

Parents of free-loading boy turn blind eye to son's needs

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old son has a friend who stayed with us for five months during football and basketball season because he didn't have transportation to early-morning practices. In the beginning it was one night, then it eventually became full weeks, full months and so on.

We treated him like our own, providing food, washing clothes, giving him snack money. But when I asked him to assist with basic house chores, he would laugh and find ways to not help. It would frustrate me but, not knowing him too well, I let it slide.

We have never met his parents, and neither of them reached out to express gratitude for taking care of their kid. They have three other kids, and the pattern seems to be the same — pawn them off on other people.

Thankfully, the athletic season changed, and the boys were in different sports, so we got a break from supporting an extra person in February. My concern is, he is coming around again needing rides to school. I feel it is not my problem. This has led to some heavy discussions with my husband.

I feel the boy's parents or grandparents need to take responsibility for assuring their child makes it to practice, has extra money to purchase snacks and rides to and from school. He sees it differently. How can we let that boy fall through the cracks? Mind you, he wears name-brand clothes, glasses and shoes, yet his parents do not assist him in the most important aspects of his life.

I feel horrible because I don't think it is our job to provide for him, but I try to teach my kids empathy and responsibility. So how do I justify myself? How do I get my husband to see we can't continue to be a crutch for these people? Or am I wrong? Help!

— TRYING TO HELP IN THE SOUTH

DEAR TRYING TO HELP: Your "houseguest" may have name-brand clothes, glasses and shoes, but from your description, he is being severely neglected by his parents. That they would allow him to live with another family whom they haven't met is shocking. That they would expect you to foot the bill for all of his needs while they pretend they don't have a minor child for whom they are responsible is negligence.

If he resumes staying with you, INSIST that he stop acting like a guest and assume the same responsibilities you have assigned to your own children! Your husband should back you up on this. Understand that if the boy is unwilling to do that, the example being set for your children is a very poor one.

Frankly, I think child protective services should have been notified about what has been going on a long time ago.



DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow who spends summers up north with my son and winters with my daughter down south.

My problem is, a friend of my daughter is extremely rude and insulting to me.

"Valerie" arrives at my daughter's without being invited, walks in and either makes a disparaging remark to me ("You still here?") or walks right past me with her nose in the air. My daughter says nothing.

I have always tried to be pleasant to Valerie, but I'm tired of her rude behavior. I have excellent rapport with all of my daughter's other friends. Please advise as to how I should handle this.

— UNWELCOMED IN NEW YORK

DEAR UNWELCOMED: I agree, Valerie's behavior is disrespectful and hostile. Express this to your (silent) daughter and ask how she feels about the way her friend behaves with you, and why she's allowed to drop in with no notice. Her answer may be enlightening.

The next time the "friend" pops in and asks if you're "still here," speak up and tell her the length of your visit is none of her business and asking about it strikes you as rude. If you do, it may clear the air.

DEAR READERS: This is National Women's Health Week, so I'm offering a "gentle reminder" to make your health a priority.

Eat healthy, allow time for exercise, manage your stress levels, get the sleep you need and schedule that appointment to see your doctor or dentist that you've been postponing. Take steps to eliminate behaviors that put you at risk — smoking, texting while driving and not wearing a seatbelt. Your most precious possession is your health, so please take care of it. For more information, visit womenshealth.gov.

— Love, ABBY

PBS film tackles Mexican Americans' role in winemaking

By Russell Contreras
The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — For generations, Mexican-born Gustavo Brambila's family has worked in the wine industry of California's Napa Valley in some form. He went to college on a baseball scholarship but the passion of flowery aromas and crisp peach flavor remained in his soul and he eventually got a degree in fermentation sciences.

His dream: His own vineyard.

Brambila's story and others are the focus of "Harvest Season," a new PBS documentary examining the contributions of Mexican Americans in the wine industry of California's Napa Valley.

The film, scheduled to begin airing Monday on most PBS stations as part of the Independent Lens series, shows how the Mexican Americans have shaped the industry as farmworkers and later vineyard owners in one of the richest wine regions in the world.

Through the eyes of winemaker Gustavo Brambila, Mexican migrant worker Rene Reyes and wine entrepreneur Vanessa Robledo, the documentary shows how the California wine industry's most silent figures battle weather, climate change and wildfires. They speak of their families' deep roots with vineyards and how it shapes their dreams for the future.

Director Bernardo Ruiz said he wanted his project to show that people of Mexican descent have been a part of U.S. history since its founding and winemaker is just one in-

dustry where this is evident.

"From the outside, winemaking is very glamorous and it's very romanticized," Ruiz said. "What really drives it is really hard work."

In California, those workers tend to be immigrants and Mexican Americans, he said.

To be sure, Mexican Americans has played vital roles in the creation and development of vineyards in California, New Mexico and Arizona. But Lilia Soto, an American Studies professor at the University of Wyoming, who grew up in Napa, California, said Mexican Americans especially have been instrumental in the played formation of the Napa

Valley as a tourist site by providing the labor and its family connections that go back generations.

Those connections help tell the story of the U.S., Ruiz said.

More where this is evident is with Vanessa Robledo. She's the granddaughter of a Mexican migrant worker who came to the U.S. through the Bracero Program — a World War II-era program that sought to give temporary guest contracts to work in the fields. Her grandfather and father ended up in the vineyards.

"My dad would always tell us, 'This is how our family will survive and it's our future,'" Robledo said.

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weather

	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Partly cloudy	Some sunshine	Cloudy with a shower	Rain, mainly early	Mostly cloudy	
Baker City	45	79 46	66 46	64 41	60 36
La Grande	49	72 46	64 48	61 42	60 42
Enterprise	47	73 44	62 47	59 42	57 40

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		SATURDAY EXTREMES	
TEMPERATURES	Baker City La Grande Elgin	NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High Saturday	85° 82° 86°	High: 98°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low Saturday	37° 38° 37°	Low: 10°	Climax, Colo.
PRECIPITATION (inches)		Wettest: 3.51"	Crossville, Tenn.
Saturday	0.00 0.00 0.00	OREGON	
Month to date	0.00 Trace 0.04	High: 90°	The Dalles
Normal month to date	0.47 0.70 0.78	Low: 31°	Lakeview
Year to date	4.47 7.22 16.96	Wettest: Trace	Seaside
Normal year to date	3.52 6.51 10.47		

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	40%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	9.7
Evapotranspiration	0.18

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)	
Phillips Reservoir	55% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	99% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	92% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	100% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	94% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	105% of capacity

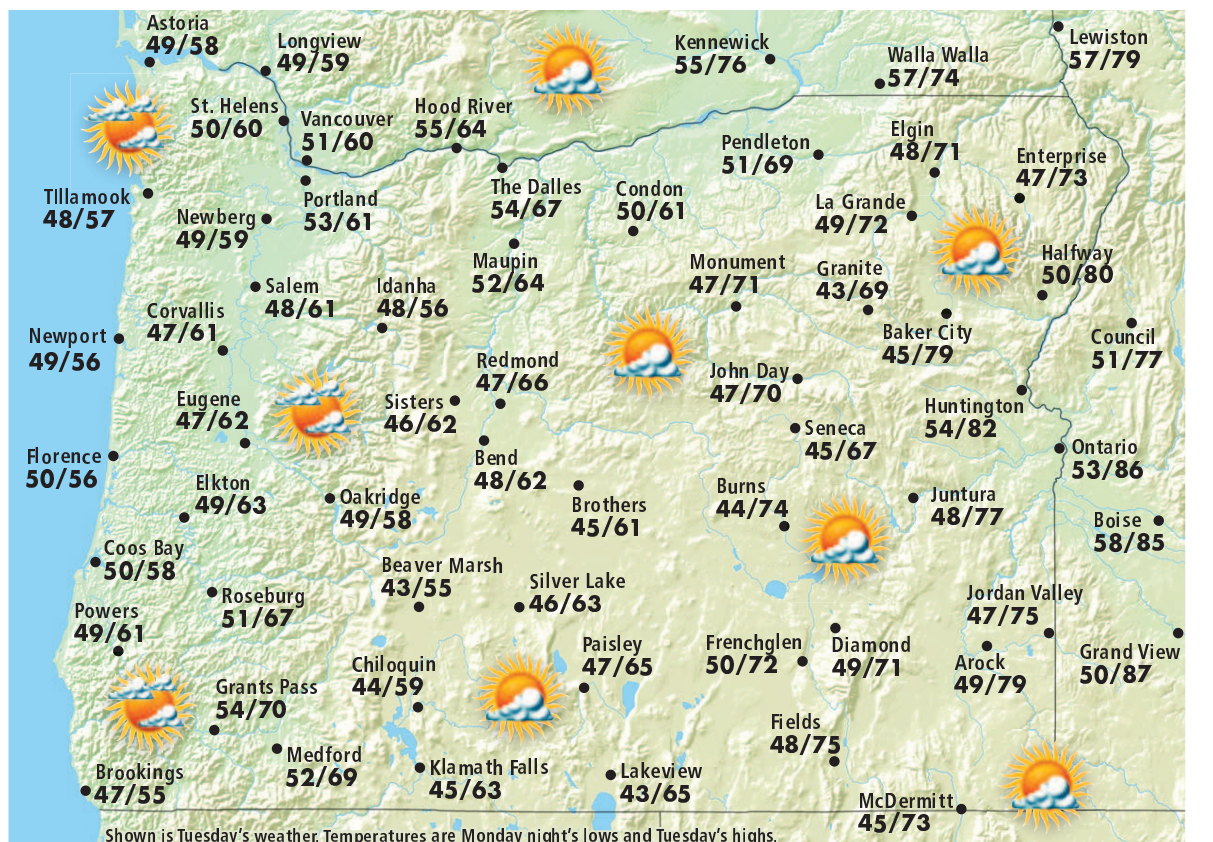
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Saturday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	9140 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	196 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	165 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	548 cfs
Minam River at Minam	1760 cfs
Powder River near Richland	249 cfs

SUN & MOON

	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	5:25 a.m.	5:24 a.m.
Sunset	8:13 p.m.	8:14 p.m.
Moonrise	2:10 p.m.	3:25 p.m.
Moonset	3:09 a.m.	3:39 a.m.

MOON PHASES	
Full	May 18
Last	May 26
New	Jun 3
First	Jun 9

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	WED. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	58/47/r	63/49/r	Lewiston	79/53/pc	70/55/c
Bend	62/41/r	57/43/c	Longview	59/46/r	65/47/c
Boise	85/55/s	73/55/c	Meacham	68/44/pc	62/47/c
Brookings	55/47/r	54/47/r	Medford	69/50/sh	63/48/r
Burns	74/43/pc	63/44/r	Newport	56/47/r	57/47/sh
Coos Bay	58/48/r	58/49/r	Olympia	59/45/sh	66/44/c
Corvallis	61/45/r	64/47/r	Ontario	86/56/pc	75/54/c
Council	71/49/s	67/49/pc	Pasco	78/52/pc	73/53/c
Elgin	71/45/pc	64/48/c	Pendleton	69/47/pc	65/51/c
Eugene	62/43/r	62/46/r	Portland	61/50/pc	66/52/c
Hermiston	73/47/pc	68/52/pc	Powers	61/48/sh	60/48/r
Hood River	64/48/pc	67/51/c	Redmond	66/42/r	60/42/c
Imnaha	80/49/pc	68/53/c	Roseburg	67/49/sh	65/49/r
John Day	70/47/pc	62/48/c	Salem	61/45/r	64/48/c
Joseph	74/45/pc	61/47/sh	Spokane	70/46/pc	67/52/c
Kennewick	76/50/pc	71/54/c	The Dalles	67/49/sh	68/52/r
Klamath Falls	63/41/pc	59/40/c	Ukiah	66/41/pc	60/44/c
Lakeview	65/42/pc	60/40/pc	Walla Walla	74/50/pc	71/53/c

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES Partial sunshine	49 34		PHILLIPS LAKE Warm with some sun	71 43	
MT. EMILY REC. Some sun	59 40		BROWNLEE RES. Partly sunny	79 50	
EAGLE CAP WILD. Showers around	59 36		EMIGRANT ST. PARK Partly sunny	63 39	
WALLOWA LAKE Warm with some sun	74 45		MCKAY RESERVOIR Partial sunshine	69 46	
THIEF VALLEY RES. Partly sunny; warm	79 46		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Some sunshine	72 46	

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