

# POINT of view

*'What is a favorite Christmas memory?'*



*"Watching my children sit on Santa's lap at Lipman and Wolfe in Portland. He was a former teacher of mine when I was young. I was looking at him, and he was looking at me and my children, and we were both crying."*

Mary De La Salandra, Astoria



*"Unwrapping the stockings Christmas morning with our two kids — we usually had gag gifts in there."*

Rinda Johansen, Astoria



*"When I was 10 years old, my mom and dad got me and my brothers and sisters a horse. He was a Shetland-Morgan cross. My dad came leading him down the driveway. From my childhood, that's the only Christmas I remember. It outshined all the rest."*

Kathy Gaskins, Astoria

## Holiday closures start Thursday

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In observance of Christmas Day, all federal and state offices are closed Friday. Clatsop County offices and Astoria City Hall and city services close at noon Thursday, and are closed Friday. Cannon Beach and Warrenton city halls and services are closed Thursday and Friday. Gearhart and Seaside city halls and services are closed Friday. All U.S. post offices are closed Friday, and there is no mail delivery.

Astoria, Jewell, Knappa, Warrenton/Hammond, Seaside (including Cannon Beach and Gearhart schools) and Ocean Beach School District schools and Clatsop Community College are closed for winter break.

The Astoria Library, Warrenton Library and all Timberland libraries in Washington state, including Ilwaco, Ocean Park and Naselle, are closed Thursday and Friday. The Seaside Library is closed Friday. The Port of Astoria offices and services are closed Thursday and Friday. Garbage collection through Recology Western Oregon (covering Astoria, Seaside, Gearhart and Cannon Beach) and the city of Warrenton with a normal service day of Friday will receive service Saturday. Peninsula Sanitation (covering the Long Beach Peninsula) customers whose regular service day is Friday will have their garbage picked up Thursday. Recology Western Oregon and Peninsula Sanitation's transfer stations are closed Friday.

The Sunset Pool in Seaside is closed Friday. The Astoria Aquatic Center is open from 5 to 11 a.m. Thursday and closed Friday.

The Clatsop County Heritage Museum, Oregon Film

Museum, Flavel House and Carriage House are closed Thursday and Friday. The Uppertown Firefighters' Museum is closed for the winter. Capt. Gray's Port of Play and Lil' Sprouts are closed Thursday and Friday. Fort Clatsop and the Columbia River Maritime Museum are closed Friday. The Seaside Museum is closed Thursday and Friday.

Sunset Empire Transportation ("The Bus") is not running Friday. The Daily Astorian offices are closed at noon Thursday and all day Friday. There is no Friday newspaper.

### Lotteries

**OREGON**  
**Tuesday's Pick 4:**  
**1 p.m.:** 6-6-2-0  
**4 p.m.:** 4-7-8-3  
**7 p.m.:** 0-9-9-1  
**10 p.m.:** 1-2-3-2

**WASHINGTON**  
**Tuesday's Daily Game:** 1-4-0  
**Tuesday's Keno:** 02-03-04-15-20-21-28-29-31-32-37-39-42-50-55-60-65-74-76-78  
**Tuesday's Match 4:** 02-05-12-23  
**Tuesday's Mega Millions:** 11-21-40-50-70, Mega Ball: 15  
 Estimated jackpot: \$94 million.

## Learn to help others stay warm

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The Astoria Warming Center in the First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave., is holding a volunteer training from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Sunday. The Warming Center is in the lower level of the church. Enter through the double doors on the 11th Street side of the building.

The public is invited to come find out more about the

Warming Center and the volunteer opportunities. Attending a training does not commit anyone to volunteering.

For information, write to drewherzig@yahoo.com or call 503-325-1895.

## ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

### Astoria 5-Day Forecast

**Tonight**  
 Cloudy with showers  
 38°

**Thursday**  
 Cloudy with a couple of showers  
 47° 36°

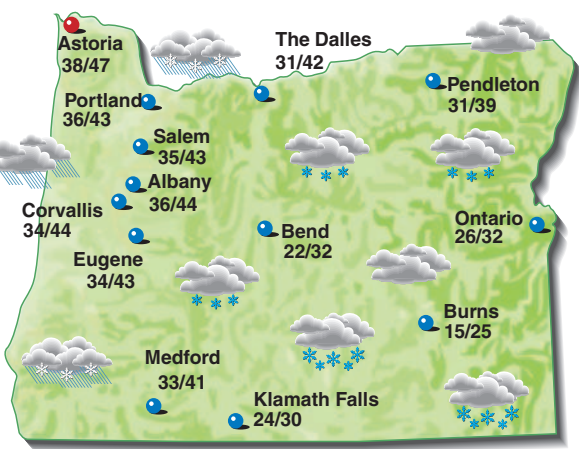
**Saturday**  
 Cloudy  
 45° 38°

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

**Friday**  
 Clouds and sun with a shower in the area  
 47° 35°

**Sunday**  
 Cloudy with occasional rain  
 46° 38°

### Oregon Weather



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**Almanac**  
 Astoria through Tuesday.  
**Temperatures**  
 High ..... 48°  
 Low ..... 37°  
 Normal high ..... 48°  
 Normal low ..... 36°  
**Precipitation**  
 Yesterday ..... 0.44"  
 Month to date ..... 18.62"  
 Normal month to date ..... 7.07"  
 Year to date ..... 71.86"  
 Normal year to date ..... 64.44"

**Sun and Moon**  
 Sunset tonight ..... 4:33 p.m.  
 Sunrise Thursday ..... 7:56 a.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 3:37 p.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 5:43 a.m.

Full Moon: Dec 25  
 Last Quarter: Jan 1  
 New Moon: Jan 9  
 First Quarter: Jan 16

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### Regional Cities

City	Today	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Baker City	33 17 sn	28 11 sf
Bend	34 22 sf	32 16 c
Brookings	46 37 r	44 34 sh
Eugene	45 34 sh	43 31 sh
Ilwaco	48 42 r	47 41 sh
Klamath Falls	33 24 sf	30 13 sn
Medford	44 33 sh	41 26 sn
Newport	46 38 r	45 35 sh
North Bend	49 38 r	48 36 sh

City	Today	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Olympia	44 35 sh	43 29 c
Pendleton	42 31 c	39 24 c
Portland	46 36 sh	43 33 sn
Roseburg	44 36 sh	42 32 sh
Salem	46 35 sh	43 31 sh
Seaside	48 42 r	47 39 sh
Spokane	32 25 sn	31 21 c
Vancouver	45 37 sh	42 33 sn
Yakima	39 22 c	36 18 c

### Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: The Northern Cross, which is also known as Cygnus the Swan, stands almost straight up from the northwest horizon before midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

### Tomorrow's Tides

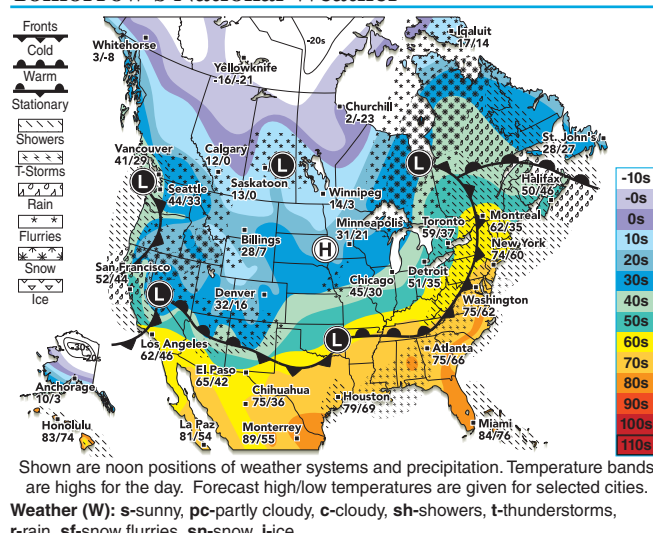
**Astoria / Port Docks**

Time	High	Time	Low
12:24 a.m.	8.2 ft.	5:52 a.m.	2.7 ft.
11:50 a.m.	10.3 ft.	6:55 p.m.	-1.1 ft.

### National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	71 66 r	75 66 c
Boston	52 49 r	68 54 c
Chicago	61 37 r	45 30 pc
Denver	39 14 sf	32 16 pc
Des Moines	47 29 r	39 28 pc
Detroit	61 45 c	51 35 pc
El Paso	63 46 r	65 42 s
Fairbanks	-2 -20 sf	-15 -28 s
Honolulu	84 72 pc	83 74 sh
Indianapolis	65 42 r	54 41 pc
Kansas City	57 39 sh	47 29 pc
Las Vegas	58 39 pc	55 40 pc
Los Angeles	66 45 pc	62 46 c
Memphis	75 54 t	75 58 pc
Miami	84 76 pc	84 76 pc
Nashville	72 59 t	74 57 pc
New Orleans	79 66 r	78 67 t
New York	62 61 r	74 60 c
Oklahoma City	62 38 s	59 35 s
Philadelphia	66 64 r	76 60 t
St. Louis	69 39 r	57 38 s
Salt Lake City	34 19 sf	34 19 c
San Francisco	56 45 c	52 44 r
Seattle	44 37 sh	44 33 c
Washington, DC	65 62 r	75 62 t

### Tomorrow's National Weather



## 'Of Orcas and Men' author shares lessons of 'remarkable creatures'

Awe-inspiring creatures are threatened

By KATHERINE LACAZE  
 EO Media Group



Katherine Lacaze/EO Media Group  
 Seattle-based author and investigative journalist David Neiwert gives a presentation on orcas at the Seaside Public Library Thursday. He shared information from his recently published book, "Of Orcas and Men: What Killer Whales Can Teach Us," about the history of orcas and their relationship to various cultures throughout history.

SEASIDE — Seattle-based investigative journalist and author David Neiwert knows a lot about orcas, or killer whales, some of which he shared during a presentation on his recently published book, "Of Orcas and Men: What Killer Whales Can Teach Us," at the Seaside Public Library.

More than two dozen audience members left the presentation Thursday having learned a thing or two about the carnivorous mammals, as well. They learned the scientific name Orcinus orca reflects Western civilization's early fear of the whales, as the Latin roughly translates into killer or messenger from hell. They also learned orcas are successful predators in the waters they roam and have complex social structures.

Neiwert, the author of several books and a contributing writer for the Southern Poverty Law Center, is a longtime nature enthusiast. "Of Orcas and Men" combined scientific research, cultural history and environmental reporting to explore one of the earth's most elusive and remarkable creatures.

"These creatures inspire awe, even when you see them in captivity, behind the glass and concrete tank," Neiwert said. "They're still so large and so beautiful and so intelligent that they have a real presence about them."

### Smart and sensitive

Orcas inhabit every ocean on the planet and are the apex predator in those environments, Neiwert said. Their success is aided by their social structures and enormous size — adult male orcas grow to be about 32 feet long and weigh between 12,000 and 14,000 pounds and adult female orcas grow to be about 24 feet long and 8,000 pounds. Orcas originally were grouped into one species, but scientists since have learned they are part of a species complex, comprised of different ecotypes. Some scientists believe the cultural and genetic differences between the ecotypes are so pronounced they

are fundamentally different species.

In the Pacific Northwest, there are three different types of orcas: the southern orcas who reside along the entire West Coast; Bigg's, or transient, orcas; and offshore orcas. There are multiple other populations elsewhere across the world.

Orcas are very empathetic and intelligent, Neiwert said. They have a capacity for echolocation that is akin to a sixth sense. "We're just starting to delve into how deep and complex this sense is," Neiwert said.

Their societies are complex and matriarchal. The mammals have a unique sense of self, different from what land mammals experience, he said.

"We tend to experience things as individuals," Neiwert said. "Their sense of self is really bound up in each other. This is why their pods are so important, so critical to their social lives. They remain with their families their entire lives."

### A changing perception

The human relationship to orcas has varied throughout time and cultures. Some coastal indigenous cultures respected the orcas as their ancestors and creatures of great spiritual and physical power. The Greeks saw orcas as terrifying and demonic messengers of hell, the antithesis of angelic and sacred dolphins — although orcas are part of the oceanic dolphin family. By the 20th century, it was not unusual for people in the Pacific Northwest to shoot orcas, Neiwert said. The movie "Orca," produced by Dino De

Laurentis, shows how little the general public knew about the mammals, even into the 1970s.

Many people interact only with orcas in captivity, which is "nothing like seeing the animal in its real element," said Neiwert, who has spent a lot of time observing and researching the orcas in the Pacific Northwest.

The initial captivity of orcas, such as Namu, one of the first killer whales to be put in an aquarium in the 1960s, helped change the public perception of the mammals. Many people became enamored with them, perceiving them as sort of aquatic panda bears, Neiwert said. For the orcas, however, putting them in SeaWorld theme parks, the Miami Seaquarium and other marine parks is detrimental because of their size, intelligence and complex social structure. Their life spans on average are significantly shorter; they exhibit signs of frustration, grinding their teeth or, on rare occasions, harming humans in their tanks, Neiwert said.

Some people in the captive-orca industry disagree the environment negatively affects the mammals. They claim they are educating children about orcas. However, the presentations give limited information about the whales themselves, Neiwert said.

"What they're actually selling is this spectacle: the spectacle of humans seemingly controlling these large and amazing animals," he said. "But all the trainers I've ever talked to, that have left SeaWorld, will tell you it's purely an illusion. The orcas are very much in charge."

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## On the record

### DUII arrest

• At 10:50 p.m. Friday, Oregon State Police arrested

Jonathan Michael Johnston, 36, Seaside, for driving under the influence of intoxicants at U.S. Highway 101 and Ave-

nue A in Seaside. Johnston's blood alcohol was measured at 0.14 percent, according to police.

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