

Husband won't defend wife from shunning by his family

DEAR ABBY: I am a 47-year-old woman, married to the love of my life for seven years. Three years ago, my husband's cousin and her mother told him they didn't like me and didn't want me around. I only found out about it two years ago.

I feel humiliated, and it's uncomfortable for me to be around any of them now. I don't get invited most of the time, and that's OK with my husband! I want him to address and resolve it, but he hasn't and won't. In addition, we have had some major marital issues.

I want him to stand up for me, for us and for our marriage. I haven't done anything wrong, but I feel like I'm being punished because he won't take a stand. He and his family have swept the whole thing under the rug for so long that neither of us knows what to do next. Please kindly advise.

— CAST ASIDE IN TEXAS

DEAR CAST ASIDE: You say you and your husband have had major marital issues. Did the two of you receive counseling to resolve them, or were they, too, swept under the rug? I think some sessions with a licensed marriage and family counselor might be helpful.

I am not saying your husband should fight your battles for you, but ignoring this problem is not helping your marriage. He has to find the courage to tell these relatives that if they have a problem with you, they should address it with you. If he doesn't, you should approach them directly.

He should have told his aunt and his cousin the two of you are a team three years ago. If he doesn't have enough starch in his spine to do that, it will eventually destroy your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Marcus," and I recently adopted an adorable rescue puppy, "Daisy." She was supposed to be mostly my boyfriend's dog because I work a demanding full-time job, and I have a cat that lives with us. Marcus has always been a dog person, but I enjoy them, too.

The problem is, Daisy has taken a liking to me. When I'm home, she follows me everywhere. I suspect, due to her behavior, that she may have been mistreated by men previously, but nonethe-

less, Marcus is extremely hurt. He won't take her outside if I'm home, and he doesn't try to play with her or train her. Every time she rejects him in any way, he takes it personally.

We signed Daisy up for a puppy training class. He participated for about five minutes before giving up and handing me the leash during the first lesson. How do I get my boyfriend to stop taking our puppy's behavior so personally? I should note, we went through this when my cat didn't like him at first, but they are on good terms now.

— PET PROBLEM IN WASHINGTON

DEAR PROBLEM: It has been my experience that dogs respond more positively to the person who regularly feeds, exercises and plays with them and shows them affection, than to a partner who remains passive. The more Marcus withdraws from Daisy, the more pronounced her attachment to you will become. Urge him to discuss this with the dog trainer, so perhaps the situation can be put right.

Caveat: If this is the way your boyfriend reacts to perceived rejection, I'd think twice about starting a family with him if I were you.

DEAR ABBY: After 47 years of friendship, my friend ghosted me. This had never happened before, so I was left feeling very confused and sad. A year later, I accidentally dialed her number, and she answered. We talked as if no time had passed.

She told me I had hurt her feelings. It wasn't intentional, and I apologized. Some time later, she told me she'd call me back, but she didn't. I clearly recall our last conversation, and I didn't say anything that would've hurt her.

It has been two years, and I haven't attempted to contact her since. Should I reach out to her again or consider this friendship over?

— HURTING, TOO, IN DALLAS

DEAR HURTING: This friendship has run its course, for whatever reason. However, abrupt changes in personality and behavior can be a symptom of serious illness in older people. In light of the fact that you have known this woman for nearly 50 years, and you still care about her, you might want to check with one of her relatives to be sure she's all right.



DEAR ABBY

A rescue, a reunion and a rush to help in Dorian's aftermath

By Michael Weissenstein
The Associated Press

ABACO, Bahamas — When Hurricane Dorian hit Sylvia Cottis' home at a beach club in the Bahamas, the fearsome Category 5 storm blew out the supposedly hurricane-proof windows, turning the glass into razor-sharp shrapnel that opened a wide gash on her knee.

Then the 89-year-old woman and her caretaker settled in to wait for help, and conditions soon worsened. The house became flooded with sewage after the septic tank overflowed with floodwater. They could not flush the toilet without using water from a pool. Surrounded by wet belongings and filth, Cottis spent the days sitting in her wheelchair and the nights sleeping in a metal lawn lounge.

Five agonizing days passed. Then on Wednesday, a neighbor and his friend at last pried open the home's jammed door with a screwdriver to check on Cottis and 58-year-old Kathryn Cartwright. By then, her gash had become infected and swollen.

They were two of the thousands of desperate people seeking help in Dorian's aftermath. The storm's devastation came into sharper focus as the death toll climbed to 20 and many people emerged from shelters to check on their homes. They confronted a muddy, debris-strewn landscape across Abaco and Grand Bahama islands, which are known for their marinas, golf courses and all-inclusive resorts. Total insured and uninsured property losses in the Bahamas, not including infrastructure and autos, could reach \$7 billion, according to a Thursday estimate from the catastrophe modelers Karen Clark & Co.

On Thursday, food and water was running low in The Mudd, a shantytown in Great Abaco island that was home to several thousand Haitian migrants before Dorian razed it. AP journalists saw a body, hands stretched toward the sky, that was tangled underneath a tree branch next to twisted sheets of corrugated metal. It was one of at least nine bodies that people said they had seen in the area.

"Ain't nobody come to get them," said Cardot Ked, a 43-year-old carpenter from Haiti who has lived 25 years in Abaco. "If we could get to the next island, that's the best thing we can do."

Among those who lost a loved one was

Benatac Pierre-Louis, 57, who collects and sells scrap metal. He said his sister-in-law died as she tried to escape the storm but got hit by plywood.

"They gone, but we can't do nothing," he said, adding that Bahamian immigration officials visited The Mudd ahead of Dorian and told people to go to shelters for their safety.

For days, the hurricane had pounded the Bahamas with winds up to 185 mph and torrential rains, swamping neighborhoods in brown floodwaters and destroying or severely damaging, by one estimate, nearly half the homes in Abaco and Grand Bahama, which have 70,000 residents.

The Bahamian government sent hundreds of police and marines into the stricken islands, along with doctors, nurses and other health care workers. The U.S. Coast Guard, Britain's Royal Navy and relief organizations including the United Nations and the Red Cross joined the burgeoning effort to rush food and medicine to survivors and lift the most desperate people to safety by helicopter.

At Cottis' home, the two women heard helicopters overhead and cars driving past, but the weather and massive flooding prevented any assistance.

"I can't leave her here too long," said Cartwright, who was also worried about her children, a son and a daughter, whom she had not heard from since the storm. She alternated between making light remarks and bursting into tears. She apologized for the house being a mess.

Help finally arrived in the form of neighbor Ben Allen, a 40-year-old construction worker and maintenance man, who showed up with a minivan to take Cottis to get medical attention. Cottis clutched a white tissue in her hand as she struggled to stand up and nearly fell over when the group tried to get her into the vehicle, which had a partially collapsed roof and was filled with wet cardboard.

Once everyone was in, the minivan sped past broken cell towers, snapped power lines, trees stripped of their leaves and 30- to 40-foot boats thrown on top of buildings. Metal shutters were ripped off their frames and hurled into stores. Allen took in the devastated scenery as he drove.

"Abaco is no more," he said. Exactly a week ago, it was "the most beautiful place you wanted to be."

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	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	Clear	Partly sunny	Cloudy and cooler	Partly sunny and pleasant	A couple of showers
Baker City	49	86 53	71 43	72 45	71 40
Comfort Index™	10	6	8	10	10
La Grande	52	86 56	71 49	70 49	69 44
Comfort Index™	9	7	6	10	6
Enterprise	50	83 52	67 45	66 46	66 43
Comfort Index™	10	8	8	7	7

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Wednesday	90°	90°	94°
Low Wednesday	53°	59°	50°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal month to date	0.08	0.09	0.10
Year to date	6.29	11.29	20.81
Normal year to date	7.15	10.96	15.13

WED. EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 119° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 24° Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 2.48" Charleston, S.C.

OREGON
High: 99° Ontario
Low: 38° Lakeview
Wettest: Trace Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

A day after massive fires scorched over a million acres in Michigan, a yellow, smoky haze choked the New England sky on Sept. 6, 1881. It was termed the "Yellow Day".

SUN & MOON

	FRI.	SAT.
Sunrise	6:19 a.m.	6:21 a.m.
Sunset	7:21 p.m.	7:19 p.m.
Moonrise	2:54 p.m.	3:52 p.m.
Moonset	none	12:03 a.m.

MOON PHASES

	Full	Last	New	First
	Sept 13	Sept 21	Sept 28	Oct 5

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY

Lowest relative humidity	30%
Afternoon wind	ESE at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	4.9
Evapotranspiration	0.18

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)

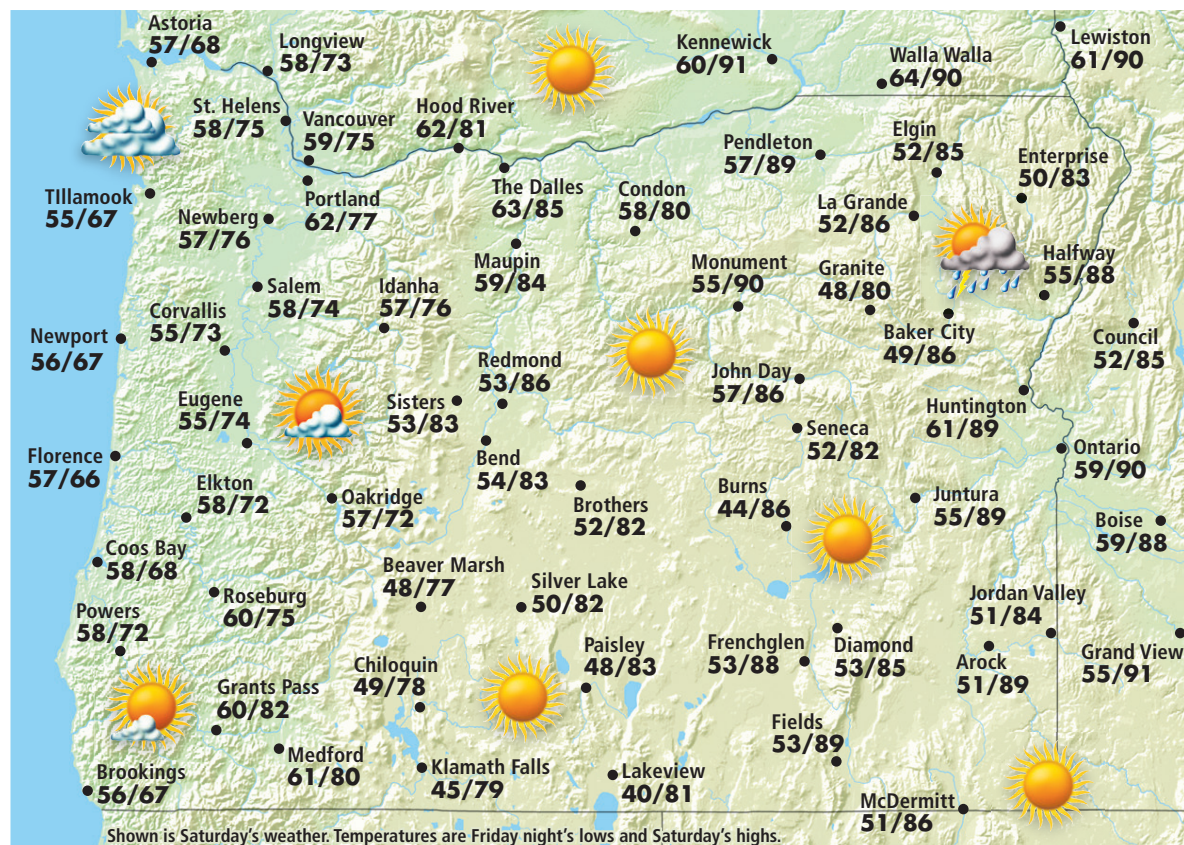
Phillips Reservoir	27% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	35% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	71% of capacity
Mckay Reservoir	52% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	36% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	14% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Wednesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	503 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	79 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	100 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	39 cfs
Minam River at Minam	78 cfs
Powder River near Richland	37 cfs

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SAT.		SUN.		City	SAT.		SUN.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Astoria	68/58/pc	67/57/r	Lewiston	90/65/pc	77/58/pc				
Bend	83/48/pc	71/45/pc	Longview	73/58/pc	70/57/r				
Boise	88/62/s	75/52/t	Meacham	83/52/pc	67/46/c				
Brookings	67/57/c	68/55/c	Medford	80/54/pc	77/55/pc				
Burns	86/48/pc	72/39/t	Newport	67/57/c	68/56/sh				
Coos Bay	68/56/c	70/57/c	Olympia	74/53/pc	69/53/r				
Corvallis	73/56/c	71/55/pc	Ontario	90/61/s	77/55/c				
Council	85/55/s	73/48/t	Pasco	92/63/pc	82/59/c				
Elgin	85/55/pc	70/49/c	Pendleton	89/59/pc	76/55/c				
Eugene	74/54/c	74/56/c	Portland	77/62/pc	72/61/c				
Hermiston	91/60/pc	80/60/c	Powers	72/55/c	73/56/pc				
Hood River	81/60/pc	73/58/pc	Redmond	86/47/pc	72/45/pc				
Imnaha	86/60/s	74/50/c	Roseburg	75/58/c	76/57/c				
John Day	86/55/pc	71/48/t	Salem	74/57/c	72/57/c				
Joseph	83/51/s	66/44/c	Spokane	83/58/pc	74/54/pc				
Kennewick	91/63/pc	82/61/c	The Dalles	85/61/pc	75/57/pc				
Klamath Falls	79/41/pc	69/39/pc	Ukiah	83/48/pc	67/43/sh				
Lakeview	81/39/s	73/36/pc	Walla Walla	90/63/pc	76/59/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 SATURDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Mostly sunny; nice	61 42		PHILLIPS LAKE Mostly sunny	82 52	
MT. EMILY REC. Partly sunny	73 48		BROWNLEE RES. Sunny and pleasant	88 57	
EAGLE CAP WILD. Nice with sunshine	68 45		EMIGRANT ST. PARK Partly sunny; nice	79 46	
WALLOWA LAKE Mostly sunny	83 51		MCKAY RESERVOIR Clouds and sun	88 58	
THIEF VALLEY RES. Mostly sunny	86 53		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Partly sunny	86 56	

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