

Blowhard boyfriend wears out his hosts during annual trips

DEAR ABBY: My best friend of 40 years and her boyfriend live several states away from my husband and me. Every winter she and her friend expect to come to our home for a week. We simply can no longer do this.

Her friend is a nice guy, but after a few days we can hardly stand it. He talks constantly and knows everything about everything. How can I politely tell my friend that we can't accommodate them anymore without hurting her feelings and maybe ending our friendship?



DEAR ABBY

— WEARY OUT WEST
DEAR WEARY: Try this. When your old friend mentions coming to visit, tell her you aren't up to having house-guests. If she asks why, and she probably will, say you're not as young as you used to be — it's true. Neither am I. Tell her you can accommodate them for a weekend. If that doesn't work, say your husband isn't up for company. (Also true.) However, if neither excuse suffices, you may have to choose between telling your friend the truth and fibbing by saying you plan to be out of town.

DEAR ABBY: For mothers out there who wonder why their "wonderful" grown daughters don't have boyfriends, maybe it is because they are too dependent on YOU. No guy wants to be involved with a woman who calls or texts her mom multiple times a day (unless she is ill). No guy wants a girl who can't make a decision without consulting Mom, and he certainly doesn't want the intimate details of his relationship to be shared with you.

Men want confident women, not girls still tied to their mother's apron strings. If you want your daughter to find a man, stay out of her love life and teach her to make her own decisions!

— HATES MEDDLING MOTHERS
DEAR HATES: I have long advised young women how important it is to gain independence before becoming romantically involved with anyone. I agree that women who can stand on their own two feet are more appealing than those who are still dependent upon their parents. Your letter verifies the truth of what I have been saying.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received an invitation to a dear friend's grandson's 5th birthday party. In lieu of gifts, donations were requested to a choice of politically affiliated "charitable" organizations. I cannot, in good conscience, support any of them. What's the appropriate course of action here? Must I give the child a gift anyway, or just stay away from the party? I really don't want to get into any political discussions with either the parents or the grandparents, and I think there would be hurt feelings if I don't show up.

— INA BIND
DEAR INA: What a shame that a child's party was used as an excuse for a political fundraiser. I can't imagine any 5-year-old being "thrilled" to receive a political donation as a birthday gift. However, because the child is the grandson of a "dear" friend, I do think a gift is in order. Make it something a 5-year-old will enjoy, have it delivered, and find an excuse not to attend if you feel it will devolve into something you prefer to avoid. Hurt feelings or not, you are not obligated to go to the party.

DEAR ABBY: Our financial adviser, "Wally," who has managed our finances for a number of years, sent us a letter asking us to donate to a charity he is starting. We feel like we are being held hostage because he knows how much money we have and how we spend it. We feel Wally has crossed the line of professionalism. What do you think, and what should we do?

— SOLICITED IN OHIO
DEAR SOLICITED: You are entitled to your feelings, and here's how to handle it. Write Wally a small check for his new charity and enclose with it a short note wishing him success with his newfound cause. Close by telling him that everyone has causes that are close to their hearts — including you and your husband — and because you know this one is important to him, you are sending him a ONE-TIME donation. If he solicits you after that, find another financial adviser.

No free lunch for renewables: More wind power would warm US

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Ramping up wind power in America would also dial up the nation's temperatures, a new study out of Harvard found.

While wind energy is widely celebrated as environmentally friendly, the researchers concluded that a dramatic, all-out expansion in the number of turbines could warm the country even more than climate change from burning coal and other fossil fuels, because of the way the spinning blades disturb the layers of warm and cold air in the atmosphere.

Some parts of the central United States are already seeing nights that are up to 2 degrees Fahrenheit (1.1 degrees Celsius) warmer because of nearby wind farms, said study lead author Lee Miller, an environmental scientist at Harvard.

"Any big energy system has an environmental impact," said Harvard engineering and physics professor David Keith, a study co-author. "There is no free lunch. You do wind on a scale big enough ... it'll change things."

The researchers and other scientists stressed that climate change from greenhouse gas emissions is clearly a far bigger threat globally and over the long term than turbine-caused warming, which is temporary and stops when the blades aren't turning.

Despite the potential drawbacks, wind energy still makes more sense for the environment than fossil

fuels, Keith said.

It's just that advocates of wind power have been ignoring growing evidence of a downside, he said.

Overall, the Harvard study, published Thursday in the journal *Joule*, found in the unlikely event the U.S. switched massively to wind to supply nearly all of its electricity, there would be so many turbines that on average the nation's temperature would go up about 0.4 degrees (0.2 Celsius). Some central areas would see localized warming around 2.5 degrees (1.4 Celsius), though there would also be some cooling in places, such as the East Coast.

Right now, wind provides 6.3 percent of the nation's electricity, according to the American Wind Energy Association.

The study, which looked at just the United States, said turbines would cause more warming in the short term this century than the carbon dioxide America spews into the atmosphere would.

The reason for this effect: Normally the air is more still at night, with cold air staying near the surface and warmer air resting a little higher. But turbines bring the warm air down and cool air up, making the ground a bit toasty. The effect is seen less during the day but is still there.

Still, the effect from turbines is different from human-caused climate change. It mostly consists of warming; it's local, and it's temporary. When the turbines are still because the air is calm, there's no warming.

Climate change, in contrast, is a global effect that involves many more elements than temperature, such as sea level rise, extreme weather, melting glaciers and shifts in the jet stream. Even if a country stopped emitting greenhouse gases, it would still experience climate change if the rest of the world kept on polluting.

Past studies have observed a temporary nighttime warming of as much as 2 degrees (1.1 Celsius) in places with lots of wind turbines, such as North Texas. The Harvard study took observations and used computer simulation to project what a dramatic increase in turbines would look like for temperatures.

Other technologies considered environmentally friendly have their downsides, too. Nuclear energy has no carbon dioxide emissions, but there are concerns about waste, safety and cost. The ethanol boom has wiped out habitats, led farmers to plow over prairies, caused water pollution and raised food prices.

Wind advocates emphasized that the Harvard study doesn't show turbines causing global warming, just local heating.

"If the paper instead looked across the global and long-lasting timescales that matter, renewable resources would fare hundreds of times if not infinitely better than fossil resources," Michael Goggin, vice president of Grid Strategies and a former researcher for a wind energy group, said in a statement.

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	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Cloudy with a few showers	Mostly cloudy, showers	Mostly cloudy and cool	Plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sunshine
Baker City	37	54 34	55 25	57 28	64 26
Comfort Index™	5	0	2	5	9
La Grande	44	52 39	53 31	57 31	62 33
Comfort Index™	3	0	2	8	10
Enterprise	41	49 38	49 33	54 28	59 31
Comfort Index™	6	0	2	8	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 Sunday	59°	58°	59°
Low Sunday	33°	37°	39°

PRECIPITATION (inches)	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.03
Month to date	0.01	0.27	0.07
Normal month to date	0.12	0.21	0.25
Year to date	4.76	10.79	21.11
Normal year to date	7.74	11.75	16.10

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	70%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.9
Evapotranspiration	0.05

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)	
Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	10% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	30% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	27% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	4% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	645 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	3 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	18 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	52 cfs
Minam River at Minam	59 cfs
Powder River near Richland	10 cfs

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 97°	McAllen, Texas
Low: 20°	Hohnholz Ranch, Colo.
Wettest: 5.71"	Hobart, Okla.

OREGON	
High: 70°	Brookings
Low: 25°	Burns
Wettest: 0.73"	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

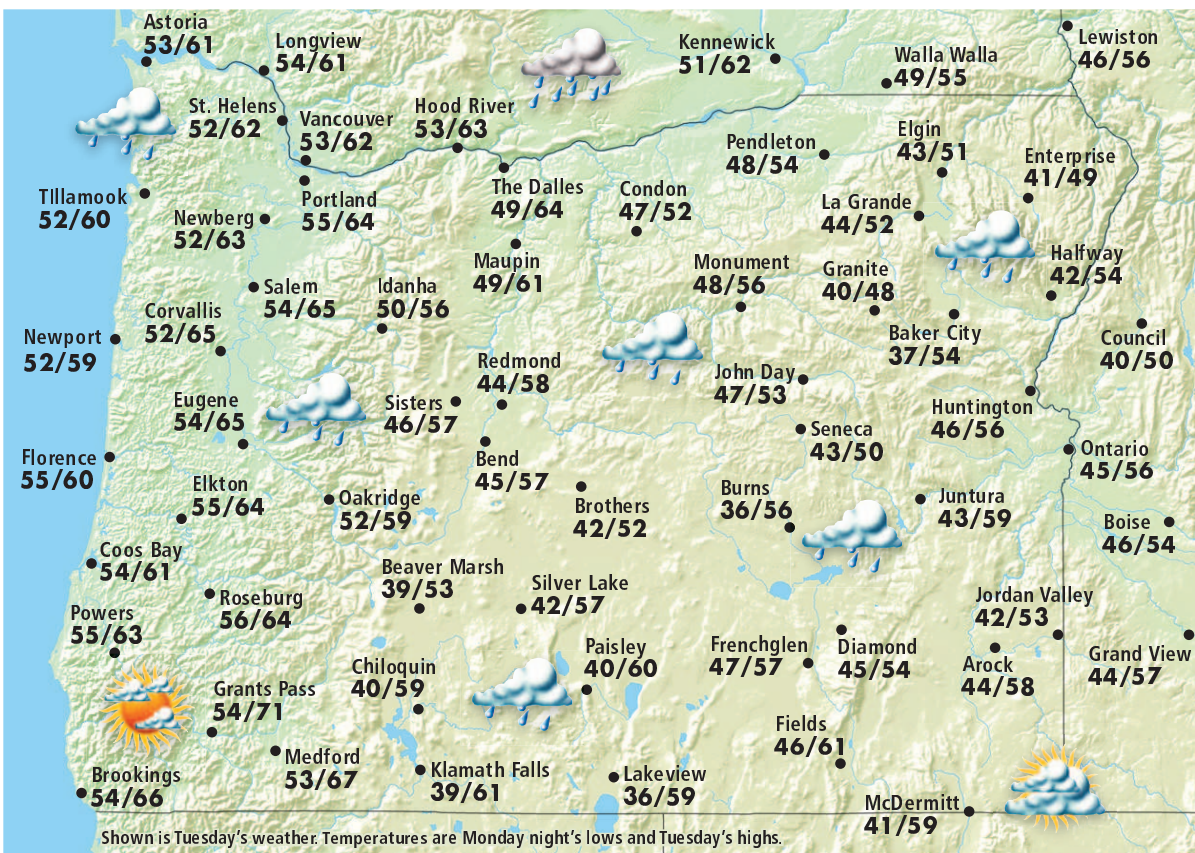
On Oct. 9, 1804, a hurricane in New England caused massive damage. Tropical moisture and cold air combined in central New England; 2-3 feet of snow fell in the Berkshires and Green Mountains.

SUN & MOON

	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	6:59 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Sunset	6:20 p.m.	6:18 p.m.
Moonrise	6:11 a.m.	7:24 a.m.
Moonset	6:36 p.m.	7:05 p.m.

MOON PHASES	
New	Oct 8
First	Oct 16
Full	Oct 24
Last	Oct 31

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



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REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	61/45/pc	62/43/pc	Lewiston	56/41/sh	58/37/c
Bend	57/35/pc	55/29/pc	Longview	61/47/pc	65/42/pc
Boise	54/39/sh	56/37/pc	Meacham	48/37/sh	49/29/c
Brookings	66/49/pc	66/50/s	Medford	67/44/sh	70/40/s
Burns	56/28/sh	52/22/pc	Newport	59/45/pc	60/45/pc
Coos Bay	61/47/pc	61/44/s	Olympia	60/42/pc	63/38/pc
Corvallis	65/43/pc	67/39/pc	Ontario	56/41/sh	60/34/pc
Council	50/38/sh	54/34/c	Pasco	61/39/pc	63/34/pc
Elgin	51/39/sh	53/32/c	Pendleton	54/42/sh	58/36/c
Eugene	65/43/pc	67/38/pc	Portland	64/49/pc	68/45/pc
Hermiston	61/42/sh	63/35/c	Powers	63/47/sh	67/44/pc
Hood River	63/46/sh	65/41/pc	Redmond	58/35/pc	58/29/pc
Imnaha	54/43/sh	54/39/c	Roseburg	64/46/pc	67/42/pc
John Day	53/40/sh	53/32/c	Salem	65/45/pc	67/41/pc
Joseph	49/38/sh	49/33/c	Spokane	54/37/pc	57/34/c
Kennewick	62/42/pc	63/36/pc	The Dalles	64/46/sh	65/39/pc
Klamath Falls	61/31/pc	59/29/pc	Ukiah	48/37/sh	50/29/c
Lakeview	59/30/pc	54/25/pc	Walla Walla	55/42/sh	58/38/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 TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Mostly cloudy	A shower or two
36 28	55 39
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
46 39	63 44
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Mostly cloudy	A shower or two
45 33	50 42
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
A shower or two	A shower or two
56 41	58 47
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Rather cloudy	Mostly cloudy
57 37	57 44



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