

# POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK



"A day away with my sweetie, with a wonderful dinner, topped off with chocolate. No phone, no TV or other interruptions. Now, if we could both get off work ..."

Julia Hesse, Astoria



"It would be for somebody to make a homemade dinner, and candlelight, and soft music and cuddling. But first you have to have someone to do that with."

Stephanie Martin, Astoria



"Just getting to spend some quality time with my husband, and not worry about getting dinner, doing laundry, packing lunches. Just want to sit in the recliner and relax."

Mary Olson, Astoria

## Climber dies, others rescued on Mount Hood

By STEVEN DUBOIS and GILLIAN FLACCUS  
Associated Press

**GOVERNMENT CAMP** — One climber fell to his death and several others had to be rescued after conditions turned treacherous on Mount Hood.

More than a half-dozen people had been climbing near the state's tallest peak when a climber fell about 1,000 feet, said Sgt. Brian Jensen, a Clackamas County sheriff's office spokesman.

"One of the guys slipped," said climber Quinn Talley of Welches, who had been descending after summiting Tuesday morning. "At first he was just sliding and right before he disappeared, he started cartwheeling."

Talley, who said he's climbed the mountain about 20 times and has never seen worse conditions, said he tried to reach the man, but the ice was too dangerous.

"Normally, you like a frozen crust on snow so your crampons don't ball up with snow, but this is different," Talley said. "With the rain and freeze cycles, there's something called rime ice ... and it's really loose and normally it's just fluffy. But these were like dinner plates, hard ice dinner plates."

KOIN reported that video taken from a helicopter showed other climbers performing CPR on the man before he was airlifted by an Oregon Army National Guard helicopter to a hospital.

He was later declared dead. Authorities have not released his identity.

Mount Hood, a peak notorious for loose ice and rocks in warm weather, is a popular climbing site that has seen dozens of accidents and fatalities over the years. Thousands climb it each year, mostly in the spring.

The sun has been out this week and the temperature was around freezing at the spot where the climber fell, said Russell Gubele of Mountain Wave Search and Rescue.

"This is the kind of weather conditions and the time of year where you often get falling ice, falling rocks and problems," Gubele said. "It sounds like the conditions up there are very unsafe right now."

Climbers used their cell phones to report that conditions were hazardous and described the falling rocks and ice "like a bowling alley," said Air Force Maj. Chris Bernard of the 304th Rescue Squadron.

The stuck climbers were on or near the Hogsback area near the summit of the 11,240-foot mountain east of Portland.

Rescuers made it up to the other climbers Tuesday afternoon at the 10,500-foot elevation and assessed them before starting down the mountain.

Two climbers who were in the same party as the man who fell were guided down the mountain to a snow tractor, which took them to Timberline Lodge at 6,000 feet.

Rescuers used a sled and a rope system to bring down a woman in the party who said she was unable to move.

Steve Rollins of Portland Mountain Rescue said the woman arrived at the Timberline Lodge just before 8 p.m.

"It was very hard to move under these types of conditions and she was very brave and very stoic during her evacuation," he said of the woman who was rescued, adding that she was able to get out of the snow tractor under her own power.

Three other climbers made their way down the mountain without assistance, according to the sheriff's office.

Wyatt Peck, 26, said he started to go up the mountain Tuesday, but turned around. He said the conditions were so treacherous that he and a friend could not get their pickaxes and crampons into the snow that was melting from a hard freeze overnight.

Peck said others in his climbing group continued, and he was concerned that they were among those stranded.

"I saw like I said a lot of people were struggling traversing," he said. "I think they just got to the summit and were so exhausted they didn't know what to do to get back down — and that's the hardest part, to get back down."

Peck said climbers must know when to abandon a summit attempt.

"The mountain's always going to be there — your life's not worth it," he said.

## OBITUARIES

### Claudia Marie Edwards Ocean Park, Washington Oct. 29, 1942 — Jan. 29, 2018

Our beloved and special mom, wife, daughter, grandma and adopted mom to many, Claudia Marie Edwards, 75, died from complications of a stroke on Jan. 29 in Portland.

Claudia was born in Vancouver, Washington, on Oct. 29, 1942, to Bill and Ida Wulf. Their only child, she had a happy childhood, living in the Dollar's Corner area near Battle Ground. Beginning at age 8, she began her cooking skills, and attended Battle Ground grade and junior high until 1957. That year the family moved to the Long Beach Peninsula, where she graduated from Ilwaco High School with the class of 1960. Immediately following high school, she went to beauty college for a year.



Claudia Edwards

In March 1961 she married Larry Edwards, who was in the Coast Guard, and they lived in Ilwaco. She gave birth to her daughter, Claudette, on May 4, 1963, followed by a son, Blaine, on March 1, 1965. In 1972, they divorced. After a time away from the peninsula, Claudia and children returned there, where she worked in various occupations.

In 1981 the family moved to Kodiak, Alaska, along with best friend, Marie Minkoff, and in 1983 she met and became life partner to Jim Kemmer. Together they began a life of adventure, fun and many happy moments. In 1989, they purchased a ranch in Eastern Oregon and enjoyed many happy times "over there." Claudia's special gift was being a cook for family

and friends, making a "bunch of food" for all, especially her own special creations.

In her younger years she was a member of Chinook Lutheran Church, where she was active with the choir. Later she became a member of Ocean Park Community Church. She loved the Lord, Bible study, fun events at church, loved Joyce Meyer, and always wanted to see her in person. In the late 1970s she was a member of the Junior Women's Club.

Claudia loved to travel, having gone to Hawaii twice; but her favorite destination was Jackson Hole, Wyoming. There she dreamed of having a place in front of the Teton Mountains. Digging razor clams was a favorite activity, and the annual highlight was hosting a Fourth of July party! She was the bright spot of her family, loved by many, and she will be missed so very much.

Claudia is survived by her loving partner, Jim Kemmer of Long Beach; daughter Claudette Terry of Ocean Park; son Blaine Edwards of Ocean Park; 10 grandchildren; and numerous cousins, step-family members and her loving friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Bill Wulf; mother, Ida Wulf; grandson, Travis Christman; and half-brother, Kevin Wulf.

A celebration of her life will be Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, at 3 p.m., at the Chinook School Event Center Gym. A dessert reception follows.

Her guest book is available at pentilchapel.com

### Mary Jean Larsen Astoria July 5, 1937 — Feb. 11, 2018

Mary Jean Larsen, 80, passed away in Astoria, Oregon, on Feb. 11, 2018, after a short battle with cancer.

She was born in Astoria, Oregon, on July 5, 1937, to Donald and Lilly (Anderson) McKenney.

She graduated from Astoria High School in 1955. She met and married the love of her life, Harlen Glenn Larsen, on Nov. 26, 1955, and celebrated 62 years in November. He survives.

She was a homemaker, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed fishing, camping, lunches with her high school girlfriends, and most importantly, spending time with family.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn, of Astoria; son Clinton (Patti) Larsen of Prineville; daughters Valerie Fletcher of Astoria and Alfie

(Terry) Yaakola of Prineville; grandchildren Vanessa (Ben) Neuenfeldt of Warrenton, Justin (Rachel) Larsen of Astoria, Travis Helligso of Prineville and Nick (Kelli) Yaakola of Redmond, Oregon; nine great-grandchildren, Sarah and Sophie Neuenfeldt, Emily and Beth Larsen, Charlotte and Madeline Helligso, and Mia, Sadie and Quaid Yaakola.

She was preceded in death by a son, Emery; her parents; and her brothers, Danny and Vance McKenney.

Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at 11 a.m., at Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria, 1165 Franklin Ave. Please sign the online guest book at caldwelldmortality.com

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

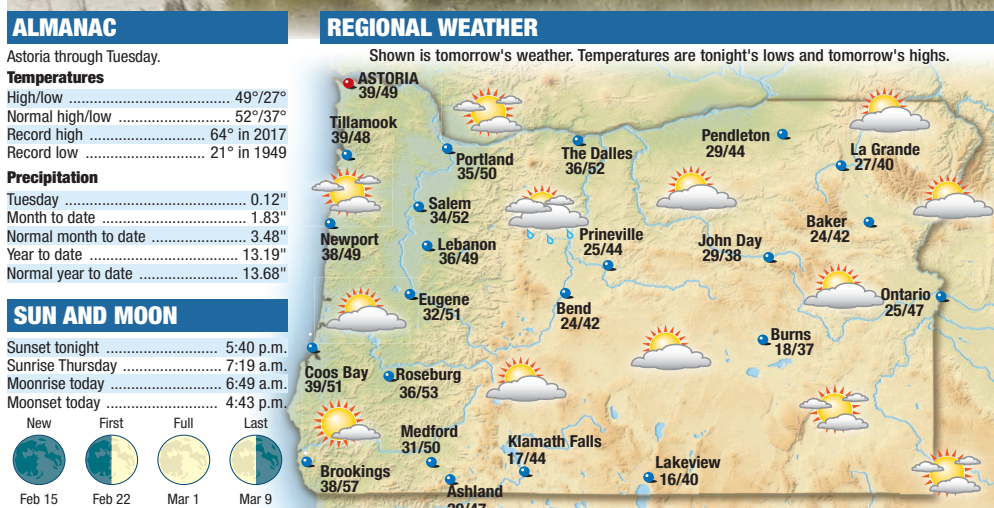
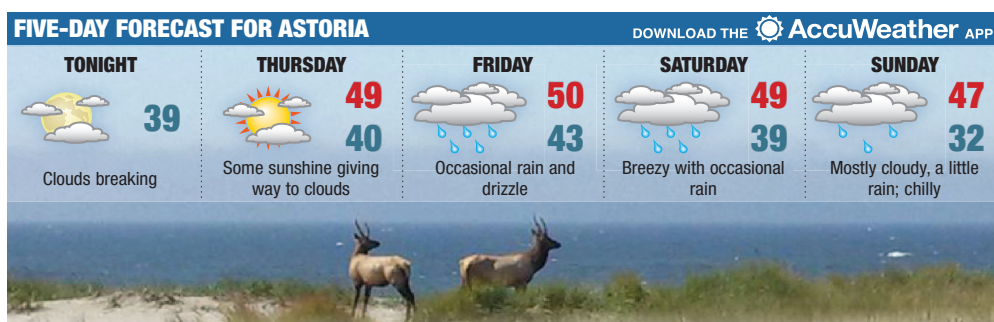


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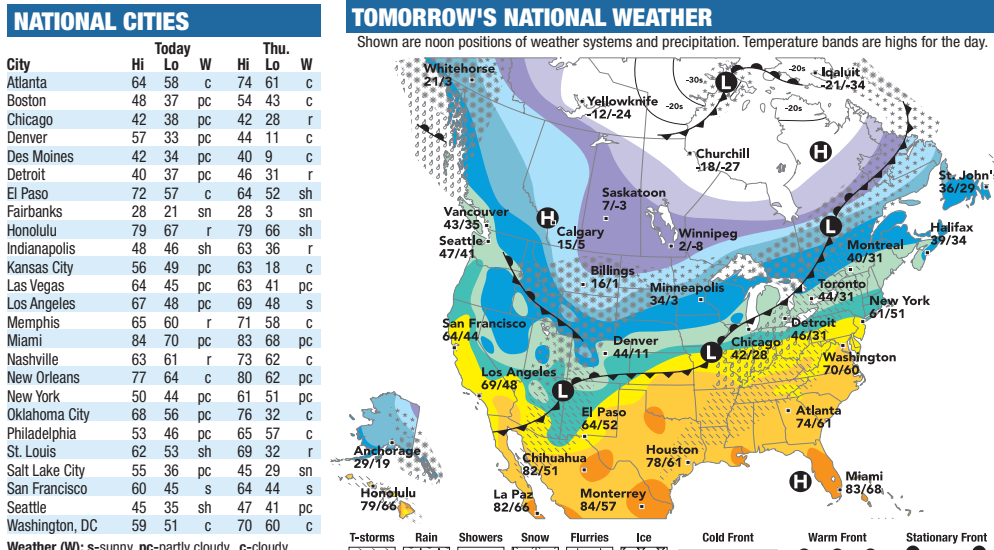
## ON THE RECORD

### DUII

• At 1:25 a.m. today, Ismael Flores De Jesus, 35, of Warrenton, was arrested by Astoria police on Marine Drive near the West Mooring Basin and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alcohol content was 0.12 percent.



City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Baker City	42 24 r	42 24 pc	Olympia	46 30 sh	47 38 pc
Bend	43 24 c	42 26 pc	Pendleton	44 29 sn	44 34 pc
Brookings	51 38 r	55 39 s	Portland	50 35 r	50 38 pc
Eugene	48 32 r	51 33 pc	Roseburg	48 36 r	53 34 pc
Ilwaco	48 41 sh	47 42 pc	Salem	51 34 r	52 37 pc
Klamath Falls	42 17 sf	44 17 s	Seaside	48 40 r	48 41 pc
Medford	47 31 r	50 27 s	Spokane	37 20 sn	34 27 pc
Newberg	50 36 r	50 38 pc	Springfield	47 35 r	50 35 pc
Newport	48 38 r	49 40 pc	Vancouver	49 37 r	49 39 pc
North Bend	50 38 r	52 37 pc	Yakima	50 25 sn	50 29 pc



## MEMORIAL

Thursday, Feb. 15  
MERRILL, Kenneth Earl — Memorial at 2 p.m., Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave., followed by a reception at the Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St.

## DEATH

Feb. 13, 2018  
MEYERS, Bonnie C., 79, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY  
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.  
Astoria School Board, 6:15 p.m., study session, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom.  
Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.  
Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main 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.  
Cannon Beach Design Review Board Meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

## LOTTERIES

OREGON  
Tuesday's Pick 4:  
1 p.m.: 5-5-1-8  
4 p.m.: 9-5-5-7  
7 p.m.: 1-5-5-5  
10 p.m.: 4-4-9-8  
Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 01-05-12-15-19-23-25-30  
Estimated jackpot: \$28,000  
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 5-12-15-46-49, Mega Ball: 1  
Estimated jackpot: \$168 million

WASHINGTON  
Tuesday's Daily Game:  
7-3-5  
Tuesday's Keno: 03-10-12-14-21-28-29-35-37-40-44-46-54-56-57-64-65-68-74-77  
Tuesday's Match 4: 03-09-11-22

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