

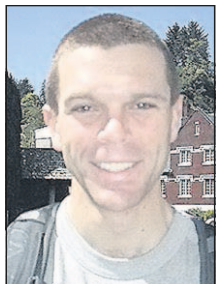
POINT of view

'Mother's Day is coming up. What's the best advice your mother gave you?'



"The best advice my mother ever gave me: Don't marry a man who's good looking and quiet. It means he has nothing to say."

Patty Marks, Astoria



"It was advice her father told her. Reach for the sun, and moon, and stars, and if you only get the sun and the stars, you're still doing pretty well."

Starbuck Ballner, Astoria



"Love the Lord, and then she led by example. She was my best friend."

Sherri Thomas, Astoria

Port to release report on Weston

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Legal counsel for the Port of Astoria indicated Monday that, in the coming weeks, the agency will release a third-party report done last summer about its former interim Executive Director Mike Weston, named along with the Port in a multimillion-dollar lawsuit filed Feb. 17 by two employees fired in November.

The report was originally performed at the request of the Port Commission in July by Local Government Personnel Institute (LGPI) after unnamed employees filed complaints against Weston, who still works at the Port as its director of business development and operations under new Executive Director Jim Knight.

Since Jan. 20, The Daily Astorian has attempted to acquire a copy of the LGPI report, which the Port's counsel Ronald Guerra initially said in an August meeting would become public, because it concerns the head of a public agency. But the Port denied that records request, leading to a review by Clatsop Coun-



Mike Weston

ty District Attorney Joshua Marquis.

Marquis sent a letter March 18 to the Port asking to confidentially review the report. The Port's counsel on the matter of the request, Shelby Rihala of Jordan Ramis, responded March 26, giving Marquis a confidential copy of the LGPI report, along with several reasons for its confidentiality, as laid out in the Attorney General's Public Records Manual:

- Employees were interviewed on the condition of anonymity.
- They were not required by law to provide the information in the report.
- The report includes observations by employees about their employer, some personal in nature and inappropriate for broad public release.
- The Port has obliged

itself in good faith not to disclose the information in the investigation, done at the request of Port counsel to advise the Port Commission.

The publication of the information in the report would cause harm to the public good, by discouraging future participation in similar future investigations.

"There is no indication that any promises of confidentiality were made, no employee appeared forced or ordered to talk to LGPI and while some of the claims are termed 'gossipy' by the LGPI investigator, others are of a magnitude that bears public scrutiny," Marquis wrote in an April 22 response to Rihala.

"It is my judgment that the vast majority of the 49-page report be disclosed to The Daily Astorian."

Marquis recommended redactions to hide the names of people not employed by the Port and claims against Weston that were found unsupported by the investigator.

Rihala said the Port has sent a letter back to Marquis to clarify some of the redactions he suggested, adding once she hears back from Marquis, it should be

a quick turnaround to get the report out.

Case in discovery

Former Financial Manager Colleen Browne and Facilities Manager Tami Herman were fired in November and filed suit through their lawyer Anne Foster against the Port and Weston. Each seeks more than \$2.5 million on claims of whistleblower retaliation, aiding and abetting retaliation, unauthorized disclosure of a whistleblower's identity, breach of employment contract, defamation of character and post-employment retaliation.

Ron Downs, the Port's lawyer from Special Districts of Oregon on the matter, responded to the complaints April 21, denying all allegations.

"We're in the discovery phase of this case," Downs said late last week, adding that the parties are trying to set up depositions for sometime during the summer.

One question that's arisen is why Weston is still on the job, while a defendant in an active lawsuit. Downs said it's common for a person in Weston's situation to keep working, especially as his party doesn't believe he did anything wrong.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Mainly clear
43°

Thursday
Mostly sunny and pleasant
64° / 44°

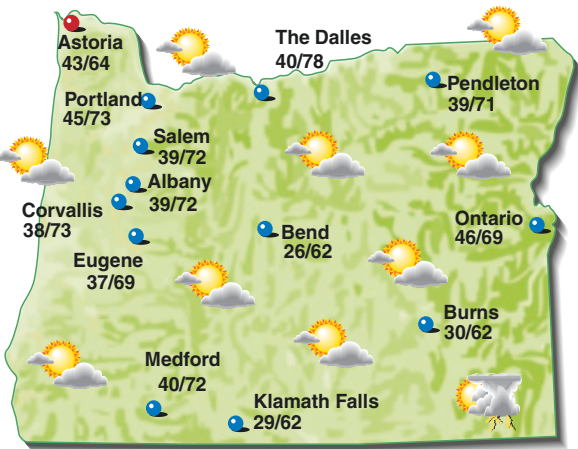
Saturday
Mostly sunny
67° / 47°

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

Friday
Sunny and pleasant
67° / 45°

Sunday
Sun and some clouds with a shower possible
62° / 46°

Oregon Weather



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Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

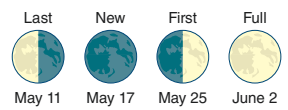
High	59°
Low	46°
Normal high	59°
Normal low	44°

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.25"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	0.63"
Year to date	25.41"
Normal year to date	30.67"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:30 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	5:53 a.m.
Moonrise today	11:10 p.m.
Moonset today	7:57 a.m.



Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Eta Aquarid meteor shower peaks tonight.

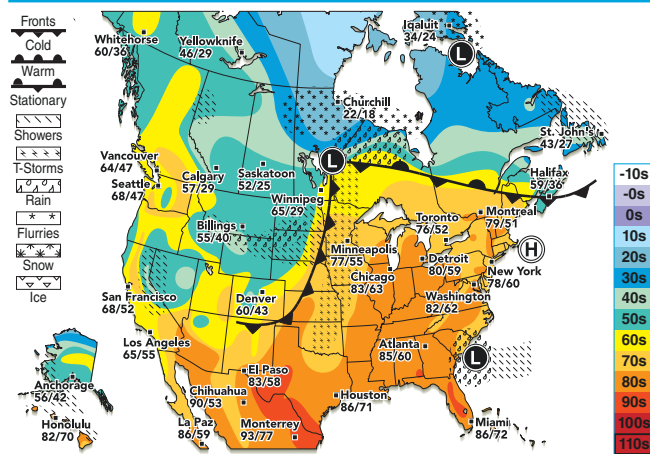
Regional Cities

City	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	55	33	pc	63	35	pc
Bend	53	26	sh	62	28	pc
Brookings	60	45	s	62	48	pc
Eugene	62	37	pc	69	40	pc
Ilwaco	59	43	pc	64	45	s
Klamath Falls	56	29	pc	62	35	pc
Medford	65	40	pc	72	43	pc
Newport	55	41	pc	57	42	s
North Bend	58	44	pc	59	45	pc

National Cities

City	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	82	58	s	85	60	pc
Boston	72	54	pc	78	56	s
Chicago	77	57	sh	83	63	pc
Denver	66	44	t	60	43	c
Des Moines	76	63	t	79	59	t
Detroit	74	56	sh	80	59	pc
El Paso	84	59	s	83	58	s
Fairbanks	65	38	c	66	41	c
Honolulu	81	69	pc	82	70	pc
Indianapolis	84	62	pc	84	61	pc
Kansas City	72	62	r	78	62	t
Las Vegas	84	61	pc	77	53	pc
Los Angeles	66	57	pc	65	55	c
Memphis	85	65	s	87	67	pc
Miami	84	71	t	86	72	t
Nashville	86	58	s	87	58	pc
New Orleans	82	66	s	83	68	pc
New York	70	56	r	78	60	s
Oklahoma City	78	65	t	78	65	t
Philadelphia	76	59	c	81	60	pc
St. Louis	86	66	pc	85	68	pc
Salt Lake City	62	48	t	68	49	t
San Francisco	66	51	pc	68	52	pc
Seattle	61	45	pc	68	47	s
Washington, DC	82	61	t	82	62	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.

WDFW approves four-day razor clam dig

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Shellfish managers have approved four days of razor clam digging starting Thursday at various ocean beaches.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife approved the digs after marine toxin tests showed the clams on those beaches are safe to eat. All of the digs are scheduled on morning tides.

No digging will be allowed after noon on any beach through Saturday. However, WDFW is extending the dig on Sunday to 1 p.m.

"We're giving diggers an extra hour to wrap things up on Sunday due to the late low tide that day," said Dan Ayres, WDFW coastal shellfish manager.

The upcoming dig is scheduled on the following dates, beaches, and low tides:

- Thursday; 9:30 a.m., -0.8 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors
- Friday; 10:14 a.m., -0.7 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

- Saturday; 11:03 a.m., -0.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Sunday; 11:58 a.m., -0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

The department has also proposed two additional digs in May, pending the results of marine toxin tests. Additional information about those tentative digs can be found on WDFW's website at wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfish/razorclams.

Under state law, diggers are required to keep the first 15 clams they dig. Each digger's clams must be kept in a separate container.

All diggers age 15 or older must have an applicable 2015-16 fishing license to harvest razor clams on any beach. Licenses, ranging from a three-day razor clam license to an annual combination fishing license, are available on WDFW's website at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov and from license vendors around the state.

During all upcoming

digs, state wildlife managers urge clam diggers to avoid disturbing snowy plovers and streaked horned larks. Both species nest in the soft, dry sand at Leadbetter Point on the Long Beach Peninsula, and on a section of Twin Harbors beach.

The snowy plover is a small bird with gray wings and a white breast. The lark is a small bird with a pale yellow breast and brown back. Male larks have a black mask, breast band and "horns."

To protect these birds, the department asks that clam diggers avoid the dunes and areas of the beach with soft, dry sand. When driving to a clam-digging area, diggers should enter the beach only at designated access points and stay on the hard-packed sand near or below the high tide line.

More details on how to avoid disturbing nesting birds can be found on the WDFW's website at wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfish/razorclams.

Death

May 3, 2015
LEE, Rose Mary, 58, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

On the record

DUII arrest
• At 3:12 p.m. Saturday, Astoria Police arrested Melinda Jean McCormick, 63, Astoria, for driving under the influence of intoxicants at 10th Street and Marine Drive.

Hit-and-run
• At 2:35 a.m. Sunday, Astoria Police responded to a hit-and-run accident outside of Port of Call on Commercial Street. A driver of a red 1980's model Pontiac Firebird was spinning the car's tires

and revving the engine when he struck a parked 2008 Kia SUV. The driver of the Firebird, described as tall with short dark hair, reportedly saw the damage and drove from the scene. Police continue to search for the driver.

Public meetings

THURSDAY
Northwest Oregon Housing Authority, 10 a.m., NOHA office, 147 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.

ASTORIA Budget Committee, 7 p.m., Astoria City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

FRIDAY
Clatsop Diking Improvement District No. 9, 4 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

Lotteries

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 6-7-9-9
4 p.m.: 5-4-7-6
7 p.m.: 5-4-7-6
10 p.m.: 9-0-5-6

WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game:
7-5-9
Tuesday's Keno: 03-13-17-19-23-24-29-32-36-40-41-47-48-50-58-66-67-75-78-79

Tuesday's Match 4: 04-16-17-24
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 11-21-42-62-71, Mega Ball: 7
Estimated jackpot: \$110 million

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