Photo of naked stepsister is no longer a laughing matter

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I don't like my stepsister, and when she stays with us, I'm forced to share a room with her. The last time she was here I got so mad at her I pretended to send a text message on my cell and secretly took a picture of her as she got out of the shower. I knew it was wrong, but it seemed funny at the time.

I sent it to my boyfriend because he doesn't like her either, even though he thinks she has a "hot body." I thought it would be a joke just between us, but he sent it to some of his friends, and now it's making the rounds. Luckily, she goes to a different school, so nobody has recognized her, but I'm scared someone will. I'd give anything to take back what I did. What should I do?

— SCARED STEPSISTER

DEAR SCARED STEPSISTER: You should be scared. What you did was shameful and dangerous. Not only was it an invasion of privacy, it is also a crime — distribution of a pornographic image of a minor. Now that photo is on the internet, you will not be able to take it back.

Pray that no one in your family finds out, or you may be grounded, like, forever, and your boyfriend will be history. If the news does get back to your family, prepare yourself for a punishment like no other.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 20 years and recently had an affair with a woman I'll call "Susan" I care very much about. My marriage was already in the final stages of failure by the time we met.

Over the last two weeks, I stayed at Susan's house on the nights I worked. Two days ago, without telling me, she went to talk to my wife to "get her side of the story." She believed everything my wife said and broke up with me. Susan has now blocked my phone number and told me to leave her alone.

Is it worth trying to reach out to her? Susan knew when I met her that I was married and continued seeing me. I told her the wife and I were separating but living in the same house until the lease ends. She thinks I lied to her, which I never did. I was always honest with her. What do you think happened?

— DUMPED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DUMPED: It appears that your side of the story wasn't enough for Susan. She identified with whatever she was told and accepted it lock, stock and barrel. Because she wasn't mature enough to discuss it with you, she decided to cut and run instead.

Lesson for you: Move out before you start dating again. It's not going to be forever — just until the lease ends.

DEAR ABBY: My desk is situated right outside my boss's office. Her elderly father is in failing health, and while I'm not unsympathetic, each day for 30 to 40 minutes she takes personal phone calls with his daytime caregiver. The calls are always on her speakerphone with her office door wide open. I'm in a cubicle, so I have no door to close. Is there a polite way to encourage her to rectify this?

— NOT DEAF IN SEATTLE

DEAR NOT DEAF: Yes. As tactfully as you can, ask your boss if she would mind if YOU close her door for the duration of those conversations because they distract you from doing your work.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter's significant other fathered her two children and seemed dedicated to his family. He worked hard to support and care for them. Then, almost overnight, it all changed.

My daughter is now a single (unemployed) mom with two little ones under 4. She needs help, and I need advice about how to best help her. It appears they'll need to move in with us (an arrangement that will be stressful for all). Life is a bowl of lemons, and I need a good recipe for lemonade. Help, please!

— READY TO PITCH IN

DEAR READY: This would be my recipe: The first thing you adults should do is remind yourselves that this won't be forever — only until your daughter is able to find a job, get back on her feet and the children are in day care. Repeat it to yourselves out loud when necessary, and it may help you retain your sanity when life becomes stressful.

Next, help your daughter ensure that the children's father continues to provide financially for them. If he is resistant, an attorney may be able to help, and so can government agencies in every state.

And last, give the new additions to your household all the love and understanding you can — which I am sure you are already doing because you seem like a very nice person. This, too, will pass.

Athens fire death toll rising

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RAFINA, Greece — Wildfires raged through seaside resorts near the Greek capital of Athens, torching homes, cars and forests as they killed at least 74 people, authorities said Tuesday.

Twenty-six of the dead were found huddled together in a compound, while a few bodies were recovered from the sea where they had fled to escape the flames and smoke.

Greece endures wildfires every summer but the fires that broke out Monday were the deadliest to hit the country in decades. Fueled by gale-force winds, they trapped hundreds of people on beaches, roads and in homes.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras declared three days of national mourning. There were fears the death toll could rise even further, as there was no definitive count of how many people were missing.

Although the fires had largely abated by Tuesday afternoon, they were far from out.

Hundreds of firefighters aided by water-dropping aircraft were tackling the remaining areas in the two main blazes near the capital. One was northeast of Athens near Rafina, where most of the casualties appeared to have occurred, while the other was about 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of Athens, where some flare-ups were reported Tuesday afternoon.

Four other fires were burning in other parts of the country, including near Corinth and on the island of Crete.

Coast guard boats patrolled the shores near fire-hit areas Tuesday after more than 700 people trapped by quick-moving fires had to be rescued from beaches or the sea, where six of the dead were found. Defense Minister Panos Kammenos said 88 people had been picked up from the sea by a military vessel.

Greek authorities urged the public to contact them if they are looking for loved ones but many people took to social media, posting pictures of those they were looking for and their last known location before the fires hit.

Fire service spokeswoman Stavroula Malliri announced Tuesday afternoon that the death toll had jumped from 50 to 74, with another 164 adults and 23 children injured by the fires. Of the adults, 71 remained hospitalized, 10 of them in serious condition, and 11 of the children were also still hospitalized.

Twenty-six of the dead were found at first light Tuesday huddled together in one compound near the sea in the community of Mati, near the port of Rafina. Red Cross rescuers who found them said they appeared to be families or groups of friends, as they were found hugging in groups of threes and fours.

With the flames whipped up by shifting gale-force winds, many tourists and residents fled toward the coastline. Some swam out to sea, braving rough water and strong currents to escape the ferocious flames and choking smoke.

The speed of the fire's advance took many by surprise.

"It happened very fast. The fire was in the distance, then sparks from the fire reached us. Then the fire was all around us," resident Nikos Stavrinidis, who had gone with his wife to fix up his summer home for a visit by his daughter, told The Associated Press.

Stavrinidis, his wife and four friends swam out into the sea to escape the smoke, but they quickly became disoriented, losing sight of the shore and being swept out further by the wind and currents.

Two of the group didn't survive.

"It is terrible to see the person next to you drowning and not being able to help him," Stavrinidis said, his voice breaking. The remaining survivors were picked up by a fishing boat with an Egyptian crew who jumped into the water to rescue them.

"Everything happened in seconds," said Andreaas Passios, who lives next to the compound in Mati where the 26 bodies were found. "I grabbed a beach towel. It saved my life. I soaked it, grabbed my wife and we ran to the sea."

Passios said he and his wife stayed by the sea for two hours.

"It was unbelievable. Gas canisters were exploding. Burning pine cones were flying everywhere," he said.

When the flames died down, Spyros Hadjiandreou went searching for loved ones.

"My niece and cousin were staying here on holiday. I don't know if they made it out," he said. "I don't know if they are OK. I haven't heard from them."

The two wildfires near Athens broke out in pine forests Monday during the hot, dry summer conditions. Fanned by gale-force winds, the flames spread rapidly into seaside towns.

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	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Clear	Sunny and very warm	Sunny and very warm	Sunshine and very warm	Sunny and hot
Baker City	50	96 51	94 53	93 52	96 55
Comfort Index™	4	4	6	6	4
La Grande	55	96 55	93 54	94 54	97 58
Comfort Index™	4	4	5	5	4
Enterprise	53	92 55	90 54	91 53	93 57
Comfort Index™	4	3	5	4	3

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	100°	98°	95°
Low Tuesday	53°	56°	53°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	Trace	Trace
Normal month to date	0.52	0.56	0.59
Year to date	4.75	10.30	20.78
Normal year to date	6.23	9.90	14.26

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	15%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	13.4
Evapotranspiration	0.30
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	41% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	54% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	54% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	59% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	28% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	61% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	427 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	93 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	107 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	38 cfs
Minam River at Minam	133 cfs
Powder River near Richland	40 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 127° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 36° Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 3.82" Annville, Pa.

OREGON
High: 104° Ontario
Low: 46° Meacham
Wettest: none

WEATHER HISTORY

A 30-minute cloudburst on Pittsburgh's north side on July 26, 1872, caused flash flooding along Butcher's Run and Wood's Run, drowning 133 people.

SUN & MOON

	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	5:29 a.m.	5:30 a.m.
Sunset	8:28 p.m.	8:27 p.m.
Moonrise	7:08 p.m.	7:52 p.m.
Moonset	3:37 a.m.	4:25 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Jul 27	Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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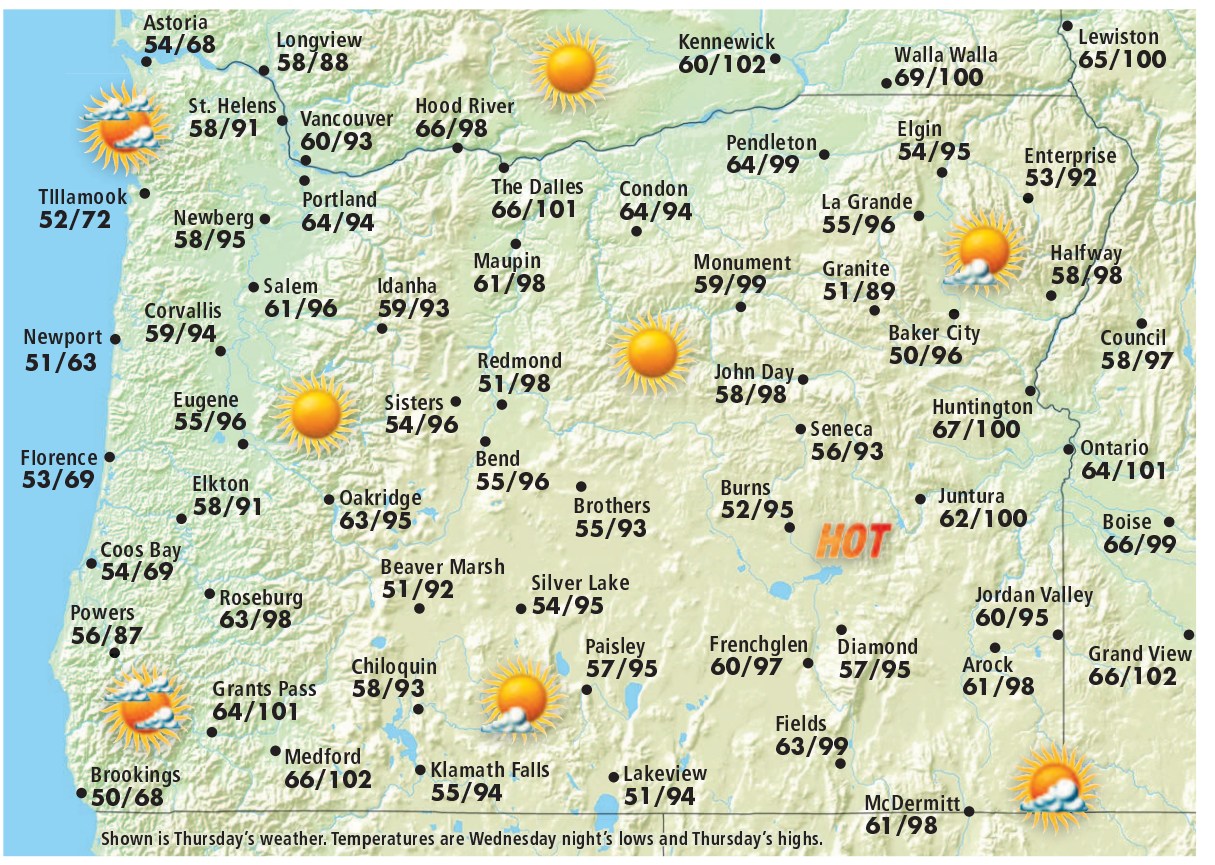

Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Wednesday night's lows and Thursday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU. Hi/Lo/W	FRI. Hi/Lo/W	City	THU. Hi/Lo/W	FRI. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	68/56/pc	67/55/pc	Lewiston	100/66/s	97/66/s
Bend	96/54/s	93/53/s	Longview	88/56/s	86/58/s
Boise	99/65/s	98/63/s	Meacham	93/51/s	91/52/s
Brookings	68/52/pc	69/54/pc	Medford	102/64/s	99/62/s
Burns	95/53/s	92/52/s	Newport	63/52/s	62/51/pc
Coos Bay	69/54/pc	66/54/pc	Olympia	89/51/s	85/54/s
Corvallis	94/54/s	88/55/s	Ontario	101/67/s	100/67/s
Council	97/58/s	95/57/s	Pasco	102/60/s	100/62/s
Elgin	95/54/s	92/56/s	Pendleton	99/66/s	97/65/s
Eugene	96/50/s	90/51/s	Portland	94/61/s	90/64/s
Hermiston	103/68/s	101/67/s	Powers	87/53/s	81/54/pc
Hood River	98/67/s	95/66/s	Redmond	98/50/s	94/51/s
Imnaha	98/62/s	95/62/s	Roseburg	98/59/s	93/58/s
John Day	98/59/s	94/57/s	Salem	96/57/s	92/58/s
Joseph	93/54/s	90/53/s	Spokane	93/65/s	88/62/s
Kennewick	102/64/s	100/62/s	The Dalles	101/67/s	97/68/s
Klamath Falls	94/51/s	91/51/s	Ukiah	93/51/s	90/49/s
Lakeview	94/49/s	93/48/s	Walla Walla	100/69/s	98/70/s

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 sunny
67 44

MT. EMILY REC.
Mostly sunny
81 54

EAGLE CAP WILD.
Mostly sunny
79 44

WALLOWA LAKE
Mostly sunny; hot
92 53

THIEF VALLEY RES.
Mostly sunny; warm
96 50

PHILLIPS LAKE
Mostly sunny; hot
91 52

BROWNLEE RES.
Mostly sunny; hot
99 61

EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Mostly sunny
88 45

MCKAY RESERVOIR
Mostly sunny; hot
98 64

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Mostly sunny; warm
95 55

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