

OBITUARIES

Patrick Richard O'Malley Sr.

Astoria

April 13, 1942 — April 22, 2021

On April 22, 2021, Patrick Richard O'Malley Sr. (O' Paddy O' to many of his friends) passed away due to medical complications. Pat turned 79 on April 13.

Pat was a former longtime resident of Sandy, but had lived the past 30 years at the northern Oregon Coast. He spent the last six years in Astoria with his constant companion and beloved feline friend, "Fred."

He absolutely loved the view of the Columbia River from his home, which included watching ships glide up and down the river and being privy to many spectacular sunrises and sunsets.

As a young man, Pat served four years in the U.S. Navy, and was stationed in San Diego, California. Thereafter, he was self-employed at Woodpecker Woodworking as a cabinetmaker in Sandy.

Pat lived an unpretentious life, but was a keen businessman who wisely invested in real estate, which enabled him to live out his dream of semiretiring when he was just 42.

Pat was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth; stepfather, Clarence Mason; his father, George Edward O'Malley; and Pat's first wife, Vicki O'Malley.

Survivors include his former second and third wives, Pam Forder and Sharon O'Malley, his siblings, children, stepchildren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pat's children, Dawn Sayles (Roger), Patrick O'Malley Jr., Shannon Dirks, Melissa Newberry (Jeff), Michael O'Malley (Nichole) and Colby Charlton (Mark) have many

fond memories of his bigger-than-life persona.

Pat's grandchildren are Summer Ruegger, Jeff and John Sayles, Samantha Deegan O'Malley, Nicholas and Michael Dirks, Jacob and Justin Newberry, Taylor Koch, Presley and Vance O'Malley and Arleigh and Maddox Charlton. Pat's great-grandchildren are Oliver, Aspen and Oakley Ruegger and Harriet Dirks.

Pat was a deeply spiritual person who loved telling stories, being outdoors, fishing, playing cribbage, stamp collecting, cars, motorcycles, going to garage sales, listening to music and refinishing antiques. He loved people, especially the laughter and joy of children.

Pat loved to laugh, and was as witty as he was talented. Pat enjoyed building unique things, including a turn-of-the-century cabin and a vintage logger shack.

Pat was a proud member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 38 years. He was very proud of his sobriety, and loved helping others in need.

Pat's home was always open to anyone. There is a guest sign-in book at Pat's home in Astoria, which is filled with hundreds of entries from people all over the U.S. Pat's charisma and charm will be sorely missed by all who love him.

A celebration of life will be held this summer in Astoria.

In honor of his memory, donations can be made to your favorite charity.



Patrick O'Malley Sr.

John Dennis 'Denny' Vaughn

Seaside

July 22, 1943 — April 22, 2021

John Dennis "Denny" Vaughn, beloved uncle, brother, friend, teacher and community member, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2021.

He was born on July 22, 1943, in Portland, to Arthur John Vaughn and Alyce Cecilia (Jones) Vaughn. In his youth, his family lived in Portland, where Denny graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1961.

He attended the University of Oregon. Once out of college, he started his teaching career at St. Mary, Star of the Sea School in Astoria. From there he moved to the Seaside School District, and taught history and social studies at Broadway Middle School for 30 years, eventually retiring in spring 1999.

His career also included being an athletic trainer at Seaside High School, as well as the clock operator for basketball, football and wrestling. He coached the golf team for the high school for 20 years, and led his team to the state golf tournament 12 times. His involvement in school earned him the Seaside High School Hall of Fame award for educator/coach meritorious service in 2008.

Denny had two other passions in his life. The first was his lifelong devotion to the University of Oregon Ducks. He was a season ticket holder for football, and loved

everything Ducks.

His second was for the game of golf. He was an active member of the Astoria Golf & Country Club, where he served on the board of directors and as handicap chairman. He was involved with junior golf each summer, and helped with the Oregon Invitational Tournament, and the club provided him with a great group of friends who would get together weekly to play cards.

In addition to all of the above activities, he also found time to serve on the Providence Seaside Hospital community board.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

He is survived by his sister, Roberta Ann (Vaughn) DuBois; niece, Laurie Lutz, of Ogden, Utah; nephew, W. Craig DuBois, of Rockaway Beach; and great-nephews and great-niece, Jerad Lutz, of Idaho; Trent Lutz, of Idaho; Cameron DuBois, of Washington; and Aubrey Bellows, of Oregon; and their families.

A celebration of life will be held later this year.

For those who wish to honor his memory, the family is requesting donations to one of his favorite organizations: Seaside Kids, P.O. Box 275, Seaside, OR., 97138 (seasidekidsinc.com).



John Vaughn

Voters to determine whether health care should be a right

By **PETER WONG**
Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — Mitch Greenlick may achieve in death what he was unable to do during his 17 years in the state House.

A vote in the House cleared the way for voters to decide in November 2022 whether health care should be considered a right in the Oregon Constitution. The House passed Senate Joint Resolution 12 on a 34-23 vote along party lines on Wednesday. The resolution does not require the governor's signature.

Greenlick, a Democrat from Portland, was in his ninth and final term when he died a year ago at 85.

As leader or co-leader of the House Health Care Committee going back to 2007, he sponsored and the House passed similar resolutions four times. All of them died in the Senate, although his final attempt had reached the full Senate before the Legislature abruptly adjourned its 2020 regular session after Republican walkouts.

"This is not the first version of this that you tried," state Rep. Rob Nosse, a Democrat from Portland who joined the Health Care Committee upon his appointment to the House in 2015, said during the debate.

"Passage of this resolution and hoped-for passage on the ballot in the fall of 2022 is an awesome legacy to your work. Each of us knows that access to quality and affordable health care is a basic human need for all the people of this state. It is a need that is worthy of being a right in our state Constitution."

Nosse was the lead House sponsor and Sen.

Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, D-Beaverton, was the lead Senate sponsor. Her district includes Greenlick's former district in northwestern Portland and northeast Washington County.

Greenlick came to Oregon in 1964 to start and later direct the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research. He became a vice president of Kaiser Foundation Hospital in 1981. He became a professor and chairman of public health and preventive med-

But Rep. Cedric Hayden, of Lowell, the top Republican on the Health Care Committee, said he believes the constitutional amendment would open state government to lawsuits.

"It is no longer something that every resident of Oregon would have no right of action — they do," Hayden, a dental surgeon, said. "It is no longer something that would not put pressure on all of our other budgets."

"I do not believe that our schools, our students and our parents have a private right of action to sue the state to make sure their school gets funded appropriately. If people feel that public safety in their county or city is not up to a standard that it should be, they do not have a private right of action to sue the state that it is funded."

He estimated that it would cost up to \$4 billion for state-supported insurance coverage to reach everyone under the Oregon Health Plan, which is jointly funded by the federal and state governments.

Oregon's uninsured adults are estimated at 6% of the population. Most children are now covered.

House Republican Leader Christine Drazan, of Canby, said passage of the constitutional amendment could compel legislators to put health care spending ahead of other programs.

"Either this is aspirational — and we should vote on it today as such, but not send it to voters to enshrine it in our Constitution — or it is an obligation of the state," she said. "If it is an obligation of the state and does nothing and costs us nothing, there is no value in it."

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— **Christine Drazan**, House Republican Leader

icine at Oregon Health & Science University from 1990 until he was elected to the House in 2002.

The proposed constitutional amendment also states:

"The obligation of the state ... must be balanced against the public interest in funding public schools and other essential public services, and any remedy arising from an action brought against the state to enforce the provisions of this section may not interfere with the balance described in this subsection."

Rep. Andrea Salinas, D-Lake Oswego, said the amendment would not compel legislators to support health care spending at the expense of state aid to public schools and other state services.

"The resolution is in no way prescriptive in how the Legislature gets from here to there," Salinas said.



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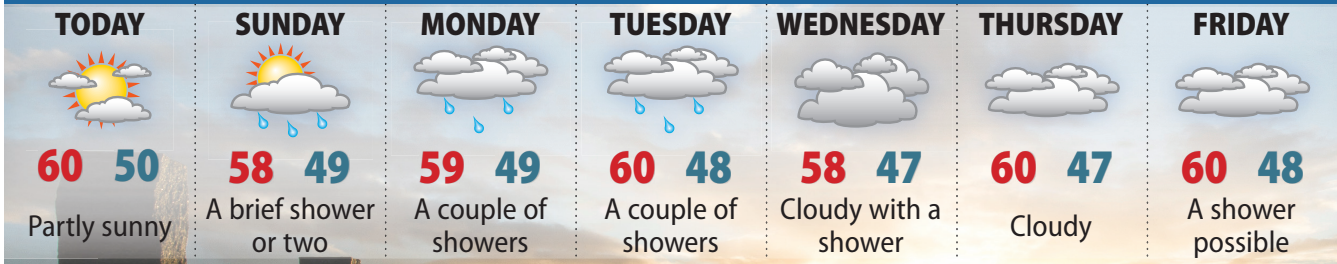
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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 57/47
Normal high/low 61/46
Record high 85 in 1914
Record low 37 in 1909

Precipitation

Thursday Trace
Month to date 0.52"
Normal month to date 2.23"
Year to date 34.70"
Normal year to date 32.27"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Jupiter and Saturn above the southeast horizon after 3 a.m.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:35 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:50 p.m.
Moonrise today 4:12 p.m.
Moonset today 3:51 a.m.

Full Last New First

May 26 June 2 June 10 June 17

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
10:29 a.m.	6.5	4:42 a.m.	1.5
11:00 p.m.	8.0	4:44 p.m.	1.5

Cape Disappointment

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
10:07 a.m.	6.3	4:03 a.m.	0.8
10:38 p.m.	8.1	3:56 p.m.	1.1

Hammond

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
10:51 p.m.	8.4	4:19 p.m.	1.0

Warrenton

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
10:24 a.m.	6.9	4:26 a.m.	1.6
10:55 p.m.	8.4	4:28 p.m.	1.0

Knappa

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
11:06 a.m.	6.8	5:43 a.m.	1.3
11:37 p.m.	8.3	5:45 p.m.	0.8

Depoe Bay

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
9:20 a.m.	6.2	3:30 a.m.	1.5
9:51 p.m.	8.0	3:22 p.m.	0.8

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	85/64/pc	90/68/pc
Boston	81/70/t	87/57/t
Chicago	88/70/pc	88/64/t
Dallas	78/69/t	80/68/t
Denver	72/56/t	77/46/s
Honolulu	86/72/s	86/73/pc
Houston	78/69/t	82/69/c
Los Angeles	69/54/pc	74/58/s
Miami	83/73/pc	84/71/pc
New York City	89/68/pc	90/60/pc
Phoenix	83/60/s	89/64/s
San Francisco	65/52/pc	65/51/pc
Wash., DC	92/71/pc	92/70/pc

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

