

# POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

## 'School kids have spring break next week. If you could have a spring break, what would you do?'



"If I had a spring break I would go down and see the sea lions, and watch their antics, and enjoy the herons and fishing boats."

Stacey McKenney, Astoria



"Well, I'd go to the beach. It's right here. Why not? And I'd go to see McMinnville a little bit. I've heard it's a beautiful town. Actually, I'm renting a car, so I guess I'm going to find out."

Brenda Creel, Astoria and Colorado



"I'm on permanent spring break. I'm retired. Every day is Saturday."

Patrick Albers, Astoria

## OBITUARIES

### Jack W. Pitman Seaside and Svensen Aug. 31, 1958 — Feb. 18, 2017

Jack W. Pitman, 58, a lifetime resident of Seaside, Oregon, and Svensen, Oregon, died Feb. 18, 2017, in The Dalles, Oregon. He was born Aug. 31, 1958, the son of William and Madonna Pitman.

He was a material handler for E. C. Co., Local 48, from 1997 to 2017. He was well-liked by everyone, and went out of his way to do the best job he could do for the company.

He was an avid hunter, with both gun and bow, and loved to golf and go fishing with his brother-in-law.

Survivors include his wife, Debra Pitman, whom he married March 6, 1997; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Mark Lucus; a grandson, Grady; a granddaughter, Illia; and two brothers, Jay Pitman and his daughter, Michelle, of Seaside, and his son, Josh, and daughter, Hayley of Battle Ground, Washington.



Jack Pitman

He is also survived by two nieces and their children, Erica Templeton and Tim Lepinski, and their children, Candice Templeton and Jordan Templeton and Parker Lepinski and Sammy Lepinski; JR Frakes and his wife, Manda, and their children, Allissa Rosado and Dillion Rosado and Caitlin Frakes and Conner Frakes; and Mark Hanseth and his wife, Laurie, and their son, Don Hanseth and his wife, Melissa, and their two daughters, Taeler and Chelsey.

A celebration of life and potluck will be held at the Elks Lodge in Astoria, Oregon, from 12 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 22.

### Claire Lovell Seaside Sept. 9, 1920 — March 15, 2017

Evelyn Claire (Ruthrauff) Lovell passed away peacefully at her home in Seaside, Oregon, on March 15, 2017, in the company of family and friends. She was 96.

Known for her quick wit and vivacity, Claire's roots in the community ran deep. Except for brief stints in Grays Harbor and Portland, and five years in Astoria, Seaside was her only home. In her own words, "Some flowers just want to be left alone to bloom where they are planted — I'm one of those, myself."

Claire was born in Seaside on Sept. 9, 1920, to Charles and Myrtle (Sawrey) Ruthrauff. The youngest of nine children, she attended Central School and Seaside Union High School, graduating as salutatorian with the Class of 1937, an honor she shared with close friend Evelyn (Stewart) Redkey.

After training at St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, she became a registered nurse in 1943, later returning to work in the hospital's maternity ward. Her nursing career spanned more than four decades, during which time she also married and raised a family. She worked for many years at the Seaside Clinic and at Ocean Air (later Ocean Park) Nursing Home, where she served as head nurse and administrator until her retirement in 1985.

Not content to be idle, Claire found a new pursuit as a columnist for the Seaside Signal. "Scene and Heard" appeared regularly from 1990 to 2017, with her final submission completed a week before her death. In her column, Claire mused about everything from local history and current goings on, to language and life lessons. It reflected her wry sense of humor, and most often closed with a favorite quip or laugh line.

In 2009, she published "Where the Heart Is," a memoir and celebration of the hometown she treasured.

Many of Claire's activities and friendships revolved around Seaside United Methodist Church, where she was active from a young age. She especially enjoyed singing with the choir. The church honored her 75 years of membership in 2010. She was also a 70-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 99.

Throughout her life, Claire corresponded with countless friends and acquaintances, and wrote letters of admiration and admonition to public figures. Those who knew her will recall her remarkable memory for birthdays and special occasions, which she always acknowledged with a personal note.

Claire had a deep appreciation for both language and music; she composed poetry, lyrics, and loved to dance. As befits a lifelong resident of the coast, she was for many years an accomplished clam digger. She delighted in watching birds and wildlife and taking walks about town, catching up with friends and neighbors along the way.

Claire is survived by her children, Robin (Hill) Derringer (Stan Delgado) of Bremerton, Washington, Gary Hill (Connie Oksol) of Oakland, California, Jeffrey Hill (Nancy) and Lauren (Lovell) McMichaels (Rob), both of Eugene, Oregon; grandchildren, Aimee, Andra, Julia, David and Elena; and great-granddaughter, Emery. She was preceded in death by longtime friend and sweetheart, John Raniero.

A memorial celebration will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, at Seaside United Methodist Church, with a reception to follow. All are welcome.

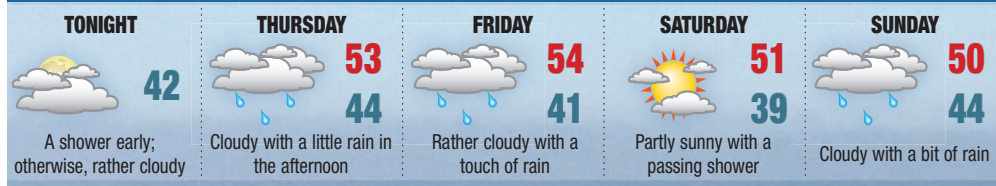
Private burial will be at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. To sign the guest book, please visit [www.hughes-ransom.com](http://www.hughes-ransom.com)



Claire Lovell

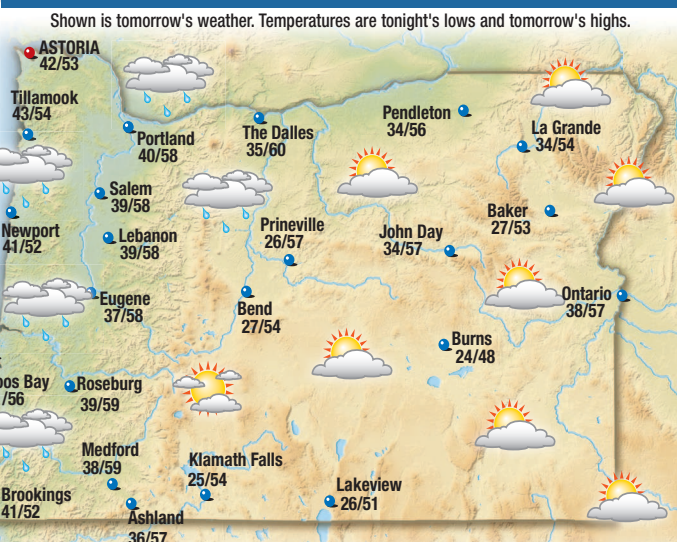
### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



### ALMANAC

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

### REGIONAL WEATHER



### UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Look for the constellation of Coma Berenice between Ursa Major and Bootes.

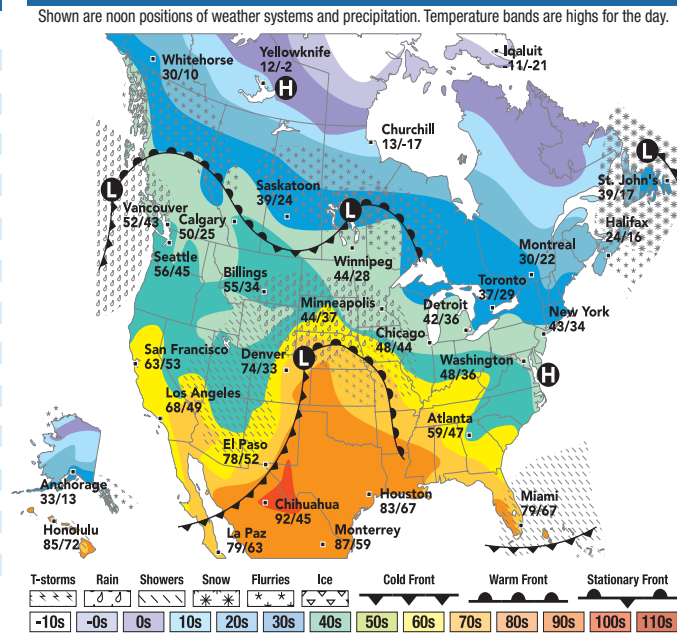
### TOMORROW'S TIDES

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

### REGIONAL CITIES

Table showing weather forecasts for various regional cities including Baker City, Bend, Brookings, Eugene, Ilwaco, Klamath Falls, Medford, Newport, and North Bend.

### TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



## Army Corps warns boaters of pile dikes danger on river

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is warning boaters to beware of the pile dikes, or wing dams, along the banks of the Columbia River that can be hidden by high water and cause serious damage to vessels.

The Army Corps has 233 pile dikes in the 145 miles between the mouth of the Columbia and Bonneville Dam. The dikes help direct river flow toward the main channel, reducing dredging requirements, increasing channel stabilization and

better-protecting river banks, including dredged material placement sites.

Most Corps pile dikes are recognizable by a line of alternating timber piles supported by a horizontal spreader. At the end farthest into the river is a tall bundle of piles, known as a king pile, marking the end of the dike for better visibility. Stone blankets the entire length of the pile dike around the base.

Nearly 80 pile dikes are missing the king piles. While this need is critical, the Corps said, pile dike

maintenance hasn't been funded in recent years. The Corps is seeking ideas to lower repair costs and phase in work, partnering with the U.S. Coast Guard and boating safety groups to improve safe navigation and public awareness.

Pile dike locations are shown on publicly available National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration navigation charts and the Corps' hydro-survey charts. Mariners should use the charts in addition to visual observation when boating around pile dikes.

### ON THE RECORD

**Assault**  
• At 9:59 a.m. Friday, Gregory A. Johnson, 36, of Seaside, was arrested by the Seaside Police Department on the 700 block of South Wahanna

Road for assault. He allegedly smacked his girlfriend and caused an abrasion.

**DUII**  
• At 3:31 a.m. Sunday, Paul R. Stahlke, 23, of Joint Base

Lewis-McChord, Washington, was arrested by the Seaside Police Department at U.S. Highway 101 near Avenue F for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

### MEMORIALS

**Saturday, March 25**  
BLACK, Andrew D. — Memorial, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Hall, Local 50, 491 Industry St.

**Sunday, March 26**  
LYNN, Michael "Mike" George — Celebration of life and potluck at 1 p.m., The Dalles Civic Auditorium Fireside Room, 323 E. Fourth St. in The Dalles.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

**WEDNESDAY**  
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

Transit Center Conference Room, 900 Marine Drive.  
**Astoria City Council**, 6 p.m., work session on parks budget, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.  
**Cannon Beach Planning Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
Tuesday's Pick 4:  
1 p.m.: 3-3-1-7  
4 p.m.: 5-1-7-6  
7 p.m.: 8-5-9-3  
10 p.m.: 6-4-2-9  
Mega Millions: 4-45-53-73-75, Mega Ball: 7  
Estimated jackpot: \$151 million

**WASHINGTON**  
Tuesday's Daily Game: 5-9-8  
Tuesday's Keno: 01-03-08-14-16-20-28-33-37-38-46-50-56-58-59-61-68-70-72-77  
Tuesday's Match 4: 05-07-11-22

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