## WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

## Lawyer says man dragged off plane has concussion, lost teeth

CHICAGO — A passenger dragged from a United Express flight suffered a "significant" concussion and broken nose, and he lost two front teeth, one of his lawyers said today.

Dr. David Dao has been discharged from a hospital but he will require reconstructive surgery, said attorney Thomas Demetrio, whose law firm is representing the 69-year-old Kentucky physician.

Dao was removed from the plane Sunday after he refused to give up his seat on the full flight from Chicago to Louisville.

Demetrio said he likely will file a lawsuit on Dao's behalf, adding that airlines — and United in particular — have long "bullied" passengers.

The video of a passenger being dragged by an officer from a United Express flight shined an unwanted spotlight on the little-known police force that guards Chicago's two main airports and could threaten the agency's future.

Chicago's aviation officers are not part of the regular police force, unlike in many other big cities. They get less training than regular officers and can't carry firearms inside the airports. Three of them were put on leave amid outrage over how they treated the passenger.

The City Council is looking for answers about the embarrassing video that has been seen around the world. At the top of the list of questions is whether the airport officers even had the legal authority to board the plane, said Alderman Michael Zalewski, who leads the council's aviation committee.

## Phones and social media turn consumers into whistleblowers

NEW YORK - Look out, Corporate America. Customers armed with smartphones and video cameras are watching when you screw up.

The viral video of a ticketed passenger dragged forcefully off a United flight is only the latest example of bad behavior exposed in the age of social media.

In February, Uber came under fire after a driver posted video of CEO Travis Kalanick berating him. Earlier, a Comcast technician was shown in a video sleeping on a customer's couch, and an audio recording chronicled one man's herculean efforts to drop Comcast service; they are among the embarrassing customer complaints that ultimately forced improvements . FedEx had to respond after video showed a driver carelessly throwing a package with a computer monitor over the front gate. Beyond the corporate sphere, smartphone videos of police brutality have prompted protests and investigations.

Not long ago, such incidents might have gotten a mention on the local news at most, and quickly disappeared. But smartphone cameras and social media have democratized information and shifted power to consumers. Companies can no longer sweep complaints under the rug.

"That's something a lot of companies just don't get," said Paul Argenti, a professor of corporate communications at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. "Companies still operate as if they can hide things and make believe something didn't happen."

## **ACLU** sues for information related to Trump travel bans

CHICAGO — The American Civil Liberties Union has filed more than a dozen lawsuits nationwide seeking government documents related to the implementation of the Trump administration's travel bans.

The organization announced efforts Wednesday to sue for records from 14 Customs and Border Protection offices, including in Chicago, Los Angeles and Houston.

# **Bengel takes over Coast Weekend**

## Astorian reporter moves to features editor position

#### **By EDWARD STRATTON** The Daily Astorian

Since college, Erick Bengel has jumped back and forth between the hard news and features sections of the papers he's worked at.

A reporter for the EO Media Group since 2013, Bengel was recently named the features editor of Coast Weekend arts and entertainment tabloid, Weekend Break section and Our Coast magazine. Although learning in a trial by fire, Bengel said the transition feels natural.

"I think arts and culture is kind of my home," he said. "Sometimes when I write news stories, straight newsy style, I feel like I'm trying to adopt an accent ... I feel like I have to kind of throw my voice, to

sound like somebody I'm not." Bengel grew up in Albany and attended Southern Oregon University in art-infused Ashland, where he studied English literature and philosophy. He later studied at Portland State

University. "I started out as a

news writer for Portland State (University's) Vanguard" student newspaper, he said. "I was kind of going through a phase where I was just trying different activities to see if I was good at them."

Bengel joined The Daily Astorian as an intern through the Charles Snowden Program for Excellence in Journalism, his first full-time journalism job. Former Coast Weekend Editor Rebecca Sedlak and Astorian reporter Edward Stratton are also Snowden alumni.

## New reporter joins Astorian, South County publications

## Visser to focus on Cannon Beach

#### **By R.J. MARX** The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — For a college newspaper editor, being thrown into a firestorm was quite an experience.

Brenna Visser faced just that when, as editor of the Western Front — the weekly at the Western Washington University - the president of the Associated Students received racially charged threats. What ensued was three months of competition with national news outlets about race relations on college campuses in the U.S.

"I was editor in chief at the time when we were reporting the fallout," Visser said. "It was a very emotional experience dealing with something as volatile as a racial threat."

Visser earned her bachelor's degree in journalism with honors early this month and is now the South County reporter for the Gazette and The Daily Astorian. A former intern at the Skagit Valley Herald, a Washington daily, the Gazette will be her first official job out of college.

Her interest in journalism is

cinated with people, which I think is a big part of it," Visser said from the Astorian's Seaside office. "What intrigues me with journalism as a field is people call it 'the first draft of history.' You get to document a lot of the moments that would just be forgotten by the general memory, highlighting the stories that otherwise wouldn't be told or wouldn't be recognized."

At the Herald,

Visser drew readers' attention with a feature story about the daughter of a state trooper who died in the line of duty. The daughter was so inspired by her father's sacrifice she determined to become a trooper

**Brenna Visser** herself. "It's not breaking news, it's

not about taxes or how much money the budget has, but it's a story that probably wouldn't have been told without the work of journalism, highlighting someone's personal struggle through grief," Visser said. "Being able to give a community that was pretty heart-broken about this death a little bit of a silver lining was pretty gratifying."

of Wenatchee, A native

gel returned to Portland State, where he was arts and culture editor for the Vanguard, before being named the paper's editor in chief.

"Every year, I said 'This is my last year,' whatever it was I was doing," he said. "But

somehow, I was able to parlay one job into the next, just kept going. And the arts and culture editorship is probably the most fun I've ever had." In

August 2013, he became a reporter at the Cannon Beach Gazette, and in 2015 trans-

ferred to The Daily Astorian, covering the cities of Astoria and Warrenton and quality of life issues.

#### The handoff

Bengel said he's taking over a well-oiled machine from Sedlak, who held the position for the past 4 1/2 years before

Cannon Beach offered a

"My first impression was

that it was beautiful," Visser

said. "I'd only been here under

the context of it being a vaca-

tion place. Every other time I'd

been here, I'd seen it for the

excellent restaurants, and the

beautiful beaches and the sun-

sets. I'm an outdoorsy person,

I'm drawn to local

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er's story list are the city bud-

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taking a position with the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants.

"She has an extraordinary sense of organization," he said. "I think it's going to be extremely important. Right now, I'm trying to understand how she did things organizationally, the structures that she built to keep herself and her writers on track."

Rather than helping groom aspiring writers at the college level, Bengel said, he'll have the advantage of working with trained professionals who already have a voice. Part of his imprint on Coast Weekend, he said, will be to increase the journalistic substance of Coast Weekend

"We want the writing to sound less like publicist writing, less press release-y," he said. "Obviously it's going to be replete with press releases and all of that, but when it comes to the actual feature stories, I want there to be a bit more of an edge to it."

for businesses or jobs," Visser said. "It's a constant balancing act between preserving the reasons for people to come here but also making this place liv-

able for the people that are here. "So far, I've been telling people this place is uncharacteristically nice," she added. "Everywhere you go people are trying to make your day better. I'm excited to be here."

Got a story?

"Call the office," Visser said. "Let me know what's going on. I'm new here and I'm doing my best to get to know how this community works. The best way to do that is come and talk with me.'





**Erick Bengel** After contribut-

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The ACLU says it first sought details through Freedom of Information Act requests, but government officials "failed to substantively respond."

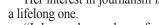
CBP officials didn't return a message Wednesday.

The organization is looking for documents showing how the bans were carried out at airports. The lawsuits cover Atlanta, Baltimore, Detroit, Boston, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Miami, Tampa, Florida; Portland, Oregon; and Tucson, Arizona.



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Washington, Visser is a "Pacific Northwest person, for sure."

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