

Cross-dressing causing fracture in a solid longtime marriage

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for 11 years, married for eight. We have been through a lot together, which has served to strengthen our marriage. My husband is my Prince Charming and my happily forever after.



DEAR ABBY

women's clothes full time. However, some of his behaviors have changed, and his wearing women's clothing has increased. When I tried discussing my concerns with him, he said I was being irrational. We fought, and I thought we had worked some things out, but he still has an attitude.

I'm terrified that this is the beginning of the end of my marriage, and I don't want to lose him. But I also don't know just how much of this I can accept or how far he wants to go. He says if I can't accept it, he will stop doing it. But we will both know that he has that desire, and I don't want

to stifle something that seems to mean so much to him. I have no one I can talk to about this, Abby. Please help.

— STRUGGLING

DEAR STRUGGLING: Take the opportunity to learn all you can about cross-dressing. More men than you may think engage in it, and the majority are heterosexual. An excellent support group for cross-dressers and wives of men who need (not "LIKE") to cross-dress is The Society for the Second Self (Tri Ess). Its website is tri-ess.org. Go there and you will find the support and answers you're looking for.

Keep the lines of communication with your husband open and honest. Only the two of you

can determine how to navigate through this. For many couples, it's not necessarily a deal-breaker.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 21, I got pregnant with "Earl," a guy who had nothing to his name but a bicycle. It was three weeks after we met. Earl was 24. Two years later we split. I was working and he was a stay-at-home dad, and I couldn't stand it.

Five years later, I married a very wealthy man, moved to another country and lived a life of luxury. Thirteen years later we split. I left our small island and moved back, still well off on my own.

Earl was my rock and is a totally different man now. Sixteen years later, I have fallen

head over heels for him. He has become everything I've always wanted. Our son wasn't crazy about it at first (he's 18), but now loves it. Earl's mother said she knew it would end up this way. My parents have reservations. Do you think we have a fighting chance?

— NEW EXPAT IN NEVADA

DEAR NEW EXPAT: Earl is not the person he was and, frankly, neither are you. Do the two of you have a fighting chance? Absolutely. However, before marrying anyone again, it is important that you discuss this with an attorney and have in place a signed prenuptial agreement. While it may not seem romantic, it's the intelligent thing to do.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Fake asteroid? NASA expert IDs mystery object as old rocket

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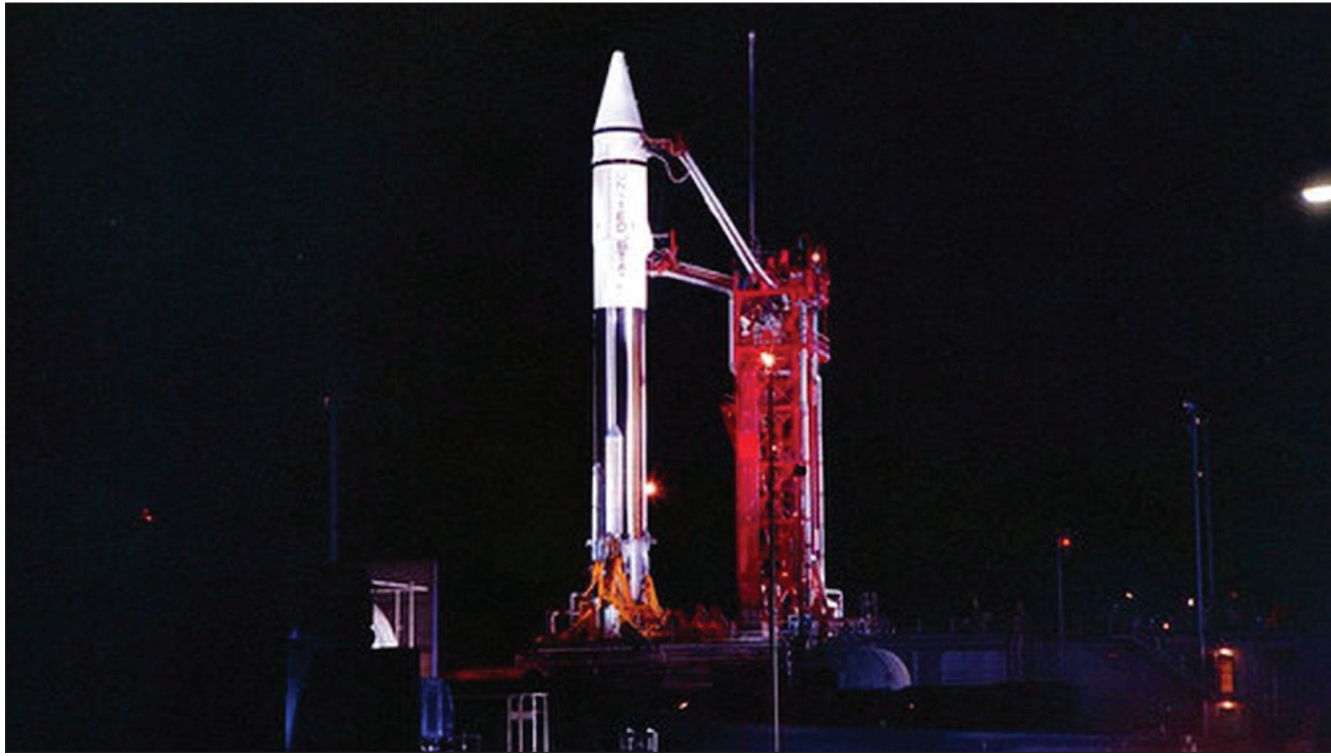
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The jig may be up for an "asteroid" that's expected to get nabbed by Earth's gravity and become a mini moon next month.

Instead of a cosmic rock, the newly discovered object appears to be an old rocket from a failed moon-landing mission 54 years ago that's finally making its way back home, according to NASA's leading asteroid expert. Observations should help nail its identity.

"I'm pretty jazzed about this," Paul Chodas told The Associated Press. "It's been a hobby of mine to find one of these and draw such a link, and I've been doing it for decades now."

Chodas speculates that asteroid 2020 SO, as it is formally known, is actually the Centaur upper rocket stage that successfully propelled NASA's Surveyor 2 lander to the moon in 1966 before it was discarded. The lander ended up crashing into the moon after one of its thrusters failed to ignite on the way there. The rocket, meanwhile, swept past the moon and into orbit around the sun as intended junk, never to be seen again — until perhaps now.

A telescope in Hawaii last month discovered the mystery object heading our way while doing a search intended to protect our planet from doomsday rocks. The object promptly was added to the International Astronomical



San Diego Air and Space Museum via AP

An Atlas Centaur 7 rocket stands on the launchpad in September 1966 at Cape Canaveral, Florida. NASA's leading asteroid expert, Paul Chodas, speculates that asteroid 2020 SO, as it is formally known, is actually a Centaur upper rocket stage that propelled NASA's Surveyor 2 lander to the moon in 1966 before it was discarded.

Union's Minor Planet Center's tally of asteroids and comets found in our solar system, just 5,000 shy of the 1 million mark.

The object is estimated to be roughly 26 feet based on its brightness. That's in the ballpark of the old Centaur, which would be less than 32 feet long including its engine nozzle and 10 feet in diameter.

What caught Chodas' attention is that its near-circular orbit around the sun is quite similar to Earth's — unusual for an asteroid.

"Flag number one," said Chodas, who is director of the Center for Near-Earth Object Studies at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California.

The object is also in the same plane as Earth,

not tilted above or below, another red flag. Asteroids usually zip by at odd angles. Lastly, it's approaching Earth at 1,500 mph (2,400 kph), slow by asteroid standards.

As the object gets closer, astronomers should be able to better chart its orbit and determine how much it's pushed around by the radiation and thermal effects of sunlight. If it's an old Centaur — essentially a light empty can — it will move differently than a heavy space rock less susceptible to outside forces.

That's how astronomers normally differentiate between asteroids and space junk like abandoned rocket parts, since both appear merely as moving dots in the sky. There likely are dozens of

fake asteroids out there, but their motions are too imprecise or jumbled to confirm their artificial identity, said Chodas.

Sometimes it's the other way around.

A mystery object in 1991, for example, was determined by Chodas and others to be a regular asteroid rather than debris, even though its orbit around the sun resembled Earth's.

Even more exciting, Chodas in 2002 found what he believes was the leftover Saturn V third stage from 1969's Apollo 12, the second moon landing by NASA astronauts. He acknowledges the evidence was circumstantial, given the object's chaotic one-year orbit around Earth. It never was

designated as an asteroid, and left Earth's orbit in 2003.

The latest object's route is direct and much more stable, bolstering his theory.

"I could be wrong on this. I don't want to appear overly confident," Chodas said. "But it's the first time, in my view, that all the pieces fit together with an actual known launch."

And he's happy to note that it's a mission that he followed in 1966, as a teenager in Canada.

Asteroid hunter Carrie Nugent of Olin College of Engineering in Needham, Massachusetts, said Chodas' conclusion is "a good one" based on solid evidence. She's the author of the 2017 book "Asteroid Hunters."

"Some more data would be useful so we can know for sure," she said in an email. "Asteroid hunters from around the world will continue to watch this object to get that data. I'm excited to see how this develops!"

The Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics' Jonathan McDowell noted there have been "many, many embarrassing incidents of objects in deep orbit ... getting provisional asteroid designations for a few days before it was realized they were artificial."

It's seldom clear-cut. Last year, a British amateur astronomer, Nick Howes, announced that an asteroid in solar orbit was likely the abandoned lunar module from NASA's Apollo 10, a rehearsal for the Apollo 11 moon landing. While this object is likely artificial, Chodas and others are skeptical of the connection.

Skepticism is good, Howes wrote in an email. "It hopefully will lead to more observations when it's next in our neck of the woods" in the late 2030s.

Chodas' latest target of interest was passed by Earth in their respective laps around the sun in 1984 and 2002. But it was too dim to see from 5 million miles away, he said.

He predicts the object will spend about four months circling Earth once it's captured in mid-November, before shooting back out into its own orbit around the sun next March.

Chodas doubts the object will slam into Earth — "at least not this time around."

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weather

TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Mainly clear	Sunny and warmer	A blend of sun and clouds	A passing morning shower	Mostly cloudy
Baker City 27 Comfort Index™ 8	68 40 10	69 42 10	63 35 9	61 34 8
La Grande 32 Comfort Index™ 5	69 47 10	66 44 10	64 41 8	66 44 9
Enterprise 31 Comfort Index™ 5	64 47 9	63 43 9	61 40 9	63 42 10

Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	67°	63°	60°
Low Tuesday	41°	38°	36°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.01	Trace	Trace
Month to date	0.01	0.01	1.58
Normal month to date	0.22	0.42	0.52
Year to date	3.00	13.40	27.62
Normal year to date	7.86	12.00	16.45

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	30%
Afternoon wind	W at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	8.6
Evapotranspiration	0.12

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir	9% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	22% of capacity
Uwyhee Reservoir	41% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	38% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	14% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	5% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	1080 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	16 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	17 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	70 cfs
Minam River at Minam	121 cfs
Powder River near Richland	24 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 104° Palm Springs, Calif.
Low: 15° Wolcott, Colo.
Wettest: 4.38" Rockland, Maine

OREGON
High: 76° Medford
Low: 32° Meacham
Wettest: 0.67" Hood River

WEATHER HISTORY

Hurricane Hazel hit near Myrtle Beach, S.C., on Oct. 15, 1954, with 150-mph wind gusts. The storm brought record rain to the central Carolinas. Winds gusts to a record 98 mph at Washington, D.C.

SUN & MOON

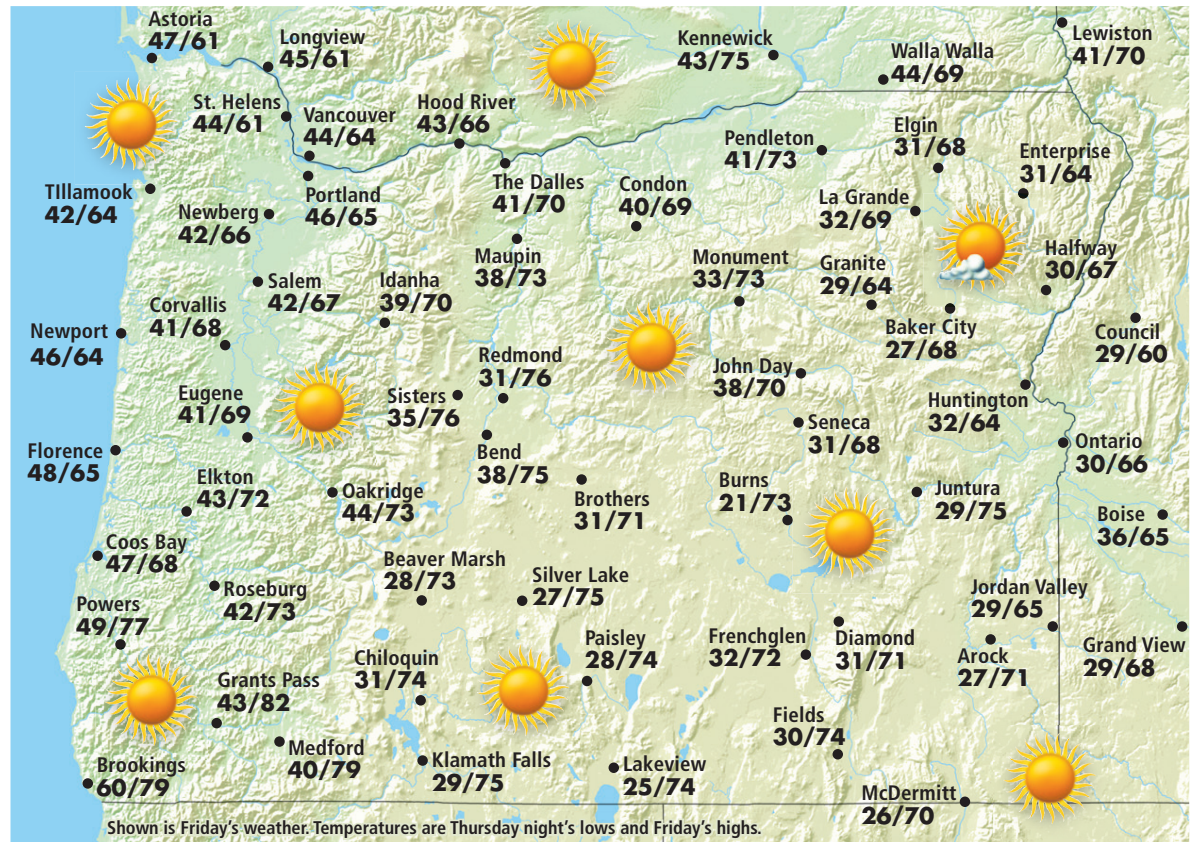
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Sunrise	7:09 a.m.	7:10 a.m.
Sunset	6:06 p.m.	6:05 p.m.
Moonrise	5:24 a.m.	6:46 a.m.
Moonset	6:01 p.m.	6:28 p.m.

MOON PHASES



AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	61/53/sh	60/51/r	Lewiston	70/52/s	67/53/pc
Bend	75/43/s	72/45/pc	Longview	61/53/pc	64/52/c
Boise	65/46/s	69/46/pc	Meacham	68/48/s	63/44/pc
Brookings	79/57/s	75/53/s	Medford	79/46/s	78/46/s
Burns	73/35/s	73/34/pc	Newport	64/51/s	61/52/pc
Coos Bay	68/50/s	65/51/s	Olympia	61/51/sh	61/48/c
Corvallis	68/49/s	67/48/pc	Ontario	66/38/s	71/41/c
Council	60/41/s	63/42/pc	Pasco	73/52/s	72/51/pc
Elgin	68/50/s	65/46/pc	Pendleton	73/56/s	70/52/pc
Eugene	69/48/s	65/50/pc	Portland	65/55/pc	67/52/c
Hermiston	75/57/s	74/54/pc	Powers	77/52/s	77/52/s
Hood River	66/55/pc	68/53/pc	Redmond	76/40/s	72/41/pc
Imnaha	69/48/s	66/50/c	Roseburg	73/48/s	73/49/pc
John Day	70/46/s	69/43/pc	Salem	67/48/pc	68/50/pc
Joseph	65/45/s	61/43/c	Spokane	61/46/s	60/42/pc
Kennewick	75/54/s	74/54/pc	The Dalles	70/53/pc	71/50/pc
Klamath Falls	75/34/s	75/35/s	Ukiah	67/46/s	65/43/c
Lakeview	74/32/s	75/34/s	Walla Walla	69/54/s	69/51/pc

RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY

City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Anthony Lakes	Sunshine	Sunshine	Phillips Lake	Sunny and milder	Sunny
50 34		66 45	66 45		
MT. EMILY REC.	Sunshine; milder	Sunshine; milder	Brownlee Res.	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
58 43		66 41	66 41		
Eagle Cap Wild.	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Emigrant St. Park	Plenty of sun	Plenty of sun
52 36		65 46	65 46		
Wallowa Lake	Warmer	Warmer	McKay Reservoir	Sunny and warmer	Sunny and warmer
65 45		74 55	74 55		
Thief Valley Res.	Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and pleasant	Red Bridge St. Park	Sunny and warmer	Sunny and warmer
68 40		69 47	69 47		

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