

Friends add to woman's grief by not being there for her

DEAR ABBY: I'm a retired woman living in a condo complex that houses mostly seniors. During the eight years I have lived here, I've always participated in several monthly social events, and have served on the condo association board. I know most of the other residents and count many of them as friends.

A couple of years ago, my dad moved in with me so I could care for him. The early evening he passed away, there were many emergency vehicles. Shockingly, not one of my neighbors came over. The police wouldn't leave me alone, and it took a while for another relative to get here. The next day, a neighborhood representative called to ask me what had happened.

Am I right in feeling hurt that my friends didn't care enough to check on things right away? They knew my situation. — **HURT IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR HURT: The reason many people would stay away from a scene like you describe might be that, because a lot was going on, they didn't want to intrude. Before jumping to conclusions about why your friends didn't contact you immediately, ASK them why they didn't and give them an opportunity to explain.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for seven years. It's the second marriage for both of us, and I'm getting ready to retire.

I do our laundry. She works very hard in her profession, and I do it because I enjoy the feeling of a job well done and doing something nice for her. However, my wife refuses, in spite of my repeatedly asking, to turn her clothes right-side out before putting them in the laundry basket. It takes me at least 30 minutes every wash day to correct her clothes before washing.

This is an ongoing annoyance. Her response usually is, "If you don't like it, don't do my laundry!" Am I asking too much? Is her habit so ingrained that she can't change it? — **HUSBAND IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM**

DEAR HUSBAND: Many people wash their clothes inside out because they think

it gets the garment cleaner or they're afraid that washing the items right-side out will cause fading. Between you and me, I think your wife's suggestion is a good one. Let her wash her own clothes for a while, and you may find she becomes more cooperative.

DEAR ABBY: My nieces send me pictures of their children on every occasion. I love them, but I don't understand why they think I want prints. I'd rather view them online. Is there a way I can tell them without damaging our relationship, or must I continue

to keep my mouth shut and throw the photos into an ever-growing pile? — **AUNTIE-PIC**

DEAR AUNTIE-PIC: It should offend no one if you "suggest" that you would love to view these lovely photos online rather than have your nieces "go to the expense" of printing and mailing them to you. Then cross your fingers and pray they take the hint.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife took my 8-year-old son to a gay pride parade last week. She snapped a picture of him holding a rainbow flag and posted it to social media.

I don't feel comfortable with my son attending gay pride parades. I think he's too young to be exposed to this kind of thing. I'm not concerned about him being gay, that's not the issue. Some attendees of these parades can be sexually provocative.

I want my son to be a kid and have a happy childhood. What's a good way to talk to his mother about this? — **HAPPY CHILDHOOD IN THE EAST**

DEAR HAPPY: Children exposed to adult activities should be prepared beforehand. Of course, much depends on the maturity level of the child.

The police usually keep a close watch on these gatherings to ensure public safety. Children younger than 8 have attended these parades with their parents or other loved ones with no unpleasant aftereffects. If anything obscene had happened at the event your ex-wife took the boy to, you would have heard about it. Feeling as you do, you should absolutely raise this subject with your ex — if only so she can reassure you.



DEAR ABBY

Fire forces towns to evacuate

By **Jonathan J. Cooper and Amanda Lee Myers**
The Associated Press

An explosive wildfire tore through two small Northern California communities before reaching the city of Redding, killing a bulldozer operator on the fire lines, burning three firefighters, destroying dozens of homes and forcing thousands of terrified residents to flee.

Flames swept through the communities of Shasta and Keswick before jumping the Sacramento River on Thursday and reaching Redding, a city of about 92,000 people and the largest in the region.

The so-called Carr Fire is "taking down everything in its path," said Scott McLean, a CalFire spokesman for the crews battling the blaze.

Residents in the western part of Redding who hadn't been under evacuation orders were caught off guard and had to flee with little notice, causing miles-long traffic jams as flames turned the skies orange.

"When it hit, people were really scrambling," McLean said. "There was not much of a warning."

Many firefighters turned their focus from the flames to getting people out alive.

"Really we're in a life-saving mode right now in Redding," said Jonathan Cox, battalion chief with Cal Fire. "We're not fighting a fire."

We're trying to move people out of the path of it because it is now deadly and it is now moving at speeds and in ways we have not seen before in this area."

Some residents drove to hotels or the homes of family members in safer parts of California, while other evacuees poured into a shelter just

outside of town.

A reporter with KRCR-TV choked up as she reported live updates about the fire before the station had to go off the air later. Two news anchors told viewers that the building was being evacuated and urged residents to "be safe."

Journalists at the Record Searchlight newspaper tweeted about continuing to report on the fire without electricity in their newsroom, and a reporter at KHSL-TV wrote on Twitter that the station's Redding reporters were "running home to gather their things."

Mike Mangas, a spokesman at Mercy Medical Center, said the hospital was evacuating five babies in its neonatal intensive care unit, which cares for premature newborns, and taking them to medical facilities outside of the area.

He said the hospital was preparing high-risk patients to be evacuated but there were no immediate plans to do so.

He said several burn patients were admitted to the emergency room but that most were being treated and released.

Late Thursday, crews found the body of a bulldozer operator who was hired privately to clear vegetation in the blaze's path, McLean said.

The fire burned over the operator and his equipment, making the man the second bulldozer operator killed in a California blaze in less than two weeks.

Three firefighters and an unknown number of civilians had burns, but the extent of their injuries wasn't immediately known, McLean said.

"It's just chaotic. It's wild," he said. "There's a lot of fire, a lot of structures burning."

Firefighters tried in vain to build containment around the blaze Thursday but flames kept jumping their lines, he said.

"It's just a heck of a fight," he said. "They're doing what they can do and they get pushed out in a lot of cases. We're fighting the fight right now."

He said the fire behavior was so erratic, there were tornadoes within the fire "tossing around equipment, blowing windows out of Cal Fire pickup trucks."

The 45-square-mile fire that began Monday tripled in size overnight Thursday amid scorching temperatures, low humidity and windy conditions. It was sparked by a mechanical issue involving a vehicle, Cal Fire said.

Brett Gouvea, incident commander of the crews battling the fire, urged residents to pay close attention to the blaze.

"This fire is extremely dangerous and moving with no regard for what's in its path," he said.

Earlier in the day with flames exploding around Whiskeytown Lake, an effort to save boats at a marina by untying them from moorings and pushing them to safety, wasn't swift enough to spare them all.

Dozens of charred, twisted and melted boats were among the losses at Oak Bottom Marina.

Wildfires throughout the state have burned through tinder-dry brush and forest, forced thousands to evacuate homes and caused campers to pack up their tents at the height of summer. Gov. Jerry Brown declared states of emergency for the three largest fires, which will authorize the state to rally resources to local governments.

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	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	Clear and moonlit	Sunny and very warm	Sunny and very warm	Mostly sunny and very hot	Partly sunny and very hot
Baker City	50	95	50	99	56
Comfort Index™	4	4	4	2	2
La Grande	55	94	55	100	58
Comfort Index™	5	5	4	2	1
Enterprise	54	91	55	97	58
Comfort Index™	5	5	4	2	2

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	98°	97°	95°
Low Thursday	47°	48°	48°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	Trace	Trace
Normal month to date	0.56	0.59	0.62
Year to date	4.75	10.30	20.78
Normal year to date	6.27	9.93	14.29

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 127°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 32°	Wisdom, Mont.
Wettest: 2.34"	Frenchville, Maine
OREGON	
High: 103°	Medford
Low: 43°	Meacham
Wettest: none	

WEATHER HISTORY

A severe storm with hail of up to 1.5 inches in diameter occurred in Arizona on July 28, 1952. The hail shattered windows, damaged roofs and stripped leaves off trees near the town of Benson.

SUN & MOON

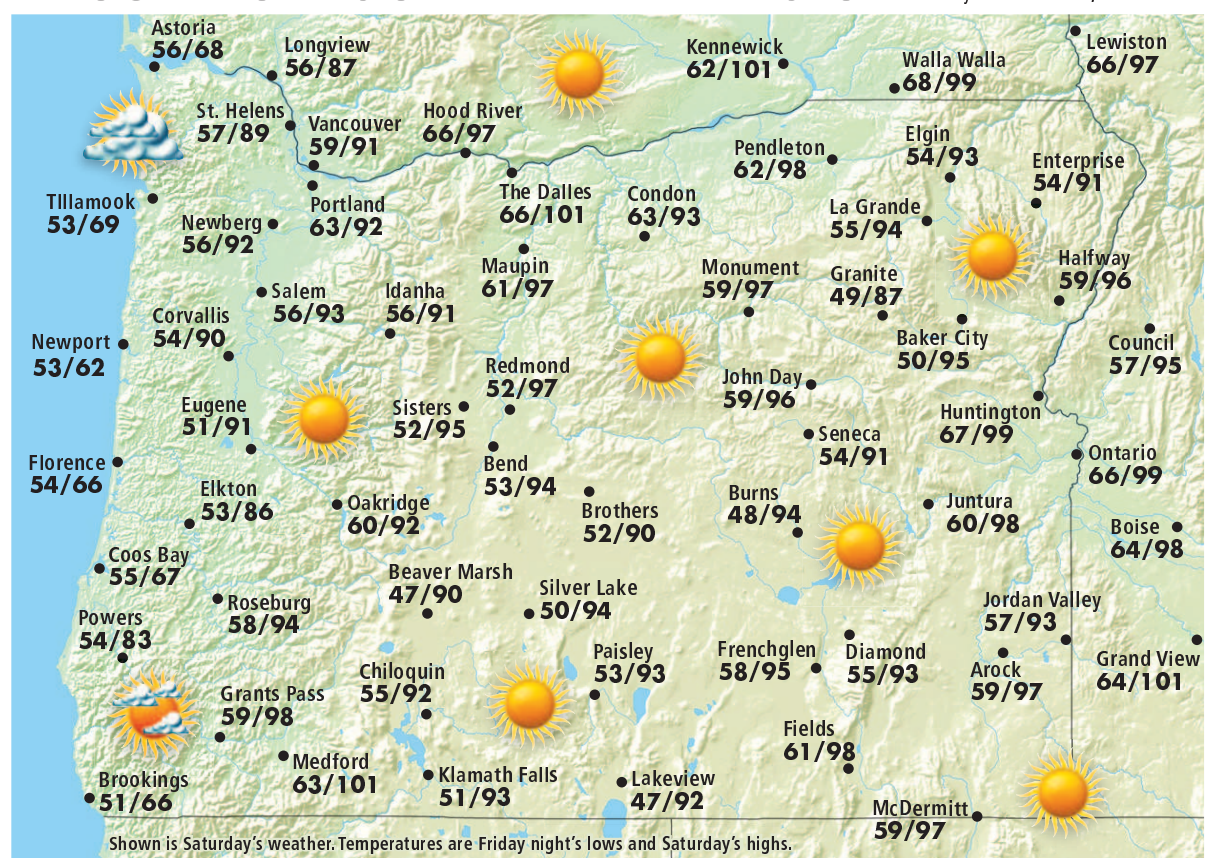
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Sunrise	5:31 a.m.	5:32 a.m.
Sunset	8:26 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Moonrise	8:31 p.m.	9:06 p.m.
Moonset	5:19 a.m.	6:15 a.m.

MOON PHASES



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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SAT. HI/Lo/W	SUN. HI/Lo/W	City	SAT. HI/Lo/W	SUN. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	68/55/pc	69/56/pc	Lewiston	97/65/s	99/65/s
Bend	94/55/s	97/57/s	Longview	87/59/s	91/60/s
Boise	98/64/s	98/66/s	Meacham	91/52/s	94/53/s
Brookings	66/49/pc	64/52/pc	Medford	101/65/s	102/65/s
Burns	94/51/s	95/54/s	Newport	62/52/c	62/52/pc
Coos Bay	67/54/pc	68/55/pc	Olympia	89/54/s	93/56/s
Corvallis	90/56/s	94/57/s	Ontario	99/65/s	100/64/s
Council Bluffs	95/58/s	95/59/s	Pasco	101/60/s	103/62/s
Elgin	93/56/s	95/57/s	Pendleton	98/65/s	100/66/s
Eugene	91/51/s	94/53/s	Portland	92/65/s	97/67/s
Hermiston	102/64/s	104/66/s	Powers	83/55/pc	83/55/pc
Hood River	97/67/s	102/69/s	Redmond	97/54/s	99/56/s
Imnaha	96/61/s	96/65/s	Roseburg	94/59/s	96/61/s
John Day	96/61/s	97/64/s	Salem	93/58/s	97/60/s
Joseph	91/54/s	91/55/s	Spokane	91/63/s	94/65/s
Kennewick	101/60/s	102/61/s	The Dalles	101/66/s	105/71/s
Klamath Falls	93/52/s	95/54/s	Ukiah	91/52/s	93/52/s
Lakeview	92/48/s	94/50/s	Walla Walla	99/68/s	102/70/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

Location	SAT. HI/Lo/W	SUN. HI/Lo/W
ANTHONY LAKES	66	43
PHILLIPS LAKE	89	51
MT. EMILY REC.	80	53
BROWNLEE RES.	97	60
EAGLE CAP WILD.	76	42
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	87	45
WALLOWA LAKE	90	53
MCKAY RESERVOIR	97	64
THIEF VALLEY RES.	96	50
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	94	55



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