

Dirty shoes create a stink in clean home



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: I've been with my wonderful husband for 15 years. I currently work from home with our small children, ages 4 and 1. I have a "no shoes in the house" policy (always have), but my husband prefers to wear shoes in the house. We have bought numerous pairs of sneakers to be used as inside shoes, but he often wears them outside to mow the grass or run to the gas station.

I do my best to ignore when he leaves dusty boot prints on the

floors, but every now and then I call him out on it. When I do, my request is met with rage. He later calms down and apologizes with the excuse, "I just don't like being told not to wear my shoes in the house."

It's a 15-year-old problem that's not going away and I just don't know who is right. My husband feels his shoes are clean. I struggle to keep my home clean because my little ones are running around. His disregard seems so disrespectful. He's overall not a disrespectful person. I'd love an unbiased expert opinion on what's what. — **Barefoot In Montana**

Dear Barefoot: Your "won-

derful" husband may not be a disrespectful person overall, but in this case, he is being self-centered. With a 4-year-old and a 1-year-old crawling around and playing on the floor, he should be more considerate because there is no telling what he's tracking in from that run to the gas station.

I assume that the dusty footprints are something you are in charge of cleaning up. Perhaps that's a chore he should assume if changing his shoes is too big an inconvenience for him. He may be a prince in other areas of your marriage, but in this one he is acting like a rebellious teenager.

P.S. I wonder if keeping a supply of disposable shoe covers

by the door for him to slip on might mitigate the problem. Who knows?

Dear Abby: My wife and I have been close friends with "Sal" and his wife for many years.

Over the last few years, he has transformed into an intolerable, arrogant, self-centered braggart who's never been wrong or made a mistake. All his conversations start with "I," and if he's not talking about himself, he's not talking at all. He rarely asks how we are doing, but if he does, it just leads into more about himself.

During Sal's last visit he went on and on about how rich he is

and how much he recently made in the market. Because of our long friendship, I've considered confronting him, but I see no point because I think he's an irredeemably arrogant bore. Your thoughts, please? — **Fed-Up Friend In The South**

Dear Fed-Up Friend: Some people behave the way Sal does, believe it or not, out of insecurity. That said, not all friendships last forever. If you feel this one has run its course, then call it a day. Your wife and his can socialize separately. If he asks you why you are no longer available to socialize, you have my permission to give him the reason — without the name-calling.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Thai police: Woman cut rope holding painters 26 floors high

The Associated Press

BANGKOK — A resident of a high-rise condominium in Thailand cut the support rope for two painters, apparently angry she wasn't told they would be doing work, and left them hanging above the 26th floor until a couple rescued them, police said Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The woman is facing attempted murder and property destruction charges, Pol. Col. Pongjak Preechakarunpong, chief of the Pak Kret police station north of the Thai capital, told The Associated Press.

Pongjak did not say what prompted the suspect to cut the rope, but Thai media reported that she was apparently frustrated when the workers appeared outside her room and hadn't seen an announcement by the condo that they would be doing work on Oct. 12.

A video clip on social media showed two painters asking the residents on the 26th floor to open the window and let them in. One of the painters, a Myanmar national named Song, told the Thai media that he and his two friends had lowered themselves from the 32nd floor to repair a crack on the building.

When he reached the 30th floor, he felt that the rope was heavier and when he looked down, he saw someone on the 21st floor open a window and cut his rope. He tried asking for help from other units, but nobody was in. The third colleague continued to support them from the top floor, said Praphaiwan Setsing, the resident who saved them.

Praphaiwan said her British husband noticed one painter signaling for help and called her to talk to them.



Surat Sappakun/The Associated Press

A building painter who was rescued after being left hanging off of a high-rise 26 stories up speaks to reporters near Bangkok, Thailand.

"This incident is shocking and should not happen at all," she said.

The management of the condo accompanied the painters to report the incident to the police. The 34-year-old woman at first denied she responsible, but police sent the severed rope for a fingerprint and DNA analysis, media reported.

The woman and her lawyer appeared Oct. 27 at the police station.

After the police showed her the CCTV footage and the forensic evidence, she confessed but denied any intention to kill the workers.

Pongjak said the suspect was temporarily released. Police will file an indictment at the provincial court within 15 days, he said. She

could face a prison term up to 20 years if found guilty on a charge of attempted murder.

In the middle of a crisis, Facebook Inc. renames itself Meta

OAKLAND, Calif. — An embattled Facebook Inc. is changing its name to Meta Platforms Inc., or Meta for short, to reflect what CEO Mark Zuckerberg says is its commitment to developing the new surround-yourself technology known as the "metaverse." But the social network itself will still be called Facebook.

Skeptics immediately accused the company Thursday, Oct. 28, of trying to change the sub-

ject from the Facebook Papers, the trove of leaked documents that have plunged it into the biggest crisis since it was founded in Zuckerberg's Harvard dorm room 17 years ago. The documents portray Facebook as putting profits ahead of ridding its platform of hate, political strife and misinformation around the world.

Marketing consultant Laura Ries likened the move to BP rebranding itself to "Beyond Petroleum" to escape criticism that the oil giant harmed the environment.

"Facebook is the world's social media platform and they are being accused of creating something that is harmful to people and society," she said. "They can't walk away from the social net-

work with a new corporate name and talk of a future metaverse."

Facebook the app, where users post personal updates and register likes, is not changing its name. Nor are Instagram, WhatsApp and Messenger. The company's corporate structure also won't change. But on Dec. 1, its stock will start trading under a new ticker symbol, MVR.S.

The metaverse is sort of the internet brought to life, or at least rendered in 3D. Zuckerberg has described it as a "virtual environment" you can go inside of, instead of just looking at on a screen. People can meet, work and play, using virtual reality headsets, augmented reality glasses, smartphone apps or other devices.

It also will incorporate other aspects of online life such as shopping and social media, according to Victoria Petrock, an analyst who follows emerging technologies.

Other tech companies such as Microsoft, chipmaker Nvidia and Fortnite maker Epic Games have all been outlining their own visions of how the metaverse will work.

Zuckerberg said that he expects the metaverse to reach a billion people within the next decade and that he hopes the new technology will create millions of jobs for creators.

The announcement comes amid heightened legislative and regulatory scrutiny of Facebook in many parts of the world because of the Facebook Papers. A corporate rebranding isn't likely to solve the myriad problems revealed by the internal documents.

Zuckerberg, for his part, has largely dismissed the furor triggered by the Facebook Papers as unfair.

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	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Clear to partly cloudy	Sunny to partly cloudy	Rain and drizzle	Variable clouds	Cloudy
Baker City	31	54 33	57 39	54 38	53 38
Comfort Index™	5	5	1	5	3
La Grande	32	54 33	59 44	55 39	57 41
Comfort Index™	5	5	4	6	6
Enterprise	27	55 35	62 40	52 36	59 42
Comfort Index™	5	8	10	4	9

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 Thursday	62°	66°	66°
Low Thursday	36°	44°	45°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	Trace	0.03
Month to date	0.74	0.85	1.83
Normal month to date	0.55	1.37	1.85
Year to date	4.32	8.23	18.24
Normal year to date	7.41	13.37	18.72

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	N at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	5.4
Evapotranspiration	0.06

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)

Reservoir	Capacity
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	11% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	11% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	16% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	5% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)

Stream	Flow (cfs)
Grande Ronde at Troy	727
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0
Burnt River near Unity	18
Umatilla River near Gibbon	44
Minam River at Minam	83
Powder River near Richland	9

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 96°	Chino, Calif.
Low: 13°	Climax, Colo.
Wettest: 3.37"	Panama City, Fla.

OREGON	
High: 78°	Roseburg
Low: 31°	Lakeview
Wettest: 0.93"	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

On October 30, 1866, a whirlwind cut through New York City in a column 150 feet high by 60 feet in diameter, picking up dirt, turf, sticks and stones to a depth of 8 inches and "hissing like a steamboat".

SUN & MOON

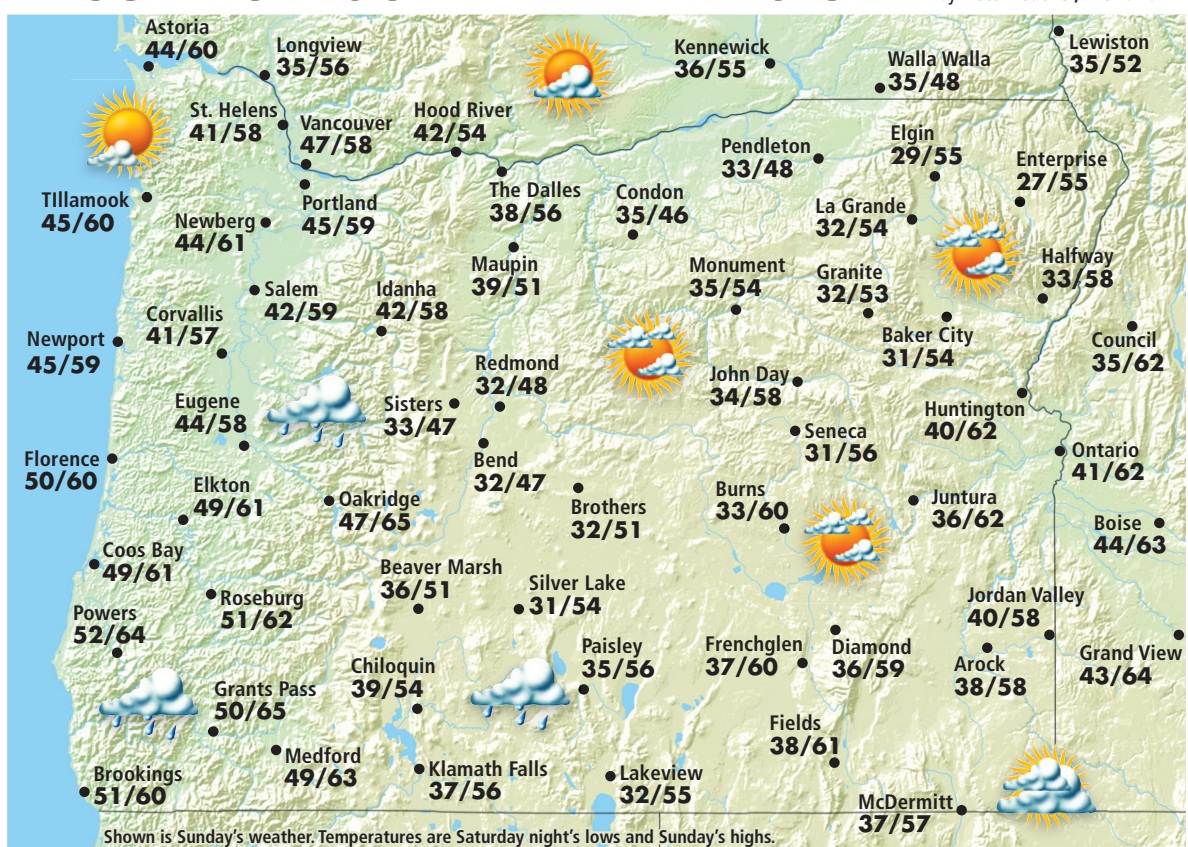
	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	7:29 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Sunset	5:42 p.m.	5:41 p.m.
Moonrise	12:53 a.m.	2:04 a.m.
Moonset	3:44 p.m.	4:08 p.m.

MOON PHASES



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	60/46/s	56/46/r	Lewiston	52/36/s	57/45/pc
Bend	47/30/s	51/38/r	Longview	56/40/s	52/44/r
Boise	63/44/pc	64/49/pc	Meacham	53/34/s	58/44/r
Brookings	60/52/c	58/49/sh	Medford	63/48/c	57/46/r
Burns	60/34/s	52/37/r	Newport	59/45/s	55/47/r
Coos Bay	61/50/sh	57/48/r	Olympia	54/36/s	53/43/r
Corvallis	57/40/s	52/43/r	Ontario	62/42/s	60/46/pc
Council	62/39/s	60/46/pc	Pasco	55/33/s	53/38/pc
Elgin	55/33/s	58/44/r	Pendleton	48/31/s	51/40/r
Eugene	58/43/s	54/45/r	Portland	59/46/s	53/46/r
Hermiston	55/33/s	52/37/sh	Powers	64/51/sh	59/49/r
Hood River	54/39/s	47/40/r	Redmond	48/30/s	48/33/r
Imnaha	58/35/s	65/52/pc	Roseburg	62/50/pc	59/49/r
John Day	58/39/s	55/43/r	Salem	59/42/s	52/47/r
Joseph	56/40/s	60/42/pc	Spokane	48/30/s	51/37/pc
Kennewick	55/33/s	54/40/pc	The Dalles	56/37/s	51/40/r
Klamath Falls	56/38/pc	52/37/r	Ukiah	51/33/s	55/39/r
Lakeview	55/34/s	49/36/r	Walla Walla	48/34/s	52/39/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

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	A shower	38	29
MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly sunny	46	33
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Showers around	47	32
WALLOWA LAKE	Sunny	56	40
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Mostly sunny	54	33
PHILLIPS LAKE	Sunny	53	34
BROWNLEE RES.	Sunny	64	39
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Sunny and chilly	45	28
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Sunshine; chilly	48	34
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Mostly sunny	54	33