

# Notebook stepson left behind reveals love for another man

**DEAR ABBY:** My stepson "Arnold" recently moved out, and I found a notebook he left behind that I thought I'd use. Inside was a journal entry he had made last year about someone he loved. The problem is, it's directed to another man.

I want to believe that's not true, but the writing and everything else checks out. I wish I had never seen it. We're a Christian family and have conservative views. Arnold never dated much, but we thought it was because he was so focused on his education. None of us would have ever expected this. There were no signs whatsoever.

I feel such a burden right now. I know why he wouldn't tell his parents. His dad would be devastated. I never keep anything from my husband, and I feel terrible not being able to share this. But I don't want to reveal what I saw if my stepson isn't ready. What should I do? Should I ask Arnold about it? How can I take this burden off my shoulders?



**DEAR ABBY**

high school" is doing his best to isolate you. This is one of the warning signs of an abuser. If you are afraid to leave him because you don't want to be alone, please consider how alone you are feeling right now.

If you are afraid he will hurt you, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233 for suggestions on how to leave safely. If you need moral support when you deliver the message, have family members or several friends with you when you do it. Then block him from your social media and cellphone.

And if he threatens you in any way, file a police report. The only thing you should NOT do is nothing.

**DEAR ABBY:** At what age is it inappropriate for an uncle to cuddle his niece? She's in fifth grade. I don't do anything except put my arm around her while sitting on the couch. She still likes it, but when should I stop this activity with her?

—WONDERING IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR WONDERING:** I don't regard an uncle putting his arm around his niece to show affection as "cuddling." However, the age when the displays of affection should be curtailed is when the girl is physically mature enough that it makes either her or her uncle uncomfortable.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife accuses me of "acting pretentious" when we are dinner guests at a friend's house and I warm my plate in the microwave. What am I supposed to do when the food has gone cold or lukewarm, and I want my meal to be hot?

—SOME LIKE IT HOT, SAN JOSE, CALIF.

**DEAR SOME LIKE IT HOT:** Your wife may be afraid that by taking your plate into the kitchen because the food is too cold for your tastes, you are insulting your hostess. But I am with you, because I like my food hot, too.

The way I would handle it would be to quietly ask the hostess if she minded me taking the food into the kitchen and "zapping it" for a minute or two. A good hostess wants her guests to be comfortable and will probably offer to do it for you.

—ON THE EDGE IN OHIO

**DEAR ON THE EDGE:** Your "guy from

# Storms, floods in Sicily kill at least 12 people; two missing

By Frances D'Emilio

Associated Press

ROME — Storm-related floods killed at least 12 people in Sicily, Italian authorities said Sunday, including nine members of two families who were spending a long weekend together when water and mud from a swollen river overran their rented villa.

After surveying the stricken Mediterranean island by helicopter, Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte identified two more of the victims as a German couple whose car was swept away by flood waters near Agrigento, a tourist town known for its ancient Greek temples.

Italian news reports said a 1-year-old, a 3-year-old and a teenager were among the flood victims from the family get-together in Casteldaccia. A survivor, Giuseppe Giordano, lost his wife, two of his children, his parents and a brother, Italian news agency ANSA said.

State broadcaster RaiNews24 said Giordano was stepping outside on Saturday night when the torrent rushed in and described him as the sole person to make it out alive.

When he opened the door, "there was a river of water, I was knocked down and grabbed hold of a tree," Giordano told reporters between sobs. "I was yelling, 'Help, help.'"

"My son Federico tried to save his little sister, but both died," Giordano said, telling reporters he heard his son call out "I handle" about the girl's rescue.

Then "I saw the windows

go dark, the light go out, a layer of mud was moving across the floor," Giordano said. Then, he said he was swept away from the house by the force of the water.

The two families had gathered in the villa during Italy's long weekend centering on the Nov. 1 All Saint's Day national holiday.

Although Italian news reports originally described him of the house's owner, Giordano said he was renting the villa.

Casteldaccia Mayor Giovanni Di Giacinto told Sky TG24 that the flood water reached 2 meters (more than 6 feet) high inside the home.

Rescuers retrieved the bodies from the home. A Sicilian prosecutor opened an investigation to determine if neglect, such as possible inadequate drainage of the river, played a role in the deaths or if the home was built illegally close to the river.

The latter might be the case. Pino Virga, the mayor of the neighboring town of Altavilla Milicia, told SkyTG24 TV that other local authorities told him the house was slated for demolition because it stood too near the river.

Separately, Di Giacinto told reporters the homeowner had blocked the demolition by challenging it in a local tribunal.

A nursing home up the road was spared any damage, ANSA reported.

Only days earlier, other storms battered much of northern Italy, killing at least 15 people, uprooting

millions of trees near Alpine valleys and leaving several Italian villages without electricity or road access for days.

Conte said a special Cabinet meeting could be in the coming days to deliberate aid for storm-ravaged communities, as well as to approve 1 billion euros (\$1.15 billion) to ensure safe hydrogeological conditions in Italy, including proper cleaning of riverbeds.

The other known casualty in Sicily was a man whose body was also found on a guardrail along a Palermo-area road after floodwaters swept away his car, Italian news reports said.

Across the island, in the town of Cammarata, near Agrigento, the fire department said its divers worked to recover the bodies of the couple whose car was caught up in the flooding waters of the Saraceno River.

Also in Agrigento province, firefighters rescued 14 people from a hotel in the town of Montevago, which was threatened by floodwaters from the Belice River.

Elsewhere in Sicily, at least two other people were missing Sunday after floodwaters swept away their cars, including a doctor heading to the hospital in the hill town of Corleone.

In Casteldaccia, Maria Concetta Alfano said she, her husband and their adult disabled daughter fled after barking dogs drew their attention to the rising waters in the Milicia River. ANSA quoted the husband, Andrea Cardinale, as saying he drove away as "water was up to the hood of the car."

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# weather

	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Mainly clear and colder	Plenty of sunshine	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>46 16</b>	<b>47 24</b>	<b>47 16</b>	<b>45 18</b>
Comfort Index™	3	6	3	3	6
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>46 22</b>	<b>49 30</b>	<b>46 20</b>	<b>46 22</b>
Comfort Index™	3	5	4	4	5
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>44 21</b>	<b>48 28</b>	<b>43 17</b>	<b>44 19</b>
Comfort Index™	3	5	5	3	5

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	50°	48°	49°
Low Tuesday	23°	30°	30°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	Trace	0.08	0.27
Month to date	Trace	0.65	1.55
Normal month to date	0.17	0.39	0.53
Year to date	5.24	13.57	24.62
Normal year to date	8.42	13.22	18.08

## TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 93° McAllen, Texas
Low: 4° Daniel, Wyo.
Wettest: 3.29" Boothville, La.
OREGON
High: 66° Brookings
Low: 9° Lakeview
Wettest: 0.27" Elgin

## WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 8, 1972, a powerful storm hit the Northeast with heavy rain, flooding and high winds. In New York City, the fierce coastal gale drenched the city with a record 5.1 inches of rain.

## SUN & MOON

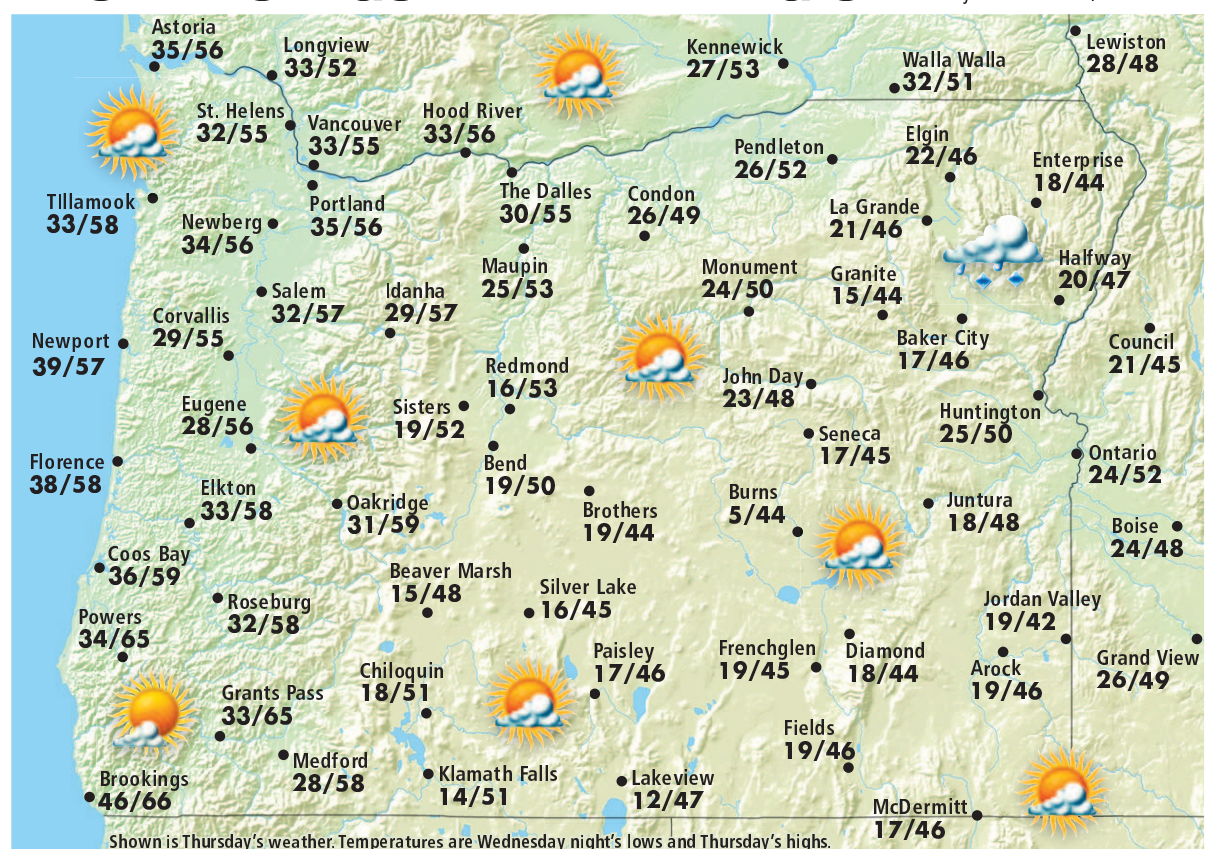
	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	6:40 a.m.	6:41 a.m.
Sunset	4:32 p.m.	4:31 p.m.
Moonrise	6:26 a.m.	7:33 a.m.
Moonset	5:03 p.m.	5:37 p.m.

## MOON PHASES



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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W	City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	56/36/s	55/44/c	Lewiston	48/25/s	48/33/pc
Bend	50/22/s	56/22/pc	Longview	52/32/s	51/41/c
Boise	48/24/s	49/28/s	Meacham	44/20/s	49/29/pc
Brookings	66/43/s	65/47/s	Medford	58/26/s	58/31/s
Burns	44/6/s	47/15/pc	Newport	57/39/s	57/42/pc
Coos Bay	59/37/s	58/42/pc	Olympia	49/33/s	50/36/c
Corvallis	55/28/s	56/32/pc	Ontario	52/19/s	50/28/s
Council	45/17/s	45/24/s	Pasco	53/26/s	52/27/pc
Elgin	46/22/s	49/31/pc	Pendleton	52/28/s	53/35/pc
Eugene	56/28/s	56/30/pc	Portland	56/34/s	53/41/pc
Hermiston	53/24/s	53/33/pc	Powers	65/37/s	64/36/s
Hood River	56/33/s	57/40/pc	Redmond	53/17/s	57/20/pc
Imnaha	48/25/s	52/32/pc	Roseburg	58/31/s	59/35/s
John Day	48/25/s	53/30/pc	Salem	57/32/s	56/37/pc
Joseph	44/20/s	48/27/pc	Spokane	43/25/s	41/27/c
Kennewick	53/25/s	53/30/pc	The Dalles	55/28/s	56/35/pc
Klamath Falls	51/11/s	53/18/s	Ukiah	47/19/s	51/27/pc
Lakeview	47/11/s	52/17/s	Walla Walla	51/30/s	52/36/pc

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

## RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Partly sunny; cold	24	11
MT. EMILY REC.	A little icy mix	35	20
EAGLE CAP WILD.	A snow shower	31	8
WALLOWA LAKE	Rain/snow shower	43	17
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Partly sunny	46	17
PHILLIPS LAKE	Partly sunny	42	15
BROWNLEE RES.	Rain/snow shower	50	22
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Partly sunny	39	17
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Partly sunny; cool	51	29
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	A little icy mix	46	21



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