

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'How do you feel about April Fools' Day pranks?



"My mom always used to do them on my dad. Since she passed away, I'm going to have to think of something to trick him. He's very gullible. I think they're fun, to an extent, but there's no need to push the limits, or be mean or evil."

Molly Moorman, Celina, Ohio



"Within reason, it's OK. Sometimes people go a little too far with their pranks. Some people's sense of humor is not the same as others' — then feelings come into play."

Barbara Klein, Warrenton



"I think they're great. I think they're fun."

Jamie Brownlow, Astoria

Executive dropped from lawsuit over log exports at Port

Westerlund and Murphy clash over failed deal

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Roger Nance, the former vice president of Westerlund Log Handlers, has been removed from the former log processor's long-standing legal battle against timber magnate Dennis Murphy and his companies over log exports at the Port of Astoria.

The terms of Nance's removal are kept private by a protective order. His dismissal leaves the company, its President David Westerlund and his wife Lori as plaintiffs against Murphy and his companies.

Westerlund Log Handlers brought log exports back to the Port in 2010 after a long hiatus. Originally resisted, the company was later heralded for creating jobs and return-

ing a traditional export to the region.

But by 2014, Westerlund Log Handlers had become embroiled in a lawsuit with state-owned China National Building Materials Import and Export Corporation and CNBM Forest Products, which bought much of the regional timber exported from Pier 1 and had loaned Westerlund Log Handlers money for equipment.

Murphy, a former co-owner of Eugene-based Murphy Timber Co., stepped in, allegedly paying \$2.55 million three years ago to settle the case and release liens on Westerlund Log Handlers' equipment. The Murphy and Westerlund parties signed a contract in January 2014, in which Westerlund was to transport, store, process and prepare logs procured by Murphy for export. But the partnership quickly soured.

In July 2015, the two sides filed concurrent lawsuits alleging breaches of their agree-



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Logs belonging to China National Building Materials Forest Products pile up at the Port of Astoria's Pier 3 in 2014.

ment. The cases were later consolidated.

Westerlund and Nance claimed they were unfairly pushed out of the partnership and a profit-sharing agreement. The Murphy par-

ties claimed they had covered the expenses of Westerlund Log Handlers, whose lease was later terminated and transferred to Murphy-owned Astoria Forest Products in exchange for past-due bills being paid off.

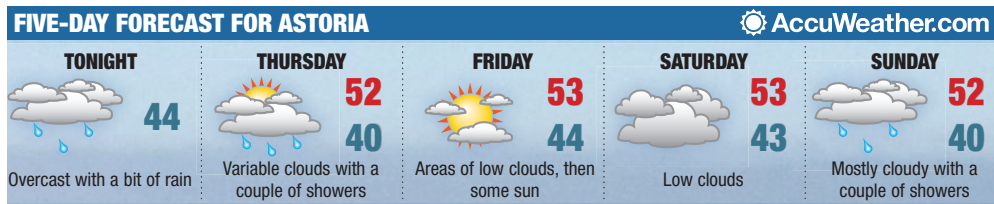
Astoria Forest Products has since developed Pier 3 into a log-processing yard, from

which scaled timber is driven to Pier 1 for export on bulk log carriers.

The Westerlunds are still seeking partial summary judgment for alleged breaches of agreement with the Murphy parties, broken promises, misappropriation of trade secrets and fraud. The Murphy parties are seeking dismissal of the

Westerlunds' claims.

The attorneys representing the Westerlunds and Nance recently dropped themselves out of the case, citing "professional considerations." The Westerlunds' new attorney recently made a first appearance. Discovery in the case is expected to continue into June.



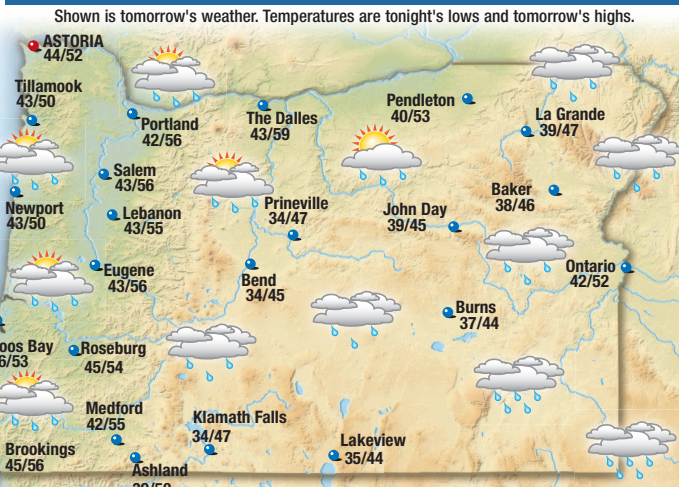
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Astoria through Tuesday.
Temperatures
 High/low 52°/46°
 Normal high/low 55°/40°
 Record high 75° in 1941
 Record low 28° in 1987
Precipitation
 Tuesday 0.27"
 Month to date 14.10"
 Normal month to date 6.80"
 Year to date 31.98"
 Normal year to date 24.19"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 7:40 p.m.
 Sunrise Thursday 6:59 a.m.
 Moonrise today 8:14 a.m.
 Moonset today 9:55 p.m.
 First Full Last New
 Apr 3 Apr 10 Apr 19 Apr 26

REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Low in the west after sunset, the young moon will be near Mercury.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	Low
3:28 a.m.	9.5 ft.	10:06 a.m.
4:15 p.m.	8.4 ft.	10:07 p.m.
		1.0 ft.

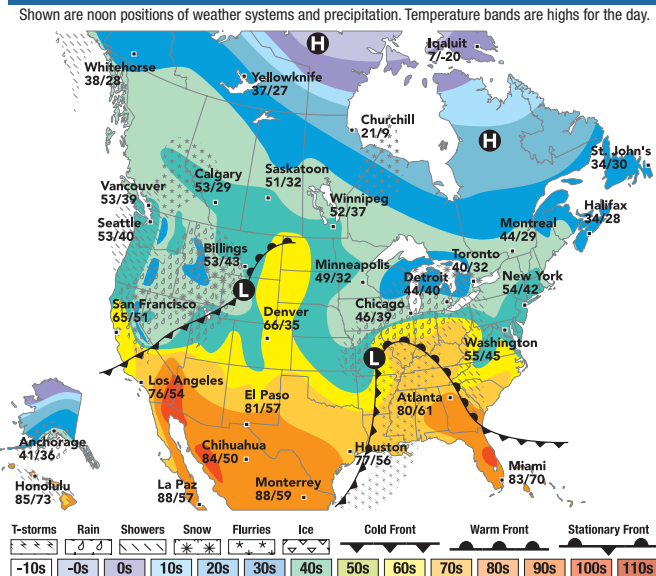
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	82 61 pc	80 61 c
Boston	49 33 pc	47 34 pc
Chicago	50 39 c	46 39 r
Denver	53 34 c	66 35 pc
Des Moines	47 41 r	47 35 r
Detroit	55 37 pc	44 40 r
El Paso	67 45 s	81 57 s
Fairbanks	26 9 sf	32 18 pc
Honolulu	85 73 pc	85 73 sh
Indianapolis	60 50 pc	67 49 r
Kansas City	58 46 r	53 39 r
Las Vegas	78 58 s	80 53 pc
Los Angeles	84 57 s	76 54 s
Memphis	82 64 pc	74 51 t
Miami	85 68 s	83 70 s
Nashville	80 61 pc	78 54 t
New Orleans	83 68 pc	77 60 t
New York	58 36 s	54 42 s
Oklahoma City	67 43 t	62 40 c
Philadelphia	62 35 s	57 38 s
St. Louis	67 58 t	71 46 r
Salt Lake City	58 45 pc	58 37 r
San Francisco	67 54 pc	65 51 pc
Seattle	53 43 r	53 40 sh
Washington, DC	66 42 s	55 45 pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Baker City	52 38 sh	46 33 c
Bend	55 34 r	45 27 r
Brookings	54 45 r	54 41 c
Eugene	55 43 r	56 35 sh
Ilwaco	53 45 r	50 41 c
Klamath Falls	58 34 sh	47 24 pc
Medford	59 42 r	55 37 c
Newberg	55 42 r	55 37 sh
Newport	53 43 r	50 37 sh
North Bend	56 45 r	54 40 sh
Olympia	52 41 r	55 36 sh
Pendleton	55 40 r	53 35 sh
Portland	54 42 r	56 39 sh
Roseburg	59 45 r	54 38 c
Salem	55 43 r	56 38 sh
Seaside	53 45 r	50 40 sh
Spokane	48 38 r	50 31 c
Springfield	55 44 r	54 37 sh
Vancouver	54 44 r	55 39 sh
Yakima	63 37 c	61 34 pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Sturgeon season closes in John Day Pool

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The recreational sturgeon season in the John Day Pool is closing at 12:01 a.m. Thursday under rules announced by fishery managers from Oregon and Washington state.

The rules are based on recent harvest data that the 105-fish harvest guideline will be met by that time.

The entire Columbia River downstream of McNary Dam will now be closed to sturgeon retention. However, catch and

release fishing continues to be allowed, except in the sturgeon spawning sanctuaries defined in the 2017 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations. Sturgeon retention is also closed on the Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls.

OBITUARY

Eugene C. 'Gene' Koch

Seaside

Oct. 23, 1938 — March 23, 2017



Eugene (Gene) C. Koch passed away peacefully at the Veterans' Home in The Dalles, Oregon, March 23, 2017.

Gene's parents were Eugene (Cookie) and Betty Koch of Seaside, Oregon.

He graduated from Seaside Union High School in the Class of 1957 and, after serving his time with the National Guard, he went on to a long career as an electrician, working mainly out of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48.

He was a union man through and through. He was also a past exalted ruler with the Seaside Elks Lodge, a member of the American Legion and past member of the Moose Lodge.

He loved the game of bowling, and finally accomplished a bowler's dream of rolling the first recognized perfect "300" game by the Seaside Bowling Association at Evergreen Lanes in

Gearhart on Dec. 28, 1990.

Gene is survived by his wife of 42 years, Ruth (Woodworth) Koch; three stepchildren, Charlotte (Dave) Link of The Dalles, Mark (Liz) Woodworth of Golden, Colorado, and Connie Clementz of Seaside; three grandchildren, Nikole Davis of Beaverton, Elizabeth "Libby" (Nathan) La Marr Jones of Littleton, Colorado, and Sean Woodworth of Golden, Colorado; and three great-grandchildren, Harrison, Silas and Oaks Jones of Littleton, Colorado. They called him GGPA.

Private burial will be at Ocean View Cemetery, alongside his parents. Memorial services will be at a

later date. Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Seaside Elks Lodge or Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Seaside.



Eugene Koch

DEATH

March 27, 2017

JURASIN, Frances Ardell, 89, of Astoria, died in Portland. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIALS

Saturday, April 1
BOUDREAU, Ronald — Celebration of life and potluck at 1 p.m., Mary Todd's Workers Bar & Grill, 281 W. Marine Drive.

JACKSON, Douglas Gene — Celebration of life from 2 to 5 p.m., Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. All are welcome.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY

Cannon Beach Tourism and Arts Commission, 1 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Astoria Watershed Forest Practices Open House, 6 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

THURSDAY

Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 4-4-8-8
4 p.m.: 6-0-5-5
7 p.m.: 4-7-7-8
10 p.m.: 0-7-8-1
Mega Millions: 30-33-35-37-46
Mega Ball: 10
 Estimated jackpot: \$174 million

WASHINGTON

Tuesday's Daily Game: 4-1-0
Tuesday's Keno: 01-04-07-08-13-14-16-18-31-40-44-46-48-52-53-55-56-65-68-75
Tuesday's Match 4: 01-14-17-19

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