

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'How do you feel about flu shots?'



"I would never have a flu shot. That's how I feel."

Janeen Provo,
Astoria



"I took one about five years ago, and came down with the flu. I haven't had one since."

E. Robert Nassikas, Astoria



"I'm OK with them. I get them sometimes. I have young kids, though, and they have had them."

Lacy Sharpsteen, Astoria

OBITUARIES

Betty (Hample) Smith

Warrenton

March 23, 1926 — Sept. 25, 2016

Betty Lorraine Hample entered this world on March 23, 1926, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, joining parents, Carl and Vivian and older brother, Maury.

After graduating from high school, she worked as a graphic artist, beautifully coloring black-and-white photographs by hand. After leaving her photography position, she began working at Kroger, where she met her future husband, Orin Smith. They married in 1948 and began a family, settling in Lowell, where they ran a small advertising newspaper. Wanting to try his hand at farming, Orin moved his family to a small acreage in Saranac.

Betty was a traditional stay-at-home mother during these years. Three daughters, homemaking, gardening, canning and sewing kept her very busy. Once her children were in high school, however, she began working outside the home. In 1970, the Smiths' adventuresome spirits took them to Haines, Alaska. During those years, she held a variety of positions, including purchasing and operating a small janitorial service with Orin.

Betty worked hard and made friends easily. She loved people and shared her husband's love of animals, co-founding an animal shelter with him. When he wanted to purchase a small com-

mercial fishing vessel, they learned the trade, and fished for salmon along the inland waters of southeast Alaska, earning her the title of "Captain Betty" in her later years. After making their home in Alaska for 35 years, the Smiths retired to the Upper Peninsula in their home state of Michigan.

Betty was a devoted wife and mother. Her sense of humor kept her family entertained, and her lovely smile and sparkling blue eyes drew her to the hearts of everyone she met. In 2011, Betty lost her husband of 63 years and moved to Warrenton, Oregon, to live with her daughter. She remained in Warrenton until she entered heaven's gate on Sept. 25, 2016. No service is planned.

She will be greatly missed, and is survived by her three daughters and their husbands, Diane and Richard McCann of Warrenton, Dawn and Marvin Randall of Cadillac, Michigan, and Robin and Al Near of Post Falls, Idaho. Betty is also survived by five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Although Alzheimer's left her bedridden and unable to communicate, Betty never allowed it to steal her joy for life, and we who knew her well can visualize her dancing before the Lord on heaven's beautiful streets of gold.



Betty Smith

Jerry Carter

Warrenton

June 16, 1952 — Sept. 22, 2016

Jerry Carter was born on June 16, 1952, to George and Delilah Carter in Susanville, California. Jerry, an only child, moved with his mother when he was 17 to his grandfather's farm in Westport, Oregon, where he learned many skills and interests, such as forestry, geography, fishing, hunting and construction.

Jerry relocated to Astoria, Oregon, where he volunteered as a firefighter and worked as a construction worker around the county. He eventually became a surveyor with Clatsop County for 25 years, which was a job he took great pride in, and went on to publish several articles about his work.

He married Patricia King on Sept. 27, 1988. He loved her son from a previous marriage, Jason, as his own, and adopted him at the same time. The very same day they received the adoption certificate in the mail, they learned of another surprise on the way, their daughter, Nancy. They divorced years later, but always remained close friends.

Jerry celebrated sobriety in 1987, and he and his family enjoyed events and fellowship with their newfound friends. In 1993, Jerry had an accident resulting in him being disabled in one arm, but he never let that stop him from being a devoted father, solid worker, supportive friend and lover of the outdoors. Jerry loved hockey (especially the

Winter Hawks) and could not be disturbed during Stanley Cup playoffs.

Jerry met his wife Annette Welk in sobriety, where they always had a loving friendship, and chose to make that friendship a marriage on Sept. 21, 2006. Unfortunately, transient ischemic attacks (mini-strokes) took their toll, and he became totally disabled due to a second major stroke in February. His loving wife, children and caregiver cared for him his remaining years. He passed away a few hours after his 10-year anniversary with Annette, and she and his first wife, Patricia, were both at his side.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Annette Carter; son Jason Carter; daughter Nancy and her husband, Wesley Cordova; and stepchildren Branden Welk and his wife, Annie, Nathan Dahl, Cassie and her husband, Jesse Murphy, and Annaliese Oswald. He also had many grandchildren he adored.

A viewing was held on Monday, Sept. 26, at Hughes-Ransom Mortuary. A celebration of life is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 30, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, on 679 S. Main Ave. in Warrenton.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.



Jerry Carter

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

AccuWeather.com

Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
50	66 47	64 49	62 50	63 49
Patchy clouds this evening; cloudy late	More clouds than sun	Mostly cloudy with a passing shower or two	Mostly cloudy with a little rain	Occasional rain and drizzle

ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

High/Low	68°/53°
Normal High/Low	66°/47°
Record High	84° in 2003
Record Low	33° in 1972

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.01"
Month to date	2.13"
Normal month to date	1.85"
Year to date	42.97"
Normal year to date	40.20"

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 7:01 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 7:12 a.m.
Moonrise today 4:45 a.m.
Moonset today 6:10 p.m.

Phase	Date
New	Sep 30
First	Oct 8
Full	Oct 15
Last	Oct 22

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Before dawn low in the east, Mercury will be at greatest elongation, 18 west of the sun.

Source: Jim Todd, OMS

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
12:43 a.m.	8.0 ft.	7:08 a.m.	-0.1 ft.
1:18 p.m.	8.3 ft.	7:27 p.m.	0.4 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Thu.	W	
Atlanta	86	61	s	77	54	s
Boston	61	54	r	60	55	r
Chicago	62	56	r	69	58	sh
Denver	82	48	s	83	50	pc
Des Moines	66	50	pc	72	51	s
Detroit	64	58	sh	65	59	sh
El Paso	84	65	pc	82	61	pc
Fairbanks	44	36	c	46	30	pc
Honolulu	84	73	pc	85	75	pc
Indianapolis	64	53	sh	68	56	sh
Kansas City	69	48	s	71	49	s
Las Vegas	89	69	pc	89	70	pc
Los Angeles	89	66	pc	87	63	pc
Memphis	88	57	s	77	58	s
Miami	89	74	t	88	75	pc
Nashville	81	50	pc	67	52	pc
New Orleans	90	74	pc	88	69	s
New York	74	60	r	67	60	r
Oklahoma City	87	51	s	72	49	s
Philadelphia	75	64	r	69	64	r
St. Louis	71	55	pc	73	60	pc
Salt Lake City	81	59	pc	79	59	pc
San Francisco	72	56	pc	68	56	pc
Seattle	67	49	s	65	46	pc
Washington, DC	76	68	r	75	67	r

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Thu.	W	
Baker City	84	40	s	84	39	s
Bend	78	43	s	78	42	pc
Brookings	67	50	pc	64	49	pc
Eugene	76	45	s	72	43	pc
Ilwaco	64	54	pc	62	50	c
Klamath Falls	84	41	s	78	38	s
Medford	87	51	s	83	48	s
Newberg	74	44	s	71	41	pc
Newport	61	47	pc	62	45	c
North Bend	65	49	pc	65	48	c
Olympia	70	41	s	67	38	pc
Pendleton	77	51	s	78	47	pc
Portland	75	49	s	71	47	pc
Roseburg	78	51	s	76	48	pc
Salem	76	46	s	72	43	pc
Seaside	66	52	pc	64	49	c
Spokane	79	52	s	80	51	pc
Springfield	75	46	s	73	44	pc
Vancouver	73	46	s	70	44	pc
Yakima	83	47	s	83	46	pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

OBITUARY POLICY

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Mary Elizabeth Vitas

Seaside

June 8, 1928 — Aug. 22, 2016

Mary Elizabeth Vitas passed away peacefully at home Aug. 22, 2016. Born June 8, 1928, she grew up in Waterbury, Connecticut, sister to two brothers, Joe and Everett.

As a young woman in Connecticut she met the love of her life, Peter Vitas, when he offered her a ride home from work. Together they had four sons, Peter Jr., Michael, Mark and Jeffrey. In 1968, Mary and Pete Sr. moved their family to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they stayed until moving to San Diego, California, in 1977. Mary spent many years traveling with her son, Jeff, before relocating to Seaside, Oregon, in 2006 to be closer to family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Pete Sr. (1992), and son, Mark (1983). She

is survived by sons Peter Vitas Jr. and Jeffrey Vitas of Seaside, Oregon, and Michael Vitas of Kauai, Hawaii; and granddaughter Stefanie Jylkka of Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Mary's life took her to each corner of the country, spending time with friends and family. Mary loved people. Many of her years in Seaside were spent strolling the Prom, and sitting down with anyone she could find to say hello to and enjoy a story with. She enjoyed all of her neighbors and visitors, and spent a piece of each day feeding the birds.

Mary will be missed for many things, but mostly for her happiness. There was never a bad day in her house. She was always smiling and taking the time to find the good in everything.



Mary Vitas

DEATH

Sept. 27, 2016

THOMPSON, Loyd K., 82, of Warrenton, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Tuesday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 2-3-8-8
4 p.m.: 8-1-4-5
7 p.m.: 1-8-6-3
10 p.m.: 4-1-7-2

WASHINGTON

Tuesday's Daily Game: 7-4-2

Tuesday's Keno: 01-02-07-11-15-18-24-30-32-34-37-40-42-52-70-73-74-75-78-80
Tuesday's Match 4: 02-05-16-23
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 14-16-26-53-72, Mega Ball: 4
Estimated jackpot: \$30 million

MEMORIAL

Saturday, Oct. 1

PARR, Susan Marie (Amundsen) — Memorial at 2 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 101 E. 38th St. in Tacoma, Washington.

BIRTHS

Sept. 19, 2016

CAMPOS, Eisha, of Astoria, a boy, Sir Bentley Gene Campos, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Tanya and Victor Campos.

Sept. 26, 2016

SMITH, Lindy Lou and

Kevin David, of Warrenton, a girl, Lorelai Lou Smith, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Older sibling is Avery Smith. Grandparents are David and Tonya Smith and Gerard and Cindy Lou Taylor. Great-grandmother is Frances Mary Dohal.

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

Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St., Astoria.

ON THE RECORD

Burglary

At 12:53 p.m. Friday, Warrenton Police arrested Matthew R. Kittrell, 23, of La Pine, for second-degree burglary and third-degree theft after he broke into the back

entrance of Rite Aid and stole boxes of beer.

DUII

At 10:47 p.m. Friday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Kim S. Garza, 47, of Hillsboro, for driving

under the influence of intoxicants in Gearhart.

At 7:55 p.m. Monday, Warrenton Police arrested Crystal J. Herren, 33, a transient, for DUII on Pacific Drive in Hammond.

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