

# Recovering alcoholic feels helpless as cousin implodes



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** I was an alcoholic. I have been sober since 1994. I live with my elderly aunt and assist her while working in ministry. Her son lives with us and is, basically, a hopeless alcoholic. He drinks all day and lies on the couch. I know that if this continues, it will be fatal.

We have tried to get him into two or three rehabs, and I can't count how many times he's been to the hospital for detox. After his last stint in rehab, he came back

and was drinking again three days later. Because I don't know what else to do, I have committed myself to saying, "Well, if he wants to drink himself to death, there's nothing I can do."

Am I doing the right thing or is there something else I can try? I mean, it's not my house, so I can't throw him out. I don't even broach the subject with my aunt anymore. — **CONFLICTED IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR CONFLICTED:** Congratulations for hanging onto your sobriety. I can only imagine the stress you are experiencing watching your cousin drink himself to death. If at all possible, it might be beneficial to you if you

found other living arrangements while assisting your aunt.

Your aunt — not you — as well-meaning as she may be, is her son's enabler. Her passivity is partly responsible for what's happening to her son, not you. You have done everything you can, and you cannot save him from himself. Your aunt may need counseling to help her break the unhealthy pattern that has been set with her son. Please suggest this to her. I hope she is receptive.

**DEAR ABBY:** My friend has this habit of phoning me while she is walking her dog or driving somewhere. To put it bluntly, she calls when she is otherwise

engaged and biding her time until she finishes the walk or reaches her destination.

When she walks "Gonzo," I have to contend with his barking, her admonishing Gonzo for pulling on the leash, or the wind, which makes it difficult to hear her. When she's driving, the connection is often iffy. She has done this for years, but recently it has started to seriously annoy me. I wish she would call when she's sitting in a quiet room and not preoccupied with something else. Is that too much to ask? How can I politely tell her this?

— **TICKED OFF IN TEXAS**  
**DEAR TICKED OFF:** It shouldn't be too hard. "Politely"

tell her you would prefer she NOT call you while she's walking Gonzo or driving — particularly the latter because it's dangerous and you would hate to have her miss her exit or get into an accident because she was distracted. Then tell her you prefer talking with her when she's in a place that's safe to talk and she's not distracted. If she persists after that, ask when she'll be home, suggest you talk "later" and hang up.

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Patriot Front members arrested near Idaho pride event

The Associated Press

**COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho** — Authorities arrested 31 members of the white supremacist group Patriot Front near an Idaho pride event Saturday, June 11, after they were found packed into the back of a U-Haul truck with riot gear.

The men were standing inside the truck wearing khakis, navy blue shirts and beige hats with white balaclavas covering their faces when Coeur d'Alene police stopped the U-Haul and began arresting them on the side of the road.

"They came to riot downtown," Coeur d'Alene Police Chief Lee White said at a news conference.

All 31 were charged with conspiracy to riot, a misdemeanor, White said. The men were going through the booking process Saturday afternoon and are scheduled to be arraigned on Monday, he said.

Based on evidence collected and documents,



Georji Brown via The Associated Press

**Authorities arrest members of the white supremacist group Patriot Front near an Idaho pride event Saturday, June 11, 2022, after they were found packed into the back of a U-Haul truck with riot gear.**

authorities found that the group was planning to riot in several areas of downtown, not just the park, White said.

Police found riot gear, one smoke grenade, shin guards and shields inside the van, White said. They wore arm

patches and logos on their hats that identified them as members of Patriot Front, he said.

Police learned about the U-Haul from a tipster, who reported that "it looked like a little army was loading up into the vehicle" in the parking lot of a hotel, White said. Officials spotted the truck soon after and pulled it over, he said.

Videos of the arrest posted on social media show the men kneeling on the grass with their hands zip-tied behind their backs.

"Reclaim America" was written on the back of one shirt.

Police led the men, one by one, to the front of patrol cars, took off their masks and then brought them to a police van.

Those arrested came from at least 11 states, including Washington, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Colorado, South Dakota, Illinois, Wyoming, Virginia, and Arkansas, White said.

Only one was from Idaho, he said.

The truck was stopped near where the North Idaho Pride Alliance was holding the Coeur d'Alene Pride in

the Park event. Police had stepped up their presence in the area during the event.

"It appears these people did not come here to engage in peaceful events," Kootenai County Sheriff Bob Norris told a Coeur d'Alene Press reporter.

## Seoul: North Korea fires suspected artillery pieces into sea

SEOUL, South Korea —

North Korea test-fired suspected artillery pieces into the sea on Sunday, June 12, South Korea's military said, days after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called for greater defense capability to cope with outside threats.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that it detected several flight trajectories believed to be North Korean artillery. It said South Korea maintains a firm military readiness in close coordination with the United States amid boosted surveillance on North Korea.

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# weather

TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mainly clear and chilly	Partly sunny and warmer	Partly sunny and pleasant	Cloudy	Mostly cloudy, a shower
Baker City Comfort Index™ 0	69 43 10	77 48 9	70 47 8	66 42 7
La Grande Comfort Index™ 0	39 47 10	74 52 10	68 49 8	65 48 7
Enterprise Comfort Index™ 1	34 45 10	72 46 10	69 49 8	61 48 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.

### ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	65°	64°	70°
Low Sunday	42°	43°	46°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	Trace	0.37	0.48
Month to date	0.46	2.25	2.74
Normal month to date	0.52	0.64	0.85
Year to date	4.44	8.61	16.91
Normal year to date	4.86	9.33	13.53

### SUNDAY EXTREMES

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 118° Death Valley, Calif.  
Low: 30° Baraga, Mich.  
Wettest: 2.19" Hampton, Va.

### OREGON

High: 67° Ontario  
Low: 38° Crater Lake  
Wettest: 0.81" Sexton Summit

### WEATHER HISTORY

A cloudburst on June 14, 1903, near Hepner, Ore., caused a flash flood on Willow Creek. The resulting 20-foot wall of water killed more than 200 in a few minutes and swept away a third of the buildings.

### SUN & MOON

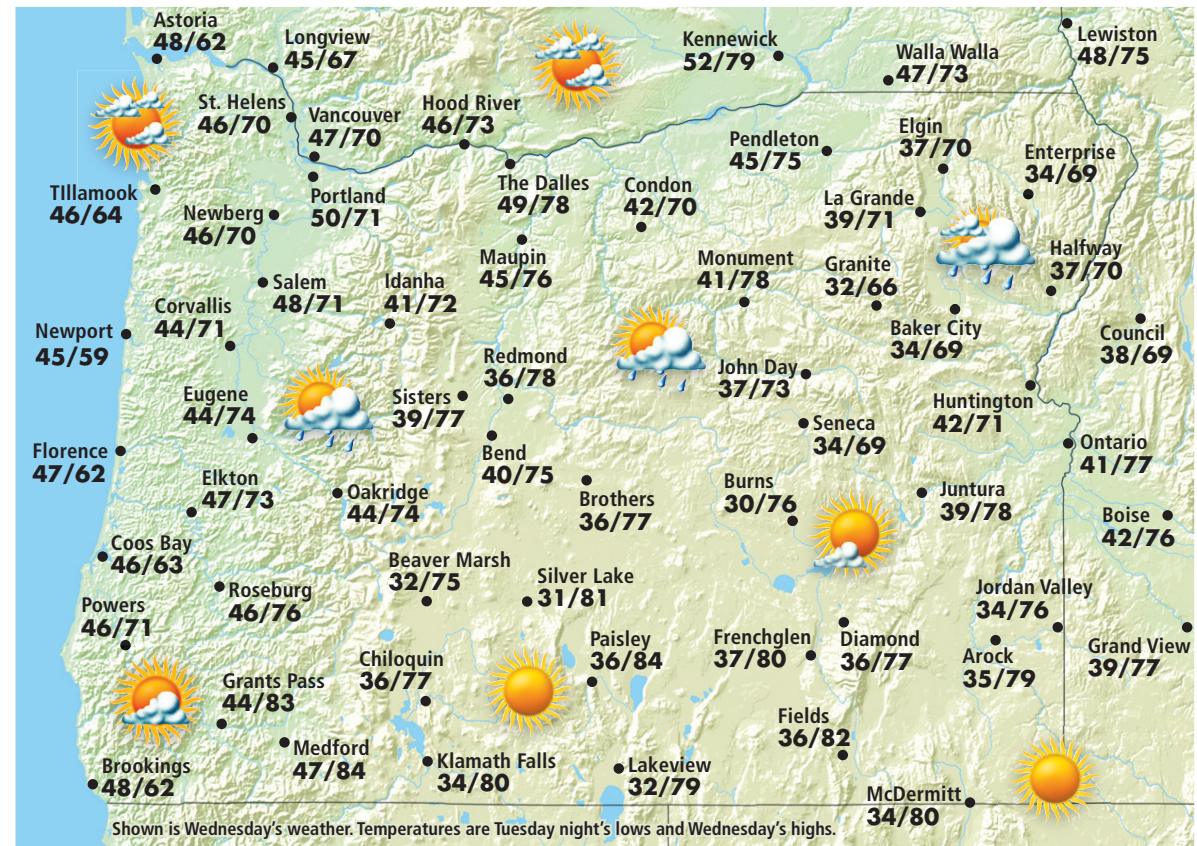
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	5:04 a.m.	5:04 a.m.
Sunset	8:42 p.m.	8:42 p.m.
Moonrise	9:42 p.m.	10:46 p.m.
Moonset	4:53 a.m.	5:55 a.m.

### MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Jun 14	Jun 20	Jun 28	Jul 6

## 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	62/49/c	61/48/c	Lewiston	75/53/s	78/59/pc
Bend	75/47/pc	68/44/c	Longview	67/48/pc	68/50/c
Boise	76/55/s	92/60/s	Meacham	70/47/pc	73/49/pc
Brookings	62/50/pc	62/47/c	Medford	84/51/pc	74/52/pc
Burns	76/43/c	80/45/pc	Newport	59/48/pc	57/49/r
Coos Bay	63/51/c	62/47/c	Olympia	66/48/c	67/48/c
Corvallis	71/47/pc	68/48/pc	Ontario	77/51/s	90/58/s
Council Bluffs	69/47/pc	82/55/s	Pasco	78/57/s	82/57/pc
Elgin	70/47/s	74/52/pc	Pendleton	75/56/s	73/55/pc
Eugene	74/50/pc	70/51/c	Portland	71/53/c	71/55/pc
Hermiston	78/60/s	77/57/pc	Powers	71/49/c	63/51/c
Hood River	73/53/pc	74/54/pc	Redmond	78/45/pc	71/45/c
Imnaha	73/51/pc	78/55/pc	Roseburg	76/50/c	71/51/c
John Day	73/46/pc	76/47/pc	Salem	71/50/pc	69/54/sh
Joseph	68/47/pc	73/47/pc	Spokane	66/52/pc	72/56/pc
Kennwick	79/58/pc	78/59/pc	The Dalles	78/55/pc	76/57/pc
Klamath Falls	80/40/s	73/39/pc	Ukiah	72/47/pc	68/46/pc
Lakeview	79/39/s	79/40/pc	Walla Walla	73/54/s	73/55/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 WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Clouds and sun	Warmer
49 44	66 47
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Warmer	Warmer
59 50	72 51
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Warmer	Warmer
54 42	66 42
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Milder	Warmer
68 47	76 54
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Warmer	Warmer
69 43	71 47

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