

Man’s sudden death comes with a shocking revelation

DEAR ABBY: A short time ago, I experienced a terrible loss. I came home from work one evening and found “Martin,” my boyfriend of almost 17 years, dead at the bottom of the stairs. I later found out he had been drinking.

I never saw Martin drinking before. He did it very rarely. He didn’t go to bars, and he would never drink and drive. He did have a close friend who would visit him on occasion, and they would drink beer together.

Abby, I feel deceived and betrayed on top of the terrible grief I can’t seem to overcome. Martin knew how I felt about drinking because I was previously married to an alcoholic for 19 years. How do I get past this?



DEAR ABBY

— WOUNDED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WOUNDED: Please accept my deepest sympathy, not only for your loss, but for the manner in which you found your boyfriend. It had to have been an awful shock.

Are you absolutely certain his death was alcohol-related? Was there an autopsy? People have been known to suffer strokes or massive heart attacks that can take them suddenly, and if Martin was on the stairs, something like that could have caused his fall rather than the fact he had alcohol in his system.

A way to move past your anger and disappointment would be to

look further into what happened if that’s possible, and if his cause of death is what you suspect, forgive him. Hanging onto anger and bitterness is not healthy for you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 4-1/2 years. Most of them have not been good. When we have disagreements, he calls me names and then gives me the silent treatment, sometimes for weeks at a time. We tried counseling. It was initially helpful, but he refuses to go anymore, saying “it didn’t work.” (We went to three one-hour sessions.)

I’m trapped financially because I can’t afford our mortgage alone (he threatens me financially when we argue by not contributing his agreed-upon share into our

household account). I don’t have the means to move out while still paying my share of the mortgage. I have three dogs, so renting is practically impossible. I’m lost, and I don’t know what to do. I cannot continue living in silence anymore. Help.

— MISERABLE IN FLORIDA

DEAR MISERABLE: A good marriage is like heaven; a bad one is like living with a truly unpleasant cellmate. Pick up the phone, start interviewing divorce attorneys and tell them everything you have told me. I think you will be pleasantly surprised that you do not have to remain married. Consider selling the house. That way you may not wind up with nothing. If you are unable to find homes for your dogs, contact pet rescue

groups in your area and explain the situation.

You did not mention whether you have family you might be able to stay with until you are financially stable, but whether they can accommodate you or not, let them know what you have been going through. All of life is a learning experience, and there is life after you close this unhappy chapter.

DEAR READERS: As a fan of longer, brighter days and warmer weather, I’m pleased to issue my annual reminder to those of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don’t forget to turn your clocks forward one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow. Spring is on the way.

Immigration

U.S. sending military police to border crossings

By Astrid Galvan
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The U.S. government says it is sending 160 military police and engineers to two official border crossings to deal with asylum seekers in case a federal appeals court strikes down one of the Trump administration’s key policies.

Senior Customs and Border Protection officials said Friday that active duty personnel will be in place by Saturday at ports of entry in El Paso and San Diego. They’ll also send aviation support.

The deployment is in re-

sponse to a crowd of asylum-seekers that gathered at an El Paso crossing last Friday after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals temporarily struck down the program known as “Remain in Mexico,” which forces asylum seekers to stay in Mexico while their cases wind through court in the U.S. Officials shut down that border crossing for several hours that evening before the court reversed itself.

On Wednesday, the court again made a decision on the case, this time blocking the program in Arizona and California, the two border



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U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers of the Special Response Team unit, patrol on the Paso del Norte Port of Entry in El Paso, Texas. The U.S. government says it’s sending 160 military police and engineers to two official border crossings to deal with asylum seekers in case a federal appeals court strikes down one of the Trump administration’s key policies.

states under its authority. About 60,000 asylum-seekers have been returned to Mexico while awaiting

which isn’t subject to the current injunction blocking the program. When asked about that, a senior official said military members can be moved to different ports of entry in response to shifting needs.

Critics call the program inhumane and dangerous, forcing vulnerable people to wait in high-crime Mexican border cities where they are often subjected to violence, extortion and kidnapping.

But “Remain in Mexico,” which the government calls the Migrant Protection Protocols, has been one of the most successful tools in the administration’s battle to stem the large number of asylum seekers looking for refuge in the U.S.

The Trump administration is asking the U.S. Supreme Court, which has consistently ruled in the administration’s favor on

immigration policies, to intervene and wants the policy to stay in effect until next week to give the high court time to decide.

In the meantime, authorities say they’re preparing for more large groups of asylum seekers in case the appeals court strikes down the policy. Seeking asylum at ports of entry is legal, but the government has gone to great lengths to prevent migrants from doing so, including a “metering” policy that requires asylum-seekers to wait on an unofficial list for months before they are even allowed to walk up to a U.S. agent and seek protection.

CBP officials who provided the information on Friday provided few details about what exactly the military police will be doing, but did say military police won’t be conducting immigration enforcement.

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TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Partly cloudy and colder	Mostly cloudy	A passing shower	Plenty of sunshine	Times of clouds and sun
Baker City 20 Comfort Index™ 2	51 27 5	51 22 5	56 26 7	61 27 8
La Grande 23 Comfort Index™ 0	45 27 4	48 23 3	53 29 6	58 26 10
Enterprise 21 Comfort Index™ 1	42 25 3	45 21 1	49 26 8	54 25 8

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			
High Thursday	62°	63°	65°
Low Thursday	24°	26°	25°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	Trace	0.02	0.14
Normal month to date	0.12	0.22	0.41
Year to date	0.61	4.54	17.21
Normal year to date	1.52	3.03	5.99

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.2
Evapotranspiration	0.05

RESERVOIR STORAGE	(through midnight Friday)
Phillips Reservoir	28% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	63% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	76% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	79% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	56% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	102% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS	(through midnight Thursday)
Grande Ronde at Troy	3820 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	91 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	19 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	563 cfs
Minam River at Minam	173 cfs
Powder River near Richland	237 cfs

THURSDAY EXTREMES	
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 94°	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Low: -9°	Crested Butte, Colo.
Wettest: 2.66"	Savannah, Ga.
OREGON	
High: 72°	Rome
Low: 17°	Lakeview
Wettest: 0.19"	Astoria

WEATHER HISTORY

An ice storm in Iowa on March 7, 1990, caused \$60 million in damage. Power loss for over a quarter of a million people was included in the damages.

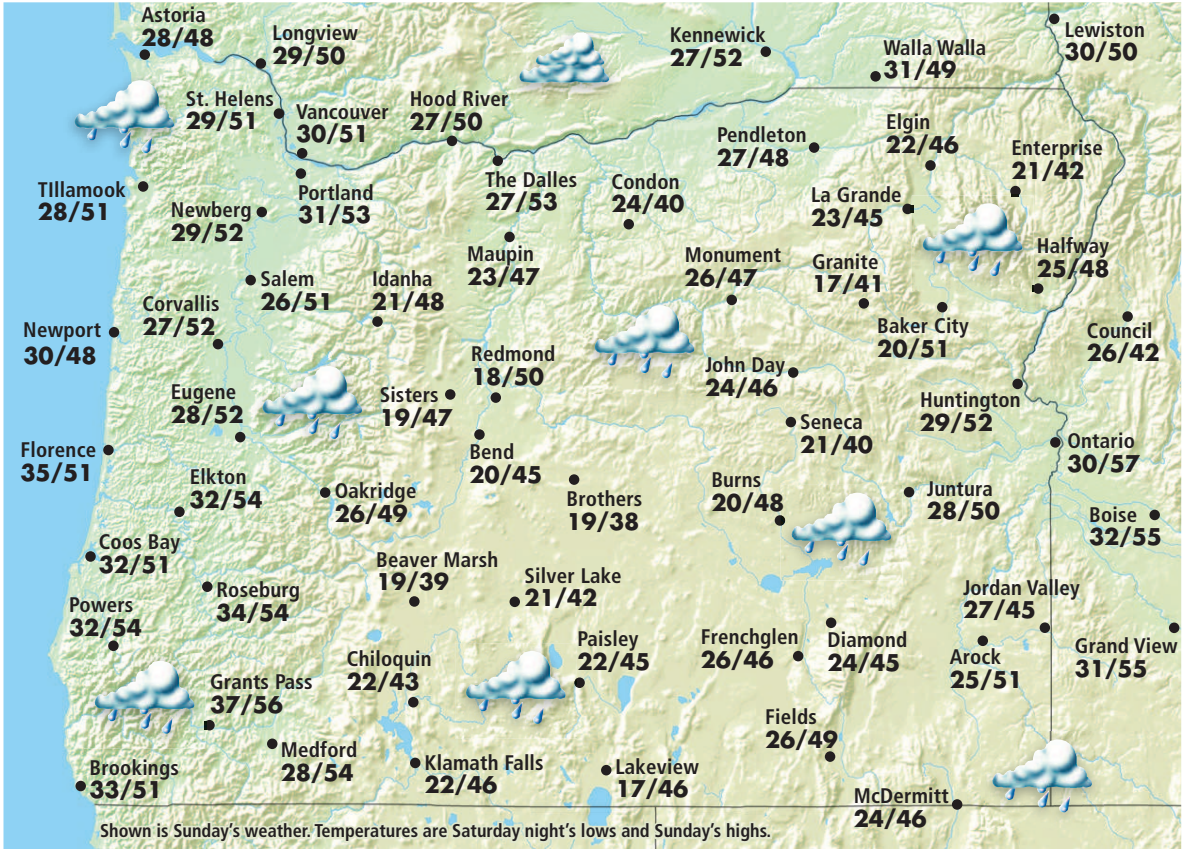
SUN & MOON

	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	6:19 a.m.	7:17 a.m.
Sunset	5:48 p.m.	6:49 p.m.
Moonrise	3:23 p.m.	5:43 p.m.
Moonset	5:32 a.m.	7:09 a.m.

MOON PHASES			
Full	Last	New	First
			
Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 24	Apr 1

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES	SUN.	MON.	SUN.	MON.	RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY
City	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W	City	Hi/Low/W	City
Astoria	48/28/c	50/31/pc	Lewiston	50/31/c	52/30/pc
Bend	45/23/c	48/22/pc	Longview	50/26/c	53/27/pc
Boise	55/36/c	53/33/c	Meacham	44/24/c	47/21/c
Brookings	51/36/c	56/40/s	Medford	54/33/c	59/28/pc
Burns	48/28/c	49/21/c	Newport	48/31/c	49/32/pc
Coos Bay	51/32/c	52/32/pc	Olympia	50/26/c	52/28/pc
Corvallis	52/28/c	55/28/pc	Ontario	57/34/c	58/28/c
Council	42/28/c	45/24/c	Pasco	55/24/c	56/26/pc
Elgin	46/26/c	48/22/pc	Pendleton	48/27/c	50/27/pc
Eugene	52/30/c	55/28/pc	Portland	53/30/c	55/31/pc
Hermiston	52/28/c	54/27/pc	Powers	54/32/c	55/31/s
Hood River	50/27/c	55/25/pc	Redmond	50/21/c	52/19/pc
Imnaha	45/28/c	49/24/pc	Roseburg	54/35/c	57/31/pc
John Day	46/29/c	47/24/c	Salem	51/26/c	54/27/pc
Joseph	41/24/c	43/20/pc	Spokane	44/25/pc	46/26/pc
Kennewick	52/26/c	53/27/pc	The Dalles	53/27/c	57/27/pc
Klamath Falls	46/25/c	50/20/c	Ukiah	42/22/c	44/19/pc
Lakeview	46/23/c	47/18/c	Walla Walla	49/29/c	50/30/pc

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