

Search continues for missing 29-year-old Svensen woman

Police suspect she went into the water near pier

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The Daily Astorian

Video footage shows a missing Svensen woman on a pier at North Tongue Point on Tuesday afternoon.

Investigators reviewed footage from several cameras and found that Maya Sanders, 29, was alone. Footage showed that she entered the pier walking north out of the camera frame.

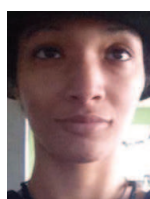
Sanders is not seen

returning to shore on the video. A search and rescue dog also tracked Sanders to the same location where she was last seen on video.

“Based on this information there is a strong probability that she went into the water,” Astoria Deputy Police Chief Eric Halverson said in a statement.

Clatsop County Search and Rescue’s dive team did a dive in the area but was unable to locate her.

The dive team will continue conducting sonar



Maya Sanders

searches on the water.

“We want to be open to all possibilities and ensure we’ve done all we can to locate Maya. Please keep Maya’s family and friends in your thoughts as they go through this difficult time,” Halverson said.

Sanders was reported missing around the Astoria Riverwalk on Tuesday.

Her clothing and other items were spotted at the end of Sixth Street, near Comfort Suites and by the train tracks near Tongue Point.

Brown signs funding to pay down Medicaid debt

Associated Press

SALEM — Oregon will pay off half of its Medicaid debt through new taxes on health care providers.

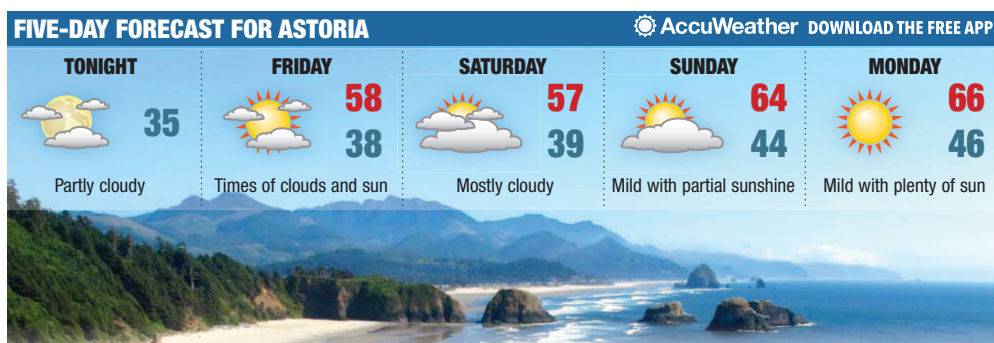
Gov. Kate Brown on Wednesday approved a six-year tax on hospitals and insurance plans to help fund the state’s \$950 mil-

lion Medicaid shortfall. The move is expected to bring in over \$430 million.

The state has been struggling to keep up with Medicaid funding after a drop in federal contributions. The governor hopes to make up the rest of the money through a tax on tobacco and e-cigarettes. She’s also

exploring a tax on employers who don’t provide workers affordable health care coverage.

Legislative budget leaders say that without new revenue, Oregon will have to fill the rest of the approximate \$450 million funding gap through its general fund.



ALMANAC

Astoria through Wednesday.

Temperatures

High/low 51°/35°
Normal high/low 54°/39°
Record high 73° in 1979
Record low 25° in 1969

Precipitation

Wednesday 0.04"
Month to date 1.34"
Normal month to date 3.24"
Year to date 13.93"
Normal year to date 20.63"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 7:19 p.m.
Sunrise Friday 7:29 a.m.
Moonrise today 12:07 p.m.
Moonset today 2:51 a.m.

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

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: Albert Einstein’s Birthday (1879).
First quarter moon (3:27 a.m.)

Source: Jim Todd, OMS

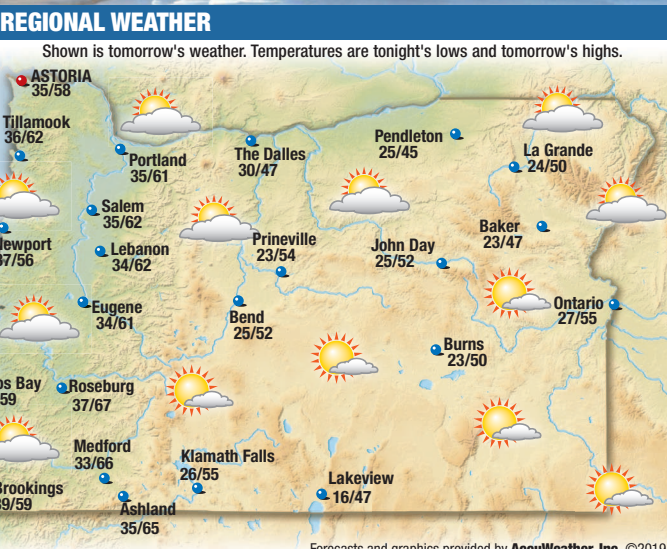
TOMORROW’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
8:03 a.m.	8.4 ft.	2:03 a.m.	3.7 ft.
10:24 p.m.	6.5 ft.	3:45 p.m.	0.7 ft.

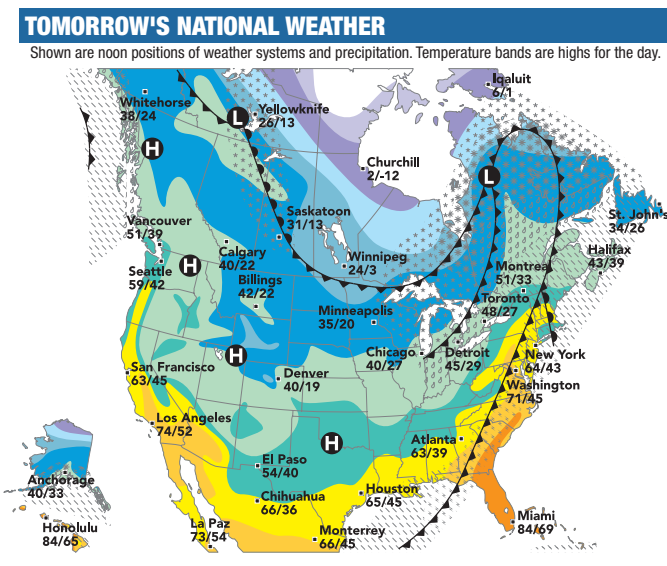
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	W
Allanta	74 62 pc	63 39 t	
Boston	50 44 pc	60 42 sh	
Chicago	64 35 t	40 27 r	
Denver	31 12 pc	40 19 s	
Des Moines	44 28 r	43 26 pc	
Detroit	59 42 t	45 29 sh	
El Paso	58 36 s	54 40 pc	
Fairbanks	38 17 pc	38 23 pc	
Honolulu	84 67 s	84 65 s	
Indianapolis	67 38 t	41 29 c	
Kansas City	41 30 c	46 28 pc	
Las Vegas	61 43 c	66 46 s	
Los Angeles	71 49 s	74 52 s	
Memphis	73 42 t	53 33 s	
Miami	82 71 pc	84 69 pc	
Nashville	76 44 t	52 33 pc	
New Orleans	82 59 t	61 49 c	
New York	57 49 pc	64 43 sh	
Oklahoma City	55 31 pc	51 30 s	
Philadelphia	63 54 pc	66 44 sh	
St. Louis	65 37 pc	46 31 c	
Salt Lake City	40 24 pc	45 28 s	
San Francisco	61 43 c	63 45 s	
Seattle	55 39 pc	59 42 pc	
Washington, DC	72 61 pc	71 45 sh	



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	W
Baker City	43 23 pc	47 26 pc	
Bend	48 25 pc	52 28 s	
Brookings	57 39 pc	58 42 pc	
Eugene	57 34 pc	61 38 pc	
Ilwaco	51 38 pc	56 42 pc	
Klamath Falls	48 26 pc	55 27 s	
Medford	61 33 pc	66 36 pc	
Newberg	56 34 pc	62 37 pc	
Newport	52 37 pc	56 41 pc	
North Bend	55 37 pc	57 40 pc	
Olympia	55 32 pc	61 34 pc	
Pendleton	45 25 pc	45 28 pc	
Portland	55 35 pc	61 40 pc	
Roseburg	61 37 pc	67 39 pc	
Salem	57 35 pc	62 38 pc	
Seaside	53 36 pc	59 40 pc	
Spokane	40 24 pc	43 26 pc	
Springfield	58 34 pc	63 37 pc	
Vancouver	56 34 pc	61 38 pc	
Yakima	45 24 pc	43 26 pc	



Column closed Saturday for rescue training

The Daily Astorian

The Astoria Column will be closed on Saturday for the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office High Angle Rescue Team to conduct a training

exercise.

The training will be a re-enactment of the rescue that was performed in July 2000. A man visiting from Florida had a heart attack at the top of the Column and had

to be safely brought down.

The Column will be closed between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The public is welcome to watch the rescue, but carpooling is advised as parking will be limited.

Revised auditions announced for ‘Mary Poppins’

The Daily Astorian

The Sunday auditions for the Peninsula Players’ summer musical “Mary Poppins” have been canceled because of the death of Timothy Pior,

who was involved with the troupe.

Pior, who died from flu-related complications, will be remembered at a memorial in Warrenton on Sunday.

Auditions will take place

1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, as planned.

A notice in today’s Coast Weekend said auditions would take place all three days.

OBITUARIES

Georgia Faye Israel Oja Knappa

Jan. 17, 1936 — March 8, 2019

Georgia Faye Oja, 83, of Knappa, passed away Friday, March 8, 2019.

Georgia was born in Offerle, Kansas, on Jan. 17, 1936 to Clarence and Ruby Israel. After living in Offerle for a short time, the Israels moved to Hood River, Turner, Bridge and Jewell. They finally settled in Svensen, Oregon. Georgia attended local schools; the last school she attended was Knappa-Svensen High School.

During this time, she met and married Richard Beemer of Astoria. They welcomed their first son, Dick, in 1952, then moved to Eugene, Oregon. They later had two more children, Danny and Vicky. In 1974, Georgia and Richard Beemer divorced. She then moved back to Svensen, and went to work at The Logger.

In 1977, she married Richard Oja, and three more children were added to the Oja family, Dick, Danny and Vicky. She proudly stepped in and continued to help raise Richard’s two youngest boys, Neil and Mark. Georgia and Dick continued to run The Logger until they sold it in 1991. Georgia continued to work at The Logger for several more years.

Georgia loved people and her community, volunteering at the local granges, food banks and various fundraising activities. Georgia enjoyed country music, spending more than a decade attending the Oregon Jamboree with friends and family. Georgia loved the annual corn feed in Brownsmead.

She was a all-around animal lover of

every kind. She loved her cats the most. She enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels. In her later years, she loved her role as matriarch of the family, as she was loved, respected and admired by all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved them all, and enjoyed spending time with them.

Georgia is survived by her siblings, Donna Karns, of Knappa, Ganell Israel, of Denver, Colorado, Sandra Parks, of Svensen, and Kent and Kathy Israel, of Warrenton; and her children, Dick and Kim Beemer, of Eugene, Dan Beemer, of Eugene, Vicky and Bob McClenathan, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, Wayne and Pam



Georgia Oja

Oja, of Astoria, Jackie Stiles, of Vancouver, Washington, Nancy and Bill Munson, of Corvallis, Neil Oja, of Flower Mound Texas, and Mark and Millie Oja, of Knappa. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Richard, preceded her in death on March 1, 2019.

A graveside service and interment will be Saturday, March 16, at 11 a.m. at 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.

Donations in Georgia’s name may be made to the Knappa Schools Foundation.

Ocean View Cremation and Burial Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

DEATH

March 12, 2019

DONER, James Norman, 83, of Warrenton, died in Astoria. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

ON THE RECORD

Assault

• Around noon on Wednesday, Darrel McGinnis, 63, of Astoria, was arrested by Astoria police on the 1500 block of Franklin Avenue for second-degree assault after allegedly hitting another man on the head with a walking stick.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY
Seaside Convention Center 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.

missioners, 9 a.m., work session, goal setting, 800 Exchange St., Suite 430, Astoria.
Port of Astoria Ad-Hoc Finance Committee, noon, Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209, Astoria.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Wednesday’s Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 8-4-8-5
4 p.m.: 5-4-2-4
7 p.m.: 1-8-7-9
10 p.m.: 1-3-9-7
Wednesday’s Lucky Lines:
1-7-12-14-20-23-25-29
Estimated jackpot: \$22,000
Wednesday’s Megabucks:

11-17-21-24-25-26
Estimated jackpot: \$9.4 million
Wednesday’s Powerball: 18-36-45-47-69, Powerball: 14
Estimated jackpot: \$495 million
WASHINGTON
Wednesday’s Daily Game: 1-1-9
Wednesday’s Hit 5: 02-03-16-

19-22
Estimated jackpot: \$220,000
Wednesday’s Keno: 02-07-16-17-18-26-29-33-36-44-48-57-60-61-64-65-73-75-77-80
Wednesday’s Lotto: 01-04-12-32-38-39
Estimated jackpot: \$5.5 million
Wednesday’s Match 4: 11-14-18-22

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