

Tattoo lover gets birthday criticism from grandparents

DEAR ABBY: My daughter recently celebrated her 20th birthday. She's a good kid with a decent job who happens to like tattoos.

For her birthday, my in-laws sent her a birthday card. Usually their card includes a gift card, check or cash. This year, there was no gift but a note stating that they were not sending money as they felt she would use it toward more tattoos.

I understand their beliefs may be different, but their approach to the situation was not nice. When she read their note, my daughter broke down and cried. My question is: Should I ignore their rudeness and ignorance, or should I (or my husband) call them and stick up for our daughter?



DEAR ABBY

engaged in what appeared to be an intimate conversation with a longtime friend who is known to be a "hound dog" who frequently boasts of his latest conquests. They held each other's hands and were talking to each other at "kissing" distance. I watched from afar and then left the area so as not to create a scene. They were obviously not talking about the weather.

When I confronted my wife the next day, she said there is nothing going on between them and they were just talking. My wife had a few drinks that night, but I don't think she was drunk. Your take on this?

—SAW TOO MUCH IN GEORGIA

DEAR SAW: My take is that if you trust your wife, you will believe what she's telling you. Appearances can be deceiving, especially when viewed from a distance.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 12-year-old girl who is not happy with who I am. When I was younger I always imagined what I'd be like when I was older — and this is not who I want to be.

I am the girl everyone wants to date. I have lost people close to me lately and made mistakes I wish I could take back. I love God and the fact that He gave me life, but I don't like myself. People treat me like I have no feelings sometimes, and I'm tired of drama that isn't worth my time. I want to change who I am to who I really want to be.

Do you have any tips on how to make myself the person I want to be, and not the person everyone else wants?

—WHO AM I? VALRICO, FLA.

DEAR WHO AM I?: You are an intelligent young lady who has recognized that she must make changes if she wants to achieve her goals. Good for you.

At 12, you're not frozen into any role. There is time to change your image. While it may be flattering to be someone "everyone wants to date," you are not obligated to date anyone. Concentrate on improving your grades, becoming active in sports, developing your interests and a stronger relationship with your church. If you do, you will form different kinds of relationships that will enable you to become the person you want to be. I have no doubt that you'll accomplish whatever you set your mind to because you have already started.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 68-year-old divorced woman who has been dating a slightly older widower. We were beginning a nice relationship until he got mad at me for giving him a fever blister. He suggested we not see each other or talk for more than two weeks. After that, he texted me to see if my fever blister was gone. He said he was still sort of angry about it, and described how ugly and painful the blister was.

I feel he was really petty, and it has put a damper on things. Am I wrong to feel this way? What is your advice? Hurry, please, because his blister is healing and he wants to see me.

—EMBARRASSED IN MISSOURI

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Your gentleman friend's behavior wasn't petty. The "fever blister" you gave him was a herpes virus. Before you see him again, talk to your doctor so he or she can explain how the virus is passed and what you can do to lessen the chances or prevent it in the future. If you do, you'll be doing both of you a favor.

DEAR ABBY: While attending a large party, I re-entered the main room to find my wife

US Pacific territory will need help to recover from typhoon

By Caleb Jones

Associated Press

Residents of a U.S. territory in the Pacific ravaged by Super Typhoon Yutu are hopeful for help from the federal government as they dig out from damage including crumbled concrete houses, smashed cars and fallen utility poles.

Used to riding out monster storms, about 50,000 people living in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands expect to be without electricity and running water for months after getting slammed by the strongest storm to hit the U.S. this year.

Officials toured villages in Saipan and saw cars crushed under a collapsed garage, the ground ripped clean of vegetation and people injured by spraying glass and other debris. As of Friday local time, there was one storm-related death confirmed.

A military plane was bringing food, water, tarps and other supplies, U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesman David Gervino said.

The agency had already significant water and food in place because it had stored more than 220,000 liters of water and 260,000 shelf-stable meals at a distribution center on nearby Guam to prepare for Typhoon Mangkhut, which struck last month.

Mangkhut's effects turned out to be not as bad as expected, so those supplies are still available.

The agency is focused on helping restore power, opening sea and air ports

and ensuring cell towers can operate on emergency power until utility power returns, Gervino said.

One change the agency adopted because of Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 storm that struck Puerto Rico last year, is it has created task forces to tackle different areas such as transportation, communications, food and water and energy and fuel.

Federal and territory officials are in constant communication to address each of these areas, he said.

Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, the territory's delegate to Congress, said residents will need significant help to recover. Colleagues in Congress have offered aid. Sablan expects a presidential disaster declaration to free up resources for storm relief.

"We want people to remember we are Americans and we exist," local lawmaker Edwin Propst said.

Maximum sustained winds of 180 mph (290 kph) were recorded around the eye of the storm, which passed over the islands of Tinian and Saipan early Thursday, the National Weather Service said.

A 44-year-old woman taking shelter in an abandoned building died when it collapsed in the storm, the governor's office Facebook page said. Officials couldn't immediately be reached for additional details.

The territory's only hospital in Saipan, the most populated island, said it received 133 people in the emergency room Thursday, and three patients had severe injuries that needed surgery.

Residents "were stoic and still smiling and they were just thankful to be alive," said Propst, a member of the territory's House of Representatives.

Sablan said most of the structures in the southern part of Saipan lost their roofs and many, including a high school, were "completely destroyed."

"This damage is just horrendous, it's going to take months and months for us to recover," he said by phone.

Even the plants were torn up, he said: "There are no shrubs, they're all gone. There are no leaves."

On the smaller island of Tinian, which took a direct hit, most of the houses were destroyed, and even some concrete ones were reduced to rubble, resident Juanita Mendiola said.

"We had to hide inside the bathroom because the house felt like it was going to blow apart," she said. "It was literally shaking — a concrete house shaking."

The storm ripped a door of its hinges and flung it more than 100 feet away into a pigsty, she said.

More than 800 people were in shelters across the territory, and space was running out, officials said. Electricity and running water shut down Wednesday, residents said. Cellphone coverage was spotty.

Nadine Deleon Guerrero, a spokeswoman for the territory's emergency management department, said all of Saipan (population 50,000) and Tinian (population 3,000) islands were without utility power.

weather

| | TONIGHT | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | Partly cloudy | Clouds and sun | Periods of rain | A brief shower or two | Sunny intervals |
| Baker City | 29 | 52 30 | 50 42 | 59 41 | 59 34 |
| Comfort Index™ | 4 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 9 |
| La Grande | 38 | 51 38 | 52 47 | 59 45 | 57 41 |
| Comfort Index™ | 1 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 8 |
| Enterprise | 34 | 48 33 | 49 44 | 56 42 | 55 39 |
| Comfort Index™ | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 6 |

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| TEMPERATURES | Baker City | La Grande | Elgin |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| High Sunday | 60° | 59° | 58° |
| Low Sunday | 34° | 36° | 40° |
| PRECIPITATION (inches) | | | |
| Sunday | 0.22 | 0.32 | 0.04 |
| Month to date | 0.71 | 1.84 | 1.91 |
| Normal month to date | 0.55 | 1.12 | 1.46 |
| Year to date | 5.46 | 12.36 | 22.95 |
| Normal year to date | 8.17 | 12.66 | 17.31 |

SUNDAY EXTREMES

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| NATION (for the 48 contiguous states) |
| High: 94° Borrego Springs, Calif. |
| Low: 18° Angel Fire, N.M. |
| Wettest: 1.05" Stampede Pass, Wash. |
| OREGON |
| High: 74° Rome |
| Low: 26° Burns |
| Wettest: 0.59" Troutdale |

WEATHER HISTORY

On October 30, 1866, a whirlwind cut through New York City in a column 150 feet high by 60 feet in diameter picking up dirt, turf, sticks and stones to a depth of 8 inches and "hissing like a steamboat."

SUN & MOON

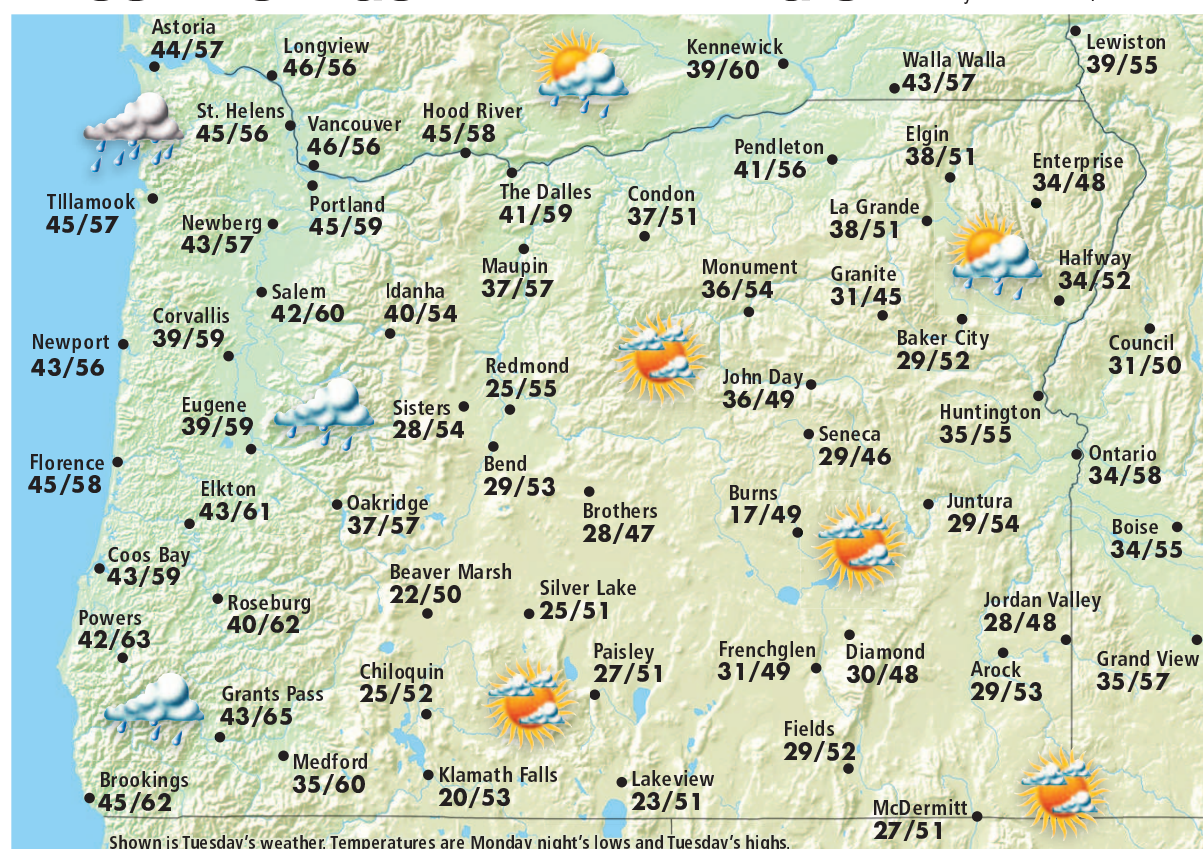
| | MON. | TUE. |
|----------|------------|------------|
| Sunrise | 7:27 a.m. | 7:28 a.m. |
| Sunset | 5:44 p.m. | 5:43 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 10:01 p.m. | 11:06 p.m. |
| Moonset | 12:42 p.m. | 1:37 p.m. |

MOON PHASES



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 | 57/49/c | 61/53/r | Lewiston | 55/41/pc | 54/50/r |
| Bend | 53/39/pc | 58/45/r | Longview | 56/49/c | 59/54/r |
| Boise | 55/35/pc | 51/44/c | Meacham | 47/35/pc | 49/46/r |
| Brookings | 62/48/pc | 61/52/c | Medford | 60/39/pc | 61/44/c |
| Burns | 49/24/pc | 53/35/c | Newport | 56/48/c | 57/52/r |
| Coos Bay | 59/50/pc | 59/54/r | Olympia | 56/45/c | 59/51/r |
| Corvallis | 59/45/c | 62/49/r | Ontario | 58/34/pc | 51/41/r |
| Council | 50/32/pc | 45/38/r | Pasco | 60/44/pc | 61/53/r |
| Elgin | 51/37/pc | 51/47/r | Pendleton | 56/44/pc | 59/52/r |
| Eugene | 59/45/c | 61/49/r | Portland | 59/50/c | 62/56/r |
| Hermiston | 60/46/pc | 64/55/r | Powers | 63/50/pc | 61/53/c |
| Hood River | 58/49/c | 61/56/r | Redmond | 55/37/pc | 60/41/r |
| Imnaha | 52/38/pc | 52/48/r | Roseburg | 62/45/pc | 63/49/r |
| John Day | 49/38/pc | 52/49/r | Salem | 60/48/c | 62/54/r |
| Joseph | 47/32/pc | 48/42/r | Spokane | 49/39/pc | 49/41/r |
| Kennewick | 60/46/pc | 63/50/r | The Dalles | 59/44/c | 60/55/r |
| Klamath Falls | 53/29/pc | 58/33/c | Ukiah | 48/34/pc | 50/46/r |
| Lakeview | 51/28/pc | 56/34/c | Walla Walla | 57/47/pc | 58/54/r |

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

| Location | TUE. HI/Lo/W | WED. HI/Lo/W |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| ANTHONY LAKES A snow shower | 29 | 19 |
| PHILLIPS LAKE A passing shower | 47 | 29 |
| MT. EMILY REC. A shower | 40 | 32 |
| BROWNLEE RES. A little p.m. rain | 54 | 35 |
| EAGLE CAP WILD. Rain | 36 | 24 |
| EMIGRANT ST. PARK A shower | 45 | 34 |
| WALLOWA LAKE A little rain | 48 | 33 |
| MCKAY RESERVOIR A passing shower | 57 | 40 |
| THIEF VALLEY RES. A touch of rain | 52 | 29 |
| RED BRIDGE ST. PARK A shower | 51 | 38 |

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