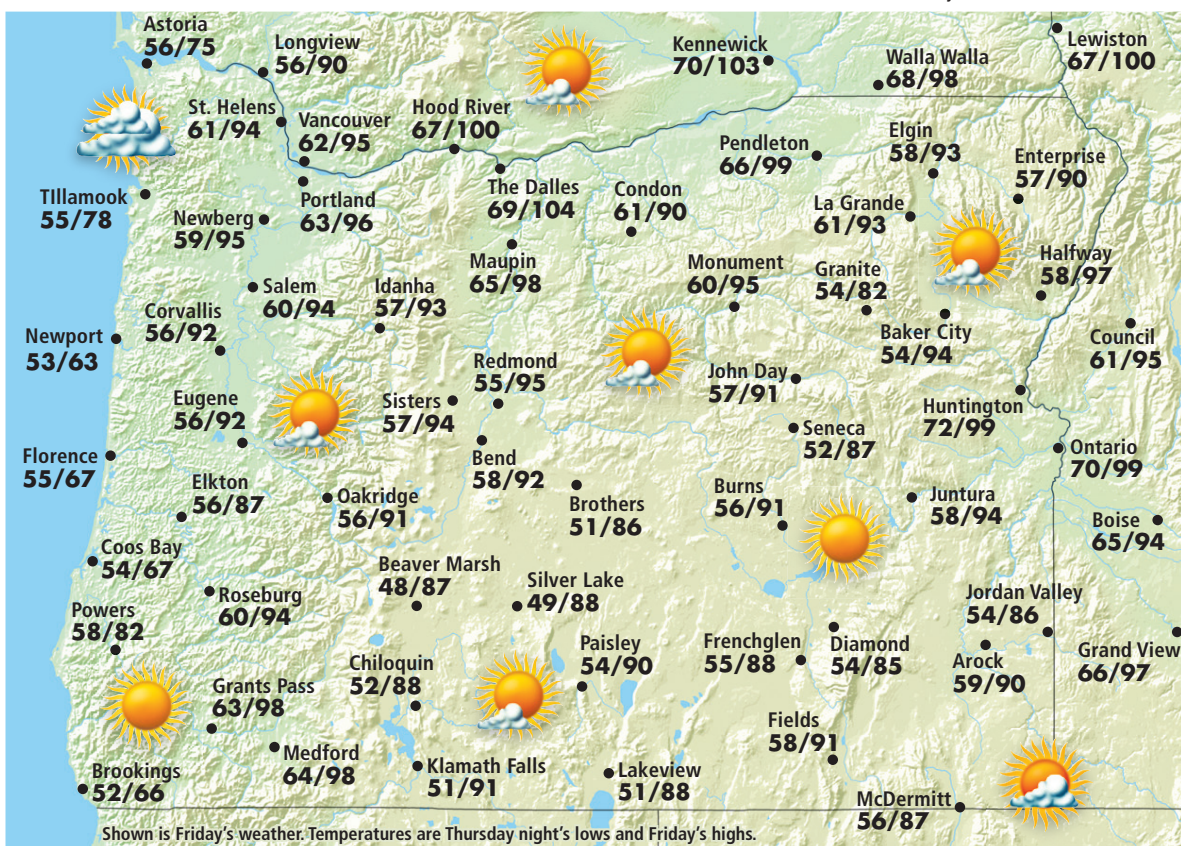
A microburst was blamed for the crash of a Boeing 727 on June 24, 1975, at New York's Kennedy International Airport. The catastrophe took 112 lives. A microburst is a burst of wind from a thunderstorm.

SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	5:05 a.m.	5:06 a.m.
Sunset	8:44 p.m.	8:44 p.m.
Moonrise	9:17 p.m.	10:16 p.m.
Moonset	4:43 a.m.	5:45 a.m.
MOON PHASES		
Full		
Last		
New		
First		
	Jun 24	Jul 1

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI.		SAT.		
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Astoria	75/60/pc	77/60/pc	Lewiston	100/68/s	106/70/s
Bend	92/57/s	97/64/s	Longview	90/64/pc	101/67/s
Boise	94/67/s	100/72/s	Meacham	93/60/s	101/64/s
Brookings	66/52/s	66/54/c	Medford	98/67/s	104/70/s
Burns	91/55/s	98/62/s	Newport	63/55/pc	66/55/s
Coos Bay	67/54/s	69/55/pc	Olympia	90/62/pc	99/63/s
Corvallis	92/63/pc	96/63/s	Ontario	99/68/s	104/71/s
Council	95/59/s	101/63/s	Pasco	103/69/s	109/70/s
Elgin	93/62/s	100/64/s	Pendleton	99/65/s	104/70/s
Eugene	92/64/s	97/63/s	Portland	96/68/pc	104/70/s
Hermiston	103/68/s	108/70/s	Powers	82/59/s	89/63/pc
Hood River	100/69/pc	106/76/s	Redmond	95/59/s	102/63/s
Imnaha	93/66/s	100/66/s	Roseburg	94/65/s	99/66/pc
John Day	91/61/s	99/64/s	Salem	94/67/pc	101/67/s
Joseph	88/62/s	95/69/s	Spokane	93/66/s	100/71/s
Kennewick	103/72/s	107/74/s	The Dalles	104/70/pc	110/76/s
Klamath Falls	91/56/s	98/61/s	Ukiah	87/58/s	94/61/s
Lakeview	88/57/s	95/62/s	Walla Walla	98/70/s	105/74/s

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Mostly sunny; nice		64 50	PHILLIPS LAKE Mostly sunny; warm		85 55
MT. EMILY REC. Nice with sunshine		79 62	BROWNLEE RES. Sunlit and warm		96 64
EAGLE CAP WILD. Mostly sunny; warm		72 51	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Mostly sunny; warm		85 55
WALLOWA LAKE Very warm		88 62	MCKAY RESERVOIR Mostly sunny; hot		96 66
THIEF VALLEY RES. Hot		94 57	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Mostly sunny; hot		93 63

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