

# Man insists on reading all of wife's personal messages

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been together for 20 years. I have never cheated on him or given him any reason to believe I have. But he is constantly on my Facebook account. He also reads all my emails and text messages.

I have nothing to hide, but I feel foolish standing by him as he reads my messages. I feel like a student in a principal's office waiting to be reprimanded for something I did wrong or said.

If he doesn't read my personal messages when I am up, he waits for me to go to sleep and reads everything. I have not answered messages that friends have sent me because he reads them, deletes them and then doesn't tell me I got a message.

He gets mad at me if I tell him I don't want him looking through my messages because he says I must be hiding something. I have changed passwords only for him to demand that I give them to him. His actions are making me extremely stressed. Is this normal behavior?

— STRESSED SOMEWHERE IN THE USA

**DEAR STRESSED:** NO, IT IS NOT NORMAL, and it's no wonder that you are extremely stressed. Your husband's behavior is extremely controlling, and it is a reflection of the extent of his insecurity.

Your situation is unhealthy, to put it mildly. Has this sort of thing been going on for the last 20 years? If not, it could be a precursor to domestic violence. For your own sake, talk to someone at the National Domestic Violence Hotline about what is going on. Its toll-free number is 800-799-7233. The website is thehotline.org.

**DEAR ABBY:** I just started my first full-time job, and my boss is amazing but a bit over-protective. Last week, our marketing director, "Amy," reached out and asked me to organize an envelope-stuffing for invitations to an event my department is hosting. This event was not organized by my department. It was being handled by the marketing and membership teams.

My boss thought it was unreasonable for me to have to do that. I didn't mind, nor did I complain, but my boss was upset and confronted Amy about it. Amy apologized and helped me send out the invites, but since then she has been cool to me. It feels like others in the office have also withdrawn somewhat (although I suppose

I could just be imagining this).

I really wish my boss hadn't said anything. On one hand, I appreciate her standing up for me, but I don't want my co-workers to think I'm lazy or a complainer, especially because I'm new here and at the bottom of the totem pole in the office. Should I just let it blow over? Should I say something? Any advice would be welcome.

— NOT A COMPLAINER

**DEAR NOT A COMPLAINER:** Your boss may have stepped in because there were tasks she wanted you to spend your time doing that are more important to her than stuffing envelopes.

Tell Amy privately that you were glad to help with the invitations, and you never complained to anyone about having been asked to do it. It may clear the air. Then have a talk with your boss about chain-of-command rules, including whether you must get an OK from her before helping out other departments.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother-in-law has a key to my house. I didn't give it to her. We left a key under the mat one day so she could get in to pick up something because I wasn't going to be home when she arrived. I asked my husband to get the key back, but he is uncomfortable asking.

She and my father-in-law have been in our house twice more in our absence. We were out of town, and we were shocked to hear they had entered our home without asking. It was almost sneaky the way they did it, and when I talked to my husband about it, he was upset as well and took his anger out on me. It ruined our day traveling. We didn't speak the entire two-hour trip back home.

I asked my mother-in-law via text to please let us know when she was entering the house due to privacy and that I was not trying to hurt her feelings. She's now upset with me and says she doesn't know when she will visit us again. I am tired of being the second fiddle to her. Am I over-reacting? It seems I can't win with this!

— KEYED UP IN ALABAMA

**DEAR KEYED UP:** This is not a matter of playing second fiddle or any other instrument. Your husband should ask his mother for the key back. By doing this now, it will establish your independence. If he can't find the courage to insist upon the privacy you both deserve, change the locks.

# Fighting fire with fire underused in U.S. West

By Brian Melley  
The Associated Press

**KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK, California** — The thick scent of smoke hung in the midday air when a trail along the Kings River opened up to an ominous scene: flames in the trees and thick gray smoke shrouding canyon walls.

Firefighters were on the job. In fact, they had started the blaze that chewed through thick ferns, blackened downed trees and charred the forest floor. The prescribed burn — a low-intensity, closely managed fire — was intended to clear out undergrowth and protect the heart of Kings Canyon National Park from future wildfires that are growing larger and more frequent amid climate change.

The tactic is considered one of the best ways to prevent the kind of catastrophic destruction that has become common from wildfires, but its use falls woefully short of goals in the U.S. West. A study published in the journal *Fire* in April found prescribed burns on federal land in the last 20 years across the West has stayed level or fallen despite calls for more.

Prescribed fires are credited with making forests healthier and stopping or slowing the advance of some blazes. Despite those successes, there are plenty of reasons they aren't set as often as officials would like, ranging from poor conditions to safely burn to bureaucratic snags and public opposition.

After a wildfire last year largely leveled the city of Paradise and killed 86 people, the state prioritized 35 brush and other vegetation-reduction projects that could all involve some use of intentional fire, said Mike Mohler, deputy director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Despite the push for more burns, there are disastrous reminders of prescribed fires blowing out of control — such as a 2012 Colorado burn that killed three people and damaged or destroyed more than two dozen homes.

Overcoming public fears by teaching about "good smoke, bad smoke, out-of-control fire and prescribed fire" is just one hurdle before firefighters can put match to kindling, Mohler said.

"It's the difference between fire under our terms and fighting fire on Mother Nature's terms," he said.

It can take years to plan and clear federal, state and local environmental and air pollution regulations. A burn among giant sequoias once took 13 years to accomplish, said Michael Theune, a spokesman for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

In the American West, where the landscape is steep and downed trees, brush and other fuels have built up over decades of fire suppression, the so-called burn window can be short because of hot, dry conditions.

Relaxing environmental restrictions has cleared the way for more prescribed fires in some cases.

Oregon recently changed air quality rules for planned fires to strike a balance between smoky winter skies and bad summer blazes. California proclaimed a state of emergency to allow it to fast-track brush clearing.

Most states and federal agencies in the U.S. West have ambitious goals they don't achieve, said Crystal Kolden, a University of Idaho forest and fire science professor whose study concluded that not enough prescribed fires are being done in the region.

"They know they need to be doing more prescribed fire, they want to be doing more prescribed fire," Kolden said. "They are simply unable to accomplish that."

Opponents cite the threat to wildlife and release of greenhouse gases. In California, some environmentalists opposed intentional burns because they can destroy natural drought-tolerant shrubs and replace them with flammable invasive weeds and grasses.

Rick Halsey of the California Chaparral Institute said reintroducing fire through prescribed burns is appropriate in the Sierra Nevada, where more frequent lightning-sparked fires and blazes historically set by Native Americans are believed to improve forests by clearing brush to allow taller trees to thrive and opening sequoia seed pods so they can reproduce.

But Halsey said prescribed fires don't help much of the rest of the state. The fire that tore through Paradise showed how ineffective clearing underbrush can be — it roared across seven miles that had burned just 10 years earlier.

# weather

TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
A moonlit sky	Sunshine and pleasant	Partly sunny and nice	Clouds and sun, a t-storm	A thunderstorm possible
Baker City <b>42</b> Comfort Index™ <b>9</b>	<b>87 48</b> 6	<b>86 48</b> 8	<b>80 47</b> 8	<b>76 46</b> 10
La Grande <b>50</b> Comfort Index™ <b>9</b>	<b>84 55</b> 8	<b>83 55</b> 9	<b>78 51</b> 8	<b>73 50</b> 9
Enterprise <b>47</b> Comfort Index™ <b>10</b>	<b>81 52</b> 9	<b>81 52</b> 9	<b>75 49</b> 9	<b>69 46</b> 10

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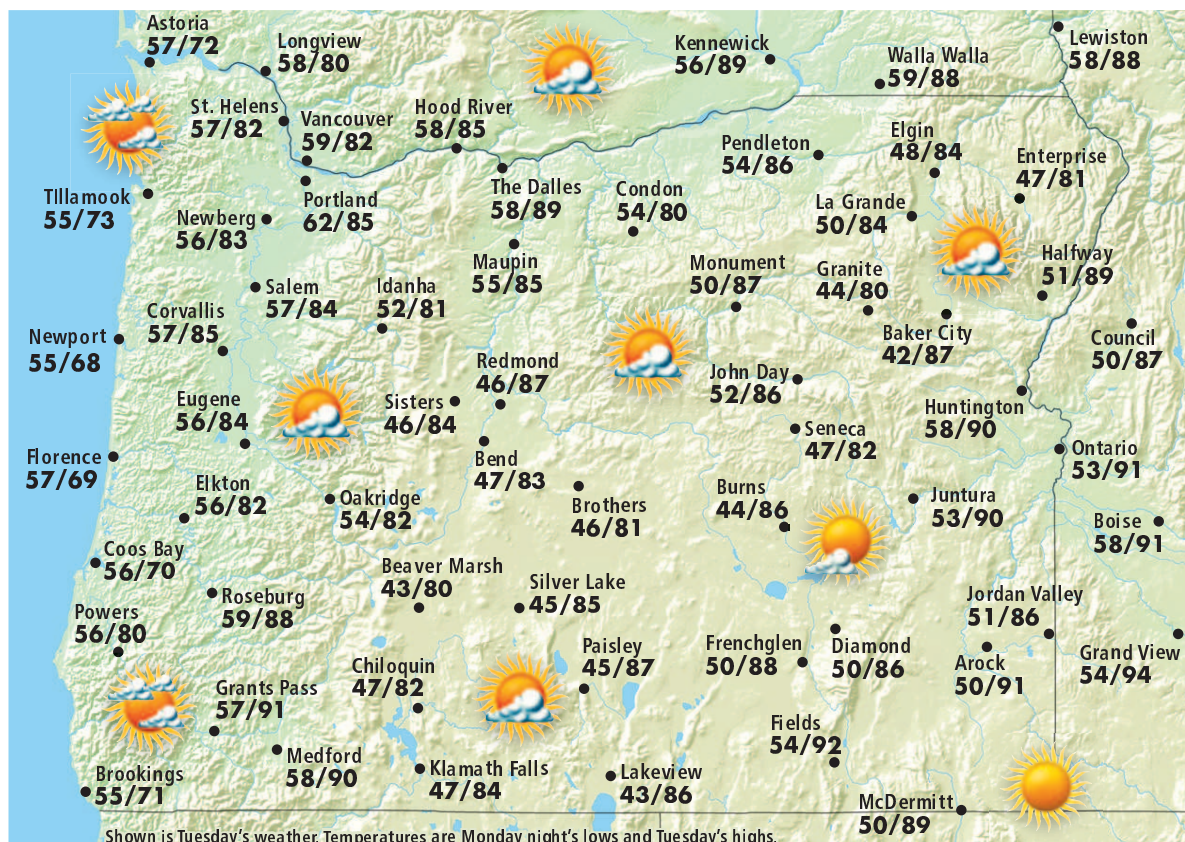
ALMANAC	SATURDAY EXTREMES		
<b>TEMPERATURES</b>	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Saturday	77°	72°	80°
Low Saturday	47°	49°	51°
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)			
Saturday	0.19	0.01	0.07
Month to date	0.19	0.45	0.14
Normal month to date	0.20	0.24	0.19
Year to date	6.27	11.26	20.54
Normal year to date	6.56	10.26	14.56

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY		
Lowest relative humidity	25%		
Afternoon wind	NNE at 4 to 8 mph		
Hours of sunshine	10.6		
Evapotranspiration	0.24		

RESERVOIR STORAGE	SUN & MOON		
Phillips Reservoir	44% of capacity		
Unity Reservoir	54% of capacity		
Owyhee Reservoir	82% of capacity		
McKay Reservoir	65% of capacity		
Wallowa Lake	56% of capacity		
Thief Valley Reservoir	42% of capacity		

STREAM FLOWS	MOON PHASES		
Grande Ronde at Troy	736 cfs		
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	100 cfs		
Burnt River near Unity	123 cfs		
Umatilla River near Gibbon	32 cfs		
Minam River at Minam	159 cfs		
Powder River near Richland	28 cfs		

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES				RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY			
City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	72/58/pc	70/57/pc	Lewiston	88/61/s	90/62/pc	Anthony Lakes	60 42
Bend	83/50/s	83/50/pc	Longview	80/56/s	78/55/pc	Phillips Lake	82 48
Boise	91/60/s	93/62/pc	Meacham	81/50/s	80/52/pc	Brownlee Res.	88 57
Brookings	71/58/pc	76/58/pc	Medford	90/58/s	92/59/s	Emigrant St. Park	76 44
Burns	86/48/s	87/48/pc	Newport	68/54/pc	68/55/pc	McKay Reservoir	85 59
Coos Bay	70/56/pc	70/56/pc	Olympia	81/54/s	77/53/pc	Red Bridge St. Park	84 55
Corvallis	85/57/s	84/56/pc	Ontario	91/61/s	93/62/pc		
Council	87/53/s	89/54/pc	Pasco	90/58/s	90/58/pc		
Elgin	84/53/s	83/53/pc	Pendleton	86/60/s	86/61/pc		
Eugene	84/57/s	86/56/pc	Portland	85/62/s	83/60/pc		
Hermiston	89/62/s	89/62/pc	Powers	80/56/pc	80/56/pc		
Hood River	85/61/s	83/60/pc	Redmond	87/47/s	87/52/pc		
Imnaha	87/56/s	87/59/pc	Roseburg	88/60/s	89/60/pc		
John Day	86/53/s	85/55/pc	Salem	84/57/s	83/56/pc		
Joseph	81/51/s	81/51/pc	Spokane	81/58/s	82/59/pc		
Kennewick	89/59/s	90/60/pc	The Dalles	89/61/s	86/61/pc		
Klamath Falls	84/48/s	85/48/s	Ukiah	80/47/s	80/47/pc		
Lakeview	86/46/s	87/49/pc	Walla Walla	88/62/s	87/64/pc		

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