

Flushing and flow testing in Astoria

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Starting Monday, the Astoria Public Works Department begins the annual flushing and flow testing of 448 fire hydrants, which takes place from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and continues for approximately five weeks.

Areas of hydrant flushing will be announced daily on local radio stations. Customers may experience temporary low pressure and water discoloration during the flushing and flow testing process. If these conditions continue after 3:30 p.m., call Astoria Public Works at 503-325-3524.

River, channel dredging on tap for this summer

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will spend more than \$60 million this summer dredging the main shipping channel on the Columbia River, along with \$2.7 million deepening the lower Skipanon Channel.

Gov. Kate Brown's office announced last week the state had received \$85.2 million worth of work in the Corps' 2016 work plan. The Lower Columbia received \$43.8 million, the mouth of the Columbia \$19.8 million and Skipanon \$2.7 million. Dredging is needed to accommodate commercial fishing vessels and the Columbia River Bar Pilots' vessels Columbia and Chinook.

Michelle Helms, a spokeswoman for the Corps, said dredging

work usually occurs between July and September, adding the window for Skipanon dredging is between Aug. 1 and Dec. 15. She said the river will typically be dredged to 16 feet, although the depth has not been set.

The Port of Ilwaco, Washington, received \$1.4 million worth of work this year to maintain the channel from Baker Bay to the Columbia, although the Port of Chinook did not receive funding to study replacing pile dikes that keep sediment out of the Ilwaco and Chinook port channels.

The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, a regional, multi-industry association that focuses on trade, navigation and economic development policies, had stumped on behalf of small ports.

Investigation cleared fired managers of wrongdoing

Brown's office says terminations hinged on leadership style

By HILLARY BORRUD
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Two top officials at the Oregon Employment Department faced employee complaints last year that they engaged in favoritism and illegally transferred money to another state agency.

However, an investigation by a contractor for the state Department of Justice had cleared Employment Department director Lisa Nisenfeld and deputy director Salvador Llerenas of any significant wrongdoing a month before Gov. Kate Brown fired Nisenfeld in early January. Llerenas was also fired, after Kay Erickson, a budget manager from the Department of Administrative Services, took over as interim director of the Employment Department.

The Department of Administrative Services released a redacted copy of the investigator's report this week.

The investigator concluded the unnamed employees who complained of wrongdoing had little knowledge of some of the issues they raised, in particular an effort to better align workforce training initiatives on which funds were allegedly misspent, and "not one of the examples

of unethical practices (e.g., improper contracting practices, hiring of friends) was proven," according to the report.

The findings were still troubling to the governor, and a letter released by Brown's office on Wednesday revealed that the administration removed Nisenfeld from the director's job due to dissatisfaction with her communication and leadership style.

"Although it is not necessary to identify any specific grounds, Gov. Brown made the decision to remove you based on your leadership and management style, including consideration of your communication style with agency employees, including how you share and disseminate information within the agency, and what is in the best interests of the Employment Department going forward," Brown's chief of staff Kristen Leonard wrote in the letter.

The EO Media Group/Pamplin Media Group Capital Bureau could not reach Nisenfeld or Llerenas for comment on Wednesday.

Nisenfeld, who was appointed director in September 2013, took on the job of overhauling a dysfunctional agency that had lost the trust of budget writers in the Legislature and Department of Administrative Services and wasted money on problematic software projects, according to the Department of Justice contractor's findings and media reports over the years. Llerenas was

hired a few months before Nisenfeld.

"Llerenas and Nisenfeld took on a very difficult situation at (the Employment Department), working to restore credibility to an agency which had lost the trust of significant state partners," according to the contractor, who added that some employees did view Nisenfeld as a "change agent."

Last spring, an individual who requested whistleblower status made "several complaints about the leadership of the Oregon Employment Department," according to the report. The Department of Justice hired the firm Workplace Solutions Northwest to conduct an investigation, and some of the findings in the report were reflected in Leonard's letter to Nisenfeld.

For example, lawyer Jill Goldsmith of Workplace Solutions Northwest wrote that Nisenfeld "can be quite direct and confrontational" and "outside of her executive team, which knows her well and generally has a good relationship with her, Nisenfeld can be perceived as intimidating."

Goldsmith found that Nisenfeld, who previously worked for much smaller organizations, did not seem to realize the impact of her blunt comments on agency employees who did not regularly interact with her and might have felt intimidated. However, the investigator found that employees did not face retribution for disagreeing with Nisenfeld.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
A few showers early, then rain and drizzle
46°

Friday
Breezy with rain
51° 40°

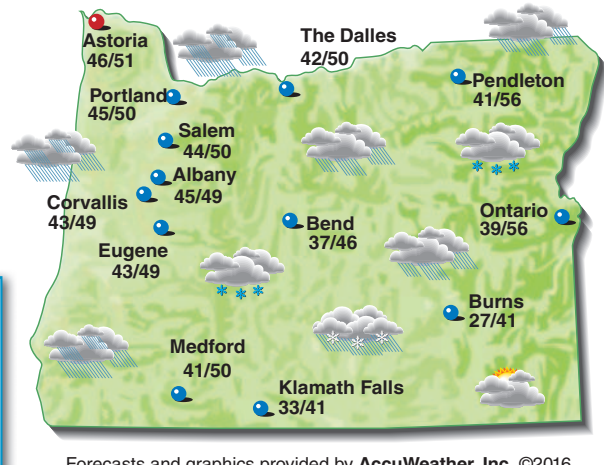
Sunday
Periods of rain
51° 40°

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

Saturday
An a.m. shower; otherwise, variably cloudy
52° 42°

Monday
Cloudy
55° 44°

Oregon Weather



Almanac

Astoria through Wednesday.

Temperatures

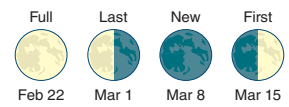
High	60°
Low	48°
Normal high	52°
Normal low	37°

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	5.46"
Normal month to date	4.46"
Year to date	19.21"
Normal year to date	14.66"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	5:45 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	7:13 a.m.
Moonrise today	2:07 p.m.
Moonset today	4:22 a.m.



Regional Cities

City	Today	Fri.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Baker City	45 33 c	44 25 sf
Bend	43 37 sn	46 25 sh
Brookings	52 46 r	52 40 r
Eugene	51 43 r	49 37 r
Ilwaco	51 48 r	50 43 r
Klamath Falls	43 33 c	41 24 r
Medford	51 41 r	50 36 r
Newport	52 46 r	49 42 r
North Bend	53 47 r	53 41 r

City	Today	Fri.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Olympia	51 41 sh	49 36 r
Pendleton	55 41 c	56 35 sh
Portland	52 45 r	50 40 r
Roseburg	53 45 r	53 37 r
Salem	53 44 r	50 38 r
Seaside	52 48 r	51 43 r
Spokane	47 36 sh	44 32 sh
Vancouver	50 44 r	48 39 r
Yakima	55 39 pc	50 31 sh

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Clyde Tombaugh discovers dwarf planet Pluto in 1930.

Tomorrow's Tides

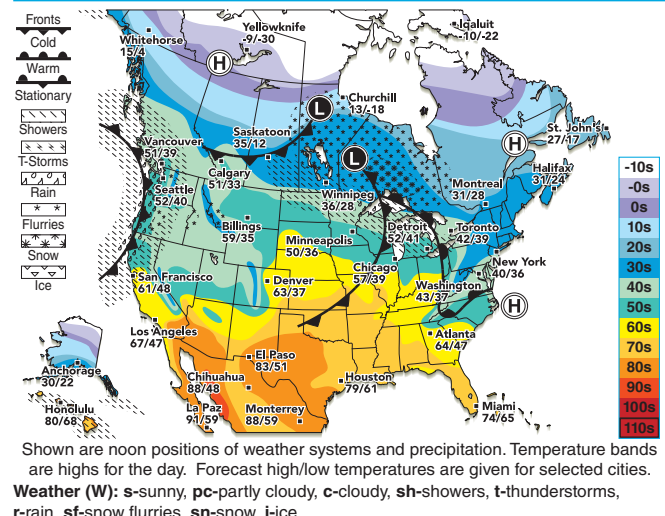
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
10:34 a.m.	9.0 ft.	4:35 a.m.	2.9 ft.
11:55 p.m.	8.0 ft.	5:38 p.m.	-0.2 ft.

National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	59 39 s	64 47 s
Boston	33 20 pc	38 30 pc
Chicago	39 37 c	57 39 pc
Denver	72 36 s	63 37 s
Des Moines	56 48 c	63 40 s
Detroit	31 28 pc	52 41 sh
El Paso	84 53 s	83 51 pc
Fairbanks	3 -15 s	11 -3 s
Honolulu	80 71 pc	80 68 pc
Indianapolis	43 37 pc	59 43 pc
Kansas City	70 52 s	71 43 s
Las Vegas	69 46 pc	73 47 pc
Los Angeles	67 47 pc	67 47 s
Memphis	67 51 s	70 57 pc
Miami	76 65 s	74 65 pc
Nashville	58 45 s	67 54 pc
New Orleans	71 54 s	76 58 s
New York	37 24 s	40 36 pc
Oklahoma City	77 57 s	76 56 pc
Philadelphia	38 23 s	41 36 pc
St. Louis	58 53 pc	72 47 s
Salt Lake City	52 34 sh	49 35 pc
San Francisco	61 51 sh	61 48 r
Seattle	52 44 c	52 40 r
Washington, DC	39 25 s	43 37 pc

Tomorrow's National Weather



DEATH

Feb. 17, 2016
HILL, Norman, 96, of Seaside, died at home. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside

is in charge of the arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Wednesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 1-8-4-9
4 p.m.: 3-3-4-8
7 p.m.: 4-4-6-6
10 p.m.: 4-9-3-6
Wednesday's Megabucks: 12-31-42-43-44-46
Estimated jackpot: \$7.3 million.
Wednesday's Powerball: 7-17-27-29-40, Powerball: 25
Estimated jackpot: \$212 million.

WASHINGTON
Wednesday's Daily Game: 1-1-3
Wednesday's Hit 5: 06-14-20-28-33
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000.
Wednesday's Keno: 08-09-12-13-19-27-36-38-40-41-42-43-45-48-59-60-61-64-67-69
Wednesday's Lotto: 02-17-22-30-37-44
Estimated jackpot: \$6.4 million.
Wednesday's Match 4: 01-05-09-14

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY
Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission,

6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
MONDAY
Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broad-

ON THE RECORD

DUII arrest
• At 6:40 p.m. Friday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Guy D. Gann, 56, of Seaside, for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving on the 83000 block of Jubilee Road in Seaside.

Hit and run
• At 6 a.m. Sunday, Astoria Police arrested Daniel A. Sandoval-Reyes, 30, of Astoria, for hit and run, reckless driving, driving uninsured and driving while license is suspended after he crashed into a parked vehicle on Niagara Avenue and 12th Street. Two passengers were

cited and released for failing to perform the duties of a witness in a motor vehicle accident.

Assault
• At 12:41 a.m. Wednesday, Astoria Police arrested Scott Lee Cadonau, 44, of Astoria, for fourth-degree assault on the 900 block of 26th Street.

OBITUARY

Sharon Lee (Freeman) Perigen

Seaside
July 31, 1939 — Feb. 7, 2016

Sharon Lee (Freeman) Perigen, 76, of Seaside, Oregon, passed away suddenly from a stroke on Feb. 7, 2016.

Sharon was born July 31, 1939, in Murray, Utah, to Donald Fillmore Freeman and Shirley June Barras. She grew up in Sacramento, California, and in 1957, graduated from El Camino High School.

On Dec. 28, 1957, she married the love of her life, Marion Edward Perigen (Eddie), in Reno, Nevada. They were later sealed in the Latter-day Saints temple in Oakland, California. Together they raised three children, Michael Eric, Mark David and Teri Lynn.

Sharon retired from the California Department of Motor Vehicles in

2001 after 35 years of service.

Sharon loved spending time with her family and friends. She also loved to camp, garden, attend estate sales, and travel to Hawaii. Additionally, she enjoyed volunteering her time to read to local school children.

Sharon is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous extended family members. She will be forever loved and missed by all who knew her.

There will be no service at Sharon's request. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in her honor.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at www.hughes-ransom.com



Sharon Perigen

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