

Man learns he may have a son he never knew about

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 27 years and have three wonderful kids. The youngest is 16.

I recently found out I may have another son from a relationship prior to my marriage. The woman never notified me or asked for child support. I found out through someone else a couple of months ago and, thanks to social media, was able to find him and look at his picture. He looks exactly like I did 25 years ago.

The problem is, when I mentioned it to my wife, she did not want to discuss the possibility. She acts like nothing happened and asked me not to bring it up again. What would you recommend in a situation like this? Should I say nothing and let it be, or risk ruining my marriage?



DEAR ABBY

constantly checking her texts and social media. Please advise.

— **USED IN TEXAS**

DEAR USED: You are a caring, loving, responsible mother and grandmother. However, you are also an enabler. You are allowing yourself to be used.

Your daughter appears to be immature and centered entirely on herself. It is NOT “normal” for a mother to be out socializing as often as your daughter is. To ignore her children in favor of social media to the extent that you described is neglectful. You are entitled to a life of your own, so stop doing your daughter’s job as much as you have been and start doing some things for yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to “Sam” for 20 years. He is a wonderful husband and provider. When I married Sam, we had nothing; now we have a home and rental properties.

My family seems to be jealous of the financial success we have achieved. My siblings make snide comments and have pulled away.

It came to a head the other night when my youngest sister announced to the family that I had gone online and anonymously threatened her family. Abby, I have never been anything but kind to them. They have an open invitation to visit our home and swim, and I have even bought her children clothing and shoes when she was unable to.

I don’t understand this, and I’m very hurt. Please help me to put this in perspective, because I am fully aware that money cannot buy happiness — happiness comes from family and loved ones.

— **WRONGLY ACCUSED IN ARKANSAS**

DEAR WRONGLY ACCUSED: Your sister may be jealous, may have mental problems — or may just have a need to be the center of attention. Since you have been generous with her, it may be time to realize that loving relationships are reciprocal. If your relatives are put off by what you and your husband have accomplished, the problem is really theirs, and you can’t fix it.

P.S. If your sister did, in fact, receive a threatening e-mail, rather than accusing you, she should have informed the police.

Fast-moving Hurricane Michael menaces Florida Panhandle

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Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A fast and furious Hurricane Michael sped toward the Florida Panhandle on Tuesday with 120 mph winds and a potential storm surge of 13 feet, giving tens of thousands of people precious little time to get out or board up.

Drawing energy from the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the storm strengthened rapidly into a potentially devastating Category 3 by evening. It was expected to blow ashore around midday Wednesday near Panama City Beach, along a lightly populated stretch of fishing villages and white-sand spring-break beaches.

While Florence took five days between the time it turned into a hurricane and the moment it rolled into the Carolinas, Michael gave Florida what amounted to two days’ notice. It developed into a hurricane on Monday, and by Tuesday, more than 180,000 people were under mandatory evacuation orders.

“We don’t know if it’s going to wipe out our house or not,” Jason McDonald, of Panama City, said as he and his wife drove north into Alabama with their two children, ages 5 and 7. “We want to get them out of the way.”

Coastal residents rushed to board up their homes and stock up on bottled water and other supplies.

As of 5 p.m., Michael was 295 miles (470 kilometers) south of Panama City, speeding northward at 12 mph (19 kph). Hurricane-force winds extended outward 45

miles (75 kilometers) from its center.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott warned it was a “monstrous hurricane,” and his Democratic opponent for the Senate, Sen. Bill Nelson, said a “wall of water” could cause destruction along the Panhandle.

“Don’t think that you can ride this out if you’re in a low-lying area,” Nelson said on CNN.

But some officials were worried by what they weren’t seeing — a rush of evacuees.

“I am not seeing the level of traffic on the roadways that I would expect when we’ve called for the evacuation of 75 percent of this county,” Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford said.

Aja Kemp, 36, planned to stay in her mobile home in Crawfordville. She worked all night stocking shelves at a big-box store that was closing later Tuesday, then got to work securing her yard.

Kemp said the bill totaled over \$800 when she and her family fled Hurricane Irma’s uncertain path last year.

“I just can’t bring myself to spend that much money,” she said. “We’ve got supplies to last us a week. Plenty of water. I made sure we’ve got clean clothes. We got everything tied down.”

In the dangerously exposed coastal town of Apalachicola, population 2,500, Sally Crown planned to go home and hunker down with her two dogs.

“We’ve been through this before,” she said. “This might be really bad and serious. But in my experience, it’s always blown way out of proportion.”

Mandatory evacuation orders went into effect in

Panama City Beach and other low-lying areas in the storm’s path. That included Pensacola Beach but not in Pensacola itself, a city of about 54,000.

Forecasters said parts of the Panhandle and Florida’s marshy, lightly populated Big Bend area — the crook of Florida’s elbow — could see 9 to 13 feet (2.7 to 4 meters) of storm surge.

About 20 miles in from the coast, in Tallahassee, the state capital, people rushed to fill their gas tanks and grab supplies. Many gas stations in Tallahassee had run out of fuel, including the Quick ‘N’ Save, which was also stripped clean of bottled water and down to about two dozen bags of rice.

Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, Florida’s Democratic nominee for governor, helped people fill sandbags.

Several people were taken by van from coastal Wakulla County to Tallahassee’s Leon County to the north. Wakulla County’s shelters are not considered reliable against storms stronger than a Category 2.

Annette Strickland, 75, arrived at a Tallahassee high school. While glad to have a safe place to ride out the storm, she wasn’t happy that her home county couldn’t provide shelter.

“I feel like that they should’ve provided something,” she said. “That’s just me. I don’t want to be ugly.”

Michael could dump up to a foot (30 centimeters) of rain over some Panhandle communities before its remnants go back out to sea by way of the mid-Atlantic states over the next few days.

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	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Mainly clear	Brilliant sunshine	Plenty of sunshine	Sunshine	Plenty of sunshine
Baker City	25	58 23	65 31	56 24	57 20
Comfort Index™	2	8	10	3	8
La Grande	31	57 30	65 33	57 27	59 30
Comfort Index™	2	5	10	5	8
Enterprise	31	54 29	63 32	55 24	57 28
Comfort Index™	2	8	9	7	9

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	50°	50°	48°
Low Tuesday	41°	44°	44°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.42	0.81	0.83
Month to date	0.49	1.14	1.06
Normal month to date	0.15	0.27	0.34
Year to date	5.24	11.66	22.10
Normal year to date	7.77	11.81	16.19

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High: 97° McAllen, Texas
 Low: 13° Bodie State Park, Calif.
 Wettest: 5.44" Del Rio, Texas

OREGON
 High: 70° Medford
 Low: 32° Burns
 Wettest: 2.08" Meacham

WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 11, 1984, 25-foot waves off Vancouver Island, B.C., capsized eight fishing boats, killing five people. Monitoring programs using satellites and automated buoys can often detect these waves.

SUN & MOON

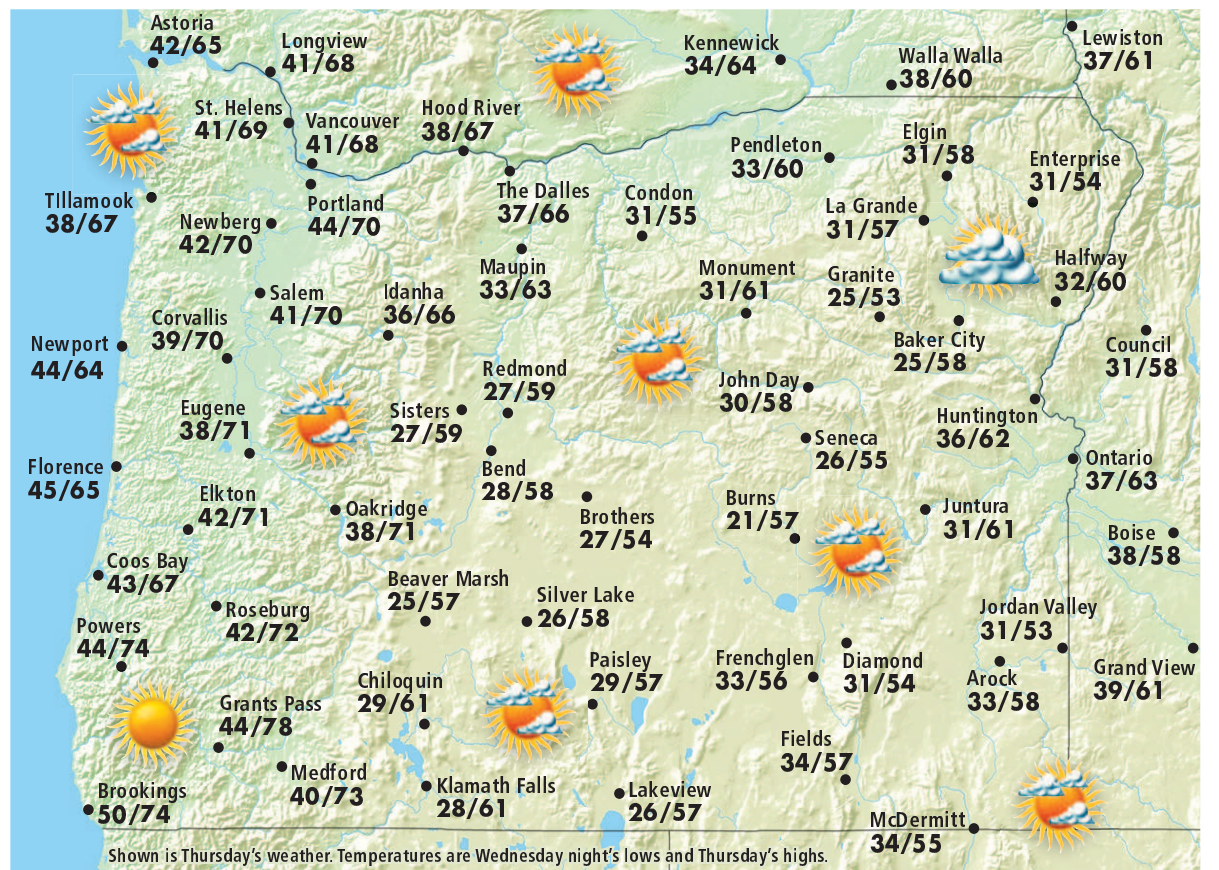
	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	7:02 a.m.	7:03 a.m.
Sunset	6:16 p.m.	6:14 p.m.
Moonrise	8:35 a.m.	9:44 a.m.
Moonset	7:35 p.m.	8:07 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Oct 16	Oct 24	Oct 31	Nov 7

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	65/44/pc	61/45/pc	Lewiston	61/37/pc	68/38/s
Bend	58/32/s	70/33/s	Longview	68/42/s	67/43/s
Boise	58/36/s	62/38/s	Meacham	54/28/s	64/31/s
Brookings	74/52/s	72/52/s	Medford	73/40/s	77/41/pc
Burns	57/23/s	64/25/s	Newport	64/45/s	62/44/s
Coos Bay	67/43/s	65/46/s	Olympia	61/38/pc	63/40/s
Corvallis	70/39/s	72/42/s	Ontario	63/32/s	64/36/s
Council Bluffs	58/31/s	61/32/s	Pasco	64/36/s	68/38/s
Elgin	58/30/s	65/34/s	Pendleton	60/37/s	68/37/s
Eugene	71/37/s	72/42/s	Portland	70/44/s	69/46/s
Hermiston	63/34/s	71/36/s	Powers	74/43/s	75/44/s
Hood River	67/41/s	73/42/s	Redmond	59/28/s	71/32/s
Idanha	59/32/s	68/40/s	Roseburg	72/41/s	73/44/s
John Day	59/32/s	66/34/s	Salem	70/41/s	71/45/s
Joseph	53/28/s	62/30/s	Spokane	57/38/pc	61/34/s
Kennewick	64/36/s	70/36/s	The Dalles	66/37/s	71/41/s
Klamath Falls	61/28/s	67/32/s	Ukiah	55/28/s	64/30/s
Lakeview	57/24/s	66/29/s	Walla Walla	60/41/s	68/42/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

Location	THU. HI/LO/W	FRI. HI/LO/W
ANTHONY LAKES	31 19	50 25
PHILLIPS LAKE	50 25	58 34
MT. EMILY REC.	41 28	46 24
BROWNLEE RES.	39 21	55 33
EAGLE CAP WILD.	49 30	53 31
WALLOWA LAKE	55 25	



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