

Wife is blindsided by news of husband's past romance

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Bill," and I have been happily married for 22 years and have two very active, beautiful children. Our oldest daughter has been playing on a traveling soccer team for the last five years. Bill and I go all over the country to watch her play and have become very close to the head coach, "Marla," and her family.



DEAR ABBY

How do I politely tell them that while I appreciate their kindness, it is not necessary to send their adult niece a check every year? I'm not particularly close with them and am afraid of offending.

— UNCOMFORTABLE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: From your description of your aunt and uncle, they are thoughtful, caring people, so when you talk to them, express your gratitude for their generosity. Then suggest that because you are now an adult, with a good job and a good income, you think it might be time to consider exchanging only greeting cards on special occasions. Of course, this means you will be sending them cards for their birthdays, anniversary and Christmas, if you don't already do it.

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, my son and his family moved a couple of hours away. He's my only child. I know he's busy with his wife, two children and his job, but I would like to hear from him more than every two weeks — or longer. He told me I could call him, but I feel like I'm imposing. I would also like to be closer to my daughter-in-law. We have had a couple of good phone conversations recently, but I sense that she wants her own space.

I'm not an overbearing person, and I'm working on expectations vs. reality, being overly emotional when my expectations are not met and fear of sharing these emotions because I'm afraid my son and his wife won't like what I have to say.

What can I do, other than wait for them to call and work on how not to get upset when they don't include me?

— WORKING ON IT

DEAR WORKING ON IT: Your son has told you it's all right to call him, so you should. Because of the blessing of modern technology, there are other options as well — texting, video chat, etc. Be grateful your son and his family are independent, and try harder to fill more of your time with hobbies and interests of your own. If you do, you will be a more interesting person to be around. Your son and his wife should not be the focus of your life the way he was when he was a child and you were responsible for him.

A warmer world makes hurricanes wetter and increasingly intense

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A warmer world makes for nastier hurricanes. They are wetter, possess more energy and intensify faster.

Their storm surges are more destructive because climate change has already made the seas rise. And lately, the storms seem to be stalling more often and thus dumping more rain.

Study after study shows that climate change in general makes hurricanes worse. But determining the role of global warming in a specific storm such as Hurricane Florence or Typhoon Mangkhut is not so simple — at least not without detailed statistical and computer analyses.

The Associated Press consulted with 17 meteorologists and scientists who study climate change, hurricanes or both. A few experts remain cautious about attributing global warming to a single event, but most of the scientists clearly see the hand of humans in Florence.

Global warming didn't cause Florence, they say. But it makes the system a bigger danger.

"Florence is yet another poster child for the human-supercharged storms that are becoming more common and destructive as the planet warms," said Jonathan Overpeck, dean of the environment school at University of Michigan. He said the risk extends beyond the Atlantic Ocean, such as Typhoon Mangkhut, which hit the Philippines on Friday.

For years, when asked about climate change and specific weather events, scientists would refrain from drawing clear connections.

But over the past few years, the new field of attribution studies has allowed researchers to use statistics and computer models to try to calculate how events would be different in a world without human-caused climate change.

A couple of months after Hurricane Harvey, studies found that global warming significantly increased the odds for Harvey's record heavy rains.

"It's a bit like a plot line out of 'Back to the Future,' where you travel back in time to some alternate reality" that is plausible but without humans changing the climate,

said University of Exeter climate scientist Peter Stott, one of the pioneers of the field.

A National Academy of Sciences report finds these studies generally credible. One team of scientists tried to do a similar analysis for Florence, but outside experts were wary because it was based on forecasts, not observations, and did not use enough computer simulations.

As the world warms and science advances, scientists get more specific, even without attribution studies. They cite basic physics, the most recent research about storms and past attribution studies and put them together for something like Florence.

"I think we can say that the storm is stronger, wetter and more impactful from a coastal flooding standpoint than it would have been BECAUSE of human-caused warming," Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann wrote in an email. "And we don't need an attribution study to tell us that in my view. We just need the laws of thermodynamics."

Georgia Tech climate scientist Kim Cobb looks not just at basic physics but all the peer-reviewed studies that especially link climate change to wetter storms.

"We have solid data across decades of rainfall records to nail the attribution — climate change is increasing the frequency of extreme rainfall events," Cobb said.

Several factors make scientists more confident in pointing the climate-change finger at Florence.

For every degree the air warms, it can hold nearly 4 percent more water (7 percent per degree Celsius) and offer measurably more energy to goose the storm, scientists said.

"The amount of water that comes out of hurricanes is certainly the most robust connection that we have," National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration climate scientist Jim Kossin said.

And to look at Florence specifically, "it's very likely that climate change has warmed the ocean such that the hurricane's intense rainfall is more destructive than without global warming," said Weather Underground Meteorology Director Jeff Masters, a former hurricane hunter.

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TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Partly cloudy	Nice with clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Clouds and sun; pleasant
Baker City 39 Comfort Index™ 10	73 37 10	71 34 10	70 37 10	74 40 10
La Grande 39 Comfort Index™ 10	70 38 10	69 38 9	69 40 10	76 44 10
Enterprise 40 Comfort Index™ 10	69 38 10	67 37 10	67 40 10	75 45 10

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	75°	72°	71°
Low Sunday	37°	39°	34°

PRECIPITATION (inches)	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	0.03	0.00
Normal month to date	0.32	0.34	0.41
Year to date	4.75	10.51	20.95
Normal year to date	7.39	11.21	15.44

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 108° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 12° Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 10.27" Marion, S.C.

OREGON
High: 79° Ontario
Low: 24° Lakeview
Wettest: 0.90" Tillamook

WEATHER HISTORY

On Sept. 18, 1984, the temperature soared past 100 degrees in Sacramento, Calif., for the 38th time that summer. One year later, Blythe and Palm Springs had midday temperatures in the 60s with rain.

SUN & MOON

	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	6:33 a.m.	6:34 a.m.
Sunset	7:00 p.m.	6:58 p.m.
Moonrise	2:59 p.m.	3:47 p.m.
Moonset	none	12:15 a.m.

MOON PHASES	Full	Last	New	First
	Sep 24	Oct 2	Oct 8	Oct 16

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	5.8
Evapotranspiration	0.13

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)

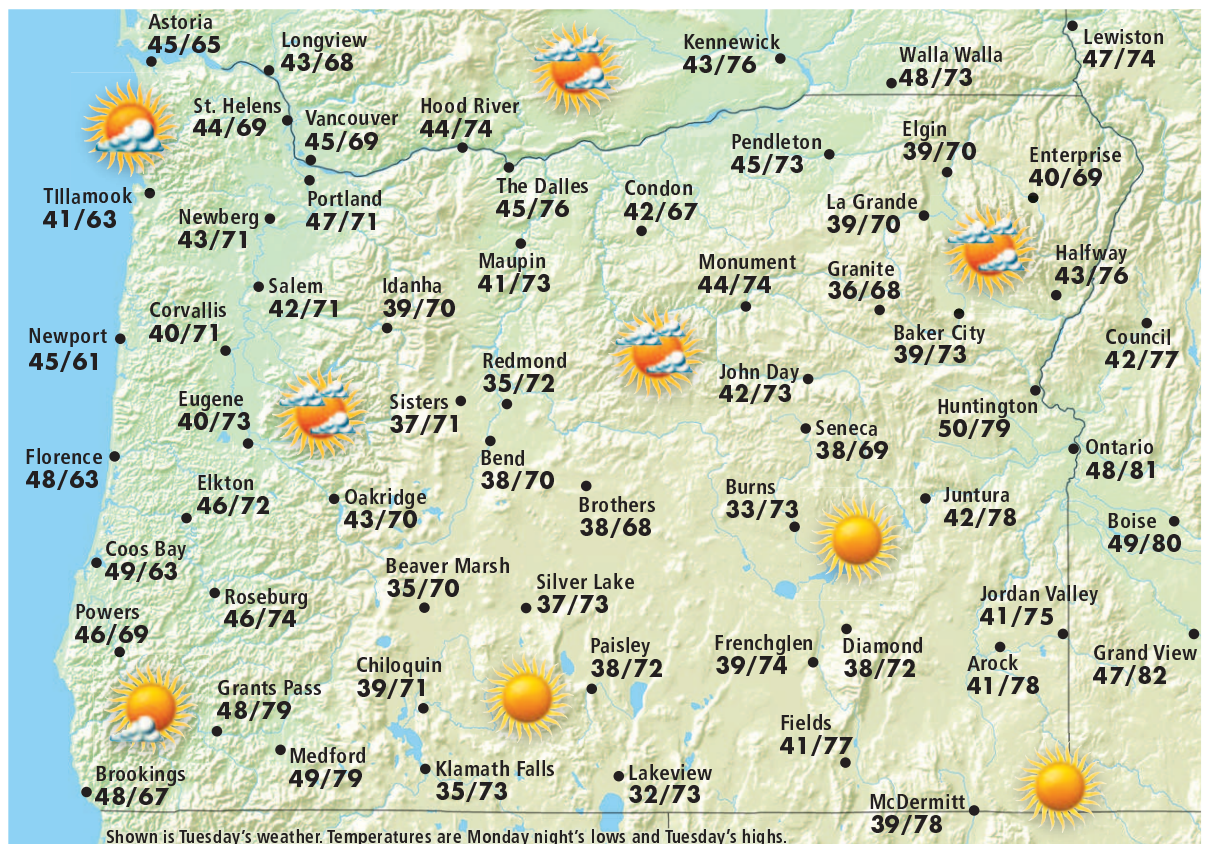
Phillips Reservoir	10% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	12% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	34% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	34% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	6% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	524 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	77 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	48 cfs
Minam River at Minam	54 cfs
Powder River near Richland	9 cfs

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. Hi/Lo/W	WED. Hi/Lo/W	City	TUE. Hi/Lo/W	WED. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	65/46/pc	65/50/c	Lewiston	74/45/pc	74/46/pc
Bend	70/36/s	69/36/s	Longview	68/46/pc	66/51/c
Boise	80/50/pc	74/46/s	Meacham	67/34/pc	66/36/pc
Brookings	67/48/pc	69/49/s	Medford	79/44/s	77/46/s
Burns	73/34/pc	70/29/s	Newport	61/44/s	62/47/pc
Coos Bay	63/48/s	65/50/s	Olympia	68/42/pc	65/47/c
Corvallis	71/39/s	71/44/pc	Ontario	81/50/pc	77/43/s
Council	77/42/pc	72/39/pc	Pasco	75/42/s	76/47/pc
Elgin	70/38/pc	68/38/pc	Pendleton	73/46/pc	72/49/pc
Eugene	73/40/s	73/44/s	Portland	71/48/pc	69/52/pc
Hermiston	76/46/s	76/50/pc	Powers	69/45/s	71/48/s
Hood River	74/48/s	71/51/pc	Redmond	72/34/s	71/34/s
Imnaha	73/44/pc	71/44/pc	Roseburg	74/44/s	75/47/s
John Day	73/41/pc	70/41/s	Salem	71/42/s	71/47/pc
Joseph	70/40/pc	67/37/pc	Spokane	69/45/s	69/46/pc
Kennewick	76/46/s	77/51/pc	The Dalles	76/46/s	74/47/pc
Klamath Falls	73/32/pc	72/32/s	Ukiah	67/32/pc	66/36/pc
Lakeview	73/34/pc	72/30/s	Walla Walla	73/48/pc	72/51/pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	Partly sunny	47 31
MT. EMILY REC.	Clouds and sun	58 36
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Clouds and sun	59 31
WALLOWA LAKE	Clouds and sun	70 40
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Partly sunny; nice	74 39
PHILLIPS LAKE	Partly sunny	70 36
BROWNLEE RES.	Sunny intervals	77 45
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Partly sunny	63 31
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Clouds and sun	70 44
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Partly sunny; nice	70 39

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