

OBITUARIES

Michael P. Spring Warrenton May 18, 1942 — May 4, 2021

Michael P. Spring was born in Oakville, California, on May 18, 1942, and passed away on May 4, 2021, at the age of 78. He resided in Warrenton most of his life.

He was a ballroom dance instructor, commercial fisherman, siding contractor, salmon buyer, sheet metal worker and flagger.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, gold panning and mining, cooking, baking, dancing and wood working.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nellie J. Spring; his sister, Robin Fitzgerald;



Michael Spring

his grandson, Michael J. Procunier Jr.; and his parents, Merle and Dorothy Spring.

He is survived by his daughters, Sue Kelly, Michelle Best, Corinne Amos and Renea Whitney; son, Shawn Spring; along with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A potluck celebration of life will be held on Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. in Warrenton.

Nicholas 'Nick' Dan Zafiratos Astoria May 9, 1926 — April 18, 2021



Our beloved Nicholas "Nick" Dan Zafiratos, longtime Astoria resident, passed away on April 18 in Riverview, Florida. He was 94.

Nick was born on May 9, 1926, in Mill City, to Dionysius (Dan) and Roubina Zafiratos, who had emigrated from Greece in 1923.

He grew up in the Portland area, entering grade school only speaking the Greek language. He quickly excelled at school, skipping a grade, and graduated from Jefferson High School.

When Nick was just 18, he joined the U.S. Army during World War II, where he achieved the rank of staff sergeant, and served as a tank commander. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, as well as in the Ardennes, German and central European theaters. He received several Medals of Honor for his service.

After Nick was honorably discharged, he worked as a railroad engineer to help support his parents and younger brother. He then attended the University of Oregon, Oregon State University and Willamette University, where he graduated top of his class and received a law degree in 1955. His second-year classmates honored him by electing him class president at Willamette University College of Law.

While working in Pendleton in 1956, he met his future wife, Virginia "Ginny" Ann Swart. They were married in the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Portland in 1957.

Nick began his law career as assistant city attorney in Salem, first with the welfare and recovery division and later with the state forestry board.

In 1960, Nick and Ginny moved to Astoria. Nick went into private practice and opened his own law firm in 1960. He was appointed deputy district attorney of Astoria and then municipal judge.

Later, attorney Steve Roman joined him, and they formed the successful Zafiratos & Roman partnership, which served the community for many years.

Nick was a dynamic attorney, and well respected by other attorneys, judges and law enforcement throughout the state. He was known as someone you would call "if you were in trouble."

Many younger attorneys have stated that they would often go observe his "brilliance" in the courtroom, and that he taught them so much. He was very passionate about his clients, and truly loved his profession.

In his later years, while in a restaurant or walking downtown, former clients would often come up and thank him for what he did for them. It was awe-inspiring, and made you realize what a difference just one person

can make in someone's life.

Nick was a member of the Oregon State Bar and Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Board from 1993 through 1995. He was appointed chairman of the board in 1995.

Nick was also very active as a member of the Astoria community. He served as the exalted ruler for the Elks, a port commissioner for the Port of Astoria, was on the board of directors for the Astoria Golf & Country Club, a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and a member of the Greek Civil Group American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

Nick loved to travel, golf, fly his Cessna, watch football (loved his Oregon Ducks!) read and spend time with his family and friends.

In retirement, Nick and Ginny enjoyed spending summers in Astoria and winters in their Palm Desert, California, home. He also enjoyed volunteering as a guide on the Astoria Riverfront Trolley.

Nick will be remembered for his sense of humor, (the best one-liners!) his feistiness, great conversation and stories, kindness, compassion and, of course, his love for a great "dirty martini."

He also was a big animal lover, and often brought home strays and rescues from his office. They almost always became members of the Zafiratos family (except for "Petunia" the skunk!).

Nick was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Ginny; brothers, Spiro (1925), and Chris, (2004); and niece, Diana Nicole Zafiratos, (2019).

Survivors include his daughters, Ann Zafiratos, of Santa Barbara, California, Molly (Kevin) Koehnke, of Riverview, Florida, and Jane Zafiratos (Drew), of Warrenton.

Nick had four grandchildren, Claire Fletcher (Jacob Kneuer), Connor Koehnke and Niko and Evan Augustin. In addition, special friend Dee Chisum, her daughter, Terri Opsahl, and many friends and family. Nick (i.e. Dad, Papou) was "one of a kind" and will be dearly missed.

A Greek Orthodox funeral and reception was held May 7. The family requests that you make donations in Nick's honor to the Clatsop County animal shelter (or adopt a rescue) or donate to Camp Kiwanilong in Warrenton.

A big "thank you" to Nick's longtime caregivers at Clatsop Care Retirement Village for their great care and companionship.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria was in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guest book at caldwellsmortuary.com



Nicholas Zafiratos



Climate bill: Has two caveats as insurance

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Pacific Power, the provider responsible for the largest single share of the state's emissions from electricity use, also supports the bill, as do electricity service suppliers that sell power directly to large industrial and commercial customers in the state.

"I think the whole industry is kind of holding hands and jumping together here," said Spencer Gray, the executive director of the Northwest & Intermountain Power Providers Coalition, a trade group that represents the state's five active electricity service suppliers.

Gray and others say HB 2021 takes a reasonable-yet-ambitious approach to decarbonizing, and offers power companies a range of options for reaching state goals. But they're also relying on two caveats embedded in the bill as insurance.

One is a so-called "cost cap" that says utilities can be temporarily exempted from the regulations in instances where the rates for customers would rise more than 6% in a year, compared with other options. The other is the option for a "reliability pause" — that is, an exemption when the regulations could hamper a utility's ability to provide reliable power.

The utilities view these provisions as necessary assurance customers won't be overburdened by rising rates or left in the dark. Environmental justice advocates and others pushing the bill say they're logical concessions that likely won't be necessary. Similar safeguards built into the state's 14-year-old renewable portfolio standard have never been invoked.

"We are all acutely aware that that's such an important piece to have in all of this: you have to keep the lights on for everybody," said Damon Motz-Storey, who tackles climate issues for the group Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, and helped negotiate HB 2021. "If that means increasing your emissions for a little bit, then fine. But you have to submit a plan for getting back on track."

Clear path to passage?

The lack of outspoken opposition to HB 2021 comes with a trade-off: Even if successful, the proposal only addresses a segment of the state's carbon dioxide output.

According to the Department of Environmental Quality, emissions from electricity accounted for 30% of the state's greenhouse gas emissions in 2019. The entities regulated under HB 2021 are respon-

sible for the vast majority of that, but some providers are left untouched.

Several dozen small consumer-owned utilities around the state are not impacted by the bill. Nor is Idaho Power, the state's smallest investor-owned utility, which was removed from HB 2021 after pressing for an exemption and touting its own decarbonization goals.

The state's largest source of carbon dioxide emissions, according to the Department of Environmental Quality, are cars, trucks and other forms of transportation, which were responsible for 36% of emissions in 2019. They would not be regulated under the bill, though Gov. Kate Brown last year took executive action aimed in part at curbing transportation pollution. Lawmakers this year have also passed a bill requiring PGE and Pacific Power to invest an estimated \$8 million to \$10 million a year in helping Oregon drivers switch to electric vehicles.

While HB 2021 hasn't spurred the big political rallies that Democrats' cap-and-trade proposal drew in 2019 and 2020, the bill does have opponents. Nearly every Republican lawmaker who's had a chance to vote on the bill this year has found reasons to vote "no."

Our weekly ad in the Coast Weekend is working well! We have had customers come into the shop saying they haven't been in to see us for a while, and saw our ad in the paper, so decided to stop in!

Kelly Mauer, owner

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
57 50 A little morning rain	59 45 A passing shower	67 47 Partly sunny; warmer	68 51 Partly sunny	68 52 Partly sunny and nice	67 54 Mostly cloudy	65 52 Partly sunny



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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low	59/50
Normal high/low	62/47
Record high	81 in 2005
Record low	34 in 1967

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.03"
Month to date	0.82"
Normal month to date	2.72"
Year to date	35.00"
Normal year to date	32.76"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Full Pink Moon (4:13 a.m.).

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:31 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:55 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:02 p.m.
Moonset today	6:27 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.)
1:49 a.m.	9.6	9:05 a.m.	-1.8	
3:26 p.m.	7.3	8:53 p.m.	2.5	
Cape Disappointment				
1:25 a.m.	9.8	8:06 a.m.	-2.3	
3:01 p.m.	7.4	7:56 p.m.	2.8	
Hammond				
1:37 a.m.	10.0	8:27 a.m.	-2.5	
3:12 p.m.	7.6	8:20 p.m.	2.4	
Warrenton				
1:44 a.m.	10.0	8:49 a.m.	-1.7	
3:21 p.m.	7.7	8:37 p.m.	2.6	
Knappa				
2:26 a.m.	9.8	10:06 a.m.	-1.6	
4:03 p.m.	7.6	9:54 p.m.	2.2	
Depoe Bay				
12:37 a.m.	9.8	7:37 a.m.	-2.9	
2:16 p.m.	7.3	7:26 p.m.	2.5	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	88/69/pc	87/68/pc
Boston	80/55/s	61/49/r
Chicago	59/48/r	52/46/r
Dallas	88/72/pc	82/67/t
Denver	72/48/s	82/51/pc
Honolulu	86/73/pc	85/72/s
Houston	87/74/pc	88/72/pc
Los Angeles	76/58/pc	76/61/pc
Miami	87/74/s	87/73/s
New York City	82/58/s	67/49/r
Phoenix	100/73/s	102/73/s
San Francisco	67/53/pc	66/52/pc
Wash., DC	86/65/s	72/55/r

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	58/49		Wenatchee	67/47	
Tacoma	58/47		Moses Lake	72/50	
Yakima	68/44		Kennewick	73/53	
Spokane	66/44		Walla Walla	69/48	
Pullman	67/43		Lewiston	78/51	
Astoria	57/50		Enterprise	71/38	
Portland	61/50		Pendleton	68/46	
The Dalles	68/52		La Grande	72/45	
Salem	62/49		John Day	73/38	
Albany	61/47		Burns	73/36	
Corvallis	62/45		Ontario	83/50	
Eugene	63/45		Caldwell	82/49	
Bend	62/38				
Medford	71/44				
Klamath Falls	69/32				