

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'Oprah for president?'



"Probably not. I don't dislike her, but being a talk show host for 20 years doesn't make her a viable candidate."

John Frame, Naselle, Washington



"Her speech was inspiring."

Sharon Davis, Astoria



"I don't want to compare her to Orange45, but they're celebrities. You'd think we'd learned a lesson when Argentina elected a clown."

Weston Duggan-Starr, Astoria

DEATH

Jan. 10, 2018

CONNER, Barry E., 85, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Saturday, Jan. 13

TETZ, Roberta (Leback) — Memorial service and celebration of her life at 1 p.m., Chinook School Gym, 810 U.S. Highway 101, Chinook, Washington. A reception follows.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 9397
 4 p.m.: 6748
 7 p.m.: 8339
 10 p.m.: 4850
Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 01-06-

09-14-18-23-25-29
 Estimated jackpot: \$17,000
Tuesday's Mega Millions:
 16-29-31-65-67, Mega Ball: 23
 Estimated jackpot:
 \$45 million

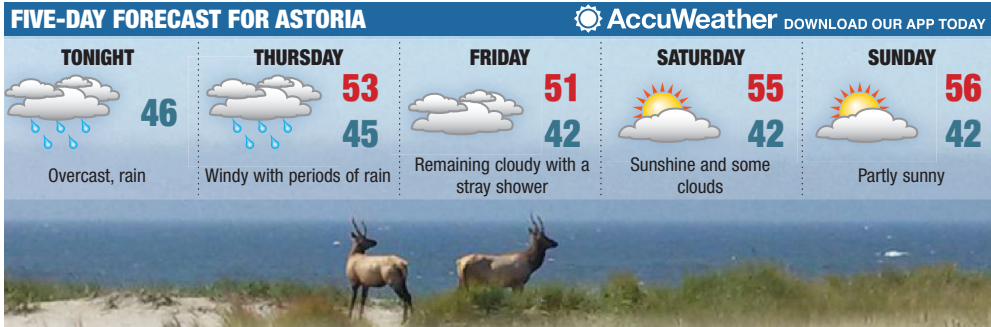
WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game: 8-7-5
Tuesday's Keno: 07-13-26-28-42-43-50-53-54-56-59-64-65-66-69-70-74-75-79-80
Tuesday's Match 4: 02-03-15-22

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.
Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 6 p.m., facilities planning meeting, 7 p.m., regular meeting, Warrenton High School

library, 1700 S. Main Ave.
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.
Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

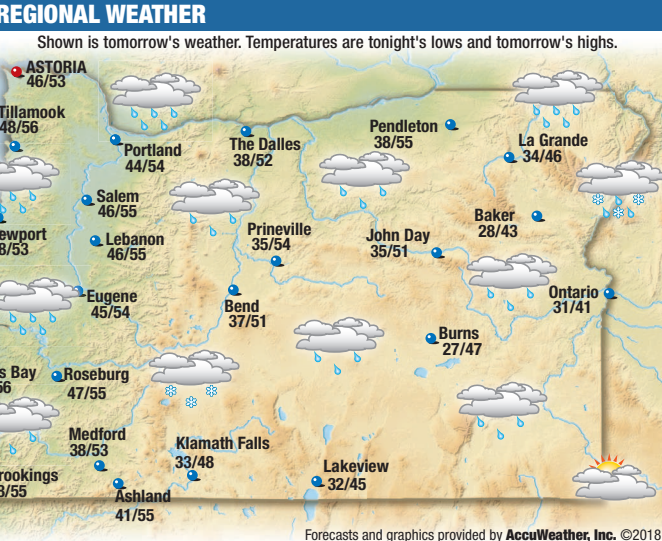
THURSDAY
Seaside Thurston Center Commission, 5 p.m., 415 First Avenue.
Clatsop Community College Board, 1 p.m., work session on tobacco policy, Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave.



ALMANAC
 Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures
 High/low 49°/38°
 Normal high/low 49°/38°
 Record high 60° in 1941
 Record low 15° in 1974

Precipitation
 Tuesday 0.14"
 Month to date 2.55"
 Normal month to date 3.14"
 Year to date 2.55"
 Normal year to date 3.14"



SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 4:50 p.m.
 Sunrise Thursday 7:56 a.m.
 Moonrise today 2:01 a.m.
 Moonset today 12:56 p.m.

New First Full Last
 Jan 16 Jan 24 Jan 31 Feb 7

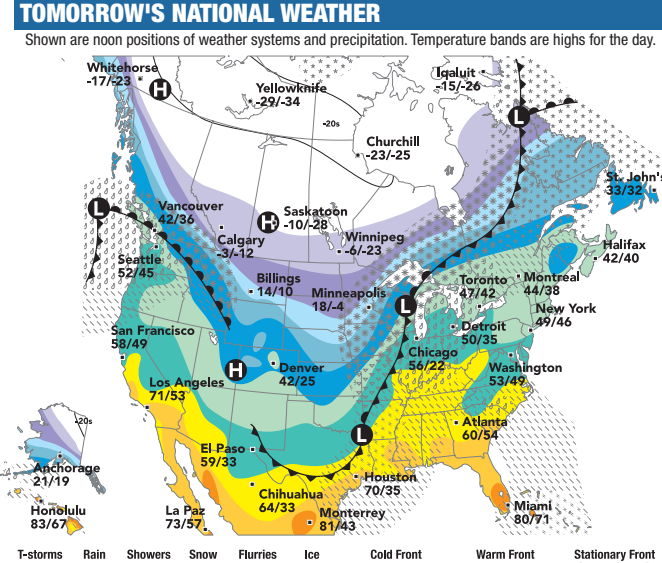
UNDER THE SKY
 Tonight's Sky: Aries, the Ram, is located between Taurus and Pegasus nearly overhead before midnight.

TOMORROW'S TIDES
 Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Low
8:57 a.m.	8.8 ft.	2.35 a.m.
10:10 p.m.	6.8 ft.	4:00 p.m.
		2.9 ft.
		1.2 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	61	53	c	60	54	c
Boston	36	30	s	48	44	pc
Chicago	48	47	c	56	22	r
Denver	52	22	c	42	25	s
Des Moines	45	29	c	30	2	i
Detroit	44	43	c	50	35	r
El Paso	60	45	sh	59	33	s
Fairbanks	-5	-14	s	-4	-10	s
Honolulu	83	70	pc	83	67	pc
Indianapolis	51	50	c	59	30	r
Kansas City	51	36	c	41	9	i
Las Vegas	61	43	pc	60	45	s
Los Angeles	64	51	pc	71	53	s
Memphis	63	58	c	66	32	r
Miami	79	67	t	80	71	c
Nashville	62	55	c	65	46	sh
New Orleans	71	60	c	73	47	sh
New York	39	34	s	49	46	c
Oklahoma City	55	39	pc	43	19	c
Philadelphia	42	33	c	50	44	c
St. Louis	57	54	c	61	17	r
Salt Lake City	44	29	sh	44	34	pc
San Francisco	57	49	pc	58	49	pc
Seattle	46	43	r	52	45	r
Washington, DC	43	36	pc	53	49	c



OBITUARIES

Robert E. Fastabend Vancouver, Washington Dec. 25, 1933 — Dec. 24, 2017



Robert Fastabend

Col. Robert Edward Fastabend (ret.), 83, of Vancouver, Washington, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017. He was born a Christmas twin on Dec. 25, 1933, in Astoria, Oregon, to John and Elizabeth (Shea) Fastabend. His twin, Bill, passed in December 2002. He grew up in a large family with six brothers and a sister. It was a lively household with much laughter and love. The brothers were the best of practical jokers, as evident one Christmas when Bob got a left shoe for Christmas and a right shoe for his birthday. Robert "Bob" graduated from Star of the Sea High School in 1951. He married his sweetheart, Margaret "Peggy" Smith, in October 1952, in Astoria, Oregon. Bob and Peggy had five children, which they raised in the old Naval Hospital grounds in the Walluski area outside of Astoria.

chief of staff for the Oregon Army National Guard. Robert's kind demeanor and leadership style produced a high degree of loyalty from his officers and troops. He gained great respect from all who called him colonel.

He was a very supportive and fun-loving father and grandfather. He was generous to his grandkids, and enjoyed spending time with them all. You would often find him sitting on the floor playing right alongside his grandkids and great grandkids, who lovingly called him GG Bob.

Robert is survived by his wife, Peggy Fastabend; daughters Karen Black (Pat), Jackie Dieker (John) and Paula Starr (Kandie); sons Ken Fastabend (Cathy) and Randall Fastabend (Corinn Brown); sister Cathy VanHorn of Astoria, Oregon; brother Jack Fastabend of Richland, Washington; 12 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Robert was a proud member of the Tualatin Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

Services and military honors will be held at a later time.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made as donations at woundedwarriorproject.org, or at Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka KS 66675-8517.

Peter Porter Hunter Naselle, Washington Oct. 27, 1930 — Jan. 5, 2018

Beloved husband to one, father of two, friend and mentor to many, Peter Porter Hunter passed away on Jan. 5, 2018 in Astoria, Oregon. He was born to Willard and Margaret (Lynch) Hunter in Arlington, Colorado. His birth certificate says otherwise, but his mother said she knew when he was born, and it was on Oct. 27, 1930.

ise built their home starting with the original house on the farm. He was a talented carpenter, handyman and cabinet maker. He kept things on the farm running with his mechanical and welding skills.



Peter Hunter

After spending his early childhood in Arlington, the family later moved to Gunnison, where Peter graduated from Gunnison County High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Western State College of Colorado.

Peter was a member of the Naselle Lutheran Church, and was actively involved on the church council. Peter believed strongly in education, and served for many years on the Naselle-Grays River Valley School District Board of Directors.

Peter then joined the Navy. While stationed at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, Ensign Hunter met his bride, Louise Holm, who was working at the Fort Ord Hospital.

His greatest accomplishment was as a husband, father and friend. Peter and Louise's children are Mitzi and Peter, and grandchildren are Emily and Katie. It was the delight of his life to be "Poppa" to his granddaughters.

Peter and Louise married in 1954, and then made their first home at Amadore Naval Station in Panama, where he served as a meteorologist for two years. The Hunters then returned to the Holm family farm in Naselle. Peter farmed and then, in 1966, became a counselor at the Naselle Youth Camp, where he worked for over 20 years.

The name Peter means "rock" and that describes Peter perfectly; he could always be counted on to be there, to be level-headed in decisions, and was a friend and mentor to many.

Peter and Louise were active farmers, first with a dairy and then with beef cattle. Peter loved farming, and for many years made hay not only for the farm, but for others all over the valley. Peter enjoyed fishing, duck hunting, golf, clam digging, tending his roses, and in the last several years became an avid watcher of the Tennis Channel.

Funeral and graveside services will be held at Naselle Lutheran Church and Peaceful Hill Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018; a reception will follow at the church.

After retirement, they went to Alaska and made several trips to Hawaii. Peter and Louise

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Naselle Lutheran Church or the Emma Holm Memorial Scholarship Fund.

His guest book is available at pentilischapel.com

Scott Randall Merkley Seaside Aug. 28, 1947 — Dec. 23, 2017



Scott Randall Merkley passed away on Dec. 23, 2017, in the comfort of his home, and in the company of his devoted and loving partner, Nick Poepping.

hart and Seaside, Oregon, since the late 1990s. He was a man of wide and diverse knowledge, with a particular interest in history and politics.

Scott was born Thomas Scott Randall on Aug. 28, 1947, in Longview, Washington. His father was Melvin Randall and his beloved mother was Joy Jamieson Merkley. Scott was raised in the towns of Eureka and Terra Linda, California, where he graduated from high school in 1965.

He is survived by his longtime partner, Nick Poepping, of Seaside, Oregon. He is also survived by a brother and his sister, Cynthia Ayat, as well as his three nephews, Jason, Daniel and Michael Ayat, who always admired him and thought the world of him.

He went on to serve in the Navy for four years, which took him to Spain, Cyprus and Israel.

Plans to have a celebration of Scott's life will be announced and posted to the living tribute at Hughes-Ransom Mortuaries website once the details have been arranged. For now, you may visit the site to sign the online guest book, share a treasured memory or upload pictures or videos at hughes-ransom.com and facebook.com/hughesransommortuary

After his service, Scott served in the San Francisco Police Department before a long and varied career in hospitality. Scott lived in Gear-

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