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 husband 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

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. 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 vour time until she once again needs something.

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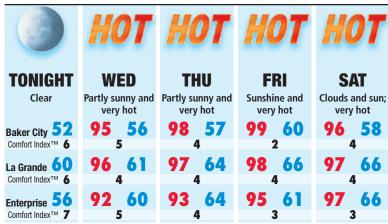
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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgir			
High Sunday	74°	73°	74°			
Low Sunday	45°	50°	53°			
PRECIPITATION (inches)						
Sunday	0.00	Trace	0.00			
Month to date	0.47	0.21	0.30			
Normal month to dat	e 0.11	0.16	0.15			
Year to date	2.93	6.33	15.67			
Normal year to date	6.10	10.82	15.38			
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AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY Lowest relative humidity 20% NNE at 6 to 12 mph 12.0 Afternoon wind Hours of sunshine

Evapotranspiration **RESERVOIR STORAGE** (through midnight Monday) Phillips Reservoir 3% of capacity Unity Reservoir 37% of capacity 24% of capacity Owyhee Reservoir 54% of capacity McKay Reservoir Wallowa Lake 7% of capacity 4% of capacity

Thief Valley Reservoir STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday) Grande Ronde at Troy Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder **Burnt River near Unity** 100 cfs Umatilla River near Gibbon 43 cfs Minam River at Minam 91 cfs Powder River near Richland

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.

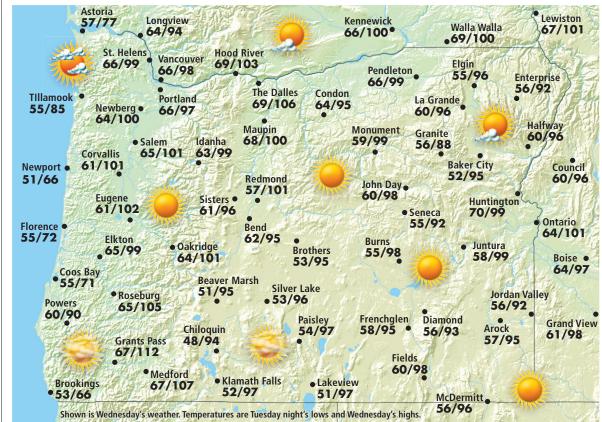
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Sunrise		5:48 a.m.	5:49 a.m.	
Sunset		8:07 p.m.	8:06 p.m.	
Moonrise	7	7:57 a.m.	9:10 a.m.	
Moonset	9	9:40 p.m.	10:02 p.m.	
MOON PHASES				
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Astoria	77/59/pc	76/60/c
Bend	95/65/pc	98/64/s
Boise	97/68/s	101/70/s
Brookings	66/53/pc	66/53/pc
Burns	98/59/pc	100/61/s
Coos Bay	71/56/pc	72/54/c
Corvallis	101/64/pc	104/64/s
Council	96/63/s	100/66/pc
Elgin	96/62/pc	99/64/s
Eugene	102/63/pc	104/65/s
Hermiston	102/69/s	105/67/pc
Hood River	103/73/pc	107/71/pc
Imnaha	97/61/pc	100/63/s
John Day	98/62/pc	100/64/s
Joseph	90/62/pc	91/63/s
Kennewick	100/69/s	104/68/pc
Klamath Falls	97/55/pc	97/57/s
Lakeview	97/56/pc	97/57/s

Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W City Lewiston 101/71/pc 104/71/pc Longview 94/66/pc 105/68/pc 94/59/pc 100/61/s Meacham 107/69/pc 109/73/s Medford Newport 66/52/pc 67/52/pc Olympia 91/62/s 98/64/pd 101/70/s 104/71/s Ontario 102/67/s 106/67/pc Pasco Pendleton 99/71/s 101/72/pc **Portland** 97/71/pc 104/71/pc **Powers** 90/61/s 94/63/c 101/62/pc 102/63/s Redmond Roseburg 105/66/s 105/71/s 101/69/pc 107/70/s Salem Spokane 95/68/pc 98/68/pc 106/73/s 109/74/pc The Dalles Ukiah 93/57/s 93/61/pc 100/73/pc 103/73/pc Walla Walla $\label{prop:weather} \textbf{Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice$

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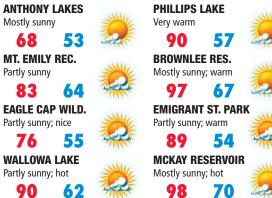
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Mostly sunny; hot

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY



RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Very hot





