

## Baby in the buff causes grandma concern

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter "Scarlet" has a precious 18-month-old baby girl I'll call Sierra. Scarlet, her husband and the baby spend a lot of time at their beach house, where they have several full-time employees, including a nanny, housekeeper, cook and gardener. These employees have been at the house for years and are practically part of our family. The problem is, my daughter and her husband allow Sierra to walk around the house and beachfront naked throughout the day.

I have told Scarlet on several occasions that I don't feel comfortable with Sierra being exposed like that around the employees. A naked toddler might make them feel awkward, plus a child should be raised to understand that her private parts are just that -- private -- and not for anybody outside of her immediate family to look at.

Additionally, from a sanitary perspective, Sierra sits down on dirty, potentially bacteria-infested places such as kitchen tiles, grass and beach sand, which could cause infections. My daughter calls me old-fashioned and tells me not to worry. What do you think?

— MORE MODEST IN NEVADA

**DEAR MORE MODEST:** I seriously doubt that anyone is going to be embarrassed by the sight of a naked toddler. I know you are well-meaning, and your points may be valid, but frankly, I think you should let your daughter raise her daughter.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 61 and a recent widower. I befriended a new co-worker, a woman who is single and 41. We started going out socially, and I was getting back into life.

I just found out she and my 24-year-old son have been dating for the last four months. Neither one mentioned anything about it to me. They were sneaking behind my back, and she continued to do things with me. When I realized what was going on, I confronted her and told her I felt taken advantage of and deceived. I stopped speaking with her after that.

Am I wrong to feel this way? Her relationship has come between my son and me. And yes, I realize it takes two to tango.

— IT TAKES TWO IN THE EAST

**DEAR IT TAKES TWO:** Your son and your co-worker should have been upfront with you. That neither one shows a lack

of character. However, there is an upside to this. You now realize you are ready to go on living after the death of your wife. Get involved in community activities; go on some dating sites and you will meet someone better suited than your co-worker. What happened with her is yet another unfortunate example of what can go wrong in an office romance.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a quick question.

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How long after a death should you wait to send a sympathy card? I have looked at your mom's and aunt's old columns, Amy Vanderbilt and

Emily Post and cannot find an answer.

— NEEDS TO KNOW IN GEORGIA

**DEAR NEEDS:** The time to send a sympathy card is when you receive the sad news.

**DEAR ABBY:** After 16 years of loyal and dedicated service to my employer, I find myself out of work. Months ago, I needed double knee replacements. I gave him three months' notice about my surgery, planning to return on June 1. It was a one-girl office; I was responsible for all the administrative duties.

When I called my employer, he said, "Sorry. No work," and hung up on me! I am 64 years old and jobless. I haven't written a resume in more than 20 years. How do I start rebuilding my life?

Life is not kind when you are over 50, and I never thought this day would come. I had intended to work until I was 70. I can't think straight, and am hurt beyond words that I was tossed to the curb after being a loyal and dedicated employee all these years. - DEEPLY HURT

**DEAR DEEPLY HURT:** You have my sympathy. For your boss to have kicked you while you were down is disgraceful. Run this scenario by an attorney who specializes in labor issues and ask if you have any recourse. Although you can't think straight right now, I assure you the lawyer will be able to advise you with a dispassionate eye.

And while you are at it, start constructing your resume. Although there may not be a job opening in the field you were working in, surely there is work for someone with a 16-year history of loyal service to one employer and the skills you have acquired and polished along the way.

## Biggest blaze in California history reportedly challenges firefighters

**By Paul Elias**  
The Associated Press

Firefighters struggled against rugged terrain, high winds and an August heat wave Tuesday to slow the spread of the biggest wildfire ever recorded in California, an inferno that exploded to be nearly the size of Los Angeles in just 11 days.

The 450-square-mile blaze, centered near the community of Upper Lake, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of San Francisco, spread fast because of what officials said was a perfect combination of weather, topography and abundant vegetation turned into highly flammable fuel by years of drought.

Firefighting efforts were also initially hampered by stretched resources, said the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, also known as Cal Fire.

When the fire started July 27, thousands of firefighters were hundreds of miles north battling a massive blaze that spread into the city of Redding, destroying more than 1,000 homes, in addition to a dozen other major blazes.

A few days after the Upper Lake fire started, Cal Fire Battalion Chief John Messina told a community meeting that with so many fires already raging in California, "resources are already committed" so officials were forced to prioritize public safety and private property.

"After those two things are addressed then we'll go after the pieces of fire that are in remote areas," Messina said. "Typically, we'd go at all at once. There is just not the resources for that."

The flames were raging in mostly remote areas, and no deaths or serious injuries were reported. But at least 75 homes have been lost, and thousands of people have been forced to flee. The blaze, dubbed the Mendocino Complex, was reported 20 percent contained on Tuesday.

Its rapid growth at the same time firefighters were battling more than a dozen other major blazes around the state fanned fears that 2018 could become the worst wildfire season in California history.

"For whatever reason, fires are burning much more intensely, much more quickly than they were before," said Mark A. Hartwig, president of the California Fire Chiefs Association.

About 3,900 firefighters, including a crew of 40 volunteers from New Zealand, were battling the blaze, contending with temperatures in the high 90s and winds gusting to 25 mph.

The heavily forested area of myriad canyons where the fire is spreading has few roads or natural barriers that can serve as firebreaks or offer safe havens for firefighters to battle the flames head on, Cal Fire Battalion Chief Jonathan Cox said.

So firefighters instead fell back to natural barriers such as streams or used bulldozers to cut fire lines, but the flames were moving so fast in spots that they blew past, forcing firefighters to retreat, Cox said.

"There's no way you're going to stop that fire," said Kyle Coleman, 28, who returned to his childhood home last week to help his father try — in vain, it turned out — to protect it. "A big wall of flames came

over the mountain ... I pretty much got my dad out of there." In all, 14,000 firefighters were battling blazes across California, which is seeing earlier, longer and more destructive wildfire seasons because of drought, warmer weather attributed to climate change, and the building of homes deeper into the forests.

The Mendocino Complex is actually two blazes burning so close together that authorities are attacking them as one, a common practice at Cal Fire. The fires started within an hour of each other about 15 miles (25 kilometers) apart. As of Tuesday, they were separated by just a few miles. Officials have not determined the cause of either one.

In becoming the biggest fire in California history, the Mendocino Complex fire broke a record set just eight months ago. A blaze in Southern California in December killed two people, burned 440 square miles (1,140 square kilometers) and destroyed more than 1,000 buildings.

Crews also gained ground this week against another Northern California wildfire near the city of Redding that was blamed for at least six deaths.

Meanwhile, a blaze burning near Yosemite National Park has been raging for nearly a month but is still just one-third as large as the biggest fire, though dense smoke has closed much of the park to visitors for the past two weeks.

California's firefighting costs have more than tripled from \$242 million in the 2013 fiscal year to \$773 million in the 2018 fiscal year that ended June 30, according to Cal Fire

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	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	A star-studded sky	Very hot with sunshine	Sunny and very hot	Sunny and cooler	Partly sunny and pleasant
Baker City	55	106 55	106 54	85 44	87 46
Comfort Index™	1	1	1	9	7
La Grande	59	107 62	102 56	81 46	86 47
Comfort Index™	2	1	2	10	8
Enterprise	60	103 64	102 57	80 47	84 49
Comfort Index™	2	1	2	10	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 Tuesday	95°	95°	97°
Low Tuesday	47°	48°	48°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal month to date	0.14	0.16	0.13
Year to date	4.75	10.30	20.78
Normal year to date	6.50	10.18	14.50

### TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 121°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 29°	West Yellowstone, Mont.
Wettest: 2.78"	Searcy, Ark.
OREGON	
High: 106°	The Dalles
Low: 42°	Sunriver
Wettest: none	

### WEATHER HISTORY

Thunderstorms roared from Iowa to West Virginia on Aug. 9, 1979. Flash floods at Mason City, Iowa, sent the Winnebago River 2 feet above the flood stage. Waters over 6 feet deep moved through Clarksburg, W.Va.

### SUN & MOON

	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	5:45 a.m.	5:46 a.m.
Sunset	8:11 p.m.	8:09 p.m.
Moonrise	2:30 a.m.	3:32 a.m.
Moonset	6:06 p.m.	7:04 p.m.

### MOON PHASES

	New	First	Full	Last
	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 26	Sep 2

### AGRICULTURAL INFO.

#### HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY

Lowest relative humidity	10%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	13.0
Evapotranspiration	0.30

#### RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)

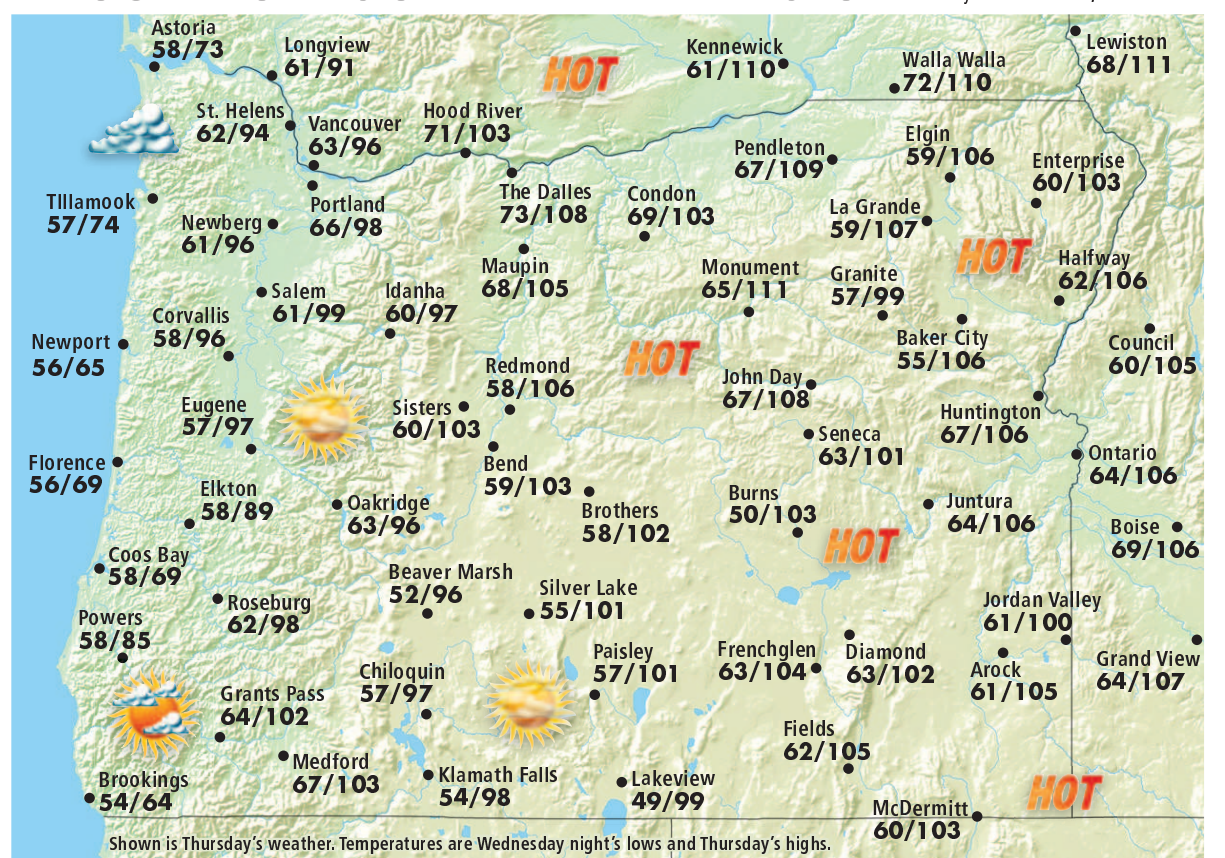
Phillips Reservoir	29% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	41% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	48% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	51% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	20% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	33% of capacity

#### STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	475 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	113 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	109 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	36 cfs
Minam River at Minam	86 cfs
Powder River near Richland	51 cfs

## 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	73/58/c	68/59/c	Lewiston	111/72/s	107/67/s
Bend	103/61/s	93/47/s	Longview	91/58/s	78/61/s
Boise	106/72/s	106/65/s	Meacham	105/59/s	99/53/s
Brookings	64/54/c	64/54/c	Medford	103/67/s	92/58/s
Burns	103/53/s	99/46/s	Newport	65/57/c	65/57/c
Coos Bay	69/58/pc	67/59/c	Olympia	94/55/s	78/57/c
Corvallis	96/57/s	77/57/c	Ontario	106/65/s	105/68/s
Council	105/63/s	104/62/s	Pasco	109/65/s	103/62/s
Elgin	106/62/s	102/58/s	Pendleton	109/70/s	99/62/s
Eugene	97/57/s	79/55/pc	Portland	98/66/s	85/63/s
Hermiston	111/73/s	102/64/s	Powers	85/57/s	76/55/c
Hood River	103/71/s	88/65/pc	Redmond	106/60/s	96/46/s
Imnaha	108/70/s	107/63/s	Roseburg	98/61/s	84/60/s
John Day	108/67/s	102/55/s	Salem	99/60/s	81/60/s
Joseph	103/63/s	102/56/s	Spokane	105/71/pc	101/61/s
Kennewick	110/70/s	106/65/s	The Dalles	108/74/s	93/66/s
Klamath Falls	98/52/pc	89/44/pc	Ukiah	105/56/s	97/50/s
Lakeview	99/48/pc	92/43/pc	Walla Walla	110/77/s	102/65/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

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Mostly sunny	74	47
PHILLIPS LAKE	Very hot	97	58
MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly sunny; warm	89	60
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny; hot	103	64
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Mostly sunny	84	50
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Very hot	97	53
WALLOWA LAKE	Very hot	98	60
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Very hot	106	68
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Very hot	102	55
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Very hot	102	59



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