

# Rape victim has kept it a secret for decades



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**Dear Abby:** Thirty-five years ago I was raped by a stranger. He told me he would kill me if I ever told anyone. I never told my husband (now ex), mostly because I was afraid if I did he would never touch me again. So I lived with the secret. It eventually tore our marriage apart and we divorced.

Although we have both moved on and remarried, we have remained in touch. I am 60 now and he is 64. I yearn to tell him the story before one of us

leaves this Earth. I want him to understand and hopefully forgive me for the events that drove us apart. The need to tell him is so strong, I cry about it. Please advise me on this. — **Still Not Over It In Maryland**

**Dear Still Not Over:** If it will bring you comfort, reveal the secret you hid from your ex-husband. However, before you do, I urge you to first disclose it to someone trained to help victims of rape. If there's a rape treatment center near you, please make an appointment. If there isn't one, a referral from your doctor to a licensed mental health professional would also be beneficial. Trust me on that.

**Dear Abby:** My husband and I have been married a year and a half, although we've been together off and on for more than 13 years. I sometimes get the feeling that he married me only because he was tired of being alone. He often compares me to his late wife, and he always commemorates both her birthday and the day she passed away.

What I have a problem with is, every year he posts happy birthday, and her name, on Facebook, but he never mentions my name on Facebook. Should I bring this up to him or just let him continue? — **Current Wife In Texas**

**Dear Current Wife:** The basis of a solid marriage is com-

munication. By all means bring it up — all of it — and tell him how it makes you feel. He may be trying to keep his late wife's memory alive by wishing her happy birthday on Facebook, but as far as Facebook's reach may be, I'm pretty sure the messages don't reach the great beyond. That he would mention her birthday and not yours is insensitive. And comparing you to her, unless the comparison is favorable, is more of the same.

**Dear Abby:** We invited friends over to enjoy our bounty from a successful fishing trip. They live about an hour away. They accepted our invitation, then followed up with, "Can you put us

and our two dogs up overnight if we drink too much?" I replied that we meant the invitation for humans only this time. They replied, "We're sorry you don't want our well-behaved 'girls' in your newly remodeled home." And, Abby, they didn't come! Was I wrong? Should I have handled this better? I'm kind of feeling like they were wrong. — **Animal Lover, But ...**

**Dear Lover:** I'm also kind of feeling they overreacted. If you preferred they not bring uninvited guests, whether of the two-footed or four-footed variety, you were within your rights to refuse to have them. Please stop second-guessing yourself.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# More than 90 snakes found under Northern California home

By **OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ**  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A Wolf is used to clearing one or two snakes from under houses but recently was called by a woman who said she had seen rattlesnakes scurry under her house and was surprised to find more than 90 rattlesnakes getting ready to hibernate.

Wolf, director of Sonoma County Reptile Rescue, said he crawled under the mountainside home in Santa Rosa and found a rattlesnake right away, then another and another. He got out from under the house, grabbed



Sonoma County Reptile Rescue via The Associated Press

**This Oct. 2, 2021, photo shows a group of rattlesnakes which were found under a home in Santa Rosa, California.**

buckets, put on safety gloves, and went back in. He crawled on his

hands, knees and stomach, tipping over more than 200 small rocks.

"I kept finding snakes for the next almost four hours," Wolf said Friday. "I thought 'oh, good, it was a worthwhile call' but I was happy to get out because it's not nice, you run into spider webs and dirt and it smells crappy and it's musty and you're on your belly and you're dirty."

But the work paid off. He used a 24-inch snake pole to remove 22 adult rattlesnakes and 59 babies when he first visited the home in the Mayacamas Mountains on Oct. 2. He returned twice since and collected 11 more snakes.

All the snakes were Northern

Pacific rattlesnakes, the only venomous snake found in Northern California, he said.

Wolf, who has been rescuing snakes for 32 years and has been bitten 13 times, said he responds to calls about snakes under homes in 17 counties and has seen dozens of them in one place in the wild but never under a home.

He said he releases the rattlesnakes in the wild away from people and sometimes in private land when ranchers request them for pest control.

Wolf said there are plans to return to the house again to see if any more snakes arrived.

"We know it's a den site

already because of the babies, and the amount of females I found," he said.

Rattlesnakes usually hibernate from October to April and look for rocks to hide under and warm places and will return to the same place year after year. The homeowners didn't remove any rocks when they built the house, making it an attractive place for the reptiles, Wolf said.

"The snakes found the house to be a great place for them because the rocks give them protection but the house, too, gives them protection from being wet during the winter so, it's double insulation for them," he said.

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# weather

TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
A shower in places late	Showers around; cooler	Mostly cloudy and warmer	Cooler; morning showers	Cloudy
<b>Baker City</b> 44 Comfort Index™ 9	<b>58 36</b> 1	<b>64 45</b> 10	<b>59 39</b> 5	<b>55 41</b> 3
<b>La Grande</b> 52 Comfort Index™ 10	<b>60 39</b> 1	<b>66 50</b> 10	<b>57 42</b> 1	<b>56 41</b> 8
<b>Enterprise</b> 48 Comfort Index™ 10	<b>57 40</b> 1	<b>65 48</b> 10	<b>61 42</b> 6	<b>54 41</b> 5

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.

### ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	68°	72°	73°
Low Sunday	39°	47°	41°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.04	0.07	0.19
Normal month to date	0.30	0.69	0.92
Year to date	3.62	7.45	16.60
Normal year to date	7.16	12.69	17.79

### SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: 93° Tamiami, Fla.  
Low: 11° Angel Fire, N.M.  
Wettest: 1.62" Fulton, N.Y.

OREGON

High: 75° Ontario  
Low: 25° Burns  
Wettest: 0.74" Astoria

### AGRICULTURAL INFO.

#### HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY

Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	SW at 10 to 20 mph
Hours of sunshine	8.7
Evapotranspiration	0.12

### RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	10% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	10% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	20% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	3% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

### STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	591 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	20 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	44 cfs
Minam River at Minam	54 cfs
Powder River near Richland	3 cfs

### WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 19, 1961, heavy, wet snow fell on trees still in leaf in southern West Virginia. The snow snapped millions of branches, causing the worst forest disaster since the fires of 1952 and 1953.

### SUN & MOON

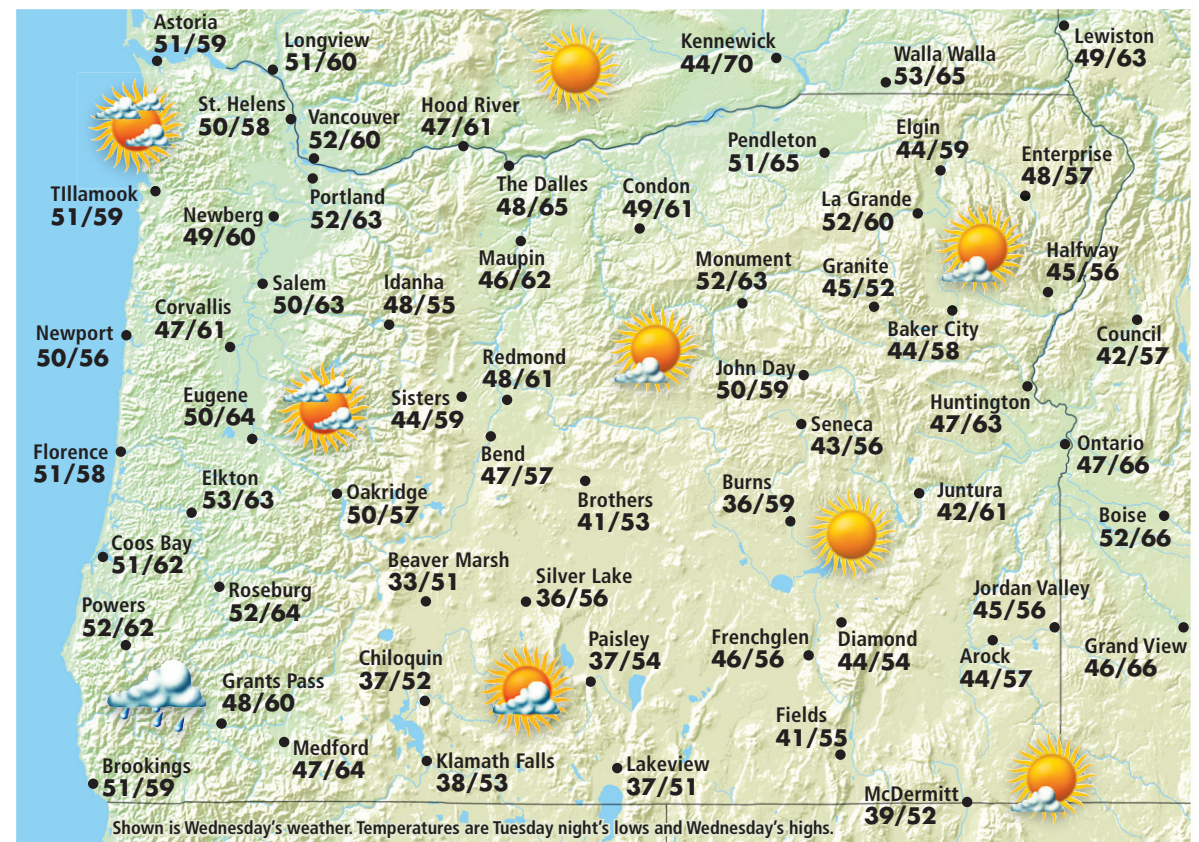
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	7:14 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
Sunset	6:00 p.m.	5:58 p.m.
Moonrise	5:59 p.m.	6:18 p.m.
Moonset	6:04 a.m.	7:10 a.m.

### MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Oct 20	Oct 28	Nov 4	Nov 11

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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### REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W	City	WED. Hi/Lo/W	THU. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	59/51/r	62/51/sh	Lewiston	63/45/c	68/50/c
Bend	57/40/c	71/47/c	Longview	60/48/r	67/54/sh
Boise	66/45/c	69/49/s	Meacham	58/39/sh	67/51/c
Brookings	59/51/sh	62/50/sh	Medford	64/46/c	68/49/c
Burns	59/30/c	66/40/sh	Newport	56/51/r	61/50/sh
Coos Bay	62/47/sh	68/51/sh	Olympia	59/45/r	65/49/sh
Corvallis	61/45/sh	65/48/sh	Ontario	66/39/pc	71/48/c
Council	57/38/r	66/46/c	Pasco	69/42/c	69/48/c
Elgin	59/39/sh	67/44/c	Pendleton	65/43/c	74/53/c
Eugene	64/48/sh	68/51/sh	Portland	63/51/r	65/52/sh
Hermiston	69/42/c	72/50/c	Powers	62/48/sh	67/49/sh
Hood River	61/45/c	67/50/sh	Redmond	61/38/c	70/48/c
Imnaha	62/42/r	69/53/c	Roseburg	64/49/sh	68/53/c
John Day	59/39/sh	69/51/c	Salem	63/47/sh	66/52/sh
Joseph	56/41/sh	62/48/c	Spokane	56/40/sh	64/45/c
Kennewick	70/39/c	71/48/c	The Dalles	65/44/c	67/50/c
Klamath Falls	53/38/c	59/41/sh	Ukiah	58/38/c	71/52/c
Lakeview	51/33/sh	62/40/sh	Walla Walla	65/45/sh	71/53/c

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

### RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> A shower; colder	<b>35 30</b>	<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Showers around	<b>53 37</b>
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> A few showers	<b>48 38</b>	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> A few showers	<b>58 40</b>
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Colder; a.m. snow	<b>40 32</b>	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> A few showers	<b>54 34</b>
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Showers around	<b>56 41</b>	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Showers around	<b>63 44</b>
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Showers around	<b>58 36</b>	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> A few showers	<b>60 39</b>

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