

Man retiring from the military deploys new rules in marriage

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 10 years is in the process of retiring from the military and is now re-evaluating “procedures” and “policies” of everything — including our marriage. I’m trying to respect his needs in an effort to help him make sense of things. However, there are times when I feel some of his new rules are hurtful or harmful and need to be negotiated or evaluated. (By the way, in general, I do not encourage or support the idea of “rules” in marriage aside from fidelity; communication should be the rule in my opinion, but I digress.)



DEAR ABBY

His latest rule is that I need to be covered when getting ready in the morning (“It’s not proper to be so comfortable naked, and if you respect me, you would do as I ask”). He said he thinks I look amazing now, but then he added: “Think about when you are your grandmother’s age; you won’t be pleasant to look at.”

As his partner, I feel we should make each other feel comfortable in the buff, and it’s harmful to ask our partner to cover up for any reason in the sanctity of our home. We have no children and live alone, and I have always gotten ready in the mornings this way, behind closed doors, where no one but my husband can see me. Abby, can you guide us to resolution on this matter?

— NOTHING TO HIDE IN GEORGIA

DEAR NOTHING: As a military man, your husband is used to rules and structure, which are necessary in that environment. This, however, is civilian life. Before allowing him to make any more rules or institute a change in dress code (undress code), allow me to “guide” you directly to the office of a licensed marriage counselor because, unless there is something you have omitted from your letter, your husband is a mile off base.

DEAR ABBY: My mother and her brother are buried in a family graveyard. He is on the upper side. It was understood by both families that I would be buried next to my mother when I died. My uncle’s grandson recently passed away and, without saying a word about it to our family, my cousin had him buried next to

my mother. She said the space beside my mother was more desirable than the one on my uncle’s side.

I’m so upset I can’t sleep, and I don’t know if I should pay to have the deceased moved to my uncle’s side of the graveyard or just let him lay there. I feel beyond betrayed, and I will never speak to this vile woman again. She said I am overreacting. Am I?

— CANT SLEEP IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CANT SLEEP: While your feelings are understandable, and I don’t blame you for being upset, to let this take over your life would be a mistake. It couldn’t hurt to inquire at the cemetery about having your cousin’s corpse moved, although I’m not sure it can be done without the consent of his next of kin. If moving his body is not possible, please remember that when you are gone, your spirit will join with your mother’s regardless of where your earthly remains reside.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 12-year-old daughter who keeps telling me she knows Santa isn’t real. “Angela” is an only child, so we don’t have a younger child to worry about carrying on the tradition.

I keep telling her that I believe, and as long as she believes, Santa will come. Angela went so far this year to tell me that she won’t write a letter to Santa to prove her point. I guess I have a problem admitting to my daughter that her father and I haven’t been truthful all these years. I would love some advice on how to handle this.

— I BELIEVE, IN NAVARRE, FLA.

DEAR I BELIEVE: The jig is up. You’re no longer fooling your daughter. By not leveling with her, the message you have been sending is that if she wants straight answers, she will have to go elsewhere to find them. Sit Angela down and explain that the spirit of Santa is embodied by loving parents who want their children to experience the wonder of the holiday as well as the pleasures it brings.

P.S. And if you haven’t done so already, recant the story you probably told her about the stork.

Snowed-in South makes the best of day off from work, school

By Jonathan Drew

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. —

Snowed-in Southerners made the best of a day without work or school Monday while officials warned that roads remained treacherous even as the worst of a wintry storm departed.

Snow, sleet and freezing rain tapered off across states from Georgia to West Virginia that were recovering from outages, canceled flights and numerous car wrecks. But officials cautioned that Tuesday’s commute could be treacherous as plunging temperatures turn melted snow into ice on roads. The storm was blamed for at least three deaths in North Carolina.

Scores of schools canceled class Monday, and many businesses and government offices — including Virginia’s executive-branch agencies in Richmond — were closed.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, police shut down a street Monday after reports of ice falling from the Duke Energy Center. And an overturned truck full of pigs added to traffic delays in the western part of that state.

For those staying close to home, the storm provided a chance to sled, drink hot chocolate with friends or simply take in a wintry landscape in places that don’t often see so much of the white stuff.

In North Carolina’s Durham County, where a foot fell in places Sunday, kids reveled in a day off from school as a second dust-

ing of snow and sleet fell Monday morning. Children threw snowballs or built snowmen.

Andrew Dedman, 16, was walking about a mile through a flurry to visit a friend on their day off from high school.

“We’re just going to hang out, sit around, drink hot chocolate,” he said.

Others ventured Monday into ankle-deep snowdrifts to walk dogs. Ron Gordon, 75, donned boots and a hooded winter jacket to take out his dog, Easy.

“She seems to like it,” he said, holding a walking stick for extra traction. “She enjoys it more than I do.”

The semi-retired photographer said he moved to Durham from Chicago several years ago and was surprised to see this much snow: “I didn’t expect this.”

The North Carolina Department of Transportation said a livestock truck carrying pigs overturned on Interstate 40 westbound near the Tennessee line. The westbound lanes were closed temporarily Monday so the pigs could be corralled, but at least one lane was reopened by midafternoon.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said Monday that the worst of the storm had passed, but residents — particularly motorists — should keep watch for dangerous conditions. Melting snow and ice could result in slick road conditions Tuesday morning as temperatures fall and moisture refreezes, Cooper said at a news conference. The

Highway Patrol already had responded to hundreds of collisions and calls for services since the storm began.

Snowfall totals topped 20 inches in some areas of the western part of the state, according to the National Weather Service.

A truck driver died Sunday after suffering what appeared to be a heart attack from shoveling out his rig that got stuck at the height of the storm along Interstate 77 in the central part of the state, Yadkin County Emergency Services Director Keith Vestal said.

The state emergency operations center also said one man died Sunday when a tree fell on him in Mecklenburg County, while an ailing woman died in Haywood County when her oxygen was cut off due to power outages.

Governors and local officials declared emergencies ahead of the storm crossing several Southern states, which hit portions of North Carolina and Virginia particularly hard.

Flight cancellations and delays continued Monday at Charlotte Douglas International Airport, the sixth busiest airport in the country. The airport had nearly 400 cancellations, about one-fourth of its scheduled flights.

More than 244,000 power outages were reported across the region Monday morning, with North Carolina bearing the brunt of it, according to poweroutage.us. South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee also had outages reported Monday.

AccuWeather DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP

weather

TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Mostly cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy most of the time	Cloudy
Baker City 25 Comfort Index™ 3	36 23 0	37 26 1	37 27 2	39 29 2
La Grande 30 Comfort Index™ 3	40 30 1	39 28 2	38 34 1	42 35 2
Enterprise 25 Comfort Index™ 1	39 27 2	40 24 0	38 32 2	42 34 3

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

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	34°	36°	38°
Low Tuesday	26°	31°	29°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.01	0.15	0.03
Month to date	0.05	0.20	0.55
Normal month to date	0.35	0.67	1.18
Year to date	5.29	13.77	27.02
Normal year to date	9.50	15.53	21.85

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY		
Lowest relative humidity		45%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 10 to 20 mph	
Hours of sunshine		0.4
Evapotranspiration		0.06

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)		
Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity	
Unity Reservoir	20% of capacity	
Owyhee Reservoir	34% of capacity	
McKay Reservoir	12% of capacity	
Wallowa Lake	14% of capacity	
Thief Valley Reservoir	32% of capacity	

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)		
Grande Ronde at Troy	N.A.	
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.	
Burnt River near Unity	7 cfs	
Umatilla River near Gibbon	120 cfs	
Minam River at Minam	N.A.	
Powder River near Richland	44 cfs	

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)		
High: 78°		McAllen, Texas
Low: -17°		Clayton Lake, Maine
Wettest: 2.74"		Shelton, Wash.
OREGON		
High: 57°		North Bend
Low: 8°		Lakeview
Wettest: 1.95"		Seaside

WEATHER HISTORY

A mass of arctic air settled into Florida on Dec. 13, 1962. This cold air caused Florida’s worst December freeze of the 20th century.

SUN & MOON

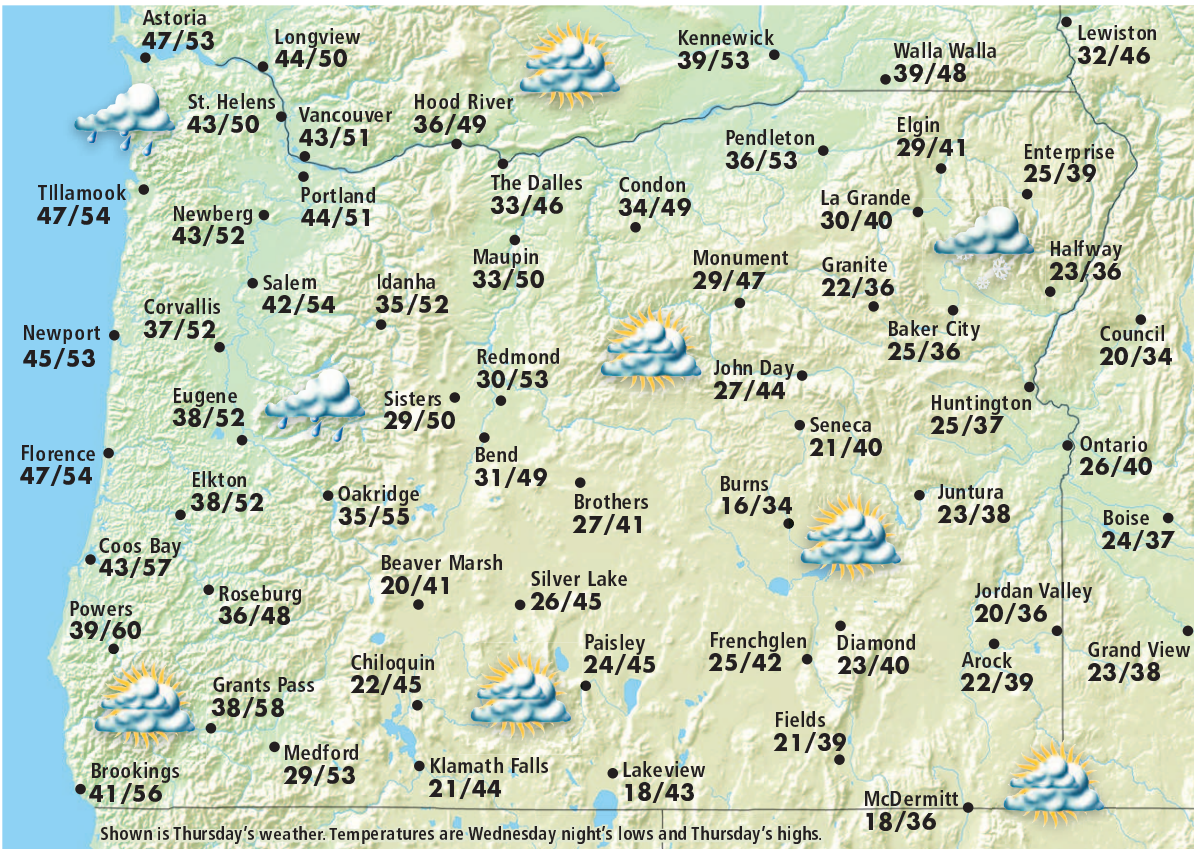
	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	7:22 a.m.	7:23 a.m.
Sunset	4:10 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Moonrise	11:14 a.m.	11:44 a.m.
Moonset	9:19 p.m.	10:19 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29	Jan 5

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

Forecasts and graphics provided by AccuWeather, Inc. ©2018



REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W	City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	53/44/r	54/42/r	Lewiston	46/31/c	46/37/c
Bend	49/33/c	45/27/r	Longview	50/43/r	49/40/r
Boise	37/25/c	40/32/c	Meacham	40/30/c	39/26/c
Brookings	56/46/c	56/45/r	Medford	53/33/c	52/34/r
Burns	34/16/c	36/21/c	Newport	53/44/c	53/42/r
Coos Bay	57/45/c	52/42/r	Olympia	49/38/r	50/38/r
Corvallis	52/35/c	50/38/r	Ontario	40/25/c	40/28/c
Council	34/17/c	35/26/c	Pasco	50/32/c	44/36/c
Elgin	41/31/c	41/27/c	Pendleton	53/37/c	48/34/c
Eugene	52/35/c	50/40/r	Portland	51/40/r	49/42/r
Hermiston	53/34/c	49/33/r	Powers	60/48/c	52/39/r
Hood River	49/36/c	48/35/r	Redmond	53/31/c	49/30/r
Imnaha	44/33/c	45/28/c	Roseburg	52/39/r	51/41/r
John Day	44/32/c	43/26/c	Salem	54/37/c	51/41/r
Joseph	38/26/c	38/23/c	Spokane	41/30/sh	42/34/r
Kennewick	53/35/c	48/35/c	The Dalles	46/33/c	45/36/c
Klamath Falls	44/28/p	45/29/sn	Ukiah	44/29/c	43/23/sn
Lakeview	43/21/c	44/26/sn	Walla Walla	48/36/c	46/40/r

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

RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
A.M. snow showers	Mostly cloudy
20 10	35 21
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
A.M. snow showers	A.M. snow showers
30 25	42 25
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
A.M. snow showers	A.M. snow showers
25 15	34 25
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
A.M. snow showers	Mostly cloudy
35 24	48 36
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
A.M. snow showers	A.M. snow showers
40 25	40 30

Don't know what to get your friend or loved one for the Holidays?

Get 25 issues for just \$21.00

THE OBSERVER

CALL 541-963-3161 TODAY!

Give a gift that inspires, informs, entertains, educates and more.

Give a gift subscription to The Observer or Baker City Herald

*Includes full online access to Baker City Herald, The Observer, and Bend Bulletin.

Home Delivery Only

Get 25 issues for just \$19.00

Baker City Herald

CALL 541-523-3673 TODAY!