

# Mother puts pressure on unemployed child



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**Dear Abby:** I am currently without a job. I hesitated to inform my mother because I was sure her reaction would only add to my stress. I was right. She constantly corners me about my efforts to find a job. I talk to her nearly every day to keep up with how she and my stepfather are doing. Because she never fails to dig into me about my job search progress, I now find ways to shorten our conversations.

I can get a job or two to sus-

tain my living expenses for the time being. However, I'm trying to hold out for a job or career that connects to my soul passion. Working for decades in a job that sustains me and my children is no match for the longing of my passion. (I'm still not sure what it is.)

How do I curb my mother's pushing me for a resolution without coming off as annoyed, which I am? I'm sure she wants to express her concern, but I want support in my efforts without feeling condemned. Help me, please. — **Annoyed in Alabama**

**Dear Annoyed:** I will try. Because you still aren't sure what your "soul passion" is, it's time

to find out. A place to start might be a career counseling center (some universities have them). Contact one or more and inquire whether they offer career counseling and aptitude testing. The test results will tell you what you are best suited for.

Of course, this service is not offered for free, which is why you might want to buckle down and take a job or two in the meantime to afford it, as well as to feed your little family. As to your mother, who may be worried because you don't yet have a plan of action, explain to her about seeking career counseling and she may calm down.

**Dear Abby:** I've been seeing

a man, "Carson," on and off for about five years. Last year, when I asked him if we were exclusive, he quickly said no, so I went and slept with an ex and became pregnant. I didn't reach out to Carson because I thought the baby belonged to my ex, but when the baby was born I quickly realized she might be Carson's. When I told him, he immediately denied she was his but still rekindled our relationship.

Abby, he disappears frequently and doesn't answer my calls. What should I do? Leave him? Stay? I do love him. — **Hopeless Romantic in Pennsylvania**

**Dear Hopeless Romantic:** Have your child DNA-tested. If it proves she IS Carson's, he should be contributing to his daughter's support. (The same goes for anyone else you think could be the father.) It's important that you understand this man behaves the way he does because he is not in love with you and doesn't care about your feelings. He sees other women, just as he did the first time around. If this is the way you want to be treated, continue this relationship. If, however, you think you deserve something — anything — better, end this poor excuse for a romance now.

## Record heat, fire danger plague West after hottest summer on record for U.S.

By **JASON SAMENOW** and **DIANA LEONARD**  
The Washington Post

PORTLAND — Punishing heat waves have plagued the West all summer and, even at the brink of fall, another sweltering blast has moved over the region. The heat has brought record-setting temperatures in the Southwest and is exacerbating a volatile fire situation farther north.

This latest heat wave enveloping the West coincides with an announcement from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that the months of June through August matched the Dust Bowl summer of 1936 as the hottest on record for the Lower 48 states.

"A record 18.4% of the contiguous U.S. experienced record-warm temperatures," NOAA wrote.

The excessively high temperatures of the moment are being generated by a large and unusually strong zone of high pressure or heat dome parked over the



Flames consume trees Aug. 21, 2021, during the Dixie Fire in Genesee, California. Punishing heat waves have plagued the West all summer and, even at the brink of fall, another sweltering blast has moved over the region.

Four Corners area, a situation that has occurred repeatedly in recent months. Temperatures near the core of the heat dome are generally 10 to 20 degrees above average, and its influence extends everywhere west of the Central Plains.

On Thursday, Sept. 16, record highs in the 90s and low 100s are predicted from California to Colorado. Excessive heat warnings are in effect for parts of the desert Southwest, including Las Vegas, where the forecast high is around 105

degrees. Death Valley could hit 120 degrees. The weather setup threatens to worsen an already exhausting fire season in the northern half of Western states. After hot and dry weather this week has

further primed the landscape to ignite and burn, dry lightning followed by strong winds could lead to new fires and rapidly spread fires already on the ground. The potential for lightning is highest in Northern California and Oregon, but

it also extends into Nevada, Idaho and Montana.

Meteorologists with the National Interagency Fire Center have labeled it a "high risk" event for much of Northern California on Thursday and Friday "due to critical combination of abundant lightning and increasing winds following a prolonged period of unusually warm and dry conditions with critically flammable fuels."

A northward surge of monsoon and Pacific moisture is fueling the lightning threat, combined with a low pressure zone moving into the West Coast that will trigger thunderstorm development. Although a mix of wet and dry thunderstorms could occur, storms will be fast moving, which will limit the amount of rain that any given area receives.

In addition to erratic winds from thunderstorms, the system will usher in strong southwesterly winds as it passes through, which could wreak havoc on the many ongoing fires in the region, including the Caldor and Dixie fires.

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# weather

TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mainly clear	Partly sunny	Plenty of sun	Mostly cloudy	Overcast and cooler
Baker City <b>41</b> Comfort Index™ <b>10</b>	<b>76 32</b> 10	<b>72 36</b> 10	<b>75 45</b> 10	<b>63 40</b> 4
La Grande <b>50</b> Comfort Index™ <b>10</b>	<b>72 39</b> 10	<b>69 47</b> 10	<b>73 51</b> 10	<b>59 43</b> 3
Enterprise <b>41</b> Comfort Index™ <b>10</b>	<b>71 39</b> 10	<b>69 45</b> 9	<b>73 51</b> 10	<b>58 44</b> 4

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.

**ALMANAC**

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	78°	80°	82°
Low Sunday	35°	41°	42°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.24	0.17	0.04
Normal month to date	0.18	0.24	0.37
Year to date	3.35	6.71	15.83
Normal year to date	6.60	11.57	16.28

**AGRICULTURAL INFO.**

**HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY**

Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	NW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	10.3
Evapotranspiration	0.18

**RESERVOIR STORAGE** (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	15% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	12% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	35% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	0% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

**STREAM FLOWS** (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	496 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	77 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	43 cfs
Minam River at Minam	59 cfs
Powder River near Richland	4 cfs

**SUNDAY EXTREMES**

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 114° Death Valley, Calif.  
Low: 25° Stanley, Idaho  
Wettest: 1.86" Apalachicola, Fla.

**OREGON**

High: 88° Medford  
Low: 35° Baker City  
Wettest: Trace Brookings

**WEATHER HISTORY**

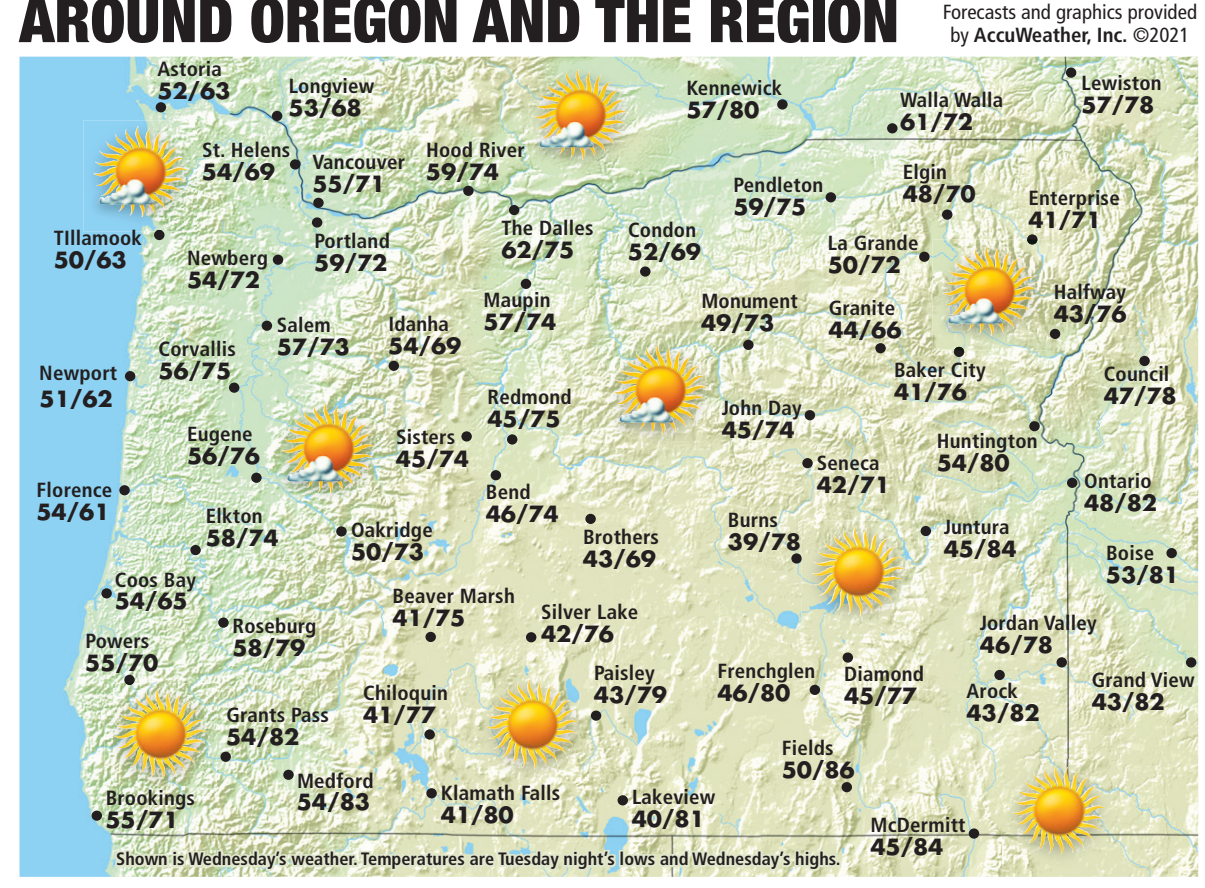
On Sept. 14, 1984, lightning struck during a soccer game in Chester County, Pa., killing one player and injuring 26 other people on the field.

**SUN & MOON**

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6:30 a.m.	6:31 a.m.
Sunset	7:05 p.m.	7:03 p.m.
Moonrise	3:43 p.m.	4:40 p.m.
Moonset	none	12:05 a.m.

**MOON PHASES**

Full	Last	New	First
▲	◑	◐	◓
Sep 20	Sep 28	Oct 6	Oct 12



**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W	City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	63/46/s	64/49/pc	Lewiston	78/46/pc	72/52/s
Bend	74/40/s	68/47/s	Longview	68/44/pc	71/51/pc
Boise	81/47/s	75/54/s	Meacham	69/37/s	68/44/s
Brookings	71/53/pc	67/50/s	Medford	83/49/pc	82/51/s
Burns	78/32/s	74/40/s	Newport	62/43/s	60/46/s
Coos Bay	65/47/s	66/48/s	Olympia	67/42/pc	67/48/pc
Corvallis	75/45/s	74/50/s	Ontario	82/48/s	77/46/s
Council	78/41/s	75/47/s	Pasco	78/40/s	73/49/s
Elgin	70/39/pc	69/45/s	Pendleton	75/43/pc	69/54/s
Eugene	76/43/pc	74/48/s	Portland	72/49/pc	72/53/s
Hermiston	76/43/pc	71/52/s	Powers	70/42/s	72/44/s
Hood River	74/47/pc	73/51/s	Redmond	75/34/s	71/44/s
Imnaha	73/39/pc	70/43/s	Roseburg	79/47/s	77/50/s
John Day	74/38/s	69/45/s	Salem	73/45/s	75/54/s
Joseph	71/38/pc	68/46/s	Spokane	69/42/pc	64/46/s
Kennewick	80/44/s	74/52/s	The Dalles	75/48/pc	75/56/s
Klamath Falls	80/39/s	77/40/s	Ukiah	68/33/pc	66/43/s
Lakeview	81/37/s	78/40/s	Walla Walla	72/46/pc	69/54/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 WEDNESDAY**

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Partly sunny <b>50 33</b>	<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Partly sunny <b>68 34</b>
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Partly sunny; cool <b>57 35</b>	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Partly sunny; nice <b>77 46</b>
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Partly sunny <b>59 27</b>	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Partly sunny <b>64 29</b>
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Partly sunny <b>71 38</b>	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Breezy in the a.m. <b>74 44</b>
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Partly sunny <b>76 32</b>	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Partly sunny <b>72 39</b>

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