

Man uses wife's problems at work against her at home

DEAR ABBY: My husband tends to fight dirty, and I don't know how much more I can take. If we argue about some issue between us, he'll say something along the lines of, "This is why you have so much trouble with your colleagues at work." He knows this is a touchy subject, and it upsets me. I have ongoing issues with two work colleagues who give me the silent treatment for months over perceived (but not intentional) slights, and it causes me a lot of social isolation and anguish.



DEAR ABBY

I'm upset that he brings this up when we argue to validate his point of view. Of course, this escalates our fights and eventually he apologizes. However, I know the next disagreement we have he'll resort to similar tactics.

We have tried counseling, but it's tough to fit into our busy schedules, and it never stopped him from resorting to personal attacks of character during our fights. I don't know what to do anymore. I want to forgive him, but I don't see the point since his apologies don't mean anything. Is there anything left for us to try before I throw in the towel?

— **TOO TIRED TO FIGHT**

DEAR TOO TIRED: As I see it, you have two issues to deal with. You have two "colleagues" at work who have ganged up on you and are creating a hostile work environment by giving you the silent treatment. They don't have to love you, but they do have to work cooperatively with you, which they aren't doing. You should report it to human resources or your boss, so it can be dealt with in a professional manner.

As to your husband and what he's been doing on the home front, tell him he has a choice — **MAKE** the time to work with a counselor and learn to fight fair or you will consult a lawyer about ending the marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I recently became friendly with a couple who lost their 40-year-old son six months ago. We have grown close over the last several months.

The issue is, as they are mourning the passing of their child, they have turned their home into a shrine. There are pictures of him in every room, etc. I know everyone handles grief differently, but this seems excessive, if not a little creepy.

I suggested they see a therapist, which they did, but only a couple of times. Believe it or not, they were told they were on the right track! Do you have any suggestions?

— **FINDS IT DEPRESSING IN INDIANA**

DEAR FINDS: I sure do! Stop judging that couple and expecting them to get over the loss of their child on your timetable. Their therapist has told them they are on the right track, and if you are going to continue to be a supportive friend, you must abandon your preconceptions about how they should deal with their loss. Be supportive. Listen when they need to talk.

And when you can, give them positive messages that may lighten their load.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 33-year-old "Southern boy," raised by strict parents. I have never married, mainly because I'm too picky.

I'm currently dating a single mother of two. She is 29 and has a 10-year-old daughter and a 5-year-old son. I have fallen madly in love with this woman in only a couple of months, and will most likely marry her within the year. We don't live together.

On several occasions, before or after showering or getting dressed, she has walked around her house with no clothes on. Of course, it doesn't bother me to see her naked. This is her home, and she has a right to do as she wishes. The problem I have is that she sees no problem in being naked in front of her son. She even showers with him. I realize this is her child, and she feels comfortable being naked around him. I was not raised this way. When I mentioned it, it caused a little tension. Am I being overly sensitive?

Her son, who will be 6 in December, makes comments and whistles when he sees his mother's naked body. At what age should a parent be covering up in front of the children? Please let me know what you think.

— **NEEDS THE NAKED TRUTH IN ATLANTA**

DEAR NEEDS: You are not being overly sensitive. The naked truth is that when a child is old enough and aware enough to whistle and make comments about the parent's body, the time has arrived to cover up. And you would be wise to be certain you agree with most of this woman's values before you jump into marriage.

Florence: an unwelcome visitor who refuses to leave

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GEORGETOWN, S.C. — For many living near South Carolina's coast, Florence is the visitor they never wanted who now refuses to leave.

Eleven days after the once-fierce hurricane arrived on the coast, and more than a week after it blew north and dissipated, rivers swollen by its relentless rains are still flooding homes and businesses in their paths as they make their way to the sea.

Some residents have no idea when they will return home. One of them is Vivian Chestnut, who evacuated her home in inundated Conway, South Carolina, six days ago.

The Waccamaw River, which flows through the city of 23,000, had already reached more than 21 feet (6.4 meters) — far surpassing the previous record high of 17.9 feet (5.5 meters) set by Hurricane Matthew two years ago — and it was still rising Tuesday afternoon.

The waterway was expected to crest on Wednesday, but not to drop below 18 feet or so until sometime next week. The river floods at 11 feet (3.4 meters).

"You find yourself sitting around a lot and thinking, 'What if,' or, 'I wonder what things are like right now,'" said Chestnut, who is staying with family in the area. "And wondering what you are going to find when you finally get back."

It's a scene repeating itself across eastern South Carolina, where rivers swollen from what one meteorologist calculated is the nation's second-rainiest storm in 70 years slowly make their way down the state's gentle sloping coastal plain.

If that weren't bad enough, more weather was forming off the coast in a hurricane season that still has two months to go. National Hurricane Center forecasters watching a low pressure area about 260 miles (420 kilometers) south of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, said it could become a tropical depression as it approaches the coast before moving quickly to the north.

While it will likely dump some additional rain on the Florence-battered city

of Wilmington, it wasn't expected to be significant enough to worsen the flooding.

"It shouldn't put much of a dent in the rivers," said Reid Hawkins, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Wilmington.

The storm was also having an enduring impact on the environment. A power outage at a wastewater station combined with heavy rain caused about 128,000 gallons (477,000 liters) of wastewater to spill into a river at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, the U.S. Marine Corps reported Tuesday. The military said the spill won't threaten residential water supplies, however.

Officials at South Carolina's state-owned utility were still warily monitoring two coal-ash ponds near Conway. Santee Cooper officials said floodwater from the Waccamaw River had already made it into one pond, but most of the ash had already been removed from it during an earlier cleanup project.

The river is likely to flood the second pond soon, but the utility promised it has taken steps to lessen the environmental impact, such as installing silt fencing and a floating environmental containment boom.

Not far from the ash ponds, engineers are keeping an eye on U.S. Highway 501, the main link to Myrtle Beach. Water is now touching a temporary barrier of sand and plastic that has been erected to keep water off the bridge. Called the Lifeline, the temporary wall will remain effective if the water doesn't rise more than an additional 5 feet (1.5 meters) from its current level, according to the state Department of Transportation.

A preliminary analysis of Hurricane Florence has determined that the slow-moving storm dumped more than 17.5 inches (44 centimeters) of water on a region stretching from Fayetteville, North Carolina, to Florence, South Carolina. Hurricane Harvey delivered 25.6 inches (65 centimeters), said Ken Kunkel, a meteorologist at the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and North Carolina State University.

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Mostly clear	Mostly sunny	Cooler; a morning shower	Clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy
Baker City 36 Comfort Index™ 8	79 / 41 10	65 / 34 8	73 / 40 10	69 / 36 10
La Grande 39 Comfort Index™ 10	75 / 44 10	64 / 39 9	73 / 44 10	70 / 41 10
Enterprise 39 Comfort Index™ 10	75 / 44 10	62 / 39 7	71 / 44 10	69 / 42 10

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	83°	81°	83°
Low Thursday	31°	31°	33°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	0.04	0.09
Normal month to date	0.50	0.59	0.73
Year to date	4.75	10.52	21.04
Normal year to date	7.57	11.46	15.76

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 112° Thermal, Calif.
Low: 16° Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 3.15" Hot Springs, Va.
OREGON
High: 95° Medford
Low: 28° Burns
Wettest: none

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	N at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	8.2
Evapotranspiration	0.14
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)	
Phillips Reservoir	9% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	9% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	32% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	30% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	4% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	576 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	16 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	46 cfs
Minam River at Minam	47 cfs
Powder River near Richland	9 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

Algeria and Tunisia are typically dry, but on Sept. 29, 1969, severe flooding killed 600 people and left a quarter of a million homeless. Biskra, Algeria, had 11.78 inches of rain.

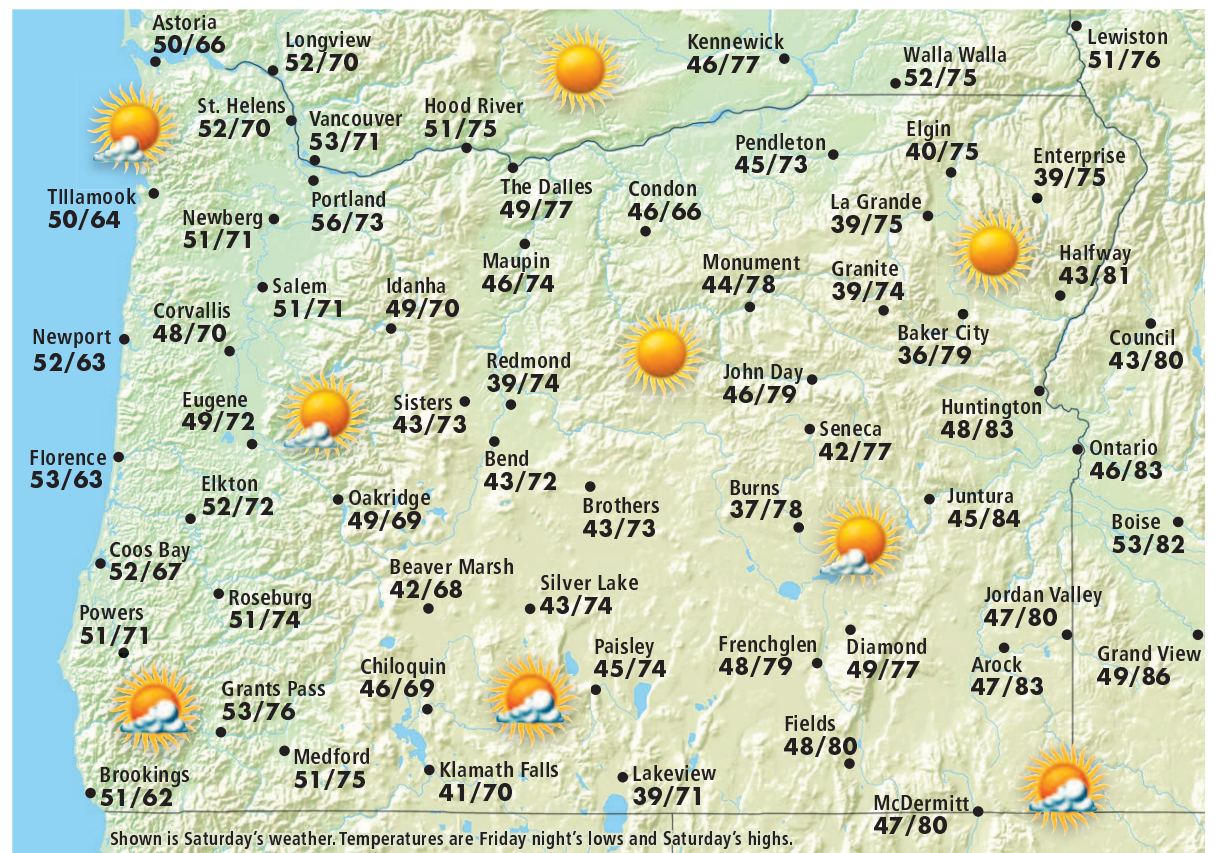
SUN & MOON

Sunrise	FRI.	SAT.
	6:47 a.m.	6:48 a.m.
Sunset		6:37 p.m.
	6:39 p.m.	6:37 p.m.
Moonrise		9:32 p.m.
	8:55 p.m.	9:32 p.m.
Moonset		11:33 a.m.
	10:25 a.m.	11:33 a.m.

MOON PHASES			
Last	New	First	Full
Oct 2	Oct 8	Oct 16	Oct 24

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SAT. HI/Lo/W	SUN. HI/Lo/W	City	SAT. HI/Lo/W	SUN. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	66/51/c	68/52/c	Lewiston	76/50/pc	63/46/c
Bend	72/43/pc	66/39/pc	Longview	70/55/pc	70/52/c
Boise	82/54/pc	71/49/pc	Meacham	72/41/s	62/37/c
Brookings	62/56/c	64/52/c	Medford	75/51/pc	77/49/pc
Burns	78/36/pc	64/31/pc	Newport	63/52/c	64/51/c
Coos Bay	67/53/pc	67/51/pc	Olympia	72/51/pc	68/49/c
Corvallis	70/50/pc	73/47/pc	Ontario	83/53/pc	74/44/pc
Council	80/47/pc	67/42/pc	Pasco	77/46/s	68/42/pc
Elgin	75/43/s	63/39/c	Pendleton	73/47/s	66/43/pc
Eugene	72/51/pc	75/47/c	Portland	73/56/pc	75/55/c
Hermiston	76/49/s	70/44/pc	Powers	71/53/pc	70/52/pc
Hood River	75/52/s	71/50/pc	Redmond	74/40/pc	69/36/pc
Imnaha	78/49/pc	66/44/sh	Roseburg	74/54/pc	77/52/pc
John Day	79/46/pc	66/43/pc	Salem	71/53/pc	74/51/pc
Joseph	75/43/pc	62/39/sh	Spokane	62/41/s	57/42/c
Kennecook	77/50/s	70/46/pc	The Dalles	77/50/s	71/47/c
Klamath Falls	70/37/pc	68/34/pc	Ukiah	72/40/s	63/37/pc
Lakeview	71/36/pc	65/34/pc	Walla Walla	75/49/s	66/48/c

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

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Plenty of sunshine	Sunny and warm
55 / 33	79 / 39
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny
66 / 40	83 / 46
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Sunny and mild	Sunshine and nice
66 / 32	71 / 34
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Sunny and warm	Sunny and pleasant
77 / 40	76 / 47
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Sunny and warm	Sunny and pleasant
82 / 36	78 / 39



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