

Health care task force looks to other states' experience

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Capital Bureau

SALEM — A legislative task force will look to three other states this week for information about how they regulate health care costs.

The Joint Interim Task Force on Health Care Cost Review will hear testimony at its meeting on Friday from health care officials in Vermont, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. The task force has already discussed Maryland's work on the issue in previous meetings, and has modeled its process off Maryland's Health Services Cost Review Commission.

"Consumers are feeling the pinch of rising health care costs," according to a 2016 publication from the National Academy for State Health Policy, one of the materials for Friday's meeting, that highlights the Maryland, Vermont and Massachusetts systems. "Health care premium and out-of-pocket costs exceed both wage growth and inflation."

Beginning in the 1970s, Maryland regulators sought to limit increases in hospital costs through an all-payer model. Medicaid, Medicare

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National Academy for State Health Policy

and private insurers pay hospitals a fixed amount every year for inpatient and outpatient services, rather than on a fee-for-service basis. The amount is adjusted for quality, according to the National Academy for State Health Policy.

The idea is that hospitals, paid a predictable, fixed amount, are encouraged to improve the quality of care and provide preventative services. It's also intended to mitigate cost increases for people on private insurance by increasing the amount that public health plans like Medicare pay. Detractors

say that such a system can limit competition between hospitals.

Massachusetts and Vermont have also sought to limit health care cost increases, and officials from those states will present information about their systems.

Task force members will also hear testimony about Pennsylvania's Rural Health Model, where participating rural hospitals are paid with an all-payer model.

The task force, created during the 2017 legislative session, met for the first time in November. It's led by Cameron Smith, head of the state's Department of Consumer and Business Services, and includes members from the Legislature and the health care sector.

The group is expected to submit a report on its findings by Sept. 15.

Another legislative task force — created by legislation in the recent short session — will study the issue of prescription drug pricing. Its first meeting has not been scheduled.

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Phyllis Mary Parish-Bennett

Astoria

Oct. 5, 1936 — April 3, 2018

Walking On

Phyllis Mary Parish-Bennett passed away on April 3, 2018, at age 81, in Portland, Oregon. She was born Oct. 5, 1936, in Sault Ste.

Marie, Michigan, to Percy and Mary Diagle-Parrish. Phyllis was one of four siblings born and raised in Brimley, Michigan, as a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community.

Phyllis married James Bennett in the fall of 1954, and started her family on Six Mile Road. Phyllis and James had four children before moving to Astoria, Oregon. Phyllis lived on Walluski Loop, where she loved watching her children grow up riding horses and motorcycles. Phyllis enjoyed going to their many shows and 4-H events. She also loved showcasing her prize-winning hydrangeas at the fair.

Phyllis had many hobbies through the years, and as a devout Catholic she enjoyed spending time with her church family at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Astoria. She also had a love of music, and often played guitar and sang karaoke while visiting friends at the American Legion.

Her love of family, friends and animals kept her active throughout the years. Phyllis was a large advocate for her grandchildren's sports,

attending as many events as she could and cheering them on from the stands. Phyllis was a career filliter in canneries in the Astoria area until her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Percy and Mary; her son, Steven; and siblings, Ruth, Clifford "Skip" and Rose Parish; as well as a great-grandson, Chazz.

Phyllis is survived by a son, Gene and Cynthia Bennett; daughter, Sally and Zane McKnight; daughter, Kathryn and Richard Stineman; grandchildren, Keith Haynes, Bryan Arceneaux, Jacqueline McKnight, Michelle Reed, Michael and Matthew Stineman, Jesse and Steven Bennett II, and Kelly, Jennifer and Joshua Bennett; and great-grandchildren, Tiana Haynes, Linnea, Cinobia, Oscar and Bailey Arceneaux, Lily and Landon Reed, Emmalynn Stineman and Remi, Serenity and Brandon Bennett.

A service will be at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Astoria at 11 a.m. April 21, with a reception to follow at the Star of the Sea Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

Traditional Indian burial services will be held at Mission Hill Cemetery in Brimley, Michigan, at a later date.



Phyllis Bennett

Cathryn L. Kinder

Astoria

Nov. 30, 1946 — April 11, 2018

Cathryn L. Kinder was born Nov. 30, 1946, in Astoria, Oregon, to Don and Jean Wilson. She grew up in the Gearhart and Seaside area, where she attended Gearhart Elementary and then Seaside High School, where she graduated in 1965. Cathy went on to enroll at Clatsop Community College, and attended classes there for one year.

Cathy married Ken Brown in June 1966; they later divorced. Cathy remarried in August 1980 to Gary Kinder.

Cathy was employed for 12 years at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Ten years were spent at the previous downtown location in Astoria, and two years once it moved to its current location. Her favorite part about the job was seeing the enjoyment of all the kids who attended.

Cathy was athletic, and enjoyed playing a variety of sports. A testament to her abilities was when she received the trophy in her senior year at high school for Best Female Athlete. In that year, she set a new record for the long jump at Seaside.

During one of the summer breaks, Cathy played in a fast-pitch softball league for the American Legion. It wasn't long before talent scouts actively tried to recruit her to play professionally. While this was an incredible opportunity, her parents recognized that this would

require traveling the country and conflicted with their daughter completing her studies, so they made the responsible decision of finishing high school.

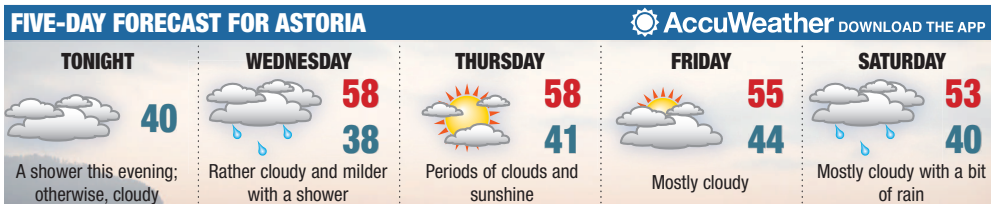
Another of Cathy's talents was that of being a great clam digger, which she passed on to both of her sons. Cathy departed this life on April 11, 2018, in Portland. She was 71.

Cathy is survived by her husband, Gary Kinder of Astoria; her mother, Jean Wilson of Seaside; two sons, Don Brown and Mark Brown (Stacy Brown, daughter-in-law) of Astoria, and three grandsons, Austin Brown of Lynnwood, Washington, Alex Brown of Astoria, and Cody Brown of Tillamook.

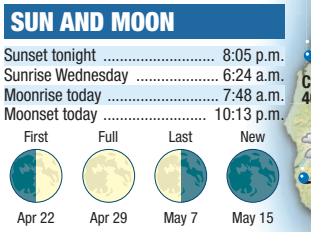
She was preceded in death by her father, Don Wilson of Seaside.

It was Cathy's request to be cremated and to not have a formal funeral service. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Cathy asked that donations be made in her name to the Astoria Riverfront Trolley. Details of how to do this can be found at the online memorial tribute set up for Cathy at hughes-ransom.com, and linked to fb.me/hughesransom-mortuary, where you can also share a memory, upload media, or sign the online guest book.



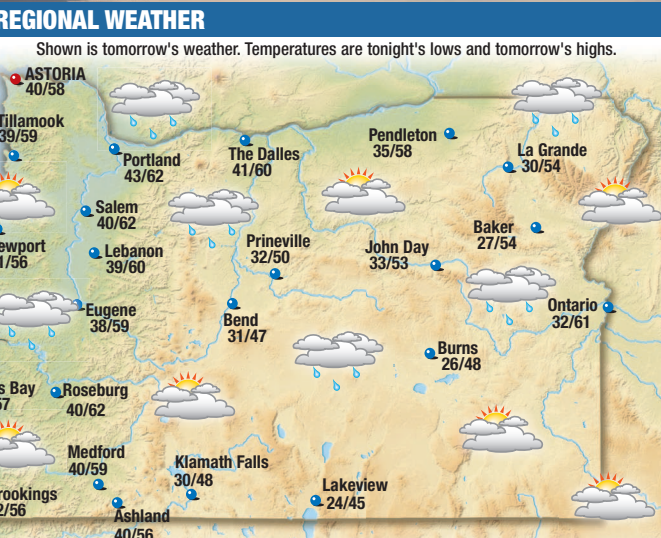
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Astoria through Monday.
Temperatures: High/Low 51°/43°, Normal high/low 56°/41°, Record high 80° in 1947, Record low 32° in 1982.
Precipitation: Monday 0.47", Month to date 8.77", Normal month to date 3.04", Year to date 32.00", Normal year to date 27.88"



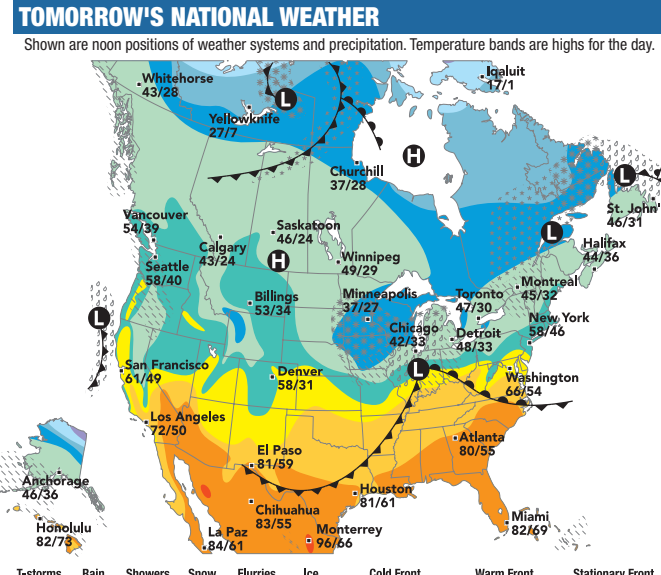
UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: After sunset, waxing crescent moon near Venus. Must see!

TOMORROW'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks
Time High Time Low
3:14 a.m. 9.4 ft. 10:06 a.m. -0.7 ft.
4:24 p.m. 7.8 ft. 10:00 p.m. 1.9 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES
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REGIONAL CITIES
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ON THE RECORD

DUI
At 3:39 p.m. Monday, Joseph Andrew Seganos II, 55, of Astoria, was arrested by Warrenton police on the 60 block of Heron Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and reckless endangerment. Minutes before his arrest, he allegedly hit a stop sign on the corner of Heron Avenue and Harbor Drive and drove away from the scene before police

located the car. His blood alcohol content was 0.18 percent, and another passenger was in the car.

Assault
At 8 a.m. Monday, Brandon Michael Smith, 36, of Astoria, was arrested by Astoria police on the 2660 block of Irving Avenue and charged with fourth-degree assault, harassment and menacing. Smith allegedly struck a woman in the face during a domestic dispute

while a child was present. He then allegedly cornered her and made her fearful that the assault would continue.

At 11:11 p.m. Sunday, Brienna Nicole O'Connell, 22, of Warrenton, was arrested by Warrenton police on the 50 block of First Street and charged with fourth-degree assault. She allegedly struck her boyfriend in the head, causing welts and red marks. Her blood alcohol content was 0.31 percent.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m., Port offices, 10 Pier 1 Suite 209.
Seaside School District Board of Directors, 5 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.

Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Shoreline Sanitary District Board, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig

Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.
WEDNESDAY
Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., 989 Broadway.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 5-1-7-9
4 p.m.: 7-0-3-0
7 p.m.: 5-7-7-1
10 p.m.: 4-7-6-4
Monday's Lucky Lines: 03-07-12-15-18-23-27-30
Estimated jackpot: \$16,000

Monday's Megabucks: 15-28-30-45-46-47
Estimated jackpot: \$4.2 million

Estimated jackpot: \$150,000
Monday's Keno: 03-09-11-20-23-26-27-28-29-34-35-45-46-48-52-65-67-69-70-73
Monday's Lotto: 02-05-21-35-36-44
Estimated jackpot: \$1 million
Monday's Match 4: 03-15-18-19

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