

Groundhog named for Bill Murray in Michigan

MARION TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Murray doesn't have good news for Michigan. But maybe she can try again tomorrow.

The 8-month-old female groundhog named after actor Bill Murray, whose movies include "Groundhog Day" about a man repeatedly reliving Feb. 2, predicted six more weeks of winter after seeing her shadow Monday morning at the Howell Conference and Nature Center.

She was standing in for Woody the Woodchuck, the state's official groundhog. Woody is recovering from a respiratory infection, center officials said.

Murray stayed in her house, which center staff members interpreted as a reluctance to emerge and see her shadow. The not-so-scientific forecast comes after a storm dropped 1½ feet of snow on parts of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

"I think that given the deep snow we had to venture through this morning, she's probably right in her prediction," center spokeswoman April Gasbarre said.

She said Murray did a wonderful job filling in for her ailing colleague, who has been making bold and mostly correct predictions since 1999.

Murray's prediction falls in line with that of the day's most famous and furry prognosticator: Pennsylvania's Punxsutaw-



AP Photo/PennLive.com, Mark Pynes

Groundhog Club handler Ron Ploucha holds Punxsutawney Phil, the weather prognosticating groundhog, during the 129th celebration of Groundhog Day on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pa. Monday. Phil saw his shadow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather.

ney Phil also predicted six more weeks of winter, according to his handlers.

A German legend has it that if the furry rodent sees his or her

shadow on Feb. 2, winter will last another six weeks. If not, spring comes early.

Online: <http://www.howell-naturecenter.org>

OBITUARIES

Al Mauro Astoria

Sept. 16, 1947 — Nov. 10, 2014

How is a hero memorialized? This is an attempt.

Born in New York City Sept. 16, 1947, Albert Michael Mauro called Astoria home. Predeceased by his parents Albert and Anna Perciaccanto Mauro, Al passed away in Sheridan, Ore., Nov. 10, 2014.

Al embraced many lives within his lifetime, exciting and diverse. He played football as a Fighting Fisherman, and baseball in the Babe Ruth League. From the docks of Astoria, he commercially fished and long shored.

In the early 1970s, Al moved to Eugene and attended the University of Oregon. His lifelong love affair with the Oregon Ducks was born.

He joined the Eugene Rugby Club, competing from Canada to Southern California. As an international competitor, Al played New Zealand and became a lifelong fan of the All Blacks Team. Playing Australia, England and numerous others, his reputation as a fierce competitor was established early on. He was well known and respected.

In Eugene, Al obtained his real estate license and brokered for a time. He found and took the opportunity to join SAG-AFTRA, Associated Actors & Artists of America. His first work was as stunt double for John Belushi in the movie "Animal House," filmed in Eugene.

Returning to Astoria and still active in SAG, he doubled for Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Kindergarten Cop," filmed in part in Astoria. He doubled for Dennis Quaid in "Come See the Paradise." He worked building sets for "Teen-

age Mutant Ninja Turtles" at Tongue Point.

Establishing Al Mauro Construction, he began constructing and deconstructing. His fingerprints are found throughout Astoria and Clatsop County. No. 10 Sixth St., the Commodore Hotel, Liberty Theater and Central School illustrate just a few.

He found treasures along the way. When possible, he returned what he could to the original owners. He donated to the Flavel Museum and many established businesses in Astoria. This work, led him to Belfor, the world's largest restoration company. He traveled throughout the states and overseas, supervising crews in disaster relief. He was well respected and bettered the lives of co-workers and employees for 15 years.

Al told a great story. He was always the gentleman. He was well known for his never-ending kindness and generosity. He was a treasure. He held an enormous font of knowledge, and could be relied on to settle a fact in dispute. Those who were fortunate to have him in our lives are forever change for the good.

Al is survived by his son, Alexander Mauro McDonald, sister Janice Perciano, a grandson, a niece and nephew, and two grand nieces. In addition, Al is survived by many cousins, Uncle Mario Mauro, Uncle Anthony Stramiello, Gary Mauro, and friends too numerous to count.

A celebration of life was held Nov. 22, 2014 at the American Legion. Remembrances made be to the charity of one's choice.



Al Mauro

Deaths

Jan. 31, 2015

MOBERG, Josephine Hope, 98, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Feb. 1, 2015

KELLISON, Betty, 81, of Montesano, Wash., formerly of Clatsop County, died in Raymond, Wash. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

HIATT, Richard, 68, of Warrenton, died

in Warrenton. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

ADELMAN, Julie, 52, of Keizer, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

Feb. 2, 2015

MERSEREAU, Terri Spencer, 87, of Gearhart, died in Beaverton. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Mostly cloudy
39°

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

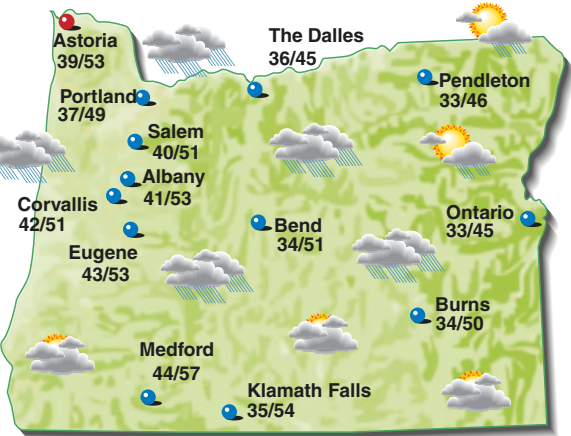
Wednesday
Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers
53° 45°

Thursday
Morning downpours; cloudy, p.m. showers
57° 51°

Friday
Drenching rain; breezy
57° 48°

Saturday
Mostly cloudy, rain; breezy
57° 46°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures	
High	56°
Low	42°
Normal high	51°
Normal low	38°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.44"
Month to date	0.18"
Normal month to date	0.53"
Year to date	9.37"
Normal year to date	10.73"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	5:23 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	7:35 a.m.
Moonrise today	5:38 p.m.
Moonset today	7:06 a.m.



Regional Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	41	26	sh	41	32	sh
Bend	46	34	r	51	36	sh
Brookings	58	49	r	58	52	c
Eugene	50	43	r	53	46	sh
Iiwaco	52	42	sh	53	46	sh
Klamath Falls	55	35	r	54	38	c
Medford	55	44	r	57	41	c
Newport	54	44	sh	57	50	sh
North Bend	56	48	r	61	51	sh

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: The Full Snow Moon (3:09 p.m.) is in the constellation of Cancer. Jupiter will be just above the moon.

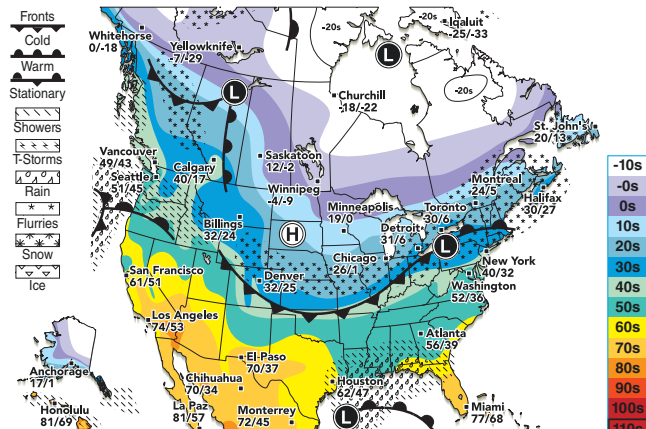
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
	1:51 a.m.	8.4 ft.	7:34 a.m.	2.5 ft.
	1:21 p.m.	8.9 ft.	8:05 p.m.	0.0 ft.

National Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	51	31	pc	56	39	c
Boston	21	13	s	35	25	sf
Chicago	26	17	sn	26	1	sn
Denver	58	31	pc	32	25	sn
Des Moines	32	14	sn	23	-1	sn
Detroit	22	22	pc	31	6	sf
El Paso	66	38	s	70	37	s
Fairbanks	-9	-23	s	-12	-30	s
Honolulu	81	71	sh	81	69	sh
Indianapolis	35	26	pc	36	9	sn
Kansas City	48	21	pc	26	2	sn
Las Vegas	71	46	s	71	46	pc
Los Angeles	75	53	s	74	53	s
Memphis	49	34	s	57	29	pc
Miami	75	65	c	77	68	pc
Nashville	45	30	s	55	27	pc
New Orleans	52	44	c	57	45	r
New York	26	21	s	40	32	sf
Oklahoma City	57	39	s	52	23	c
Philadelphia	30	23	s	44	33	pc
St. Louis	49	33	pc	39	12	sn
Salt Lake City	56	42	r	56	38	c
San Francisco	63	50	c	61	51	pc
Seattle	51	41	sh	51	45	c
Washington, DC	39	30	s	52	36	pc

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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CORRECTION

Open House Date Wrong — The date for the the Cannon Beach Food Pantry open house in Thursday's newspaper was incorrect. The open house is 4 to 6 p.m. Feb. 14 at its new location, Cannon Beach Elementary School, 268 Beaver St. The event, which will include light refreshments, is a "thank you" to everyone who donated to the organization and helped them relocate from the Cannon Beach Bible Church.

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