

# News of son's open marriage leaves his parents in shock

**DEAR ABBY:** My son got married a year ago. We have welcomed his wife into our family. He met us for lunch yesterday and announced that he and his wife have a polyamorous relationship. They will stay married, but they will date and have long-term relationships with other people.

My husband and I thought we had set a good example. They are asking to be able to bring other boyfriends and girlfriends to our family events. I'm heartsick at the thought of watching them be with other partners. My granddaughter was a flower girl at their wedding. How do we explain this to her?

I love my son, but do I have to abandon the values I have always felt were important to uphold? Right now he isn't speaking to me because he thinks I was not supportive when he told me. I feel like I'm being forced to accept this new lifestyle or not see my son. How should I handle this?

— **DUMBFOUNDED IN DALLAS**  
**DEAR DUMBFOUNDED:** Unless you are raising your granddaughter, you don't have to explain anything. That will be her parents' responsibility.

As to your being forced to entertain his and his wife's lovers, if it makes you uncomfortable you are under no obligation to do so. Handle this by standing your ground and refusing to be emotionally blackmailed.

Your son is entitled to live his life any way he wishes. This does not mean that you must endorse it. Tell him you would love to see just him and his wife when they are spending time together.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married to my husband, "Ken," for 34 years. We run a small business together and we are together most of the time. When we go out, Ken complains that I don't talk with him enough or notice if he's alone and not engaged in conversation. He feels I should be more aware of him and stay by his side. I am more outgoing than he is. I make conversation easily and find people to be involved with.

Is he right? Should his needs be more on my radar?

— **WONDERING IN CALIFORNIA**  
**DEAR WONDERING:** Knowing Ken isn't as socially adept as you, the kind thing would be to keep an eye on him at these dinners/parties to make sure he isn't isolated. If he is standing by himself, ask him to join in the conversations you are having. Not every couple is equally outgoing, and it may be a bit of a balancing act, but supportive spouses make an effort to compensate for the other's deficits if asked to, as your husband has.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been seeing a woman for a year, and everything seemed pretty sweet. She told me when we met that trust is important to her as she has had issues in past relationships, including with her ex-husband, who was seeing an ex without disclosing it to her.

This week I saw texts pop up on her phone from someone I have never heard her mention. When I asked about it, she said they were from an "old friend." I found it troubling and asked her more about it. She then mentioned she had been in a romantic relationship with him many years ago. She also disclosed that the text exchange was started because she told him that she had dreamed about him the night before.

She assured me her dream was not romantic or of a sexual nature, and her intent in reaching out wasn't romantic. Despite this, I'm having a hard time trusting her story. I find this especially baffling given her history. Am I overreacting?

— **LESS TRUSTFUL NOW**  
**DEAR LESS TRUSTFUL:** If everything has been going well in your relationship with this woman for a year, why are you looking at text messages that pop up on her phone? Although not all people would text an ex about his/her appearance in a dream, she can text whomever she wishes, and she shouldn't have to account to you for it.

The two of you need to have a serious conversation about the parameters of your relationship. The problem may be your insecurity, and if you are going to have a successful outcome with anyone, you had better learn to control it.

# Global warming is shrinking glaciers faster than thought

By **Seth Borenstein**  
 The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**— Earth's glaciers are melting much faster than scientists thought. A new study shows they are losing 369 billion tons of snow and ice each year, more than half of that in North America.

The most comprehensive measurement of glaciers worldwide found that thousands of inland masses of snow compressed into ice are shrinking 18 percent faster than an international panel of scientists calculated in 2013.

The world's glaciers are shrinking five times faster now than they were in the 1960s. Their melt is accelerating due to global warming, and adding more water to already rising seas, the study found.

"Over 30 years suddenly almost all regions started losing mass at the same time," said lead author Michael Zemp, director of the World Glacier Monitoring Service at the University of Zurich. "That's clearly climate change if you look at the global picture."

The glaciers shrinking fastest are in central Europe, the Caucasus region, western Canada, the U.S. Lower 48 states, New Zealand and near the tropics. Glaciers in these places on average are losing more than 1 percent of their mass each year, according to a study in Monday's journal Nature.

"In these regions, at the current glacier loss rate, the glaciers will not survive the century," Zemp said.

Zemp's team used ground and satellite measurements to look at 19,000 glaciers, far more than previous studies. They determined that southwestern Asia is the only region of 19 where glaciers are not shrinking, which Zemp said is due to local climate conditions.

Since 1961, the world has lost 10.6 trillion tons of ice and snow (9.6 trillion metric tons), the study found. That's enough to cover the lower 48 U.S. states in about 4 feet of ice.

Scientists have known for a long time that global warming caused by human activities like burning coal, gasoline and diesel for electricity and transportation is making Earth lose its ice. They have been especially concerned with the large ice sheets covering Greenland and Antarctica.

This study, "is telling us there's much more to the story," said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colorado, who wasn't part of the study. "The influence of glaciers on sea level is bigger than we thought."

A number of factors are making sea levels rise. The biggest cause is that oceans are getting warmer, which makes water expand. The new

figures show glacier melt is a bigger contributor than thought, responsible for about 25% to 30% of the yearly rise in oceans, Zemp said.

Rising seas threaten coastal cities around the world and put more people at risk of flooding during storms.

Glaciers grow in winter and shrink in summer, but as the Earth has warmed, they are growing less and shrinking more. Zemp said warmer summer temperatures are the main reason glaciers are shrinking faster.

While people think of glaciers as polar issues, shrinking mountain glaciers closer to the equator can cause serious problems for people who depend on them, said Twila Moon, a snow and ice data center scientist who also wasn't part of the study. She said people in the Andes, for example, rely on the glaciers for drinking and irrigation water each summer.

A separate study Monday in Environmental Research Letters confirmed faster melting and other changes in the Arctic. It found that in winter, the Arctic is warming 2.8 times faster than the rest of the Northern Hemisphere. Overall, the region is getting more humid, cloudier and wetter.

"It's on steroids, it's hyperactive," said lead author Jason Box, a scientist for the Danish Meteorological Institute.

# weather

	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	A couple of showers	A couple of showers	A couple of showers	Mostly cloudy, a shower	Mostly cloudy, a shower
<b>Baker City</b>	34	52 32	56 29	58 38	51 31
Comfort Index™	1	1	3	6	3
<b>La Grande</b>	37	49 35	52 31	53 36	50 31
Comfort Index™	1	0	1	2	2
<b>Enterprise</b>	34	45 32	48 28	50 34	46 31
Comfort Index™	1	0	1	3	0

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

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Monday	60°	55°	55°
Low Monday	45°	43°	43°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Monday	0.18	0.61	0.74
Month to date	0.40	1.34	2.47
Normal month to date	0.20	0.40	0.52
Year to date	4.03	6.25	14.19
Normal year to date	2.40	4.63	8.22

## MONDAY EXTREMES

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
 High: 101° Thermal, Calif.  
 Low: 13° Bodie State Park, Calif.  
 Wettest: 2.96" Brookings, Ore.

**OREGON**  
 High: 70° Rome  
 Low: 33° Crater Lake  
 Wettest: 2.73" Brookings

## AGRICULTURAL INFO.

**HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY**  
 Lowest relative humidity 55%  
 Afternoon Wind WNW at 6 to 12 mph  
 Hours of sunshine 3.9  
 Evapotranspiration 0.07

**RESERVOIR STORAGE** (through midnight Tuesday)  
 Phillips Reservoir 26% of capacity  
 Unity Reservoir 79% of capacity  
 Owyhee Reservoir 69% of capacity  
 McKay Reservoir 92% of capacity  
 Wallowa Lake 76% of capacity  
 Thief Valley Reservoir 107% of capacity

**STREAM FLOWS** (through midnight Monday)  
 Grande Ronde at Troy 29200 cfs  
 Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder N.A.  
 Burnt River near Unity 585 cfs  
 Umatilla River near Gibbon 3650 cfs  
 Minam River at Minam 2420 cfs  
 Powder River near Richland 897 cfs

## WEATHER HISTORY

So much dust became airborne in Kansas and Iowa on April 10, 1935, that schools and highways closed. The "Dust Bowl" of the 1930s is blamed on land misuse and climate.

## SUN & MOON

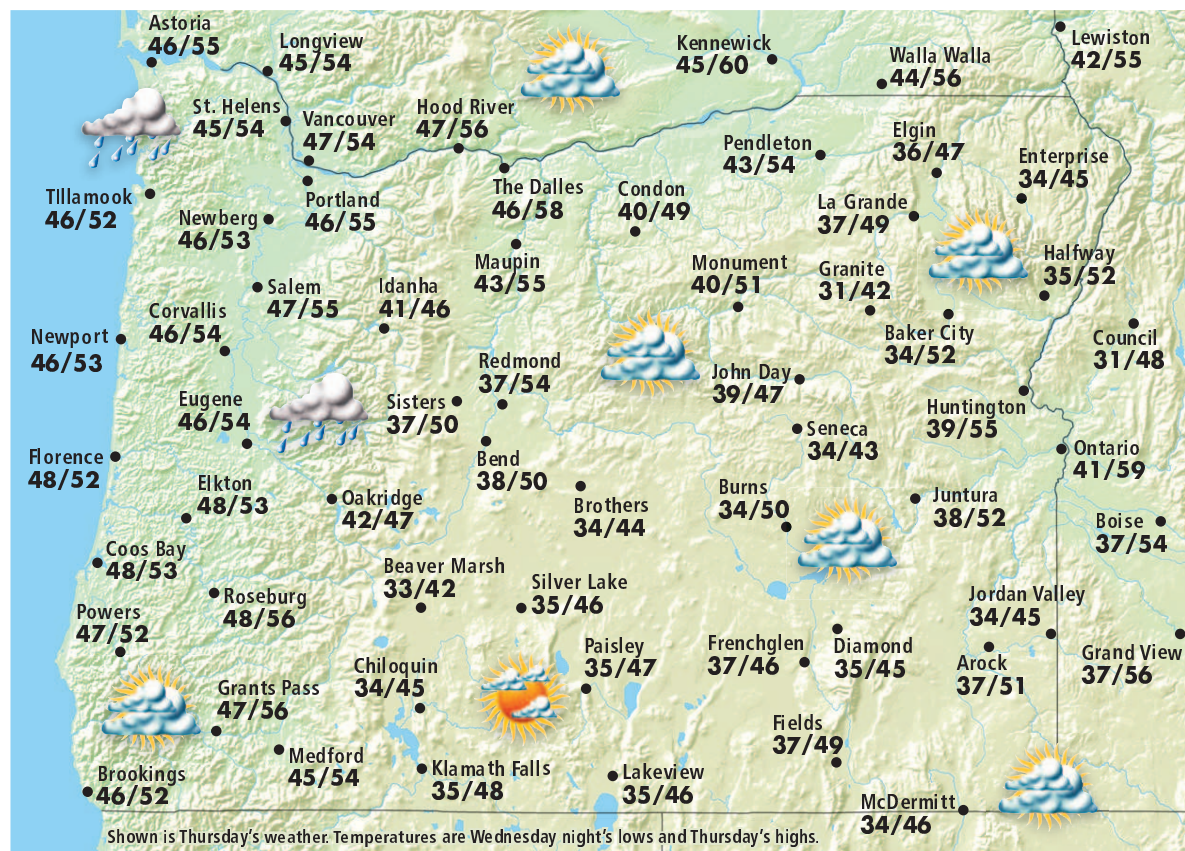
	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	6:17 a.m.	6:15 a.m.
Sunset	7:31 p.m.	7:33 p.m.
Moonrise	9:42 a.m.	10:33 a.m.
Moonset	12:18 a.m.	1:22 a.m.

**MOON PHASES**

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26	May 4

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU.		FRI.		
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	
Astoria	55/44/r	58/42/pc	Lewiston	55/41/sh	58/38/sh
Bend	50/35/sh	53/34/pc	Longview	54/42/r	62/44/pc
Boise	54/37/sh	57/36/sh	Meacham	46/33/sh	49/31/sh
Brookings	52/46/r	59/43/pc	Medford	54/45/r	62/38/pc
Burns	50/32/sh	53/28/sh	Newport	53/46/r	54/43/pc
Coos Bay	53/46/r	57/43/pc	Olympia	54/39/r	62/38/pc
Corvallis	54/45/r	61/41/pc	Ontario	59/40/sh	62/36/sh
Council	48/31/sh	52/27/sh	Pasco	61/39/sh	64/39/pc
Elgin	47/34/sh	51/31/sh	Pendleton	54/40/sh	57/39/sh
Eugene	54/45/r	61/41/pc	Portland	55/46/r	62/44/pc
Hermiston	60/40/sh	64/43/pc	Powers	52/46/r	60/41/pc
Hood River	56/43/sh	62/43/pc	Redmond	54/35/sh	55/33/pc
Imnaha	50/36/sh	53/31/sh	Roseburg	56/48/r	63/42/pc
John Day	47/36/sh	51/33/sh	Salem	55/45/r	61/43/pc
Joseph	45/31/sh	47/28/sh	Spokane	53/36/sh	58/38/pc
Jensen	60/40/sh	64/43/pc	The Dalles	58/44/sh	63/40/pc
Klamath Falls	48/32/sh	54/29/pc	Ukiah	45/32/sh	47/30/sh
Lakeview	46/33/sh	51/29/pc	Walla Walla	56/43/sh	59/43/sh

## RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

City	THU.	FRI.
<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Snow showers	29	19
<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Spotty showers	44	30
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Spotty showers	39	28
<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Spotty showers	53	36
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> A few showers	35	24
<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Spotty showers	42	30
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Spotty showers	45	31
<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Spotty showers	53	39
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Spotty showers	52	32
<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Spotty showers	49	35



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