

Smoker's wife draws a line in the bedroom until he quits

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 27 years. We love each other and raised two beautiful children together.

When we started dating, we were both smokers. My wife quit 20 years ago, but I continued. Two years ago, my wife told me no more sex until I do. Abby, I smoke only about 15 cigarettes a day and never in the house or car. I know it's terrible for my health, and I need to quit, but I enjoy it.

So it has been two years since we have had any intimate contact. I barely can get a kiss out of her because she says she can't stand the smell. I'm only 50, and I enjoy having sex. I don't know how much more of this I can take. Is my wife right by putting her foot down like this? She has never been a big fan of sex, but she has always satisfied me. I think this is her way of avoiding sex.

I know she's doing it because she loves me, but I have a hard time accepting it. I have tried numerous times to quit and have used medication, hypnosis, gum, etc., to no avail. Please help.

—ALL SMOKE, NO SEX IN MICHIGAN

DEAR A.S.N.S.: Forgive me if I seem to lack empathy, but I don't think you are aware of how the odor of stale tobacco affects former smokers. It is gross. The smoke clings to the smoker's skin, hair and clothing, and it's the polar opposite of an aphrodisiac.

Because medication, hypnosis, gum, etc. have not helped you to kick the habit, what's left is the old-fashioned way: cold turkey. The American Cancer Society sponsors an event every year called The Great American Smokeout. This year it is on Thursday, Nov. 21.

The theory behind it is, if someone can refrain from smoking for one day, he or she can build upon that for two days, a week, a month, etc. Many former smokers have quit this way, and if sex is as important to you as you say, I urge you to try it. (If you tell your wife you accept her terms, your situation may improve dramatically.)

DEAR ABBY: I have a disagreement with a friend about the difference between a conventional affair and an online affair. My friend insists the latter isn't an affair because

it isn't physical. My opinion is, when you connect with someone online, you develop an emotional attachment to your online friend. This attachment is no different than having a physical affair. It can damage or destroy a marriage when you sneak around and lie to your mate. Do you agree?

—DEFINING IT IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR DEFINING: I do agree. A relationship that involves sneaking around and lying to one's spouse is a betrayal, regardless of whether or not it's physical.

DEAR ABBY: I live in a tiny studio apartment. All my stuff is in storage until I buy a home, which will be in about two years. Would it be wrong to ask my siblings to not give me any gifts for Christmas? A card would be a lot more suitable.

—SIBLING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SIBLING: If a card would be more suitable, as long as you explain your reason for deviating from tradition, I see no reason why you can't be frank with your siblings. Do it now, before they start their Christmas shopping.

DEAR ABBY: My husband wants a puppy. He is almost 75 and plays golf four days a week. I'm 70 and work four days a week. I also do lots of volunteer work, which I enjoy.

I not only do not want the responsibility of a pet, but I also feel that a pet is a family member. It will need more attention than my husband has time to give, not to mention the time, effort and consistency needed to train a puppy. Our neighbor has a dog that my sweet hubby can play with every day if he wants to. Please help me.

—RETIRED PET LOVER IN LOUISIANA

DEAR PET LOVER: If your sweet hubby feels the need to pet and cuddle a puppy, tell him he can do so at the local shelter. Then suggest that if he wants to adopt a dog, it should be an older one from a shelter or rescue group. If he does, you stand a better chance of winding up with a pet that is already trained and housebroken, and the responsibility for educating it won't fall on your shoulders.



DEAR ABBY

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weather

	TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Rain and drizzle early	Cooler with a few showers	Partly sunny	Plenty of sunshine	Partly sunny
Baker City	32	49 31	46 17	45 16	48 17
Comfort Index™	8	3	3	5	7
La Grande	40	46 30	43 21	43 21	47 21
Comfort Index™	7	1	3	3	5
Enterprise	36	44 28	40 19	41 21	45 22
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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Saturday	55°	53°	56°
Low Saturday	26°	34°	33°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Saturday	0.00	0.01	0.02
Month to date	Trace	0.08	0.14
Normal month to date	0.46	1.06	1.54
Year to date	7.14	13.18	25.99
Normal year to date	8.71	13.89	19.09

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	65%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	4.6
Evapotranspiration	0.04

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Sunday)	
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	32% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	63% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	21% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	29% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	41% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Saturday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	833 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	13 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	59 cfs
Minam River at Minam	106 cfs
Powder River near Richland	26 cfs

SATURDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 93° Camarillo, Calif.
Low: -9° Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Wettest: 4.04" Savannah, Ga.

OREGON
High: 64° Brookings
Low: 18° Burns
Wettest: 0.10" Meacham

WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 18, 1421, surge from a powerful storm swept inland and destroyed Holland's dikes. More than 70 villages were swept away; 10,000 people died.

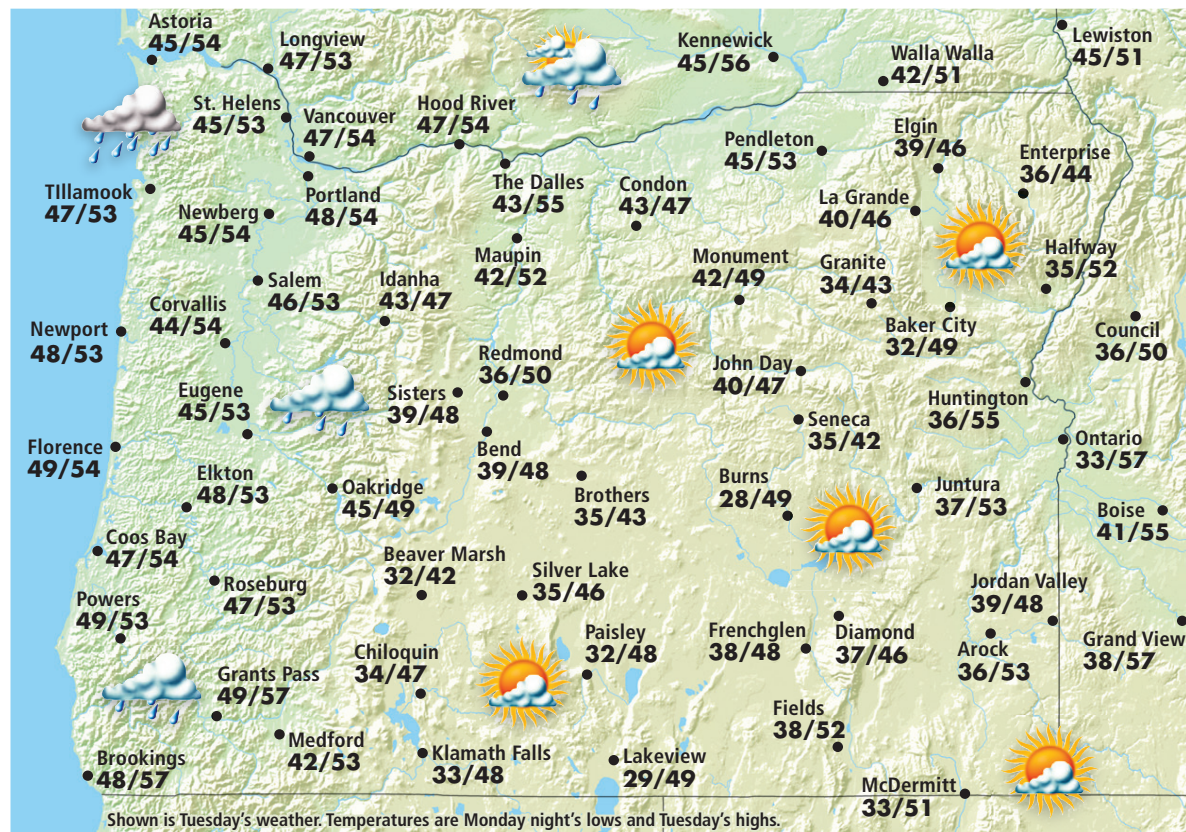
SUN & MOON

	MON.	TUE.
Sunrise	6:54 a.m.	6:56 a.m.
Sunset	4:20 p.m.	4:19 p.m.
Moonrise	10:10 p.m.	11:24 p.m.
Moonset	12:31 p.m.	1:08 p.m.

MOON PHASES	
Last	Nov 19
New	Nov 26
First	Dec 3
Full	Dec 11

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	TUE. Hi/Lo/W	WED. Hi/Lo/W	City	TUE. Hi/Lo/W	WED. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	54/37/pc	54/35/s	Lewiston	51/36/sh	46/27/s
Bend	48/30/sh	41/19/pc	Longview	53/39/c	51/29/s
Boise	55/30/c	54/26/pc	Meacham	43/28/sh	41/19/pc
Brookings	57/44/pc	59/44/s	Medford	53/36/sh	57/27/s
Burns	49/21/c	47/11/pc	Newport	53/39/c	55/39/s
Coos Bay	54/39/pc	55/31/s	Olympia	52/32/c	51/27/s
Corvallis	54/35/sh	54/31/s	Ontario	57/36/c	56/26/s
Council	50/34/sh	49/21/pc	Pasco	55/34/pc	54/28/s
Elgin	46/30/sh	43/21/s	Pendleton	53/32/sh	46/25/s
Eugene	53/36/sh	54/30/s	Portland	54/38/c	55/35/s
Hermiston	56/34/sh	51/26/s	Powers	53/39/pc	56/35/s
Hood River	54/36/sh	52/30/s	Redmond	50/28/sh	45/17/s
Imnaha	49/36/sh	47/25/pc	Roseburg	53/40/sh	53/30/s
John Day	47/30/pc	42/26/pc	Salem	53/36/c	55/32/s
Joseph	45/27/sh	39/19/pc	Spokane	47/32/c	44/25/s
Kennewick	56/36/pc	53/27/s	The Dalles	55/36/sh	54/29/s
Klamath Falls	48/29/pc	46/19/pc	Ukiah	44/26/sh	37/18/pc
Lakeview	49/26/c	43/16/pc	Walla Walla	51/33/c	45/27/s

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

Location	Forecast	Temp
ANTHONY LAKES	Snow showers	28 17
MT. EMILY REC.	Spotty showers	38 24
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Showers around	34 19
WALLOWA LAKE	Spotty showers	45 27
THIEF VALLEY RES.	A shower or two	49 31
PHILLIPS LAKE	A shower or two	45 28
BROWNLEE RES.	A shower or two	53 36
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	A shower or two	40 25
MCKAY RESERVOIR	A shower or two	51 32
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Spotty showers	46 30

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