Blowhard boyfriend wears out his hosts during annual trips

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DEAR ABBY: My best friend of 40 years and her boyfriend live several states away from my husband and me. Every winter she and her friend expect to come to our home for a week. We simply can no longer do this.

Her friend is a nice guy, but after a few days we can hardly stand it. He talks constantly and knows everything about everything. How can I politely tell my friend that we can't accommodate them anymore without hurting her feelings and maybe ending our friendship?

— WEARY OUT WEST DEAR WEARY: Try this.

When your old friend mentions coming to visit, tell her you aren't up to having houseguests. If she asks why, and she probably will, say you're not as young as you used to be — it's true. Neither am I. Tell her you can accommodate them for a weekend. If that doesn't work, say your husband isn't up for company. (Also true.) However, if neither excuse suffices, you may have to choose between telling your friend the truth and fibbing by saying you plan to be out of town.

DEAR ABBY: For mothers out there who wonder why their "wonderful" grown daughters don't have boyfriends, maybe it is because they are too dependent on YOU. No guy wants to be involved with a woman who calls or texts her mom multiple times a day (unless she is ill). No guy wants a girl who can't make a decision without consulting Mom, and he certainly doesn't want the intimate details of his relationship to be shared with you.

Men want confident women, not girls still tied to their mother's apron strings. If you want your daughter to find a man, stay out of her love life and teach her to make her own decisions!

— HATES MEDDLING MOTHERS DEAR HATES: I have long advised young women how important it is to gain independence before becoming romantically involved with anyone. I agree that women who can stand on their own two feet are more appealing than those who are still dependent upon their parents. Your letter verifies the truth of what I have been saying.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received an invitation to a dear friend's grandson's 5th birthday party. In lieu of gifts, donations were requested to a choice of politically affiliated "charitable" organizations. I cannot, in good conscience, support any of them.

What's the appropriate course of action here? Must I give the child a gift anyway, or just stay away from the party? I really don't

> want to get into any political discussions with either the parents or the grandparents. and I think there would be hurt feelings if I don't show

> > - INA BIND

DEAR IN A BIND: What a shame that a child's party was used as an excuse for a political fundraiser. I can't imagine any 5-year-old being "thrilled" to receive a political donation as a birthday gift.

However, because the child is the grandson of a "dear" friend, I do think a gift is in order. Make it something a 5-year-old will enjoy, have it delivered, and find an excuse not to attend if you feel it will devolve into something you prefer to avoid. Hurt feelings or not, you are not obligated to go to the party.

DEAR ABBY: Our financial adviser. "Wally," who has managed our finances for a number of years, sent us a letter asking us to donate to a charity he is starting.

We feel like we are being held hostage because he knows how much money we have and how we spend it. We feel Wally has crossed the line of professionalism. What do you think, and what should we

- SOLICITED IN OHIO

DEAR SOLICITED: You are entitled to your feelings, and here's how to handle it. Write Wally a small check for his new charity and enclose with it a short note wishing him success with his newfound cause. Close by telling him that everyone has causes that are close to their hearts — including you and your husband — and because you know this one is important to him, you are sending him a ONE-TIME donation. If he solicits you after that, find another financial adviser.

No free lunch for renewables: More wind power would warm US

By Seth Borenstein

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ramping up wind power in America would also dial up

the nation's temperatures, a new study out of Harvard found.

While wind energy is widely celebrated as environmentally friendly, the researchers concluded that a dramatic, all-out expansion in the number of turbines could warm the country even more than climate change from burning coal and other fossil fuels, because of the way the spinning blades disturb the layers of warm and cold air in the atmosphere.

Some parts of the central United States are already seeing nights that are up to 2 degrees Fahrenheit (1.1 degrees Celsius) warmer because of nearby wind farms, said study lead author Lee Miller, an environmental scientist at Harvard.

"Any big energy system has an environmental impact," said Harvard engineering and physics professor David Keith, a study co-author. "There is no free lunch. You do wind on a scale big enough ... it'll change things."

The researchers and other scientists stressed that climate change from greenhouse gas emissions is clearly a far bigger threat globally and over the long term than turbine-caused warming, which is temporary and stops when the blades aren't turning.

Despite the potential drawbacks, wind energy still makes more sense for the environment than fossil fuels, Keith said.

It's just that advocates of wind power have been ignoring growing evidence of a downside, he said.

Overall, the Harvard study, published Thursday in the journal Joule, found in the unlikely event the U.S. switched massively to wind to supply nearly all of its electricity, there would be so many turbines that on average the nation's temperature would go up about 0.4 degrees (0.2 Celsius). Some central areas would see localized warming around 2.5 degrees (1.4 Celsius), though there would also be some cooling in places, such as the East Coast.

Right now, wind provides 6.3 percent of the nation's electricity, according to the American Wind Energy Association.

The study, which looked at just the United States, said turbines would cause more warming in the short term this century than the carbon dioxide America spews into the atmosphere would.

The reason for this effect: Normally the air is more still at night, with cold air staying near the surface and warmer air resting a little higher. But turbines bring the warm air down and cool air up, making the ground a bit toastier. The effect is seen less during the day but is still there.

Still, the effect from turbines is different from human-caused climate change. It mostly consists of warming, it's local, and it's temporary. When the turbines are still because the air is calm, there's no warming.

Climate change, in contrast, is a global effect that involves many more elements than temperature, such as sea level rise, extreme weather, melting glaciers and shifts in the jet stream. Even if a country stopped emitting greenhouse gases, it would still experience climate change if the rest of the world kept on polluting.

Past studies have observed a temporary nighttime warming of as much as 2 degrees (1.1 Celsius) in places with lots of wind turbines, such as North Texas. The Harvard study took observations and used computer simulation to project what a dramatic increase in turbines would look like for temperatures.

Other technologies considered environmentally friendly have their downsides, too. Nuclear energy has no carbon dioxide emissions, but there are concerns about waste, safety and cost, The ethanol boom has wiped out habitats, led farmers to plow over prairies, caused water pollution and raised food prices.

Wind advocates emphasized that the Harvard study doesn't show turbines causing global warming, just local heating.

"If the paper instead looked across the global and long-lasting timescales that matter, renewable resources would fare hundreds of times if not infinitely better than fossil resources," Michael Goggin, vice president of Grid Strategies and a former researcher for a wind energy group, said in a statement.

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Cloudy with a few showers	Mostly cloudy, showers		Mostly cloudy and cool		Plenty of sunshine		Plenty of sunshine	
Baker City 37	54	34	55	25	57	28	64	26
Comfort Index [™] 5	0		2		5		9	
La Grande 44	52	39	53	31	57	31	62	33
Comfort Index™ 3	0		2		8		10	
Enterprise 41 Comfort Index™ 6	49	38	49	33	54	28	59	31
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	Elgir				
High Sunday	59°	58°	59°				
Low Sunday	33°	37°	39°				
PRECIPITATION (inches)							
Sun day	0.00	0.00	0.03				
Month to date	0.01	0.27	0.07				
Normal month to dat	e 0.12	0.21	0.25				
Year to date	4.76	10.79	21.11				
Normal year to date	7.74	11.75	16.10				
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HAY INFORMATION TUES	DAY
Lowest relative humidity	70%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.9
Evapotranspiration	0.05
RESERVOIR STORAGE (thr	ough midnight Sunday)
Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	10% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	30% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	27% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	4% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through m	idnight Sunday)
Grande Ronde at Troy	645 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near No	
Burnt River near Unity	18 cfs

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48	contiguous states)
High: 97°	McAllen, Texas
Low: 20°	Hohnholz Ranch, Colo.
Wettest: 5.71"	Hobart, Okla.
OREGON	
High: 70°	Brookings
Low: 25°	Burns
Wettest: 0.73"	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

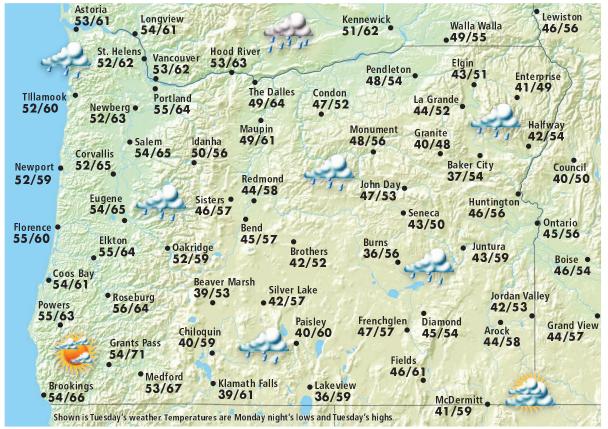
On Oct. 9, 1804, a hurricane in New England caused massive damage. Tropical moisture and cold air combined in central New England: 2-3 feet of snow fell in the Berkshires and Green Mountains.

SUN & MOON

		MON.	TUE.			
Sunrise	6	:59 a.m.	7:00 a.m.			
Sunset		20 p.m.	6:18 p.m.			
Moonrise	6	:11 a.m.	7:24 a.m.			
Moonset	6	:36 p.m.	7:05 p.m.			
MOON PHASES						
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REGIONAL CITIES

	TUE.	WED.		TUE.	WED.
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	61/45/pc	62/43/pc	Lewiston	56/41/sh	58/37/c
Bend	57/35/pc	55/29/pc	Longview	61/47/pc	65/42/pc
Boise	54/39/sh	56/37/pc	Meacham	48/37/sh	49/29/c
Brookings	66/49/pc	66/50/s	Me dford	67/44/sh	70/40/s
Burns	56/28/sh	52/22/pc	New port	59/45/pc	60/45/pc
Coos Bay	61/47/pc	61/44/s	Olympia	60/42/pc	63/38/pc
Corvallis	65/43/pc	67/39/pc	Ontario	56/41/sh	60/34/pc
Council	50/38/sh	54/34/c	Pasco	61/39/pc	63/34/pc
Elgin	51/39/sh	53/32/c	Pendleton	54/42/sh	58/36/c
Eugene	65/43/pc	67/38/pc	Portl and	64/49/pc	68/45/pc
Hermiston	61/42/sh	63/35/c	Powers	63/47/sh	67/44/pc
Hood River	63/46/sh	65/41/pc	Redmond	58/35/pc	58/29/pc
lmnaha	54/43/sh	54/39/c	Roseburg	64/46/pc	67/42/pc
John Day	53/40/sh	53/32/c	Salem	65/45/pc	67/41/pc
Joseph	49/38/sh	49/33/c	Spokane	54/37/pc	57/34/c
Kennewick	62/42/pc	63/36/pc	The Dalles	64/46/sh	65/39/pc
Klamath Falls	61/31/pc	59/29/pc	Ukiah	48/37/sh	50/29/c
Lakeview	59/30/pc	54/25/pc	Walla Walla	55/42/sh	58/38/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 TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES **PHILLIPS LAKE** Mostly cloudy A shower or two 28 MT. EMILY REC. **BROWNLEE RES.** Mostly cloudy Mostly cloudy 46 63 **EAGLE CAP WILD. EMIGRANT ST. PARK** Mostly cloudy A shower or two 45 **50 WALLOWA LAKE MCKAY RESERVOIR** A shower or two A shower or two 56 58 47 **RED BRIDGE ST. PARK** THIEF VALLEY RES. Mostly cloudy Rather cloudy



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