

House cleaner tried her hand at being an interior designer

DEAR ABBY: I am wondering if anyone else has ever asked about this. I have had the same cleaning woman for three years. She does an excellent job and works hard. I got her the last six or seven of her clients. However, she has made little changes in the past when I'm not home.

For example, she reorganized a kitchen drawer and laundry room cabinet without first clearing it with me. Yesterday, when I walked into my laundry room, I noticed two pictures had been removed from the wall and rehung in my living room. Furthermore, she used three nails to hang them and left the first nail in the wall because she had made a mistake. I removed the pictures and returned them to their original spots. The three holes in the living room wall remain.

I live in an expensive penthouse. The holes are like bullet holes to me. This is not my apartment. I am a renter. In addition, I do not have the paint that matches, and I am not handy with spackle and painting.

My cleaning lady is very sensitive. When I asked her to let me know the night before if she needs to cancel, I almost lost her for good. I had to call repeatedly, and I'm walking on eggshells now.

— RENTER IN NEVADA

DEAR RENTER: For your cleaning woman to have done what she did was wrong, and you need to explain it to her so nothing similar will happen again. Sometimes it isn't what you say but how you say it. Hang onto your temper while telling her she has created a problem for you. It's the truth, and she needs to hear it. If her response is to punish you by not showing up, you are well rid of the woman.

P.S. Visit a paint store or home improvement store and you may be pleasantly surprised to know that paint can be closely matched these days if you bring a small sample with you. They may also be able to recommend someone who can fix the wall for a reasonable price, or offer guidance on how you can fix it yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 58-year-old woman, divorced for three years. I was in a loveless marriage for almost 20 years. Over the last three years I have lost 45 pounds and have started

going to online dating sites. I'm attractive, so I get lots of attention.

I post nice pictures of myself, nothing sexy. But the kind of attention I'm getting is not what I want. I'd like to meet a man and try to have a long-term relationship. Most of the men "say" that's what they want, too. But to be honest about it, it's not.

How can I come across as a woman who wants an LTR and not a "friends with benefits" or a hook-up? I don't sleep around, so those things just are not my cup of tea. What do I do?

— LOST IN THE ONLINE DATING WORLD

DEAR LOST: If someone wants to move your "relationship" to the next level before you are ready, you need to say you are not comfortable in moving so quickly. It's straightforward and honest.

It occurs to me that there are many kinds of dating sites, and you may be on the wrong ones. If you have friends who are also in the dating world, ask them which they use. But if you have no luck there, consider meeting suitable men the old-fashioned way -- by being introduced by people you know and who know you well.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are having a debate about our wedding. He would like one of his best friends, "Bill," who is my ex-boyfriend, to be one of his groomsmen.

I don't feel comfortable with Bill and his girlfriend being at our wedding because they have tried to break up my fiance and me before. Abby, they hate me — and my fiance thinks they should be there to celebrate our marriage. What do you think about this? Their invitation depends on your response.

— UPSET IN MONTANA

DEAR UPSET: I disagree with your boyfriend. The only guests at your wedding should be those who wish you well. It would be extremely inappropriate to have them there.

If you and your fiance have not had premarital counseling, I hope you will seriously consider it — just to be certain you are on the same page regarding other issues that are sure to come up once you are married. It could save you both a lot of frustration and heartache. Trust me.

Super typhoon devastates Northern Mariana Islands, kills 1

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HONOLULU — Residents of the Northern Mariana Islands braced Friday for months without electricity or running water after the strongest storm to hit any part of the United States this year devastated the U.S. territory, killing one person, officials said.

Even after Super Typhoon Yutu had moved away from the Pacific islands, emergency management officials warned residents to stay indoors because downed power lines blocked roadways and winds were still strong enough to make driving dangerous.

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

The territory will need significant help to recover from the storm that injured several people, said Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, the territory's delegate to Congress. He said Thursday that there were reports of injuries and that people were waiting to be treated at a hospital on the territory's largest and most populated island, Saipan.

He could not provide further details or official estimates of casualties.

"There's a lot of damage and destruction," Sablan said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Saipan. "It's like a small war just passed through."

The islands' emergency management agency was "deploying resources to clear our roadways so first responders can begin assisting residents who have lost their homes and for those who need transport to seek medical attention or transportation to the nearest shelter," spokeswoman Nadine Deleon Guerrero said in a statement.

Sablan said he has not been able to reach officials on the islands of Tinian and Rota because phones and power are out. "It's going to take weeks probably to get electricity back to everybody," he said.

The two islands will be unrecognizable, said Brandon Aydlett, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. The agency received reports that catastrophic winds ripped roofs from homes and blew out windows.

"Any debris becomes shrapnel and deadly," he said.

The electricity on Saipan about 3,800 miles (6,115 kilometers) west of Hawaii went out at 4 p.m. Wednesday, resident Glen Hunter said.

Maximum sustained winds of 180 mph (290 kph) were recorded around the eye of the storm, which passed over Tinian and Saipan early Thursday local time, the weather service said.

"At its peak, it felt like many trains running constant," Hunter wrote in a Facebook message. "At its peak, the wind was constant and the sound horrifying."

It was still dark when Hunter peeked outside and saw his neighbor's house, made of wood and tin, com-

pletely gone. A palm tree was uprooted.

Hunter, 45, has lived on Saipan since childhood and is accustomed to strong storms. "We are in typhoon alley," he wrote, adding that the storm is the worst he has experienced.

He said he doesn't expect getting back power for months, recalling how it took four months to restore electricity after Typhoon Soudelor in 2015.

The roof flew off the second floor of Del Benson's Saipan home.

"We didn't sleep much," he wrote in a Facebook message. "I went upstairs and the skylight blew out. Then the roof started to go. We got the kids downstairs."

Sablan said colleagues in Congress have reached out to offer help and he expects a presidential disaster declaration to free up resources for storm relief.

Recovery efforts on Saipan and Tinian will be slow, said Aydlett of the weather service.

"This is the worst-case scenario. This is why the building codes in the Marianas are so tough," he said. "This is going to be the storm which sets the scale for which future storms are compared to."

Dean Sensui, vice chairman for Hawaii on the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, was in Saipan for a council meeting. He hunkered down in his hotel room, where guests were told to remain indoors because winds were still strong Thursday morning.

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	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	Rain and drizzle early	Clouds and sun; pleasant	A little afternoon rain	A bit of rain	Clouds and sun
Baker City	40	64 42	59 32	52 30	52 31
Comfort Index™	8	10	7	2	5
La Grande	45	62 49	56 39	50 35	51 38
Comfort Index™	6	10	4	0	5
Enterprise	44	60 47	55 37	48 33	49 35
Comfort Index™	7	10	4	2	6

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 Thursday	61°	62°	62°
Low Thursday	29°	36°	35°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	Trace	Trace	0.00
Month to date	0.49	1.28	1.60
Normal month to date	0.48	0.96	1.23
Year to date	5.24	11.80	22.64
Normal year to date	8.10	12.50	17.08

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 96°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 8°	Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 2.91"	Daytona Beach, Fla.
OREGON	
High: 68°	Grants Pass
Low: 22°	Burns
Wettest: 1.52"	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

On October 27, 1962, a snowstorm brought 4 to 8 inches to interior portions of New England. Up to 16 inches of snow fell across northern Maine.

SUN & MOON

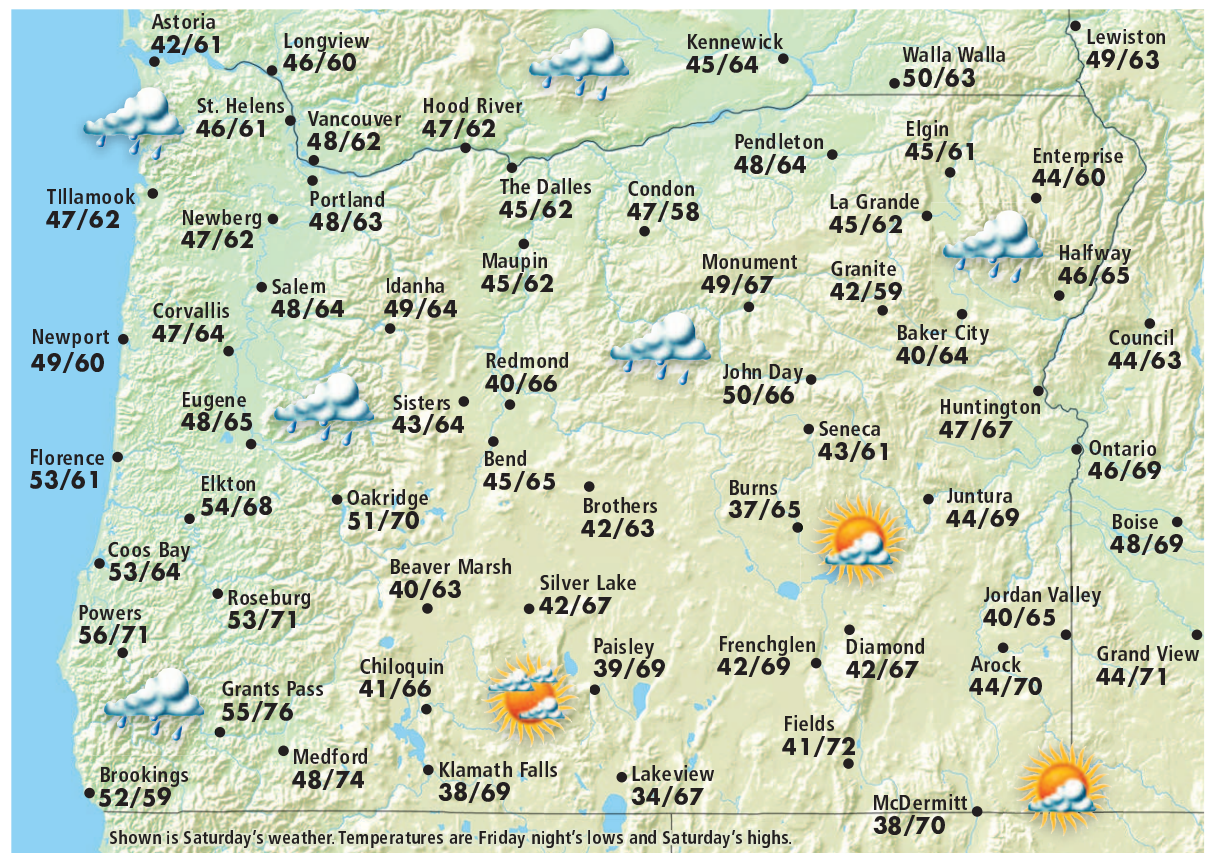
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Sunrise	7:23 a.m.	7:24 a.m.
Sunset	5:49 p.m.	5:47 p.m.
Moonrise	7:31 p.m.	8:13 p.m.
Moonset	9:23 a.m.	10:33 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 15	Nov 22

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SAT. HI/LO/W	SUN. HI/LO/W	City	SAT. HI/LO/W	SUN. HI/LO/W
Astoria	61/49/r	59/45/r	Lewiston	63/50/pc	58/42/r
Bend	65/47/c	54/38/c	Longview	60/51/r	57/48/r
Boise	69/53/pc	70/42/pc	Meacham	58/47/pc	52/37/r
Brookings	59/51/c	57/49/r	Medford	74/48/pc	62/42/r
Burns	65/36/pc	55/25/c	Newport	60/51/r	57/47/r
Coos Bay	64/54/c	59/49/r	Olympia	57/48/r	57/42/r
Corvallis	64/48/c	60/44/r	Ontario	69/45/pc	63/39/pc
Council	63/44/pc	55/39/r	Pasco	64/46/pc	62/43/r
Eugene	61/48/pc	60/43/r	Pendleton	64/49/pc	61/45/r
Elgin	65/48/c	62/45/r	Portland	63/53/sh	60/49/r
Hermiston	65/49/pc	62/45/r	Powers	71/53/pc	59/48/r
Hood River	62/52/pc	59/47/r	Redmond	66/44/pc	57/34/r
Imnaha	64/50/c	61/41/r	Roseburg	71/52/c	61/46/r
John Day	66/51/pc	55/40/r	Salem	64/51/sh	60/48/r
Joseph	60/47/c	55/37/r	Spokane	56/47/pc	53/39/r
Kennewick	64/49/pc	63/45/r	The Dalles	62/49/sh	60/46/r
Klamath Falls	69/41/pc	55/28/r	Ukiah	60/46/pc	52/37/r
Lakeview	67/40/pc	54/28/pc	Walla Walla	63/52/pc	58/47/r

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

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

Location	Forecast	Temp
ANTHONY LAKES	Showers around	44 32
PHILLIPS LAKE	Afternoon showers	60 42
MT. EMILY REC.	Showers around	52 41
BROWNLEE RES.	Showers around	66 47
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Showers around	49 35
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Afternoon showers	57 43
WALLOWA LAKE	Showers around	60 44
MCKAY RESERVOIR	A shower or two	66 50
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Afternoon showers	61 40
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Showers around	60 45



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