

Readers diagnose mother’s loss of interest in husband

DEAR ABBY: “Jumbled in Ohio” (Aug. 10) indicated that her lack of interest in her husband started about a year after the birth of her second child. You recommended counseling, which is needed, but you should also have recommended she talk to a medical doctor, especially one who specializes in hormone imbalance. I’ve been there. Luckily, with the help of both doctors (counseling and medical), I was able to regain my interest in sex and once again enjoy my husband’s attention.

Don’t pass up on a good partner. The grass is not greener on the other side. My husband and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2020. I thank God every day for the help I received.

— GRATEFUL IN THE SOUTH
DEAR GRATEFUL: Thank you for your comments, which were echoed by other readers who recommended “Jumbled” see her OB-GYN and look into whether the birth control pills could also be a factor for the change in her feelings.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 67-year-old divorced mother of five and grandmother of eight. My marriage to the father of my first four children ended 30 years ago because he was physically and emotionally abusive. After the divorce, I managed to put myself through college, and I am now a retired teacher. I also remarried, which resulted in having one more child, a beautiful daughter who is now 27. My second husband is now deceased. My first husband remarried soon after our divorce, and I always supported our grown children having a close relationship with him. What hurts me deeply, though, is that whenever there is a family event that includes all of us, my children from my first marriage act like my youngest daughter and I don’t exist. At the last family gathering, at my oldest daughter’s home, I was treated like a stranger. I felt like crying as my older children sat, ate and talked with my ex-husband and his wife. Abby, I have always been there for my kids, through sickness and financial hardships. My ex has a great deal more money to spend on them than I do. I suspect this may be the reason they cater to him. How do I cope with my feelings of rejection and being

snubbed by them?
— HURT MOM IN THE WEST
DEAR HURT MOM: You aren’t going to change the “family” dynamic at this late stage. Rather than sit silently, struggling to hold back the tears as your older children slather their father with attention, consider socializing with them separately as often as possible.

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I have been attending yoga class for several years and find it to be very beneficial mentally and physically. Recently, I started taking classes at a new studio with lovely teachers and — mostly — great students. One individual, though, seems to think the class is his own social event. He over-chants “ohm” and moans loudly throughout the class. Would it be rude to say something to him, or should I just find another studio? It’s gotten to the point where the entire purpose of relaxing and clearing my mind is impossible.
— MENTALLY DRAINED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR DRAINED: Do not address the over-chanter directly. Instead, discuss your concerns with the teacher because you may not be the only participant who finds the person’s vocalizations to be a distraction. Or, consider attending another class that is held at a different hour if there is one.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend is having a party and has invited my ex-boyfriend. He broke up with me a few months ago and already has a new girlfriend. He totally broke my heart, and I have been a mess ever since. She thinks it was OK to invite him, and she knows he will most likely bring his new girlfriend to her house for the party. I told her I’m not going if he goes, and she’s still inviting him. Should I stop being friends with her? How should I handle this?
— NOT OK IN THE NORTH

DEAR NOT OK: Because seeing your ex-boyfriend with his new girlfriend would be too painful for you, handle it by not attending the party. As to whether you should stop being best friends with the hostess, it appears that she may have stopped being best friends with you.

UNITED STATES-TURKEY

US, Turkey agree on cease-fire with Syrian Kurds

By Zeke Miller and Robert Burns
The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — The U.S. and Turkey agreed Thursday to a five-day cease-fire in the Turks’ attacks on Kurdish fighters in northern Syria to allow the Kurds to withdraw to roughly 20 miles away from the Turkish border. The arrangement appeared to be a significant embrace of Turkey’s position in the weeklong conflict.

After more than four hours of negotiations with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence said the purpose of his high-level mission was to end the bloodshed caused by Turkey’s invasion of Syria. He remained silent on whether the agreement amounted to a second abandonment of America’s former Kurdish allies in the fight against the Islamic State.

Turkish troops and Turkish-backed Syrian fighters launched their offensive against Kurdish forces in northern Syria a week ago, two days after Trump suddenly announced he was withdrawing the U.S. from the area.

Pence and Secretary of State Mile Pompeo lauded the deal as a significant achievement, and Trump declared it “a great day for civilization.”

But the agreement essentially gives the Turks what they had sought to achieve with their military operation in the first place.



Jacquelyn Martin/The Associated Press

Vice President Mike Pence speaks Thursday at the U.S. ambassador’s residence during a news conference with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo after their meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara, Turkey. Pence says the U.S. and Turkey have agreed to a cease-fire in Syria.

After the Kurdish forces are cleared from the safe zone, Turkey has committed to a permanent cease-fire but is under no obligation to withdraw its troops. In addition, the deal gives Turkey relief from sanctions the administration had imposed and threatened to impose since the invasion began, meaning there will be no penalty for the operation.

Erdogan had stated on Wednesday that he would be undeterred by the sanctions. He said the fighting would end only if Kurdish fighters abandoned their weapons and retreated from positions near the Turkish border.

Kurdish forces were not party to the agreement, and it was not immediately clear whether they would comply. Before the talks, the Kurds indicated they would object to any agreement along the lines of what was

announced by Pence. But Pence maintained that the U.S. had obtained “repeated assurances from them that they’ll be moving out.”

Ankara has long argued the Kurdish fighters are nothing more than an extension of the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, which has waged a guerrilla campaign inside Turkey since the 1980s and which Turkey, as well as the U.S. and European Union, designate as a terrorist organization.

Trump’s withdrawal of U.S. troops has been widely condemned, including by Republican officials not directly associated with his administration. Republicans and Democrats in the House, bitterly divided over the Trump impeachment inquiry, banded together Wednesday for an overwhelming 354-60 denunciation of the U.S. troop withdrawal.

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TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
A touch of rain late	Mostly cloudy, showers	A few afternoon showers	Mostly cloudy	A shower in the afternoon
Baker City Comfort Index™ 2	51 30 0	50 33 0	53 35 5	62 36 10
La Grande Comfort Index™ 2	48 36 0	49 41 0	54 45 3	60 41 9
Enterprise Comfort Index™ 2	45 32 0	46 37 2	51 42 3	56 41 9

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ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
TEMPERATURES			
High Wednesday	72°	75°	73°
Low Wednesday	40°	47°	41°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.02	0.07	0.27
Normal month to date	0.29	0.55	0.67
Year to date	7.05	12.58	22.95
Normal year to date	7.91	12.09	16.52

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	55%
Afternoon wind	W at 10 to 20 mph
Hours of sunshine	2.5
Evapotranspiration	0.06
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)	
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	28% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	61% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	33% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	23% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	17% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Wednesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	753 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	16 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	48 cfs
Minam River at Minam	71 cfs
Powder River near Richland	34 cfs

WED. EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 100°	Yuma, Ariz.
Low: 9°	Angel Fire, N.M.
Wettest: 3.19"	Danbury, Conn.
OREGON	
High: 78°	Rome
Low: 20°	Lakeview
Wettest: 1.93"	Brookings

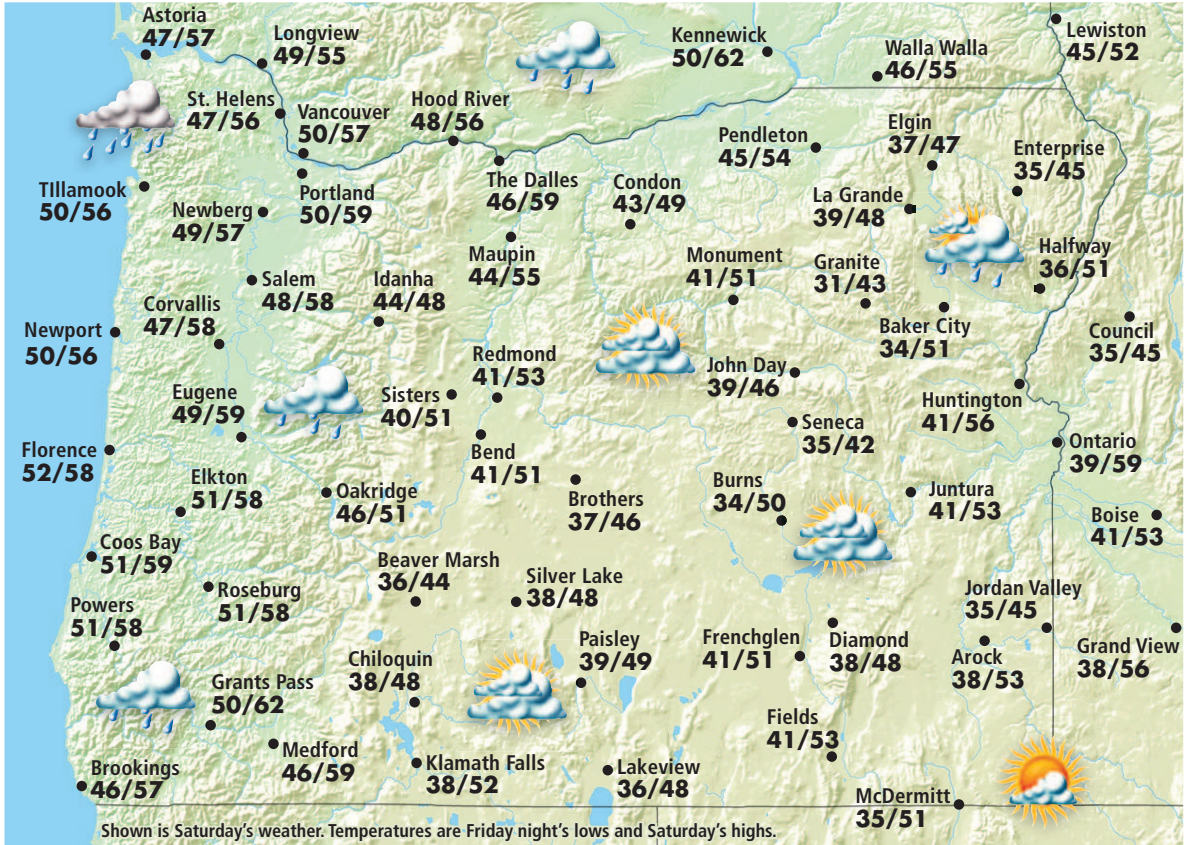
WEATHER HISTORY	
On Oct. 18, 1910, a hurricane in Florida caused 70-mph northeast winds on Florida’s west coast. These winds pulled water out of Tampa Bay and the Hillsboro River. Water levels fell 9 feet below mean sea level.	

SUN & MOON	
FRI.	SAT.
Sunrise 7:12 a.m.	7:13 a.m.
Sunset 6:03 p.m.	6:01 p.m.
Moonrise 9:11 p.m.	10:01 p.m.
Moonset 12:00 p.m.	1:02 p.m.

MOON PHASES			
Last	New	First	Full
			
Oct 21	Oct 27	Nov 4	Nov 12

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

	SAT.	SUN.		SAT.	SUN.
City	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	City	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Astoria	57/44/r	58/49/r	Lewiston	52/40/sh	55/44/sh
Bend	51/33/r	54/42/sh	Longview	55/45/r	53/51/r
Boise	53/36/sh	53/38/c	Meacham	44/35/sh	46/39/sh
Brookings	57/48/c	59/47/r	Medford	59/39/sh	60/44/r
Burns	50/27/sh	49/32/c	Newport	56/47/r	56/49/r
Coos Bay	59/49/r	59/53/r	Olympia	55/40/r	55/46/r
Corvallis	58/42/r	58/47/r	Ontario	59/35/sh	57/35/c
Council	45/28/sh	45/35/r	Pasco	62/41/pc	60/45/sh
Elgin	47/36/sh	48/41/sh	Pendleton	54/40/sh	56/48/c
Eugene	59/44/r	57/49/c	Portland	59/46/r	57/51/r
Hermiston	60/43/pc	60/48/c	Powers	58/48/r	59/52/r
Hood River	56/45/r	55/50/r	Redmond	53/31/r	55/36/sh
Imnaha	50/36/sh	50/43/r	Roseburg	58/46/r	60/50/r
John Day	46/34/sh	47/43/sh	Salem	58/44/r	57/49/r
Joseph	45/31/sh	45/36/c	Spokane	46/34/sh	47/39/r
Kennewick	62/43/pc	59/49/sh	The Dalles	59/44/r	57/45/r
Klamath Falls	52/29/pc	54/30/c	Ukiah	44/31/sh	46/38/sh
Lakeview	48/27/pc	52/28/pc	Walla Walla	55/41/pc	57/48/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		PHILLIPS LAKE	
Windy		Spotty showers	
31 17		45 29	
MT. EMILY REC.		BROWNLEE RES.	
Spotty showers		Spotty showers	
37 29		51 31	
EAGLE CAP WILD.		EMIGRANT ST. PARK	
A passing shower		Spotty showers	
36 19		41 30	
WALLOWA LAKE		MCKAY RESERVOIR	
Spotty showers		Spotty showers	
45 31		54 39	
THIEF VALLEY RES.		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	
Spotty showers		Showers	
51 30		48 36	

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