

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'What are you doing to get ready for winter?'



"Not much. We're from Montana, and these winters are nothing like that. It can go to 30 below there."

Pat Hoyt, Warrenton



"Right now I'm just getting rid of stuff and cleaning. I recently lost my mother, and have to downsize. But I hope I get something good for Christmas!"

Gloria Negron, Astoria



"Make sure I have firewood. Clean the gutters. Tuna fish in the pantry. Lots of batteries."

Jon Garland, Astoria

OBITUARIES

James T. Covert Portland April 20, 1932 — Oct. 13, 2016



James Thayne Covert, professor emeritus in history at the University of Portland, died at his home, surrounded by loving family, on Thursday, Oct. 13, of complications from a stroke he suffered in June. He was 84 years old.

A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, Oct. 21, at 11 a.m., at St. Pious X Catholic Church, 1280 N.W. Saltzman Road, Portland, OR 97229. A rosary will take place the night before at St. Pius Community Center at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Covert Family Scholarship at the University of Portland in his memory.

Jim is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sally Ann Covert, and their children, Marc, Michael, Jennifer Keagbine, Elizabeth Tobey and Christine Naylor. His daughter Juliann Covert predeceased him in 2002, as did his grandson, Danny Keagbine in 2011. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren, Jeffrey, Emily, Kelsey, Eric, Trevor and Megan Keagbine, Thayne Covert, Sam Naylor, Corin and Arden Tobey and Oliver and Sally Covert.

Jim spent a year in the U.S. Air Force on a radar outpost at Cape Prince of Wales in Alaska as part of the 142nd Aircraft Control

and Warning Squadron. He was very loyal to his fellow comrades, many of whom were high school buddies.

In 1961, "Dr. Jim," as he was fondly called by his students, began his long tenure at the University of Portland, serving in many capacities over the years. He chaired the Department of History for 18 years, and twice declined requests to serve as dean and academic vice president because of his love for teaching in the classroom.

After retirement, Jim was an active volunteer in the Claremont community where he and his wife lived, serving in the men's golf club, heading up the annual Fourth of July parade and sharing his many musical talents as director of the Claremont Choir.

The family wishes to thank Legacy hospice personnel who made his final weeks comfortable and peaceful, and Fr. Neil Moore, the official Covert family pastor these past 50 years, for bringing Communion, kindness, good cheer and the Anointing of the Sick to our beloved "Grumps."

Jim Covert led a meaningful life and was blessed with a good death, and will be sorely missed.



James Covert

Richard Mitchell Newberg Nov. 30, 1930 — Sept. 13, 2016



Dr. Richard Mitchell was born in Brawley, California, in 1930. He met Velda in Bakersfield, California. They were married in 1952, while he was serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He graduated from San Francisco State and received an administrative credential from the USC before completing his doctorate in special education at the University of Oregon.

During his career, he was a teacher, a principal, a director of the Northwest Area for United Cerebral Palsy and a supervisor of the Portland Tri-County Area School Districts for disabled children. Throughout his life he was actively involved in a variety of volunteer activities, ranging from governor-appointed committees to working with 3-year-olds in Sunday school, but it was

how he lived that stood out the most. A humble man, listener and encourager, he chose to live his life from kindness and truth rooted in love, and those who knew him felt valued and heard.

On Sept. 21, 2016, Richard died from injuries sustained in a car accident, and is now experiencing life in full in Christ. He is survived by family and friends who deeply loved him, including his wife, Velda; daughter Cathy (Daren); son Ken (Valerie); and three grandchildren, Adrienne (PJay), Rebecca and Ethan.

A memorial service is being held Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016, at North Coast Family Fellowship in Seaside, Oregon.

Donations may be made to the Child Evangelism Fellowship, Lewis and Clark chapter.



Richard Mitchell

Child care a costly proposition for parents

By **MARISSA HARSHMAN**
The Columbian

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Parents with young children in day care are taking a hit to their wallet as big as those putting young adult children through college.

A recent national report by New America, a think tank in Washington, D.C., found that the average annual cost of full-time, center-based child care — \$9,589 per child 4 years and younger — now exceeds the average annual cost of in-state tuition.

The same is true in Clark County, Washington.

The median annual cost of child care at Clark County centers is highest for those with infants: \$12,744. For toddlers, the median cost of one year of care is \$10,716, and the median cost for preschool is \$9,360 per year, according to data provided by Child Care Aware of Washington, a statewide organization that operates a database of licensed child care centers.

Compare that with one year of full-time, resident tuition at Washington State University Vancouver: \$9,883.

"It's simply amazing to me the cost of child care, as a parent looking at that," said Lori Oberheide, assistant superintendent for communications at Educational Service District 112, which operates 29 child care centers in Clark County. "On the other hand, I can also see how expensive it is to run a child care center and cover costs."

Educational Service District 112 runs the Clark County Child Care Consortium, a col-

lection of centers serving 1,800 children, infant through grade-school age. For the centers, the largest expense is staff salaries and benefits, Oberheide said.

Other expenses include facility costs, utilities, furniture and meals; the centers supply breakfast, lunch and snacks. In addition, the centers need to purchase supplies and materials for curriculum and toys — things necessary to provide a high-quality care environment, said Jodi Wall, executive director for early care and education at the district.

In addition, the state has requirements on staffing, space, curriculum and more that must be met by licensed centers. Meeting those mandates comes at a cost, as well, Wall said.

"There's a lot of work that goes into running a high-quality child care program," she said. "In order to run a high-quality program, it's expensive, and it's expensive for families."

For many local families, child care consumes a sizable amount of the household income.

Infant care in Clark County costs about 21 percent of the median family income, based on the median cost of care and median household income of \$61,711. Toddler care is slightly less, at 17 percent, and preschool is equal to about 15 percent of the median household income, according to the Child Care Aware data.

More than 'sitting'

Oftentimes, when people hear "child care," they think of baby sitters, said Jane Lanigan, director of human development at Washington State University Vancouver. Instead, she said,

they should consider the programs for what they truly are: early education.

"Thinking that a high-quality higher education experience should be any different in terms of costs than high-quality early education costs might be the wrong way to think about this," Lanigan said. "Early education is learning."

WSUV offers a preschool program, which costs \$950 per month or \$11,400 per year. Through student fees, however, WSUV has established scholarships for the program, Lanigan said.

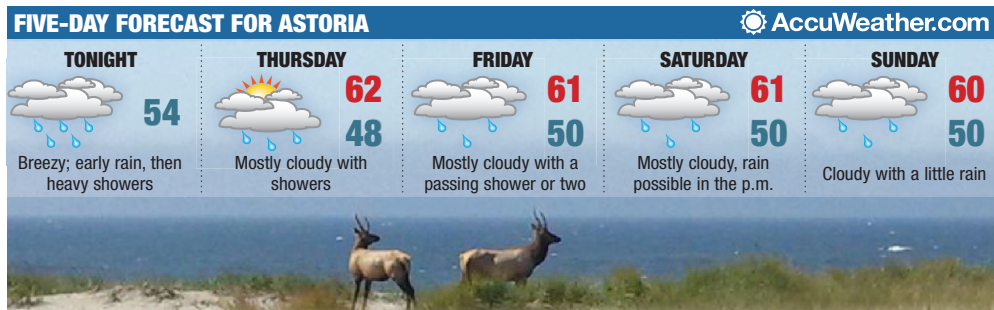
The WSUV program not only offers a learning environment indoors but also an enriching outdoor space. That's because research has shown that natural play scape areas help kids connect to nature, promote more vigorous physical activity and challenge their gross motor and decision making skills, Lanigan said.

Providing those kinds of environments, however, comes at a cost, she said. And unless the family is low income and receives state assistance for child care, the family is left to cover the cost of quality education, Lanigan said.

"I think the bigger question is, 'Should parents be bearing 100 percent of those costs?'" she said.

Affordable for families

Tuition at WSUV has gone down; it's 15 percent less than tuition in fall 2014. And the state is beginning to devote resources to early and primary education, such as investing in quality initiatives for early education and allocating funds for full-day kindergarten, Lanigan said.



ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

High/low 61°/48°
 Normal high/low 60°/44°
 Record high 79° in 1978
 Record low 31° in 1949

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.07"
 Month to date 12.15"
 Normal month to date 2.80"
 Year to date 55.12"
 Normal year to date 43.29"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 6:22 p.m.
 Sunrise Thursday 7:40 a.m.
 Moonrise today 9:31 p.m.
 Moonset today 11:44 a.m.

Last New First Full
 Oct 22 Oct 30 Nov 7 Nov 14

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Aldebaran of Taurus will be below the waning gibbous moon.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

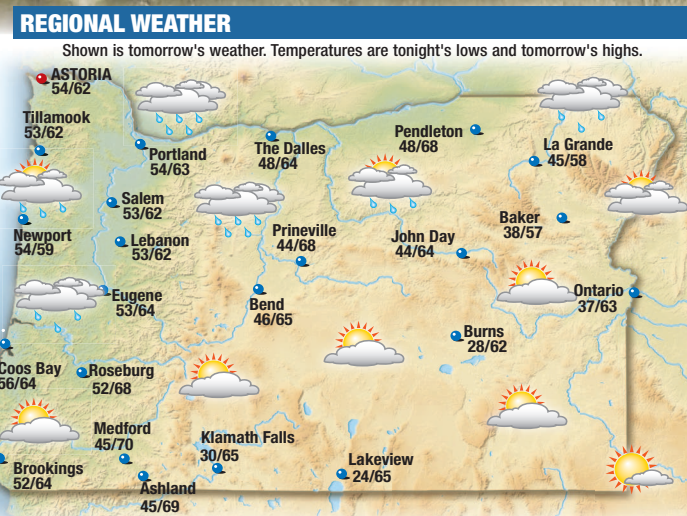
TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
5:28 a.m.	7.8 ft.	11:02 a.m.	2.0 ft.
4:54 p.m.	9.0 ft.	11:58 p.m.	-0.6 ft.

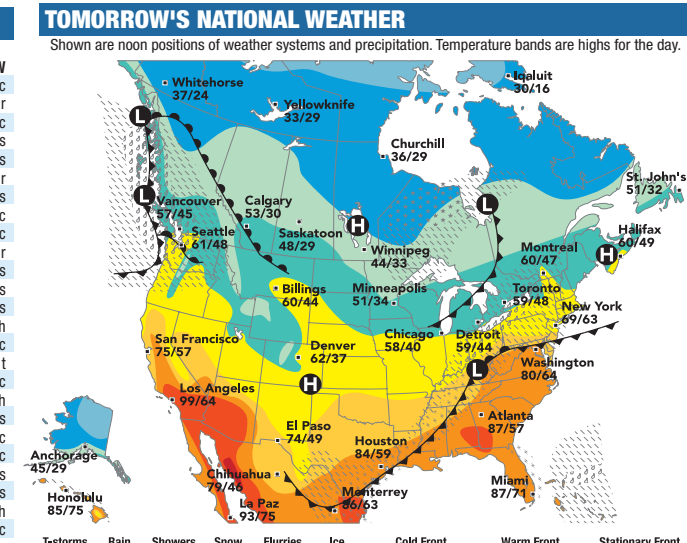
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	88	66	pc	87	57	pc
Boston	77	55	s	61	55	r
Chicago	70	51	s	58	40	pc
Denver	58	30	pc	62	37	s
Des Moines	71	44	pc	60	39	s
Detroit	71	53	s	59	44	r
El Paso	87	55	s	74	49	s
Fairbanks	32	10	s	25	12	c
Honolulu	86	75	sh	85	75	pc
Indianapolis	75	54	c	60	46	r
Kansas City	69	48	pc	62	40	s
Las Vegas	81	58	s	82	60	s
Los Angeles	94	62	s	99	64	s
Memphis	90	68	pc	73	50	sh
Miami	87	74	pc	87	71	pc
Nashville	90	66	pc	76	50	t
New Orleans	90	73	pc	89	66	pc
New York	82	60	pc	69	63	sh
Oklahoma City	84	55	pc	70	46	s
Philadelphia	85	63	pc	78	63	c
St. Louis	73	57	r	65	45	pc
Salt Lake City	56	35	pc	62	39	s
San Francisco	73	55	s	75	57	s
Seattle	58	51	r	61	48	sh
Washington, DC	85	67	pc	80	64	pc



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	54	38	pc	57	33	c	
Bend	59	46	pc	65	46	sh	
Brookings	62	52	pc	63	53	pc	
Eugene	60	53	r	64	50	r	
Ilwaco	57	53	r	61	52	sh	
Klamath Falls	59	30	pc	65	34	pc	
Medford	66	45	pc	70	50	pc	
Newberg	57	52	sh	62	47	r	
Newport	58	54	r	59	49	sh	
North Bend	63	56	c	64	53	r	
Olympia	57	50	r	61	45	sh	
Pendleton	64	48	pc	68	50	sh	
Portland	60	54	r	63	50	r	
Roseburg	62	52	c	68	55	r	
Salem	58	53	r	62	49	r	
Seaside	57	53	r	62	50	sh	
Spokane	53	44	pc	54	41	r	
Springfield	59	52	r	64	51	r	
Vancouver	59	53	r	62	49	r	
Yakima	59	44	pc	62	39	sh	



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LOTTERIES

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

WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game: 4-6-5
Tuesday's Keno: 09-13-18-19-32-35-39-40-41-42-44-51-53-54-56-57-59-61-62-64
Tuesday's Match 4: 02-09-17-24
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 07-24-28-65-74, Mega Ball: 1 Estimated jackpot: \$25 million

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., work session on accessory dwelling units, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

THURSDAY
Cannon Beach Parks Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
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.

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