

Astoria man dies in Highway 30 collision

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An Astoria man was killed Sunday afternoon in a collision on U.S. Highway 30 just east of the city.

Douglas Morgan, 54, was driving a Toyota Prius westbound on the highway at about 1:45 p.m. when a Chevrolet Tahoe driven eastbound by Lori Courtwright crossed the double-yellow centerline into Morgan's path, authorities said.

Morgan died at the scene. Courtwright, 43, of Warrenton, suffered serious injuries and was flown by air ambulance to a Portland area hospital.

The highway was closed for about three hours.

Oregon State Police is investigating the crash, which occurred near milepost 94 east of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center.



Oregon State Police
Highway 30 was closed for about three hours Sunday after a fatal crash.

Washington state ballot measure would raise age to buy semi-automatic weapons

Associated Press

TACOMA, Wash. — An organization that supports stricter gun regulations has announced a new ballot measure proposal to raise the minimum age to buy a semi-automatic weapon in Washington from 18 to 21, along with several other restrictions.

The News Tribune reported the Alliance for Gun Responsibility will need roughly 260,000 signatures before the initiative can qualify for the 2018 ballot.

The group's initiative effort comes after lawmakers in the Democratic-controlled Legislature declined to bump the minimum age to buy semi-automatic weapons

after the February mass shooting at a Florida high school.

The proposed initiative would also hold gun owners legally responsible if a child uses a gun stored unsafely, require a 10-day waiting period to buy a semi-automatic weapon and create a state system to regularly check gun owner eligibility.

Escaped Atlantic salmon caught in drift-net

Associated Press

SEDRO WOOLLEY, Wash. — Washington state officials say an Atlantic salmon that escaped from a collapsed net pen at Cypress Island has been captured in a drift net 40 miles up the Skagit River.

Fish veterinarian Jed Varney of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife tells The Seattle Times in a story on Friday that the 3-foot fish was thin but looked good with no significant bacteria or parasites.

Varney says he found several vertebrae of an unidentified small fish in the Atlantic

salmon's stomach.

A member of the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe caught the fish Tuesday while drift-net fishing for hatchery Chinook.

The Atlantic salmon and about 300,000 others escaped from Cooke Aquaculture's net-pen farm in August when one of its pens collapsed.

NOAA predicts warm months ahead for most of the Northwest

By DON JENKINS
Capital Press

The Northwest's late spring, summer and fall likely will be hotter and drier than usual as the Pacific Ocean warms up, leading toward a possible El Niño next winter, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Sea-surface temperatures along the equator are slowly rising from below normal to average, according to NOAA. By fall, climatologists anticipate temperatures will be above normal, a heating of the ocean associated with warm winters and low snowpacks in the Cascades.

"Right now, I'd have to forecast a less than average snowpack. I reserve the right to change my forecast," Washington State Climatologist Nick Bond said.

NOAA's Climate Prediction Center foresees above-average temperatures and below-normal precipitation for May, June and July in Idaho, Oregon, Washington state and Northern California.

Bond said he had more confidence in the temperature forecast.

"I would say that with the (forecasting) models there is a pretty strong consensus that it will be on the warm side," he said. "I would be loath to put too much stock in the precipitation forecast."

NOAA's outlook relies heavily on the Pacific Ocean transitioning from La Nina, a cooling of sea temperatures, to

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Washington state climatologist

El Niño, a warming. La Nina has prevailed since last fall, but chances are good that sea temperatures will be normal by May, according to NOAA.

La Nina generally means colder and wetter winters in the northern U.S. and the opposite in the southern U.S.

Although never strong, this La Nina has delivered for Washington state irrigators.

Snowpacks in 11 basins monitored by the Natural Resources Conservation Service were all well above average Thursday. Northern Idaho snowpacks also are well above normal, and some Northern Oregon snowpacks have rallied to above or near normal after a slow start.

To the south, snowpacks in the rest of Oregon and Northern California are below normal. A drought in eastern Washington that covers almost one-third

of the state is expected to persist for at least the next several months, the U.S. Drought Monitor reported Thursday.

Ocean temperatures may gradually increase over the summer. By October, the odds begin to favor a weak El Niño.

NOAA cautioned, however, that climatologists have been fooled before. "Though we appear headed a toward a cold-season El Niño, there have been several false starts in recent years where promising El Niños simply faded away," NOAA stated.

If NOAA's forecast holds true, sea-surface temperatures will be much as they were the winter of 2014-15, the year of Washington's "snowpack drought." That winter, however, El Niño was combined with an unusually warm mass of water off Washington's coast.

"Right now, there's no indication it's really going to warm up along our coast," Bond said.

If an El Niño forms, it's no sure bet that snowpacks will suffer. The last El Niño classified by climatologists as "very strong" was the winter of 2015-16, when Washington snowpacks and reservoirs were generally above average. By the end of the winter, the state had pulled out of the drought that had started in 2014.

"We kind of lucked out in the winter of 2015-2016," Bond said. "What that shows is that each El Niño event is unique."

ON THE RECORD

Assault

• At 7:33 p.m. Sunday, James Terrell, 55, of Seaside, was arrested by Seaside police on the 520 block of Beach Drive and charged with fourth-degree assault and menacing. He allegedly grabbed and shoved a woman during a domestic dispute.

DUII

• At 3:56 p.m. Sunday, Tyler Volm, 35, of Portland, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on the 10 block of U.S. Highway 26 and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.
• At 11:25 p.m. Saturday, Rosa Ann Marie Bartlett, 23, of

Long Beach, Washington, was arrested by Astoria police on the Astoria Bridge and charged with DUII and reckless driving.

• At 7:11 p.m. Friday, Bruce Eckols, 67, of Seaside, was arrested by Seaside police on the 820 block of 14th Avenue and charged with DUII, hit and run and reckless driving.

DEATHS

April 20, 2018

HAGGERTY, Freeda Quindaria, 97, of Wheeler, formerly of Seaside, died in Wheeler. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is

in charge of the arrangements.

REEVES-DERRIG, David, 50, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Clatsop Care Health District Board, noon, Clatsop Care Memory Community, 2219 Dolphin Ave., Warrenton.
Astoria School Board, 6:30 p.m. study session on facilities, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor

boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.
Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

TUESDAY

Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council, 4 to 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange St.,

Room 430.
Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., Flag Room, 450 10th St.
Astoria Budget Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Sunday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 1-3-6-3
4 p.m.: 9-2-8-8
7 p.m.: 4-1-6-1
10 p.m.: 2-0-5-6
Sunday's Lucky Lines: 04-07-12-14-18-24-28-29
Estimated jackpot: \$22,000
Saturday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 9-3-7-6
4 p.m.: 5-9-0-7
7 p.m.: 0-3-6-7
10 p.m.: 2-2-4-3
Saturday's Lucky Lines: 01-08-11-16-19-24-27-30
Estimated jackpot: \$20,000
Saturday's Megabucks: 16-19-25-39-41-43
Estimated jackpot: \$4.6 million

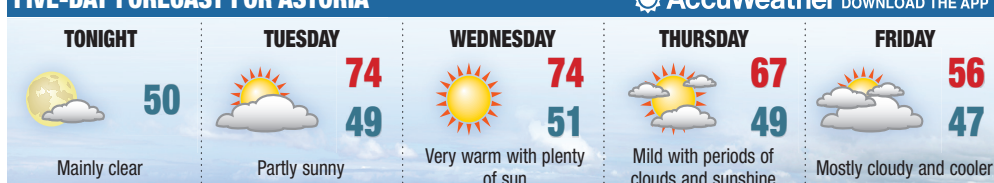
Saturday's Powerball: 40-50-54-62-69, Powerball: 19
Estimated jackpot: \$158 million
Friday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-8-2-0
4 p.m.: 4-6-8-8
7 p.m.: 1-1-3-1
10 p.m.: 8-8-4-9
Friday's Lucky Lines: 02-07-10-14-17-22-26-31
Estimated jackpot: \$19,000
Friday's Mega Millions: 1-15-18-32-45, Mega Ball: 4
Estimated jackpot: \$96 million

WASHINGTON

Sunday's Daily Game: 2-3-4
Sunday's Keno: 03-04-09-13-15-17-18-23-31-32-33-38-49-

53-61-66-69-71-77-79
Sunday's Match 4: 01-06-10-13
Saturday's Daily Game: 1-1-0
Saturday's Hit 5: 08-10-14-15-34
Estimated jackpot: \$220,000
Saturday's Keno: 03-04-12-17-20-25-26-27-28-29-33-39-40-45-47-54-59-63-70-80
Saturday's Lotto: 16-19-21-26-27-46
Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million
Saturday's Match 4: 07-09-10-21
Friday's Daily Game: 2-2-6
Friday's Keno: 02-03-05-10-11-15-16-17-20-32-36-37-40-43-49-54-61-64-75-77
Friday's Match 4: 02-06-14-17

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

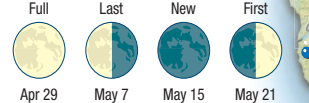


ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.
Temperatures
High/low 58°/38°
Normal high/low 57°/42°
Record high 75° in 2005
Record low 32° in 1960
Precipitation
Sunday 0.00"
Month to date 8.91"
Normal month to date 4.04"
Year to date 32.14"
Normal year to date 28.88"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:13 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday 6:14 a.m.
Moonrise today 1:12 p.m.
Moonset today 3:16 a.m.



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Moon near Beehive cluster. (M44)

TOMORROW'S TIDES

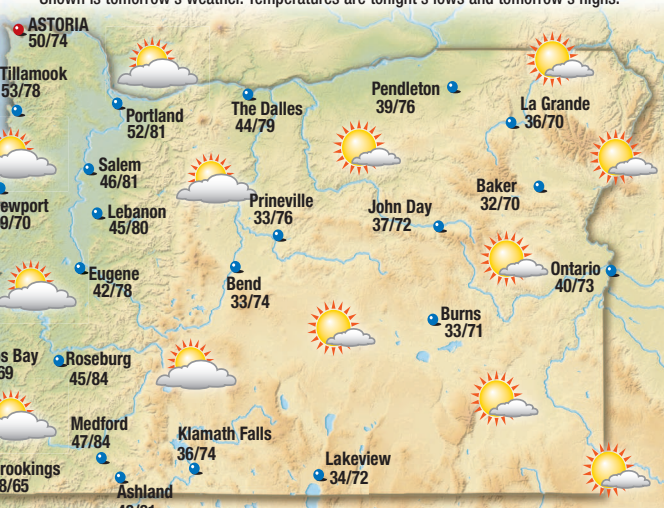
Astoria / Port Docks
Time High Low
9:05 a.m. 7.7 ft. 3:18 a.m. 2.9 ft.
10:35 p.m. 7.8 ft. 4:06 p.m. 0.3 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.	City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	70 57 r 69 55 c		Chicago	60 45 s 58 40 pc	
Boston	59 42 s 64 47 pc		Denver	69 32 pc 46 26 c	
Chicago	60 45 s 58 40 pc		Des Moines	70 45 pc 70 44 c	
Denver	69 32 pc 46 26 c		Detroit	69 50 s 55 44 c	
Des Moines	70 45 pc 70 44 c		El Paso	88 62 s 91 58 pc	
Detroit	69 50 s 55 44 c		Fairbanks	51 31 pc 51 30 pc	
El Paso	88 62 s 91 58 pc		Honolulu	83 72 s 82 72 sh	
Fairbanks	51 31 pc 51 30 pc		Indianapolis	59 50 r 60 49 r	
Honolulu	83 72 s 82 72 sh		Kansas City	71 45 c 72 48 c	
Indianapolis	59 50 r 60 49 r		Las Vegas	93 69 s 93 69 pc	
Kansas City	71 45 c 72 48 c		Los Angeles	78 55 pc 77 55 pc	
Las Vegas	93 69 s 93 69 pc		Memphis	61 55 r 69 53 pc	
Los Angeles	78 55 pc 77 55 pc		Miami	84 74 t 85 70 pc	
Memphis	61 55 r 69 53 pc		Nashville	68 54 t 67 53 sh	
Miami	84 74 t 85 70 pc		New Orleans	75 59 s 79 60 s	
Nashville	68 54 t 67 53 sh		New York	66 44 s 58 52 c	
New Orleans	75 59 s 79 60 s		Okla. City	71 50 s 75 47 s	
New York	66 44 s 58 52 c		Philadelphia	68 46 pc 60 52 r	
Okla. City	71 50 s 75 47 s		St. Louis	59 52 r 64 48 c	
Philadelphia	68 46 pc 60 52 r		Salt Lake City	68 43 c 68 46 s	
St. Louis	59 52 r 64 48 c		San Francisco	73 52 pc 68 51 pc	
Salt Lake City	68 43 c 68 46 s		Seattle	69 48 s 76 50 pc	
San Francisco	73 52 pc 68 51 pc		Washington, DC	70 52 pc 59 55 r	
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REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

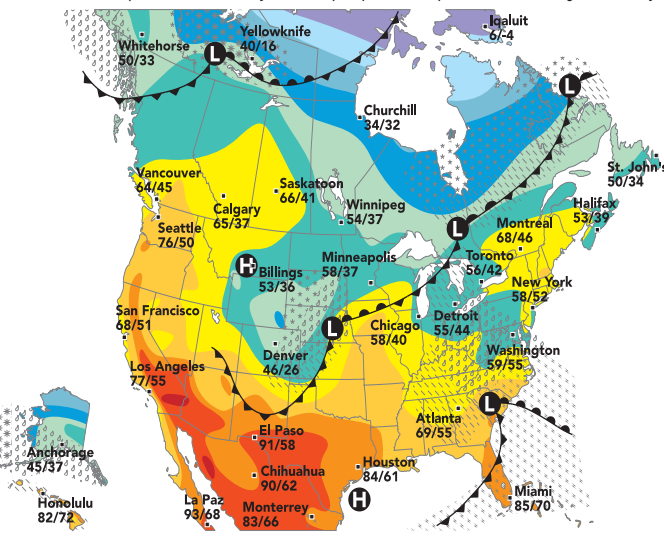


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City	Today	Tues.	City	Today	Tues.
Baker City	64 32 s 70 38 s		Olympia	70 39 s 75 45 pc	
Bend	64 33 s 74 42 pc		Pendleton	66 39 s 76 46 s	
Brookings	69 49 s 63 49 pc		Portland	73 52 s 81 54 pc	
Eugene	73 42 s 78 48 pc		Roseburg	79 45 s 84 52 pc	
Ilwaco	68 51 s 72 51 pc		Salem	75 46 s 81 50 pc	
Klamath Falls	69 36 s 74 41 pc		Seaside	72 52 s 76 50 pc	
Medford	80 47 s 84 53 pc		Spokane	63 41 s 70 46 s	
Newberg	74 49 s 81 50 pc		Springfield	76 43 s 79 48 pc	
Newport	69 49 s 70 48 pc		Vancouver	72 50 s 80 51 pc	
North Bend	71 49 s 68 49 pc		Yakima	71 42 s 76 46 s	

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



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