

Mitchell seeks settlement conference

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The Daily Astorian

The lawyer for Michel Thomas Mitchell, the Astoria man accused of multiple sex abuse charges against a girl under 14, is requesting a settlement conference in hopes of reaching an agreement with the prosecution before trial this summer.

Mitchell's defense lawyer Jay Frank of Eugene filed a motion last month for the judicial settlement conference. The conference would allow a separate judge to consider the case and provide an opportunity for both sides to reach a resolution.

During a brief hearing in Clatsop County Circuit Court Thursday, Judge Cindee Matyas — the judge assigned to the case — said she has received the defense's request and is in the process of scheduling the settlement conference.

"We referred that to the (Oregon) Judicial Department

to find an available judge," Matyas said. "We have not heard back yet. But we are still working on that."

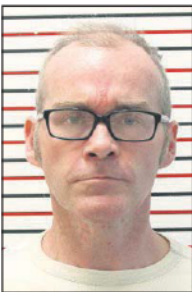
Mitchell, 45, is charged with 30 counts of first-degree sexual abuse (a class B felony), two counts of tampering with a witness and one count of bribing a witness.

The alleged sexual abuse occurred between Jan. 1, 2007 and Jan. 1, 2012, according to court documents, and the charges of tampering and bribing a witness occurred between Aug. 1 and Aug. 31.

In March, Judge Matyas set a three- to five-day trial to begin Aug. 11.

Mitchell, who is out on bail, appear in person at the hearing Thursday.

At the hearing, the defense and prosecution discussed other housekeeping items of



Michel Mitchell

the case.

A flash drive from Google, containing Mitchell's searches and emails that relate to his Gmail account, was not compatible with court's software system. To remedy the problem, Prosecutor Dawn Buzzard said, she can submit a computer with the flash drive files to the court instead.

Buzzard considers the material on the flash drive as evidence for the state's case.

Also, during the hearing, Frank said, he has not yet submitted any evidence, but intends to have Mitchell testify if the case goes to trial.

"We don't have any evidence at this time, expect the potential testimony of the defendant and likely character witnesses," Frank said.

Mitchell is due back in court for a motion hearing from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. July 23.

Lotteries

OREGON Thursday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 4-6-7-8 4 p.m.: 4-6-1-9 7 p.m.: 3-4-9-9	10 p.m.: 4-4-4-4 WASHINGTON Thursday's Daily Game: 6-2-2	Thursday's Keno: 07-12-16-20-27-31-37-38-42-46-52-57-59-60-62-67-68-69-72-74 Thursday's Match 4: 05-06-13-21
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Deaths

May 13, 2015
SCHERZ, Kalon Michael, 30, of Lacey, Wash., died in Seaside. Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement

Center in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

May 14, 2015
GAINES, Nancy Jill, 63, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement

Center in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight

Partly cloudy

50°

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

Saturday

Sunny to partly cloudy

59° 47°

Sunday

Intervals of clouds and sunshine

64° 49°

Monday

Mostly cloudy

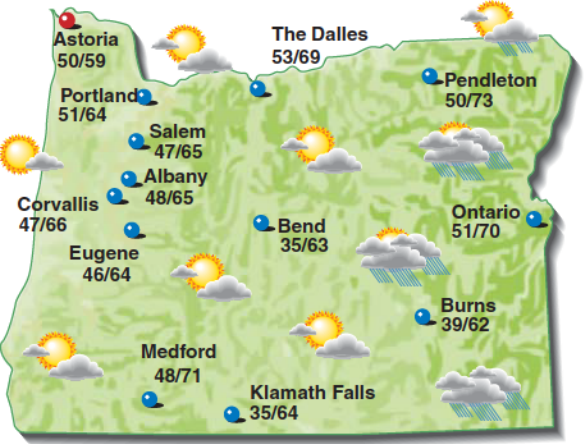
64° 51°

Tuesday

Cloudy with a shower possible

60° 50°

Oregon Weather



Almanac Astoria through Thursday. Temperatures High 62° Low 41° Normal high 60° Normal low 45° Precipitation Yesterday 0.00" Month to date 1.15" Normal month to date 1.63" Year to date 26.52" Normal year to date 31.67"	Sun and Moon Sunset tonight 8:41 p.m. Sunrise Saturday 5:42 a.m. Moonrise today 4:26 a.m. Moonset today 5:58 p.m. New First Full Last May 17 May 25 June 2 June 9
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Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Baker City	59 43 sh	63 42 sh
Bend	62 35 c	63 34 pc
Brookings	60 48 c	58 47 s
Eugene	63 46 c	64 41 pc
Ilwaco	59 51 pc	59 48 s
Klamath Falls	55 35 sh	64 35 pc
Medford	67 48 sh	71 47 pc
Newport	56 48 pc	55 45 s
North Bend	59 50 pc	59 47 s

City	Today	Sat.
Olympia	65 48 pc	62 45 pc
Pendleton	70 50 c	73 48 pc
Portland	67 51 pc	64 52 pc
Roseburg	64 50 c	69 46 pc
Salem	66 47 pc	65 46 pc
Seaside	60 50 pc	60 47 s
Spokane	72 51 pc	69 49 t
Vancouver	67 50 pc	65 49 pc
Yakima	78 49 pc	79 49 pc

Under the Sky

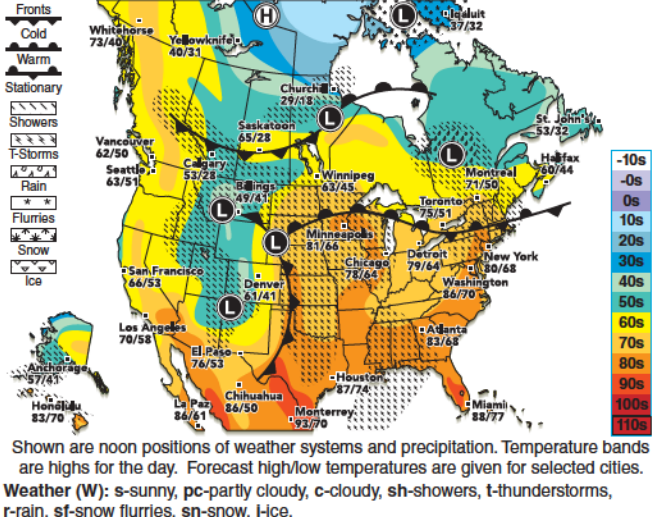
Tonight's Sky: The Milky Way appears to be missing, but is really along the surrounding horizon before midnight in May.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI
Tomorrow's Tides
Astoria / Port Docks
Time High Time Low
12:10 a.m. 9.4 ft. 6:54 a.m. -0.7 ft.
1:01 p.m. 7.9 ft. 6:49 p.m. 1.3 ft.

National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	79 66 c	83 68 t
Boston	68 53 pc	70 56 sh
Chicago	76 61 pc	78 64 t
Denver	68 41 t	61 41 t
Des Moines	80 64 t	78 66 t
Detroit	77 61 r	79 64 c
El Paso	81 58 pc	76 53 pc
Fairbanks	78 48 pc	73 43 pc
Honolulu	83 70 pc	83 70 s
Indianapolis	81 65 pc	77 65 pc
Kansas City	79 63 t	75 64 pc
Las Vegas	69 53 c	77 59 pc
Los Angeles	67 56 r	70 58 pc
Memphis	82 71 pc	81 69 t
Miami	88 77 pc	88 77 t
Nashville	83 66 t	78 67 t
New Orleans	84 73 t	83 76 t
New York	75 61 pc	80 68 pc
Oklahoma City	78 63 t	74 62 t
Philadelphia	76 60 pc	85 68 pc
St. Louis	83 68 t	80 70 t
Salt Lake City	60 47 t	58 48 sh
San Francisco	63 53 pc	66 53 pc
Seattle	67 50 pc	63 51 pc
Washington, DC	79 65 pc	86 70 t

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OBITUARIES

Vicky Obermiller
Ilwaco, Wash.
Oct. 1, 1962 — May 9, 2015



Vicky Obermiller

Vicky J. Obermiller, 52, of Ilwaco, passed away May 9, 2015. The funeral service will be at 12 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2015, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 350 Niagara Ave, Astoria, Ore. All who have known Vicky are welcome. If you would like to send flowers (Vicky loved flowers) through the local florist, give them the time and address above. If using an Internet/out of town service, they can be sent to 92668 Fernhill Road, Astoria, OR 97103.

She was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and lived in Astoria, Ore., off and on for the last 30 years. Vicky typically worked as a waitress after working in pre-electronic photography.

Kathy and Sophie, and many nephews and nieces, all whom she loved dearly. A heartfelt thank you to Sophie, for being such a huge help and support during a very difficult time.

Ernest Louis Davis Jr.
Astoria
Jan. 31, 1931 — Feb. 16, 2015



Ernest Davis Jr.

Ernie "Bud" Davis, age 84, a longtime resident of Astoria, passed peacefully at his home Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, under comforting family and Hospice care. Born Jan. 28, 1931, in the town of Artois, in Northern California, to Ernest Louis Davis Sr., "Lucky Davis," and Rita Mae (Olsen) Joiner, he was the eldest of five siblings: two sisters who survive him, Christina Marietta (Joiner) VanCura and Ellen Mae (Davis) Sparks of Eugene, Ore.; and two brothers who preceded him, Robert Joseph Joiner of San Bernardino, Calif., and Roy Franklin Joiner of Livermore, Calif.

He married Charlotte Fay (Graves) Davis June 19, 1954, in her home town of Alpine, Ore. They raised two children, Douglas Trent Davis, born April 27, 1962, in Corvallis, Ore., and Kimberly Kay (Davis) Jeremiah, born Nov. 3, 1963, in Salem, Ore. They were married for 25 years. In 1983, he married Karen R. Kenyon of Astoria; they were together for four years. She remained a caring friend to Ernie and continues as close family to his children.

Ernie is survived by his children, Douglas and Kimberly; grandchildren, Cody D. Jeremiah, Andrea K. Jeremiah, Olivia K. Jeremiah, and Meredyth K. Davis; sisters, Christina and Ellen; former spouses Charlotte Tice and Karen Keyon; close and special friend Odny McDonald of Ballard, Wash.; as well as a large extended family.

During the Depression, he learned survival at an early age on the streets in San Francisco. His father worked in the Bay area before heading north to Oregon. Ernie's parents separated, and he and his sister, Ellen Mae, were raised by their father and stepmother, Edna Louise (Hartwig) Davis. Ernie started grade school at Twin Peaks Elementary in the Bay area in 1936; he attended 32 grade schools before his freshman year of high school.

In 1944, they moved to Oregon Timber Logging camp near Bradwood, Ore. His father, "Lucky Davis," was mill foreman while his stepmother, Edna Davis, was town postmaster and store manager. Ernie "Bud" attended Westport High School, where he participated in school plays and his two favorite sports, baseball and football; his junior year, they won the 1948 State Championship in football. In 1948 the family moved to Junction City, Ore., Bud remained to finish school. He transferred as a senior to Knapapa High School, graduating in the Class of 1949. He took pride living in Bradwood, and enjoyed sharing the memories.

He worked in the woods until 1951 when he enlisted in the Army, and shipped abroad to Alaska joining the 813th Engineer Air Battalion at Fort Richardson, and then the 807th EAB at Eielson, Air Force Base SCARWAF unit; Bud was a heavy equipment operator maintaining infrastructure for the base. In 1954 he was injured and transferred back to the U.S., receiving an honorable discharge from the Army Reserves in 1957. After his transfer in 1954, Bud returned to the woods working as a "high-climber" and equipment operator for Willamette Ind., Hull Lumber Co., and other companies before setting out for college in 1958.

He earned his BSc and MSc degrees in agriculture education from Oregon State College and University respectively. His professional life exemplified his overwhelming commitment to excellence in high school vocational education, introducing and instructing agriculture and forestry programs. Ernie was an instructor at Thurston High School and Pacific High School, and an instructor

and vocational program director for Port Orford schools and Amity School District.

He created Oregon's first high school vocational agriculture and forestry program for the Roseburg School District, and was later hired by the Astoria School District to create a similar program. From 1967 through 1981, Ernie served as the instructor and coordinator of the engineering and forestry programs at Clatsop Community College. Ernie retired from education in 2009, while serving as the instructor and program director for Condon School District's vocational agriculture program in Central Oregon. He was 78 years old.

In addition to a career educator, he was a licensed land surveyor in Oregon and Washington, and owned and operated a surveying and mapping business. Columbia Surveying and Mapping served Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington for over 25 years.

Throughout life he had a deep appreciation for knowledge and learning, and remained to his end, an avid reader, from human interest to history. Discussion was wide-ranging, often about the past, how it used to be, from logging and living to farming and education. Ernie enjoyed his life as a hunter and fisherman, gun collector, gardener, historian, European traveler, farmer, surveyor, and educator; he was equally passionate about each.

Ernie felt a great responsibility toward his civic contributions, having been involved in and committed to leadership, fraternities, and memberships. His term commitments included Clatsop Community College board member, and scholarship foundation and faculty associate president; Boy Scouts of America, Columbia Pacific Council board member, Fort Clatsop District commissioner and chairman, scoutmaster, and a recipient of scouting's highest award, the National Court of Honor Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service. In addition he served as president of the Clatsop Small Woodland Owners Association and Society of American Foresters.

Fraternal commitments included Scottish Rite of Freemasonry 32 Degree; Lions Club president; Elks life member; American Legion; Astoria Clowns; and "Yellow Dogs" Vocational Agriculture Teachers fraternity. Memberships were NRA, life member; Oregon Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association; FFA Alumni; OSU Alumni; American Society of Engineering Education; Astoria Golf and Country Club; Regatta Association; Scandinavian Festival Association; and a host of other endeavors.

Ernie was well loved, respected, and appreciated by all who knew him; his many lifelong friendships were of great importance. With wit, wisdom, generosity, and kindness, he was a strong, loving, and devoted father, grandfather, and brother, and missed by all.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 13, Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St.

The family wishes to acknowledge the fine care given by Caring for the Coast; NW Senior and Disabilities; and the caring and competent volunteers and professionals of Lower Columbia Hospice.

The family requests memorial contributions go to the Oregon FFA Foundation, P.O. Box 2042, Salem, OR 97308.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary handled the arrangements. Please sign the online guest book at www.caldwellsmortuary.com

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