

Wife irked as man reconnects with old partners on facebook

DEARABBY: My husband has an extensive sexual history. He has had sex with more than 80 partners. All the encounters were when he was in high school and in his early 20s. Most were one-night stands with female friends.

When we met, he was honest, and I was understanding. He didn't keep in touch with any of those females (pre-Facebook). But now he's friends with several of them on Facebook, and while he doesn't "talk" to them, he comments and "likes" many of their posts. This makes me uncomfortable because I don't feel that past sexual partners should be part of one's life once someone is married. I'm not jealous or insecure, I just think it's disrespectful. Am I controlling?



DEAR ABBY

with the grandkids to situations you can control.

DEARABBY: Can you tell me why women wear high-heeled shoes? I cannot think of any benefits women derive from wearing them. Is it because they think high heels make their legs look more attractive, because it's the fashion or some other reason?

— **BAFFLED AND CONFUSED**

DEAR BAFLED: Not only do high heels make the legs and ankles look more attractive, when a person wears them they appear to be a few pounds lighter because they look taller. THAT'S why! (Guilty as charged.)

DEARABBY: I'm a 12-year-old girl with a big problem. My class recently learned about reproduction. All of the girls accepted it in a mature manner, but it's another story with the boys

Now all the boys look at me funny when I walk through the hall. It makes me feel awkward. Should I ignore them or should I say something?

— **EMBARRASSED IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Right now, I suspect most of your classmates are feeling awkward. A frank discussion about reproduction has been known to make students older than you uncomfortable. It is, however, a part of life — and contrary to what some may think, ignorance isn't bliss.

Acting the way the boys are is normal for their age. But if it continues, rather than saying anything to them — which might encourage more of the same — talk to a teacher about it.

— **ANXIOUS IN ARIZONA**

DEAR ANXIOUS: Your husband was certainly active. Was he also able to keep his grade point up? You say he has been honest with you about his sexual history. Nowhere in your letter have you indicated that there has been any infidelity. I suspect that in spite of your denial, you may be feeling a bit insecure, and if your husband is telling you that you're coming across as controlling, that is the way he perceives it. "Liking" the Facebook posts of someone you haven't seen in decades isn't inviting the person to have an affair. If I were you, I'd calm down.

DEARABBY: How do I get across to my parents that I don't want them exposing my minor children to my mentally ill sister? "Evangeline" is bipolar, has borderline personality disorder and sometimes acts out in public. They know how strongly I feel about this but find ways to expose my children to her anyway. My kids don't want to be around Evangeline, but my parents continue to push her on them. I'll give you an example: They'll take the kids out to dinner and "bump into her unplanned" at a restaurant. I don't know what else I can do other than tell them I don't like it. But when I do, they refuse to listen and get upset when my kids tell me they saw her. Please advise.

— **LOOKING OUT FOR MY KIDS**

DEAR LOOKING: Mental illness isn't contagious. As long as Evangeline is on her medication, she poses no threat to your

In Florida, determining Hurricane Michael death toll proves elusive

By Gary Fineout and Kelli Kennedy

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — In Florida, a grim task is unwinding slowly: Finding out how many people were killed in Hurricane Michael.

The storm that ravaged Florida's Panhandle left incredible destruction stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to the state border, but getting a firm grasp on how many died is proving somewhat elusive.

The state has officially acknowledged just two deaths so far — and one death was in northeast Florida, far from the ground-zero fury of the Category 4 storm.

Meanwhile, search and rescue teams have crawled and walked through thousands of buildings and ruins for days in places like Mexico Beach, which was virtually wiped out when Michael roared ashore last week. The Associated Press has put the overall death toll at 17 so far, including one death in Mexico Beach confirmed by a search and rescue team and six others confirmed by local officials in Florida. In other states, there are 10 confirmed deaths.

"Unfortunately there are going to be more fatalities than people want to admit," said State Rep. Halsey Beshears, a Republican whose district includes several of the counties hammered by Michael. "If you stayed in Mexico Beach, there's no way you could have survived. I think more fatali-

ties are going to show up every day."

Joanne Garone Behnke called it "torture" awaiting news about whether her 79-year-old aunt who stayed in Mexico Beach had survived.

Right after the storm hit, Brock Long, the chief of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said he expected the death toll to rise after hearing reports that some people refused to evacuate before Michael's landfall.

But both Long and Gov. Rick Scott, however, sidestepped questions late Sunday after they returned from an all-day trip to some of the hard-hit communities.

"I'm very hopeful that everybody is going to be found alive and that everybody is going to survive this," Scott said.

Right after the storm, state officials said thousands of calls inquiring about missing people came in to authorities and non-profit groups. FEMA did announce Monday that search and rescue teams along with the Coast Guard and National Guard had rescued or assisted more than 4,000 people in storm-impacted areas and that they had checked on thousands of homes and buildings.

State officials say they will announce storm-related fatalities once they are certified by local medical examiners who have gone through the steps of positively identifying those who died and performing an autopsy to determine the

cause of death.

Part of the problem state emergency officials say is that the medical examiner office responsible for certifying deaths in several of the hardest-hit counties was without power or water until Monday.

Plans to bring in a mobile morgue unit were scrapped over the weekend, but state teams did bring in refrigerated trucks to four cities that can be used for both storm victims and to assist funeral homes that have lost power.

Florida officials point out they have used the same process in the past, but this comes amid the political backdrop of what happened in Puerto Rico.

Last month, President Donald Trump tweeted that "3,000 people did not die" in the hurricanes that hit the island last year. He also falsely alleged that the official death toll was part of a plot by Democrats to make him look bad. Republicans in Florida, including Scott, disagreed with Trump and said they did not dispute the death toll numbers.

But for some families, the wait is proving to be unbearable.

"I've been on the phone to reporters, to fire chiefs, to heads of task force from Miami to you name it I've called them. I've called every hospital," Garone Behnke said Monday as she stopped to read a text from the fire chief in Mexico Beach.

Another wait and see. "We're still working on it ... we'll keep you posted," the text read.

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	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Clear	Mostly sunny and nice	Nice with sunshine	Plenty of sunshine	Sunny and mild
Baker City	28	70 29	72 31	70 32	70 31
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	10
La Grande	36	69 37	70 40	70 41	71 39
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	10
Enterprise	35	68 35	68 37	69 37	69 35
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	10

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	66°	63°	67°
Low Tuesday	23°	25°	27°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.49	1.17	1.59
Normal month to date	0.29	0.55	0.67
Year to date	5.24	11.69	22.63
Normal year to date	7.91	12.09	16.52

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 95° Ocala, Fla.
 Low: -6° Bodie State Park, Calif.
 Wettest: 5.20" New Iberia, La.

OREGON

High: 83° Salem
 Low: 16° Burns
 Wettest: Trace Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 18, 1910, a hurricane in Florida caused 70-mph northeast winds on Florida's west coast. These winds pulled water out of Tampa Bay and the Hillboro River. Water levels fell 9 feet below mean sea level.

SUN & MOON

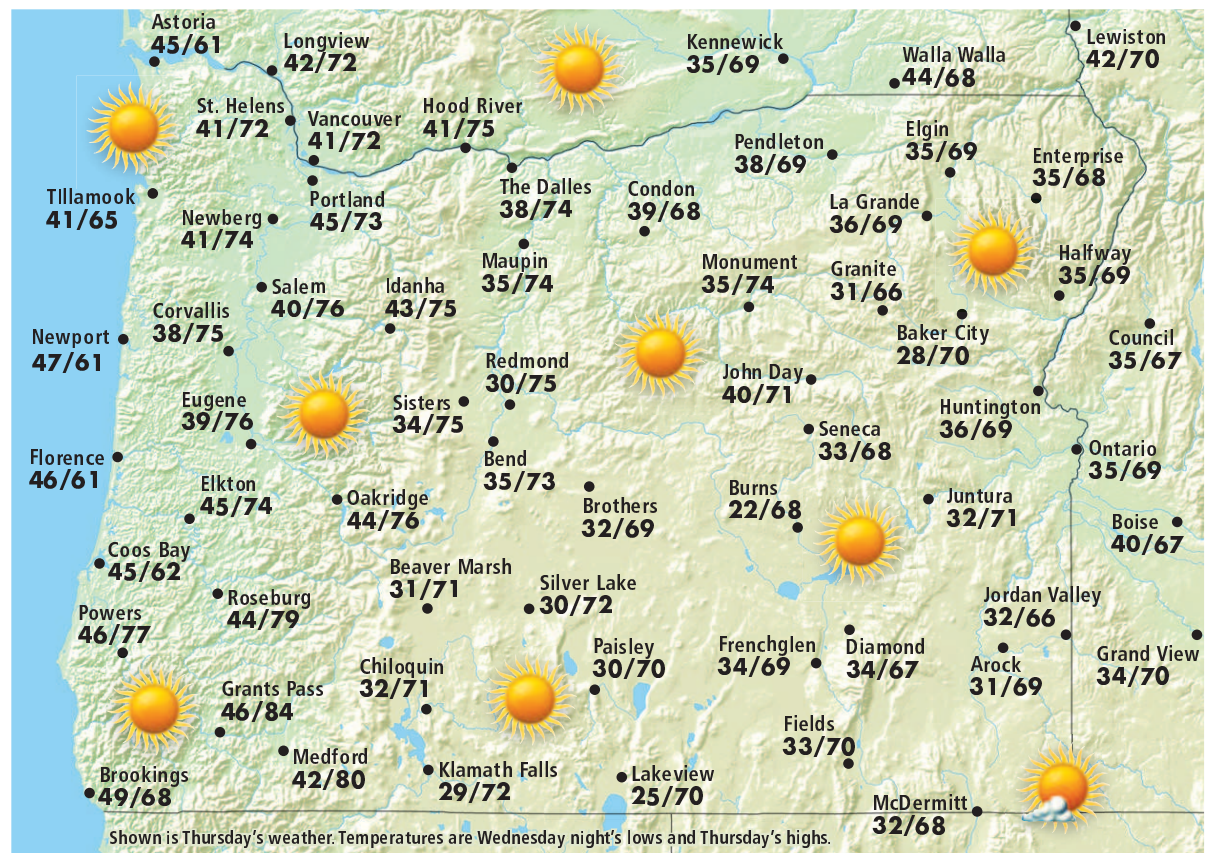
	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	7:11 a.m.	7:12 a.m.
Sunset	6:04 p.m.	6:02 p.m.
Moonrise	3:07 p.m.	3:41 p.m.
Moonset	none	12:45 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Oct 24	Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 15

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	61/44/s	60/44/s	Lewiston	70/41/s	71/41/s
Bend	73/37/s	75/37/s	Longview	72/42/s	70/44/s
Boise	67/41/s	68/43/s	Meacham	66/34/s	68/37/s
Brookings	68/48/pc	70/49/s	Medford	80/42/s	82/43/s
Burns	68/25/s	70/26/s	Newport	61/46/s	60/45/s
Coos Bay	62/45/s	63/45/s	Olympia	69/37/pc	65/40/pc
Corvallis	75/38/s	75/40/s	Ontario	69/35/s	69/36/s
Council	67/34/s	69/36/s	Pasco	69/36/s	70/38/s
Elgin	69/37/s	69/39/s	Pendleton	69/40/s	69/40/s
Eugene	76/39/s	74/40/s	Portland	73/45/s	74/47/s
Hermiston	70/37/s	70/39/s	Powers	77/46/s	77/46/s
Hood River	75/41/s	75/42/s	Redmond	75/32/s	78/34/s
Imnaha	73/42/s	73/42/s	Roseburg	79/44/s	78/45/s
John Day	71/40/s	73/42/s	Salem	76/42/s	76/43/s
Joseph	67/34/s	68/38/s	Spokane	64/37/s	66/39/s
Kennewick	69/37/s	70/38/s	The Dalles	74/40/s	75/41/s
Klamath Falls	72/30/s	74/33/s	Ukiah	68/32/s	70/36/s
Lakeview	70/26/s	72/30/s	Walla Walla	68/45/s	69/46/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 THURSDAY

Location	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W
ANTHONY LAKES	46	25
PHILLIPS LAKE	65	31
MT. EMILY REC.	57	37
BROWNLEE RES.	70	38
EAGLE CAP WILD.	52	28
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	63	31
WALLOWA LAKE	66	36
MCKAY RESERVOIR	66	39
THIEF VALLEY RES.	68	28
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	67	36



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