

OBITUARIES

Bret Scott
Seaside

June 12, 1962 — Aug. 28, 2019

On Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019, Bret Scott, loving father of four children, passed away at the age of 57.

Bret was born June 12, 1962, in Page, Arizona. He attended elementary school in Miramonte, California, and graduated from Astoria High School in Oregon in 1980.

Bret served on the aircraft carrier USS Constellation as an electrician’s mate for four years, followed by two years in the Navy Reserve.

He married Kacy Jean Smith, of San Diego, California, on Dec. 14, 1985, then moved to Astoria, Oregon. Bret worked for Sunset Empire Refuse and Recycling as a truck driver for 18 years, before being hired as a truck driver for Mesher Supply in Seaside, delivering plumbing supplies along the northern Oregon and southern Washington state coasts for 13 years.

Bret was a member of the Seaside, Oregon, post of the American Legion, as well as the local Fort Clatsop Muzzleloaders black



Bret Scott



powder gun club. He enjoyed skiing, whitewater rafting, canoeing and camping with his children.

Bret is survived by his father, Robert E. Scott, of Anacortes, Washington; his mother, Marilyn J. Wood Scott, of West Linn, Oregon; brother Eric Scott, of Yosemite National Park; his four children, Michelle Glick, of Terre Haute, Indiana, Joe Scott, of Astoria, Oregon, Wendy Scott, of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, and Sean Scott, of Lake Oswego, Oregon; and grandson Riley Husong. Bret is also survived by the mother of his three younger children, Kacy Scott of Lake Oswego, Oregon.

The family plans on a private scattering of his ashes in the Pacific Ocean.

A memorial donation in memory of Bret Scott may be made to Freedom Service Dogs of America, providing service dogs to children, veterans and active-duty military: Freedom Service Dogs, 7193 S. Dillon Court, Englewood, CO., 80112; online contributions may be made to freedomsericedogs.org

Ralph Kresge Todd
Warrenton

April 11, 1929 — Aug. 29, 2019

Ralph Kresge Todd was born April 11, 1929, in Ithaca, New York, to parents Roger and Frances (Kresge) Todd.

Ralph attended Newfield High School, in Newfield, New York, and graduated in 1947.

In 1948, he enlisted in the U.S. Army for six years, and served his country as a sergeant first class tank commander in Straubing, Germany.

He returned to the U.S. to attend Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree. He worked in the manufacturing industries throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Ralph was employed by Tektronix until his retirement in 1991. From 1991 to 2012, Ralph was a consultant for the Association of Manufacturing Excellence and the Northwest High Performance Enterprise Consortium in Portland, Oregon.

Ralph served as an AME volunteer for over 30 years, and served on numerous committees, boards and conferences, helped launch the AME Western Region and was honored in 2006 with the Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award.

AME co-founder Doc Hall, in a 2006 Target magazine article commented on Todd: “He was so successful developing programs that other regions began to help set up events. Soon he became AME’s corporate event organizer. During the 1990s, if you went to an AME event, chances were good that Ralph helped organize it.”

In addition to his work with AME, he retired from Tektronix, where he helped to adopt lean manufacturing and design for manufacturing. He also formed the Northwest High Performance Consortium in the Portland, Oregon, area.



Ralph Todd



According to friend and colleague Phil Roether, “he loved to help others working on their excellence journey, and served as a facilitator helping groups attending the national conference. We honor Ralph’s important contribution to our organization and his dedication as a volunteer.”

Ralph was a member of various organizations, including Astoria United Methodist Church, Astoria Golf and Country Club, Turnaround Trekkers (Volkswalk Club), Lighthouse Jazz Society and served as president of the Surf Pines Association.

Ralph enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting elk and deer.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Janet Johnson Boyd Todd, of Warrenton, Oregon; daughters, Karen (David) Falvey and Denise Todd, of Charlotte, North Carolina; sons, Michael (Holly) Todd, of West Palm Beach, Florida, Jason (Tobi) Boyd, of Seaside, Oregon, and Jered (Jenni) Boyd, of Olympia, Washington.

He is also survived by the Todd grandchildren, Kelsey (Ryan) Kehoe and Drew Falvey; and the Boyd grandchildren, Aston, Briana, Emily, Luke, Andrew, Noah, Grace, Sophia, Lucy, Katherine, Nathan and Dominic.

A celebration of life service was held at Astoria United Methodist Church on Sept 8. Private burial was held on Sept. 5 at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ralph Todd Music Scholarship Memorial Fund, First Interstate Bank, 300 S. Holladay Drive, Seaside, OR., 97138.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

Trump ousts Bolton over foreign policy

By ZEKE MILLER and DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday abruptly forced out John Bolton, his hawkish national security adviser with whom he had strong disagreements on Iran, Afghanistan and a cascade of other global challenges.

The sudden shake-up marked the latest departure of a prominent voice of dissent from the president’s inner circle, as Trump has grown less accepting of advice contrary to his instincts. It also comes at a trying moment for Trump on the world stage, weeks ahead of the United Nations General Assembly and as the president faces pressing decisions on difficult foreign policy issues.

Tensions between Bolton, Trump’s third national security adviser, and other offi-

cials have flared in recent months over influence in the president’s orbit and how to manage his desire to negotiate with some of the world’s most unsavory actors. Since joining the administration in the spring of last year, Bolton has espoused skepticism about the president’s whirlwind rapprochement with North Korea, and recently has become a vocal internal critic of potential talks between Trump and leaders of Iran and Afghanistan’s Taliban.

Bolton also broke with Trump with his vocal condemnation of Russia’s global aggressions, and last year he masterminded a quiet campaign inside the administration and with allies abroad to persuade Trump to keep U.S. forces in Syria to counter the remnants of the Islamic State and Iranian influence in the region. Bolton’s maneuvering at the time contrasted with former

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis’ decision to instead resign over Trump’s December withdrawal announcement, which has been effectively reversed.

On Twitter Tuesday, Trump and Bolton offered opposing accounts on the adviser’s less-than-friendly departure, final shots for what had been a fractious relationship almost from the start.

Trump tweeted that he told Bolton Monday night his services were no longer needed at the White House and Bolton submitted his resignation Tuesday morning. Bolton responded in a tweet of his own that he offered to resign Monday “and President Trump said, ‘Let’s talk about it tomorrow.’”

Trump explained that he had “disagreed strongly” with many of Bolton’s suggestions as national security adviser, “as did others in the administration.”

Weather chief thanks Alabama employees for forecast

By JAY REEVES
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Struggling to keep his emotions in check, the head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration both defended President Donald Trump’s administration on Tuesday and thanked forecasters who contradicted the president’s claims about Hurricane Dorian threatening Alabama.

Speaking to a meteorology group, acting administrator Neil Jacobs said a NOAA statement issued Friday that criticized the Birmingham-area National Weather Service office after it disagreed with Trump was meant to clarify “technical aspects” about Dorian’s potential impact.

“What it did not say, however, was that we understood and fully support the good intent of the Birmingham weather fore-



Jay Reeves/AP Photo

Christina Crowe signs a poster in support of the National Weather Service office in Birmingham, Ala., during a convention of the National Weather Association in Huntsville, Ala., on Monday.

cast office, which was to calm fears in support of public safety,” Jacobs said.

Jacobs, a career meteorologist, appeared near tears at times. “This is hard for me,” he said, his voice

choking as he addressed a hushed crowd of several hundred.

Jacobs said there was no pressure from the Trump administration or NOAA to change the way branch offices communicate forecasts to the public. “No one’s job is under threat — not mine, not yours,” he said.

He later added: “Weather should not be a partisan issue. I’ve known some of you for 25 years. I haven’t changed. I’m the same Neil I was last Thursday,” referring to the day before the NOAA statement was issued.

Jacobs specifically thanked Kevin Laws, science and operations officer with the weather service office in Birmingham. Laws said he appreciated the remarks by Jacobs, whom he has known for 20 years.

“Absolutely no hard feelings,” Laws said.

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
70 58	68 56	67 55	64 52	65 52	65 54	66 53
A shower in the p.m.	A couple of showers	A passing shower	A couple of showers	Showers possible	Showers possible	Clearing

ALMANAC
Astoria through Tuesday
Temperatures
High/low 69/54
Normal high/low 69/51
Record high 91 in 1922
Record low 38 in 1970
Precipitation
Tuesday 0.37"
Month to date 2.41"
Normal month to date 0.60"
Year to date 28.07"
Normal year to date 38.70"

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UNDER THE SKY
Tonight’s Sky: Due south after sunset is Sagittarius, the Teapot.
Source: Jim Todd, OMSI
SUN AND MOON
Sunrise today 6:49 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:34 p.m.
Moonrise today 7:26 p.m.
Moonset today 5:05 a.m.
Full Last New First
Sep 13 Sep 21 Sep 28 Oct 5

TODAY’S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks
Time High (ft.) Time Low (ft.)
12:29 a.m. 7.4 7:19 a.m. -0.4
1:31 p.m. 7.1 7:24 p.m. 1.4
Cape Disappointment
12:11 a.m. 7.1 6:38 a.m. -0.4
1:15 p.m. 6.4 6:40 p.m. 1.5
Hammond
12:20 a.m. 7.5 6:50 a.m. -0.3
1:23 p.m. 7.0 7:00 p.m. 1.6
Warrenton
12:24 a.m. 7.8 7:03 a.m. -0.3
1:26 p.m. 7.4 7:08 p.m. 1.5
Knappa
1:06 a.m. 7.6 8:20 a.m. -0.3
2:08 p.m. 7.3 8:25 p.m. 1.2
Depoe Bay
12:29 p.m. 7.2 6:04 a.m. 0.0
none 6:09 p.m. 2.3

NATIONAL CITIES
Today Fri.
City Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta 97/74/s 95/73/s
Boston 68/56/c 67/55/s
Chicago 86/70/t 76/60/pc
Dallas 95/76/pc 93/74/s
Denver 76/49/s 82/53/s
Honolulu 90/78/pc 90/77/s
Houston 94/74/pc 96/74/s
Los Angeles 87/67/pc 91/67/s
Miami 89/80/t 87/79/t
New York City 80/67/t 70/62/pc
Phoenix 100/79/s 105/84/s
San Francisco 83/57/pc 83/58/s
Wash., DC 92/68/t 77/68/c
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

