

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'What would you like to see happen with Heritage Square?'



"A new library. Let's vote it back up again by public demand."

Mary Muniz, Astoria



"They could make a park of it. Possibly a continuation of the Chinese garden. Or fill in the hole and plant trees — perhaps cottonwood, like in Alamogordo, New Mexico."

John Miller, Astoria



"I love the idea of the farmer's market there in the summer season, it pulls people into that space. And since the library is not going to be there, we need parking available so people can wander around downtown, where wonderful things are happening."

Pat Milliman, Astoria

Advocates sue to stop plan to spay wild horses

By STEVEN DUBOIS
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Advocates for wild horses have sought an injunction to stop researchers from surgically sterilizing more than 200 wild mares at a facility in Hines.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has said the research slated to begin this summer would help determine whether the three methods to be studied are safe, effective options for controlling the wild horse population.

But the nonprofit group Front Range Equine Rescue describes the procedures as unnecessary and barbaric.

Group President Hilary

Wood said in a statement that performing unproven surgeries is contrary to the Bureau of Land Management's congressional mandate to care for wild horses, especially when an existing vaccine works as effective birth control.

The Bureau of Land Management, which has said the vaccine isn't effective enough, did not have an immediate response to the lawsuit, which was filed Monday in Washington, D.C.

Of the three methods, the advocates are most concerned about a procedure that involves removing ovaries from sedated, pregnant mares in various gestational stages. The veterinarian reaches into the mare's abdomen through

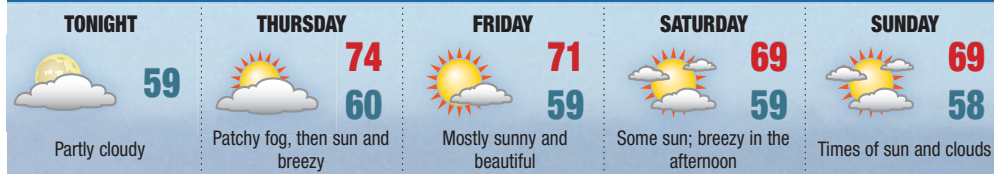
the vagina to sever and remove the ovaries.

"BLM's intention to engage in the blind excision of mares' ovaries, with the hope that they get it right, is dangerous, inhumane, potentially fatal, and arbitrary and capricious," the lawsuit states.

The decision to carry out the research comes on the heels of the Bureau of Land Management's latest annual population estimate that shows about 67,000 wild horses and burros roaming public lands in 10 Western states.

The agency says that's more than double what it considers healthy for the animals and the rangeland.

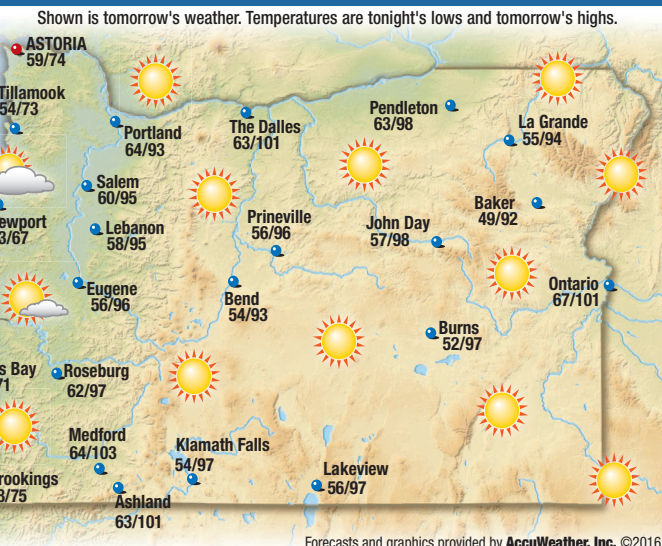
FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Table with weather statistics for Astoria through Tuesday, including temperatures, precipitation, and sun and moon data.

REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Delta-Aquarid meteor shower peaks tonight.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Table showing tide times and heights for Astoria/Port Docks for tomorrow.

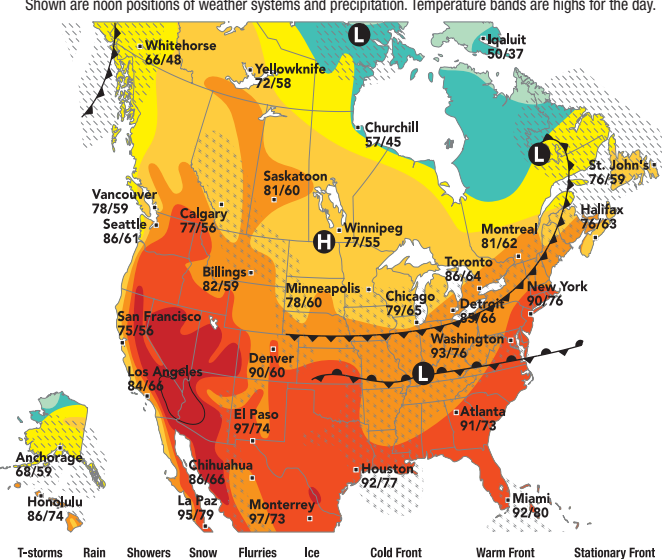
NATIONAL CITIES

Table showing weather forecasts for various national cities.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table showing weather forecasts for regional cities.

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



OBITUARIES

Bonnie (Roberts) Oathes Astoria

Nov. 29, 1941 — July 23, 2016

Bonnie Susan Oathes, 74, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family in Astoria, Oregon.

She was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, where she met and married her husband of 52 years, Donald.

Bonnie moved to Astoria in 1980, upon her husband's retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard. She was a librarian at Astor Library and Astoria High School, a licensed histori-



Bonnie Oathes

cal researcher alongside her business partner John Goodenberger, and a longtime columnist/creator of "Water Under the Bridge" for The Daily Astorian.

She was an avid reader and loved to travel. She organized many memorable family road trips, including ones with herself and beloved grandson, Kyle.

She is survived by her adoring husband Donald; son, Eric; daughter,

Mary Ramona Larson Astoria

March 9, 1924 — July 23, 2016

Mary (Lewis) Larson died July 23, 2016, at Providence Seaside Hospital, at 92 years old.

She was born March 9, 1924, in Burbank, California, to Edward and Mary Lewis. When she was a child, the family moved to Longview, Washington, where they owned a grocery store. She attended Longview Grade School, but later quit school early to work in her parents' store.

She had three brothers, Robert Francis and David, all World War II veterans. Mary built warships in Longview and Bremerton, Washington, where she met Julius Larson, her husband. After the war, they moved to Clatskanie, Oregon, and had two children, Starla and Halvin.

Then they moved to Astoria, where Julius was a Youngs River bridge tender. In 1974, Mary, Julius and Halvin moved to Seaside,

where Julius passed away in 1976. Mary helped with Halvin's business after 1976, and worked at various service jobs, including at the Seaside Senior Center, where she received a commendation for excellence.

Halvin passed away in 2010, and Mary moved back to Astoria in 2012, where she was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing and bird-watching. She enjoyed taking small trips.

She is survived by her daughter, Starla Galant of Astoria, Oregon; a niece, Janet Lewis of Anacortes, Washington; and a cousin, Jesse Ridenour of Longview, Washington.

A memorial service is being held at Bethany Lutheran Church at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 31, with a reception following. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.



Mary Larson

Hundreds of seabirds washing up dead off Olympic Peninsula

Associated Press

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash. — Scientists are looking into the deaths of hundreds of seabirds in the eastern part of the Strait of Juan de Fuca in Washington state.

About 300 rhinoceros auklets, which are closely related to puffins, have washed ashore since May, the Peninsula Daily News reported. Julia Parrish, executive director of the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team, says there's no clear explanation.

"We've never seen any-

thing like 300 rhinoceros auklets wash ashore in the eastern Strait," she said. "There's definitely something going on."

Dead birds have been found at Discovery Bay, Dungeness Spit near Sequim and across the strait near Victoria, British Columbia. Some have been sent to the U.S. Geological Survey National Wildlife Health Center for testing.

About 72,000 of the birds are successfully breeding on Protection Island, a wildlife refuge near the mouth of Discovery Bay, Parrish said, so a lack of food doesn't seem to be the issue.

Scientists also are looking into possible contagions or poisons, but if that were the case, Parrish said she would expect more to have washed up. She also said there could be a small algae bloom adding toxins to the food supply.

The organization has hundreds of trained volunteers monitoring the beaches in the Strait and recording what they find, she said.

The British Columbia Beach Bird Survey is recording the dead birds found on the Canadian shore.

Officials investigate cause of grain terminal fire

Associated Press

LONGVIEW, Wash. — Officials are still investigating after a Sunday night fire shut down the Export Grain Terminal at the Port of Longview.

The Daily News reported that fire crews responded to the blaze Sunday night.

They arrived to find black smoke billowing from a tower.

Longview Fire Chief Phil Jurmu says the fire started inside the drive tower, which powers one of the main conveyor belt systems. The smoke rose up through that tower and spread along the conveyor belt

to another tower where grain is weighed.

One firefighter slipped on some stairs and strained his back. No other injuries were reported.

Officials say the fire caused a conveyor belt to split and it wasn't clear when regular terminal operations can resume.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-4-1-2
4 p.m.: 5-6-1-3
7 p.m.: 0-3-5-8
10 p.m.: 0-4-3-9

WASHINGTON

Tuesday's Daily Game:
2-4-4
Tuesday's Keno: 01-08-14-15-17-18-22-31-34-36-44-49-53-54-55-60-65-66-71-77
Tuesday's Match 4: 11-16-17-24
Tuesday's Mega Millions:
01-04-31-36-54, Mega Ball: 9
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

MEMORIAL

Saturday, July 30
SHEPHERD, Jay — Celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m., McTavish Room, Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St.

HENDRICKSON, Hubert "Hugh" — Memorial at 2 p.m., St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 36335 N. U.S. Highway 101 in Nehalem.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Clatsop County Housing Authority Board, 5 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

THURSDAY
Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce Council, noon, Suite 203, 818 Commercial St., Astoria.
Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St., Astoria.
Canon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

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