

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'What are your hopes for the Trump presidency?'



"None. I hope he quits before Friday ... He should try to be as eloquent and elegant as President Obama."

Ann Davenport, Astoria



"I think people just need to give him a chance. We need a change."

Debby Miner, Astoria



"Perhaps he'll surprise us."

Cindy Peake, Knappa

Advance Astoria holds open house, panel talk

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Advance Astoria, the city's five-year economic development strategy that kicked off in October, will hold an open house and panel discussion Thursday in The Loft at the Red Building.

Kevin Cronin, the city's community development director, said the event is a continuation of a discussion on how to diversify Astoria's economy beyond tourism, and about what types of jobs people want to see.

"We know that tourism and hospitality has been good to Astoria to a certain level," Cronin said. "But from an economic development stand-

point, those aren't producing the high-skilled, high-wage jobs that we really need."

The event starts with a community forum from 5 to 7 p.m., during which attendees explore how to diversify the local economy. Local and regional entrepreneurs will talk about their experiences and challenges.

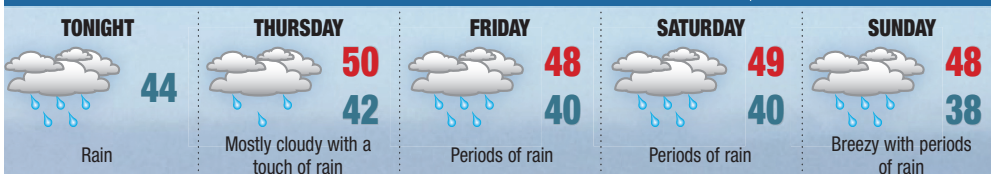
Cronin said Advance Astoria has focused on several sectors with potential for growth. They include brewing, research and development institutions, services to support local home- and online-based businesses, value-added food companies and the maritime industry.

A panel discussion from

7 to 9 p.m. will include Kelly Roy, founder of ADX Portland, a maker space, learning center and custom fabrication shop open to individuals and organizations. Also on the panel are Tory Campbell, founder of Felton & Mary's Artisan Foods; Kristina Afomorpe, founder of Downtown Coffee Shop; Wendy Hemsley, an entrepreneur and founder of the North Coast Medical Clinic, along with a treatment clinic and a medical billing company; and Leslie McCray, founder of Sweater Heads hats and accessories.

The panel will be moderated by Kelsey Balensifer of the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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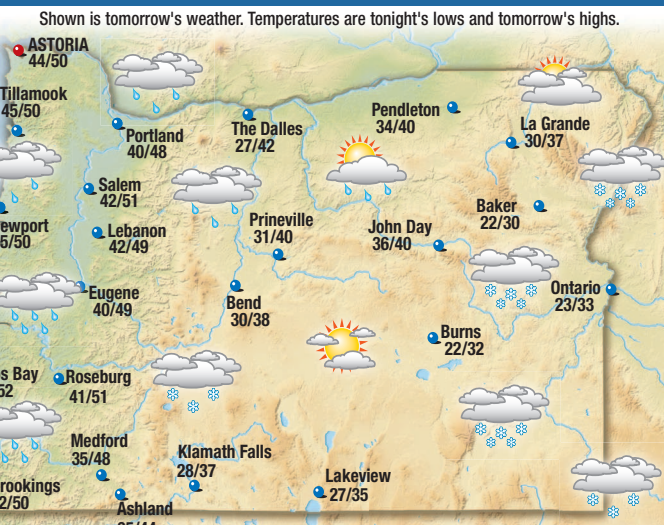
Astoria through Tuesday.
Temperatures
 High/low 57°/40°
 Normal high/low 50°/38°
 Record high 60° in 1986
 Record low 16° in 1930
Precipitation
 Tuesday 1.83"
 Month to date 3.61"
 Normal month to date 5.88"
 Year to date 3.61"
 Normal year to date 5.88"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 5:01 p.m.
 Sunrise Thursday 7:51 a.m.
 Moonrise today none
 Moonset today 11:14 a.m.



REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Before dawn on Thursday, Jupiter will be between the last quarter moon and Spica.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks
 Time High Time Low
 6:21 a.m. 8.4 ft. 12:53 p.m. 2.4 ft.
 6:46 p.m. 6.5 ft. none

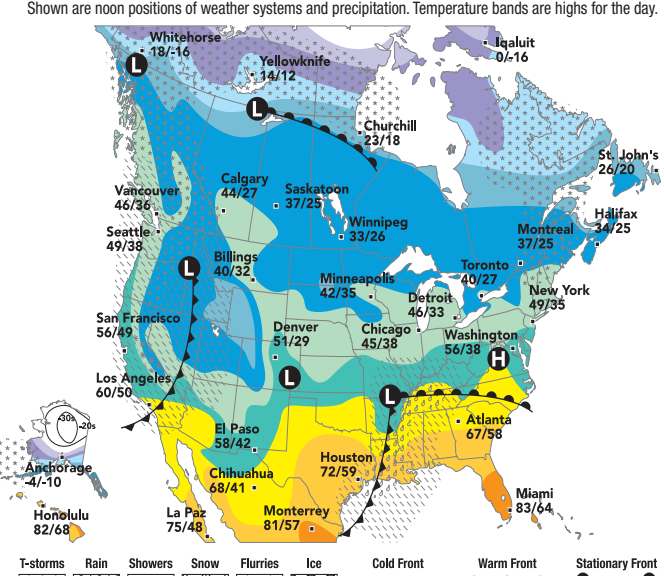
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	69 52 c 67 58 c	
Boston	39 35 r 46 32 c	
Chicago	42 31 pc 45 38 r	
Denver	49 29 s 51 29 s	
Des Moines	48 34 pc 43 36 c	
Detroit	43 31 c 46 33 pc	
El Paso	56 40 pc 58 42 s	
Fairbanks	-34 -41 pc -33 -36 pc	
Honolulu	84 69 s 82 68 s	
Indianapolis	44 34 sh 50 44 r	
Kansas City	51 36 pc 52 39 c	
Las Vegas	57 46 s 54 40 r	
Los Angeles	61 51 pc 60 50 sh	
Memphis	54 53 c 66 54 r	
Miami	84 64 s 83 64 s	
Nashville	57 48 c 62 56 r	
New Orleans	76 64 c 73 59 t	
New York	45 38 r 49 35 pc	
Oklahoma City	53 40 c 60 37 c	
Philadelphia	52 38 sh 50 36 pc	
St. Louis	52 43 pc 51 44 sh	
Salt Lake City	32 24 pc 38 27 sn	
San Francisco	56 49 r 56 49 sh	
Seattle	53 43 r 49 38 pc	
Washington, DC	57 40 pc 56 38 pc	

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Baker City	26 22 sn 30 13 sn	
Bend	39 30 sh 28 26 sn	
Brookings	50 43 r 50 43 r	
Eugene	52 40 r 49 39 r	
Ilwaco	53 46 r 50 44 r	
Klamath Falls	38 28 sn 37 28 sn	
Medford	47 35 r 48 37 r	
Newberg	50 41 r 48 39 r	
Newport	52 45 r 50 42 sh	
North Bend	54 44 r 52 43 r	
Olympia	53 40 r 50 35 r	
Pendleton	38 34 r 40 28 pc	
Portland	48 40 r 48 37 r	
Roseburg	53 41 r 51 42 r	
Salem	51 42 r 51 39 r	
Seaside	53 47 r 50 45 r	
Spokane	39 35 i 38 26 r	
Springfield	53 41 r 49 40 r	
Vancouver	46 40 r 47 38 r	
Yakima	35 24 i 40 25 pc	

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



OBITUARY John Benham Spring Gearhart

March 28, 1936 — Jan. 14, 2017

John Benham Spring, 80, died Saturday of complications from prostate cancer and Alzheimer's disease at his home in Gearhart, Oregon. His partner of 49 years, Susan Spring, was by his side.

John was born in 1936, to Ethel Benham and John Denison Spring in Nashua, New Hampshire. Known to childhood friends and neighbors as "Jack," he graduated from Nashua High School in 1953, and was a member of the Dartmouth College class of 1957.

He served in the Marine Corps from 1957 to 1967, achieving the rank of captain while in the Marine Reserves. He completed officer training school at Quantico and served at Camp Pendleton in California. He received his MBA from Dartmouth's Tuck School in 1961. In 1962, he married Julie Dubois, and Jessica Spring was born in 1964. The couple divorced in 1966.

John received his certified public accountant certification and worked at Price Waterhouse in San Francisco from 1961 to 1970. In 1967, he was traveling for work on a nearly empty airplane from San Francisco to Portland, and chose a seat next to his future wife, Susan Kloster. They were married on March 29, 1969, in Milwaukie, Oregon.

John took a position as an internal auditor for Ford Motor Co. and the couple moved to Detroit, where they started their family and established many lifetime friendships. John's finance career took the family to several U.S. cities, and he served as chief financial officer at National Car Rental in Minneapolis and Household International in Chicago. He was a member of the Economic Club of Chicago and the Finance Executives Institute.

An avid cyclist, John biked the Scottish Hebrides and California coast, and he and his brother, David, rode the perimeter of Hawaii's big island. He was also an avid runner, finishing the Twin Cities marathon for this 50th birthday. An unabashed Francophile, John often visited Paris and the surrounding regions by foot, bicycle and barge to savor the food, wine, language and hospitality that seemed to follow him everywhere.

Upon retiring at 57, John and Susan returned to the West Coast and created a vibrant home in the Oregon Coast town of Gearhart. They

welcomed extended family and multitudes of friends to play baseball in the backyard "Spring Field," roast s'mores, walk the estuary, watch outdoor movies and partake in Oregon wine and razor clams — all with the constant companionship of their many Labrador retrievers.

Always game for new projects and new friends, John served as treasurer on the board of governors for the Children's Theater Company in Minneapolis. He was a member of the board of trustees for the Oregon Episcopal School, and served as treasurer for the Friends of Chamber Music, both in Portland. He served on the vestry of Grace Episcopal Church in Astoria, Oregon, and Calvary Church in Seaside, Oregon, and supported the Astoria Music Festival, Liberty Theater and the Ashland Shakespeare Festival.

And, just as he loved to carefully score baseball games since he was a young boy, John found great pleasure in accounting, and enthusiastically shared his time and expertise to countless friends, family members and anyone in need of a good "tax man" come April.

John is survived by his wife and constant companion, Susan; four daughters and their partners, Jessica Spring and Tim Allen of Tacoma, Washington, Katie Spring and Jim Berke of Chicago, Tupper Spring and Paolo Benzan of San Juan Capistrano, California, and Margaret Spring and Yann Giguere of Brooklyn, New York; and brother and sister-in-law, David and Tina Spring of San Francisco.

"Grandpa Jack" and his slow underhand pitch, passionate love of ice cream, and gentle reading voice will be remembered fondly by his grandchildren, Jack Allen, Margo, Eleanor and Patrick Fuchs and Luciana, Eva and Enzo Benzan; and his ever-loyal black Labradors, Cleopatra and Penelope.

A memorial concert with the Florestan Trio and a luncheon for family, friends, caregivers, neighbors and all who wish to say goodbye to John, will be held on Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. at Bridgewater Bistro, 20 Basin St., Astoria. Private graveside services will be held in Nashua on March 18, followed by a gathering of friends and family at 5 Cross Road, Hollis, New Hampshire, at noon.

Committee to review county charter

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A citizen committee will review the Clatsop County charter over the next few months.

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners voted this month to approve the committee and appoint 10 members.

While meetings have yet to be scheduled, they will be open to the public. Scott Lee, the chairman of the

board, said the meetings will likely take place once or twice a month.

The review, required by the charter periodically, likely will not lead to many changes, Lee said. "This is a general housekeeping issue, and the house isn't dirty," he said.

The committee will include Dirk Rohne, a former county commissioner who will serve as the chairman of the com-

mittee but not have a vote. The charter, a framework for county government, was last reviewed in 2006. That committee recommended minor changes to the election process along with other updates and clarifications, all of which were later approved by voters on the November ballot.

Should any changes be recommended, they will be placed on the ballot for voters to decide.

ON THE RECORD

DUII arrests

- At 2:43 a.m. Tuesday, Kerry David Bales, 49, of Aloha, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office at Fifth Avenue and Necanicum Drive in Seaside for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

- At 12:07 a.m. Sunday, Charles Curtis Beasley, 46, of Astoria, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department at Eighth Street and Grand Avenue for DUII.

- At 1:18 a.m. Sunday, Colton Wesley Walker, 19, of Warrenton, was arrested by

the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office at Airport Lane and 12th Place in Warrenton for DUII and refusal to take a breath test.

- At 2:45 a.m. Sunday, Chad Dean, 24, of Astoria, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department on East Harbor Drive for DUII.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Astoria School Board, 6:15 p.m., study session, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.

THURSDAY
Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Seaside Tree Board, 4 p.m.,

City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Advance Astoria, 5 p.m., The Loft at the Red Building, 20 Basin St.
Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Gearhart Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 8-2-5-5
4 p.m.: 6-1-8-5
7 p.m.: 9-3-9-4
10 p.m.: 2-2-4-3
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 20-31-54-56-59, Mega Ball: 3
 Estimated jackpot: \$162 million
WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game: 0-3-9
Tuesday's Keno: 03-10-16-19-22-23-28-29-36-38-44-45-57-60-61-63-71-73-76-80
Tuesday's Match 4: 10-19-22-23

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