

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK



"Oh, only one thing? There's so many. The first thing that pops into my head is she always said to have clean underwear in case there's an accident. My grandma did that, too. Both of them."

Karen Parrott, Astoria



"My mother always said when you get up in the morning, never feel that you can't look at yourself in the mirror."

Diane Finucane, Astoria



"The most important thing I've learned from motherhood is that all children you have are a blessing and a disappointment. You've got to hedge your bets. But ... every good thing that has ever happened to me is from my oldest daughter."

Lin Higgins, Hammond

Feds answer immigration questions in Ilwaco

Warned of scams, family separations

By AMY NILE
EO Media Group

ILWACO, Wash. — Federal immigration authorities came to a church in Pacific County, Washington, last week to bust rumors and rebuff scams that have spread with increased deportation efforts.

Leaders from seven peninsula churches and the Ocean Beach School District asked federal officials for help answering questions after raids earlier this year inflated fears about families being split and local businesses left without workers.

"We're trying to be God's hands and feet. The best way to do that is with resources," said Pastor John Thomas after the Thursday meeting at his New Life Church in Ilwaco.

Karen Quinn Andrus, of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Melissa

Nitsch, with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, answered the call. They said swindlers have been preying on immigrant communities since President Donald Trump ordered agents to crack down on those living in the country illegally.

"When there's fear — not facts — that's when they're vulnerable," Quinn Andrus said. "There's been an uptick in fraud."

And it's only going to get worse, she said. Scammers are coming up with all sorts of bogus rip-offs, such as hawkling phony deportation insurance, pretend government officials demanding money, or sending fake notices to gather information that can be used for scams.

"It's really cruel," Quinn Andrus said. "Imagine if you don't have an authority you can ask."

Most wanted

ICE agents are targeting specific people — crimi-

nals living in the country illegally and those who threaten national security — for deportation, Nitsch said. No one is exempt from the law, but authorities are not going after groups or businesses.

"We're not out there rounding up groups of people who don't look like they're supposed to be here," she said. "We know who we're looking for."

Despite the onslaught of enforcement, she said, agents try avoid picking people up in sensitive spots, such as schools, churches, hospitals or other public gathering places. However, she continued, if they find someone they're after at such sites, there could be cases in which arrests are made. Authorities typically look for suspects at their homes.

The Trump administration has beefed up deportations but due process hasn't changed, Nitsch said. An immigration judge in Seattle, Tacoma or Portland is

likely to decide whether people who are arrested by agents can stay.

"The Constitution says person — not citizen," Nitsch said.

Those arrested in the region are unlikely to be held until their cases can be heard. The courts are already backlogged with people waiting up to five years to go before a judge, Nitsch said. Those who are arrested and released are given a work permit so they can earn a living while they wait.

Planning for the worst

The two spokeswoman want parents to make plans for their children in case they are separated during a raid. Children born on U.S. soil are U.S. citizens. If a parent is being deported, Quinn Andrus said, they get to decide whether to take their children with them or have another adult care for them in the U.S.

She suggests those eligible for deportation relief

under the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals — or DACA — program should still apply, despite concerns about its uncertain future and putting family members at risk by identifying them on forms.

"Some status is better than no status," she said.

She also encouraged visitors not to let visas expire and told immigrants to keep their status updated to avoid being pegged as a rule-breaker. Anyone who needs help with their cases should talk to an immigration attorney or a representative with the Board of Immigration Appeals. Nonprofit and church groups, such as Catholic and Lutheran community services, can help people better understand their rights, Quinn Andrus said.

No path

People with money or "exceptional" work skills can immigrate to the U.S. without much trouble. But others

can end up waiting for years.

"It's not an easy path and there aren't many ways to do it," Quinn Andrus said. "It's not about being a good person, it's about permission" to come into the country.

The meeting offered little hope for those looking to pursue opportunities in America.

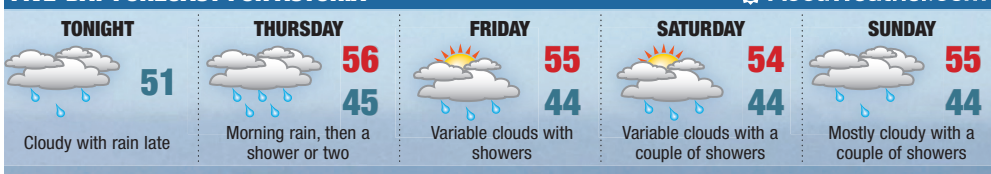
One woman said her neighbor was deported earlier this year, leaving his wife and little boy to live in fear of being torn apart. She was angry after hearing from the two officials.

"Does ICE realize what they're doing to kids and families? Do they even care," she asked. "How do you people live with yourselves?"

Quinn Andrus defended the agencies for doing their jobs to enforce the law.

"Ma'am your story breaks my heart," she said. "Stay involved, be active and help the process evolve to better meet our needs."

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.
Temperatures
 High/low 63°/40°
 Normal high/low 60°/44°
 Record high 78° in 1940
 Record low 34° in 2006
Precipitation
 Tuesday 0.00"
 Month to date 1.16"
 Normal month to date 1.10"
 Year to date 42.40"
 Normal year to date 31.14"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:35 p.m.
 Sunrise Thursday 5:48 a.m.
 Moonrise today 8:28 p.m.
 Moonset today 6:10 a.m.
 Full Last New First
 May 10 May 18 May 25 June 1

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The full "flower" moon will rise at 8:21 p.m.; due south at 1:29 a.m.; setting at 6:38 a.m.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

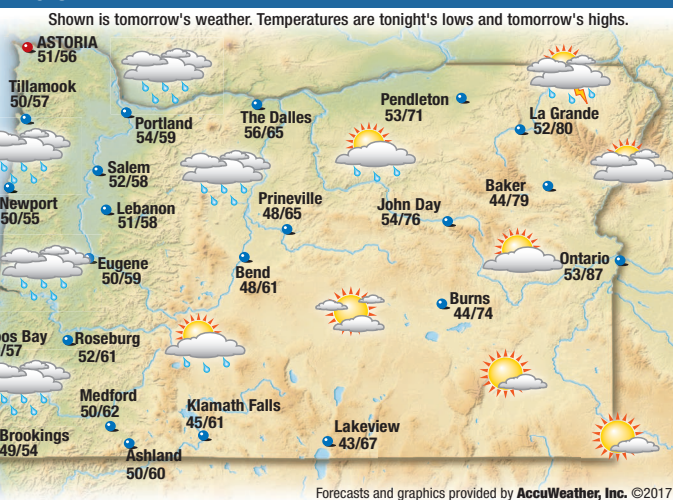
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2:02 a.m.	8.8 ft.	8:52 a.m.	-0.4 ft.
3:08 p.m.	7.5 ft.	8:42 p.m.	2.3 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	W
Atlanta	88 65 s	89 65 s	s
Boston	57 46 c	54 46 c	c
Chicago	69 49 sh	56 43 c	sh
Denver	55 42 r	62 42 c	c
Des Moines	75 55 r	71 49 sh	sh
Detroit	64 48 pc	55 46 r	r
El Paso	72 53 pc	83 59 s	s
Fairbanks	61 39 c	65 43 pc	pc
Honolulu	84 73 sh	84 71 sh	sh
Indianapolis	79 63 t	74 52 r	r
Kansas City	83 59 t	67 51 r	r
Las Vegas	83 64 pc	90 70 s	s
Los Angeles	68 56 pc	70 55 pc	pc
Memphis	87 67 pc	82 64 pc	pc
Miami	89 71 s	91 73 s	s
Nashville	87 64 pc	86 61 pc	pc
New Orleans	83 66 pc	81 68 pc	pc
New York	64 49 pc	63 50 pc	pc
Oklahoma City	76 62 t	80 55 pc	pc
Philadelphia	70 49 pc	68 49 pc	pc
St. Louis	87 68 t	77 55 r	r
Salt Lake City	76 54 pc	81 61 s	s
San Francisco	65 53 pc	67 51 pc	pc
Seattle	71 54 pc	58 46 r	r
Washington, DC	74 54 pc	64 52 r	r

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

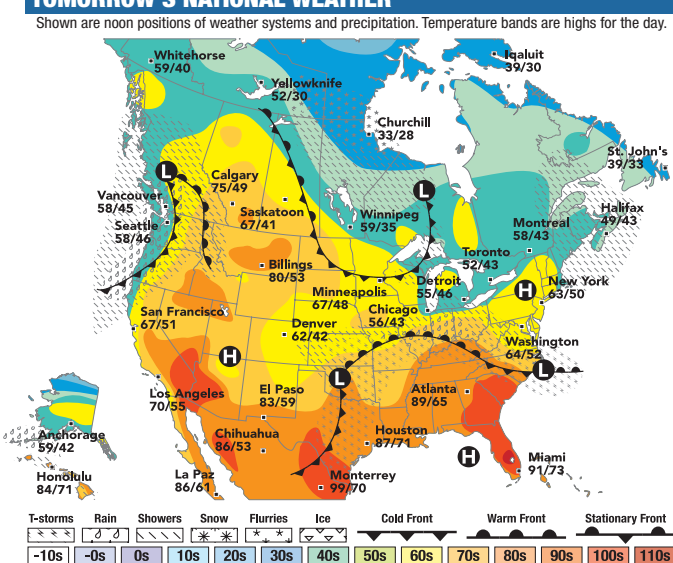
REGIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	W
Baker City	78 44 s	79 42 pc	pc
Bend	79 48 s	61 34 pc	pc
Brookings	57 50 pc	53 45 r	r
Eugene	75 50 pc	59 43 r	r
Ilwaco	57 51 pc	56 47 r	r
Klamath Falls	77 45 s	61 31 sh	sh
Medford	84 50 pc	62 43 r	r
Newberg	74 53 pc	58 45 r	r
Newport	58 50 pc	55 44 r	r
North Bend	61 51 pc	57 46 r	r
Olympia	73 51 pc	58 42 r	r
Pendleton	80 53 s	71 45 pc	pc
Portland	76 54 pc	59 46 r	r
Roseburg	78 52 pc	61 44 r	r
Salem	75 52 pc	58 45 r	r
Seaside	59 51 pc	57 47 r	r
Spokane	75 54 s	75 44 t	t
Springfield	76 50 pc	58 43 r	r
Vancouver	75 55 pc	59 46 r	r
Yakima	84 53 pc	71 43 r	r

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



OBITUARY

Betty Jean Getman

Vancouver, Washington
 May 5, 1933 — April 28, 2017

Betty Getman, née Weber, formerly Betty Gardner, age 83, passed away in Vancouver, Washington, on April 28, 2017, after a long illness. Former addresses include Jennings Lodge,

Portland and Astoria in Oregon and Chinook, Washington.

Betty's loving husband of 19 years, Donald Getman, preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 1999. Betty and her first husband, Harold J. Gardner, raised four children: Gregory, Kathleen, Julianne and Theresa. They divorced in 1976; Harry died in 1987.

Names can tell a story. Betty Jean Rosalie Theresa Marie Weber Gardner Getman was born May 5, 1933, as Rosalie; then was adopted by John A. Weber and Eva Hughes Weber, who named her Betty Jean. Raised Catholic, Betty took two saint's names at confirmation: Theresa and Marie.

Betty attended grade school at Catholic McLoughlin Institute in Oregon City, high school at St. Mary's Academy in Portland and college at Marylhurst, earning a bachelor of music degree with honors in classical piano.

In 1955, she met, fell in love with and married Harold J. Gardner, who had recently completed his U.S. Air Force tour of duty. Betty spent eight years as the music/choir director at St. John the Apostle Church in Oregon City, then worked at Oregon City Hospital prior to an 11-year position with United Airlines.

Subsequently, she was an instructor at International Air Academy in Vancouver, Wash-

ington, which she loved. In her later years, Betty became passionate about environmental issues, most specifically the health of the Columbia River.

A life-changing event in 1971: BJ and Harry were visiting Ceylon (now called Sri Lanka), an island nation off the southeast coast of India. Surprised by a violent political uprising, they and many others were trapped on the island with all flights canceled. Thousands were killed.

Betty, as an employee of a United Airlines, was instrumental in getting a commercial flight into Ceylon on short notice for evacuation of tourists and U.S. personnel. It was a daring rescue, owed in large part to Betty Gardner Getman and the president of Trans World Airlines, who broke rules to order the secret rescue, plus the bravery of the TWA pilots and crew.

Betty is survived by her loving children, Gregory (Karin) Gardner, Kathleen (Daniel) Corcos, Julianne (Mark) Maguire and Theresa (Charles Bubba) Kuhn; her grandchildren, John, James (Nichole), Joseph (Jillian), Caroline, Amanda, David, Christina (Kevin), Wesley, Anne, James, Rachel and Elizabeth; and her great-grandchildren, Brandon, Logan, Cian, Liam, Jamison, Jayna, Delylah, Jonah, Grace and Levi.

A private service is planned for summertime. Remembrances may be left at www.waudsfuneralservice.com/listings



Betty Jean Getman

CORRECTION

Identification incorrect — Dick Hellberg, a candidate for the Port of Astoria Commission, is a former longshoreman. A IA story on Thursday incorrectly identified Hellberg as a retired longshoreman.

MEMORIALS

Saturday, May 13
 ASKE, Norman — Celebration of life at noon, banquet room, Fultano's Pizza, 770 E. Columbia River Highway in Clatskanie.
 HUCKABY, Ruth C. (Hess) — Celebration of life from noon to 4 p.m., Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. in Warrenton.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Cannon Beach Budget Meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.
Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

THURSDAY
Clatsop Care Health District Board, noon, special meeting, Clatsop Care Center, 646 16th St.
Seaside Convention Center Commission, 5 p.m., Convention Center, 415 First Ave.
Warrenton Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 4357
 4 p.m.: 1512
 7 p.m.: 0238
 10 p.m.: 3476
Mega Millions: 6-29-45-69-73, Mega Ball: 11
 Estimated jackpot: \$30 million

WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game:
 1-7-6
Tuesday's Keno: 03-07-09-10-13-20-23-24-32-33-40-41-42-59-61-66-71-72-76-80
Tuesday's Match 4: 09-16-17-22

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