

Dad signals he may bring girlfriend to guys weekend



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: My father, who has been a widower for 17 years, has been dating a woman on and off for 12 years, a couple years after my brother and I left for college. My brother and I have never cared for her, but we live three hours away from them in opposite directions now. We figure if he's happy, then it's none of our business. I try not to be rude, but I simply do not enjoy spending time with her.

I've been planning an out-of-state sports weekend with my dad and brother. I have been looking forward to it, because with three small kids, I have little time for these kinds of activities. I got us all tickets and hotel rooms, but my brother now has to skip it because of a family medical issue.

Dad has just hinted he may bring his girlfriend to take my brother's spot, because "she's upset and not talking to me because I didn't take her to my brother's son's birthday." I can't imagine a more excruciating weekend.

I told him plainly, "I expected

this to be a 'guys' weekend." But, like always, he was cagey, and I'm terrified he is going to show up with his girlfriend. How can I impress upon him that I don't want her to use my brother's unused ticket because I do not want to spend the weekend with her? — **BAD SPORT IN OREGON**

DEAR BAD SPORT: Is your dad unaware of how you feel about his lady friend? The solution to your problem would be to tell your father that while you are pleased he has found happiness with this woman, you do not enjoy her company, which is why he doesn't see more of you.

While you're at it, tell him what it is about her that you cannot tolerate. Then "remind" him that her presence would change the character of the "guys weekend," and if he plans to bring her, he will spend the weekend alone with her — your treat — because you, too, will change your plans.

DEAR ABBY: In seven months, my 43-year-old son will be married for the second time. Because of his fiancée's problem drinking, I am absolutely against the marriage. I hate the idea of going to the wedding. Should I go anyway, and have the most miserable day of my life? I

doubt that I would be able to hide my sadness. Or should I decline, tell my son I wouldn't be a good guest to have on his happy day and wish them "all the best"? — **HESITATING IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR HESITATING: I will assume that your son is aware of your concerns about his fiancée's drinking. Do not boycott this wedding. If you do, you will create a wedge between you and your daughter-in-law that could last for decades. Plaster on a smile and attend so you can wish them all the best in person. Then cross your fingers that your wish comes true.

There's still a way to reach global goal on climate change

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WASHINGTON — If nations do all that they've promised to fight climate change, the world can still meet one of two internationally agreed upon goals for limiting warming. But the planet is blowing past the other threshold that scientists say will protect Earth more, a new study finds.

The world is potentially on track to keep global warming at, or a shade below, 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit hotter than pre-industrial times, a goal that once seemed out of reach, according to a study published Wednesday, April 13, in the journal Nature.

That will only happen if countries not only fulfill their specific pledged national targets for curbing carbon emissions by 2030, but also come through on more distant promises of reaching net zero carbon emissions by mid-century, the study says.

This 2 degree warmer world still represents what scientists characterize as a profoundly disrupted climate with fiercer storms, higher seas, animal and plant extinctions, disappearing coral, melting ice and more people dying from heat, smog and infectious disease. It's not the goal that world leaders say they really want: 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit since pre-industrial times. The world will blast past that more prominent and promoted goal unless dramatic new emission cuts are promised and achieved this decade and probably within the next three years, study authors said.



Wind turbines produce power during sundown in Emlichheim, Germany, Friday, March 18, 2022. A new study released on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, finds that if the nations of the world live up to their promises, future climate change can be limited to the weaker of two international goals. According to a study, the world is potentially on track to keep global warming at or a shade below 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit hotter than pre-industrial times, a goal that once seemed out of reach.

Both goals of 3.6 degrees and 2.7 degrees are part of the 2015 Paris climate pact and the 2021 Glasgow follow-up agreement. The 3.6-degree goal goes back years earlier.

"For the first time we can possibly keep warming below the symbolic 3.6-degree mark with the promises on the table. That assumes of course that the countries follow through on the promises," said study lead author Malte Meinshausen, a University of Melbourne climate scientist.

That's a big if, outside climate scientists and the authors, say. It means polit-

ical leaders actually doing what they promise.

The study "examines only this optimistic scenario. It does not check whether governments are making efforts to implement their long-term targets and whether they are credible," said Niklas Hohne of Germany, a New Climate Institute scientist who analyzes pledges for Climate Action Tracker and wasn't part of this study. "We know that governments are far from implementing their long-term targets."

Hohne's team and others who track pledges have similarly found that limiting warming to 3.6 degrees is

still possible, as Meinshausen's team has. The difference is that Meinshausen's study is the first to be peer-reviewed and published in a scientific journal.

Sure, the 3.6-degree world requires countries to do what they promise. But cheaper wind and solar have shown carbon emissions cuts can come faster than thought and some countries will exceed their promised cuts, Meinshausen said. He also said the way climate action works is starting with promises and then policies, so it's not unreasonable to take countries at their word.

Mostly, he said, limiting

warming to 3.6 degrees is still a big improvement compared to just five or 10 years ago, when "everybody laughed like 'ha we'll never see targets on the table that bring us closer to 3.6 degrees,'" Meinshausen said. "Targets and implemented policies actually can turn the needle on future temperatures. I think that optimism is important for countries to see. Yes, there is hope."

About 20% to 30% of that hope is due to the Paris climate agreement, but the rest is due to earlier investments by countries that made green energy technologies cheaper than dirty

fossil fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas, Meinshausen said.

Yet, even if that's good news, it's not all good, he said.

"Neither do we have a margin of error (on barely limiting to 3.6 degrees) nor do the pledges put us on a path close to 2.7 degrees," Meinshausen said.

In 2018 the United Nations' scientific expert team studied the differences between the 2.7- and 3.6-degree thresholds and found considerably worse and more extensive damages to Earth at 3.6 degrees of warming. So the world has recently tried to make the 2.7 degrees goal possible.

Earth has already warmed at least (2 degrees Fahrenheit since pre-industrial times, often considered the late 1800s, so 2 degrees of warming really means another 1.6 degrees Fahrenheit hotter than now.

Meinshausen's analysis "looks good and solid, but there are always assumptions that could be important," said Glen Peters, a climate scientist who tracks emissions with Global Carbon Project.

The biggest assumption is that nations somehow get to promised net zero carbon emissions, most of them by 2050 but a decade or two later for China and India, said Peters, research director of the Cicero Center for International Climate Research in Oslo, Norway.

"Making pledges for 2050 is cheap, backing them up with necessary short-term action is hard," he said, noting that for most countries, there will be five or six elections between now and 2050.

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TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Partly cloudy and cold	Mostly cloudy and chilly	Cloudy	A little afternoon rain	A shower in the afternoon
Baker City 22	48 31	56 34	49 28	53 36
Comfort Index™ 0	0	3	1	2
La Grande 24	46 37	54 34	47 33	56 37
Comfort Index™ 0	0	2	0	2
Enterprise 19	46 32	54 32	43 29	51 39
Comfort Index™ 0	3	8	2	7

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	41°	41°	44°
Low Thursday	20°	24°	26°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Thursday	0.09	0.06	0.16
Month to date	0.26	0.34	1.83
Normal month to date	0.37	0.80	1.14
Year to date	0.93	2.72	9.02
Normal year to date	2.43	5.42	9.00

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY

Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 8 to 16 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.2
Evapotranspiration	0.07

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)

Phillips Reservoir	10% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	73% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	43% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	75% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	41% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	97% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	2660 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	5 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	163 cfs
Minam River at Minam	319 cfs
Powder River near Richland	27 cfs

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 92° Cotulla, Texas
 Low: -14° Checkerboard, Mont.
 Wettest: 2.49" Blue Canyon, Calif.

OREGON

High: 55° The Dalles
 Low: 11° Burns
 Wettest: 0.67" Troutdale

WEATHER HISTORY

A late-season snowstorm and cold wave hit the Southeast on April 16, 1849. A 32-degree reading was the latest freezing temperature ever in Wilmington, N.C.

SUN & MOON

	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	6:06 a.m.	6:04 a.m.
Sunset	7:39 p.m.	7:41 p.m.
Moonrise	7:56 p.m.	9:17 p.m.
Moonset	6:17 a.m.	6:40 a.m.

MOON PHASES

	Full	Last	New	First
	Apr 16	Apr 23	Apr 30	May 8

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Shown is Sunday's weather. Temperatures are Saturday night's lows and Sunday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES			
City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W	City
Astoria	55/42/c	51/40/r	Lewiston
Bend	54/36/c	59/30/r	Longview
Boise	52/40/pc	68/40/c	Meacham
Brookings	52/44/pc	52/41/r	Newport
Burns	50/27/c	57/29/c	Medford
Coos Bay	55/44/c	51/41/r	Olympia
Corvallis	56/42/c	52/42/r	Ontario
Council	47/32/pc	59/37/c	Pasco
Elgin	49/33/pc	55/34/c	Pendleton
Eugene	56/42/c	57/41/r	Portland
Hermiston	56/42/c	57/38/c	Powers
Hood River	59/44/c	52/42/r	Redmond
Imnaha	50/37/c	60/37/c	Roseburg
John Day	48/35/c	55/29/c	Salem
Joseph	44/33/pc	51/31/c	Spokane
Kennecook	58/41/pc	55/41/c	The Dalles
Klamath Falls	52/30/pc	54/33/sh	Ukiah
Lakeview	53/26/pc	53/26/c	Walla Walla
			52/39/pc
			57/40/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 SUNDAY			
Location	Forecast	High/Low	Location
ANTHONY LAKES	Cloudy and cold	25 24	PHILLIPS LAKE
MT. EMILY REC.	Cold	34 33	BROWNLEE RES.
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Mostly cloudy	30 25	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
WALLOWA LAKE	Inc. clouds	44 33	MCKAY RESERVOIR
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Cloudy and chilly	48 31	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK