# Shoplifting sister shows no remorse for actions



Dear Abby: I'm a 28-year-old mother of two. My teenaged adopted sister steals makeup from stores. It sometimes happens when we are together, but I never catch her doing it. She has told me she feels no remorse about stealing the items.

My parents and I have lectured her time after time. She's now claiming her friends give her makeup they don't like. I'm exasperated because she just doesn't

seem to get it. Would it be wrong of me to tip off the security guard on our next shopping trip? I want her to learn a lesson before it's too late. Yet, it could result in juvenile detention and a financial burden on my parents.

I love my sister, but I'm worried her habit may lead to an unfortunate adulthood. She has had counseling in the past for numerous issues, but she either lies to her therapist or just sits quietly and says nothing. Please help me, Abby. — Sticky Fingers

Dear Sticky Fingers: If you do what you are contemplating and your sister finds out you

were the person who turned her in, she will never forgive you for it. I agree that the girl has serious problems. That's why I'm advising you to tell your parents what has been going on and let them handle it. While my inclination would be to give her a dose of tough love, it would be better if it comes from your parents, because they are responsible for her.

Dear Abby: We didn't ask them to, but my parents recently retired and moved from Virginia to Georgia to be close to our family after our son — their first grandchild — was born. The move down here was a huge

undertaking for them. It included selling their home in Virginia and building a new one here in Georgia with the assumption that in their old age they would never have to move again.

The problem is, my husband and I are considering a move to a different state to pursue career opportunities for the betterment of our family. I feel awful because it will mean my parents may have to move again. We currently live in a location where they don't know many people, so I don't think they will want to stay after we leave. How should we bring up the topic of our potential move and discuss

it with them? — Moving in the South

Dear Moving: If the opportunities are better elsewhere, then that's where you should go. This should not have been a deep, dark secret. Tell your parents you are considering another move so they can make plans of their own. They may want to move to a location near you, back to Virginia where their friends are or to a retirement community, where they can form new friendships and won't be entirely dependent upon you and your husband for social contact, as they apparently were when they moved to Georgia.

## **NEWS OF THE WEIRD** With no tourist handouts, hungry Bali monkeys raid homes

#### **The Associated Press**

SANGEH, Indonesia -Deprived of their preferred food source — the bananas, peanuts and other goodies brought in by tourists now kept away by the coronavirus — hungry monkeys on the resort island of Bali have taken to raiding villagers' homes in their search for something tasty.

Villagers in Sangeh say the gray long-tailed macaques have been venturing out from a sanctuary about 500 meters away to hang out on their roofs and await the right time to swoop down and snatch a snack.

Worried that the sporadic sorties will escalate into an all-out monkey assault on the village, residents have been taking fruit, peanuts and other food to the Sangeh Monkey Forest to try to placate the primates.

"We are afraid that the hungry monkeys will turn wild and vicious," villager Saskara Gustu Alit said.

About 600 of the macaques live in the forest sanctuary, swinging from

the tall nutmeg trees and leaping about the famous Pura Bukit Sari temple, and are considered sacred.

In normal times the protected jungle area in the southeast of the Indonesian island is popular among local residents for wedding photos, as well as among international visitors. The relatively tame monkeys can be easily coaxed to sit on a shoulder or lap for a peanut or two.

Ordinarily, tourism is the main source of income for Bali's 4 million residents, who welcomed more than 5 million foreign visitors annually before the pandemic.

The Sangeh Monkey Forest typically had about 6,000 visitors a month, but as the pandemic spread last year and international travel dropped off dramatically, that number dropped to about 500.

Since July, when Indonesia banned all foreign travelers to the island and shut the sanctuary to local residents as well, there has been nobody.



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A worker feeds macaques during a feeding time at Sangeh Monkey Forest in Sangeh, Bali Island, Indonesia, Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021. Deprived of their preferred food source — the bananas, peanuts and other goodies brought in by the tourists now kept away by the coronavirus — hungry monkeys on the resort island of Bali have taken to raiding villagers' homes in the search for something tasty.

Not only has that meant nobody bringing in extra food for the monkeys, the sanctuary has also lost out on its admission fees and is running low on money to purchase food for them, said operations manager Made Mohon.

The donations from villagers have helped, but they are also feeling the economic pinch and are gradually giving less and less, he said.

"This prolonged pan-

demic is beyond our expectations," Made Mohon said, "Food for monkeys has become a problem."

Food costs run about \$60 a day, Made Mohon said, for 440 pounds of cassava, the monkeys' staple food, and 22 pounds of bananas.

The macaque is an omnivore and can eat a variety of animals and plants found in the jungle, but those in the Sangeh Monkey Forest have had enough contact with humans over the years that

they seem to prefer other things.

And they're not afraid to take matters into their own hands, Gustu Alit said.

Frequently, monkeys wander into the village and sit on roofs, occasionally removing tiles and dropping them to the ground. When villagers put out daily religious offerings of food on their terraces, the monkeys jump down and make off with them.

"A few days ago I attended a traditional ceremony at a temple near the Sangeh forest," Gustu Alit said. "When I parked my car and took out two plastic bags containing food and flowers as offerings, two monkeys suddenly appeared and grabbed it all and ran into the forest very fast."

Normally, the monkeys spend all day interacting with visitors — stealing sunglasses and water bottles, pulling at clothes, jumping on shoulders and Gustu Alit theorizes that more than just being hungry, they're bored.

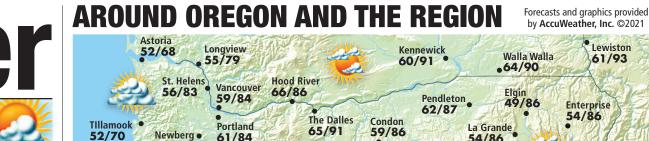
"That's why I have urged villagers here to come to the forest to play with the monkeys and offer them food," he said. "I think they need to interact with humans as often as possible so that they do not go wild."

#### Landlord finds 19 tarantulas, 1 python left behind by tenant

AUBURN, Maine — A Maine landlord arranged for the rescue of 15 tarantulas and one python that had been left behind by a tenant. Animal rescuer Drew Desjardins was called to the apartment Wednesday in Auburn, the Sun Journal reported.

He found that four of 19 tarantulas had died and that the ball python did not have water. Desjardins said Thursday, Sept. 2, that he took the surviving animals back to his home and that they were doing fine.

All the recovered animals are illegal in Maine and will be relocated. There was no word on whether the tenant was being sought.



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TEMPERATURES	<b>Baker City</b>	La Grande	Elgin		
High Sunday	90°	90°	95°		
Low Sunday	35°	42°	41°		
PRECIPITATION (inches)					
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Normal month to dat		0.11	0.16		
Year to date	3.11	6.54	15.79		
Normal year to date	6.50	11.44	16.07		

## **AGRICULTURAL INFO.**

#### HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Powder River near Richland

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Lowest relative humidity	20%					
Afternoon wind	NW at 4 to 8 mph					
Hours of sunshine	7.1					
Evapotranspiration	0.21					
RESERVOIR STORAGE (throug	h midnight Monday)					
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.					
Unity Reservoir	19% of capacity					
Owyhee Reservoir	14% of capacity					
McKay Reservoir	40% of capacity					
Wallowa Lake	0% of capacity					
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity					
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)						
Grande Ronde at Troy	442 cfs					
Thief Valley Reservoir near North	n Powder 0 cfs					
Burnt River near Unity	85 cfs					
Umatilla River near Gibbon	41 cfs					
Minam River at Minam	51 cfs					

## SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 co	ontiguous states)
High: 113°	Palm Springs, Calif.
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DREGON	
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.ow: 32°	Lakeview
Nettest: 0.04"	Astoria

## WEATHER HISTORY

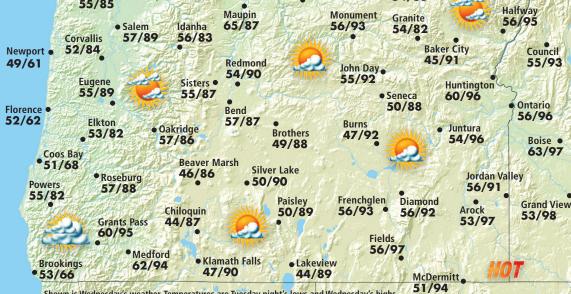
Record-breaking temperatures on Sept. 7 included 101 at New York City. Two days earlier, the same hot, dry air helped to spread wildfires in Michigan on Sept. 5, 1881.

## **SUN & MOON**

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Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Tuesday night's lows and Wednesday's highs.

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## **REGIONAL CITIES**

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Bend	87/55/s	83/50/pc	Longview	79/55/pc	73
Boise	97/65/s	97/62/s	Meacham	86/51/s	84
Brookings	66/52/pc	67/51/pc	Medford	94/61/s	89
Burns	92/51/s	91/48/c	Newport	61/50/pc	62
Coos Bay	68/52/pc	67/51/pc	Olympia	78/52/pc	75
Corvallis	84/53/s	78/53/pc	Ontario	96/61/s	95
Council	93/56/s	92/55/pc	Pasco	94/56/s	90
Elgin	86/51/s	83/50/pc	Pendleton	87/63/s	84
Eugene	89/53/s	82/54/pc	Portland	84/60/s	78
Hermiston		85/54/pc	Powers	82/52/pc	76

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## **RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY**

<b>THU.</b> Hi/Lo/W	ANTHONY LAKES Mostly sunny	SHU	PHILLIPS LAKE Mostly sunny; warm	SHUL
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