

# Husband's alcoholism pits him against teenaged son



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**Dear Abby:** Sometimes when my husband, "Tom," drinks he becomes volatile. A month ago, after being out drinking, he came home very late. I made a joke that upset him and he started yelling and calling me names.

I have learned that when Tom gets like that, it's best to just agree with him.

On that occasion, it didn't work, and he began breaking things. Our teenage son "Eric" was so scared he called the police. When the police arrived they told my hus-

band who had placed the call and interviewed each of us separately. After they left, Tom called Eric ugly names, told him he was done with him and hasn't spoken to him since. If they are in the same room, my husband won't look at him or talk to him.

I don't know how to fix this. I worry about how this will affect Eric. He tries to avoid his dad now and goes to his room when he hears his dad come home. — **Bad Behavior in Texas**

**Dear Bad Behavior:**

Your husband may blame his abusive outbursts on his drinking, but as you can see, he's well aware of what he did after he sobers up. Eric was right to call the police because,

after "breaking things," his father could have gone after you.

This unfortunate situation will not improve until Tom faces the fact that he's a problem drinker, swears off the sauce and gets help. By not insisting upon it, you have cast yourself in the role of his enabler. For your sake and Eric's, draw the line. (The healthiest person in your household appears to be your son.)

Talk to Eric. Let him know he did nothing wrong. There are programs for families of alcoholics that can be accessed by visiting [al-anon.org/info](http://al-anon.org/info). Attending Al-Anon meetings would be beneficial for you and Eric, regardless of what your husband decides about

drying out.

**Dear Abby:** My husband's daughter has "borrowed" money from us on countless occasions when she couldn't pay her bills. She has never made an effort to repay it. She was recently included in someone's will, and the bequest was sizable. Prior to receiving her inheritance, she had asked to borrow money to buy three major appliances. Because it would be several months until the estate would be settled and it was a large sum that we really couldn't

afford to lose, we required her to sign a promissory note. She mailed us a check when her funds arrived, but now she's cut off all communication with us! We have tried to resume normal relations with her to no avail. Should we keep trying? — **Ignored in the East**

**Dear Ignored:** So your husband's daughter is offended because you made her sign a promissory note before handing out (more) money you couldn't afford to lose? In light of the fact that

she hasn't repaid you for all the other monies you helped her out with when she needed it, what you did was sensible.

Rather than accept that in the past she has behaved irresponsibly, which is why you asked for the guarantee of repayment, she's blaming you?! Instead of beating your heads against a stone wall trying to have a relationship with your husband's deadbeat daughter, you would be better off biding your time until she once again needs something.

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# weather

TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Clear	Partly sunny and very hot	Partly sunny and very hot	Sunshine and very hot	Clouds and sun; very hot
<b>Baker City</b> 52 Comfort Index™ 6	<b>95 56</b> 5	<b>98 57</b> 4	<b>99 60</b> 2	<b>96 58</b> 4
<b>La Grande</b> 60 Comfort Index™ 6	<b>96 61</b> 4	<b>97 64</b> 4	<b>98 66</b> 4	<b>97 66</b> 4
<b>Enterprise</b> 56 Comfort Index™ 7	<b>92 60</b> 5	<b>93 64</b> 4	<b>95 61</b> 3	<b>97 66</b> 3

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.

**ALMANAC**

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	74°	73°	74°
Low Sunday	45°	50°	53°
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	Trace	0.00
Month to date	0.47	0.21	0.30
Normal month to date	0.11	0.16	0.15
Year to date	2.93	6.33	15.67
Normal year to date	6.10	10.82	15.38

**SUNDAY EXTREMES**

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 119° Death Valley, Calif.  
Low: 32° Leadville, Colo.  
Wettest: 4.26" Charles City, Iowa

**OREGON**  
High: 91° Rome  
Low: 45° Crater Lake  
Wettest: 0.01" Astoria

**WEATHER HISTORY**  
An East Coast hurricane favored the British on Aug. 10, 1778. In the monstrous waves, smaller British ships had the advantage over larger French ships.

**SUN & MOON**

	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	5:48 a.m.	5:49 a.m.
Sunset	8:07 p.m.	8:06 p.m.
Moonrise	7:57 a.m.	9:10 a.m.
Moonset	9:40 p.m.	10:02 p.m.

**MOON PHASES**

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29	Sep 6

**AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION**

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Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Tuesday night's lows and Wednesday's highs.

**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W	City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	77/59/pc	76/60/c	Lewiston	101/71/pc	104/71/pc
Bend	95/65/pc	98/64/s	Longview	94/66/pc	105/68/pc
Boise	97/68/s	101/70/s	Meacham	94/59/pc	100/61/s
Brookings	66/53/pc	66/53/pc	Medford	107/69/pc	109/73/s
Burns	98/59/pc	100/61/s	Newport	66/52/pc	67/52/pc
Coos Bay	71/56/pc	72/54/c	Olympia	91/62/s	98/64/pc
Corvallis	101/64/pc	104/64/s	Ontario	101/70/s	104/71/s
Council	96/63/s	100/66/pc	Pasco	102/67/s	106/67/pc
Elgin	96/62/pc	99/64/s	Pendleton	99/71/s	101/72/pc
Eugene	102/63/pc	104/65/s	Portland	97/71/pc	104/71/pc
Hermiston	102/69/s	105/67/pc	Powers	90/61/s	94/63/c
Hood River	103/73/pc	107/71/pc	Redmond	101/62/pc	102/63/s
Imnaha	97/61/pc	100/63/s	Roseburg	105/66/s	105/71/s
John Day	98/62/pc	100/64/s	Salem	101/69/pc	107/70/s
Joseph	90/62/pc	91/63/s	Spokane	95/68/pc	98/68/pc
Kennewick	100/69/s	104/68/pc	The Dalles	106/73/s	109/74/pc
Klamath Falls	97/55/pc	97/57/s	Ukiah	93/57/s	93/61/pc
Lakeview	97/56/pc	97/57/s	Walla Walla	100/73/pc	103/73/pc

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

**RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY**

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Mostly sunny	68	53
PHILLIPS LAKE	Very warm	90	57
MT. EMILY REC.	Partly sunny	83	64
BROWNLEE RES.	Mostly sunny; warm	97	67
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Partly sunny; nice	76	55
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Partly sunny; warm	89	54
WALLOWA LAKE	Partly sunny; hot	90	62
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Mostly sunny; hot	98	70
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Mostly sunny; hot	95	56
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Very hot	96	61

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