

Mom finds it hard to watch son in stressful new marriage

DEAR ABBY: Our youngest son recently married a woman who has an 18-year-old disabled daughter, "Lauren." The girl's mental level is between that of a 2- and 4-year-old. There have been physical confrontations between my new daughter-in-law and her disabled daughter, which are becoming more frequent now that they all live together. Our daughter-in-law refuses to pursue facilities for Lauren, saying she is waiting for her to be transitioned into a group home and feels much guilt in doing so.



DEAR ABBY

He's a pastor and one of the nicest guys I think I've ever met. He'll often bring along people from his congregation and buy them dinner. He counsels new families and tries to teach them the ways of the world. He counsels angry teenagers, and they listen to him. I have tremendous respect for him.

The problem is, every time he comes in, he tries to get me to come to his church. It's sometimes an hourlong conversation. At first I was polite about it and just said no thank you. Recently it reached the point where I said firmly, "I don't need your church." Abby, he still persists!

I don't know what to do anymore. I wouldn't feel right kicking him out of the restaurant. Is there a middle ground?

— NONBELIEVER IN GEORGIA

DEAR NONBELIEVER: The pastor may be an evangelical, who feels that it is his duty to "spread the word." The middle ground, since he seems unable to accept your polite refusals, is to have another waitress serve him instead of you, if that's possible. If not, ask your manager for guidance.

DEAR ABBY: Charlie and I have been married 14 years. Between 1970 and 1980, he traveled with a big circus. He says those were the best years of his life.

We have taken several cruises together and other nice trips, but he never mentions them. It's always his circus days that he talks about.

I have asked him several times not to bring the subject up so much. He will go a day or two before mentioning the circus again. Is there anything I can say to make him stop? It's driving me crazy.

— BORED UNDER THE BIG TOP

DEAR BORED: I'm sure your husband doesn't mean to belittle the good times you have had together. But his circus adventure ended 30 years ago. What I suspect Charlie is reminiscing about is less the circus than it is his youth.

Try this the next time he mentions the subject: Remind him that you have already heard the story.

Lauren is currently in a day program, which doesn't seem to be helping her. She has definite behavioral issues and has been put on a higher level of meds that haven't helped. Psychologists, counselors and school staff are noncommittal about offering any help and haven't advised on how to address this.

My concern is, my son and his wife now have a 6-month-old son, and I worry about the baby in this home environment. Our son loves his wife and thought he could handle the challenges that come with living with Lauren. He now says he thinks it is best to end the marriage, but he's uncomfortable about giving an ultimatum to his wife. He has a high-pressure job, and his new home environment is taking a toll on him, physically and mentally. Any advice for him is appreciated.

— MOM ON THE SIDELINES

DEAR MOM: I appreciate your concern for the well-being of your son, but if you are smart, you will remain supportively on the sidelines and not insert yourself into this sensitive situation. If your son feels so pressured he's considering ending his marriage, he should be telling his wife about it and not his mother.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 31-year-old waitress and proud atheist. I'm one of the least judgmental people I know. Who other people love, or how they choose to worship isn't important to me.

I have a regular customer who comes in to the restaurant about twice a month.

Splits deepen as UN climate talks near crunch time

By Frank Jordans

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KATOWICE, Poland — Divisions deepened at the U.N. climate talks Thursday, pitting rich nations against poor ones, oil exporters against vulnerable island nations, and those governments prepared to act on global warming against those who want to wait and see.

The stakes were raised by a scientific report that warned achieving the most ambitious target in the 2015 Paris climate accord to limit emissions is getting increasingly difficult. Fresh figures released this week showed that emissions of heat-trapping carbon dioxide jumped the highest in seven years, making the task of cutting those emissions one day to zero even more challenging.

Negotiators at the climate talks in Katowice, Poland, still disagree on the way forward but have just a few days to finish their technical talks before ministers take over.

"It's going to be a big challenge," said Amjad Abdulla, the chief negotiator for the Alliance of Small Island States. "We are going to forward the sticky issues to next week."

Among the splits that need to be overcome before the conference ends on Dec. 14 are:

— The question of what kind of flexibility developing countries will have when it comes to reporting their emissions and efforts to curb them.

The issue is central to the Paris rulebook, which countries have committed to finalizing this year. Environmental activists insist that countries such as Brazil, with its vast Amazon rainforest, and China,

the world's biggest polluter, should have to provide hard data on emissions and not be treated like poorer nations who don't have the ability to do a precise greenhouse tally.

Complicating matters, a group of rich countries that includes the United States and Australia is seeking similar leeway as developing nations. — Several oil exporting countries have objected to the idea of explicitly mentioning ways in which global warming can be kept at 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit). The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a body made up of scientists from around the world, recently proposed "policy pathways" that would achieve this goal, which foresee phasing out almost all use of coal, oil and gas by 2050.

But Saudi Arabia and some of its allies say it would be wrong to cite those pathways in a text about future ambitions.

— Developing countries are frustrated that rich nations won't commit themselves to providing greater assurances on financial support for poor nations facing hefty costs to fight the effects of climate change. European governments argue that they are bound by budget rules that limit their ability to allocate money more than a few years in advance.

What's clear is that few countries are moving in the right direction to halt global warming.

"The first data for this year point to a strong rise in the global CO2 emissions, almost all countries are contributing to this rise," said Corinne Le

Quere, who led the team that published the emissions study this week.

"In China, it's boosted by economic stimulation in construction. In the U.S., an unusual year, cold winter and hot summer, both boosting the energy demand. In Europe, the emissions are down but less than they used to be, and that's because of growing emissions in transport that are offsetting benefits elsewhere," she told the meeting in Katowice.

Le Quere, the director of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research at the University of East Anglia in England, noted some positive news.

"We have renewable energy," she said. "It is displacing coal in the U.S. and in Europe, and it is expanding elsewhere."

"It's not enough to meet the growing energy demand in developing countries in particular," she said. "But the industry is growing."

Host nation Poland, which depends on coal for 80 percent of its energy needs, is among those demanding help for workers in coal and gas industries who could lose their jobs as nations shift to cleaner energy.

In light of the deep divisions over how to best fight climate change, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres considering returning to Katowice to push for a strong declaration.

"It very much remains a possibility," U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Thursday. "If he feels his presence will be useful, he will go back. But no decision has yet been made."

weather

	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	Mostly cloudy and cold	A little snow	Mostly cloudy and breezy	A bit of snow and rain	Mostly cloudy
Baker City	16	36 21	37 25	37 17	37 24
Comfort Index™	0	0	1	2	2
La Grande	23	37 26	37 30	39 26	37 29
Comfort Index™	0	0	0	0	1
Enterprise	19	35 24	36 27	37 23	36 27
Comfort Index™	1	1	1	3	2

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 Thursday	29°	30°	29°
Low Thursday	3°	8°	12°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	Trace	0.26
Normal month to date	0.19	0.38	0.68
Year to date	5.24	13.57	26.73
Normal year to date	9.34	15.24	21.35

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 83° Edinburg, Texas
 Low: -31° West Yellowstone, Mont.
 Wettest: 3.95" Pasadena, Calif.

OREGON

High: 57° Brookings
 Low: -1° Meacham
 Wettest: Trace Burns

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY

Lowest relative humidity	55%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	1.4
Evapotranspiration	0.04

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)

Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	19% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	34% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	12% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	13% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	29% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	637 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	7 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	85 cfs
Miam River at Minam	N.A.
Powder River near Richland	20 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

A large storm system brought heavy rain to the East on Dec. 8, 1963. Lightning caused the explosion of fuel under one of the outboard wing tanks of a jetliner passing through the storm. Eighty-one people died.

SUN & MOON

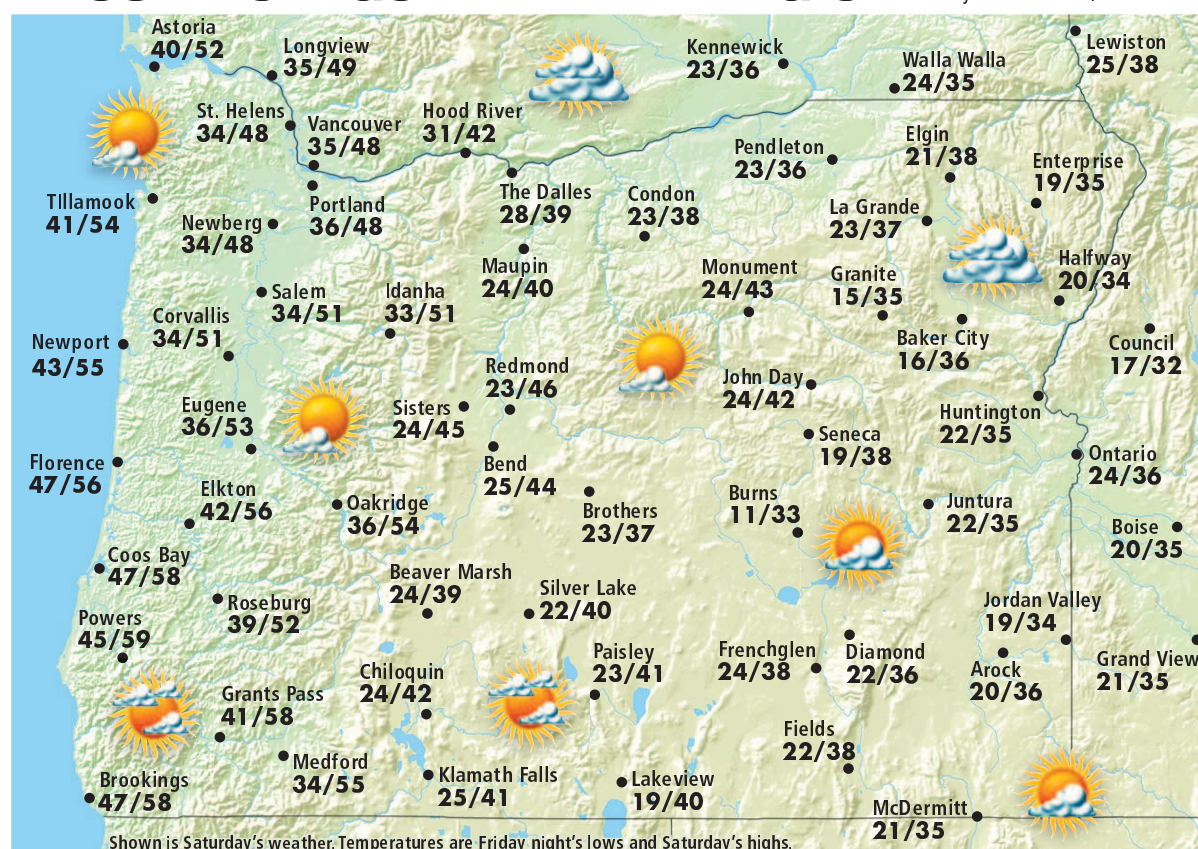
	FRI.	SAT.
Sunrise	7:18 a.m.	7:19 a.m.
Sunset	4:10 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Moonrise	7:28 a.m.	8:25 a.m.
Moonset	4:51 p.m.	5:37 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29	Jan 5

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	52/44/r	49/41/r	Lewiston	38/25/c	41/32/c
Bend	44/27/c	43/29/r	Longview	49/40/r	45/41/r
Boise	35/22/pc	38/23/c	Meacham	36/25/sn	36/29/c
Brookings	58/49/r	55/46/r	Medford	55/32/r	53/36/r
Burns	33/13/c	32/16/c	Newport	55/46/r	51/43/r
Coos Bay	58/49/r	54/43/r	Olympia	50/36/r	46/37/r
Corvallis	51/35/r	46/37/r	Ontario	36/23/c	39/26/c
Council	32/18/sn	34/22/c	Pasco	35/26/c	36/28/c
Elgin	38/25/sn	38/31/c	Pendleton	36/25/c	39/30/c
Eugene	53/37/r	47/37/r	Portland	48/39/r	45/40/r
Hermiston	37/24/c	37/30/c	Powers	59/47/r	54/43/r
Hood River	42/34/r	41/35/sn	Redmond	46/25/c	44/25/r
Imnaha	42/28/sn	43/33/c	Roseburg	52/40/r	49/38/r
John Day	42/29/sn	40/29/c	Salem	51/38/r	47/40/r
Joseph	35/22/sn	35/26/c	Spokane	32/26/c	36/28/c
Kennewick	36/25/c	37/30/c	The Dalles	39/29/pc	37/30/sn
Klamath Falls	41/25/pc	41/26/sn	Ukiah	40/24/sn	40/28/c
Lakeview	40/17/c	39/25/c	Walla Walla	35/27/c	37/31/c

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Cold with sunshine	22	12
PHILLIPS LAKE	Mostly sunny	29	15
MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly cloudy	28	22
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny	35	22
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Sunshine and cold	21	10
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Mostly cloudy	31	17
WALLOWA LAKE	Mostly sunny	30	18
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Mostly cloudy	34	23
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Mostly sunny	33	16
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Mostly cloudy	34	23



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