

Widow encounters happiness after years of violence



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: I have been a widow for six months. My late husband was a physically and verbally abusive alcoholic. I spent numerous nights in the ER waiting to be seen and nursed many black eyes throughout the years. During all those years of abuse, which was witnessed by numerous friends and family, I remained faithful and dedicated to him and our marriage, but due to the toxicity of our relationship I

was severely depressed and needed antidepressants. I tried many times to get him help and had family interventions, only to end up being threatened with getting all my teeth knocked out. My dilemma is that one of our friends has become more than just a friend. This man is a kind, caring individual and has done more for me this last couple of weeks than my husband did my entire marriage. I have been so happy recently, but I feel guilty for feeling this way and wonder if I should be ashamed for not grieving longer. I feel maybe I'm doing something wrong by being happy and not having to deal with the abuse. What do you think? —

SURVIVOR IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SURVIVOR: What I think is that you should be grateful you are free of your abusive late husband. I see no reason why you should feel guilty for not grieving the death of that disturbed individual. That said, it's very important you take your time before getting into another exclusive relationship. You are extremely vulnerable now. You need to heal from the years of abuse you experienced, and possibly receive counseling to ensure you don't drift toward the "familiar" or overlook warning signs of another potential abuser. **DEAR ABBY:** My husband's brother and his family live out of state. They

never invite my husband's parents to spend any holiday with them. In fact, they initiate no visits with them at all or travel to the area where we live. (We live in the same city as my in-laws). My dilemma: I do not want to have my husband's parents at our house for every holiday dinner we host. My children are getting older (one is married), and we don't see them often. Sometimes I want to get together with just our immediate family, but then I feel guilty if I don't always include the in-laws. I think my husband's brother should step up to the plate and invite his parents for at least one holiday. I don't think it's fair to expect us to always have them at our

house. What do you think? — **NEEDING A BREAK IN OHIO**
DEAR NEEDING: I agree that this pattern — established heaven knows how long ago — has placed an unfair burden on you. Your husband is long overdue for a conversation with his brother to see if something can be worked out. However, if your brother-in-law is unwilling, you may have to have your smaller family celebrations the night before or night after the holiday.
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Iranian who inspired 'The Terminal' dies at Paris airport

The Associated Press
PARIS — An Iranian man who lived for 18 years in Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport and whose saga loosely inspired the Steven Spielberg film "The Terminal" died Saturday, Nov. 12, in the airport that he long called home, officials said.
Mehran Karimi Nasseri died after a heart attack in the airport's Terminal 2F around midday, according to an official with the Paris airport authority. Police and a medical team treated him but were not able to save him, the official said. The official was not authorized to be publicly named.
Nasseri lived in the airport's Terminal 1 from 1988 until 2006, first in legal limbo because he lacked residency papers and later by apparent choice. Year in and year out, he slept on a red plastic bench, making friends with airport workers, showering in staff facilities, writing in his diary, reading magazines and surveying passing travelers.
Staff nicknamed him Lord Alfred, and he became a mini-celebrity among passengers.
"Eventually, I will leave the airport," he told The Associated Press in 1999, smoking a pipe on his bench, looking frail with long thin hair, sunken eyes and hollow cheeks. "But I am still waiting for a passport or transit visa."
Nasseri was born in 1945 in Soleiman, a part of Iran then under British jurisdiction, to an Iranian father and a British mother. He left Iran to study in England in 1974. When he returned, he said, he was imprisoned for protesting against the shah and expelled without a passport.
He applied for political asylum in several countries in Europe. The UNHCR in Belgium gave him refugee credentials, but he said his briefcase containing the refugee certificate was stolen in a Paris train station.
French police later arrested him, but couldn't deport him anywhere because he had no official documents. He ended up at Charles de Gaulle in August 1988 and stayed.
Further bureaucratic bungling and increasingly strict European immigration laws kept him in a legal no-man's land for years.
When he finally received refugee pa-



Michel Euler/The Associated Press, File
Mehran Karimi Nasseri, shown sitting among his belongings at Terminal 1 of Roissy Charles De Gaulle Airport, north of Paris on Aug. 11, 2004, lived for 18 years in Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport and inspired the Steven Spielberg film "The Terminal." He died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, in the airport, officials said.

pers, he described his surprise, and his insecurity, about leaving the airport. He reportedly refused to sign them, and ended up staying there several more years until he was hospitalized in 2006, and later lived in a Paris shelter.
Those who befriended him in the airport said the years of living in the windowless space took a toll on his mental state. The airport doctor in the 1990s worried about his physical and mental health, and described him as "fossilized here." A ticket agent friend compared him to a prisoner incapable of "living on the outside."
In the weeks before his death, Nasseri had been again living at Charles de Gaulle, the airport official said.
Nasseri's mind-boggling tale loosely inspired 2004's "The Terminal" starring Tom Hanks, as well as a French film, "Lost in Transit," and an opera called "Flight."

In "The Terminal," Hanks plays Viktor Navorski, a man who arrives at JFK airport in New York from the fictional Eastern European country of Krakozhia and discovers that an overnight political revolution has invalidated all his traveling papers. Viktor is dumped into the airport's international lounge and told he must stay there until his status is sorted out, which drags on as unrest in Krakozhia continues.
No information was immediately available about survivors.
Claim of new world record for longest beard chain in Wyoming
CASPER, Wyo. — Facial hair enthusiasts claimed to have set a new world record for longest beard chain during an event in Wyoming on Friday, Nov. 13, the Casper Star-Tribune reports. Participants gathered at Gaslight So-

cial, a bar in Casper, where they stood side by side and clipped their beards together to create a hairy chain that was measured at 150 feet long, according to the newspaper. That's more than double the Guinness World Record of 62 feet, 6 inches, set in Germany in 2007.
To participate, people needed to sport a beard at least 8 inches long, according to the Star-Tribune.
The event occurred on the sidelines of the National Beard and Moustache Championships, which took place Nov. 14 at the city's Ford Wyoming Center.
1970s sandals worn by Steve Jobs auctioned for \$218K
LOS ANGELES — The California house where Steve Jobs co-founded Apple is a historical site, and now the sandals he wore while pacing its floors have been sold for nearly \$220,000, ac-

ording to an auction house.
The "well used" brown suede Birkenstocks dating to the mid-1970s set a record for the highest price ever paid for a pair of sandals, Julien's Auctions said Sunday, Nov. 13.
"The cork and jute footbed retains the imprint of Steve Jobs' feet, which had been shaped after years of use," the auction house said in the listing on its website.
The sandals were expected to bring \$60,000, but the final sale price with an accompanying NFT was \$218,750, Julien's said. The buyer was not named.
Jobs and Steve Wozniak co-founded Apple in 1976 at Jobs' parents' house in Los Altos, California. In 2013, the property was named a historic landmark by the Los Altos Historical Commission.
Jobs died in 2011 from complications of pancreatic cancer.

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weather

| TONIGHT | FRI | SAT | SUN | MON |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Mainly clear and cold | Mostly sunny and chilly | Plenty of sun, but chilly | Increasing clouds; chilly | Cloudy |
| Baker City 10 Comfort Index™ 1 | 36 16 1 | 38 13 1 | 39 15 1 | 40 24 1 |
| La Grande 18 Comfort Index™ 1 | 38 20 2 | 38 22 0 | 39 25 1 | 41 30 1 |
| Enterprise 14 Comfort Index™ 2 | 38 20 3 | 39 19 3 | 41 26 3 | 42 28 3 |

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 34° 35° 37°
Low Tuesday 14° 17° 19°

PRECIPITATION (inches)
Tuesday 0.00 0.00 0.00
Month to date 0.55 2.74 5.13
Normal month to date 0.35 0.93 1.36
Year to date 6.26 13.67 25.52
Normal year to date 7.83 14.51 20.39

AGRICULTURAL INFO.
HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY
Lowest relative humidity 35%
Afternoon wind NE at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine 4.4
Evapotranspiration 0.04

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)
Phillips Reservoir 1% of capacity
Unity Reservoir 27% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir 9% of capacity
McKay Reservoir 27% of capacity
Wallowa Lake 8% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir 7% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)
Grande Ronde at Troy 926 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder 5 cfs
Burnt River near Unity 8 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon 71 cfs
Minam River at Minam N.A.
Powder River near Richland 11 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 88° Marathon, Fla.
Low: -13° Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.
Wettest: 1.25" Blacksburg, Va.

OREGON
High: 66° North Bend
Low: 0° Burns
Wettest: none

WEATHER HISTORY
On Nov. 17, 1989, the temperature in Raleigh/Durham, N.C., plummeted to 29 degrees, becoming the latest first freeze on record. The previous record occurred Nov. 14, 1946.

SUN & MOON

| | THU. | FRI. |
|----------|-----------|------------|
| Sunrise | 6:53 a.m. | 6:55 a.m. |
| Sunset | 4:21 p.m. | 4:20 p.m. |
| Moonset | none | 12:39 a.m. |
| Moonrise | 1:49 p.m. | 2:07 p.m. |

MOON PHASES

| | Nov 23 | Nov 30 | Dec 7 | Dec 16 |
|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| New | ☾ | ☾ | ☾ | ☾ |
| First | ☾ | ☾ | ☾ | ☾ |
| Full | ☾ | ☾ | ☾ | ☾ |
| Last | ☾ | ☾ | ☾ | ☾ |

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Shown is Friday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday night's lows and Friday's highs.

| REGIONAL CITIES | | RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY | |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| CITY | FRI. HI/LO/W | CITY | FRI. HI/LO/W |
| Astoria | 48/34/s | Anthony Lakes | 27 13 |
| Bend | 34/17/pc | MT. EMILY REC. | 33 20 |
| Boise | 37/19/s | Eagle Cap Wild. | 28 9 |
| Brookings | 59/42/s | Wallowa Lake | 34 19 |
| Burns | 36/6/s | Thief Valley Res. | 36 16 |
| Coos Bay | 55/33/s | Phillips Lake | 36 13 |
| Corvallis | 46/24/s | Brownlee Res. | 37 16 |
| Council | 30/9/s | Emigrant St. Park | 31 15 |
| Elgin | 37/20/s | McKay Reservoir | 34 19 |
| Eugene | 47/22/s | Red Bridge St. Park | 38 20 |
| Hermiston | 36/20/s | | |
| Hood River | 39/25/s | | |
| Idanha | 28/18/s | | |
| John Day | 39/21/s | | |
| Joseph | 34/19/s | | |
| Kennewick | 38/18/s | | |
| Klamath Falls | 39/14/s | | |
| Lakeview | 34/3/s | | |
| La Grande | 34/47 | | |
| Laurel | 23/38 | | |
| Medford | 31/51 | | |
| Newport | 32/49 | | |
| North Bend | 66 | | |
| Ontario | 19/40 | | |
| Portland | 34/47 | | |
| Prineville | 33/55 | | |
| Redmond | 17/37 | | |
| Salem | 28/48 | | |
| Seaside | 33/48 | | |
| St. Helens | 28/48 | | |
| Tillamook | 29/50 | | |
| Vancouver | 30/47 | | |
| Walla Walla | 20/32 | | |
| Warrenton | 26/39 | | |
| Wilson | 18/38 | | |
| Yreka | 22/44 | | |

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