

Tattoo with ex-wife’s name is an annoyance to girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend is divorced. His ex's name is tattooed on his arm. Although I don't like it, I realize that it was long ago and before I came into the picture.

As we have grown closer over the last two years, I'm often tempted to ask him to have it removed or covered up. I think it's tacky, and I don't like it AT ALL. I know I can't demand he remove it, but would a gentle request do? Or should I wait until I have more of a formal status in his life?

— **LOOKING AWAY IN THE SOUTH**



DEAR ABBY

after they say "I do."

DEAR ABBY: A little backstory before my question. I am 39 and the mother of three beautiful daughters, ages 18, 12 and 8. I am getting a divorce. It's an amicable one (thank goodness), and my girls are doing pretty OK with the news.

During this last year, I graduated with my AA degree. I am very proud of the achievement, but have never had a celebration. Would it be in bad taste to have a housewarming, graduation and almost-40 birthday party (my birthday is on a major holiday, and my friends are usually busy doing other things that night) and ask for gifts for my new house and the girls' bedrooms?

— **CELEBRATING IN IDAHO**

DEAR CELEBRATING: A party would be wonderful because you have much to celebrate. Send invitations describing it as a "housewarming, graduation celebration and 40th birthday party," but do NOT mention gifts on the invitation. If someone asks about it, feel free to tell the person. But to ask for gifts on an invitation is a no-no.

DEAR ABBY: How do you handle someone who needs to constantly flaunt his money? That person is my boss. He makes a lot of money, and he enjoys rubbing it in my face. He never fails to tell me how much he pays for purchases — from cars to clothing, even to how much he paid for his mother's funeral. He literally approaches my desk with his checkbook open and points out the amount.

This man spends more on clothes in a month than I earn in a year. He takes his cash out of his pocket and counts it in front of me. I feel like he's waiting for some kind of reaction from me, but I don't give in.

Can you think of a way for me to stop him in his tracks when he starts regaling me with his next shopping spree?

— **FRUGAL OFFICE WORKER IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR OFFICE WORKER: I sure can. Tell him you need a raise.

'Apocalyptic:' Florida town demolished by Hurricane Michael

By Jay Reeves and Tamara Lush

Associated Press

MEXICO BEACH, Fla. — The small Gulf Coast community of Mexico Beach was known as a slice of Old Florida. Now it lies in splinters. Hit head-on by Hurricane Michael, numerous homes in this resort town of about 1,190 people were shattered or ripped from their foundations. Boats were tossed like toys. The streets closest to the water looked as if a bomb had gone off.

What the 9-foot storm surge didn't destroy, the 155 mph winds finished off.

Now, rescuers and residents are struggling to get into the ground-zero town to assess the damage and search for the hundreds of people believed to have stayed behind.

Mishelle McPherson and her ex-husband looked for the elderly mother of a friend on Thursday. The woman lived in a small cinderblock house about 150 yards from the Gulf and thought she would be OK.

Her home was reduced to crumbled blocks and pieces of floor tile.

"Aggy! Aggy!" McPherson yelled. The only sound that came back was the echo from the half-demolished building and the pounding of the surf.

"Do you think her body would be here? Do you think it would have floated away?" she asked.

As she walked down the street, McPherson pointed out pieces of what had been the woman's house. "That's the blade from her ceiling fan. That's her floor tile."

Drone footage of Mexico

Beach showed a stunning landscape of devastation. Few structures were unscathed.

John Humphress, a storm chaser and drone pilot, arrived around 5 p.m. Wednesday, a few hours after Michael slammed into the coastline. He had one word to describe what he saw: "apocalyptic."

State officials said 285 people in Mexico Beach had refused to leave ahead of the hurricane despite a mandatory evacuation order.

A National Guard team went into the area and found 20 survivors overnight, and more crews were pushing into the stricken zone on Thursday. The fate of many other residents was unknown, authorities said.

Humphress, who spent the night in his truck on a bridge near Mexico Beach, said he didn't see anyone dead.

On Thursday, residents who evacuated tried to return.

The Rev. Eddie LaFountain, pastor at First Baptist Church in Mexico Beach, was one of them. He described the place as a "good family resort town" that attracts visitors seeking peace and quiet rather than the spring break-like atmosphere of other communities along the 200-mile Florida Panhandle.

More than a third of the population of Mexico Beach is 65 or older, according to the U.S. Census, and nearly half of the housing is for seasonal or recreational use.

Most of the full-time residents, LaFountain said, have some connection to the hospitality industry. Some operate vacation home rentals, while others work jobs cleaning and maintaining the homes. Others

own or work in restaurants, rent out kayaks or run charter fishing boats. LaFountain himself has a lawn-mowing business.

Despite the widespread destruction, LaFountain said he believes most people will rebuild.

"I think the people here have a great heart and a lot of resilience. We call them stubborn and hard-headed. I think they will be back," LaFountain said in a phone interview while driving back to Mexico Beach.

A Florida hurricane expert said the footage of buildings in Mexico Beach stripped to their concrete foundations was no surprise.

"This is what we expect with storm surge and high wind events," said Craig Fugate, former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and a former emergency management chief for the state of Florida.

Florida has some of the most stringent hurricane building codes in the country, but they apply only to new or retrofitted structures.

Mexico Beach is on the west end of what is sometimes called Florida's Forgotten Coast, so named because it is not heavily developed like many of the state's other shoreline areas, with their lavish homes and high-rise condos and hotels.

As Republican Sen. Marco Rubio tweeted: "Mexico Beach is an old old #Florida town. It's charm is that it feels like a trip back in time to a place unspoiled by development. I was told this morning that it is 'gone.'"

weather

	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Weather	Clear	Plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sunshine	Sunny	Plenty of sun
Baker City	32	58 22	56 21	60 25	65 27
Comfort Index™	10	3	5	7	9
La Grande	36	57 26	56 27	61 30	66 36
Comfort Index™	10	5	5	9	10
Enterprise	34	55 24	53 24	59 30	65 33
Comfort Index™	10	3	8	10	10

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.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	58°	57°	60°
Low Thursday	26°	32°	32°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	Trace
Month to date	0.49	1.17	1.59
Normal month to date	0.19	0.34	0.42
Year to date	5.24	11.69	22.63
Normal year to date	7.81	11.88	16.27

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 94°	Sanford, Fla.
Low: 9°	Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 6.56"	Salisbury, Md.
OREGON	
High: 75°	Medford
Low: 21°	Sisters
Wettest: Trace	Elgin

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	30%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	9.7
Evapotranspiration	0.10

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)	
Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	10% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	30% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	25% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	5% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	1% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	806 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	3 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	8 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	55 cfs
Minam River at Minam	71 cfs
Powder River near Richland	11 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 13, the Great Hurricane of 1846 moved from Cuba northward through Georgia and the Carolinas to Pennsylvania and caused great damage all along its path.

SUN & MOON

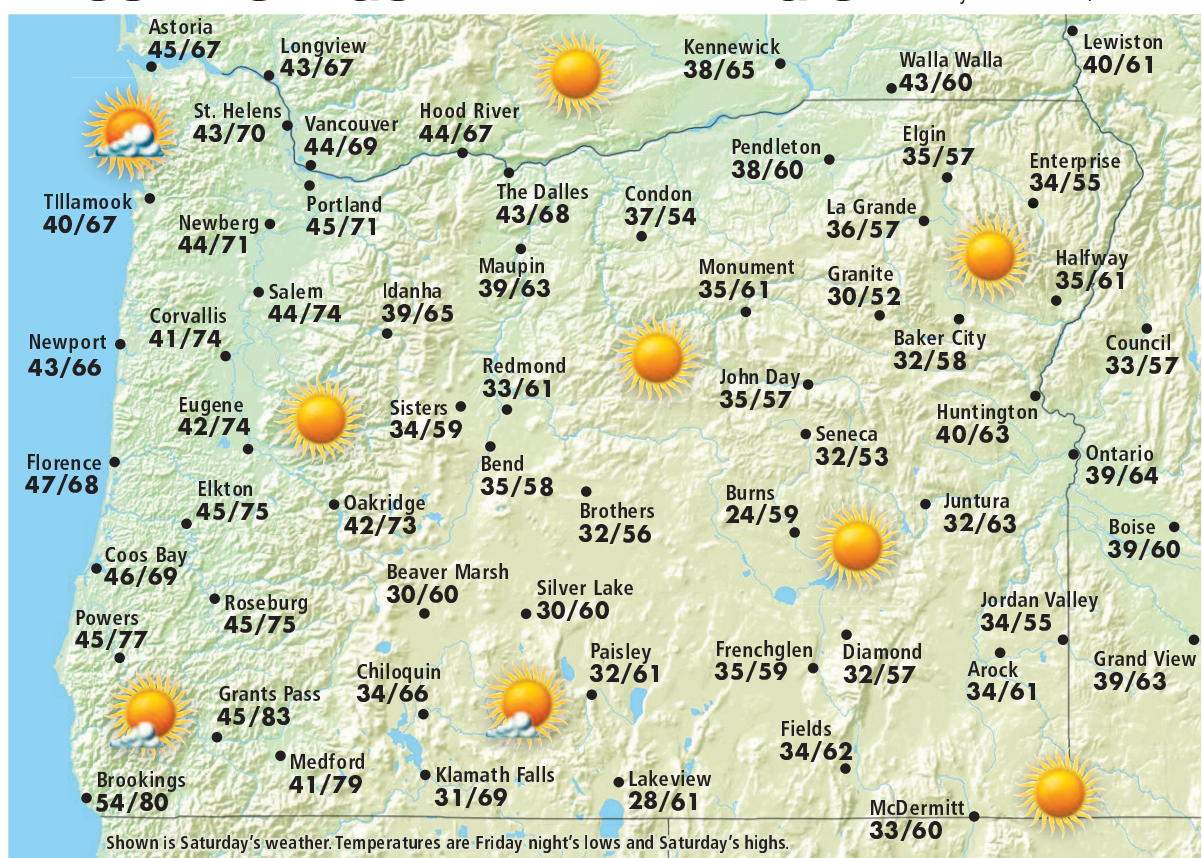
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Sunrise	7:04 a.m.	7:06 a.m.
Sunset	6:13 p.m.	6:11 p.m.
Moonrise	10:51 a.m.	11:53 a.m.
Moonset	8:42 p.m.	9:22 p.m.

MOON PHASES

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

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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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	67/44/s	68/46/pc	Lewiston	61/32/s	60/34/s
Bend	58/25/s	58/27/s	Longview	67/37/s	68/37/pc
Boise	60/32/s	53/32/s	Meacham	53/22/s	53/26/s
Brookings	80/56/s	77/52/s	Medford	79/40/s	77/39/s
Burns	59/18/s	54/19/s	Newport	66/46/s	68/48/s
Coos Bay	69/45/s	72/46/s	Olympia	64/33/s	65/37/pc
Corvallis	74/39/s	74/36/s	Ontario	64/33/s	58/29/s
Council	57/25/s	55/23/s	Pasco	67/31/s	63/34/s
Elgin	57/26/s	56/27/s	Pendleton	60/32/s	60/32/s
Eugene	74/35/s	75/37/s	Portland	71/45/s	70/47/s
Hermiston	64/29/s	63/30/s	Powers	77/47/s	77/43/s
Hood River	67/38/s	66/37/s	Redmond	61/25/s	61/28/s
Imnaha	58/30/s	56/30/s	Roseburg	75/38/s	78/40/s
John Day	57/28/s	57/29/s	Salem	74/42/s	75/40/s
Joseph	54/22/s	52/22/s	Spokane	57/29/s	57/34/s
Kennewick	65/30/s	63/31/s	The Dalles	68/36/s	65/35/s
Klamath Falls	69/25/s	63/27/s	Ukiah	52/22/s	55/23/s
Lakeview	61/25/s	56/21/s	Walla Walla	60/35/s	62/39/s

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Sunny; not as cold	45 22	PHILLIPS LAKE Plenty of sunshine	64 31
MT. EMILY REC. Plenty of sun	56 33	BROWNLEE RES. Plenty of sunshine	67 37
EAGLE CAP WILD. Plenty of sun	50 24	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Plenty of sunshine	63 30
WALLOWA LAKE Plenty of sunshine	64 34	MCKAY RESERVOIR Sunny and warmer	71 37
THIEF VALLEY RES. Plenty of sunshine	66 32	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Sunny	66 36

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