

# State attorneys begin Trump pushback

Washington state first to file over immigration

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**Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson, right, talks to reporters as Gov. Jay Inslee, left, looks on Monday in Seattle.**

SEATTLE — Washington became the first state to sue the Trump administration with a filing Monday over the president's executive order restricting refugees and immigration. It won't be standing alone for long.

Since Donald Trump was elected president, Democratic state attorneys general have been forming a coordinated wall of legal resistance over immigration, environmental protections, health care, and other major issues.

"It's my responsibility as attorney general to defend the rule of law, to uphold the Constitution on behalf of the people of this state. And that's what we're doing," Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson said.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman told The Associated Press that lawyers, including attor-

neys general, are having an "awakening" regarding the Trump administration.

"This is a president who does not have respect for the rule of the law," he said. "That's something that bothers a lot of people."

Schneiderman has given model legislation to local governments in New York showing them how to become sanctuary cities that would refuse to cooperate with federal authorities on some immigration enforcement matters.

The lawsuits were discussed as the fight over the president's executive order on immigration escalated in Washington, D.C.

Accusing her of betrayal and insubordination, Trump on Monday fired Sally Yates, the acting attorney general of the United States and a

Democratic appointee, after she publicly questioned the constitutionality of the refugee and immigration ban and refused to defend it in court.

The dramatic public clash between the new president and the nation's top law enforcement officer laid bare the growing discord and dissent surrounding Trump's executive order, which temporarily halted the entire U.S. refugee program and banned all entries from seven Muslim-majority nations for 90 days.

The firing came hours after Yates directed Justice Department attorneys not to defend the executive order, saying she was not convinced it was lawful or consistent with the agency's obligation "to stand for what is right." Trump accused Yates of having "betrayed the Department of Justice by refusing to enforce a legal order designed to protect the citizens of the United States."

He immediately named longtime federal prosecutor Dana Boente, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, as Yates' replacement.

Boente said Trump's executive order was "both lawful on its face and properly drafted."

# Truck crash causes delays on Astoria Bridge



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Traffic was delayed on the Astoria Bridge early this morning after a logging truck lost control of cargo.

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The Astoria Bridge temporarily closed this morning after a truck spilled logs onto U.S. Highway 101.

A reach on the truck broke about 1 mile

south of the Oregon-Washington border just after 6 a.m., spilling the logs. No other vehicles were involved in the accident and there were no injuries.

Both lanes of traffic on the bridge opened with flaggers after a few hours.

# Candles caused Svensen house fire

The Daily Astorian

Incense candles caused the fire at a two-story home on Svensen Market Road last week, Knappa Fire District Chief Paul Olheiser said.

The fire shut down Svensen Market Road between Simonsen Road and Angberg Lane for roughly five hours Tuesday morning. Five fire engines and multiple other agencies responded to the scene. The damage from

the fire is close to \$400,000, Olheiser said.

Denise Allen, 62, was the only occupant of the house and escaped uninjured. She was making breakfast just after lighting incense candles in her basement. While she

was cooking in the kitchen, a carton of eggs caught fire. Allen then escaped and called 911 at 6:26 a.m.

Olheiser said anyone using candles or incense should not leave them unattended.

# Four arrested in Seaside on meth charges

The Daily Astorian

Four people were arrested Friday at an RV park in Seaside on a variety of charges related to possession of methamphetamine.

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office, along with other

agencies, executed search warrants inside Seaside RV Park on South Roosevelt Drive. They found 9 grams of methamphetamine, scales and packaging material.

Raoul Childs, 57, Luanne Cleveland, 47, Linda Needham, 57, and Edward Kem-

per, 58, were all arrested. Charges include unlawful manufacturing and delivery of a methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of methamphetamine and frequenting a place where controlled substances are used.

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