

Woman ambushed by revelation of husband’s long-term affair

DEAR ABBY: I recently found out my husband has been having a four-year affair with a woman 24 years younger than I am. He met her at work. He tells me he loves her, but he loves me more. Abby, they actually thought I would agree to him taking her on as a second wife, but, of course, I refused. They no longer see each other, but communicate regularly by text. He misses her, she misses him, and I am deeply hurt, since nothing will ever be the same.

I am also devastated because of my husband’s four years of lies and deception. I didn’t suspect a thing and always loved him deeply. Can I get over this?

— HURTING IN WASHINGTON

DEAR HURTING: If you are going to get past this — notice I did not say “get over” — it will take both cooperation from your husband and the services of a licensed marriage and family therapist.

You were lied to and betrayed, and it wasn’t a one-time mistake. That he and his par-amour remain in touch indicates that while the physical affair may be over, their emotional affair is ongoing. For your marriage to be repaired and trust rebuilt, that too must end.

DEAR ABBY: My son-in-law is lazy and arrogant. My daughter seems to think he walks on water. He has answers and excuses for everything. I’m realizing that he may never amount to anything, because he has no ambition. They recently had a baby, and he does very little to help. Washing and sterilizing bottles leaves him “exhausted.”

I treasure my relationship with my daughter and grandson and want them all to want to come over and be close. I am trying to keep my mouth shut, but my daughter knows how I feel. How do I navigate this challenge of having to bite my lip when I see him lying around with a sink full of dishes? What am I allowed to say without alienating him?

— EXASPERATED MOM IN CANADA

DEAR MOM: If you are wise, you will keep your thoroughly chewed lip zipped. Your daughter knows how you feel, so resist that urge to harp on it. When she reaches her limit, I’m sure she will come up with some choice phrases to blast her husband off the sofa. Remember; this is her problem, not yours, so let her handle it.

DEAR ABBY: We are part of a group of four couples who arrange to get together for dinners. One of the couples continually invites another couple at the last minute without checking with the rest of us.

We are hosting a dinner and planned it around the eight of us, only to find out this couple has invited another couple — again! I explained to the woman that I don’t think it’s nice to invite additional people without first checking with the hosts, certainly not at 10 o’clock the night before, but they don’t want to leave the fifth couple out. This is the third time this

has happened, and others have spoken to her about it to no avail. Please help!

— UNINVITED IN DELAWARE

DEAR UNINVITED: What the woman is doing is beyond inconsiderate. The “way to handle it” would be to discuss it with the other group members and agree to disinvite this couple from your group. Three strikes and they’re out.

DEAR ABBY: My late husband refused to wear a seat belt. One day a truck hit him. He was thrown around hard inside the car and spent a month in the hospital. An X-ray showed the back of his brain was mush. He was mentally disabled for the rest of his life and needed care 24/7. It was such a waste. He had been a teacher with a master’s degree in education.

My grown children helped me to take care of him. They were heartbroken. This was a tragedy that could have been avoided. It happened only because he didn’t take a few seconds to fasten his seat belt.

Please print this as a reminder to your readers, Abby.

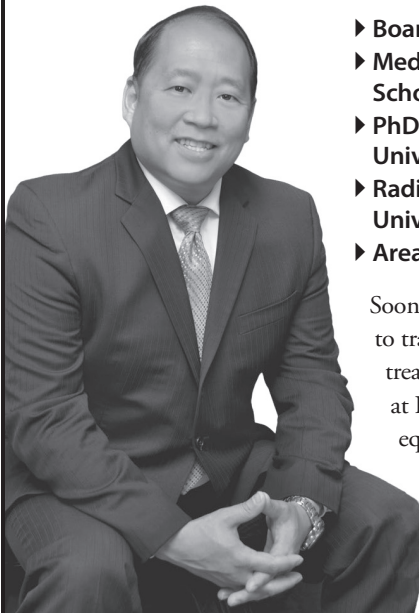
— COMMON SENSE CALIFORNIAN

DEAR CALIFORNIAN: I am truly sorry for your family’s pain. Too many people, drivers and passengers, choose to ignore the seat belt laws.

As your letter illustrates, they do so at their own peril. Every traveler, whether in the front or back seat, should buckle up. I’m glad you shared this because so many people are on the road during the holidays. I hope your family’s tragic experience will give them the “nudge” they need.

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 TONIGHT Low clouds	 SAT Times of clouds and sun	 SUN A p.m. shower or two	 MON Mostly cloudy	 TUE Cloudy
Baker City Comfort Index™ 3	22 36 26 3	36 26 1	37 23 3	36 27 1
La Grande Comfort Index™ 0	26 37 29 2	36 28 1	36 25 3	35 28 1
Enterprise Comfort Index™ 0	21 35 29 3	37 29 4	35 23 4	38 31 4

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TEMPERATURES

	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Wednesday	32°	35°	34°
Low Wednesday	15°	24°	29°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.08	0.47	2.16
Normal month to date	0.80	1.37	2.49
Year to date	7.43	14.19	28.59
Normal year to date	9.95	16.23	23.16

WED. EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 84°	Falfurrias, Texas
Low: -7°	Briggsdale, Colo.
Wettest: 1.31"	Oxnard, Calif.

OREGON

High: 53°	Brookings
Low: 12°	Burns
Wettest: 0.08"	Newport

WEATHER HISTORY

New York City was hit by its biggest 24-hour snowstorm on Dec. 26 and 27, 1947. The accumulation was more than 26 inches in Central Park, 26 inches at Newark, N.J., and almost 30 inches at Long Branch, N.J.

SUN & MOON

FRI. SAT.

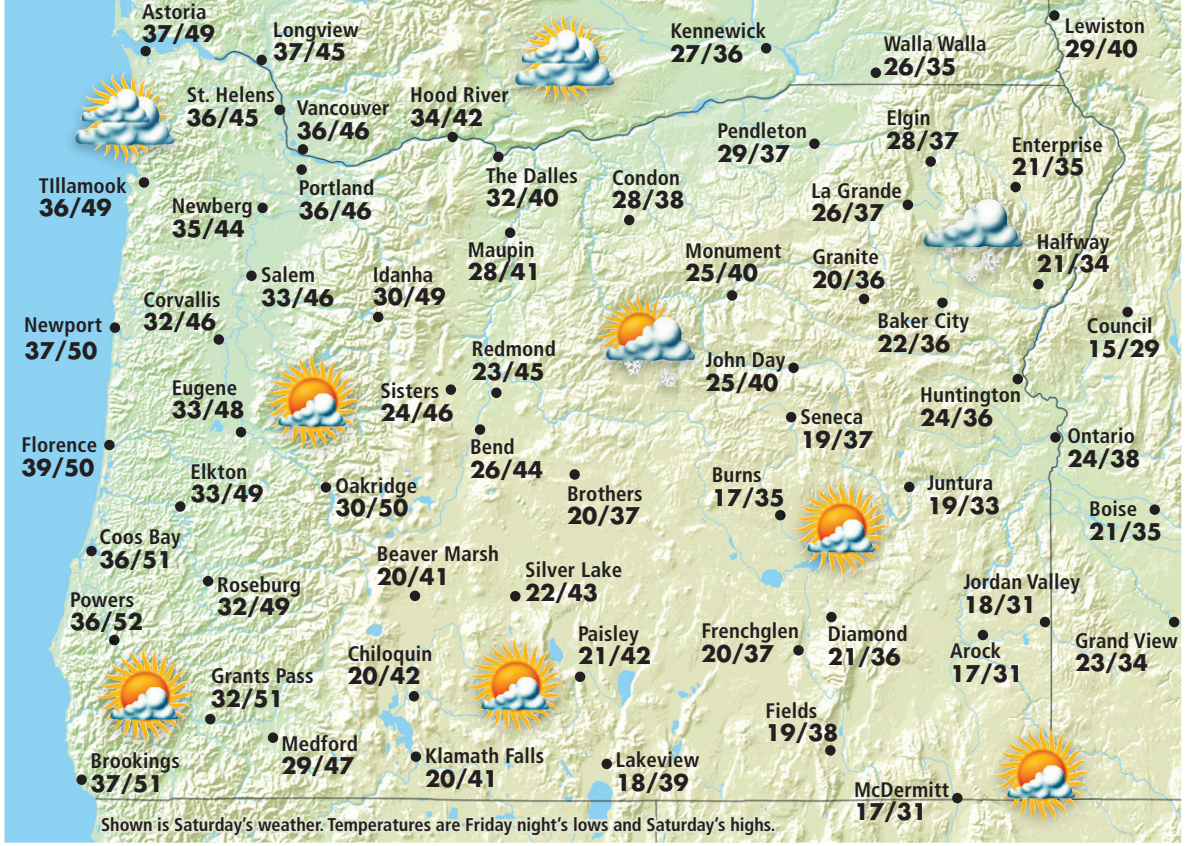
Sunrise	7:31 a.m.	7:31 a.m.
Sunset	4:16 p.m.	4:16 p.m.
Moonrise	8:52 a.m.	9:35 a.m.
Moonset	5:51 p.m.	6:53 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
			
Jan 2	Jan 10	Jan 17	Jan 24

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	49/43/r	49/38/sh	Lewiston	40/32/pc	41/34/sf
Bend	44/31/pc	42/25/c	Longview	45/42/r	48/35/sh
Boise	35/24/pc	35/26/sf	Meacham	35/28/pc	35/28/c
Brookings	51/43/c	50/40/sh	Medford	47/33/pc	44/34/sh
Burns	35/24/pc	36/19/sn	Newport	50/44/c	50/38/sh
Coos Bay	51/44/c	49/38/sh	Olympia	45/40/r	47/36/r
Corvallis	46/39/c	48/35/sh	Ontario	38/29/pc	36/24/sf
Council	29/20/pc	31/20/sf	Pasco	37/28/pc	39/28/pc
Elgin	37/30/pc	36/29/c	Pendleton	37/30/pc	38/31/c
Eugene	48/41/c	48/36/sh	Portland	46/41/pc	48/37/sh
Hermiston	37/29/pc	38/31/c	Powers	52/42/c	48/37/sh
Hood River	42/33/pc	42/33/c	Redmond	45/29/pc	44/26/c
Imnaha	39/30/pc	41/31/sf	Roseburg	49/39/c	48/38/sh
John Day	40/30/pc	41/30/c	Salem	46/41/c	49/36/sh
Joseph	34/27/pc	36/27/c	Spokane	33/27/pc	35/23/c
Kennewick	36/29/pc	38/30/pc	The Dalles	40/32/pc	40/32/c
Klamath Falls	41/22/pc	39/24/sf	Ukiah	37/29/pc	37/27/c
Lakeview	39/24/pc	40/21/sn	Walla Walla	35/29/pc	35/31/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 SATURDAY

ANTHONY LAKES

Afternoon flurries

25 19

PHILLIPS LAKE

Partly sunny

36 26

MT. EMILY REC.

Partly sunny

31 27

BROWNLEE RES.

Partly sunny

37 26

EAGLE CAP WILD.

Periods of sun

27 18

EMIGRANT ST. PARK

Partly sunny

34 27

WALLOWA LAKE

Partly sunny

34 27

MCKAY RESERVOIR

Partly sunny

40 32

THIEF VALLEY RES.

Partly sunny

36 26

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK

Partly sunny

37 29

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