

Man's crude behavior is a turn-off at home



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: My 55-year-old husband and I have been married more than 25 years. Our marriage has been challenging, but we now have three adult sons to help succeed in the world, one of whom has a chronic severe health condition. My biggest problem is my husband won't stop pointing out how much he notices I'm aging. He says I'm going downhill. I don't ask for his opinion or open the discussion. If I'm not "in the mood" after he has been staring at his phone for hours, probably looking at nude women as I've

seen him do many times, he calls me a shriveled-up prune. He also constantly comments about younger women on TV, in the movies or even on the local news, and says things like, "Where's that juicy young blonde who was on the news before?" Or he tells me how much I resemble an old woman on TV who looks like she's 20 years older than I am. He also never fails to point out young women who still have their "baby fat," which I don't. He says he loves me and hugs and kisses me every day, but then he acts so creepy I don't want him touching me. He is really starting to disgust and confuse me. He knows how I feel about this. Now he's telling me I'M crazy because of how I

feel about his behavior. I don't know why he's acting like this. It seems like he's looking for an excuse to stray. I have been told before that he has incurable narcissism. — **FADING IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR FADING: Couples are supposed to love each other for who they are, not their appearance. Your husband is emotionally abusive. His hostility is blatant. That he would expect you to have sex with him with after hours on his cellphone — and no foreplay — is incredibly naive. Could he be deliberately trying to sabotage your marriage? A marriage and family therapist might be able to get to the bottom of this, but if counseling doesn't help, you may have to let your adult sons fend

for themselves and start taking care of yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I have this friend I have known since I was 9. She's a very good friend, but she doesn't get along with my boyfriend. They fight, and when they do, I'm stuck in the middle. I have spoken to both of them many times and asked them to coexist for my sake. They both try hard, but we all feel like we are walking on eggshells — especially me. How do I handle being with them for holiday celebrations and special occasions at my apartment? — **UNEASY IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR UNEASY: I wish you had mentioned which one is causing these "fights." Mature individuals opt to "agree to disagree" and change the subject,

rather than allow an argument to degenerate into open conflict. Explain this to both of them, and the next time you are caught in the middle, ask the person who picked the fight to do that — or leave. And, if things don't get better, celebrate with them separately as often as possible.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MY ASIAN READERS WHO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR: The Year of the Tiger begins today. Those born in the Year of the Tiger are brave, competitive, unpredictable and confident. Famous Tiger Year people are Tom Cruise, Leonardo DiCaprio, Lady Gaga and Queen Elizabeth II. I am wishing a happy, healthy new year to all who are celebrating this holiday. — **LOVE, ABBY**

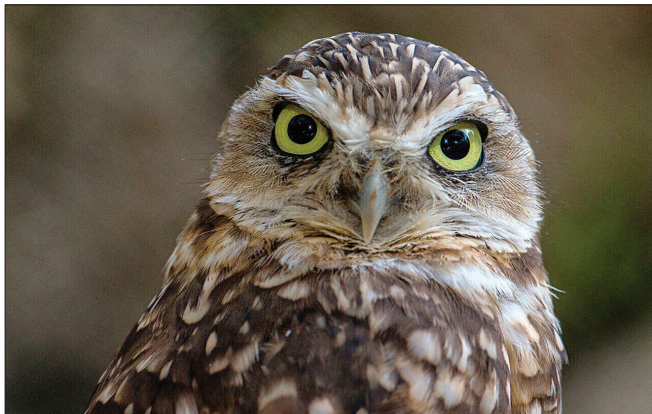
NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Fake poop helps evicted owls settle into new neighborhood

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Settling into a new home can be tough for anyone. So scientists have come up with some tricks to make transplanted burrowing owls feel like they are not alone in their new digs, playing owl sounds and scattering fake poop. The owls' grassland homes are often prime real estate, and they've been losing ground to development in regions like Silicon Valley and Southern California. Biologists have tried moving the owls to protected grasslands but the challenge has been getting the owls to accept their new homes. Just dropping off the owls in prime habitat wasn't enough, prior attempts showed. In a pilot program, scientists took pains to create the impression that owls already lived there so

they'd stick around. And it worked. "They like to be in a neighborhood, to live near other owls," said Colleen Wisinski, a conservation biologist at the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, which launched the experiment with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The scientists played recordings of owl calls before and after the new arrivals were released at four locations in Southern California. Wisinski used a syringe to squirt around fake owl poop — in reality, white paint. Their results were published Thursday, Jan. 27, in the journal *Animal Conservation*. Burrowing owls are the rare extroverts of the raptor world. These long-legged owls with slightly cross expressions actually love company. They nest in underground burrows with



Ken Bohn/San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, File
This photo provided by the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance shows a burrowing owl in a habitat at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park in 2014.

many owls nearby. Such colonies provide protection from predators, such as coyotes or hawks, that may try to snack on the robin-sized birds. When one owl sounds an alarm, the others fly away. Federal law prohibits the killing of the birds but their habitat is not protected. Typically, they are flushed from their burrows before

properties are built. "If after eviction there's nowhere for these guys to go, it's basically a death sentence," said Lynne Trulio, an ecologist at San Jose State University who has studied burrowing owls for three decades. She was not part of the study. The population of western burrowing owls — the subspecies that lives in

California — has declined by one-third since 1965. It is considered a "species of special concern." For their experiment, the scientists transplanted 47 burrowing owls during 2017-2018. Twenty were outfitted with GPS devices to track their movements, and the scientists also returned to the sites to check on them. Most successfully settled into their new homes and established breeding colonies. At the Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve in southwestern San Diego County, there were about 50 owl chicks in 2020.

Brrr! It got so cold in Florida, iguanas fell from trees

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A cold snap in Florida is different than in other places. No blizzard conditions in the Sunshine State,

but there are issues as well when the thermometer drops. The low temperatures near freezing are rare in Florida, but at first glance the citrus, strawberry and tomato crops suffered no major damage. As for iguanas, well, that's another matter. They are an invasive species, well accustomed to the trees of South Florida. When it gets cold, below 40 degrees, they go into a sort of suspended animation mode. And they fall to the ground. But they usually wake up with the sun's warmth. It got cold in Florida this weekend. The National Weather Service reported that West Palm Beach hit 37 degrees Fahrenheit, the coldest morning of the past 12 years. Up the East Coast in Vero Beach, the record low was tied at 30 degrees Fahrenheit, set in 1978.

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TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
A little evening snow	Cold; a little p.m. snow	Not as cold	Sun, then clouds	Low clouds may break
Baker City 12 Comfort Index™ 0	27 13 0	30 13 1	28 14 0	32 14 1
La Grande 15 Comfort Index™ 0	28 22 0	37 21 1	34 22 0	38 21 2
Enterprise 8 Comfort Index™ 0	21 17 0	36 22 3	39 22 4	36 23 3

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	27°	33°	34°
Low Sunday	4°	20°	21°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	Trace	Trace	0.00
Month to date	0.38	1.24	3.73
Normal month to date	0.68	1.62	3.18
Year to date	0.38	1.24	3.73
Normal year to date	0.68	1.62	3.18

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 81°	Thermal, Calif.
Low: 31°	Antero Reservoir, Colo.
Wettest: 1.23"	Quillayute, Wash.
OREGON	
High: 57°	Roseburg
Low: 4°	Baker City
Wettest: 0.42"	Seaside

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	N at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.4
Evapotranspiration	0.03
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)	
Phillips Reservoir	2% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	27% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	20% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	36% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	21% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	35% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	1150 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	15 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	168 cfs
Minam River at Minam	166 cfs
Powder River near Richland	76 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

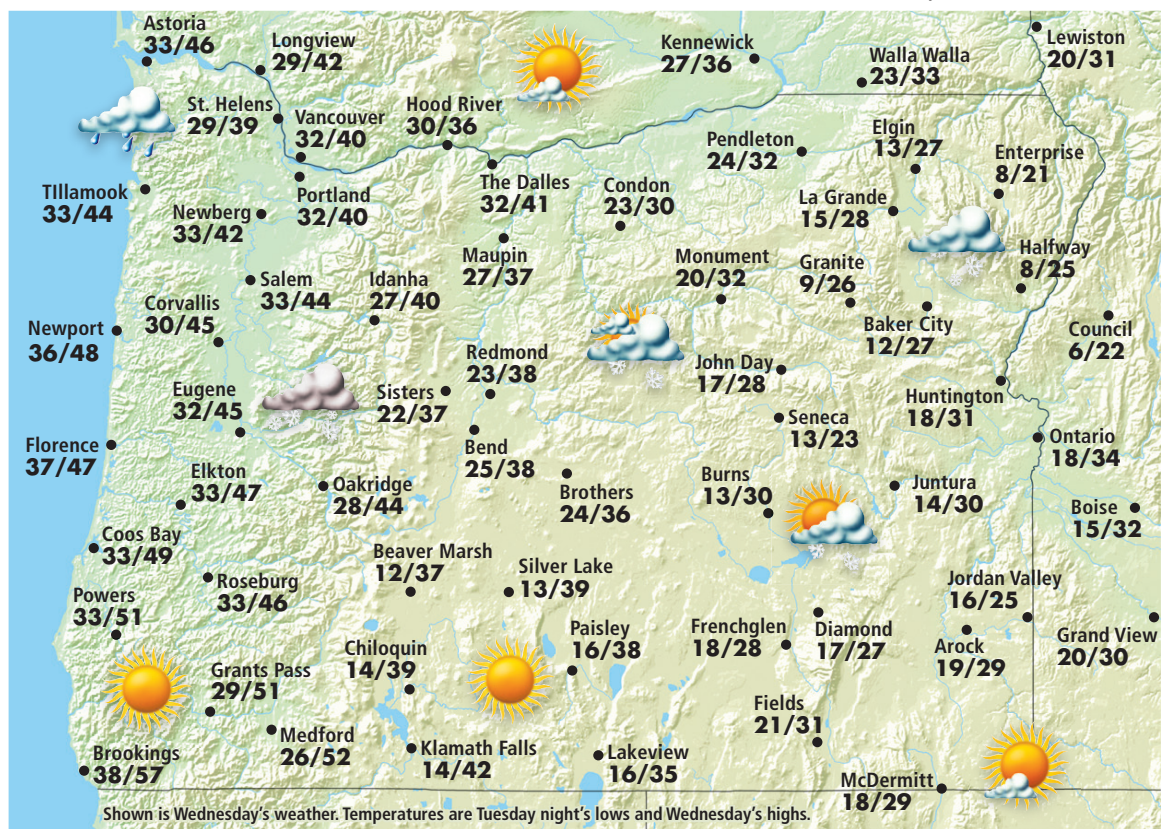
Brownsville, Texas, and Juneau, Alaska, both had temperatures of 32 degrees on Feb. 1, 1985. On that same day, 2 inches of snow accumulated in Dallas, Texas.

SUN & MOON

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	7:13 a.m.	7:12 a.m.
Sunset	4:59 p.m.	5:01 p.m.
Moonrise	8:03 a.m.	8:33 a.m.
Moonset	5:40 p.m.	6:59 p.m.
MOON PHASES		
First	Full	Last
Feb 8	Feb 16	Feb 23
		New
		Mar 2

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W	City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	46/40/r	48/37/c	Lewiston	31/25/c	41/29/c
Bend	38/30/c	50/28/s	Longview	42/36/r	46/34/r
Boise	32/16/pc	29/14/pc	Meacham	26/18/c	37/17/pc
Brookings	57/40/pc	60/39/pc	Medford	52/27/pc	57/27/s
Burns	30/16/sn	37/12/pc	Newport	48/39/sh	51/38/pc
Coos Bay	49/34/c	56/32/pc	Olympia	42/37/r	46/39/r
Corvallis	45/30/c	48/32/pc	Ontario	34/17/pc	33/14/pc
Council	22/11/pc	27/7/pc	Pasco	37/28/c	43/29/c
Elgin	21/19/c	35/17/c	Pendleton	32/30/sn	47/28/pc
Eugene	45/33/c	48/31/pc	Portland	40/37/r	46/33/c
Hermiston	35/32/c	49/32/c	Powers	51/35/c	56/36/s
Hood River	36/30/c	49/35/c	Redmond	38/25/c	48/23/s
Imnaha	29/20/c	41/27/c	Roseburg	46/34/c	52/33/pc
John Day	28/20/sn	37/22/pc	Salem	44/36/sh	50/34/c
Joseph	21/15/c	35/24/pc	Spokane	22/17/c	29/26/c
Kennecook	36/27/sf	44/31/c	The Dalles	41/36/c	47/34/pc
Klamath Falls	42/17/pc	47/16/s	Ukiah	25/19/sn	39/22/pc
Lakeview	35/13/pc	44/15/s	Walla Walla	33/28/c	39/28/c

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

Location	Forecast	Temp	Icon
ANTHONY LAKES	A little p.m. snow	15 14	
MT. EMILY REC.	A little p.m. snow	22 22	
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Cold	18 6	
WALLOWA LAKE	Quite cold	21 15	
THIEF VALLEY RES.	A bit of p.m. snow	27 13	
PHILLIPS LAKE	A little p.m. snow	28 17	
BROWNLEE RES.	Cold	28 15	
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	A little p.m. snow	23 18	
MCKAY RESERVOIR	A little p.m. snow	30 27	
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	A little p.m. snow	28 22	

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