

Obnoxious drunk is struck off guest list to his friend’s wedding

DEAR ABBY: My fiance has a friend who is, for lack of a better word, a train wreck. When I started dating my fiance, I heard about this guy, “Al,” from my fiancée’s other friends even before I met him.

The group of friends has an on-again, off-again relationship with Al, and he has made a scene at each of their weddings. He has gotten obnoxiously drunk, gotten into huge arguments with his girlfriend (now wife), or done something rude like bring his own fast food to the head table at the reception. I tried to keep an open mind when I met him, but he has made us uncomfortable at every



DEAR ABBY

get-together.

We recently attended Al’s wedding, and he became aggressive with my fiance after drinking too much. We have now decided we don’t want him or his new wife at our wedding next year. We hoped to just drift away from them. Unfortunately, Al has realized that he hasn’t received a Save the Date and repeatedly texts my fiance that he wants to “go out” with him to talk.

We know he’s going to ask about his invite, and he’ll probably expect one because he invited us to his wedding. Are we justified in excluding him? How would you handle this?

— TOUGH SPOT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR TOUGH SPOT: Your fiance should handle it by giving Al a straight answer. He doesn’t have to see him. A phone call will do. Your fiance should state clearly that Al isn’t being invited to the wedding because he can’t hold his liquor and has made a scene at each wedding he has attended.

He should also be told that until he gets help for his alcohol problem, the two of you no longer wish to maintain the friendship. It’s the truth, and the truth will set you free.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, “Howard,” and I have been married 42 years. A couple of years ago, his father asked me to divorce Howard, which I did not

do. His father died recently, and we learned he had disinherited Howard. My husband is crushed, and now I don’t know how to handle this.

Howard’s brother yelled at my husband and said, “If your wife got her hands on that money, you would not see a penny of it!” I don’t understand why he would think that. Howard and I have a good relationship and do not live above our means.

That said, my husband’s brother and sister have never liked me, and I do not understand why. I have never done anything intentionally to harm them.

I feel like the bottom line is, had I divorced Howard when his father asked me to, this might not have happened. My husband

is hurt, not only by his father’s death, but also by being disinherited, and I do not know what to do.

— HURTING FOR HIM

DEAR HURTING FOR HIM: The one thing you should NOT do is blame yourself for any of this. The only “winner” in this scenario appears to be the brother. Whether he poisoned your father-in-law’s perception of you or vice-versa, I cannot guess. But the dynamics in Howard’s family are so toxic, it may take the help of a licensed therapist to cleanse the wounds you and your husband are left with. The slightly tarnished silver lining in this is you have each other, which is more precious than money. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Portland family bakes giant cinnamon rolls to raise money for Food Bank

By Mariam Fam
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Scared for friends who had contracted the new coronavirus and worried about her daughter’s schooling and husband’s work, Whitney Rutz cried and screamed into her pillow.

Then, the Portland resident started baking.

What began as an effort to cheer herself up ended up lifting the spirits of many others, raising money for thousands of meals and nourishing “the bellies and souls” of health care workers — one giant cinnamon roll at a time.

Rutz’s rolls have raised more than \$35,000 for the Oregon Food Bank, enough for more than 105,000 meals.

At first, she was auctioning the rolls off — the first went for \$300. Now, Rutz, with some help, bakes a giant roll — 12 inches across and weighing more than five pounds — for every \$500 raised. The highest contributor of the day decides



Whitney Rutz, right, and husband, Paul, stand near several decorated boxes that hold large cinnamon rolls in their home in Portland in this April 26 photo. The Rutz family has sold the giant cinnamon rolls to raise thousands of dollars for the Oregon Food Bank.

where the roll goes.

Since a friend asked for her roll to be donated to health care workers instead of delivered to her, the vast majority focus on ... I don’t know the state I would be in right now emotionally,” Rutz said on a recent weekend when she woke

up before 6 a.m. and spent most of her day in the kitchen kneading, slicing and rolling dough and spreading the filling.

Once the operation grew, the food bank set up a fundraising page for the donations. Oregon Food Bank CEO Susannah Morgan said the rolls bring something to the table besides food: joy.

“We’re all scared and hunkered down and worried about our health and the health of our loved ones and some of us have lost our jobs and hunger is spiking through the roof,” she said. “Trying to tackle this sort of massive, enormous situation by baking giant cinnamon rolls just makes you smile.”

Others have been inspired to roll up their sleeves, too.

As the number of donations increased, Rutz’s twin sister and a friend of hers started baking rolls for the fundraiser in their own kitchens. An acquaintance — a mother of three whose husband

lost his job in the midst of the pandemic — donated money and launched her own fundraiser in North Carolina.

Rutz’s husband, a painter, decorated some of the rolls’ boxes, a job that initially was their daughter’s. Artists and local celebrities have stepped in to help. One performer has been bedecking the boxes with colorful drawings and helping with deliveries.

Jackie Enriquez, a nurse, takes the rolls to health care workers.

“So many people are getting really creative,” she said. “There’s many ways that you can contribute and you don’t have to be on the front lines.”

Enriquez took two rolls to emergency room nurses to surprise them after a particularly rough shift.

“It just made their day. They cried,” she said. Her voice cracked with emotion. “I think that they felt, like, really moved and that people are still out there cheering them on.”

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TONIGHT

Clear and chilly

Baker City

28

Comfort Index™

10

FRI

Sunny and pleasant

Baker City

75 35

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10

SAT

Partly sunny and warm

Baker City

79 41

Comfort Index™

9

SUN

Warm with periods of sun

Baker City

85 45

Comfort Index™

8

MON

Mainly cloudy

Baker City

79 44

Comfort Index™

10

Baker City

28

La Grande

33

Enterprise

33

75 35

77 42

74 42

73 37

77 42

69 35

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TEMPERATURES

Baker City

La Grande

Elgin

High Tuesday

78°

77°

80°

Low Tuesday

32°

39°

34°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Tuesday

0.00

0.00

0.00

Month to date

Trace

0.13

0.33

Normal month to date

0.21

0.30

0.36

Year to date

0.99

6.72

20.06

Normal year to date

3.28

6.15

10.13

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 106°

Death Valley, Calif.

Low: 12°

Antero Reservoir, Colo.

Wettest: 3.21"

Greer, S.C.

OREGON

High: 86°

Ontario

Low: 30°

Lakeview

Wettest: 0.04"

Brookings

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity

30%

Afternoon wind

NNE at 6 to 12 mph

Hours of sunshine

13.6

Evapotranspiration

0.20

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir

43% of capacity

Unity Reservoir

98% of capacity

Owyhee Reservoir

83% of capacity

McKay Reservoir

100% of capacity

Wallowa Lake

80% of capacity

Thief Valley Reservoir

99% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy

6970 cfs

Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder

59 cfs

Burnt River near Unity

149 cfs

Umatilla River near Gibbon

838 cfs

Minam River at Minam

1120 cfs

Powder River near Richland

72 cfs

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Hi/Low/W

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Bend

75/42/s

79/48/pc

Boise

76/48/s

81/51/s

Brookings

64/48/s

65/50/pc

Burns

76/37/s

81/44/pc

Coos Bay

70/48/s

63/48/pc

Corvallis

84/51/s

82/51/pc

Council

72/36/s

74/42/s

Elgin

73/37/s

77/44/s

Eugene

84/49/s

82/50/pc

Hermiston

82/44/s

86/51/pc

Hood River

78/47/s

82/48/pc

Imnaha

72/42/s

78/49/s

John Day

75/41/s

79/45/pc

Joseph

69/35/s

73/42/s

Kennewick

82/45/s

86/53/pc

Klamath Falls

81/41/s

84/43/pc

Lakeview

78/40/s

83/43/pc

Lewiston

76/47/s

81/49/s

Longview

82/48/s

85/51/pc

Meacham

71/34/s

75/41/s

Medford

93/55/s

92/56/pc

Newport

71/52/s

64/50/pc

Olympia

80/45/s

82/50/pc

Ontario

80/42/s

83/49/s

Pasco

82/45/s

86/53/pc

Pendleton

76/45/s

81/50/pc

Portland

82/59/s

85/58/pc

Powers

85/56/s

76/52/pc

Redmond

78/39/s

83/45/pc

Roseburg

89/55/s

84/54/pc

Salem

84/51/s

82/52/pc

Spokane

71/46/s

73/49/s

The Dalles

81/51/s

85/54/pc

Ukiah

69/36/s

75/41/pc

Walla Walla

75/45/s

79/51/pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES

Plenty of sun

52

32

MT. EMILY REC.

Plenty of sun

60

36

EAGLE CAP WILD.

Plenty of sun

57

24

WALLOWA LAKE

Sunny and pleasant

69

35

THIEF VALLEY RES.

Sunny and warm

75

35

PHILLIPS LAKE

Plenty of sunshine

71

35

BROWNLEE RES.

Sunny and pleasant

74

39

EMIGRANT ST. PARK

Sunny and nice

67

32

MCKAY RESERVOIR

Sunny and pleasant

75

45

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK

Sunny and pleasant

73

37

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