

Mom stays close to married son through a tracking app

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for five years. We live in the same town as my in-laws, and for the most part, we get along great. However, my mother-in-law does something that makes me uneasy. She uses an app to track my husband. She pressured him into installing it right before our wedding and has tracked him ever since.

She'll often text or call him to ask why he's going to the store, or what he was doing when he was late to work, etc. Once he tried to remove the app, but she quickly noticed and confronted him. Abby, I have never seen her so angry! My husband caved and reinstalled it. Since then, he says it doesn't really bother him that she tracks him.

Part of me feels that if he wants to let his mother track him, that's his business. But another part of me feels this is an invasion of my privacy as well, since we are together much of the time. It also worries me that he's so quick to cave to his mother's demands, and that he isn't bothered by such an obvious invasion of privacy.

Am I wrong to be upset about this? What can I do to get my mother-in-law to give us some privacy?

— UNEASY IN KANSAS

DEAR UNEASY: You're not wrong. Your husband should revoke the location permission on the app on his phone or delete it altogether.

What his mother is doing is sick. She is using the tracker as a substitute for the umbilical cord that should have been severed when her son was born. It's a huge invasion of your and your husband's privacy.

He is so used to caving in to his mother that he doesn't have the strength to assert himself. I do not think you should take your mother-in-law on by yourself. Enlist the help of a licensed marriage and family therapist for suggestions about how to create some separation, because that process may be somewhat complicated.

DEAR ABBY: My relationship with my boyfriend has been wonderful, except for one issue. He wants us to have a three-way with another woman. Even after I let him know I'm not bisexual, he has suggested it

multiple times. Some of my previous partners have suggested this as well, and it has left me feeling as though I will never be enough. I consider it cheating, although they might disagree because I would be involved.

I find this extremely hurtful. I love my boyfriend and don't want to end the relationship, but I'm afraid I must because I don't want to be with someone I can never satisfy (he has mentioned he plans to propose).

What do you think? I wish he had never asked me to do this because it feels horrible. If any male readers have insight, I'd love to hear from them as well.

— NOT ENOUGH

DEAR NOT ENOUGH: What your boyfriend has suggested is a common male fantasy. I can only wonder if he would react the same way you have if you suggested a threesome with him and another man.

Because this isn't your cup of tea, you are right to have refused. What concerns me is what you think is going to happen if the two of you should marry, because this issue will not go away once the "I do's" are over. As you requested, I will let male readers weigh in on this one, but personally, I think the time has come to resume your search for Mr. Right.

DEAR ABBY: Christmas is nearly here, and I'm concerned about my brother. I'm afraid he blames himself for his 28-year-old daughter's suicide, which was by no means his fault. This will be his first Christmas without her. I don't know what to do for him. Any suggestions?

— CHALLENGED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR CHALLENGED: When a close family member commits suicide, it is common for survivors to experience a range of emotions. Anger and guilt are two of them. If possible, encourage your brother to spend Christmas with you or other relatives. You should also suggest he join a survivors support group.

The American Association of Suicidology provides referrals to local self-help groups for survivors of suicide. Its website is www.suicidology.org. If he joins one, it will give him a place to talk about his feelings with people who will understand because they have them, too.

Trump rejects key conclusion of US government climate report

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has rejected a central conclusion of a dire report on the economic costs of climate change released by his own administration, but economists said the warning of hundreds of billions of dollars a year in global warming costs is pretty much on the money.

Just look at last year with Hurricanes Harvey, Maria and Irma, they said. Those three 2017 storms caused at least \$265 billion in damage, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The National Climate Assessment report, quietly unveiled Friday, warned that natural disasters are worsening in the United States because of global warming.

It said warming-charged extremes "have already become more frequent, intense, widespread or of long duration." The report noted the last few years have smashed U.S. records for damaging weather, costing nearly \$400 billion since 2015.

"The potential for losses in some sectors could reach hundreds of billions of dollars per year by the end of this century," the report said. It added that if emissions of heat-trapping gases continue at current levels, labor costs in outdoor industries during heat waves could cost \$155 billion in lost wages per year by 2090.

The president said he read some of the report "and it's fine" but not the part about the devastating economic

impact.

"I don't believe it," Trump said, adding that if "every other place on Earth is dirty, that's not so good."

Nearly every country in the world in 2015 pledged to reduce or slow the growth of carbon dioxide emissions, the chief greenhouse gas.

"We're already there," said Wesleyan University economist Gary Yohe, who was a reviewer of the national report, which was produced by 13 federal agencies and outside scientists. "Climate change is making a noticeable impact on our economy right now: Harvey, Florence, Michael, Maria."

Yohe said, "It is devastating at particular locations, but for the entire country? No."

Economist Ray Kopp, a vice president at the think tank Resources For the Future and who wasn't part of the assessment, said the economics and the science in the report were absolutely credible.

"I believe this is going to be a devastating loss without any other action-taking place," Kopp said Monday. "This is certainly something you would want to avoid."

Earlier, the White House had played down the report. Spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said in an emailed statement that the report "is largely based on the most extreme scenario, which contradicts long-established trends by assuming that, despite strong economic growth that would increase greenhouse gas emissions, there would be limited technology and innovation, and a

rapidly expanding population."

Throughout the 29-chapter report, scientists provide three scenarios that the United Nations' climate assessments use. One is the business-as-usual scenario, which scientists say is closest to the current situation. That is the worst case of the three scenarios. Another would envision modest reductions in heat-trapping gases, and the third would involve severe cuts in carbon dioxide pollution.

For example, the \$155 billion a year in extra labor costs at the end of the century is under the business-as-usual scenario. Modest reductions in carbon pollution would cut that to \$75 billion a year, the report said.

The report talks of hundreds of billions of dollars in economic losses in several spots. In one graphic, it shows the worst-case business-as-usual scenario of economic costs reaching 10 percent of gross domestic product when Earth is about a dozen degrees warmer than now with no specific date.

Yohe said it was unfortunate that some media jumped on that 10 percent number because that was a rare case of hyperbole in the report.

"The 10 percent is not implausible as a possible future for 2100," Yohe said. "It's just not terribly likely."

Kopp, on the other hand, said the 10 percent figure seems believable.

"This is probably a best estimate," Kopp said. "It could be larger. It could be smaller."

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TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
A couple of showers late	Mostly cloudy	Showers of rain and snow	Mainly cloudy	Cloudy with snow showers
Baker City 27 Comfort Index™ 3	43 27 3	42 24 0	36 20 2	36 14 0
La Grande 31 Comfort Index™ 3	43 31 3	41 27 1	37 28 3	36 21 0
Enterprise 30 Comfort Index™ 5	42 28 4	38 25 0	35 25 2	34 17 1

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	39°	41°	41°
Low Tuesday	34°	37°	37°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	Trace	0.00	0.29
Month to date	Trace	0.65	1.98
Normal month to date	0.81	1.83	2.78
Year to date	5.24	13.57	25.05
Normal year to date	9.06	14.66	20.33

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY

Lowest relative humidity	60%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	2.4
Evapotranspiration	0.03

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)

Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	17% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	33% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	11% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	12% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	23% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	965 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	8 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	146 cfs
Minam River at Minam	N.A.
Powder River near Richland	27 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 83° Key West, Fla.
Low: -15° Fraser, Colo.
Wettest: 2.00" Tampa, Fla.

OREGON

High: 64° Roseburg
Low: 28° Burns
Wettest: 1.57" Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY

November 1972 was one of the wettest on record for the Northeast. Binghamton, N.Y., had a monthly total of 7.11 inches -- the wettest November in the 75 years of record keeping at Broome County Airport.

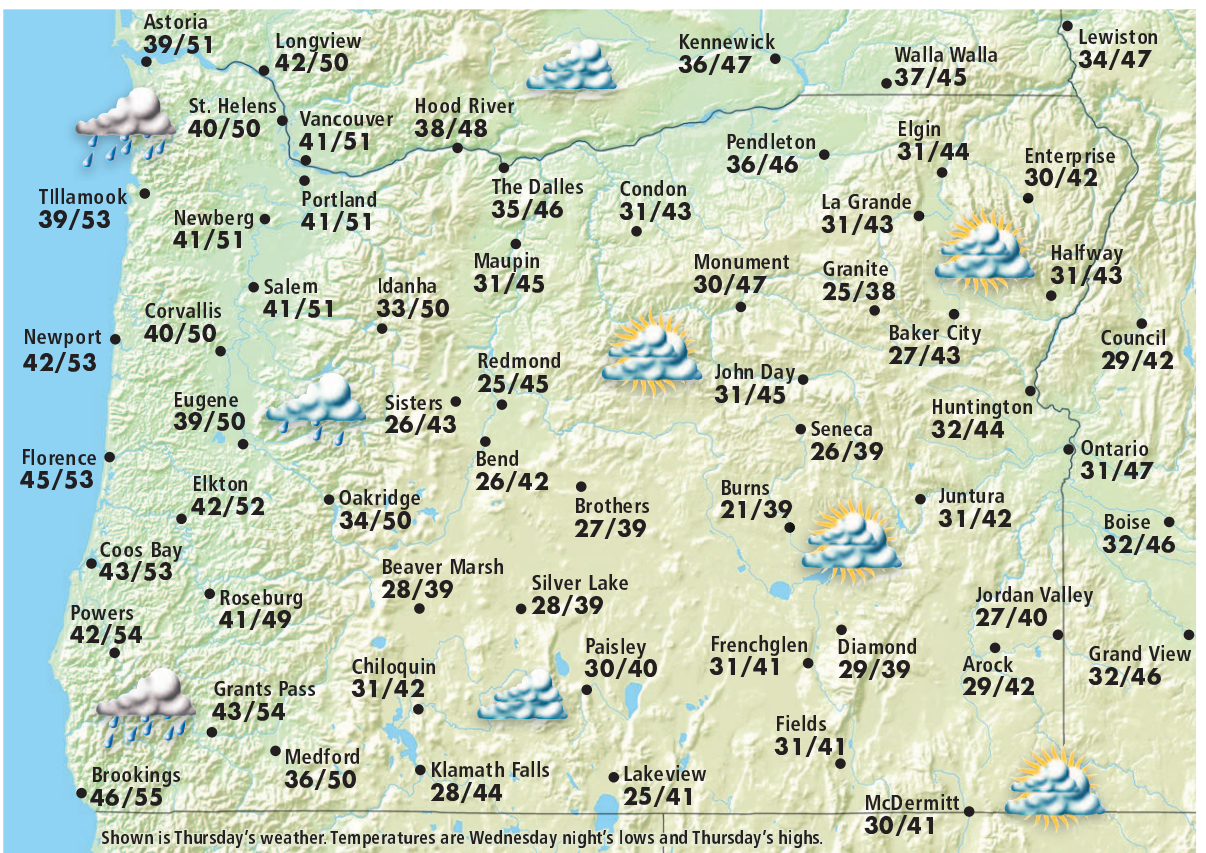
SUN & MOON

	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	7:09 a.m.
Sunset	4:13 p.m.	4:12 p.m.
Moonrise	10:19 p.m.	11:32 p.m.
Moonset	12:07 p.m.	12:42 p.m.

MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
Nov 29	Dec 6	Dec 15	Dec 22

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



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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	51/40/c	51/38/r	Lewiston	47/33/c	45/32/sn
Bend	42/29/c	41/26/c	Longview	50/42/c	48/39/r
Boise	46/31/c	42/29/sf	Meacham	42/28/c	38/26/c
Brookings	55/43/r	52/41/r	Medford	50/35/r	48/35/c
Burns	39/23/c	37/17/pc	Newport	53/42/c	51/40/r
Coos Bay	53/44/r	50/43/r	Olympia	49/35/c	47/34/r
Corvallis	50/37/c	48/37/r	Ontario	47/33/c	48/26/sn
Council	42/27/sn	39/26/sn	Pasco	46/34/c	48/31/c
Elgin	44/30/c	40/28/c	Pendleton	46/37/c	46/32/c
Eugene	50/39/r	49/39/r	Portland	51/41/c	49/39/r
Hermiston	47/37/c	49/34/pc	Powers	54/43/r	50/41/r
Hood River	48/39/c	48/37/c	Redmond	45/28/c	44/24/c
Imnaha	49/32/c	43/28/sn	Roseburg	49/41/r	47/39/r
John Day	45/33/r	40/30/pc	Salem	51/40/c	49/37/r
Joseph	42/27/c	38/24/c	Spokane	42/32/c	40/30/c
Kennewick	47/38/c	49/35/c	The Dalles	46/35/c	48/34/c
Klamath Falls	44/28/r	41/26/c	Ukiah	43/29/c	39/26/c
Lakeview	41/22/sn	37/19/c	Walla Walla	45/36/c	44/33/sn

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

ANTHONY LAKES

Mostly cloudy

25 **16**

MT. EMILY REC.

Mostly cloudy

37 **27**

EAGLE CAP WILD.

Mostly cloudy

30 **21**

WALLOWA LAKE

Mostly cloudy

44 **29**

THIEF VALLEY RES.

Mostly cloudy

43 **27**

PHILLIPS LAKE

Mostly cloudy

40 **25**

BROWNLEE RES.

Rather cloudy

46 **33**

EMIGRANT ST. PARK

Mostly cloudy

43 **26**

MCKAY RESERVOIR

Mostly cloudy

53 **35**

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK

Mostly cloudy

46 **31**

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