

# POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

## What's your New Year's resolution?



"To be a better person."  
**Joanne Halvorson,**  
 Astoria



"Stop smoking!"  
**Arthur Romero,**  
 Astoria



"My biggest resolution is to sell a big piece of property I need to sell. Got to get it done this year."  
**Harry Grass**  
 Warrenton

# Seattle gears up for major highway closure

By **LISA BAUMANN**  
*Associated Press*

SEATTLE — A major thoroughfare for commuters along downtown Seattle's waterfront is set to shut down for good Friday, ushering in what officials say will be one of the most painful traffic periods in the history of the booming Pacific Northwest city.

The aging, double-decker, 2.2-mile Alaskan Way Viaduct, which carries about 90,000 vehicles each day, will be replaced by a new four-lane tunnel. Officials say tearing down the viaduct, damaged in a 2001 earthquake, will allow Seattle to reimagine its waterfront with new parks, paths and other amenities.

But the tunnel replacement won't open until about three weeks after the viaduct closes as workers realign the highway into it. A mélange of other construction projects will further constrain traffic in the hilly city surrounded by water, already known for its population growth and traffic woes.

Washington's transportation agency on its website has a clock counting



The Alaskan Way Viaduct in Seattle is closing.

AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

down to the viaduct closure, which it says will be the longest major highway closure the Puget Sound region has ever seen.

The weeklong period between the viaduct's clo-

sure, scheduled for 10 p.m. Friday, and the state Route 99 tunnel opening is already being dubbed the "Seattle Squeeze."

"It is dramatic," said Heather Marx, director of

downtown mobility for the Seattle Department of Transportation. "Everyone traveling in the region will be impacted."

City, King County and state officials have been

working to mitigate the headaches sure to plague anyone caught unprepared.

Seattle school bus drivers will start their days earlier, and officials are advising commuters to work from

home or adjust their work hours if they can. Those who can't are being asked to walk, bike, join a car-pool or use transit including buses, light rail or water taxis — all to avoid driving solo into downtown during peak commute times.

Tad Donaghe, of West Seattle, usually travels by bus to his downtown job at Nordstrom but has worked out an alternate route involving light rail and water taxi to avoid the anticipated crush of drivers switching to buses during the closure.

"I tried out my #Viaduct commute tonight," he tweeted Monday, using a popular hashtag related to the closure.

Donaghe told The Associated Press that route was relatively "lovely." And although the new commute will cost more and may take longer than the 80 minutes it lasted Monday, his employer pays for his transit so he doesn't mind.

"No matter what, it was infinitely nicer than if I had driven home," Donaghe said. "I quit driving for a commute because mass transit is infinitely less stressful."

# Scammers posing as Pacific Power target local businesses

By **JACK HEFFERNAN**  
*The Daily Astorian*

Scammers posing as Pacific Power employees have been calling local businesses, asking for immediate payment for supposed unpaid bills.

The power company said Tuesday that businesses in Gearhart, War-

renton and Seaside had received calls, some of which became aggressive. Technical teams are working on the issue and have shut down at least one phone number associated with the scams, Alisa Dunlap, Pacific Power's regional business manager, said.

The owners of Tackle

Time Bait and Charters in Warrenton reported a suspicious call Tuesday afternoon.

Gene Kane was confused when he received a call that he had more than \$800 overdue. The caller, from what appeared to be a Yamhill-based number, asked for an account identification number and other

personal information.

At one point, Linda Kane, his wife and co-owner, heard him say, "Well, we've never had the power shut off." She quickly combed through the company's power bills.

"I thought, 'You know, this doesn't feel right,'" she said.

With her husband still

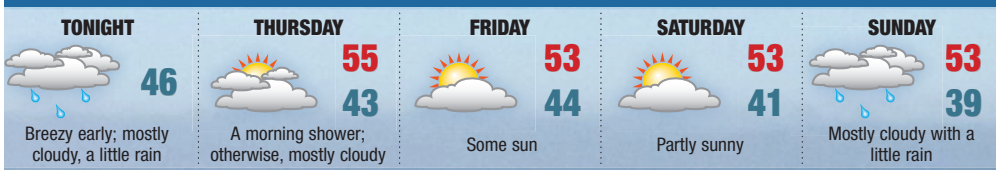
on the other line, Kane called Pacific Power, confirming that they had paid all bills. Presumably hearing her report this to Gene Kane, the scammer disconnected.

Linda Kane said she was shaken, since a loss of power would put thousands of dollars of the store's refrigerated bait at risk.

"I think they're targeting small businesses, and it's really disturbing," Linda Kane said. "It's just a horrible thing."

Pacific Power advised those who receive similar calls to not pay, note the callback number and hang up. Customers can verify information at 888-221-7070.

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

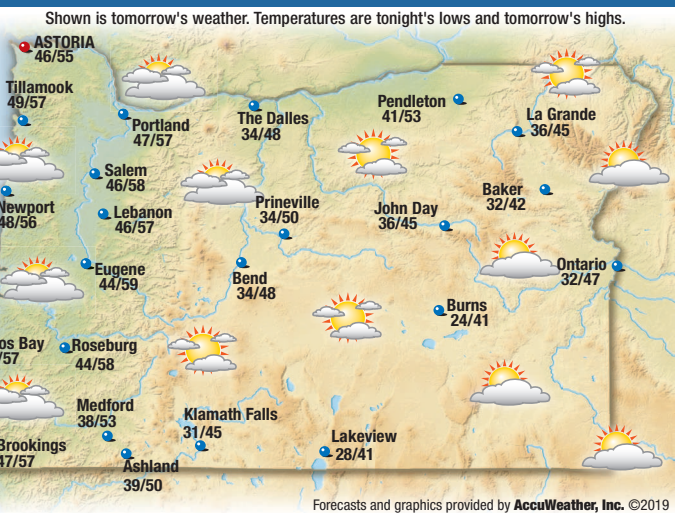


## ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.

Category	Value
High/low	49°/41°
Normal high/low	49°/38°
Record high	59° in 1934
Record low	16° in 1974
Precipitation	0.40"
Month to date	1.85"
Normal month to date	2.79"
Year to date	1.85"
Normal year to date	2.79"

## REGIONAL WEATHER



## SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	4:48 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	7:57 a.m.
Moonrise today	10:12 a.m.
Moonsset today	8:32 p.m.

## UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, rises in the southeast in the early evening and climbs across the south during the night.

## TOMORROW'S TIDES

Time	High	Time	Low
4:19 a.m.	8.0 ft.	9:55 a.m.	3.3 ft.
3:25 p.m.	8.2 ft.	10:09 p.m.	0.6 ft.

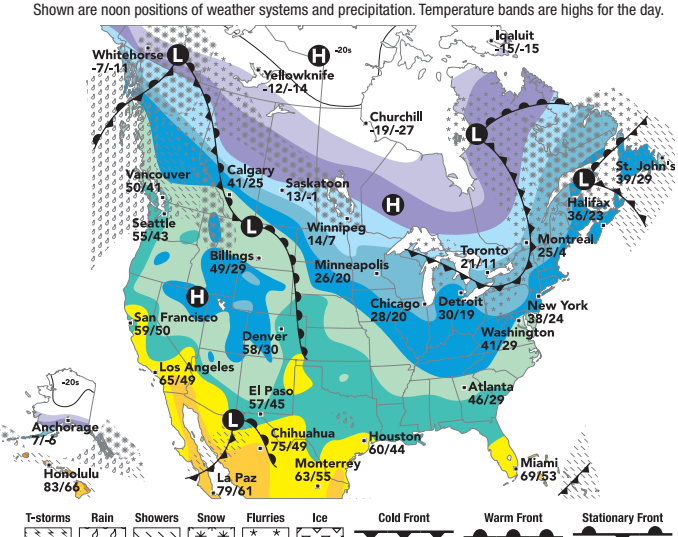
## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Allanta	52/28 s	46/29 pc
Boston	48/31 c	39/21 pc
Chicago	25/15 c	28/20 pc
Denver	52/30 pc	58/30 s
Des Moines	29/15 s	35/25 pc
Detroit	30/21 sf	30/19 c
El Paso	52/41 pc	57/45 r
Fairbanks	-8/-22 sf	-19/-31 c
Honolulu	83/66 s	83/66 s
Indianapolis	25/17 pc	33/21 pc
Kansas City	40/21 s	43/33 c
Las Vegas	60/44 pc	60/42 pc
Los Angeles	67/49 c	65/49 s
Memphis	50/28 s	44/29 c
Miami	79/51 s	69/53 s
Nashville	45/23 s	39/25 pc
New Orleans	63/41 pc	57/42 s
New York	44/32 pc	38/24 pc
Oklahoma City	53/35 pc	48/39 c
Philadelphia	45/30 c	37/25 pc
St. Louis	36/21 c	39/22 pc
Salt Lake City	42/26 pc	37/28 c
San Francisco	60/48 sh	59/50 pc
Seattle	53/47 r	55/43 r
Washington, DC	48/31 pc	41/29 s

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	W.	City	Today	Thu.	W.
Baker City	42/32 c	42/28 pc		Olympia	51/45 r	53/38 r	
Bend	44/34 c	48/28 pc		Pendleton	48/41 c	53/34 pc	
Brookings	54/47 r	56/44 c		Portland	52/47 r	57/42 c	
Eugene	56/44 r	59/37 c		Roseburg	56/44 r	58/39 c	
Ilwaco	53/49 r	54/45 r		Salem	54/46 r	58/38 c	
Klamath Falls	45/31 r	45/25 pc		Seaside	53/48 r	55/44 c	
Medford	53/38 r	53/35 c		Spokane	42/37 sh	44/30 c	
Newberg	52/46 r	55/40 c		Springfield	56/45 r	58/38 c	
Newport	54/48 r	56/45 c		Vancouver	51/47 r	55/40 c	
North Bend	57/48 r	58/45 c		Yakima	41/29 i	46/29 pc	

## TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



## DEATH

**Jan. 7, 2019**  
 DERRYBERRY, Kay Marie, 82, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary of Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

## MEMORIALS

**Friday, Jan. 11**  
 KILLION, Master Sgt. Robert C. Jr. (Ret.) — Viewing from noon to 5 p.m., Hennessey Funeral Home, 2203 N. Division St., Spokane, Washington.

**Saturday, Jan. 12**  
 KANKKONEN, William — Memorial service at 1 p.m., Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave.

**MONROE, Ian Scot** — Celebration of life at 1:11 p.m., Bob Chisolm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A in Seaside.

KILLION, Master Sgt. Robert C. Jr. (Ret.) — Memorial service at 2 p.m. with reception to follow, Hennessey Funeral Home, 2203 N. Division St., Spokane, Washington.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Warrenton-Hammond School District Finance Committee**, 12:30 p.m., school district office, 820 S.W. Cedar Ave.  
**Cannon Beach City Council**, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E Gower Ave.  
**Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

**Warrenton-Hammond School Board**, 6 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main Ave.  
**Wickiup Water District Board**, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.  
**Astoria School Board**, 6 p.m., study session, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.

**THURSDAY**  
**Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission**, 5 p.m., 415 First Ave.  
**Cannon Beach Academy Board of Directors**, 5:30 p.m., 3781 S. Hemlock St.  
**Astoria City Council**, 4:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
**Tuesday's Pick 4:**  
 1 p.m.: 6-5-6-3  
 4 p.m.: 5-0-2-1  
 7 p.m.: 2-9-3-3  
 10 p.m.: 4-3-0-0

**Tuesday's Lucky Lines:** 4-6-10-16-19-22-27-32  
 Estimated jackpot: \$11,000

**Tuesday's Mega Millions:** 13-26-29-38-64, Mega Ball: 5  
 Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

**WASHINGTON**  
**Tuesday's Daily Game:** 9-9-3  
**Tuesday's Keno:** 03-05-06-08-12-17-27-30-33-48-49-52-53-59-61-62-63-70-71-73  
**Tuesday's Match 4:** 01-03-05-08

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