

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Would you support a plastic bag ban in grocery stores?



"Absolutely. I have my shopping bags by the front door, where my keys are, so I don't forget them. I have dress up ones, casual ones and all-occasion bags."
Connie Katayama, Ilwaco, Wash.



"No. Because it should be my own choice how I take my groceries home."
Jocelyn Beaver, Astoria



"Yes — even though I use them all the time. It wouldn't be a bad idea."
Bob Barr, Astoria

Coastal land conservancies protect pristine salt marsh

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The only salt marsh designated for development on Nehalem Bay will now be protected through a partnership between two coastal land conservation groups.

The North Coast Land Conservancy, a nonprofit that manages lands throughout the North Coast, purchased Botts Marsh on Tuesday on behalf of the Lower Nehalem Community Trust.

The land conservancy will act as a bridge owner, buying the community trust time to complete its due diligence. The community trust plans to buy the property from the land conservancy by October.

Conservation of the marsh achieves a nearly 40-year effort to conserve the 30 acres of intertidal habitat between the bay and U.S. Highway 101 north of Wheeler.

"The Lower Nehalem Community Trust is grateful for North Coast Land Conservancy's ability to step in at a critical time in the life of this acquisition," Doug Firstbrook, community trust co-founder and board mem-



North Coast Land Conservancy

The North Coast Land Conservancy has purchased Botts Marsh on behalf of the Lower Nehalem Community Trust. Botts Marsh is pristine salt marsh property in Nehalem Bay.

ber, said in a statement.

Botts Marsh is one of the last remaining, unaltered, pristine marshlands, said Katie Voelke, executive director of the North Coast Land Conservancy. It provides habitat for more than 125 bird species and is also important rearing habitat for Chinook and coho salmon.

But the property has a decadeslong history of land use controversy around it, she said.

It had been zoned to allow some marine industrial development, such

as a marina. New regulations would likely not have allowed for this kind of development, but the zoning was still there.

The marsh "is in great condition and the goal is to ensure that continues by protecting it," Voelke said. "By allowing it not to get broken, so it doesn't have to get fixed."

The land conservancy will monitor the property while it is under their care, but will have to do little by way of habitat enhancement or restoration.

Pacific Power lowers smart meter opt-out fee

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Pacific Power will lower the fee for customers who opt out of installing new smart power meters.

The utility had planned on charging \$36 a month for monthly meter reads for customers who opt out of the new meters, which automatically transmit power usage data to the utility.

Pacific Power submitted an alternative payment plan, recently approved by the state Public Utility Commission, to charge \$9 a month with only three meter reads per year.

The new payment plan also allows customers to pay a level or equal monthly amount based on a historical average of their previous bills. The utility has also removed a fee for customers

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Etta Lockey, Pacific Power's vice president of regulation

who later decide to have a smart meter installed.

"We've heard from customers that the fee to opt out of a smart meter is burdensome, and we have continued to look for new options," Etta Lockey, Pacific Power's vice president of regulation, said in a news release. "This has been a collaborative process with the PUC and the

Citizens' Utility Board, and we are pleased to offer this new option to customers."

Pacific Power's upgrade of 590,000 meters began in January 2018 and continues into the spring. Installation is already complete for more than two-thirds of customers in Oregon, and only around 1 percent of customers have chosen to opt out of the new smart meters, according to the utility.

Customers must select the new opt-out plan by calling 1-866-869-8520. All residential customers with nonstandard meters are eligible to participate. Residential customers with net meters, time of use meters or demand registers do not qualify.

For more information, visit pacificpower.net/smartmeter

Svensen woman reported missing near Astoria Riverwalk

The Daily Astorian

A 29-year-old Svensen woman was reported missing around 4 p.m. Tuesday near the Astoria Riverwalk.

Maya Sanders was last seen in the downtown area around noon on Tuesday, according to the Astoria Police Department. Some of her belongings were found at the end of Sixth Street and near the Comfort Suites.

Police believe the woman may be traveling east, as she was last seen near North Tongue Point around 3:30 p.m., Deputy Chief Eric Halverson said.



Maya Sanders

Sanders reportedly suffers from disabilities that may put her at higher risk if not found, Halverson said. The behavior is uncharacteristic for Sanders, but police at this time do not suspect any foul play.

Police are working with the Clatsop County Sheriff Office's search and rescue team to find Sanders.

Sanders was last seen wearing a long shirt that was black, white, and green in color and was wearing pink shoes. She is about 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs about 130 pounds.

Anyone with information is asked to call Astoria dispatch at (503) 325-4411.

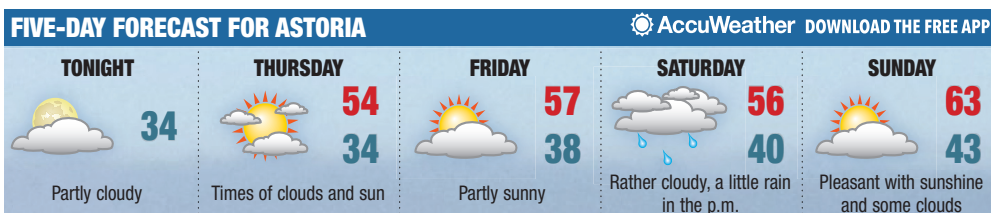
PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.
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.

Commission, 5 p.m., Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave.
Cannon Beach Academy, 5:30 p.m., 3781 S. Hemlock.
Gearhart Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

THURSDAY
Seaside Convention Center



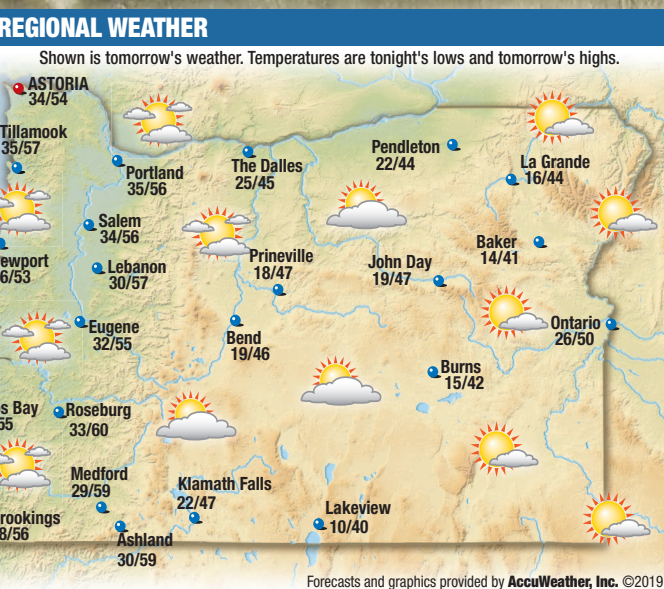
ALMANAC
 Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

High/low	50°/40°
Normal high/low	54°/39°
Record high	74° in 1941
Record low	24° in 1897

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.38"
Month to date	1.29"
Normal month to date	3.00"
Year to date	13.88"
Normal year to date	20.39"



SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 7:18 p.m.
 Sunrise Thursday 7:31 a.m.
 Moonrise today 11:21 a.m.
 Moonset today 1:45 a.m.

First Full Last New
 Mar 14 Mar 20 Mar 27 Apr 5

UNDER THE SKY
 Tonight's Sky: William Herschel discovers Uranus (1781).

TOMORROW'S TIDES
 Astoria / Port Docks

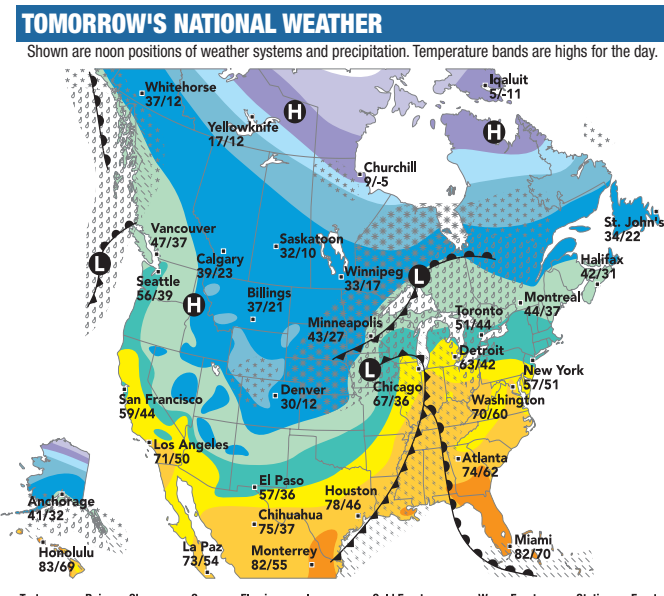
Time	High	Time	Low
6:53 a.m.	8.6 ft.	12:46 a.m.	3.2 ft.
9:06 p.m.	6.2 ft.	2:24 p.m.	1.0 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	72 57 pc	74 62 c
Boston	44 36 s	52 44 pc
Chicago	59 52 sh	67 36 t
Denver	37 21 sn	30 12 pc
Des Moines	59 43 r	44 27 r
Detroit	46 43 r	63 42 r
El Paso	58 41 pc	57 36 s
Fairbanks	33 19 pc	35 17 pc
Honolulu	81 70 sh	83 69 s
Indianapolis	65 54 c	70 37 t
Kansas City	63 38 r	42 29 r
Las Vegas	59 42 s	61 43 s
Los Angeles	68 49 s	71 50 s
Memphis	72 63 t	71 41 t
Miami	81 72 pc	82 74 sh
Nashville	73 62 c	72 44 t
New Orleans	80 69 c	80 59 t
New York	49 41 s	57 51 pc
Oklahoma City	70 39 r	52 30 c
Philadelphia	50 41 s	63 54 pc
St. Louis	66 58 r	68 38 s
Salt Lake City	37 30 sn	41 25 pc
San Francisco	60 42 s	59 44 s
Seattle	52 38 pc	56 39 pc
Washington, DC	59 46 s	70 60 pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Baker City	40 14 pc	41 22 s	Olympia	52 31 sf	57 31 pc
Bend	40 19 pc	46 25 pc	Pendleton	43 22 pc	44 25 pc
Brookings	53 38 s	56 40 pc	Portland	52 35 sf	56 36 pc
Eugene	51 32 sf	55 35 pc	Roseburg	52 33 pc	60 36 pc
Ilwaco	49 38 sf	52 39 pc	Salem	52 34 sf	56 34 pc
Klamath Falls	42 22 pc	47 27 pc	Seaside	50 36 sf	54 36 pc
Medford	52 29 pc	59 33 pc	Spokane	38 19 pc	40 22 pc
Newberg	50 33 sf	57 34 pc	Springfield	51 30 sf	56 34 pc
Newport	48 36 sf	53 37 pc	Vancouver	50 33 sf	56 34 pc
North Bend	51 37 pc	55 37 pc	Yakima	47 19 sf	43 22 pc



OBITUARIES

Cornilia Helen Nelson St. Helens

March 10, 1921 — March 7, 2019

Cornilia Helen Nelson was born in rural Kansas on March 10, 1921, to parents John and Ruth Hale. She had three brothers, Warren, Harold and Clyde.

Helen and Nick Nelson married on Dec. 4, 1942. They were married for 74 years, raising four children. She cherished her family, and was a devoted follower of Christ.

Helen is survived by Larry and

Judy Nelson, Lynda and Bill Craft, Judy Sweeney and John and Debbie Nelson; her 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 16, 2019, at St. Helens Community Bible Church at 3 p.m.

Please sign our online guest book at columbiafh.com



Cornilia Nelson

MEMORIAL

Saturday, March 16

OJA, Georgia Faye (Israel) — Graveside service and interment at 11 a.m., Knappa Prairie Cemetery, 92892 Knappa Dock

Road, immediately followed by a remembrance celebration at the Brownsmead Grange, 42280 Fish Lane. All are invited to attend.

DEATHS

March 12, 2019

BRADBURY, John Frederick, 89, of Warrenton, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

March 10, 2019

PIOR, Timothy, 15, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Tuesday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 2-2-6-3
 4 p.m.: 9-1-3-9
 7 p.m.: 0-7-8-1
 10 p.m.: 6-0-5-7
Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 2-7-

9-15-20-24-26-30

Estimated jackpot: \$21,000
Tuesday's Mega Millions:
 10-12-16-49-57, Mega Ball: 18
 Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

WASHINGTON

Tuesday's Daily Game: 8-0-5
Tuesday's Keno: 01-14-18-23-25-26-27-30-39-40-42-43-45-47-49-61-62-63-72-75
Tuesday's Match 4: 02-08-10-18

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