

Husband fears wife is alcoholic; man's divorce never comes

DEAR ABBY: I am extremely concerned about my wife, "Jackie's," drinking. She has only two glasses of wine every night after work, but the glasses are large, and two of them measure out to an entire bottle.

When she drinks, she slurs her words and her mood swings from happy and gentle to confrontational and angry. Some nights are worse than others. She drinks even more on weekends when we go out.

At times, our children are the target of her verbal abuse. (She is never physically abusive.)

I have read that a glass or two of wine is good for your health. I think a bottle is excessive. I have confronted her, but nothing changes. Her drinking continues.

Abby, what is considered a "glass" of wine? Is a bottle a day substance abuse? I'm afraid I'm married to an alcoholic. I want to end this, but I won't for our children's sake. Please help.

— LIVING WITH AN ALCO-

HOLIC
DEAR LIVING: Your fears are well-founded. Your wife must be using a water goblet and filling it to the brim. This is not beneficial to anyone's health. A "glass" of wine is 4 ounces.

Before your wife's verbal abuse damages the children any further, give her an ultimatum — get help or get out (and you're keep-



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• Dear Abby

ing the children). This may sound extreme, but immediate action is called for. You and your children may also want to consider seeking support from Al-Anon. It's in the phone book.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 45-year-old woman in love with a 61-year-old man I'll call Edgar. We have been together for 22 years. We are not married. This entire time, Edgar has been married to another woman I'll call Sherene.

He has not lived with or slept with Sherene for 30 years. When I bring up the subject of marriage, Edgar always says he is going to get a divorce. After 22 years with me, it hasn't happened.

Abby, if Edgar dropped dead tomorrow, Sherene would be recognized as his wife — not me. She will be able to draw his Social Security and take anything and everything — our car, house, etc.

I need to know, should I put my foot down and demand marriage or separation?

— SLEEPING BEAUTY
DEAR SLEEPING BEAUTY:

I'm pleased you finally woke up. Your assessment of the situation is 100 percent correct. If anything happens to Edgar, you will be shafted.

A person who cares about the well-being of another wants to ensure that person will be safe and secure if disaster strikes. The only two things we can be absolutely sure of are death and taxes. Talk to a lawyer!

DEAR ABBY: At 19, I chose to give up my first child for adoption. "Billy" is now 5, and I have a great relationship with him and his adoptive parents. I've never regretted my decision.

We have been open about his adoption from the beginning. Billy often asks questions, much deeper than one would expect from a 5-year-old, and expresses some confusion.

He understands that he came from my tummy but that he has his own parents.

He knows that he is part of my family as well as his own, and when he met my mom, he chose to call her "Grandma."

What Billy doesn't understand is why all his friends came from their mommy's tummies and he couldn't come from his adoptive mom's tummy. He also often expresses a desire for a brother or sister.

I am now engaged to be married

to a wonderful man. We just found out that I am pregnant.

I'd like Billy to be the ring bearer at my wedding, but I don't want to mislead anyone by introducing him and his family as "close friends of the family."

We also don't want to overwhelm Billy with all this new information when he is struggling with so much confusion already. (Most of my extended family is not aware of Billy's existence.)

Also, since I'll be pregnant at the wedding and Billy knows he came from my tummy, a 5-year-old's deduction would be that he is finally getting a brother or sister.

How do we explain that I loved him so much that I gave him to his mommy and daddy but I'll be keeping this baby?

— BIRTH MOTHER IN PHILLY

DEAR BIRTH MOTHER: I know you are well-intentioned, but I urge you to rethink having Billy be a part of your wedding.

Please consider the effect it would have on him to be introduced to your extended family for the first time at your wedding.

Also, the question of why you would "give him away" and keep the other child is one that should be dealt with over time — and by his adoptive parents with support from you if necessary.

As he grows older, he will have

more questions, and they should be answered honestly and at an age-appropriate level.

For now, however, I think creating some distance would be healthier for all concerned.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl in my last year of high school. Throughout school I have made good grades and participated in the band as well as my sport outside of school.

My problem is this year I coach my sport twice a week in addition to playing on the team, playing in the band, and trying to keep my grades up for university and scholarship applications. On top of that, I have a full course load.

Abby, I can't do it all! When I get home at night, I'm so tired I can barely finish my homework or study for tests.

My marks have begun to suffer,

I'm having trouble sleeping, and I cry a lot. I have begged my parents to let me drop something, but they won't let me. I really want to do everything, but I can't.

How can I get my parents to understand?

— TOO TIRED TO STUDY

DEAR TOO TIRED: Since your parents don't seem to be getting the message, find an ally to whom they will listen.

Confide in a trusted teacher or school counselor, and ask that person to intervene for you before your stress level gets any higher. No one can do everything, and perhaps your parents need to hear it from an educator.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Smile and the world smiles with you. Snore and you sleep alone. (Tillie M. Brehl; submitted by her daughter, Ilene R. Bauer)

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SUNDAY						FEBRUARY 22						
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 6	In Touch (CC)		The Coral Ridge Hour (CC)		Believer Voice (CC)	Paid Program	Hour of Power (CC)		This Week-George Stephanopoulos		1st United Methodist Service	
KSNK/NBC 9	Rebecca Gdn	Martha Stewart	Today (CC)		Meet the Press (CC)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Your Bible	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS 12	Messiah Baptist Church		First Family	It Is Written	CBS News Sunday Morning		Face the Nation	Paid Program	Health To Heart	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
K15CG 3	Classical Stretch	It's an Age	Zoboom-afoo (EI)	Sagwa-the Cat	Anne of Green	Jay Jay the Jet	Dragon Tales	Real Wheels	Book of Virtues	Small Busi-	11th Hour	Health Diary
WGN 13	Creflo A. Dollar Jr.	Singsa-lion!	Key of David	Ronnie Floyd	Hillbilities	Happy Days	Home Improve.	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	BeastMaster	Gone	Fresh Prince
NICK 29	Rocket Power	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Chalk-Zone	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Oddpar-ents	Oddpar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!
FAM 30	Meda-bots	Digimon (CC)	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Bey-blade	Digimon (CC)	Movie: Motocrossed (2001, Adventure)	Alana Austin, Mary-Margaret Humes, (CC)			Celebrity Mole Yucatan (CC)	
USA 31	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: The Perfect Husband: The Laci Peterson Story (2004) Dean Cain. (CC)		PGA Tour Sunday (Live) (CC)				Monk Mr. Monk and the Paperboy (CC)	
TBS 37	Danger-Animal	Movie: House Arrest ** 1/2 (1996, Comedy) Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Pollak. (CC)			Movie: Disclosure *** (1994, Drama) An executive faces unwanted sexual advances from his boss. (CC)						Movie: The Devil's Advocate (1997)	
TNT 38	Movie: L.A. Confidential **** (1997, Mystery) A young police officer searches for justice in 1950s L.A. Kevin Spacey. (CC)				Movie: Bad Apple (2004) Two FBI agents infiltrate a loan-sharking business. (CC)						Movie: The Pelican Brief *** (1993)	
DSC 42	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Surprise by Design All Decked Out (CC)		Rally Round the House (CC)	Crop Circles: Mysteries			MythBusters Penny Drop (CC)	
A&E 47	Old House	Old House	Breakfast With the Arts (N)				America's Castles Hearst Castle (CC)	Mountain	Movie: Fearless *** (1993, Drama) Jeff Bridges. (CC)			
ESPN 49	Sports-Center	SportsCenter (CC)	NBA Matchup	Sports-Center	Outside Lines		Sports Reports	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			PBA Bowling	
HBO 7	(5:45) Movie: Short Circuit ** 1/2 (1986) Ally Sheedy. (CC)		Movie: Volcano (1997) The heat is on as lava oozes through downtown Los Angeles. (CC)					Pandemic	Movie: Honey, I Blew Up the Kid ** 1/2 (1992) Rick Moranis. (CC)		Movie:	
DISN 17	PB&J Otter	Stanley (CC)	The Wiggles	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley (CC)	Rolie Polie	House of Mouse	Movie: Cinderella II: Dreams Come True ** (2002, Fantasy) (CC)		Lilo & Stitch	
MAX 21	Movie: Enough (2002) A woman takes her daughter and flees her abusive husband. (CC)				Movie: True Lies *** (1994, Adventure) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man. (CC)				Movie: Collateral Damage ** 1/2 (2002) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (CC)			

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30							
KLBV/ABC 4 (6)	NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at New York Knicks. Madison Square Garden. (Live) (CC)					PGA Golf: Nissan Open -- Final Round. Pacific Palisades, Calif. (Live) (CC)					News (CC)								
KSNK/NBC 8 (9)	Paid Program		Bull Riding: PBR St. Louis Open. St. Louis. (CC)		Arena Football: Crush at Rush, Desperados at Dragons, VooDoo at Force, SabreCats at Avengers or Storm at Wranglers					News (CC)									
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Paid Program		College Basketball: Michigan. (Live) (CC)		Wisconsin at		College Basketball: Maryland at Duke. (Live) (CC)			CBS News (CC)									
K15CG 3	On the Record		McLaughlin		To the Contrary		Classic Gospel (CC)		Smart Travels		Cabin Country	Sewing-Nancy	Kaye-Quilting	Religion-Ethics	Kansas Spotlight				
WGN 13	Movie: Alice (1990) An herbalist sparks a woman's journey toward self-discovery.					Movie: Father of the Bride *** (1991, Comedy) Steve Martin, Diane Keaton. (CC)					Movie: 10 *** (1979) A songwriter in a midlife crisis pursues his dream woman.								
NICK 29	Thorn-berries		Thorn-berries		Nick-toons TV		Nick-toons TV		Sports Theater-Shaq		Nick-toons TV		Nick-toons TV		Told by Ginger	Romeo!			
FAM 30	Celebrity Mole Yucatan (CC)		Celebrity Mole Yucatan (CC)		Celebrity Mole Yucatan (CC)		Celebrity Mole Yucatan (CC)		Celebrity Mole Yucatan (CC)		Celebrity Mole Yucatan (CC)		Celebrity Mole Yucatan (CC)		Celebrity Mole Yucatan (CC)				
USA 31	Movie: Billy Madison ★½ (1995, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Darren McGavin. (CC)					Movie: Major Payne ★★ (1995, Comedy) Damon Wayans, Karyn Parsons. (CC)					Movie: Happy Gilmore ★★ (1996, Comedy) Adam Sandler. (CC)								
TBS 37	(11:15) Movie: The Devil's Advocate ★★½ (1997, Horror) Keanu Reeves. (CC)					Movie: The Peacemaker ★★ (1997) A scientist and a soldier seek stolen nuclear weapons. George Clooney. (CC)					Movie: The Quick and the Dead ★★½ (1995, Western)								
TNT 38	(11:00) Movie: The Pelican Brief ★★ (1993, Suspense) Julia Roberts.					Law & Order Burden (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order Flight (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order Haven (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order 3 Dawn Night							
DSC 42	More Than Human (CC)		Monster Garage			Monster House			Great Biker Build-Off 2		Unsolved History Roswell (CC)		Wild West's Most Wanted (CC)						
A&E 47	(10:30) Movie: Fearless (1993)		House of Dreams (CC)			House of Dreams Mal causes misery.			Old House		Ask This Old House		Sell This House		Makeover Mama				
ESPN 49	PBA Bowling: Days Inn Open. Dallas.		2003 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.			2003 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.			NHL Hockey: Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Dallas Stars. American Airlines Center. (Live) (CC)					Sports-Center					
HBO 7	(11:30) Movie: Kangaroo Jack ★		Movie: Daredevil ★★ (2003, Action) Ben Affleck. (CC)			Daredevil		Movie: Houseguest ★½ (1995, Comedy) Sinbad, Phil Hartman. (CC)					Movie: Volcano ★★ (1997) (CC)						
DISN 17	Barbarian		Kim Possible		Lizzie McGuire		Even Stevens		Proud Family		Lilo & Stitch		Recess (CC)		Kim Possible		Barbarian	Gar-goyles	Sister, Sister
MAX 21	Movie: Almost an Angel ★★½ (1990, Comedy) Paul Hogan.					Movie: Solaris ★★ (2002) A psychologist encounters his late wife on a space station.					Movie: Unlawful Entry ★★½ (1992, Suspense) Kurt Russell, Ray Liotta. (CC)					Movie:			

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KLBV/ABC ④ ⑥	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (CC)	Super Millionaire Night One (N) (CC)	The Practice Pre-Trial Blues (N) (CC)	News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Diamond Adv.				
KSNK/NBC ⑧ ⑨	Dateline NBC (CC)	American Dreams Old Enough to Fight	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	News	The West Wing Two Cathedrals (CC)	Inside Edition					
KBSL/CBS ⑫ ⑬ ⑭	60 Minutes (CC)	Cold Case Disco Inferno (N) (CC)	Movie: Raising Waylon (2004) A man and a woman take care of their godchild.	Masterpiece Theatre The Forsyte Saga II (N) (Part 3 of 3) (DVS)	News (CC)	Globe Trekker Argentina (CC)	Mystery! Inspector Lynley Mysteries					
K15CG (3)	American Family Silence of God (CC)	Nature The history of the cow. (N)	The X-Files Darkness Falls (CC)	The X-Files Darkness Falls (CC)	News (CC)	Instant Replay	Matlock The Mother (CC)	In the Heat of the Night Liar's Poker				
WGN (13)	Mutant X A Normal Life (N) (CC)	Andromeda The Others (N) (CC)	The X-Files Darkness Falls (CC)	The X-Files Darkness Falls (CC)	News (CC)	Instant Replay	Matlock The Mother (CC)	In the Heat of the Night Liar's Poker				
NICK (29)	Teenage Robot	Drake & Josh (N)	Brothers Garcia Sabrina-Witch	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show		
FAM (30)	Movie: I Want to Marry Ryan Banks (2004, Romance-Comedy) Jason Priestley.	Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.	Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.	Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.	Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.	Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.	Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.	Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.	Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.	Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.	Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.	Movie: Lucky 7 (2003) A lawyer believes that her true love has arrived too soon.
USA (31)	Movie: Billy Madison ♫ (1995, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Darren McGavin. (CC)	Movie: Next Friday ♫ (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims	JAG (CC) (DVS)								
TBS (37)	(4:45) Movie: Quick-Dead	Movie: Desperado (1995) A guitar-toting gunman takes aim at a Mexican drug lord.	Movie: Lock Up ♫ (1989) An innocent inmate tries to survive a New Jersey prison.	Movie: Desperado ♫ (1995) (PA) (CC)								
TNT (38)	Law & Order The Wheel (CC) (DVS)	10th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards (N)	10th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards	10th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards								
DISC (42)	The Real Disciples of Jesus (CC)	MythBusters Sinking Titanic (N)	The Hunt for Osama bin Laden	We Got Him: Capturing Saddam	MythBusters Sinking Titanic	The Hunt for Osama bin Laden						
A&E (47)	Crossing Jordan The Digger (CC)	Biography Oscar Academy Awards. (N) (CC)	Biography Oscar Academy Awards. (N) (CC)	Biography Oscar Academy Awards. (CC)	Biography Oscar Academy Awards. (CC)	Biography Oscar Academy Awards. (CC)						
ESPN (49)	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns. America West Arena. (Live) (CC)	Dream Job (Live) (CC)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Dream Job (CC)								
HBO (7)	(5:15) Movie: Volcano ♫ (1997)	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Curb Your Enthusiasm (CC)	Movie: Kangaroo Jack ♫ (2002) Jerry O'Connell. (CC)	Real Time (CC)					
DISN (17)	That's-Raven	Barbarian	Barbarian	Barbarian	Barbarian	That's-Raven	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister		
MAX (21)	(5:20) Movie: Black Knight ♫ (2001)	Movie: Drumlaine (2002) Rivalry between two drummers threatens a college band.	Movie: True Lies ♫ (1994, Adventure) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man. (CC)	Movie: True Lies ♫ (1994, Adventure) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man. (CC)								