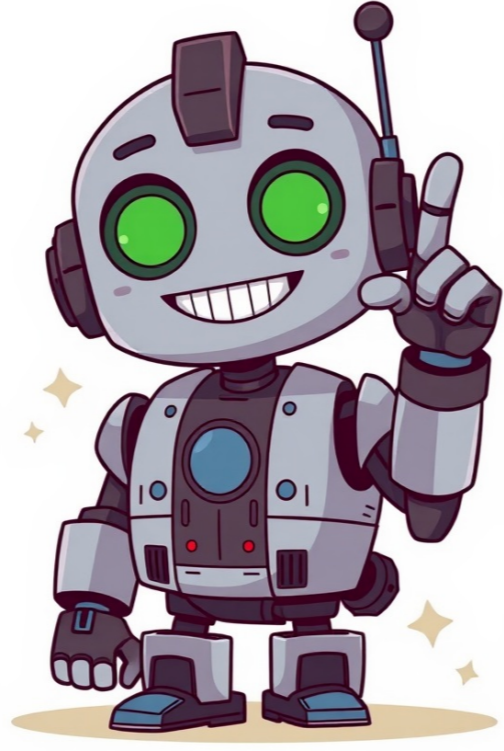


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He will celebrate his birthday in true rock-star fashion on March 16 at the brand new Theater At Virgin Hotels Las Vegas after recently being nominated for "Live Performance Of The Year" alongside his good friend and country sensation Chris Johnson for their vop fan-favorite, game-changing "CMT Crossroads" performance.Michaels turns 61 and continues to have fun, get it done and rock the world with a true broken, positive spirit, always bringing his high-energy shows even through medical setbacks and physical adversity (diabetes, a brain hemorrhage, skin cancer and Bret's self-proclaimed "headbanger's neck"). Bret brings three generations of fans to every show who come together to have nothing but a good time at his produced and created "Parti-Gras Mardi Gras 2.0" music festivals – a night of all killer hits no filler, a true celebration of the fans, bands and music. Michaels came off "The Stadium Tour" in 2022 and went straight into his "Parti-Gras" festivals in 2023 with no stops and now continues the festival's success by jumping right into his 2024 "Parti-Gras 2.0."States Michaels: "Performing real live music with family, friends and fans has been both healing and therapeutic to me. It has gotten me through some of the best and toughest times in my life. I truly feel connected and grateful for all the amazing friends that have been a part of this crazy journey with me."I've always stated that music is a universal language that is meant to unite us, excite us and never divide us. It is a soundtrack to our everyday lives and I truly look forward to giving every bit of energy I've got in 2024 and leave it all up there on the stage every night. However, in 2025, in light of some recent medical results and setbacks, and with much discussion and real advice from my doctors and family, I will be taking most, if not all, of 2025 off, except for a few select dates with both the BRET MICHAELS BAND and possibly all-original POISON. I truly need to recharge the batteries and get a good, much-needed physical tuneup."Please always understand that I am forever grateful to the fans and hope you understand that this will bring me back in 2026 and beyond to be able to always give 1000% on that stage with positive energy and an Unbroken Warrior Spirit!"Last September, the POISON frontman revealed that the passing of popular singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett, who died after a four-year battle with Merkel cell skin cancer, prompted him to see his own doctor. He added that he received a biopsy for a problematic spot on his stomach, and cancer cells were discovered. Photos shared by the singer showed a scar along the side of his stomach, and the bandaged post-surgery result. This was not the first skin cancer scare for Bret, who announced back in January 2020 that he would undergo treatment for the cancer which is usually caused by the sun's harmful rays. He didn't disclose what type of skin cancer he had or how serious his diagnosis was, but he assured fans that he was being treated by "incredible specialists who are both positive for great results."In March 2020, Bret told SiriusXM's "Trunk Nation" about his surgery to have a patch of skin cancer removed: "What happened was... I'm a guy, I admit it, I like being out in the sun, I like having a great time. I usually do the right thing and spray and protect, but sometimes it's not gonna stop it. And it happened, and we thought we got it, and then when it came back, it took it to another level. It got a little scary for a moment, but all is great."The thing is, and I say this all the time, I'm one of those guys – I'm hands-on, I'm living it, I'm doing it, and with that, just comes all the years, again, as we've talked a zillion times, about being a diabetic," he continued. "As best as you can take care of your health, things are just gonna happen. You just keep on keeping on and rocking. I'm here to have another great tour and another great year."Michaels survived one of his most difficult health years to date in 2010 when he faced an emergency appendectomy, a brain hemorrhage and heart surgery."I dealt with a lot of health issues during that year, and by the grace of God and a lot of hard work and therapy, I'm still on the good side of the dirt and having a good time," he told People in December 2019.The rocker, who is a father to two daughters, is a lifelong Type 1 juvenile diabetic who continues to raise funds and awareness for not only diabetic causes, but St. Jude Children's Hospital, PetSmart charities and more.In 2022, POISON completed "The Stadium Tour" with MÖTLEY CRÜE, DEF LEPPARD and JOAN JETT & THE BLACKHEARTS. BRET MICHAELS has opened up about his recent show cancellation, sharing a heartfelt message that focuses on positivity, mental rest, and leaning on loved ones during difficult moments. The POISON frontman released the statement on Instagram, offering fans encouragement even while keeping the specific struggles he's facing private.Although Michaels did not detail the exact circumstances behind the sudden postponement, he made it clear that he has been navigating personal challenges. Instead of dwelling on the difficulties, however, he emphasized the importance of staying grounded, surrounding himself with uplifting people, and maintaining a mindset that pushes back against negativity. He wrote:"Always keep great memories and reminders around you – good for purpose, good for the soul."Michaels paired that message with reflections on gratitude, companionship, and relying on friendships when life becomes overwhelming. The update arrived during what he called a "Motivational Monday," a theme that fit perfectly with the encouraging tone of his statement. He continued:"On this Motivational Monday, I focus on companionship, friendship, and surrounding yourself with good people, and trying to keep so positive during adversity that it kicks negative's a-s."The statement reveals that Michaels has been dealing with what he described as a "roller coaster ride" recently. While he did not elaborate on health specifics or personal setbacks, he acknowledged that he needed time to rest and reset – something he said he finally listened to. "After taking a few days to reset and listening to my body telling me to get it together, taking a bit of a roller coaster ride recently, the one thing that came through was a positive state of mind. Hope, faith, love – they work."Beyond health and mindset, Michaels used the statement to reflect on the things that bring him genuine happiness. Rather than focusing solely on the stage or the pressures that come with performing, he highlighted the everyday moments that matter most. He shared:"From birth until now, it's just as important for me to hang out with family and friends, race go karts or have a wiffleball contest on an old dirt baseball field."For the longtime rocker, those experiences are not distractions from his work – they are essential components of a meaningful life. Michaels made it clear that these simple joys hold as much value as delivering high-energy performances for fans.He added:"Things of this nature are just as important as putting together performances and great shows, I give 100% to everything I do and even enjoy the challenges."This perspective reflects a healthier, more balanced approach to life, especially given the health concerns he has faced in recent years. As someone who has endured diabetes, past hospitalizations, and other medical scares, Michaels has long been open about the need to take care of himself while continuing his career.Show Postponement and Tour UncertaintyThe show Michaels postponed was originally scheduled for November 15 but has now been rescheduled to May 16, 2026. While postponements are not uncommon, this particular delay coincides with broader uncertainty surrounding POISON's touring plans for the near future.Just days before Michaels' statement, drummer RIKKI ROCKETT publicly revealed that the band's anticipated 2026 40th-anniversary tour had hit a wall – with Michaels as the deciding factor.Rockett explained:"I'll set the record straight as far as Poison touring: at this point in time, there is nothing on the books for a 2026 40th-anniversary tour."He elaborated by discussing how the band – including C.C. DeVille and BOBBY DALL – had agreed to a proposed tour contract. However, Michaels had not committed to it.According to Rockett:"I said it months ago when we got presented a contract from Live Nation to go on tour next year. C.C., Bobby and I agreed. We thought it was great. We thought the money was great. We thought the lay of the land looked great. Bret looked at it and has not agreed to anything. So literally that is where we're at."Rockett's comments shed light on the internal challenges facing the group as they approach a milestone year. Although the band has toured successfully together many times, this latest development suggests a pause – one that Michaels' current focus on health and mindset appears to reinforce.While Michaels did not directly respond to Rockett's claims in his Instagram post, the tone of his message makes one thing clear: he is prioritizing well-being, balance, and personal stability above all else. This shift comes at a time when many veteran artists are reevaluating their touring schedules and careers, especially after decades on the road.Michaels' decision to take a few days to rest signals a healthier and more measured approach, especially considering his history of medical emergencies. His insistence on staying positive, surrounding himself with the right people, and listening to his body suggests he is taking a proactive and intentional step back, rather than pushing himself beyond his limits.For fans, his message serves as both reassurance and inspiration – a reminder that even the most energetic and upbeat performers need time to breathe, recover, and reflect.Ultimately, Michaels' statement is far more than an explanation for a canceled show. It's a broader message about resilience, self-care, and surrounding yourself with supportive people when life becomes chaotic. His words encourage fans to value meaningful relationships and maintain hope, even when circumstances become overwhelming.Whether or not POISON tours in the near future remains uncertain. Yet Michaels' reminder that "hope, faith, love – they work" is a powerful sentiment for anyone navigating difficult times.And for now, the frontman appears focused on health, family, and the positivity he needs to carry forward – both onstage and in life. Category 4 Atlantic hurricane in 1999 For other storms of the same name, see List of storms named Bret. Hurricane Bret Bret at peak intensity shortly before their landfall in southern Texas on August 22Meteorological historyFormedAugust 18, 1999 (1999-08-18)DissipatedAugust 25, 1999 (1999-08-25)Category 4 major hurricane1-minute sustained (SSHWS/NEWS)Highest winds145 mph (230 km/h)Lowest pressure944 mbar (hPa): 27.66 inHgOverall effectsFatalities7Damage\$15 million (1999 USD)Areas affectedSouth Texas and MexicoDTACSPart of the 1999 Atlantic hurricane season Hurricane Bret was the first of five Category 4 hurricanes that developed during the 1999 Atlantic hurricane season and the first tropical cyclone since Hurricane Jerry in 1989 to make landfall in Texas at hurricane intensity. Forming from a tropical wave on August 18, Bret slowly organized within weak steering currents in the Bay of Campeche. By August 20, the storm began to track northwest and underwent rapid intensification on August 21. After this period of strengthening, Bret attained its peak intensity with winds of 145 miles per hour (233 km/h) and a barometric pressure of 944 mbar (hPa; 27.9 inHg). Later that day, the storm weakened to a Category 3 hurricane and made landfall on Padre Island, Texas. Shortly thereafter, the storm weakened further, becoming a tropical depression 24 hours after moving inland. The remnants of the storm eventually dissipated early on August 26 over northern Mexico. Along the Texas coastline, Bret threatened several cities, prompting 180,000 residents to evacuate. Numerous shelters were opened throughout the region and prisons were evacuated. Several days prior to the storm's arrival, the NHC issued hurricane watches, and later warnings for areas near the Texas–Mexico border. Several major roads leading to barrier islands towns were shut down to prevent residents from crossing bridges during the hurricane. In nearby Mexico, roughly 7,000 people left coastal areas in advance of the storm. Officials also set up hundreds of shelters in northern regions of the country in case of major flooding. Bret made landfall in a sparsely populated region, resulting in relatively little damage in comparison to its intensity. Nevertheless, seven people were killed in relation to the storm, four in Texas and three in Mexico. Most of the deaths were due to car accidents caused by slippery roads. Upon making landfall, the hurricane produced a maximum storm surge of 8.8 ft (2.7 m) at Matagorda Island, Texas. Heavy rains produced by Bret peaked at 13.18 in (335 mm) in Texas and were estimated over 14 in (360 mm) in Mexico. Numerous homes in the affected regions were damaged or destroyed, leaving roughly 150 people homeless. In all, the storm caused \$15 million (1999 USD) in damage. Map plotting the storm's track and intensity, according to the Saffir–Simpson scaleMap keySaffir–Simpson scale Tropical depression (≤38 mph, ≤62 km/h) Tropical storm (39–73 mph, 63–118 km/h) Category 1 (74–95 mph, 119–153 km/h) Category 2 (96–110 mph, 154–177 km/h) Category 3 (111–129 mph, 178–208 km/h) Category 4 (130–156 mph, 209–251 km/h) Category 5 (≥157 mph) Unknown Storm type Tropical cyclone Subtropical cyclone Extratropical cyclone, remnant low, tropical disturbance, or monsoon depression Bret originated from a tropical wave that moved off the west coast of Africa on August 5. The wave tracked generally westward, interacting with an upper-level low on August 15 in the western Caribbean Sea, and spawned a low-pressure area. Convective activity developed around the low, and by August 18 the system was over the Yucatán Peninsula. Later that day, the disturbance emerged into the Bay of Campeche and a Hurricane Hunter reconnaissance mission into the system revealed that it had matured into a tropical depression around 1:00 pm CDT (18:00 UTC), the third of the 1999 season.[1] Initially, moderate wind shear prevented the depression from strengthening as it moved slowly and erratically in response to weak steering currents over the system.[1][2] By August 19, the wind shear relaxed, allowing deep convection to develop over the center; later that day, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) upgraded the system to a tropical storm, assigning it the name Bret.[1][3] A small tropical cyclone, Bret gradually strengthened for several days as it tracked towards the north. By the morning of August 20, rainbands began to form.[4] Tropical Storm Bret organizing over the Bay of Campeche By the evening of August 20, Bret was designated a hurricane following reports of 75 miles per hour (121 km/h) winds during a Hurricane Hunter mission. At around the same time, Bret established a north-northwest track under the influences of a mid-level ridge.[5] The following day, Bret began to undergo rapid intensification,[1] as a well-defined eye developed.[6] On the morning of August 22, the storm attained its peak intensity as a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 145 miles per hour (233 km/h) and a barometric pressure of 944 mbar (hPa; 27.9 inHg).[1] Shortly thereafter, an upper-level trough to the west of the storm began to erode its cloud pattern.[7] Late on August 22, Bret turned northwestward in response to a mid-tropospheric ridge over the Gulf of Mexico and a mid-tropospheric circulation over the Rio Grande Valley.[1] Several hours before landfall, the hurricane weakened to Category 3 intensity and its forward motion slowed.[8] At around 7:00 pm CDT (00:00 UTC), August 23, Hurricane Bret passed over Padre Island, Texas, with winds of 115 miles per hour (185 km/h) and a barometric pressure of 951 mbar (hPa; 28.1 inHg), which marked its landfall.[1] The hurricane rapidly weakened upon moving inland, and roughly 12 hours after landfall, Bret weakened to a tropical storm. It further degenerated into a tropical depression by the evening of August 23. The remnants of Bret persisted until August 26, at which time they dissipated over the mountains of northern Mexico.[1] Residents evacuating Corpus Christi on August 22 on Interstate 37 On August 21, when Bret was first expected to approach the Texas coastline, the NHC issued a hurricane watch for coastal areas between the border of Mexico and Baffin Bay, Texas. Hours later, the watch was upgraded to a warning as the storm intensified and posed a more direct threat to the area. A tropical storm warning and hurricane watch were subsequently posted from Baffin Bay northward to Port Aransas. The following day, the hurricane warning was extended to include locations through Port O'Connor and the advisories were extended to Freeport. As Bret neared landfall, the hurricane watch between Port O'Connor and Freeport was discontinued. The hurricane warning for Port Aransas to Port O'Connor was discontinued hours after Bret made landfall and began to weaken. By late August 23, all watches and warnings in relation to the hurricane were discontinued.[1] By August 22, city officials in Corpus Christi, Texas, declared a state of emergency as Bret was considered a significant threat to the region. Tens of thousands of residents were urged to evacuate coastal areas and seek refuge in local shelters or with relatives further inland.[9] An estimated 180,000 people in the state left their residences ahead of the storm.[10] The Corpus Christi International Airport closed midday on August 22. Later that day, Texas State Highway 361 and docks in Port Aransas were shut down.[11] Highways throughout the area were constricted due to the large-scale evacuations and long lines for gas and emergency items developed. Three schools, two universities and a college were closed on August 23 and remained closed for several days.[9] Eleven shelters were opened in the San Antonio area, collectively able to accommodate 3,325 people. About 325 prisoners were evacuated from a Nueces County jail as the building they were in was deemed unsafe during hurricane conditions. About 1,000 sailors working in the area were evacuated to the USS Inchon prior to the storm. Originally, the ship was meant to ride out the storm at sea; however, inadequate repair work inhibited the ship from leaving port. The ship reportedly had enough supplies to maintain the sailors for roughly 45 days. By 12:00 pm CDT on August 22, Mustang Island and Padre Island were completely evacuated and officials shut down roads leading in and out of the islands to prevent anyone from re-entering them before the area was deemed safe to enter. A strict order against price gouging was put in place by city officials in Corpus Christi.[9] In Mexico, officials closed 18 ports on the Gulf of Mexico to small- and medium-sized craft in preparation for the storm.[12] In northern Mexico, more than 500 shelters were opened as thousands of residents were advised to evacuate from low-lying areas. The Mexican Army, Red Cross, and firefighters were put on standby to deal with emergency calls during the storm.[13] On August 22, a state of emergency was declared for Tamaulipas.[14] The following day, at least 120 firefighters were dispatched to Monterrey, Nuevo León, to swiftly respond to emergencies. The Mexican government emphasized the safety of residents in the city, which was anticipated to bear the brunt of the hurricane.[15] Around 7,000 fishermen evacuated coastal regions near the Texas border. In Matamoros an additional 31 shelters were opened.[16] Schools throughout northern Mexico were closed for several days.[17] Rainfall totals from Hurricane Bret in Mexico and Texas Prior to developing into a tropical depression,[1] the disturbance produced scattered rainfall across the Yucatán Peninsula, locally exceeding 7 in (180 mm).[18] As the system stalled in the Bay of Campeche,[1] coastal areas received minor rainfall from the outer bands of the system.[18] Although Bret made landfall near the Texas–Mexico border, the small size of the system resulted in limited impacts in Mexico. In Nuevo León, an estimated 14 in (360 mm) of rain fell within a 24-hour span and similar amounts likely fell in nearby Tamaulipas.[1] In Tamaulipas, Nuevo León and Coahuila, ten villages were isolated by floodwaters that washed out roads.[19] Ten people, all members of one family, were injured during a head-on collision.[20] In Nogales, heavy rains caused water to accumulate on streets, leading to traffic jams; high winds also downed power lines.[21] During the evacuation prior to Bret, one person was trampled to death. Following landfall, a man was electrocuted by downed power lines and another drowned in floodwaters.[22][23] At least 150 families were left homeless following a flash flood in Cadereyta that inundated most of the town.[24] A sign blown down along Interstate 37 in Corpus Christi Upon making landfall, Bret produced a storm surge up to 8.8 ft (2.7 m) on Matagorda Island, Texas. Around Galveston, minor beach erosion was recorded due to large swells produced by the hurricane.[25] Twelve new inlets were created on Padre Island, one of which was large enough to be mistaken as Mansfield Pass.[26] Heavy precipitation, reaching 13.18 in (335 mm) in central Kennedy County, was confined to a small area.[18] The lowest barometric pressure recorded overlaid was at the Brooks County Airport at 976 mbar (hPa; 28.8 inHg).[27] The Aransas River rapidly reached flood stage due to heavy rains and the Rio Grande produced minor flooding close to the Gulf of Mexico. In beaches near Corpus Christi, upwards of 40 cubic feet (1.1 m3) of sand was lost.[26] About 24.7 acres (10.0 ha) of cropland were destroyed by the storm.[28] A damaged electric tower in Kennedy County resulted in power outages for thousands of people.[11][1] At the height of the storm, an estimated 64,000 people were without power in south Texas.[29] Portions of U.S. Route 281 were submerged in floodwaters, leaving \$50,000 (1999 USD) in damage.[30] Damage in Corpus Christi were estimated at \$100,000 (1999 USD). In Duval County, 200 homes were damaged by flooding and large areas of agricultural land were flooded. Damage in the county amounted to roughly \$2 million (1999 USD).[31] Five other F0 tornadoes touched down in the state.[32] Damage to homes and businesses in Corpus Christi was estimated up to \$500,000 (1999 USD); agricultural damage reached \$1 million and another \$500,000 (1999 USD) was reported in losses.[26] Slick roads from Bret's heavy rains caused the collision of a truck and a tractor, killing four people.[33] Damage amounted to \$15 million (1999 USD) throughout southern Texas.[34] A gas pump blown over by Hurricane Bret in Texas On August 23, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) deployed 717 personnel, mainly from the disaster response team, to the affected regions in the United States.[35] The following day, 564 National Guard troops were deployed in the state.[29] In the days following the storm, many mosquitoes and other insects laid eggs in areas of standing water, causing a large increase in their numbers. Authorities sprayed insecticide to minimize the potential for disease outbreaks.[36] By August 25, all shelters opened prior to Bret were closed as residents were allowed to return home.[37] On August 26, President Bill Clinton added the counties of Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells and Webb to the major disaster declaration area. This allowed residents in those counties to receive federal funding.[38] Reconstruction of public facilities, roads, and water pipes received increased funding on September 3 to speed up the program.[39] The following day, twelve disaster recovery centers were opened in the affected counties for residents to apply for federal funding.[40] On September 9, two more disaster recovery centers were opened for residents in south Texas.[41] Later that day, \$831,593.28 (1999 USD) in disaster housing grants was distributed to affected residents.[42] On September 15, roughly 10,200 people applied for disaster loans, amounting to \$3.1 million (1999 USD). 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