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A homeland security bus carries detained asylum seekers to a federal prison in California. Immigrants swept up by President Trump's "zero tolerance" immigration policy at the U.S. -Mexico border have also been sent to the federal prison in Sheridan, Ore. where conditions have been described as intolerable.

## Asylum Seekers Endure Brutality

## Advocates say immigrants held are desperate

(AP) — Strip searches. Overcrowded cells with open toilets. Scant meals that violate religious restrictions.

Federal public defenders say 120 asylum seekers are enduring those conditions at a federal prison in Sheridan where some have considered suicide and at least one has attempted it.

'We are dying day by day inside here," one detainee said, William Teesdale, chief investigator

office in Oregon, wrote in a filing in federal court in Portland.

The immigrant was unwilling to be identified in the filing due to fear of persecution or retaliation, Teesdale said in the documents.

Most of the asylum seekers held at the prison in rural Sheridan say they faced risks in their home countries, including India, Nepal, Guatemala, Mexico and China.

Instead of being welcomed to the U.S., they ran into the "zero-tolerance" policy of the Trump administration that calls for the detention of people who try to enter the country illegally.

"Here we have come to save

for the federal public defender's our lives but I think we will die here in jail," one detainee said, according to Teesdale's affidavit.

> Several detainees have untreated medical conditions, including a heart problem, gunshot wound and broken leg.

> He said they are triple-bunked and confined for long hours in cells with open toilets. They must eat in the cells and have no indoor or outdoor recreational opportuni-

> They are strip-searched in front of other detainees, and Hindus were given beef and pork to eat, even though it's against their reli-

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#### \$245 million Budgeted for Lincoln Rebuild

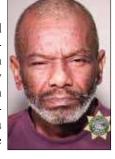
The Portland School Board has drawn up plans for demolishing and rebuilding Lincoln High School, downtown, at a cost of \$245 million. The proposed seven-story school complex is \$58 million over the budget predicted in the 2017 bond request to voters, district officials outlined in a report to the board last

#### Sheriff's Deputy Fired for Offensive Shirt

A Clark County deputy was fired by the sheriff's office last week after she was photographed wearing a Proud Boys sweatshirt, a far-right group known for their white nationalist rhetoric. The action against Deputy Erin Willey was taken after an internal sheriff's department investigation.

#### Charged in Woman's Death

A homeless man was arraigned Monday in the death of a woman whose body was found in a van in north Portland. Terry Hickman, 58, is charged with murder in the death of Dallas Boyd, 29. According to a probable cause affidavit, police



they spoke with a friend of the accused who told them Hickman had confessed to strangling a wom-

found the van in a tow lot with the body inside after

#### **Mass Shooting in Toronto Sends Shockwaves**

A mass shooting ripped through the streets of Toronto Sunday night, killing two people—a 10-yearold-girl and an 18-year-old woman-and wounding 13 others, sending shockwaves throughout the community. The suspect, identified as 29-year-old Faisal Hussain is also dead and his family released a statement expressing their grief for the victims and saying he suffered from mental health problems.

#### 17 Killed when Duck Boat Sinks in Missouri

A duck boat capsized and sank on a sightseeing cruise in Missouri near the tourist town of Branson, killing 17 people. A crane attached to a barge pulled the boat from Table Rock Lake on Monday where it had rested after being submerged during a Thursday evening thunderstorm that generated near-hurricane strength winds.

### **Black Father Mortally Wounded in Argument**

A 28-year-old black father was mortally wounded in front of his young children following an argument with a man over a handicapped parking space in Florida. The death on Thursday has put the state's "stand your ground law," which first gained prominence after the 2012 shooting death of unarmed black teen Trayvon Martin, back in the spotlight as the state decides whether it falls within the claim of

### Sessions Takes Up 'Lock Her Up' Chant

Attorney General Jeff Sessions, the top law enforcement officer in the country, participated in a chant of "Lock her up" Tuesday with a group of conservative high school scholars, reviving a rallying cry from Donald Trump's campaign events calling to jail Hillary Clinton. The chant is in reference to Clinton's use of a private email server when she was secretary of state and Trump's insistence that she be jailed for the offense.