

OBITUARIES

Donna Lorraine Dunz Russell

Salem

Nov. 27, 1931 — July 15, 2019

Donna Lorraine Dunz Russell was born in Nebraska and moved to Corvallis, Oregon, at a young age. A 1954 graduate of the University of Oregon Medical School, School of Nursing (now OHSU), she practiced and taught nursing for over 40 years.

She met Army Lt. Frank Russell while working in San Francisco, and they were married in Germany in 1956. The young couple returned to Jackson, Mississippi, where Donna taught nursing while Frank completed medical school. Upon returning to the Pacific Northwest in 1963, Donna and Frank made their home and raised their children in Astoria before settling in Salem for their retirement years.

Through her involvement in organizations such as the Morningside Neighborhood Association, Willamette Valley Women's Military League and Sunriver Homeowners Association, Donna was forever giving back to her community. She participated in several bridge groups, and loved gardening and

cooking.

With her ever-present smile, she exemplified the notion that "if you want something important done, ask the busiest person you know." Donna lived and shared a full and abundant life with her family and multitude of friends.

Donna was preceded in death by Frank in 2008. She leaves behind her children, Mary (Randy), Bob (Susan), Cece (Phil) and Frank Jr. (Michelle); her grandchildren, Ben, Molly, Anna, Lauren, Gabrielle and William; stepbrothers, Richard Lee Rosen (Loleta) and Larry Rosen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Donna's life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, at 1 p.m., at Marco Polo Global Restaurant in Salem. Please let us know if you are able to attend (orussell5@yahoo.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Willamette Humane Society or Willamette Valley Hospice.

Assisting the family is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.



Donna Russell

Jason Albert Aldrin

Portland

Jan. 26, 1984 — July 14, 2019

It is with deep sorrow to announce the unexpected death of Jason Albert Aldrin, 35, of Portland, Oregon, on July 14, 2019.

He is survived by his son, Joseph Albert Aldrin; mother, Leslie Holder; father, Rick Aldrin; fiancée, Lydia Berman; brothers, Steven and Richard; sister, Katy; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Jason grew up in northwest Portland and attended Sunset High School, where he excelled as a baseball pitcher. He played college baseball at the Oregon Institute of Technology, where he realized his culinary passion after throwing many barbecues for friends. Jason soon transferred to Western Culinary Institute in Portland and graduated with honors.

After school, Jason moved to Hawaii with his first wife, Lindsey, to expand his culinary

career working with international flavors. In 2005, Jason and Lindsey were blessed with the birth of their son, Joseph.

Jason worked in the top kitchens on the Oregon Coast, where he won the Iron Chef Goes Coastal 2010 Championship that he was too humble to ever admit. Jason was a passionate and accomplished chef, and was in the process of starting his own business, called Free Bird Catering.

Jason worked incredibly hard, often starting his day at 4 a.m. in the kitchen, all to provide a better life for his son and fiancée. He was a passionate and determined man who always strived to do better, not for his own recognition, but for the love of his family.

Funeral services were held on July 22 at Pius X Catholic Church; a burial ceremony was held at Skyline Memorial Gardens.



Jason Aldrin

Richard Paul Johnson

Seaside

Feb. 5, 1953 — July 1, 2019

Richard Paul Johnson was born to Thomas A. Johnson and Lorraine Johnson. Rick passed away at a Portland hospital from an infection that became septic. He was removed from life support, and was an organ donor, as were his wishes.

He was born in Kelso, Washington. Due to family relocations, he spent most of those years in the Tri-Cities, Washington, area. Rick loved being outside, and in the 1960s he would be gone all day with his friends on his Schwinn bike with his BB gun. Those were the days. He was also active in Boy Scouts and DeMolay.

He graduated from North Thurston High School in Lacey, Washington. He enlisted in the Navy, and served from 1972 to 1975 in the Vietnam area. He was on the destroyers USS St. Louis and USS Point Defiance. He received an honorable discharge.

After returning home, he attended Olympia Technical College, receiving a two-year degree in landscape and horticulture. He was

employed by the Thurston County Parks Department in Olympia, Washington, until he relocated to Hillsboro and was employed by Iwasaki Nurseries.

A stroke disabled the right side of his body, and later a fall broke his hip. He lived in Hillsboro and Beaverton Avamere Assisted Living, and for the last two years at Suzanne Elise in Seaside.

Rick's family wants to thank all the staff at Suzanne Elise for all the love and compassion they showed to Rick.

A family memorial will be held later in Eastern Washington. Rick leaves behind his mother, Lori Zerr; and sisters, Jan Arnold, R.N., and Barbara Crohamel.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Johnson, and his stepfather, Richard Zerr.

A memorial service is being held at Suzanne Elise on Aug. 31, 2019. Rest in peace, dear one.



US to allow prescription medicine from Canada

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration said Wednesday it will create a way for Americans to legally and safely import lower-cost prescription drugs from Canada for the first time, reversing years of refusals by health authorities amid a public outcry over high prices for life-sustaining medications.

The move is a step toward fulfilling a 2016 campaign promise by President Donald Trump, and it weakens an import ban that has stood as a symbol of the political clout of the pharmaceutical industry. It's unclear how soon consumers will see benefits, as the plan has to go through time-consuming regulatory approval and later could face court challenges from drugmakers.

It comes as the industry is facing a crescendo of consumer complaints over prices, as well as legislation from both parties in Congress to rein in costs, along with a sheaf of proposals from the Democratic presidential contenders. Ahead of the 2020 election, Trump is feeling pressure to deliver on years of harsh rhetoric about the pharmaceutical industry.

Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said the administration's decision recognizes that prescription drug manufacturing and distribution is now international.

Stephen Ubl, president of the industry group Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, called the plan "far too dangerous" for American patients. "There is no way to guarantee the safety of drugs that come into the country from outside the United States' gold-standard supply chain," Ubl said in a statement. "Drugs coming through Canada could have originated from anywhere in the world."

Most patients take affordable generic drugs to manage conditions such as high blood pressure or elevated blood sugars. But polls show concern about the prices of breakthrough medications for intractable illnesses like cancer or hepatitis C infection, whose annual costs can run to \$100,000 or much more. And long-available drugs like insulin have seen serial price increases that forced some people with diabetes to ration their own doses.

Azar, a former drug company executive, said U.S. patients will be able to import medications safely and effectively, with oversight from the Food and Drug Administration. Azar used to be a skeptic

of importation, and was once quoted dismissing it as a gimmick.

One prong of the administration's proposal would allow states, wholesalers and pharmacists to get FDA approval to import certain medications that are also available here. Trump had recently endorsed a new Florida law to allow importation.

Another part of the plan would allow drugmakers to seek approval for re-importation of their own drugs. This second provision would cover cutting-edge biologic drugs as well as mainstays like insulin, and it could apply drugs from other countries besides Canada.

It's unclear how soon consumers will see results. Azar spoke of a regulatory process lasting "weeks and months" and he also called on Congress to pass legislation that would lend its muscle to the effort, which could short-circuit attempts to overturn the changes in court.

"The FDA has the resources to do this," said acting FDA Commissioner Ned Sharpless. "The agency is interested in considering any reasonable proposal that maintains the bedrock of safety and efficacy for the American consumer."

Importation has backers across the political spectrum.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the panel that oversees Medicare said on Twitter that it would lower prescription drug costs. He and Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota have a bill to facilitate importation. Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., who chairs the health committee, welcomed the plan but said the key is whether importation can be done safely.

The leading drug industry trade group, known as PhRMA, is a powerhouse that generally gets its way with lawmakers. It spent \$128 million on lobbying in 2017, according to its most recent tax filings. But pressure on the industry is rising across many fronts.

In the Senate, Trump is supporting Grassley's bipartisan bill to cap medication costs for Medicare recipients and require drugmakers to pay rebates to the program if price hikes exceed inflation. Democrats in the House are pressing for a vote on a bill allowing Medicare to directly negotiate prices on behalf of millions of seniors enrolled in its prescription drug plan. Separately, the Trump administration is pursuing a regulation that would tie what Medicare pays for drugs administered in doctors' offices to lower international prices.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
72 61	71 57	71 56	72 57	70 57	69 57	71 52
Clouds yielding to sun	A shower in spots	Pleasant with sunshine	Sunshine and pleasant	Partly sunny	Areas of low clouds	Mainly cloudy

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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low	70/56
Normal high/low	68/54
Record high	87 in 1908
Record low	45 in 1949

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Month to date	1.62"
Normal month to date	1.01"
Year to date	24.49"
Normal year to date	36.92"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The second (8:13 p.m.) of two new moons of July.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:57 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:46 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:27 a.m.
Moonset today	9:35 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
July 31				
Aug 7				
Aug 15				
Aug 23				

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
1:23 a.m.	8.9	8:37 a.m.	-1.9	
2:54 p.m.	7.2	8:32 p.m.	1.8	
Cape Disappointment				
12:59 a.m.	8.8	7:37 a.m.	-2.4	
2:27 p.m.	7.0	7:33 p.m.	1.8	
Hammond				
1:11 a.m.	9.3	7:59 a.m.	-2.3	
2:40 p.m.	7.4	7:57 p.m.	1.8	
Warrenton				
1:18 a.m.	9.4	8:21 a.m.	-1.8	
2:49 p.m.	7.6	8:16 p.m.	1.9	
Knappa				
2:00 a.m.	9.2	9:38 a.m.	-1.6	
3:31 p.m.	7.5	9:33 p.m.	1.5	
Depoe Bay				
12:10 a.m.	9.4	7:08 a.m.	-2.4	
1:41 p.m.	7.4	7:03 p.m.	2.0	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	91/73/t	88/69/t
Boston	83/70/pc	80/69/s
Chicago	81/60/s	83/64/s
Dallas	97/78/s	98/80/pc
Denver	86/60/pc	87/62/c
Honolulu	89/79/pc	90/80/sh
Houston	92/75/t	93/75/pc
Los Angeles	84/63/pc	87/64/s
Miami	89/78/t	88/79/t
New York City	86/72/pc	84/70/s
Phoenix	102/88/pc	108/90/pc
San Francisco	71/60/pc	74/60/pc
Wash., DC	87/73/t	86/72/t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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