

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'How do you feel about the aggressive panhandling going on downtown?'



"I'm uncomfortable with it. It seems like a job choice for several of the regulars I see."

Deborah McEuen, Astoria



"It makes me sad. I think it's the result of much bigger problems going on in our society right now. I just hope we can work together to find solutions to help those in need."

Trixie Bigby, Astoria



"It's a bit of a nuisance, I guess. But I don't know what to do about it."

Murray Stanley, Astoria

OBITUARIES

Roberta Jean (Stout) French

Portland

April 3, 1934 — March 3, 2017

Roberta Jean (Stout) French, 82, of Portland, died March 3, 2017, in Portland.

She was born April 3, 1934, in Iowa, to Orval D. Stout Sr. and Lois E. Stout. She graduated from Moulton High School in Moulton, Iowa, in 1951.

On July 29, 1951, she married her high school sweetheart, E. Eugene French, in West Des Moines, Iowa. They started out their married life in Kirksville, Missouri. He preceded her in death Nov. 24, 2007.

She was a nursing assistant in Bloomfield, Iowa. In 1962, the couple moved to Boulder, Colorado, where she worked as a data entry operator. In 1968, she began her long career at GTE in Beaverton, Oregon. Roberta started out as a telephone operator, and by her retirement in February 1989, she had risen to the position of network analyst in Dial Office Administration. She remained close to her friends and colleagues, attending the monthly breakfast meetings, luncheons and barbecues.

She cared deeply for her family and friends. She was interested in people, and impacted quietly and many times individually. She was curious about the world, always eager to learn, read

extensively, enjoyed travel and pursued her passions, including collecting antiques (especially glass) and gardening. She was even chastised just a few months ago by the homeowners association that she had too many plants on her deck, and would need to pare them down. She would just roll her eyes, and informed us they just didn't understand.



Roberta French

She is survived by a sister, Betty Frazier of Winterset, Iowa; two sons, Steven French of Minooka, Illinois, and Craig French of Portland, Oregon; a daughter, Cheryl Johnson of Beaverton, Oregon; and three grandsons, Adam and Austin Johnson of Beaverton, Oregon, and Doug French of Minooka, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Donna Frazier; and a brother, Dale Stout.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 10, 2017, at 1 p.m., at Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave., in Astoria, Oregon.

Private burial will follow at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton, Oregon.

Please sign our online guest book at www.caldwellsmortuary.com

Andrew D. Black

Longshoreman

April 16, 1962 — Feb. 20, 2017

Andrew Dean Black was born to Jimmie and Nancy Black on April 16, 1962, at St. Mary's Hospital in Astoria, Oregon. Little did we know that this blond-haired, blue-eyed baby would become a best friend to his sisters, and provide years of entertainment with his quick wit and loving spirit.

It was always the four of them, Andy, older sisters, Liz and Teresa, and younger sister, Paula, becoming friends and supporting each other from grade school to high school and beyond. That friendship and love lasted until he died peacefully on Feb. 20, 2017.

Andy loved participating in sports beginning with Seaside Kids baseball, continuing with Babe Ruth, Legion and on with high school sports. But it was baseball where he found his passion as a pitcher. And a very good one at that! Remember his fastball? He was selected to play in the high school All-Star game, but a trip to Hawaii for graduation with his buddies was too tempting to refuse.

After graduating from Seaside High School in 1980, he enrolled in Lane Community College, and his talent for pitching kept him in Eugene for two years, traveling in the league. He always said those were the best times he ever had. And of course, don't forget those damn Yankees and the Steelers! He was a die-hard fan of both!

Throughout his adult years he played intramural basketball and summer recreational softball entertaining his fellow teammates with his one-liners.

Andy was fortunate enough to work for Bruce's Candy Kitchen for years. Bruce said Andy was willing to do anything, but he wasn't allowed to dust the merchandise!

Andy worked for Bergerson Construction

for over 20 years, continuing to make people laugh and making friends. He always wanted to follow in his father's footsteps, so between his employment at Bergerson and working as a casual longshoreman, he became a "B" man in 2013. He was elated, and very proud to carry on the tradition.

Favorites? Hunting with his dad and the Brownsmead Gang, baseball, softball, lots of music, cooking great meals, trapshooting, watching the Yankees beat the Red Sox, watching the Steelers beat anybody! And sometimes, the Seahawks. Always spending time with his family and friends. It was guaranteed he would close his phone calls with "I love you!"

Andy leaves behind four beautiful children, Natosha, Drew, Jake and Mickey; his mom, Nancy Black-Williams; sisters, Elizabeth (Paul) Montgomery, Teresa (Jeff) Stoller and Paula Black-Nickles; and one niece, Taylor Nickles. We also want to acknowledge stepmother Joy Brotherton and her daughters, Carole, Casey and Christy. He is

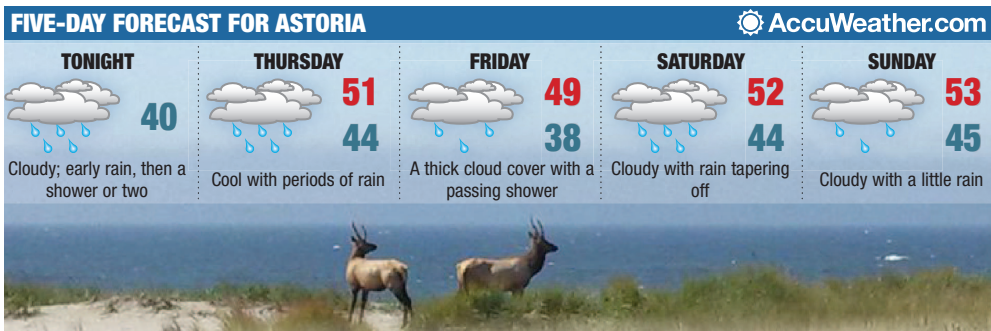
preceded in death by his father, Jimmie Black.

He will be missed forever by all who knew him, and we hope he continues to work on new material for his audiences! He always said, "Comedy ain't pretty!"

Our family will be hosting an informal memorial for Andy on Saturday, March 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the ILWU Hall, Local 50, 491 Industry St. in Astoria, Oregon.

We would like to carry on his legacy and love for baseball through contributions to Seaside Kids Inc., P.O. Box 275 Seaside, OR, 97138, in remembrance of Andrew Black.

An online guest book may be signed at www.OceanViewAstoria.com



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Astoria through Tuesday.

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High/low 50°/40°
Normal high/low 53°/38°
Record high 74° in 1905
Record low 25° in 1974

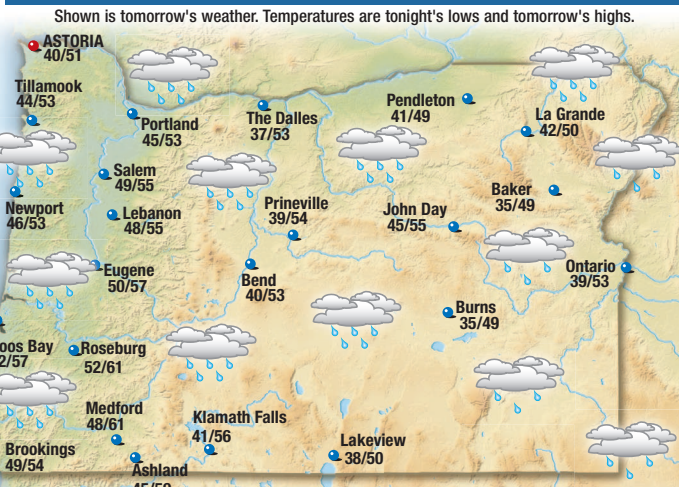
Precipitation
Tuesday 1.19"
Month to date 4.46"
Normal month to date 1.79"
Year to date 22.34"
Normal year to date 19.18"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 6:12 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 6:40 a.m.
Moonrise today 2:15 p.m.
Moonset today 4:22 a.m.

Full Last New First
Mar 12 Mar 20 Mar 27 Apr 3

REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Waxing gibbous moon near the Beehive Cluster (M44).

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

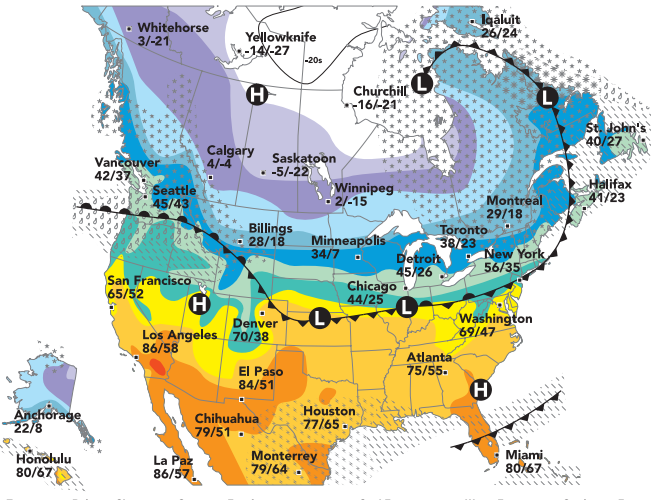
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10:37 a.m.	8.8 ft.	4:40 a.m.	2.6 ft.
11:51 p.m.	8.2 ft.	5:34 p.m.	-0.3 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	70 44 pc	75 55 s	Chicago	52 29 s	44 25 pc
Boston	56 38 r	49 30 s	Denver	66 38 s	70 38 pc
Chicago	52 29 s	44 25 pc	Des Moines	58 31 s	55 23 c
Denver	66 38 s	70 38 pc	Detroit	52 30 pc	45 26 pc
Des Moines	58 31 s	55 23 c	El Paso	80 51 pc	84 51 pc
Detroit	52 30 pc	45 26 pc	Fairbanks	-6 -27 s	3 -9 pc
El Paso	80 51 pc	84 51 pc	Honolulu	80 64 pc	80 67 pc
Fairbanks	-6 -27 s	3 -9 pc	Indianapolis	59 36 s	61 30 pc
Honolulu	80 64 pc	80 67 pc	Kansas City	68 40 s	71 31 pc
Indianapolis	59 36 s	61 30 pc	Las Vegas	76 55 s	81 57 s
Kansas City	68 40 s	71 31 pc	Los Angeles	85 58 s	86 58 s
Las Vegas	76 55 s	81 57 s	Memphis	71 47 s	76 57 pc
Los Angeles	85 58 s	86 58 s	Miami	80 67 pc	80 67 pc
Memphis	71 47 s	76 57 pc	Nashville	68 42 s	74 54 s
Miami	80 67 pc	80 67 pc	New Orleans	70 60 pc	76 63 pc
Nashville	68 42 s	74 54 s	New York	61 43 pc	56 35 s
New Orleans	70 60 pc	76 63 pc	Oklahoma City	73 47 s	78 47 pc
New York	61 43 pc	56 35 s	Philadelphia	63 45 pc	63 38 s
Oklahoma City	73 47 s	78 47 pc	St. Louis	68 44 s	72 36 t
Philadelphia	63 45 pc	63 38 s	Salt Lake City	57 38 s	60 43 pc
St. Louis	68 44 s	72 36 t	San Francisco	64 50 s	65 52 pc
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San Francisco	64 50 s	65 52 pc	Washington, DC	64 46 pc	69 47 s
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Washington, DC	64 46 pc	69 47 s			

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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



Former research vessel sinks near Willapa Bay

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BAY CENTER, Wash. — The U.S. Coast Guard responded to a former research vessel that partially sank at a pier in Bay Center, Washington.

The Coast Guard was notified that the 125-foot Hero sank near Willapa Bay. A light sheen was reported. Response crews deployed sorbent booms and pads around the

vessel to contain any residual product.

The Coast Guard opened the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, using \$25,000 and contracting Global Diving and Salvage to remove more than 70 gallons of diesel fuel and lube oil from the vessel Tuesday. Coast Guard and the Washington State Department of Ecology personnel will continue to monitor the vessel for any further pollution.



Natalie St. John/EO Media Group
The Hero, a research vessel, sank near Willapa Bay.

Jones to host 'Meet the Councilor' event

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Astoria City Councilor Bruce Jones will hold a "Meet the Councilor" event 10 a.m. Friday at Alder-

brook Hall at Lief Erikson Drive and 45th Street.

The public will have an opportunity to bring questions and discuss concerns with Jones, who represents the city's east side.

CORRECTIONS

Name incorrect — Sherman 'Daryl' Birney's mother was Elna Leona Mae Wade. Her first name was incorrectly spelled Etna in an obituary on 2A Tuesday.

Aggressive homeless

A 1A story Tuesday about an aggressive group of homeless people in downtown Astoria contained errors. The Oregon Court of Appeals ruled in

1996 that a panhandling law was unconstitutional. Astoria repealed its begging law in 1998 over constitutional concerns, not in 1996. Drinking in public is illegal in the city, but public intoxication is not. Restrooms near 13th and Exchange streets downtown do not have coded entry during the day, but are locked at night to prevent people from sleeping inside.

DEATH

March 7, 2017

LEE, Virginia Kathryn, 87, of Astoria, 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.: 1-2-9-3
4 p.m.: 1-0-3-9
7 p.m.: 8-4-2-3
10 p.m.: 3-8-1-9
Mega Millions: 3-30-45-53-68, Mega Ball: 11
Estimated jackpot: \$106 million

WASHINGTON

Tuesday's Daily Game: 9-2-5
Tuesday's Keno: 01-12-22-24-27-28-29-30-34-36-37-42-45-46-51-59-62-66-67-74
Tuesday's Match 4: 02-03-08-10

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