



Lee Stockwell/Big Bear Mountain Resort

Big Bear Mountain Resort in Big Bear Lake, California, Friday, after a fresh snowfall.

Powerful storm disrupts nation's busiest travel weekend

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A powerful storm making its way east from California is causing major disruptions during the year's busiest travel weekend, as forecasters warned that intensifying snow and ice could thwart millions of people across the country hoping to get home after Thanksgiving.

The storm caused the death of at least one person in South Dakota and shut down highways in the western U.S., stranding drivers in California and prompting authorities in Arizona to plead with travelers to wait out the weather before attempting to travel.

The storm was expected to track east through the weekend — into the Plains on Friday, the Midwest by Saturday and the Northeast on Sunday — pummeling a huge portion of the country with snow, ice or flash flooding.

The National Weather Service said travel could become impossible in some places.

The weather could be particularly disruptive on Sunday, when millions of holiday travelers head home. Airlines for America, the airline industry's trade group, expects 3.1 million passengers during what could be the busiest day ever recorded for American air travel.

The weather service issued storm warnings Friday for a swath of the country stretching from Montana to Nebraska to Wisconsin, with heavy snow anticipated in parts of Utah, Colorado, Montana and Wyoming.

Strong winds gusting to 90 mph were possible in mountains and foothills, and could reach 65 mph in the Plains, creating poor visibility.

One hopeful traveler asked the weather service Friday on Twitter whether it would be advisable to drive to Duluth, Minnesota, over the weekend. The agency warned: "If you are in Duluth by tonight, you will likely be stuck there until at least Sunday afternoon due to heavy snow and blizzard conditions."

Northern Michigan University reopened its residence halls, two days earlier than normal for a Thanksgiving weekend, to give students more options as forecasters predicted a foot

or more of snow.

"We want to make people aware of what they could be driving into," campus police Chief Mike Bath said.

The airline industry group estimated a record 31.6 million people will travel over a 12-day holiday period. Airlines on Friday said they were so far operating as usual as they monitored the weather.

Delta said inclement weather could disrupt travel at airports in the upper Midwest on Saturday and the Northeast on Sunday and Monday. It offered to let customers reschedule or cancel flights. American Airlines issued similar waivers for Rapid City, South Dakota.

Sections of South Dakota were under a blizzard warning and could see howling winds and as much as 2 feet of snow.

Authorities reported a fatal crash after a driver lost control of his pickup on an ice-covered road. A 37-year-old passenger died after the truck slid into a ditch and rolled. The driver and one other passenger survived.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol posted a photo on Facebook of another crash — a semi-truck that veered from Interstate 90 near Rapid City. "Do not travel if you don't have to!" the agency wrote.

Karlee Wilkinson, a 22-year-old college student in Long Beach, California, missed a Thanksgiving weekend gathering entirely because of snow on the way to her destination.

She, her girlfriend and her roommate left Thursday for what was supposed to be a two-hour drive. But the snow started falling in flakes bigger than she'd ever seen, the highway became gridlocked, and their car kept overheating.

At first it seemed like an adventure: They made snowmen in the highway median. But when the sun set, the temperature dropped, and they decided to turn around and head home. Their Thanksgiving dinner was chicken nuggets from a fast food drive-thru.

"This is not how this is supposed to go, this is not what an American Thanksgiving is supposed to be," Wilkinson said. "It can only get better than this. I'll never have a worse Thanksgiving, knock on wood."

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OBITUARIES

Joan Emily (Paaso) Hansen

Milwaukie

July 15, 1929 — Nov. 22, 2019

Joan Emily (Paaso) Hansen was born in Astoria on July 15, 1929, the first child of Aner and Florence (Elliott) Paaso. She spent her early life in Hammond, Oregon, and received the American Legion award on her graduation from Hammond Grade School.

As a child, she enjoyed tap, ballroom dance and piano lessons. She graduated from Astoria High in 1947. Joan's ambition was to be a kindergarten teacher, but after attending Fresno State College and Linfield College for a couple of years, she changed to business school and then did secretarial work in Astoria, Portland and Seattle. She married Robert Hansen in 1952. Their daughter was born in Astoria and their son in Coos Bay, but they spent most of their married life in Milwaukie, Oregon, returning to Astoria from 1980 to 1998. Bob was part owner of a barber shop, and they were active in Peace Lutheran Church. They

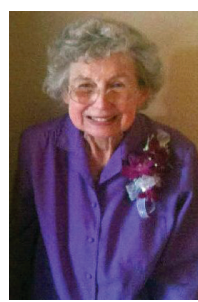
returned to the Portland area to help their son, who suffers from multiple sclerosis.

Joan loved to travel and she was able to visit Europe, the Caribbean, Hawaii and Alaska over the years. She enjoyed the theater and attended many live performances.

Joan's passing was peaceful. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Joan is survived by her husband, Robert Lyle Hansen; daughter, Peggy Marie Hansen (husband Howell Lankford); son, Robert Lyle Hansen Jr.; and grandsons Alexander Lankford and Nicholas Hansen. Her parents and her brother, John Elliott (Jack) Paaso, predeceased her.

Joan will be buried at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton on Wednesday with a graveside service at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



Joan Emily (Paaso) Hansen

Viola Maxine DeZwart

Astoria

Dec. 5, 1923 — Nov. 18, 2019

Our beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and loyal friend, Viola "Maxine" DeZwart passed away Nov. 18, 2019, at the age of 95. She was born December 5, 1923. She was the rock of our family and family was her heart. She is a person that lived a life of unconditional love for family and friends, was totally loyal to all that knew her and a woman to be counted on.

She had a heart of gold and if anyone was in need without hesitation or fanfare she would share whatever she had with them.

She worked 64 years in the seafood canneries of Astoria and Warrenton and retired at the age of 87. She primarily worked at Bumble Bee, Astoria Seafood and the last 14 years of her life-long career were at the Skipanon Brand Seafoods cannery in Warrenton, Oregon, for the Kujala family. She said of the

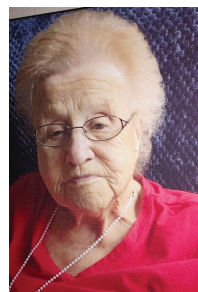
Kujala family, "I love them, they are like family."

Maxine's beloved husband, Peter Frank DeZwart, preceded her in death June 23, 1987; a daughter, Vickie Diane Benshoof, also preceded her in death. Maxine is survived by her daughter, Coral Benshoof Wangen and sons Pieter DeZwart and Charles DeZwart.

With mom's heart for her large blended family, she is survived by grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Her ashes were scattered by family Nov. 22, 2019. A family celebration of life is planned for the spring. Memorial cards are being printed and will be available by family.

Rest in peace our sweet loved one until we meet again.



Viola Maxine DeZwart

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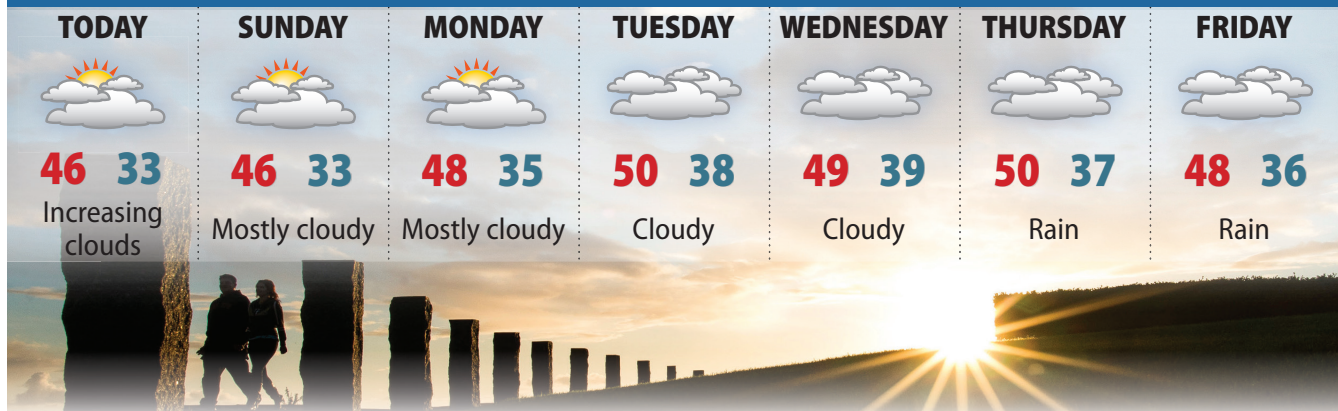
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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 45/27
Normal high/low 51/38
Record high 68 in 1907
Record low 22 in 1896

Precipitation

Thursday 0.00"
Month to date 2.20"
Normal month to date 10.35"
Year to date 40.95"
Normal year to date 56.57"

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Low southwest at sunset, Saturn and waxing crescent moon just 2 degrees apart.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:36 a.m.
Sunset tonight 4:32 p.m.
Moonrise today 11:27 a.m.
Moonset today 8:28 p.m.



TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:03 a.m.	7.5	9:30 a.m.	3.4
2:59 p.m.	8.4	10:13 p.m.	0.0

Cape Disappointment

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
3:42 a.m.	7.1	8:37 a.m.	3.5
2:38 p.m.	8.1	9:22 p.m.	-0.4

Hammond

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
3:53 a.m.	7.6	9:01 a.m.	3.6
2:53 p.m.	8.5	9:42 p.m.	-0.3

Warrenton

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
3:58 a.m.	7.9	9:14 a.m.	3.5
2:54 p.m.	8.8	9:57 p.m.	0.0

Knappa

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:40 a.m.	7.7	10:31 a.m.	2.9
3:36 p.m.	8.6	11:14 p.m.	0.0

Depoe Bay

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:56 a.m.	7.6	8:08 a.m.	4.0
1:51 p.m.	8.7	8:55 p.m.	-0.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	69/57/pc	64/37/pc
Boston	39/25/s	38/34/sn
Chicago	43/38/r	41/30/sn
Dallas	70/41/t	60/38/s
Denver	38/17/pc	39/22/s
Honolulu	84/73/pc	82/72/c
Houston	79/55/t	69/44/s
Los Angeles	59/50/c	64/50/c
Miami	80/68/s	83/69/pc
New York City	42/31/s	40/35/r
Phoenix	58/42/pc	65/46/pc
San Francisco	52/50/r	59/54/r
Wash., DC	46/38/pc	49/42/r

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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