

Men's group chat draws fire for sharing explicit photos

DEAR ABBY: I must take issue with your response to "Tired of Behinds" (Sept. 5), who was upset that her fiance is part of a men's group chat that includes the sending and receiving of pornographic female images.

While "boys will be boys" has been the reigning excuse for male misbehavior for years — nay, centuries! — times are changing. "Tired" has every right to demand that her fiance behave respectfully toward women, both publicly and in private. He may not be able to change his friends' behavior, but he has control over his own and could demonstrate that he's not a boy, but a man who respects women for who they are, not their looks or perceived sexual value. Would he want others to look at his sister, his mother, his daughter or her that way? I doubt it.

Excusing "boys" for their misogyny only perpetuates our sexual assault culture. "Tired" should take a long look at her fiance's behavior and decide whether or not he is the kind of man she wants to share her life with.



DEAR ABBY

What's being shared digitally today isn't at all like the magazines and chat from even 20 years ago. It's far more graphic and less woman-friendly.

You are right that "Tired" will not change her fiance. That's why she should leave now and avoid the future heart-break that could be waiting. There's always a victim when it comes to porn. Just because the sharing is within a closed group doesn't mean some women weren't victimized. Or that some men won't become addicted.

— SAD ABOUT THIS IN THE WEST
DEAR ABBY: Speaking as a man who has been part of multiple "men's groups," as well as happily married for many years, I find "Tired's" fiance's chat group to be inappropriate, just as she does — particularly the group icon picture. I respect women as people, not physical/sexual objects. He should speak up out of respect for women. Doing so could influence one or more of his friends to rethink their position.

— WILLIAM IN OREGON
DEAR ABBY: These are private conversations between adult men. Sexuality makes the world go 'round. Yes, women deserve respect and not to be sexually harassed. But we shouldn't have to totally remove sexuality from the equation. Women chat about men and look at images just like we do. It's just less talked about.

— MR. B. IN HOUSTON
DEAR ABBY: If these are solicited photos, as the writer suggests, privately sent and then shared in a group, it is illegal in most states. You cannot share nude photos of someone without her/his expressed consent. Perhaps "Tired" should inform her fiance of that!

— EMILY IN MICHIGAN
DEAR ABBY: What do you do with a husband who is loud and rude, who curses constantly and argues with you and the TV, and is a bully to you and your daughter?

— THAT'S IT IN A NUTSHELL
DEAR THAT'S IT: As little as possible!

Snowstorm slows evening commute in New York City

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first snowstorm of the season to hit the New York City area brought several inches of snow, slowing Thursday's evening commute to a crawl, after contributing to at least seven deaths as it swept across the country.

From St. Louis to the South and into the Northeast, snow, freezing rain, and in some parts, sleet, made driving tricky and closed schools Thursday.

In New York City, the wet snowfall and wind gusts Thursday downed numerous tree branches. Police advised people to stay indoors and avoid the roads. Commuters also were advised to avoid the Port Authority Bus Terminal — which is also used by some to travel to New Jersey — due to overcrowding. The poor weather made it difficult for buses to reach the terminal, officials said. And a multi-vehicle accident on the George Washington Bridge added to the traffic nightmare.

There were scattered delays on the Long Island Rail Road and New Jersey Transit reported 30-minute delays system wide. Flight delays of up to an hour were reported at JFK, LaGuardia and Newark airports.

Forecasters said the snow should turn to mostly sleet and rain before changing to rain overnight.

As much as 8 inches (20 centimeters) of snow blanketed the St. Louis area, and forecasters predicted up to 6 inches (15 centimeters) in parts of southern New England as the storm

made its way east. They also predicted northern New Jersey could see 4 to 8 inches of snow before the system exits the region early Friday, while parts of suburban Philadelphia had 5 inches (12 centimeters) of snow by Thursday afternoon.

Weather officials said the overnight trace in Alabama missed setting a record for earliest snow by about two weeks.

In neighboring Mississippi, a tour bus bound for a casino overturned, killing two people and injuring 44 others Wednesday afternoon. Witnesses said the driver lost control after crossing an icy overpass and the bus rolled over on its driver's side, coming to rest in an interstate median, Mississippi Highway Patrol spokesman Capt. Johnny Poulos said. The crash happened about 35 miles (55 kilometers) southeast of downtown Memphis, Tennessee.

"All of a sudden the bus started swerving then it spun around two times, hit the rail and then flipped over," bus passenger Veronica Love told news outlets as she left a hospital after the wreck. "The second spin, it started picking up speed. It was, I mean, what could you do?"

Later Wednesday night, near Little Rock, Arkansas, three people were killed in separate crashes on icy roads. The interstate was closed and reopened shortly before daybreak Thursday, but officials said traffic was slow-going because some

drivers had fallen asleep. Officials in Ohio reported at least one traffic death that was likely weather-related. Indiana State Police also reported a death early Thursday, which they said was caused by the 60-year-old woman driving too fast on a slick road.

In Philadelphia, a meteorologist told the Allentown Morning Call that this storm is "an overperformer." By 3 p.m. Thursday, parts of suburban Philadelphia had 5 inches of snow. The freezing rain turned to ice on roads around the state, leading to a number of crashes and reports of cars sliding off roads.

In North Carolina, the National Park Service closed a portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway to traffic Thursday because of dangerous road conditions stemming from snow, sleet and freezing rain, the Asheville Citizen Times reported.

Schools closed or sent students home early across the lower Great Lakes and the Northeast, including at the University of Connecticut where classes were canceled in the afternoon.

In Virginia, the planned launch early Thursday of an unmanned cargo rocket to the International Space Station had to be rescheduled by one day because of the weather, NASA said. The unmanned Cygnus cargo craft is now scheduled to lift off early Friday from Wallops Island on the Eastern Shore carrying supplies and research materials for the astronauts at the space station.

weather

TONIGHT Partly cloudy	SAT Mostly sunny	SUN Mostly sunny	MON Plenty of sun	TUE Mostly sunny
Baker City Comfort Index™ 7	46 14 7	45 15 3	48 15 5	48 18 3
La Grande Comfort Index™ 5	43 22 3	46 24 3	48 25 5	48 30 3
Enterprise Comfort Index™ 5	42 20 5	45 24 5	48 22 7	48 27 5

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.

ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
TEMPERATURES	55°	55°	57°
High Thursday	20°	33°	30°
Low Thursday			
PRECIPITATION (inches)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thursday	Trace	0.65	1.58
Month to date	0.43	0.99	1.43
Normal month to date	5.24	13.57	24.65
Year to date	8.68	13.82	18.98
Normal year to date			

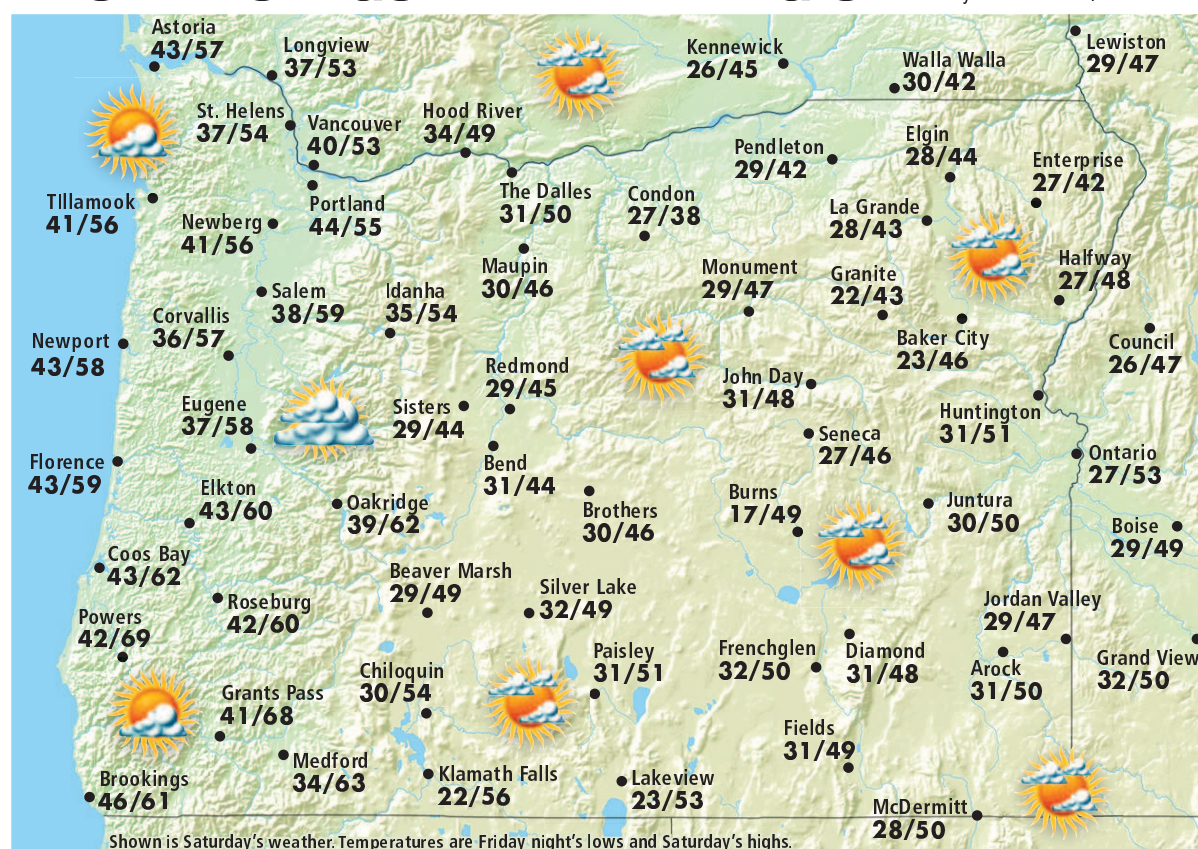
THURSDAY EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 86°	Fillmore, Calif.
Low: -6°	Antero Reservoir, Colo.
Wettest: 2.31"	Greenville, S.C.
OREGON	
High: 63°	Bend
Low: 10°	Burns
Wettest: 0.02"	Florence

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	N at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	7.5
Evapotranspiration	0.04
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)	
Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	14% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	32% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	13% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	10% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	16% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	824 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	7 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	59 cfs
Minam River at Minam	89 cfs
Powder River near Richland	32 cfs

SUN & MOON			
Sunrise	6:52 a.m.	6:53 a.m.	
Sunset	4:22 p.m.	4:21 p.m.	
Moonrise	1:41 p.m.	2:07 p.m.	
Moonset	none	12:33 a.m.	
MOON PHASES			
Full	Last	New	First
Nov 22	Nov 29	Dec 6	Dec 15

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	57/36/5	57/36/5	Lewiston	47/25/5	45/26/5
Bend	44/23/5	53/23/5	Longview	53/30/5	52/33/5
Boise	49/25/pc	49/25/5	Meacham	41/20/5	45/22/5
Brookings	61/44/5	58/42/5	Medford	63/34/5	63/33/5
Burns	49/6/5	47/6/5	Newport	58/40/5	56/39/5
Coos Bay	62/41/5	59/42/5	Olympia	51/28/5	50/29/5
Corvallis	57/27/5	53/27/5	Ontario	53/19/pc	48/20/5
Council	47/20/pc	45/18/5	Pasco	44/22/5	41/24/5
Elgin	44/21/5	47/24/5	Pendleton	42/24/5	43/26/5
Eugene	58/30/5	54/30/5	Portland	55/36/5	53/35/5
Hermiston	44/25/5	43/26/5	Powers	69/43/5	67/42/5
Hood River	49/30/5	48/33/5	Redmond	45/18/5	52/15/5
Imnaha	47/25/5	52/26/5	Roseburg	60/39/5	61/36/5
John Day	48/26/5	52/27/5	Salem	59/31/5	54/30/5
Joseph	42/20/5	45/22/5	Spokane	39/21/5	38/24/5
Kennewick	45/21/5	42/25/5	The Dalles	50/26/5	45/30/5
Klamath Falls	56/21/5	56/16/5	Ukiah	43/18/5	49/22/5
Lakeview	53/20/5	56/12/5	Walla Walla	42/28/5	39/27/5

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Partly sunny	33 17		PHILLIPS LAKE Partly sunny; mild	50 22	
MT. EMILY REC. Partly sunny	42 25		BROWNLEE RES. Partly sunny	54 30	
EAGLE CAP WILD. Partly sunny	38 15		EMIGRANT ST. PARK Partly sunny	44 24	
WALLOWA LAKE Partly sunny	46 25		MCKAY RESERVOIR Partly sunny	49 29	
THIEF VALLEY RES. Partly sunny	52 23		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Partly sunny	50 28	

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