

Alcoholic is a monster at night with no memory in the morning

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for four years, and before that, I knew him for about a year. He was very loving and considerate, but after we got married, his true nature emerged.

He drinks heavily every night and says horrible things. In the morning, he has no recollection of it and expects me to be loving and warm to him. I can't do it. He is always accusing me of cheating on him, even though I have given him no reason. He has a GPS on my phone, and if I don't answer his texts or calls immediately, he goes ballistic.

Abby, I'm not happy and have thought about running away. At night he becomes a different person. I have a full-time job and pay 85 percent of the bills. I take care of the kids, cook and clean, but nothing makes him happy. I would really appreciate your advice.

— LOST IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LOST: Nothing you do WILL make your husband happy. You are married to an abusive drunk. Demand that he enter an abuse treatment program. If he refuses, then leave now, before the example he sets when he has been drinking further damages your children. If you need information about forming an escape plan, go online to the National Domestic Violence Hotline website (thehotline.org). This is a free 24-hour hotline: 1-800-799-7233.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend for almost a year. We're together three or four times a week, and the sex is great.

He is into porn, and when I am not there, I know he looks at it because I have found pictures of it on his phone. It makes me feel like I'm not enough because if I was, he wouldn't need to look at other girls for arousal. When I tell him that, he says there's no emotional attachment to porn for him. He says it is all visual and there is nothing to be jealous of.

I am not into it. It grosses me out to even look at it. Is he telling me the truth?

— GROSSED OUT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR GROSSED OUT: If your boyfriend does not require looking at his cellphone in order to have sex with you, then he is telling you the truth. Men are turned on by the vi-

sual. Women are more turned on by the written word. The expert who pointed that out to me was Larry Flynt. After I printed it, I was criticized by some readers for using him as a resource. Three months later, the book "Fifty Shades of Grey" appeared and became a worldwide phenomenon. So Larry was right.

DEAR ABBY: I met a great guy online eight months ago. He lives in another country and we have been in a long-distance relationship for six months. We talk all the time, video chat frequently and have grown very close.

I have never clicked with anyone like I have with him, and I know he feels the same.

We are having a disagreement about meeting in person. I'm willing to travel to his country. The expense, while not negligible, is within my means. He says he has some serious ongoing health issues and he wants to wait until they are resolved to meet. He has had them for much of his life, although they have gotten worse during the time I have known him. So far, there has been no diagnosis or treatment plan.

When I have asked, he says I should be patient and he doesn't want our relationship to be about waiting to do things because of his condition. Meanwhile, I know how much pain he is in. I see it every time we chat, and I know how much it affects him. It's not going to scare me away. I just want to be there with him, to see if we work as well in person as we seem to online.

I don't want to add to his stress, but I also don't want to spend months or years with my life on hold, waiting for a perfect time to meet. What should I do?

— GAMER GIRL IN INDIANA

DEAR GAMER GIRL: When someone you meet online is reluctant to meet in person and interact with you fully, there is usually a reason. Having had these "health problems" all his life, one would think there would be a name for the illness and a treatment plan. Because he has neither, I question whether his health is the reason he doesn't want you to visit him. He may be in a relationship or not as he has represented himself in some way. You need to move on.

LA airport gets rare super bloom of flowers next to

LOS ANGELES — Travelers flying in and out of Los Angeles International Airport are being treated to a rare visual spectacle of large wildflower fields coming into bloom between runways.

Heavy winter rains spawned the super bloom

of flowers at the airport and elsewhere around California.

The largest concentration of blooming flowers at the airport is on its north side between two runways that stretch for 10,880 feet (3,316 meters).

The Southern Califor-

nia city of Lake Elsinore about a 90-minute drive from Los Angeles was swamped last weekend with an influx of about 150,000 people who wanted to see this year's rain-fed flaming orange patches of poppies lighting up the hillsides.

No timetable for end to fire at Texas chemical facility

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials said Tuesday that they're not sure when a two-day-old fire at a Houston-area petrochemicals storage facility will burn itself out, but they are confident that the air quality is safe, despite the huge plume of smoke coming from the blaze.

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo said at a news conference that monitors show the levels of contaminants in the air are safe and that the plume coming from the site in Deer Park, southeast of Houston, is reaching at least 4,000 feet (1219 meters) up and staying high enough so that the air quality at ground level is safe.

"It's understandable why people would be scared," said Hidalgo, the county's top administrator. "We're sharing information with the public so that everybody knows what we know, what we're doing and where we're headed."

The plume could carry particulates as high as

6,200 feet, officials said, but fog is forecast for the area Wednesday morning that could drag the plume downward, making the air quality more hazardous.

"We're prepared for any contingency," Hidalgo said.

The fire that began Sunday at the Intercontinental Terminals Company and remained intense enough Tuesday to create its own micro weather system, causing shifting winds in the area, officials said.

The head of the county's health department, Dr. Umair Shah, said "there continues to be low risk to our community," but vulnerable groups such as the elderly and pregnant women should be cautious.

The company said Tuesday that five petrochemical tanks at the site were still burning, three others that had been on fire had burned out and two tanks that didn't have anything in them had collapsed.

Firefighters are using water and foam to try to pre-

vent the blaze from spreading to five other tanks. A drop in water pressure allowed the fire to intensify overnight and spread to two additional tanks, but the pressure later normalized, authorities said.

The tanks contain components of gasoline and materials used in nail polish remover, glues and paint thinner.

Officials previously said the fire could have burned itself out by Wednesday, but they scrapped that timetable on Tuesday.

ITC spokeswoman Alice Richardson said the company was "working our hardest to get this current incident under control."

"Of course ITC is very sorry. ... This isn't an event we wanted," a teary-eyed Richardson said during a news conference Tuesday.

The school districts in Deer Park and in nearby La Porte canceled classes on Monday but reopened Tuesday, albeit with restrictions on outdoor activities.

weather

	TONIGHT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Rain and drizzle	Partly sunny
Baker City	30	61 34	62 36	51 32	55 28
Comfort Index™	9	9	10	1	6
La Grande	31	60 35	59 39	48 32	54 30
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	0	6
Enterprise	32	58 35	56 38	46 31	49 31
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	0	4

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 Monday	58°	55°	55°
Low Monday	22°	27°	26°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.35	0.01	0.98
Normal month to date	0.47	0.84	1.30
Year to date	2.81	4.16	10.87
Normal year to date	1.85	3.61	6.80

MONDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High: 91° Thermal, Calif.
 Low: -10° Farson, Wyo.
 Wettest: 0.29" Brownsville, Texas

OREGON

High: 78° Roseburg
 Low: 13° Meacham
 Wettest: none

WEATHER HISTORY

On March 20, 1948, Juneau, Alaska, received almost 33 inches of snow. This was the heaviest snow ever to fall in Alaska's capital.

SUN & MOON

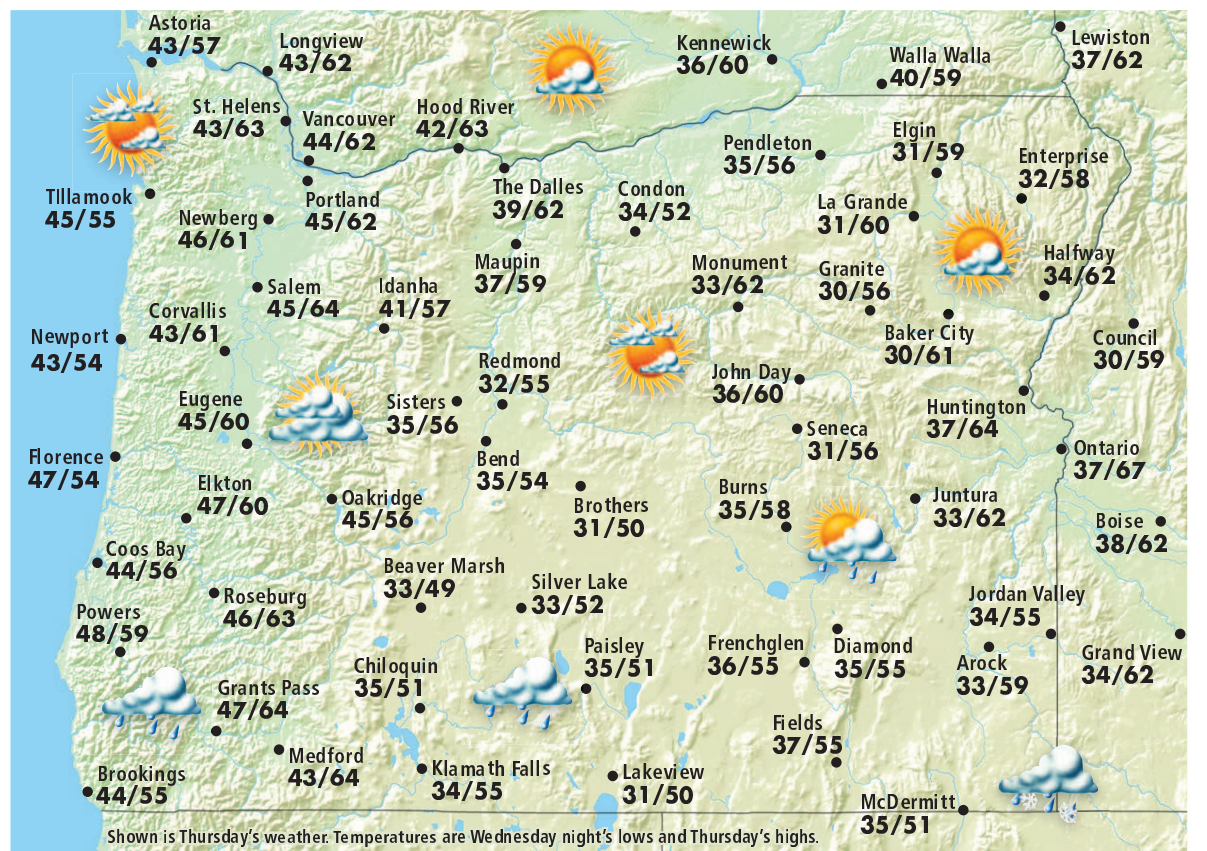
	WED.	THU.
Sunrise	6:56 a.m.	6:54 a.m.
Sunset	7:04 p.m.	7:06 p.m.
Moonrise	6:53 p.m.	8:11 p.m.
Moonset	7:09 a.m.	7:40 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Mar 20	Mar 27	Apr 5	Apr 12

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W	City	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	57/44/pc	56/41/r	Lewiston	62/40/s	60/44/s
Bend	54/34/sh	54/35/r	Longview	62/46/pc	62/46/c
Boise	62/43/pc	63/43/c	Meacham	58/34/s	57/38/pc
Brookings	55/44/c	52/43/r	Medford	64/42/c	58/41/sh
Burns	58/35/pc	58/36/pc	Newport	54/45/c	54/43/sh
Coos Bay	56/43/c	53/43/r	Olympia	65/41/pc	61/40/r
Corvallis	61/43/c	57/43/sh	Ontario	67/40/s	69/42/pc
Council Bluffs	59/34/s	57/36/s	Pasco	62/38/s	65/43/pc
Elgin	59/37/s	58/39/s	Pendleton	56/42/s	62/44/pc
Eugene	60/44/c	56/42/sh	Portland	62/45/pc	60/45/sh
Hermiston	61/43/s	67/47/pc	Powers	59/43/c	55/42/r
Hood River	63/43/pc	61/45/r	Redmond	55/33/pc	57/35/r
Idanha	64/37/s	62/41/s	Roseburg	63/44/c	56/42/r
John Day	60/38/pc	59/38/pc	Salem	64/46/c	59/45/sh
Joseph	58/34/s	55/37/s	Spokane	60/35/s	57/39/pc
Kennewick	60/41/s	65/46/pc	The Dalles	62/41/pc	61/45/pc
Klamath Falls	55/35/c	49/33/c	Ukiah	57/32/s	56/38/pc
Lakeview	50/31/c	46/32/sh	Walla Walla	59/45/s	62/48/pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST THURSDAY

Location	THU. HI/Lo/W	FRI. HI/Lo/W
ANTHONY LAKES	38 22	57 32
MT. EMILY REC.	49 31	64 38
EAGLE CAP WILD.	45 23	53 28
WALLOWA LAKE	58 34	57 40
THIEF VALLEY RES.	61 34	60 35
PHILLIPS LAKE	57 32	64 38
BROWNLEE RES.	64 38	53 28
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	53 28	57 40
MCKAY RESERVOIR	57 40	60 35
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	60 35	



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