

'New' father insists baby girl be kept a secret



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: My fiancé, "Nathan," and I met in college 12 years ago. At the time, he was helping to raise a child he thought was his. He was crazy about his son, "Joey." Everywhere we went, he would show him off, post pictures of them together on social media and talk about Joey nonstop.

When Joey turned 9, Joey's mother finally told Nathan that Joey was not his son. When a DNA test proved it was true, the stuff hit the fan. Not only had the mom known from the begin-

ning that Joey wasn't Nathan's, it turned out so did his family and all his friends. It took a while for Nathan to overcome the shock. Once he did, he decided he wanted to start a family. He proposed to me, and we welcomed our baby girl. (I never cheated on him, but to avoid any doubts he might have, once she arrived, we did a DNA test.) Nathan has her spoiled rotten.

The problem is, he acts very peculiar where she is concerned. Before she was born, he wanted few people to know we were expecting. He said it was because he didn't want to get everybody's hopes up in case anything went wrong, which was understandable. Now our baby is 3 months old, and he's still

keeping her a secret.

He doesn't want to take family pictures and doesn't post her on social media like he did with Joey. He has asked his family and friends and even me not to tell anyone about the baby, and he gets mad if we do. When I asked why he's acting this way, he said it's because our child is "nobody's business."

I love Nathan, and I understand that he was hurt once, but I'm starting to wonder. Is my fiancé ashamed of our child? — **Can't Figure It Out**

Dear Can't: I don't think Nathan is ashamed of his daughter. He may be being overly careful about news of his baby girl because he was so badly burned. He went overboard

posting pictures and talking non-stop about his "son"; this time he has gone overboard in the opposite direction. Could this have anything to do with a fear that Nathan's ex will find out he has another child? You won't know unless you ask him. Between you and me, unless you're willing to go along with this secrecy business — which I don't think is healthy — your fiancé should be urged to consult a licensed psychotherapist who can help him regain his balance.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married for 13 years. He is a kind of optimist. After a night of arguing and distancing, the next day he acts as though nothing has happened. He texts me from work, "Hey Babe! Good

morning. I love you." Our arguments are not screaming matches but little spats that bother me a lot. Am I just a nagging wife? — **Fighting Mad in New York**

Dear Fighting Mad: Not necessarily. Your husband may get past these fights faster and more completely than you do. However, if his way of dealing with unresolved issues is to pretend they don't exist, I can understand your frustration. If this happens often, a text the next morning isn't going to improve the situation. Your communication problem won't improve until you both agree to talk about this with a marriage and family therapist. If he is not willing to do that, you might find a few sessions for yourself helpful.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

'Modern Family' star, sister help injured woman

The Associated Press

MOAB, Utah — A woman who fainted and hit her head on a rock after stopping to rest in Utah's Arches National Park woke up to hear a familiar voice and wondered if she might be watching television.

Minnie John of Oradell, New Jersey, then questioned whether she might know the woman who was with the doctor helping her, or if she was famous, according to a post on Facebook.

"Her sister the doctor asked me to guess and I told her I just hit my head, I can't remember. She said smiling 'Modern Family' and I said of course!" John recounted about how she finally recognized Julie Bowen from her role on the long-running comedy series.

In her Aug. 3 post, John said she had been on a "bucket list" trip to Arches and hiking to see Delicate Arch, a four-story sandstone arch perched on the rim of a deep red rock canyon, for an hour and a



Shaji John via The Associated Press

Minnie John, center, poses with actress Julie Bowen, right, and Bowen's sister, Dr. Annie Luetkemeyer, left, after the pair cared for her after she fainted and hit her head on a rock while stopping to rest in Arches National Park, Utah, on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021.

half when she could not go any farther. She told her husband and son to go ahead as she rested along the trail, her head in her hands.

Julie Bowen and her sister, Annie, told her that their guide had seen her fall face forward on a rock, with her glasses breaking her fall, she said. They cleaned her up and gave her electrolytes as Julie

Bowen assured her she was going to be OK, John said. They used her phone to call her son and some people selflessly ran ahead to find him, about 20 minutes ahead, to let them know what had happened, John said.

John said she fractured her nose and received five stitches later at the hospital. She expressed gratitude to God for sending

people to help her.

"Daredevil or dumb as can be, I still consider this trek up the mountain as one of my proudest achievements in my life. Sometimes you need to take those chances in life to live to experience heights and depths," she wrote.

Loud pickleball games annoy some in Michigan

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich. — Some residents in a northern Michigan community are complaining about noise during summer nights.

Rowdy teens? No. Adults playing pickleball.

Iron Mountain in the Upper Peninsula won't restrict pickleball hours at four courts. City Manager Jordan Stanchina had suggested ending games at 6 p.m., but 20 players attended a recent council meeting to object, The Daily News reported.

Roxanne Hudson, who lives next to the courts, said she and her husband "just want to move."

Noise from the paddles and plastic balls goes on "hour after hour" and "just drives you nuts," Hudson told the council.

Pickleball is played on courts that resemble tennis courts but are much smaller. That's part of the appeal.

"We'll try to mitigate (the noise) somehow," Mayor Dale Alessandrini said.

Scott McLure, speaking on behalf of players, said they might try quieter paddles. A 6 p.m. curfew isn't favored because it wouldn't give people time to play after work.

"Every recreational activity has noise," council member Bill Revord said.

Zoo's newborn giraffe stands 6 feet tall

MENDON, Mass. — The Southwick Zoo's newest addition is a pretty big baby.

Dolly the giraffe was born two weeks ago, and at 6 feet tall and 150 pounds, she's the largest of her species ever to be born in the history of the Mendon zoo.

The zoo says Dolly is being fed with a bottle because her mother was unable to produce her own milk. She made her public debut during Earth Awareness Day festivities on Saturday.

Bear cub strolls aisles at California market

LOS ANGELES — Shoppers were startled last weekend to see a bear cub browsing the offerings at a Los Angeles supermarket.

Video aired by CBS 2 shows the small bear strolling the aisles on Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Ralphs store in the Porter Ranch area of the San Fernando Valley.

After sniffing around inside, the bear eventually walked out the front doors.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife found the 120-pound animal hiding under a trailer at a construction site behind a nearby Walmart.

The bear was tranquilized and released into the Angeles National Forest, the department said.

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	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Weather	Clear and mild	Sunshine and very hot	Mostly sunny and very hot	Partly sunny and warm	Mostly sunny; not as hot
Baker City	56	97 57	97 58	92 53	82 46
La Grande	61	98 65	99 67	92 63	82 55
Enterprise	57	95 63	96 65	90 60	83 55
Comfort Index™	3	4	3	6	9

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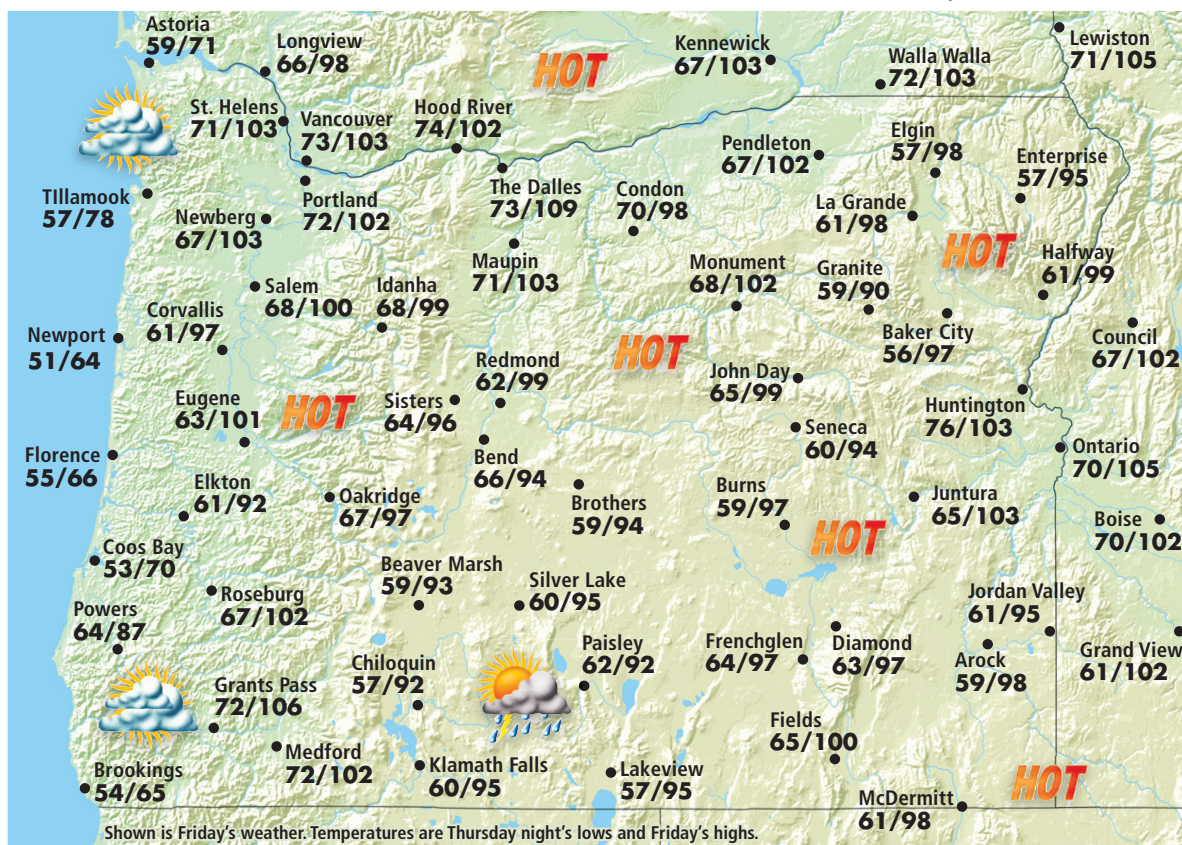
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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	88°	92°	94°
Low Tuesday	39°	45°	44°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.47	0.21	0.30
Normal month to date	0.14	0.20	0.20
Year to date	2.93	6.33	15.67
Normal year to date	6.13	10.86	15.43

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	20%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	10.3
Evapotranspiration	0.29
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	2% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	36% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	23% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	53% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	6% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	2% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	462 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	78 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	99 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	40 cfs
Minam River at Minam	85 cfs
Powder River near Richland	35 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES		
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)		
High: 120°	Death Valley, Calif.	
Low: 26°	Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.	
Wettest: 2.55"	South Bend, Ind.	
OREGON		
High: 101°	The Dalles	
Low: 37°	Meacham	
Wettest: none		
WEATHER HISTORY		
The temperature reached 90 degrees for the 19th consecutive day in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 12, 1980. This broke the record of 18 straight days of 90 or higher, set in 1872.		
SUN & MOON		
	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	5:50 a.m.	5:51 a.m.
Sunset	8:04 p.m.	8:03 p.m.
Moonrise	10:23 a.m.	11:37 a.m.
Moonset	10:24 p.m.	10:47 p.m.
MOON PHASES		
First	Full	Last
Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29
		New
		Sep 6

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES	
City	FRI. SAT.
HI/LO/W	HI/LO/W
Astoria	71/57/c 69/59/c
Bend	94/65/s 96/66/pc
Boise	102/71/s 102/71/s
Brookings	65/54/pc 66/54/pc
Burns	97/59/t 98/61/s
Coos Bay	70/56/pc 73/59/pc
Corvallis	97/60/pc 89/61/pc
Council	102/64/s 103/65/s
Elgin	98/60/s 98/68/s
Eugene	101/63/pc 92/61/pc
Hermiston	105/68/s 108/81/pc
Hood River	102/74/pc 100/72/pc
Imnaha	101/65/s 98/64/s
John Day	99/64/s 94/63/s
Joseph	93/64/t 94/65/s
Kennewick	103/69/s 107/80/s
Klamath Falls	95/58/t 90/56/pc
Lakeview	95/53/t 92/54/pc
Lewiston	105/73/s 104/74/s
Longview	98/63/pc 89/62/pc
Meacham	98/61/s 99/66/s
Medford	102/72/pc 98/69/s
Newport	64/52/c 64/54/c
Olympia	97/59/s 88/60/pc
Ontario	105/68/s 105/71/s
Pasco	105/67/s 104/76/s
Pendleton	102/73/s 104/78/s
Portland	102/68/pc 93/67/s
Powers	87/65/pc 83/60/c
Redmond	99/61/s 96/62/pc
Roseburg	102/67/pc 96/63/s
Salem	100/65/pc 93/64/pc
Spokane	97/70/s 99/72/pc
The Dalles	109/76/s 103/73/s
Ukiah	94/58/s 96/62/s
Walla Walla	103/77/s 104/77/s

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY	
ANTHONY LAKES	A t-storm around
70 53	
MT. EMILY REC.	A t-storm around
84 63	
EAGLE CAP WILD.	A t-storm around
79 55	
WALLOWA LAKE	A t-storm around
93 64	
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Very hot
97 57	
PHILLIPS LAKE	A t-storm around
90 58	
BROWNLEE RES.	Sunny and hot
101 66	
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	A t-storm around
91 52	
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Sunshine; very hot
101 72	
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Sunshine; very hot
98 65	