

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'What do you think of the proposed new four-story hotel on the Astoria Riverwalk near Ship Inn?'



"Couldn't they put it somewhere else? Without a view?"

Jerry Schell, Astoria



"I think four stories is too high. I'm aghast. When the state office building went up, the people clear up on the hill got together to make it go from three stories down to two."

Michael McGonigle, Astoria



"It's going to totally obstruct the view. We're totally commercializing our view."

David West, Astoria

Washington sees value in 'Dreamers'

Contributions to wildland firefighting

By DON JENKINS
Capital Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Washington Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz on Tuesday sought to humanize the uncertain status of residents brought to the U.S. illegally as children.



Don Jenkins/Capital Press

Washington state resident Noe Vazquez talks about his uncertain legal status Tuesday in Olympia as Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz listens. Vazquez, who has been a state wildland firefighter, said he was brought to the United States when he was 3.

eral judge in Maryland on Monday ruled that the Trump administration's withdrawal of the executive order was lawful.

While the conflicting court decisions work their way up, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is taking applications from Dreamers to renew their status under DACA, but is not accepting new applications.

Some 689,800 people were enrolled in DACA as of last September, including 16,300 in Washington state, according to immigration officials. The largest concentration, 2,300, were in the Yakima area, Washington's most-valuable farm region.

Oregon has 10,200 DACA recipients, including 2,300 in the Salem area.

Washington State Tree Fruit Association President Jon DeVaney said there are no figures to pinpoint how many DACA recipients work in agriculture in the state, though he has talked to association members concerned about key workers.

"I have talked to a number of individuals who say they have worried employees," DeVaney said.

"We support a legislative fix for those covered by DACA," he said. "DACA needs to be addressed as part of the overall situation on immigration."

Monserrat Padilla, coordinator of the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network, said deporting Dreamers would deprive agriculture of leaders and discourage other farmworkers from staying.

"I think it would have a large impact on our agriculture," she said.

DACA recipients are granted permission to stay in the country for two years at a time and work. About 79 percent were born in Mexico and about 29 percent live in California, according to federal figures.

"It's absolutely critical we put a face on this issue," Franz said. "Who is better off if Noe is deported? If Christian is deported?"

The Trump administration announced in September that DACA would be rescinded in six months. U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said at the time that DACA was an open-ended and unconstitutional circumvention of immigration laws.

The Trump administration said it was likely DACA would be overturned by the courts anyway, as was the Obama administration's Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents.

Padilla said her organization is advising Dreamers to have a lawyer help them apply to have their DACA status renewed.

Washington's housing discrimination bill heads to governor

By AHMED NAMATALLA
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Mindy Woods fought her way out of homelessness.

It's a success story state lawmakers and advocacy groups are trying to replicate by targeting perhaps the biggest challenge faced by the homeless: rejection.

Woods, 52, slept on friends' couches for eight months and had eight property owners turn her down before she found a landlord willing to accept her Section 8 voucher, a federal subsidy that helps low-income people pay their rent.

"I have no criminal record, no evictions," Woods, a Navy veteran, said in an interview from the one-bedroom apartment she finally landed in 2016 in Edmonds, north of Seattle. "There's no reason not to rent to me."

The obstacles she faced may soon be illegal in Washington state, where legislators have passed a bill that prohibits landlords from turning away tenants who rely on Section 8 vouchers, Social Security or veterans benefits.

While Washington boasts one of the country's fast-

est-growing economies, the flip side is a housing market where rents have surged and vacancy rates are the country's lowest. Cities and states along the West Coast and elsewhere are grappling with a rise in homelessness for the same reasons. In counts conducted in early 2017, the West Coast spike was so high that it raised the nation's overall homelessness figure for the first time since 2010, to nearly 554,000 people.

In Washington state, more than 21,000 people lack stable housing, according to a 2017 federal study. That's 29 homeless people for every 10,000 state residents — fifth-highest in the U.S. — compared with a national average of 17, according to the report.

The measure passed Tuesday establishes a fund to reimburse property owners for any damages or lost rental income caused by tenants who rely on federal housing assistance. It is advancing to Gov. Jay Inslee's desk.

Eleven other states and Washington, D.C., have similar laws, although not all allow landlords to recover potential losses, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Benefit night to raise money for Astoria Library

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The Astoria Library will be the focus of this month's Fort George Benefit Night. All proceeds of sales

from the brewery and public house's upstairs pizzeria will go a library renovation fund to raise money to update and improve the 50-year-old building.

Fort George Brewery sponsors local nonprofits on the last Tuesday of every month. The benefit night runs from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on March 27.

Two-year positions available on Human Services Advisory Council

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Residents can now apply to serve two-year terms on the Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council.

The council advises the Board of Commissioners

about needs for services for those with developmental disabilities, mental illness and drug or alcohol addictions. It helps select service providers and educate the public about potential options.

The council has three openings, and commissioners will make the final appointments. Applications are available at www.co.clatsop.or.us, the county office at 800 Exchange St., Suite 410 or by calling 503-325-1000.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
43	52 / 39	50 / 34	55 / 41	59 / 43
Considerable cloudiness with showers	Windy with periods of rain	Mostly cloudy and chilly	Turning cloudy	Mostly cloudy



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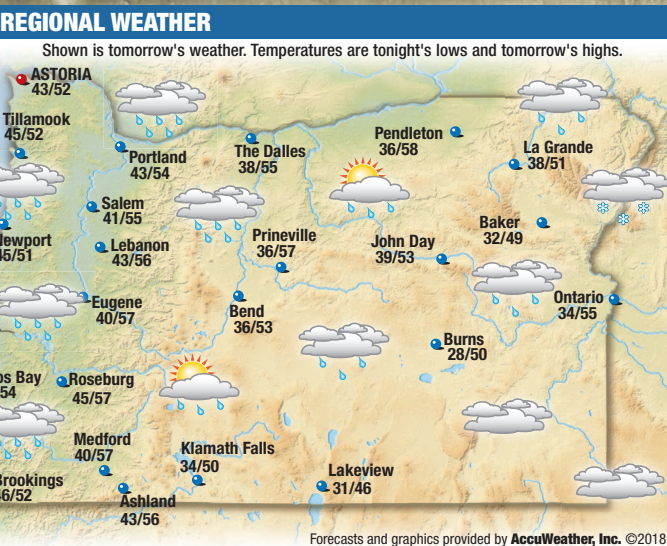
Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

High/low	54°/30°
Normal high/low	53°/38°
Record high	74° in 1905
Record low	26° in 1943

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.43"
Normal month to date	1.55"
Year to date	19.04"
Normal year to date	18.94"



SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	6:10 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	6:42 a.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonset today	9:58 a.m.

Last New First Full

Mar 9 Mar 17 Mar 24 Mar 31

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: John Herschel's Birthday (1792).

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TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

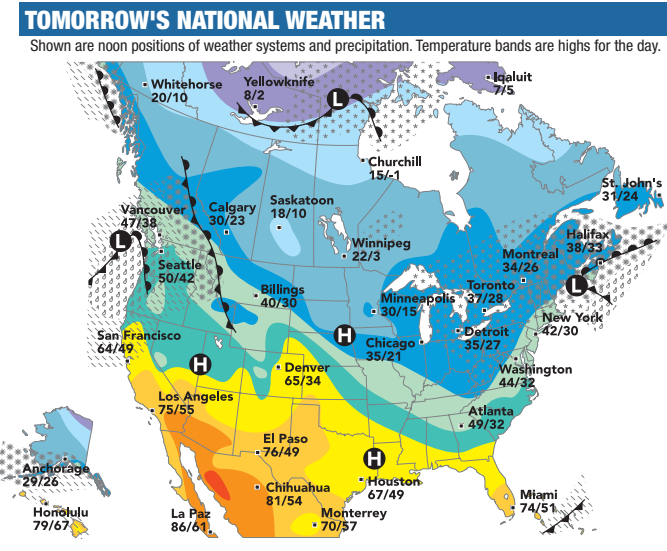
Time	High	Low
5:21 a.m.	8.3 ft.	12:20 p.m.
6:43 p.m.	6.4 ft.	none

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	52 34 s	49 32 pc
Boston	38 34 sn	43 30 sn
Chicago	31 20 c	35 21 c
Denver	52 26 s	65 34 c
Des Moines	33 19 pc	37 22 pc
Detroit	39 25 sf	35 27 sn
El Paso	71 47 s	76 49 c
Fairbanks	26 11 pc	25 16 sn
Honolulu	79 66 pc	79 67 pc
Indianapolis	37 22 sf	35 22 pc
Kansas City	41 21 pc	45 28 s
Las Vegas	66 49 pc	75 53 pc
Los Angeles	74 53 pc	75 56 pc
Memphis	50 32 s	51 36 s
Miami	80 56 sh	74 51 s
Nashville	47 32 pc	46 28 pc
New Orleans	61 45 s	65 46 pc
New York	36 32 sn	42 30 pc
Oklahoma City	55 30 s	64 45 s
Philadelphia	35 31 sn	40 28 pc
St. Louis	40 25 pc	41 28 pc
Salt Lake City	47 33 s	57 40 pc
San Francisco	65 52 pc	64 49 sh
Seattle	51 41 pc	50 42 r
Washington, DC	42 33 c	44 32 pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Baker City	47 32 pc	49 35 sn
Bend	53 36 pc	53 37 pc
Brookings	57 47 r	52 45 r
Eugene	54 40 pc	57 42 r
Ilwaco	53 45 pc	51 41 r
Klamath Falls	54 34 pc	50 32 sh
Medford	63 40 pc	57 43 sh
Newberg	55 41 pc	54 45 r
Newport	56 45 pc	51 42 r
North Bend	60 46 sh	55 44 r
Olympia	51 37 pc	51 39 r
Pendleton	53 36 pc	58 44 sh
Portland	56 43 pc	54 45 r
Roseburg	62 45 pc	57 44 sh
Salem	55 41 pc	55 44 r
Seaside	56 44 pc	52 41 r
Spokane	45 35 pc	47 39 sh
Springfield	57 43 pc	57 44 r
Vancouver	56 42 pc	53 45 r
Yakima	52 33 pc	53 34 sh



CORRECTION

Wrong unit — The Nehalem Bay Management Unit does not include Fort Stevens State Park. A 1A story on Friday on invasive plants incorrectly said Fort Stevens is part of the unit.

DEATH

March 5, 2018
JOHNSON, Margaret, 93, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIALS

Saturday, March 10
AHOLA, Shelley Elizabeth (Barnett) — Graveside service at noon, Greenwood Cemetery, 91569 Oregon Highway 202. A potluck luncheon immediately follows at the Olney Grange, 89342 Oregon Highway 202.

TINDELL, Beryl Louise — Celebration of life service at 11 a.m., Seaside United Methodist Church, 241 N. Holladay Drive in Seaside.

Sunday, March 11
WOLF, Debra Ann (Kirts) — Celebration of life from 1 to 3 p.m., Astoria Brewing Co., 144 11th St.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Seaside Improvement Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

THURSDAY
Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., 698 Pacific Way, Gearhart.

Commission, 5 p.m., 415 First Avenue.

Gearhart Planning Commission, 6 p.m., 698 Pacific Way, Gearhart.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 7-4-1-7
4 p.m.: 5-2-6-2
7 p.m.: 7-1-7-3
10 p.m.: 3-6-5-1

Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 02-08-12-16-19-24-28-31
Estimated jackpot: \$16,000
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 1-4-26-35-39, Mega Ball: 22
Estimated jackpot: \$290 million

WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game: 8-7-4
Tuesday's Keno: 03-11-13-22-26-29-38-44-49-52-54-57-65-69-70-71-74-75-77-79
Tuesday's Match 4: 02-03-08-15

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