

# Fifteen states sue Trump over DACA

## Oregon and Washington part of lawsuit

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fifteen states and the District of Columbia sued the U.S. government Wednesday to block President Donald Trump's plan to end protection against deportation for young immigrants who New York's attorney general labeled the "best of America."

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Brooklyn asked a judge to strike down as unconstitutional the president's action involving the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA.

It called the move "a culmination of President Trump's oft-stated commitments ... to punish and disparage people with Mexican roots."

The attorneys general who brought the lawsuit — all Democrats — represent states like Oregon and Washington where the population of DACA participants — known as "dreamers" — ranges from hundreds to tens of thousands. They were brought to the U.S. illegally as children or came with families who overstayed visas.

Trump's plan is "cruel, shortsighted, inhumane" and driven by a personal bias against Mexicans and Latinos, New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman said.

He said the 42,000 New Yorkers with protected status under the program are largely model citizens.

"They are the best of America," Schneiderman said. "Dreamers play by the rules. Dreamers work hard. Dreamers pay taxes. For most of them, America is the only home they've ever known. And they deserve to stay here," he added, using the term that came from a failed piece of legislation called the DREAM Act.

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum called the government's action "indefensible" and said Trump was "playing chicken" by giving Congress six months to improve DACA or cancel it.

Devin M. O'Malley, a Justice Department spokesman, said the agency looks forward to defending the administration's position.

Under former President Barack Obama, Justice Department lawyers concluded in 2014 that DACA is lawful.

### Upset workplaces, damage companies

The lawsuit filed Wednesday says rescinding DACA will injure state-run colleges and universities, upset workplaces and damage companies and economies that include immigrants covered under the program.

The lawsuit noted that

Harvard University has over 50 DACA students while Tufts University has more than 25. Both schools are in Massachusetts.

"The consequence of the president's animus-driven decision is that approximately 800,000 persons who have availed themselves of the program will ultimately lose its protections" and be exposed to deportation, the lawsuit says.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said Tuesday the program will end in six months so Congress can have time to find a legislative solution for people in the program.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit are New York, Massachusetts, Washington, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia.

California, one of the most solid Democratic states, was noticeably absent.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra plans to file a separate lawsuit because a quarter of DACA recipients are California residents, his spokeswoman Bethany Lesser said.

Under Trump's plan, people already enrolled in DACA remain covered until their permits expire. If that happens before March 5, they are eligible to renew them for another two years as long as they apply by Oct. 5. But the program isn't accepting new applications.

Opponents of the program said they are pleased with the Trump administration's decision. They called DACA an unconstitutional abuse of executive power.

### 'Cruel and outrageous'

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and Attorney General Bob Ferguson, both Democrats, called Trump's action cruel and outrageous, given that the decision was announced by Sessions rather than the president himself.

A half-dozen beneficiaries of DACA — young adults from Mexico, Venezuela, Peru and elsewhere, including some now working at law firms or for the state Legislature — flanked Inslee and Ferguson at a news conference in Seattle announcing the lawsuit.

"It's outrageous, it's not right," an emotional Ferguson said. "As attorney general for the state of Washington, I have a hammer, it's the law."

Inslee said, "This is one more of a long train of abuses that this president has attempted to foist on this great nation."

Earlier this year, Ferguson sued Trump over his travel ban, prompting a federal judge to block nationwide enforcement.

Johnson reported from Seattle. Also contributing to this story were AP writers Sadie Gurman in Washington, Deepti Hajela and Karen Matthews in New York, and Andrew Selsky in Salem.

# Fire devastates the Gorge

By GILLIAN FLACCUS  
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TROUTDALE — A fast-moving wildfire chewing through Oregon's forestland is threatening more than homes and people. It's also devouring the heart of the state's nature-loving identity.

As flames erupted this week in the Columbia Gorge, horrified Oregon residents mourned the devastation of beloved day trails, swimming holes and dozens of crystalline waterfalls that are all an easy day trip from Portland.

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area attracts more than 3 million tourists a year and holds North America's largest concentration of waterfalls — including 77 named cascades. It is also home to 800 wildflower species, including 16 found nowhere else in the world.

The gorge's winding trails are lush with ferns, hidden pocket waterfalls and stunning



Tristan Fortsch/KATU-TV

A wildfire burning in the Columbia River Gorge above the Bonneville Dam near Cascade Locks.

vistas of the mighty Columbia River. They are most cherished by Oregonians, who feel a deep connection to an area that's often referred to as Oregon's "crown jewel."

As the flames spread through the gorge's forests at an alarming rate, social media lit up with posts recalling favorite hikes, memories of gorge weddings and worries about what will remain when the smoke clears.

"Everybody has this visceral attachment to what they care about there and that all feels like it's slipping through our fingers," said Kevin Gorman, executive director of Friends of the Columbia Gorge. "We literally are waiting until the smoke clears to go out and assess what's there, what we've lost and then try to move on from there."

On Wednesday, two fires merged to form a blaze of

## Coast Guard rescues hiker from cliffside

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Coast Guard rescued a hiker Wednesday from the side of a cliff in Ecola State Park.

Watchstanders with Sector Columbia River in Warrenton received a request for assistance at 12:30 a.m. from Clatsop County Search and Rescue. The hiker, a 29-year-old

from Chicago, had become separated from his girlfriend Tuesday, and ground crews were unable to find him.

With heavy smoke and limited flying conditions, the MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew waited until daylight to start the search.

The helicopter crew found and hoisted the hiker from the side of a cliff in the park.

"The man told us that he attempted to climb up the cliff three times but fell each time," Lt. Patrick Wright, pilot of the rescue helicopter, said in a news release. "He was approximately 200 to 300 feet below the top of the cliff, but he was still about 600 feet above the waterline. The entire rescue crew did a great job of searching the cliffside

and eventually rescuing this individual. We are glad he can be reunited with family and friends."

The Coast Guard took the hiker to emergency medical services waiting at Air Station Astoria in Warrenton, where he was treated for minor injuries and exhaustion, then transferred to Columbia Memorial Hospital for evaluation.

## Coast Guard rescues two from sinking boat

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Coast Guard rescued two men from a boat taking on water near Buoy 10 at the entrance of the Columbia River Wednesday.

Watchstanders at Sector Columbia River in Warrenton received a call for help from

the people aboard a 33-foot wooden hull pleasure boat, which struck an unknown object and started taking on water. A 47-foot motor lifeboat and the 52-foot motor lifeboat Triumph II from Station Cape Disappointment in Ilwaco, Washington, were dispatched, along with the 87-foot patrol cutter Osprey

and a MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from Air Station Astoria.

The 47-footer arrived first and attempted to tow and drain the vessel. When those efforts failed, the crew removed the two men from the sinking vessel and transported them to Hammond Marina, where they

were released with no medical issues. The Osprey and the Triumph II also tried to save the boat but were unsuccessful.

The partially submerged vessel was last reported floating 4 miles west of the Columbia's entrance. There was no pollution reported from the incident.

## OBITUARIES

### Colleen Ann Simonsen

#### Hammond

Jan. 12, 1931 — Aug. 4, 2017

National Convention.

One of her many joys was being a member of the Astoria Clowns and playing the cello. Mrs. Simonsen also enjoyed cooking, knitting and sewing. She would make clothes for her grandchildren and knit baby blankets and hats for the Columbia Memorial Hospital maternity ward. Mrs. Simonsen loved to clam dig and spend time with her family at their boat house on Woody Island.

From 1971 to 1977, Mrs. Simonsen was the postmaster for the Hammond Post Office. She was then promoted to postmaster in the Warrenton Post Office, where she worked to retirement in 1991. Mrs. Simonsen was actively involved in the U.S. Postal Service Organization. Her greatest accomplishment was chairing the Postmaster's

ria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce. She was also very involved with the Warrenton Senior Citizens until the time of her sickness.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Terry Ferguson of Hammond, Oregon; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Kelly Simonsen of Hammond, Oregon; a brother, John Stanley and his wife, Barbara, of California; grandson Jonathan Brown and his wife, Laura, of Warrenton, Oregon; grandson Michael Simonsen and his wife, Lori, of Prineville, Oregon; granddaughter Mindy Little and her husband, Daniel, of Warrenton, Oregon; grandson Matthew Simonsen and his wife, Mandi, of Warrenton, Oregon; grandsons Mark Simonsen and Mitchell Simonsen of Hammond, Oregon; great grandchildren Joseph, Tyla, Austin, Dawson, Lexi and

Parker Little, Riley and Tyler Simonsen, Trinity, Trevor and Zoey Simonsen Jaydn Waer and Jackson and Mya Simonsen; a godson, Michael Simonsen and his wife, Kelly, of Easton, Maryland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Simonsen; an infant son; and a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Vicki Simonsen.

A public memorial service is being held Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017, at 1 p.m., at Clatsop Plains Presbyterian Church, 33324 Patriot Way in Warrenton, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Deep Sea Fisherman's Benefit Fund, P.O. Box 1062, Warrenton, OR 97146; or Astoria Clowns, P.O. Box 941, Astoria, OR 97103.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave., in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guest book at www.caldwellsmortuary.com



Colleen Simonsen

## Developers look to revive Arch Cape gathering place

### Plans in motion to revamp deli

By BRENN A VISSER  
The Daily Astorian

ARCH CAPE — Plans are in motion to revamp the former Arch Cape Deli and Grocery into a community gathering space, restaurant and deli.

A land use compatibility statement has been submitted as one of the early steps in renovating the deli and grocery store, which closed in 2011.

The original building, built in 1939, served as a general store before being rebuilt and expanded into the post office

and grocery store many people visited on a daily basis as a community hub.

For the past few years, property owner Butch Coleman has been purchasing surrounding properties and rezoning the area to prepare for breaking ground on a 6,000 square multiuse space, said Vito Cerelli, the lead designer for the project from O'Brien & Co.

In addition to restoring the deli, the vision for the new Arch Cape Deli and Grocery includes incorporating a new restaurant called the Tunnel Cafe, a bakery, adding space that can be rented for meetings or events, and the possibility of post office boxes.

**'We want to bring back a community building to the area.'**

Vito Cerelli,  
lead designer for the project

"We want to bring back a community building to the area," said Cerelli, who grew up in Arch Cape. "The deli served as a community gathering spot. Arch Cape is mostly residential, so (Coleman) really wanted to create a space for the local community."

While the inspiration for the project is drawn from cre-

ating something for the community, Cerelli said he and Coleman also see the project's highly visible location off U.S. Highway 101 as a benefit to draw in travellers, as well.

Designs and details are still evolving, but Cerelli said from a design perspective people should expect a large, Pacific

Northwest-style timber lodge.

"Every detail of the building is a natural timber look," Cerelli said. "There will be lots of exposed timber — all the siding is being custom milled for the project."

After the county reviews the application, a public hearing will be held to discuss the project later this year, Cerelli said. Coleman and Cerelli hope to break ground sometime next year.

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