

Common dog-walking habit raises stink with readers



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to your request for comments about your answer to "Doggy Business" (Oct. 28). Please implore your readers not to put their dog's poop in their neighbor's garbage cans, even if the cans are on the street. This may seem harmless, but I live near a park and daily dog walkers use my trash can like it's a public service. My garbage quickly fills with endless poop bags, sometimes between five and 10 a day. Garbage is collected only every

other week in my community. I'm sure your readers can do the math. Then I end up having to work around all this poop, and not only does my garbage can perpetually stink to high heaven, but I have to be judicious with what I throw away myself. Rough materials will rupture those bags and poop gets all over the inside of the can. I'm currently saving up to modify my property's retaining wall so I can keep the receptacles away from the street, but I'm at the mercy of dog owners until I can afford this renovation. Please, if you have a dog, be a good neighbor. Be responsible for its waste. If you don't want to carry it, get your dog a harness or pack with a pocket, and dis-

pose of it in your own can when you get home. — **PEEVED IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**
DEAR PEEVED: I advised "Doggy Business" that disposing of his dog's waste in neighbors' garbage cans is a big no-no. After asking for readers' thoughts, an **AVALANCHE** of responses descended. The vast majority agreed with me, expressing disdain at the practice and explicitly sharing the messy, smelly details of their experiences. Some areas require trash be placed in a large, sealed plastic bag in the receptacle. When garbage collectors pull the bag out, the small poop bags can spill out and the contents disperse onto the street. Worse, if the bags are

thrown into a neighbor's garbage container **AFTER** collection, those bags remain at the bottom and smell for days. Readers, encourage dog walkers to take a larger bag with them or wear a fanny pack with multiple compartments to transport their pets' "souvenirs" back to their own home. **DEAR ABBY:** Our nosy children have been pressuring us to explain their inheritance. I'm appalled. I was taught that this is something for the parents to tell, not the kids to ask. Several friends of ours who are executors for their parents are now being questioned by siblings while the parent is sick and fighting for life. Please explain to readers what is the best etiquette

with regard to inheritance. — **UNSURE IN CALIFORNIA**
DEAR UNSURE: I know this can be a sensitive subject, but it is also an important one. Although some may not agree with me, I happen to be in favor of open communication regarding money matters. Too often money (and the promise of it) is used to manipulate and control family members. This is not a matter of etiquette. If adult children are going to inherit, they need to learn early how to wisely and responsibly handle money. And, if circumstances change and the estate is affected, the heirs should be given as much forewarning as possible so they are prepared and not shocked.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Crews may have found 1887 time capsule in Lee statue base

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Crews working to remove the pedestal where a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee towered over Richmond for more than a century believe they've found a time capsule that was buried there in 1887. The massive bronze equestrian statue of Lee, erected in 1890, was taken down in September, more than a year after Gov. Ralph Northam ordered its removal after protests over racism and police brutality erupted across the country following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. The day after the statue was removed, work crews spent more than 12 hours searching for the time capsule in the 40-foot-tall pedestal, but were unable to locate it. On Friday, Dec. 17, Northam announced that crews found the top of a square box embedded in a 2,000-pound granite block. It was located about 20 feet off the ground in the main section



Steve Helber/The Associated Press

Michael Spence, superintendent for Team Henry construction, looks over a time capsule that was placed in 1887 in the pedestal that once held the statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee on Monument Avenue, Friday Dec. 17, 2021, in Richmond, Virginia. Gov. Ralph Northam ordered the pedestal removed and the land given to the city of Richmond.

of the pedestal, not in its base. Workers who searched for it in September believed it was tucked

inside or under a cornerstone of the pedestal. "It looks like it is (the time capsule)," said Clark Mercer, Northam's chief of staff. "We're hoping it hasn't been damaged by water over the last 100-plus years." By late Dec. 17, workers had lowered a large piece of granite containing the box to the ground and were planning to bring it to the state Department of Historic Resources to be opened sometime next week. Mercer said the box was still encased in granite and needs to be dislodged and X-rayed before officials can be certain it is the time capsule. A newspaper article from 1887 suggests the capsule contains Civil War memorabilia and a "picture of Lincoln lying in his coffin," although historians believe it's doubtful the picture is an actual photograph, which would be rare and valuable. Records from the Library of Virginia suggest that 37 Richmond residents, organizations and businesses contributed about 60 objects to the capsule, many of which are believed to be related to the Confederacy. The Lee statue, which

became a symbol of racial injustice, was one of five Confederate tributes along Richmond's Monument Avenue and the only one that belonged to the state. The four city-owned statues were taken down in 2020, but the Lee statue removal was blocked by two lawsuits until a ruling from the Supreme Court of Virginia in September cleared the way for it to be taken down. Northam announced earlier this month that the enormous pedestal would be removed, a reversal from September, when the governor said the pedestal would stay in place so its future could be determined by a community-driven effort to reimagine Monument Avenue. After Floyd's murder in 2020, the Lee statue became a focal point of the racial justice movement in Richmond. Since then, the pedestal has been covered in graffiti, some of it profane and much of it denouncing the police. Some activists wanted to see it remain in place as a work of protest art.

weather

	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	A bit of late-night snow	A rain or snow shower	A little morning snow	Cloudy, snow tapering off	A snow shower possible
Baker City	20	34 27	35 22	34 23	35 16
La Grande	31	39 35	38 28	35 28	37 22
Enterprise	28	41 33	34 25	36 23	34 21

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		SUNDAY EXTREMES	
TEMPERATURES	Baker City 32° La Grande 36° Elgin 36°	NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	High: 90° Low: -17° Wettest: 3.75"
PRECIPITATION (inches)	Sunday 0.01 Month to date 0.31 Normal month to date 0.53 Year to date 5.32 Normal year to date 8.74	OREGON	High: 54° Low: 8° Wettest: 3.36"

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY	Lowest relative humidity 60%
Afternoon wind	S at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	4.0
Evapotranspiration	0.04

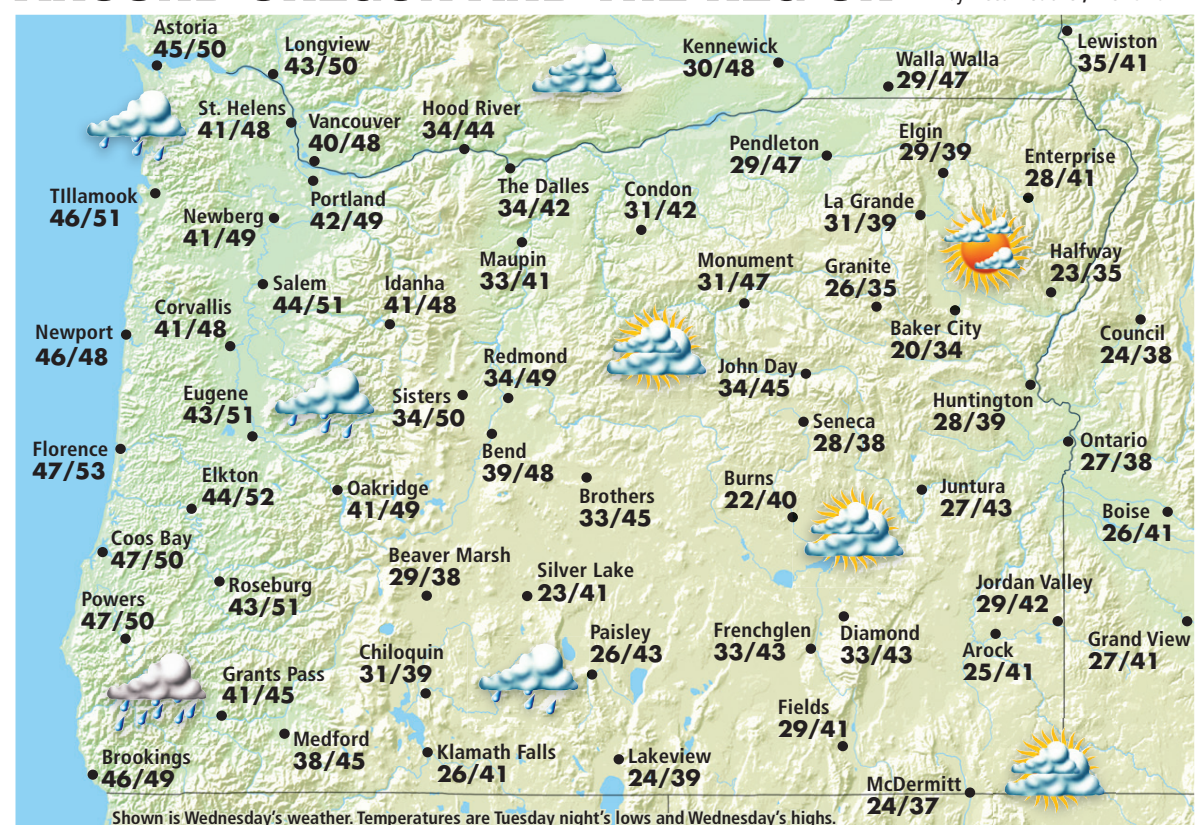
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)	
Phillips Reservoir	1% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	20% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	16% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	14% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	13% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	13% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	1060 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	14 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	148 cfs
Minam River at Minam	150 cfs
Powder River near Richland	20 cfs

SUN & MOON	
Sunrise	7:29 a.m.
Sunset	4:12 p.m.
Moonrise	6:24 p.m.
Moonset	9:45 a.m.

MOON PHASES	
Last	Dec 26
New	Jan 2
First	Jan 9
Full	Jan 17

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY	
ASTORIA	45/50	ANTHONY LAKES	Colder
PORTLAND	42/49	25 18	
EUGENE	43/51	MT. EMILY REC.	A snow shower
BEND	39/48	32 27	
LA GRANDE	31/39	EAGLE CAP WILD.	A snow shower
ENTERPRISE	28/41	28 22	
BOISE	26/41	WALLOWA LAKE	P.M. snow, 1-2"
PHILLIPS LAKE		39 33	
BROWNLEE RES.		THIEF VALLEY RES.	A snow shower
36 29		34 27	
BROWNLEE RES.			
A little snow			
39 36			
EMIGRANT ST. PARK			
Rain/snow shower			
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Rain and snow			
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