

Everything changes after man reveals a secret he has kept

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my 30s working two jobs to make ends meet after a divorce. A few months ago, I met a nice gentleman who has been understanding about my situation and crazy hours, and we have a pretty stable relationship. Feelings have developed, and we're thinking about getting more serious.

He recently disclosed that he's actually very wealthy. He works full time and has a modest lifestyle, so the news caught me off-guard.

I enjoyed his company before the revelation, and I almost wish he hadn't told me.

Now that his secret is out, he has been going over the top with gifts and offering to pay for things so I won't have to work a second job. Because I have always worked hard and offered to pay for dates, I have declined his offers, and I feel really awkward about accepting the extravagant gifts he insists on giving me. I think it's making him more attracted to me because I'm not like his past girlfriends who tried to take advantage of his wealth.

This may seem like a happy complaint, but I'm starting to have doubts about this relationship because it seems like we live in completely different worlds. I really like him and want this to work out, regardless of his money. Do you think there's a way to salvage this relationship and turn it back to the way things were?

— **DON'T WANT THE GLASS SLIPPERS**

DEAR DON'T: I sure do. Tell the gentleman exactly what you told me, or show him this column and tell him the letter was written by you. In a successful relationship, honest communication is essential. Now that you know more about his financial situation, things will never be the way they were, but by continuing the conversation, the two of you can navigate through this.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a man for three years. When we first met, he bonded very well with my three adult children. They liked him, and he was invited to every occasion.

My ex-husband is gay and is now married to his partner. We have remained friends and have even spent some occasions together. My boyfriend thinks this is totally dysfunctional,

so I agreed that we would not spend occasions together anymore.

About a year ago, he started not wanting to participate in any event with my kids. We argued, and he said some nasty things about them. I was appalled. Had he just pretended to like them? He has had nothing to do with them for months.

My son is getting married next week, and when I told my boyfriend I don't think it's right that he come, he flipped out. Why would a man who didn't want anything to do with my kids expect to be welcomed at their wedding? Am I wrong?

— **PERPLEXED IN FLORIDA**

DEAR PERPLEXED: Your children are not wrong. You are not wrong. The man you have been involved with for three years appears to be determined to isolate you from those to whom you are closest, and it is a big red flag! This isn't a question of right or wrong. It's a question of whether you want to continue a relationship with him and, if so, at what cost.

DEAR ABBY: As I write this, I am shaking with frustration. My dear dad died a week ago. I put an obituary in the paper and online that requested in lieu of flowers to please donate to two specific noncontroversial charities.

I'm sitting here surrounded by nine plants and bouquets of flowers! I'm so upset each time another one is delivered. My house looks like a funeral parlor. I don't have the time to take them to a hospital, so I'm tossing them. I would like to help cure the cancer that claimed my dad. Each plant reminds me of a waste of money.

Please remind people to respect the wishes of the family.

— **GRIEVING DAUGHTER IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR DAUGHTER: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your father. Your desire to contribute to cancer research is understandable considering the circumstances. It's possible that friends and acquaintances who saw his obituary didn't read carefully through it and sent the offerings on impulse. Or perhaps they did both. But your comments have merit, which is why I'm printing them.

California turns to dam's spillway for 1st time since crisis

By Rich Pedroncelli and Olga R. Rodriguez
The Associated Press

OROVILLE, Calif. — An epic winter of rain and snow has refilled California's reservoirs and pressed into service a spillway at the nation's tallest dam Tuesday, a \$1 billion structure that drained excess water for the first time since it crumbled two years ago and drove hundreds of thousands to flee the threat of catastrophic flooding.

Water flowed down the spillway and into the Feather River as storms this week and melting snowpack are expected to swell the lake behind Oroville Dam in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, said Molly White, principal engineer with the California Department of Water Resources.

The spring storms follow a winter that coated the mountains with thick snowpack, which state experts measured Tuesday to determine the outlook for California's water supplies. It was 162% of average after heavy winter rain and snow left the state drought-free for the first time since December 2011.

"We're going from flood to drought and drought to flood with very little normal in between," said Kris Tjernell, deputy director of the water resources department.

The measurement on a snowy day at Phillips Station near Lake Tahoe found a snow depth of 106.5 inches and a snow

water equivalent of 51 inches, which is the depth of water that theoretically would result if the entire snowpack melted instantaneously.

Just four years ago, then-Gov. Jerry Brown found a field at Phillips Station barren of any measurable snow amid a historic drought.

With the increased rain and a snowpack not seen in years, water managers are beginning to discuss how best to manage and operate reservoirs, said John Paasch, chief of the department's hydrology and flood office.

"It's been a great winter, but it's not all fun and games," he said.

Officials opened Oroville Dam's main spillway because of the growing snowpack that will melt into California's waterways and storms expected this week, including one forecast to arrive Thursday, White said.

The original spillway on the 770-foot-high dam, which is 150 miles north-east of San Francisco, was built in the 1960s.

In early 2017, storms drenched the state and the massive spillway broke apart as it carried heavy flows.

Dam operators reduced the flow and allowed water to run down an emergency spillway — essentially a low area on the reservoir's rim — but the flow began eroding the earthen embankment that had never been used. Authori-

ties suddenly had to order an evacuation of nearly 200,000 people living in communities downstream.

The threat of a dam collapse that would unleash a torrent of water did not happen, however, and people were allowed to go home days later.

In January 2018, an independent panel of dam safety experts released a nearly 600-page report that blamed the crisis on "long-term and systemic failures" by California dam managers and regulators to recognize inherent construction and design flaws in the dam.

The new spillway "was designed and constructed using 21st century engineering practices and under the oversight and guidance from state and federal regulators and independent experts," said Joel Ledesma, deputy director of the water resources department's State Water Project.

Repairs have cost \$1.1 billion. California requested about \$639 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the fixes, but the federal government has rejected \$306 million of those reimbursements. U.S. officials say the dam's upper gated spillway was damaged prior to the heavy rain two years ago.

Local water agencies are already paying some of the repair costs, and they would cover anything not paid by the federal government.

weather

	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Mostly cloudy	Showers, mainly later	A touch of rain	A passing shower	Some sun, showers around
Baker City	38	60 42	59 36	57 37	59 36
Comfort Index™	8	7	3	4	6
La Grande	40	57 42	55 38	54 38	58 41
Comfort Index™	5	4	3	1	7
Enterprise	36	54 38	52 36	50 36	54 38
Comfort Index™	5	5	0	3	4

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 Monday	60°	60°	61°
Low Monday	36°	37°	34°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal month to date	0.02	0.05	0.07
Year to date	3.63	4.91	11.72
Normal year to date	2.22	4.28	7.77

MONDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 91° Thermal, Calif.
Low: -3° Antero Reservoir, Colo.
Wettest: 0.67" Eugene, Ore.

OREGON

High: 69° Portland
Low: 26° Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.44" North Bend

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY
Lowest relative humidity 50%
Afternoon wind SSE at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine 0.4
Evapotranspiration 0.08

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)

Phillips Reservoir	17% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	63% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	62% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	91% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	58% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	107% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Monday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	8860 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	220 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	576 cfs
Minam River at Minam	419 cfs
Powder River near Richland	766 cfs

SUN & MOON

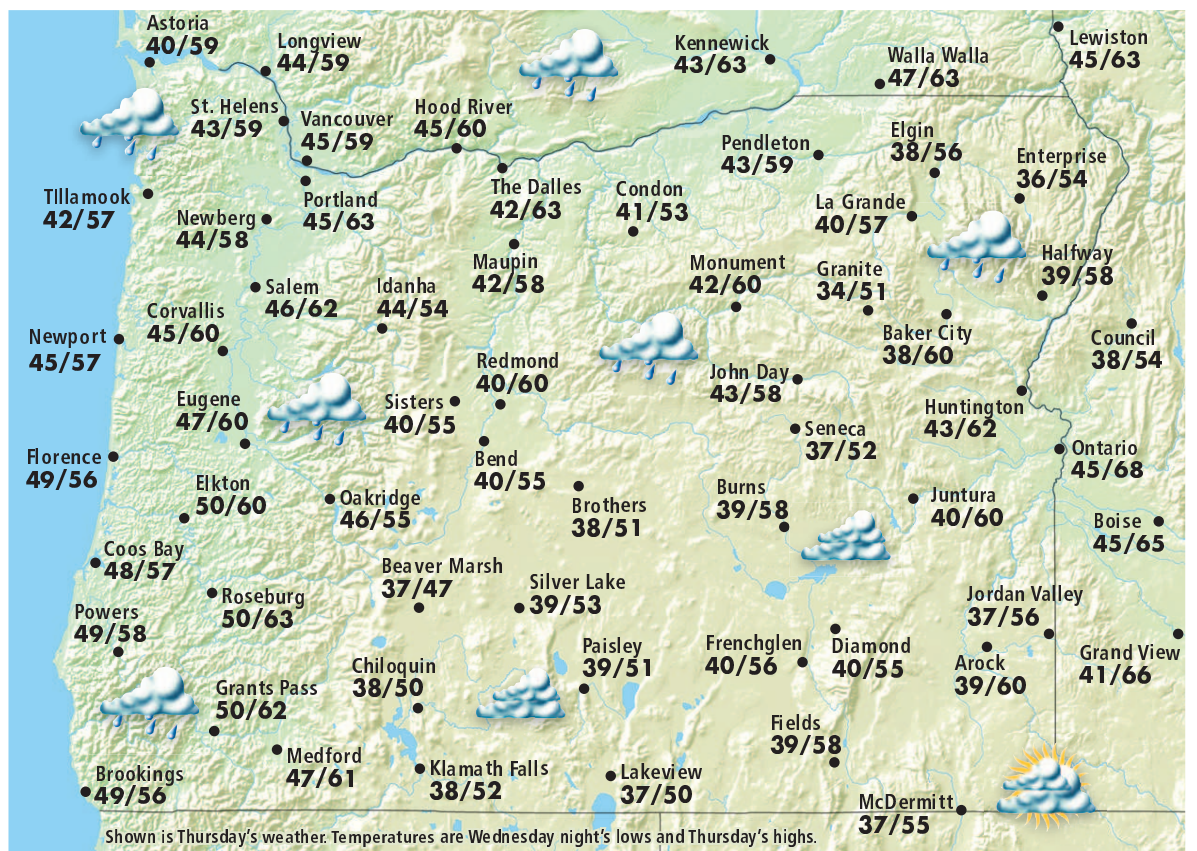
	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	6:30 a.m.	6:28 a.m.
Sunset	7:22 p.m.	7:24 p.m.
Moonrise	6:16 a.m.	6:39 a.m.
Moonset	5:49 p.m.	6:51 p.m.

MOON PHASES

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU.		FRI.		
	Hi/Low	W/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	
Astoria	59/43/sh	55/42/r	Lewiston	63/48/c	65/44/r
Bend	55/39/c	50/36/r	Longview	59/47/sh	55/46/r
Boise	65/48/c	62/43/sh	Mecham	55/41/sh	53/36/r
Brookings	56/46/sh	54/46/r	Medford	61/45/sh	59/42/r
Burns	58/39/c	51/36/r	Newport	57/46/sh	53/45/r
Coos Bay	57/48/sh	54/47/r	Olympia	61/40/sh	56/39/r
Corvallis	60/45/sh	56/45/r	Ontario	68/47/c	66/44/r
Council	54/41/c	52/36/r	Pasco	66/46/c	65/43/r
Elgin	56/41/sh	55/38/r	Pendleton	59/45/sh	59/42/r
Eugene	60/46/sh	56/44/r	Portland	63/48/c	58/47/r
Hermiston	63/45/sh	62/44/r	Powers	58/46/sh	52/45/r
Hood River	60/46/c	55/44/r	Redmond	60/40/c	54/37/r
Imnaha	59/44/c	59/40/r	Roseburg	63/49/sh	61/46/r
John Day	58/42/sh	52/39/r	Salem	62/47/sh	57/46/r
Joseph	54/38/c	51/35/r	Spokane	58/45/c	58/40/r
Kennewick	63/48/c	62/45/r	The Dalles	63/47/c	58/42/r
Klamath Falls	52/37/c	49/34/r	Ukiah	54/39/sh	52/36/r
Lakeview	50/37/c	45/31/r	Walla Walla	63/50/c	62/46/r

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow-f ice

RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

City	THU.	FRI.	City	THU.	FRI.
ANTHONY LAKES	36	25	PHILLIPS LAKE	53	38
Couple of showers			Couple of showers		
MT. EMILY REC.	46	35	BROWNLEE RES.	60	43
Couple of showers			A shower		
EAGLE CAP WILD.	41	30	EMIGRANT ST. PARK	51	38
Couple of showers			Couple of showers		
WALLOWA LAKE	54	38	MCKAY RESERVOIR	59	45
A shower			Couple of showers		
THIEF VALLEY RES.	60	42	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	57	42
Couple of showers			Couple of showers		



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