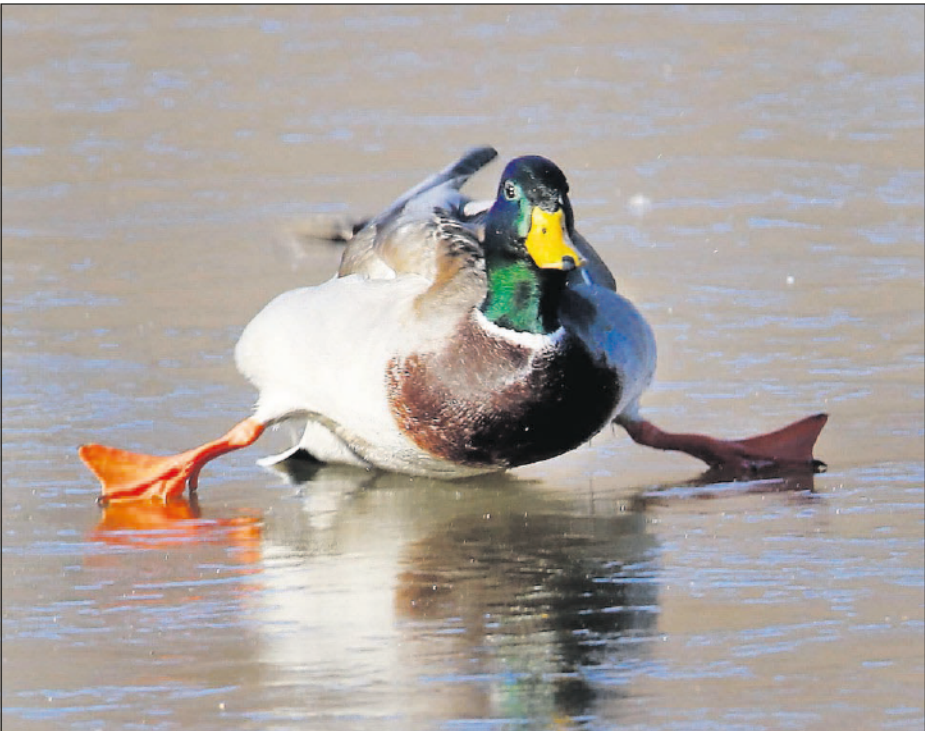


Duck walk



A mallard duck attempts to walk on a frozen pond in Yukon, Okla.

Mediator to help West Coast ports

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal mediator is getting involved in stalled contract talks between West Coast dockworkers and their employers.

Political and financial pressure has been building as each side blamed the other for the slow movement of billions of dollars of cargo across the docks at 29 seaports that are a vital trade link with Asia.

The U.S. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service announced its involvement late Monday. While the development does not mean an immediate return to normalcy at the sea ports, a mediator has proven pivotal in past contract disputes.

The ports from San Diego to Seattle handled \$892 billion in imports and exports during 2013, according to U.S. trade data. The largest, in Los Angeles and Long Beach, handle everything from Japanese cars to Chinese electronics; ports in the Pacific Northwest send apples and grain abroad. Cargo volume has been heavy in the past year as the economy has improved — and due to a range of problems, that cargo is having a hard time getting where it needs to go efficiently.

Members of the powerful International Longshore and Warehouse Union have worked without a contract since July 1. Though negotiators between the union and Pacific Maritime Association, which represents shipping lines and operators of port terminals, reached a tentative agreement on health care benefits, in recent months the two sides traded more public criticism than contract proposals.

The maritime association accused workers of slowing down deliberately, while the union said bad management meant that among other things truck beds were not available to move containers of goods.

Citing big differences in issues including wages and work rules, the maritime association requested federal help last month.

The union had resisted, but late Monday the federal mediation service said it would get involved based upon “a joint request for assistance.”

In its statement, the service said deputy director Scot Beckenbaugh “has been assigned to help the parties bring these important negotiations to a mutually acceptable resolution.”

The National Retail Federation, which has expressed serious concerns about the impact of the slowdown on its members, called the announcement “the first positive news from the West Coast ports in some time.”

Neither the union nor the employers’ association commented on the announcement beyond confirming its authenticity.

The two sides have a contentious history dating to the union’s founding during the Great Depression.

In 2002, employers locked out dockworkers for 10 days and it was only after a federal mediator intervened that the ports reopened and negotiations resumed.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight

Partly cloudy

39°

Wednesday

Mostly cloudy

57° 40°

Friday

On-and-off rain and drizzle

52° 44°

Thursday

Times of clouds and sun

57° 43°

Saturday

Mainly cloudy with a couple of showers

52° 40°

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

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Almanac

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures

High 54°
Low 46°
Normal high 49°
Normal low 37°

Precipitation

Yesterday 1.04"
Month to date 3.52"
Normal month to date 1.74"
Year to date 3.52"
Normal year to date 1.74"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 4:45 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday 7:57 a.m.
Moonrise today 6:48 p.m.
Moonset today 8:31 a.m.

Last New First Full
Jan 13 Jan 20 Jan 26 Feb 3

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Regional Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	41 26 pc	40 24 pc
Bend	52 30 pc	50 29 pc
Brookings	59 47 pc	63 47 pc
Eugene	53 35 pc	53 36 pc
Ilwaco	54 43 c	55 43 c
Klamath Falls	54 28 pc	55 28 pc
Medford	56 34 pc	56 34 pc
Newport	58 42 pc	60 45 pc
North Bend	60 42 pc	62 43 pc

National Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	52 30 s	37 14 pc
Boston	23 17 sn	30 0 sf
Chicago	13 -5 c	2 -11 pc
Denver	47 17 pc	31 23 c
Des Moines	13 -6 c	-1 -16 s
Detroit	20 6 c	13 3 sf
El Paso	59 31 s	52 29 pc
Fairbanks	-14 -22 s	-1 -15 s
Honolulu	77 63 s	77 63 s
Indianapolis	24 4 sn	5 -9 pc
Kansas City	21 6 pc	7 -4 s
Las Vegas	64 43 s	66 41 pc
Los Angeles	61 52 s	78 52 pc
Memphis	45 28 pc	31 13 pc
Miami	82 68 pc	80 57 pc
Nashville	41 25 pc	26 5 pc
New Orleans	59 41 pc	52 26 pc
New York	26 20 sn	26 10 sf
Oklahoma City	42 19 pc	22 13 s
Philadelphia	29 22 sn	28 11 sf
St. Louis	27 9 pc	10 3 s
Salt Lake City	46 29 c	45 30 s
San Francisco	65 47 s	66 48 pc
Seattle	56 40 c	51 39 s
Washington, DC	38 27 sn	32 16 pc

Tomorrow's National Weather

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

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

OBITUARIES

Don Donovan Knappa

Aug. 19, 1932 — Dec. 29, 2014



Don Donovan, age 82, of Knappa died peacefully with his family by his side on Monday, Dec. 29th, at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria, Ore.

Donald Frederick Donovan was born to James and Mertie (Graham) Donovan in Clatsop County. He attended Lewis and Clark Consolidated School through eighth grade, and then received his GED later in the Army. Don also attended Clatsop Community College, where he studied union management relations and psychology in supervision.

Don married Jeanne M. Blackburn on July 15, 1951, and they had seven children: Candy (Allen) Foster, Denise (Tom) Amburn, Jim (Cheryl), Cyndy (Rod) Mullins, Pat (Myong), Mike (Stacey), and Suzy (Bill) Pitts. Jeanne passed away in 1982.

Don then married Nancy Baird Ziak in 1983, increasing his children by four: Denise (Chet) Gowen, Diana (Lonnice) Strain, Linda (Ronnie) Geisler, and Lorene (Shawn) Bridgeman.

Don served in the U.S. Army, and was in the Korean War, and also was in the National Guard. After returning from the Army, he was a police officer in Seaside and Astoria. Don was actively involved as an officer during all the riots that broke out in Seaside. For a brief period he was bus a driver. Don then quit there to work for Crown-Zellerbach, where he held various positions. Don was president of IWA Local 3-4, and then was elected business agent. He then worked for Local 3-1 as a field representative for many years. Don then ended up retiring as a stacker operator for Warrenton Fibre, and often fire-watched, even after his retirement.

Don enjoyed family get-togethers and was very proud of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Don also had taken in Nancy's brother Steve shortly after they had married. Don had provided over 30 years of care and love for him.

Don also enjoyed watching the wildlife in his backyard, especially the elk. Don had a koi pond with a large waterfall and he used to go and sit to watch his fish and enjoy the beauty of the water rippling down. Don was very fond of birds, and had multiple bird

feeders and loved to watch them. Another of Don's passions was raising pigeons and chickens. Later on, Don planted a fruit orchard, of which he was very proud! Apples and plums were his favorites.

Don liked to do woodworking and he and Nancy built many unique crafts and projects together. Don enjoyed many other various home projects, and he was never afraid of the hard work it entailed. Storytelling was one of his specialties. He loved to tell stories, especially of his childhood, high school sports, hunting, and fishing. Don made many trips following the Astoria Fishermen when his children played, and then later following the Knappa Loggers. Don enjoyed hunting, fishing, and clam digging. Don has shot several big bucks and has caught many fish.

Don was an excellent listener and shoulder to lean on, and he would always make the time to do that if you needed it. His soothing words and sincere care made the difference. There was not a thing that Don wouldn't do for you if you asked. Don had the kindest heart you could ever imagine. Don was a man of integrity and honor, and he will be greatly missed by many. He was so well loved by all.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers and sisters, Howard, Dorothy, Patty, Bob, Bill, Dick, and Edith; and his brother-in-law, Steve Baird.

Don is survived by his wife, Nancy; eleven children and spouses; 27 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Shirley Blackburn and Marjorie (Richard) Boettcher; and closest friends Darell Carlson, Bill Spivey, and Gary Ziak.

There will be a graveside service on Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in Astoria. All are welcome to attend. Following the service, will be a potluck at 1 p.m. at the Svensen Senior Center.

Any donations can be made in Don's name to the Knappa Fire Department.

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

Robert Edwin Van Osdol Astoria

April 25, 1924 — Dec. 30, 2014



Beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Bob is survived by his wife, Rita Helmersen-Van Osdol; daughters, Rebecca Bugarsky (Ray), Elizabeth Van Osdol, Bonny Mattison (Dave), Cora Van Osdol (Terry McGettigan), Rosie Van Osdol-Burton (Ray) and Roberta Thompson; sons, Brian (Lorene), Ed (Joyce) and Mark (Leah); two stepdaughters, Anna Marie Ramirez (Patrick) and Joanne Peterson (Shane); 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Bob's parents were James "Ross" Van Osdol and Anna Sophie Van Osdol. He was born in Astoria and graduated from Knappa High School in 1942.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946 as a staff sergeant with the Americal Division in the Solomon Islands and the Southern Philippines.

He married Mary Katherine Carlson on June 23, 1946. Mary passed away in October 1987.

In 1954, he joined the Oregon State Police and was stationed in Astoria his entire career. He attained the rank of senior trooper before retiring after 26 years of service in 1980. After OSP, Bob worked security for the Port of Astoria, and was a gillnet fisherman.

Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave., Astoria, Ore. 97103.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St., Astoria, Ore. A reception will follow at the church.

Graveside services will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of one's choice.

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Public meetings

TUESDAY
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 5 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Port of Astoria Commission, 5 p.m. work-

shop, old Port offices, 422 Gateway Ave.
THURSDAY
Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board, 10 a.m., NOHA office, 147 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.

Lotteries

OREGON	Next jackpot: \$5.5 million	Monday's Keno: 06-10-13-14-15-19-28-30-31-33-35-
Monday's Pick 4:	WASHINGTON	45-46-47-52-56-57-61-70-72
1 p.m.: 4-5-6-2	Monday's Daily Game:	Monday's Lotto: 01-09-
4 p.m.: 1-7-8-3	1-0-7	12-20-27-31
7 p.m.: 6-7-2-6	Monday's Hit 5: 09-14-	Estimated jackpot: \$2.3 million
10 p.m.: 9-2-7-1	18-19-29	Monday's Match 4: 03-
Monday's Megabucks:	Estimated jackpot:	12-20-23
10-18-26-33-38-46	\$120,000	

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