Boyfriend sets 'do not disturb' policy for visit to ex

DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: I've been dating a great guy for a year and a half. For eight years before we met, he dated a woman with teenage daughters. He never had children, so they are as close to his own kids as he will ever have. He was recently invited to the graduation party of one of the daughters. It will be a week-long trip, since they have moved across the country. He intends to stay awhile and visit with the girls and his old girlfriend. I'm grudgingly OK with that.

The part I'm having real trouble with is that he told me he won't call or text me the entire week that he is gone. He has apologized in advance but says he wants to concentrate on the girls and have a break from everything. We usually talk every day, and this seems extreme, especially since he will be spending a week with the woman who broke up with him and left him heartbroken (his words). He realizes his behavior isn't normal and assures me we are OK, but I'm so hurt. Am I right to be this upset, and how do I get past this? — **Silent Treatment in Illinois**

Dear Silent Treatment: I understand why you would find it upsetting that your boyfriend of a year and a half has unilaterally decided to go radio silent under these circumstances. It is a radical change of his behavior pattern, and I'm sure most women would be at least taken aback. Before he leaves, request that he send you a text confirming he has arrived safely, and another telling you when he has started back and expects to be home.

The way to "get past this" is to stay very busy in his absence. Make plans with friends during the evenings so you won't be sitting alone at home, stewing. And when he returns, do not give him the third degree.

Dear Abby: I am a 41-year-old mother of three, married less than two years. I now realize what a selfish lover my husband is. He expects things from me and refuses to reciprocate, which leaves me unhappy and unsatisfied. When I ask him to change things up or return the same foreplay, it results in us not connecting at all. How do I get him to be less selfish without hurting his feelings? I'm on the verge of cheating. — **It's Stale in the Midwest**

Dear It's Stale: Cheating won't help your situation. It will likely make it worse. Instead of dealing with a selfish or sexually repressed husband, you will have, in addition, one who is outraged when he discovers your infidelity. Find a time when you are both calm to talk to him. Tell him you love him, but your sex life is unsatisfactory, and if he loves you, he will agree to talk things out with a licensed marriage and family therapist. If he refuses or things don't improve, you may want to consult a lawyer.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Cougar that was kept as illegal pet removed from NYC apartment

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — An 80-pound cougar was removed from a New York City apartment where she was being kept illegally as a pet, animal welfare officials said Monday.

The owner of the 11-month-old female cougar surrendered the animal on Thursday, Aug. 26, Kelly Donithan, director of animal disaster response for the Humane Society of the United States, said in a news release.

The cougar, nicknamed Sasha, spent the weekend at the Bronx Zoo receiving veterinary care and is now headed to the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in Arkansas, officials said.

The Humane Society coordinated with zoo officials, the state Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York Police Department on the big cat's removal.

"I've never seen a cougar in the wild, but I've seen them on leashes, smashed into cages, and crying for their mothers when breeders rip them away," the Humane Society's Donithan said. "I've also seen the heartbreak of owners, like in this case, after being sold not just a wild animal, but a false dream that they could make a good 'pet.'"

Donithan said this cougar was relatively lucky because her owners, who live in the Bronx, recognized that a wild cat is not fit to live in an apartment and surrendered her.

The Bronx Zoo via AP

This photo provided by New York's Bronx Zoo shows an 11-month-old, 80-pound cougar that was removed from an apartment, in the Bronx borough of New York, where she was being kept illegally as a pet, animal welfare officials said Monday, Aug. 30, 2021. The cougar, nicknamed Sasha, spent the weekend at the Bronx Zoo receiving veterinary care and is now headed to the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in Arkansas, officials said.

"The owner's tears and nervous chirps from the cougar as we drove her away painfully drives home the many victims of this horrendous trade and myth that wild animals belong anywhere but the wild," Donithan said.

Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos said that while cougars "may look cute and cuddly when young, these animals can grow up to be unpredictable and dangerous."

Bronx Zoo director Jim Breheny said the exotic pet trade makes no contribution to the conservation of endangered species.

"These animals often end up in very bad situations, kept by private individuals who don't have the resources, facilities, knowledge, or expertise to provide for the animals' most basic needs," Breheny said. "In addition to these welfare concerns for the animals, the keeping of big cats by private people poses a real safety hazard to the owner, the owner's family and the community at large."

New York has seen other notable cases involving dangerous animals in private residences, including Ming, a 400-pound tiger that was removed from a Harlem apartment in 2003.

Ming's owner, Antoine Yates, was arrested and sentenced to five months in prison for reckless endangerment. Ming died in 2019 at the Noah's Lost Ark Exotic Animal Rescue Center in Ohio.

Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said the cougar's case "is currently under investigation and no further information is available at this time."

Spotted: Cow at a McDonald's drive-through in Wisconsin

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — Spotted in a car at a McDonald's drive-through in Wisconsin: A cow — all of it.

Jessica Nelson of Mosinee pulled into the drive-through at a McDonald's in Marshfield on Thursday, Aug. 26, and said she looked up to see a cow in the backseat of a Buick sedan three cars ahead of her.

"I thought it was fake at first. Who puts a cow in a Buick?" she told The Associated Press on Friday. "Then its whole head moved."

She quickly picked up her phone and shot video of the bovine.

"I just took the video of it because I was blown away there was a cow in the back of a Buick," she said.

She posted the video on her Facebook page with the caption "A WHOLE FREAKING COW!!! Tell me you live in Wisconsin without telling me you live in Wisconsin."

She also pasted a message on the video itself that read "That's a whole (expletive) cow in the back of that car!"

By Friday afternoon the video had gotten 112,000 views.

Nelson said that the family of the cow's owner saw the post and contacted her. They said that the cow was actually a calf. She said the owner had just purchased it and two other calves — which were in the backseat as well but were lying down out of sight — at an auction.

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weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	Clear	Sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and nice	Mostly sunny	Very warm with some sun
Baker City	34	79 35	86 41	90 45	90 45
Comfort Index™	10	9	7	6	6
La Grande	42	78 43	85 50	90 51	89 51
Comfort Index™	10	9	7	5	5
Enterprise	40	77 49	84 49	89 51	90 49
Comfort Index™	10	10	6	4	6

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 Tuesday	73°	75°	78°
Low Tuesday	41°	47°	51°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.65	0.42	0.42
Normal month to date	0.43	0.67	0.68
Year to date	3.11	6.54	15.79
Normal year to date	6.42	11.33	15.91

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	15%
Afternoon wind	NNE at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	12.2
Evapotranspiration	0.19
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	22% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	16% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	42% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	0% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	449 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	82 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	41 cfs
Minam River at Minam	56 cfs
Powder River near Richland	4 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 111°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 27°	Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.
Wettest: 3.87"	Fremont, Neb.
OREGON	
High: 85°	Ontario
Low: 32°	Prineville
Wettest: Trace	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

On Sept. 2, 1935, the Labor Day Hurricane hit southern Florida. Winds reached 200 mph, and the barometer at Matecumbe Key plummeted to 26.35 inches. As the storm moved northward, it killed more than 400 people.

SUN & MOON

	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	6:15 a.m.	6:16 a.m.
Sunset	7:28 p.m.	7:26 p.m.
Moonrise	1:08 a.m.	2:07 a.m.
Moonset	5:33 p.m.	6:14 p.m.

MOON PHASES

New	First	Full	Last
Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20	Sep 28

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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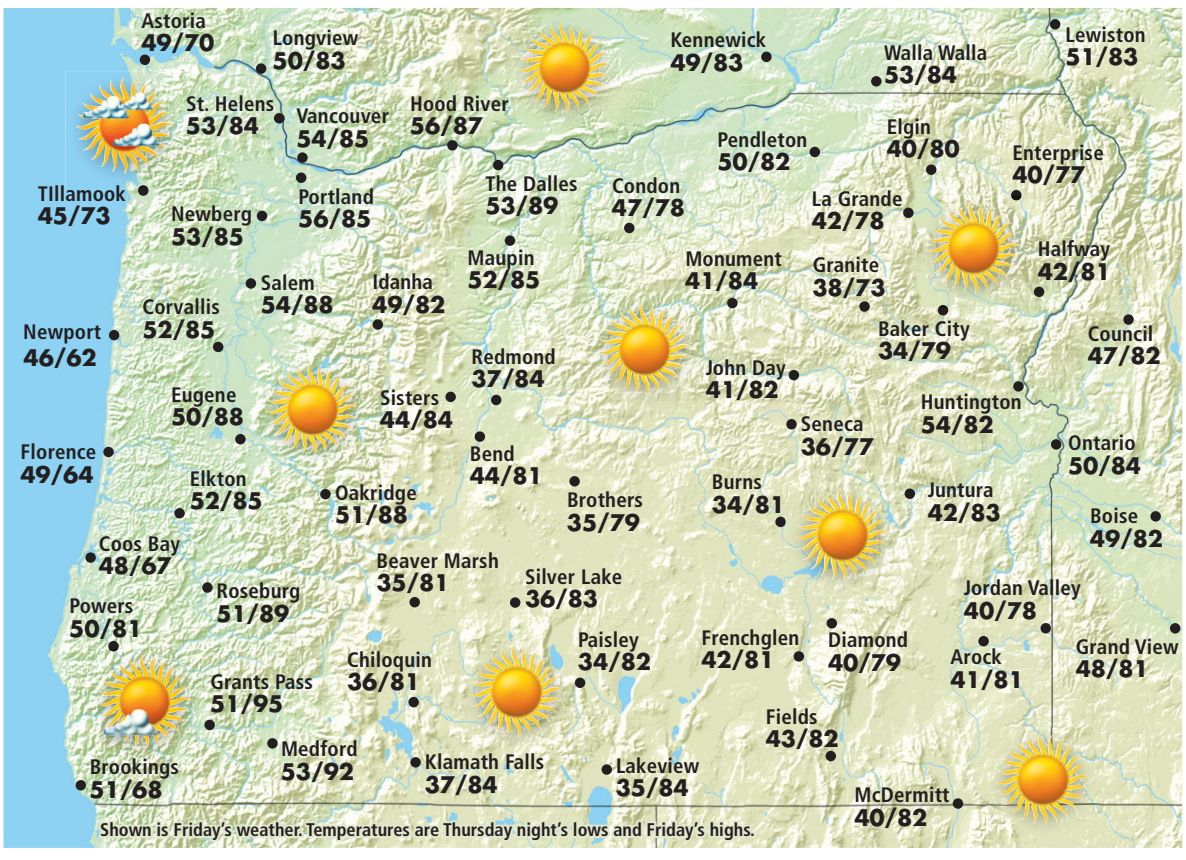

Shown is Friday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday night's lows and Friday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. Hi/Lo/W	SAT. Hi/Lo/W	City	FRI. Hi/Lo/W	SAT. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	70/52/s	69/56/c	Lewiston	83/55/s	89/59/s
Bend	81/46/s	87/51/s	Longview	83/52/s	80/59/c
Boise	82/52/s	90/58/s	Meacham	78/41/s	85/48/s
Brookings	68/50/pc	69/54/pc	Medford	92/55/s	94/58/s
Burns	81/39/s	89/43/s	Newport	62/50/pc	63/53/c
Coos Bay	67/48/pc	69/55/pc	Olympia	79/49/s	78/55/c
Corvallis	85/52/s	86/57/pc	Ontario	84/48/s	89/55/s
Council	82/45/s	87/51/s	Pasco	85/50/s	90/57/pc
Elgin	80/44/s	84/48/s	Pendleton	82/54/s	86/60/s
Eugene	88/52/s	89/58/pc	Portland	85/58/s	85/63/pc
Hermiston	86/47/s	88/60/pc	Powers	81/53/pc	80/57/pc
Hood River	87/58/s	87/61/pc	Redmond	84/43/s	89/48/s
Imnaha	82/47/s	89/50/s	Roseburg	89/55/s	90/58/pc
John Day	82/48/s	89/52/s	Salem	88/56/s	88/59/pc
Joseph	78/50/s	83/50/s	Spokane	77/52/s	81/58/c
Kennewick	83/50/s	89/58/pc	The Dalles	89/57/s	90/63/pc
Klamath Falls	84/39/s	87/42/s	Ukiah	75/38/s	81/44/s
Lakeview	84/38/s	87/43/s	Walla Walla	84/59/s	87/63/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES
Sunny
56 42

MT. EMILY REC.
Sunshine
67 47

EAGLE CAP WILD.
Sunshine
63 38

WALLOWA LAKE
Sunshine and nice
78 50

THIEF VALLEY RES.
Sunny and nice
79 35

PHILLIPS LAKE
Sunny and pleasant
76 40

BROWNLEE RES.
Sunny and pleasant
82 51

EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Sunshine and nice
74 34

MCKAY RESERVOIR
Sunlit and nice
81 53

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Sunny and pleasant
78 43