

# Merkley denied entry to immigrant detention center

## White House dings Oregon Democrat

The Oregonian and Politico

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley posted a video showing he was denied entry to an immigrant detention center housing children who had been separated from their parents. The Oregon Democrat chronicled his efforts to enter the former Walmart in Brownsville, Texas, in a Facebook post on Sunday. The senator says he made the trip after his office's attempt to schedule a visit was declined. "I think it's unacceptable that a member of Congress is not being admitted to see what is happening to children whose families are applying for asylum. I decided to come out here, go up to the door and ask to be let in," he said in the video. Merkley's video cast a spotlight on new immigration policy. In May, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the U.S. would begin prosecuting anyone trying to enter the

country illegally, including asylum seekers. Families would be split up in such cases, with adults sent to jails and children placed in the custody the Office of Refugee Resettlement, a unit of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The facility Merkley visited is operated by Southwest Key Programs, a nonprofit which according to its website runs 27 shelters for immigrant children in Texas, Arizona and California. The senator was made to wait at the door, which had its glass panes blacked out, while an employee tried to track down a supervisor. Police arrived just as a supervisor came outside. The supervisor said he was not authorized to discuss the issue, and Merkley was eventually asked to leave. The administration has not disclosed how many children have been separated from their parents as a result of the new "zero tolerance" policy. But a U.S. Customs and Border Protection official told a Sen-



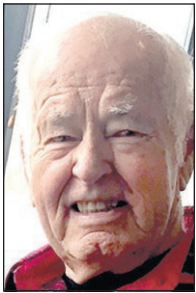
Jeff Merkley

ate panel that the 638 adults referred for prosecution from May 6 to May 19 were traveling with 658 children, according to The Washington Post. White House deputy press secretary Hogan Gidley said Monday that Merkley was "irresponsibly spreading blatant lies" and "smearing hardworking, dedicated law enforcement officials" who deal with migrants at the border. Gidley argued Monday that the senator's refusal to back President Donald Trump's hard-line agenda allowed criminals to enter and remain in the United States. "No one is taking a public safety lecture from Sen. Merkley, whose own policies endanger children, empower human smugglers and drug cartels, and allow violent criminal aliens to flood into American communities," the spokesman said in a written statement. The White House identified two "victims of Sen. Merkley's reckless open borders policies," including a 65-year-old Oregon woman who was sexually assaulted and robbed by a Mexican man who had been deported 20 times.

## Dale Edward Larson Astoria and Seaside

Feb. 22, 1934 — May 29, 2018

An automobile accident on the evening of May 29, 2018, brought the life of a greatly loved man to an abrupt end. Dale Larson was born Feb. 22, 1934, in Astoria, to a Swedish immigrant father, Karl E. Larson, and a Civil War descended mother, Florence E. Brace. He had an older brother, Allen Larson, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 86, and a recently discovered half brother, Richard R. Larson Sr., who passed away in 2008. At age 17, Dale dropped out of high school to work in the woods as a logger with his father. At about age 22, he became a longshoreman alongside his father-in-law. It was a job he truly loved, and he was a member of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union for over 40 years.



Dale Larson

He married Yvonne J. Enbusk on June 5, 1955, and together they had four children, Dave, Dennis, Robin and Dean. Yvonne continues to reside in the Clatsop Care Memory Community, suffering from advanced Alzheimer's. Dale began the Lewis and Clark Shake and Shingle Mill, during his years as a longshoreman, on the farm property owned by his parents. After his retirement from longshoring, he continued his business/hobby at the cedar mill, which became the perfect place to instill pride of work in his children and grandchildren. Dale's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the joy of his life, and he was so proud of their accomplishments. Dave Larson and his wife, Lancey, own and operate High Life Adventures and Larson Construction Co. They have three children, Katie (Jake), Jana (Shane) and Heidi (Cameron), and seven grandchildren, Austin, Kiara, Alivia, Savana, Ava, Kayla and Colton. Dennis Larson and his wife, Deon, own Dennis Larson Excavating, and have two children, Neil (Colleen) and Haley, and one grandchild, Ryan. Robin Jensen works as a civil engineering specialist with the Oregon Department of Transportation, and is married to Doug. They have four children, Tia (Alex), Dale, Courtney and Madison, and two grandchildren, Irelynn and Cleo. Dean and his wife, Evie, own Custom Exca-

vating and Trail's End Recovery. They have three children, Kurstin, Rachel and Wyatt, and four grandchildren, Carson, Kira, Cohen and Yuri. As his wife's Alzheimer's progressed, Dale worked tirelessly to provide for her every need, all while ensuring they attended every family gathering possible. He heroically took on this challenge, only giving over her care to others when it became detrimental to his health, yet he still visited and cared for her at every chance until his final day. A little over two years ago, Dale met Nita Thomson of Seaside, and with his gentle smile and comforting small talk they soon found support in each other while caring for their ailing spouses. Nita became a widow, and soon their friendship bloomed into a loving companionship. Dale told Nita, "we don't have much time," so they packed the next two years with as many adventurous vacations, work projects and family gatherings as humanly possible. There was joy, laughter and a wonderful light in their lives once again. At age 84, Dale continued to arrive for work every day with a lunch pail in hand, and a smile on his face. Working alongside his grandson, Dale, for the past several years, he took pride in the product they produced. He was a constant presence and guide in the lives of his children and grandchildren, and they will tell you his recipe for success was work hard and play hard. Their youth was filled with hard work, camping, boating, jet skiing, snow skiing, family picnics and many wonderful adventures. He was especially fond of his granddaughter, Tia, whose mission was to ensure he had every opportunity to continue to do that. Dale was admired by the community, and deeply loved by everyone who had come to know him, and he genuinely cared for every person he met. Many have commented that he was their second father or grandfather. He was known as "Papa Dale" to hundreds, and he loved that. He was a true gentleman. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at 11 a.m. at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. To honor Dale's memory, we can all practice his simple truth: A genuine smile and some small talk can make the world a better place.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**TUESDAY**  
**Port of Astoria Commission,** 3 p.m., executive session, 4 p.m., workshop, Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.  
**Seaside Library Board,** 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway, Seaside.  
**Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board,** 6 p.m., 34583

U.S. Highway 101 Business.  
**Cannon Beach City Council,** 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.  
**Seaside Planning Commission,** 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Warrenton-Hammond**

**School District finance committee,** noon, district office, 820 S.W. Cedar Ave.  
**Seaside Improvement Commission,** 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.  
**Gearhart City Council,** 7 p.m., 698 Pacific Way, Gearhart.

### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
50	65 51	64 52	63 51	59 49
Partly cloudy	Clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers	Periods of rain

### ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.

**Temperatures**

High/low	63°/47°
Normal high/low	63°/49°
Record high	87° in 2016
Record low	37° in 1980

**Precipitation**

Monday	Trace
Month to date	Trace
Normal month to date	0.42"
Year to date	33.14"
Normal year to date	33.78"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight	9:03 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	5:25 a.m.
Moonrise today	1:26 a.m.
Moonset today	11:53 a.m.

Last

New

First

Full

June 6

June 13

June 20

June 27

### REGIONAL WEATHER

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

### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.	Lo	W
Baker City	78	41	pc	81	51	pc	
Bend	74	42	pc	78	48	pc	
Brookings	61	47	pc	60	47	pc	
Eugene	71	43	pc	76	46	pc	
Ilwaco	61	52	c	62	52	pc	
Klamath Falls	75	43	pc	79	45	pc	
Medford	79	50	s	84	54	pc	
Newberg	71	46	pc	77	49	pc	
Newport	59	46	pc	59	49	pc	
North Bend	62	49	pc	63	51	pc	

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.	Lo	W
Olympia	66	45	pc	75	46	pc	
Pendleton	77	48	pc	80	55	pc	
Portland	74	52	pc	80	55	pc	
Roseburg	75	48	pc	79	51	pc	
Salem	73	47	pc	78	50	pc	
Seaside	63	49	c	65	51	pc	
Spokane	71	47	pc	76	53	s	
Springfield	73	44	pc	77	48	pc	
Vancouver	72	48	pc	78	52	pc	
Yakima	76	43	pc	81	51	pc	

### TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

## Betty Louise Tygart Astoria

July 12, 1930 — May 24, 2018

Betty Louise Tygart, 87, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2018, in Astoria, Oregon. Betty was born in Medford, Oregon, on July 12, 1930, to Mollie B. and Horace Geppert. In 1947, at the age of 17, Betty married the love of her life, Hank Tygart. They raised their two children in Butte Falls, Oregon, at the Butte Falls Fish Hatchery. In 1965, the family moved to Gnat Creek Fish Hatchery in Knappa, Oregon, where Betty made many lifelong friends throughout the years. She worked at Ocean Foods cannery for 30-plus years until she retired in her early 60s. Betty had a real love for flowers, and her family and friends always enjoyed her overflowing flower beds. Her hobbies also included sewing, knitting and crocheting. After losing her husband in 1992, she met Gerry Gerritz. They spent 25 years together, wintering many years in Yuma, Arizona. Betty devoted 12 years caring for Gerry at Clatsop Care before his passing in 2016. Betty is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Connie (Engblom) Tygart; daughter, Sherry Rusinovich; grandchildren,

Jeff Tygart, Michaela (Tygart) Raner and Nicole (Rusinovich) Storck and her husband, Ivan; and great-grandchildren, Austin Tygart, Mackenzie, Jackson and Mitchell Raner, and Ian and London Storck. She is also survived by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jim and Judy Tygart, as well as many nieces and nephews. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Hank Tygart; son-in-law, Nick Rusinovich Jr.; and grandson, Dominic Rusinovich. The family would sincerely like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Croos and their daughters, Mary and Merino, for the wonderful care they gave to Betty. At Betty's request, there will be no funeral. A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be sent to Safe Crossings Foundation, 1402 Third Ave., Suite 1322, Seattle, WA 98101; or Disabled American Veterans, Veterans Affairs Regional Office, 100 S.W. Main St., Second Floor, Room 258E, Portland, OR 97204-2998. Rest in peace Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. You will forever be loved and missed.



Betty Tygart

## DEATH

June 5, 2018

NELSON, Edward Jr., 87, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## ON THE RECORD

### DUII

• At 1:03 a.m. Sunday, Megan Marrie Rogers, 38, of Astoria, was arrested by Astoria police on Lexington and Sonora avenues and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. Her blood alco-

hol content was 0.13 percent.

• At 1:11 a.m. Saturday, Wyatt Lee Brown, 22, of Warrenton, was arrested by Astoria police on Marine Drive near the Roundabout and charged with DUII and reckless driving. His blood alcohol content

was 0.19 percent.

• At 12:26 a.m. Saturday, Keiko Minyo Gannaway, 36, of Astoria, was arrested by Astoria police on the 400 block of Marine Drive and charged with DUII. Her blood alcohol content was 0.18 percent.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
**Monday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 4-8-6-6  
4 p.m.: 4-9-9-7  
7 p.m.: 1-0-5-0  
10 p.m.: 1-7-0-5  
**Monday's Lucky Lines:** 03-07-10-15-20-23-25-30

Estimated jackpot: \$38,000  
**Monday's Megabucks:** 6-7-15-21-39-48  
Estimated jackpot: \$6.9 million

**WASHINGTON**  
**Monday's Daily Game:** 6-4-9  
**Monday's Hit 5:** 13-22-31-32-35

Estimated jackpot: \$100,000  
**Monday's Keno:** 06-09-12-13-17-18-29-34-39-43-50-52-54-56-62-64-66-68-73-78  
**Monday's Lotto:** 10-13-15-27-30-44  
Estimated jackpot: \$3.2 million  
**Monday's Match 4:** 02-04-18-22

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