

Woman is reluctant to tell fiance about new religion

DEAR ABBY: *I am a woman in my 30s with a good head on my shoulders, but I have a dilemma. I recently became Wiccan, and I'm hiding my new religion from my fiance.*

I was raised Protestant but have drifted away from Christianity. My fiance was raised Catholic but no longer practices. He's not actively involved in any religion, but I'm worried about how he will react to learning that I'm now a "witch," which is just a broad term for anyone who follows the Wiccan spiritual path. I don't want him to think I've lost my mind, but I also can't keep hiding my beliefs from him. Secrets are never a positive thing in a relationship, but I'm worried about how this news will be received. Please help.

— **WEST VIRGINIA WICCAN**
DEAR WICCAN: I agree this isn't a secret you should keep. If it were me, I would start disclosing the information slowly, sharing Wiccan literature, telling him I found it fascinating, and sharing a few of the principles with him. Refrain from hitting him over the head with an announcement of your conversion and it will be less shocking.

DEAR ABBY: *I have a new boss. He is a very nice man. With the Christmas season approaching, how do I communicate to him that I do not want to exchange gifts? I don't want him to feel obligated to give me anything. It may be presumptuous of me to think he may want to. I believe this is his first supervisory position, and he may not even think about gifts.*

We have very little contact. I have been the receptionist for our building for many years and do not require much supervision. We are in different parts of the building, and he stops by occasionally to see how I'm doing. My previous boss, a woman I reported to for many years, and I would exchange gifts because we were friends.

— **CORDIAL IN TEXAS**
DEAR CORDIAL: I do not recommend mentioning gifts to your new boss. It is entirely possible that he won't be gifting you anything this Christmas. However, on the chance that he might, keep a little

something in your desk drawer just in case. A small, prepackaged fruitcake might be nice. You can always use it as a doorstop or a hockey puck if he doesn't drop by with a gift in hand.

DEAR ABBY: *Why do women stop having sex after marriage? This is my second marriage. We have been married two years, and to date we have had sex three times. Before marriage we had a great sex life, but the day I said "I do" it stopped. I'm not the only man who is faced with this problem.*

— **NEED AN ANSWER**
DEAR NEED: Something is wrong with this picture. Not all women stop having sex after marriage. The two of you are long overdue for a frank conversation because this isn't fair to you. Could your wife's lack of interest be medical or emotional? Do you get along otherwise? Did this happen with your first wife, too? If the answer to that question is yes, your technique may need some polishing, or your wives may not have enjoyed sex before or after your weddings.

DEAR ABBY: *My 40-year-old son has been in a volatile on-again, off-again relationship with a woman who has physically and emotionally abused him repeatedly. He's an Iraq War veteran with issues of his own, including a previous marriage and messy divorce from a narcissistic woman. They share custody of two grade school-age children.*

The current woman has grown children, plus a pre-teen boy (with issues also). The last time they split up, my husband made it clear that she would never be welcome in our home again because of her violent temper. We don't condone that behavior.

Our son has now decided he thinks he "loves her." He wants us to give our blessing, including having her in our home and being one big happy family. We are sure this "reunion" will come with her assurances that she has changed, and it will never happen again.

Abby, we want our son to be happy, but we recognize that a leopard doesn't change

her spots. We also don't want our young grandchildren in a toxic environment again. What should we do? Please don't tell me he needs to go to counseling because he says he is. Help!

— **SEEING CLEARLY IN NEW YORK**
DEAR SEEING: When you stated that your son is asking you for your blessing, including having this woman in your home and being one big happy family, did he mean living there with you? If that's not

the case, you can bless it, but your answer should be no if it means they will live under your roof. It would be healthier for all of you if they have living arrangements of their own. That way, you can see her only when she is on her good behavior, and if she backslides, the drama won't be in your home. The added bonus is that your son will have a refuge if he needs it. (I'd give anything to know how his therapist views this.)

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weather



TONIGHT

Mostly cloudy

Baker City 20

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TUE

Times of clouds and sun

Baker City 38 27

3 3



WED

Times of clouds and sun

Baker City 38 23

3 3



THU

A couple of snow showers

Baker City 38 31

0 0



FRI

A couple of snow showers

Baker City 40 26

0 0

La Grande 26

Comfort Index™ 2

41 33

2 2

40 32

2 2

40 35

0 0

42 33

0 0

Enterprise 25

Comfort Index™ 3

38 29

3 3

40 28

4 4

40 32

2 2

42 29

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TEMPERATURES

Baker City

La Grande

Elgin

High Saturday

25°

30°

30°

Low Saturday

0°

5°

8°

PRECIPITATION (inches)

Saturday

Trace

Trace

0.00

Month to date

0.21

0.62

0.57

Normal month to date

0.90

2.03

3.12

Year to date

7.35

13.72

26.42

Normal year to date

9.15

14.86

20.67

SATURDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 95°

Laredo, Texas

Low: -13°

Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

Wettest: 3.22"

Owensboro, Ky.

OREGON

High: 49°

Brookings

Low: -10°

Burns

Wettest: 0.07"

Sexton Summit

WEATHER HISTORY

The West was wintry, and the East was balmy on Dec. 2, 1982. Buffalo, N.Y., reached 66. Heavy snow fell in the West, from the central Rockies to the Upper Midwest.

SUN & MOON

Sunrise

7:12 a.m.

7:13 a.m.

Sunset

4:11 p.m.

4:11 p.m.

Moonrise

12:11 p.m.

12:38 p.m.

Moonset

10:12 p.m.

11:14 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First

Full

Last

New

Dec 3

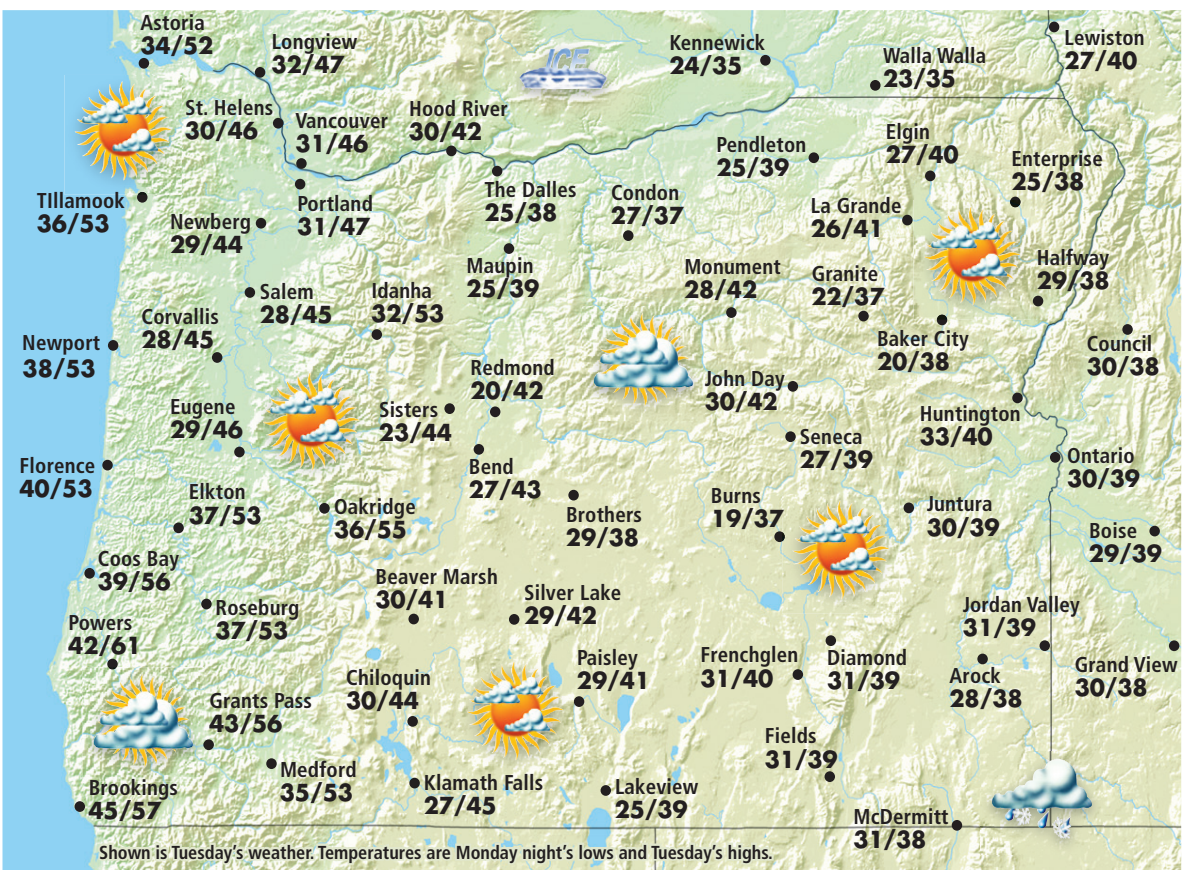
Dec 11

Dec 18

Dec 25

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Shown is Tuesday's weather. Temperatures are Monday night's lows and Tuesday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

TUE.

Hi/Low/W

WED.

Hi/Low/W

City

Hi/Low/W

City

Hi/Low/W

Astoria

52/40/pc

51/40/c

Lewiston

40/28/pc

42/32/c

Bend

43/29/pc

42/33/c

Longview

47/39/pc

47/42/c

Boise

39/27/pc

40/28/c

Meacham

38/31/pc

39/29/pc

Brookings

57/43/pc

54/46/c

Medford

53/35/pc

53/34/c

Burns

37/20/c

37/18/c

Newport

53/40/pc

52/43/c

Coos Bay

56/40/pc

52/45/c

Olympia

48/37/c

49/35/r

Corvallis

45/31/pc

48/36/c

Ontario

39/31/pc

40/30/c

Council

38/31/c

38/29/pc

Pasco

35/26/pc

38/26/c

Elgin

40/31/pc

41/31/pc

Pendleton

39/26/pc

42/33/pc

Eugene

46/33/pc

50/37/c

Portland

47/37/pc

48/40/c

Hermiston

37/25/pc

40/32/c

Powers

61/41/pc

55/46/r

Hood River

42/34/pc

42/36/c

Redmond

42/25/pc

42/28/c

Imnaha

46/36/pc

47/37/pc

Roseburg

53/37/pc

53/41/c

John Day

42/34/pc

42/36/pc

Salem

45/32/pc

48/36/c

Joseph

40/29/pc

40/28/pc

Spokane

36/29/pc

39/31/c

Kennewick

35/26/pc

39/30/c

The Dalles

38/30/pc

40/30/c

Klamath Falls

45/26/pc

44/29/c

Ukiah

40/27/pc

40/29/pc

Lakeview

39/22/pc

40/26/c

Walla Walla

35/27/pc

37/30/pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES

Periods of sun

28 21

MT. EMILY REC.

Partly sunny

35 28

EAGLE CAP WILD.

Partly sunny

30 20

WALLOWA LAKE

Partly sunny

40 29

THIEF VALLEY RES.

Partly sunny

38 27

PHILLIPS LAKE

Periods of sun

36 28

BROWNLEE RES.

Low clouds

42 35

EMIGRANT ST. PARK

Periods of sun

39 26

MCKAY RESERVOIR

Partly sunny

42 29

RED BRIDGE ST. PARK

Partly sunny

41 33

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