

Best friend’s loyalty may be shifting in middle school drama

DEAR ABBY: I'm in middle school. "Jill" has been my best friend for 11 years. She has always been shy, while I am outgoing. Recently, she has been hanging out with the class "ho," "Kelly," and I'm being more and more left out. Kelly is turning Jill into a slut, too. Jill isn't excited to hang with me anymore and prefers to be with Kelly's friends smoking or drinking.

Jill still calls us best friends, but I'm afraid she'll betray me and tell Kelly everything we talk about. We used to make fun of Kelly for being a slut. Now I feel like I can't open up to my best friend. It hurts to see them together and not inviting me to things. What do I do?



DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: Is it considered rude to stretch in public?

—STEPHANIE IN SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR STEPHANIE: I suppose it depends upon what someone is stretching. If it attracts attention or causes distraction, I suppose it is rude, but I wouldn't consider it a social transgression worthy of incarceration.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I married very young by today's standards. We met when I was 17, started dating when I was 18, became engaged at 19 and married at 20. My family supported the marriage. We completed a full year of premarital counseling and a weekend marriage course, as well. We're financially stable and very much in love.

Two years later, we're still happy as ever and know that marrying was the right choice for us.

Acquaintances and strangers often feel the need to tell us that our marriage "won't last." Some even go as far as to say, "Are you crazy? Why would you do that?" Is there a polite way to respond to these comments? We find them hurtful and insulting.

—YOUNG AND IN LOVE

DEAR IN LOVE: Those comments are not only rude and insulting, they are also presumptuous, and a reflection of the speakers' biases and possible problems with making a commitment. But please do not sink to their level. Marrying late is no guarantee that the union will be successful, either. To those who say it won't last, smile and reply, "Time will tell." It's the truth.

A NOTE TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: If your little ones will be out trick-or-treating tonight, please be sure they are supervised to assure their safety.

Tourists flee typhon-ravaged Northern Mariana Islands

By Jennifer Sinco Kelleher
Associated Press

A super typhoon that ravaged a Pacific U.S. territory sent tourists fleeing and postponed elections as residents struggled with a power outage, destroyed homes and long lines for gasoline.

U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Gov. Ralph Torres said on his office's Facebook page that elections will be postponed until Nov. 13. Early voting will now begin Nov. 6.

The delay won't affect a balance of power in Congress since the islands only have one non-voting member. In addition to the delegate to Congress, residents will vote on governor and other local races.

Tropical weather has affected other elections in the past. Some results in the 2014 Hawaii primary were delayed nearly a week as residents in two rural districts on the Big Island couldn't vote on election day because of damage from Hurricane Iselle. A make-up primary for about 8,000 of those residents was held six days later.

Torres and his lieutenant governor running mate will suspend campaign events to focus on recovery, he wrote on Facebook.

"Exercising your right to vote is an important part of our democracy and our freedom," he said. "Taking care of yourself and your family is even more important."

At category 5, Super Typhoon Yutu was the strongest storm to hit any part of the U.S. this year.

Saipan, the largest island, is a popular tourist destination for travelers from South Korea and China. There were 3,200 tourists when Yutu hit, said governor spokesman Kevin Bautista.

The South Korean government flew most of their nationals out on military planes over the weekend, he said, and other tourists have been flying home now that commercial flights have resumed out of the Saipan airport.

The American Red Cross and other volunteers have been giving out meals and water for drinking. There are water stations where each vehicle can receive up to 50 gallons (190 liters) of non-potable water for needs such as bathing. Medical teams were sent to shelters to provide services.

Nearby territory Guam has sent 140 members of its National Guard to help with recovery efforts, according to Torres' office Facebook page.

"There were so many people in line and some were unable to get anything or only able to get very little," Edwin Propst, a member of the House of Representatives, said Tuesday.

Yet, he's confident the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency is doing its best to help. "They have shown they do care. So we are grateful for whatever they can give," he said.

President Donald Trump approved a disaster declaration, making federal funding available to affected people in the Northern Marianas.

Most of the homes on the island of Tinian were de-

stroyed by a direct hit from Yutu, residents said. According to initial assessments, there were 183 homes on Tinian that were destroyed or suffered major damage. On Saipan, that number was 779. Bautista didn't have estimates for how many homes are on each island. Rota suffered the least amount of damage with 51 badly damaged or destroyed homes, but like Saipan and Tinian, Rota was still without power.

On Saipan there were 2-mile (3.2-kilometer) gas lines and it could take three months to restore 50 percent power to Tinian, according to the territory's recovery assessment released Monday.

Over 96 hours after the storm, there were 121 typhoon-related emergency room visits, the assessment said. There was one storm-related death: a woman who took shelter in an abandoned building that collapsed.

"I look to this as a miracle in some respects," Propst, the lawmaker, said of there not being more casualties. "We are a predominantly Catholic community. I just think we were graced by God. For so many people that I talked to that were in these structures that were totally destroyed and to come out with only minor bruises and cut is in itself a miracle."

The territory has building codes meant to withstand typhoon winds, but many poor families can't afford to build full concrete structures, Propst said. "Most of our families live in a mix of wood and tin and semi-concrete structures."

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TONIGHT

Mainly cloudy

THU

Brief showers

FRI

A couple of showers

SAT

Times of clouds and sun

SUN

Cloudy, showers around

Baker City	42	60	35	58	36	52	39	51	31
Comfort Index™	2	8	4	6	0				
La Grande	48	60	44	58	37	54	42	55	36
Comfort Index™	0	5	4	6	0				
Enterprise	45	57	43	55	35	52	41	52	34
Comfort Index™	2	8	0	6	0				

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 Tuesday	52°	50°	53°
Low Tuesday	26°	34°	35°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	Trace	0.05
Month to date	0.49	2.32	2.00
Normal month to date	0.60	1.23	1.62
Year to date	5.24	12.84	23.04
Normal year to date	8.22	12.77	17.47

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	60%
Afternoon wind	W at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.5
Evapotranspiration	0.06

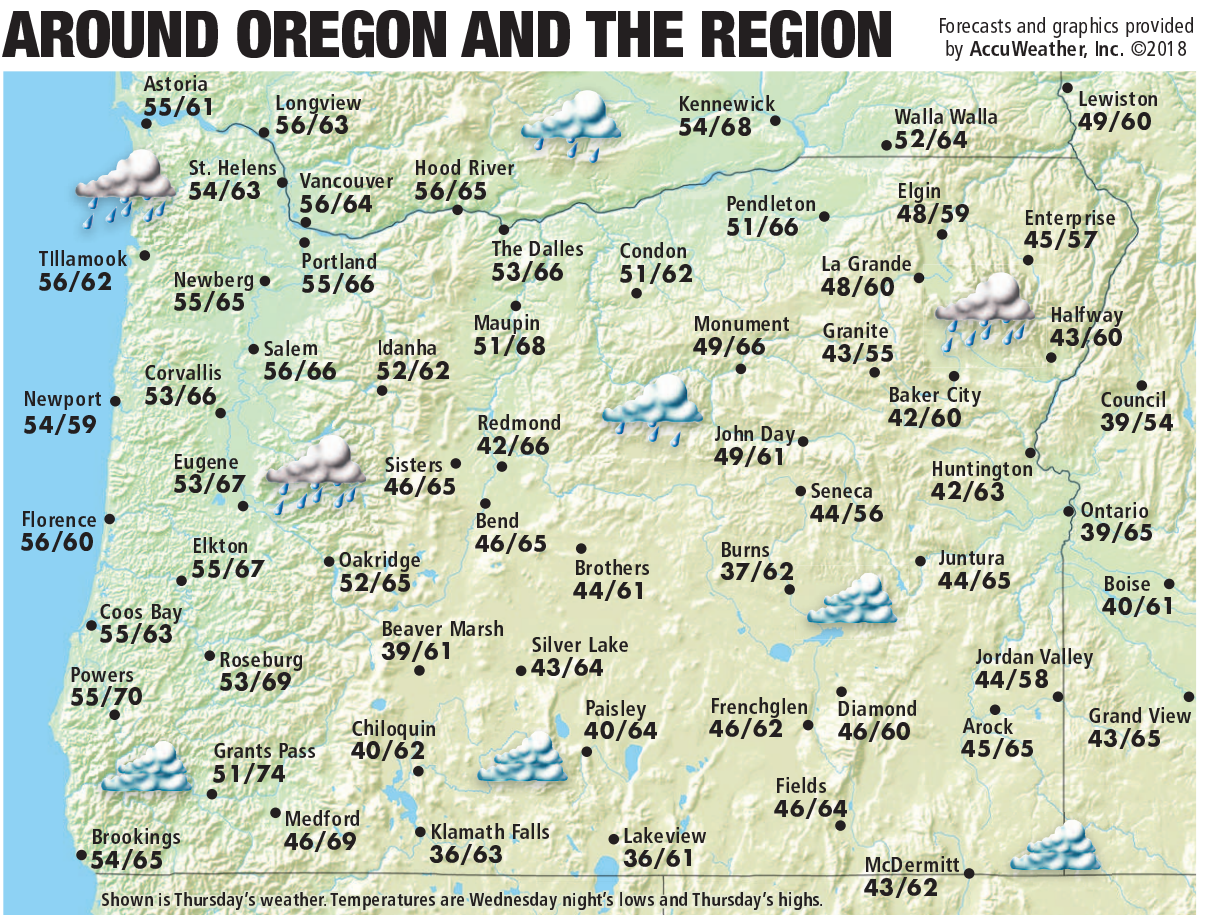
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	12% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	31% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	18% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	7% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	8% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	851 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	2 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	6 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	60 cfs
Minam River at Minam	86 cfs
Powder River near Richland	13 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 92°	Thermal, Calif.
Low: 6°	Daniel, Wyo.
Wettest: 1.36"	Rockford, Ill.
OREGON	
High: 62°	Brookings
Low: 14°	Burns
Wettest: 1.09"	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY	
On Nov. 1, 1861, a hurricane battered the Union fleet as it tried to attack ports in the Carolinas. On Nov. 1, 1946, a tropical storm drenched Naples, Fla., with almost 8 inches of rain.	

SUN & MOON			
	WED.	THU.	
Sunrise	7:30 a.m.	7:31 a.m.	
Sunset	5:41 p.m.	5:40 p.m.	
Moonrise	none	12:16 a.m.	
Moonset	2:24 p.m.	3:04 p.m.	
MOON PHASES			
Last	New	First	Full
			
Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 15	Nov 22



REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W	City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	61/54/sh	59/49/r	Lewiston	60/52/sh	62/47/r
Bend	65/44/pc	60/35/c	Longview	63/55/sh	61/49/r
Boise	61/43/c	62/38/pc	Meacham	57/43/sh	56/36/r
Brookings	65/53/pc	63/50/r	Medford	69/44/pc	62/43/pc
Burns	62/27/c	58/25/c	Newport	59/53/sh	57/49/r
Coos Bay	63/53/c	60/47/r	Olympia	60/53/r	59/46/r
Corvallis	66/52/sh	63/42/r	Ontario	65/39/c	62/37/c
Council	54/42/c	54/35/sh	Pasco	67/54/c	68/47/sh
Elgin	59/45/sh	57/38/r	Pendleton	66/50/c	63/44/sh
Eugene	67/52/sh	62/44/r	Portland	66/56/sh	63/51/r
Hermiston	69/53/c	69/46/sh	Powers	70/51/c	63/48/r
Hood River	65/55/sh	64/50/r	Redmond	66/39/pc	61/34/c
Imnaha	60/47/sh	59/39/r	Roseburg	69/52/c	64/49/r
John Day	61/43/sh	57/37/c	Salem	66/54/sh	64/48/r
Joseph	56/42/sh	54/33/r	Spokane	53/49/sh	57/40/r
Kennewick	68/55/c	70/44/sh	The Dalles	66/52/sh	65/48/r
Klamath Falls	63/30/pc	61/28/pc	Ukiah	58/43/sh	55/35/sh
Lakeview	61/29/pc	62/29/s	Walla Walla	64/55/c	63/48/sh

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

ANTHONY LAKES A bit of a.m. snow	35 30		PHILLIPS LAKE A touch of rain	49 43	
MT. EMILY REC. Chilly with rain	46 43		BROWNLEE RES. A bit of rain	53 45	
EAGLE CAP WILD. Cloudy with rain	40 34		EMIGRANT ST. PARK A bit of rain	51 45	
WALLOWA LAKE A touch of rain	50 44		MCKAY RESERVOIR A little a.m. rain	62 53	
THIEF VALLEY RES. A bit of rain	50 42		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Periods of rain	54 48	

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