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A younger perspective



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Councilor Zetty Nemlowill stands in the the Astoria Co-op Grocery where she has served as marketing director for the Co-op for two years.

Zetty Nemlowill balances work, family, public role

By DERRICK DEPLEDGE
The Daily Astorian

After nine years on the Astoria Planning Commission, and through her own experience nurturing a business, Zetty Nemlowill appreciates the tension between economic growth and preserving the city's authentic character.

The new city councilor, who represents Ward 1, which covers the west side of downtown, Uniontown and the Port of Astoria, knows how tempting it can be for entrepreneurs to look to Warrenton or other places with fewer barriers to development.

"We're constrained by land. But that doesn't mean we can't roll up our sleeves and get creative," said Nemlowill, the marketing director for the Astoria Co-op Grocery who was behind Coffee Girl at Pier 39 and whose husband, Chris, is the co-owner of the Fort George Brewery & Public House.

"I think we can create a local economy that is in harmony with livability."

At 36, Nemlowill, the mother of three young children — Irene, 2; Hudson, 5; and Amelia, 6 — brings a different perspective to a City Council long dominated by older, more established residents. Many younger parents, she said, are often too busy juggling work and family to pay much attention to what happens at City Hall.

"Quite frankly, most of the peo-



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Councilor Zetty Nemlowill, right, speaks after being sworn in at the City Council meeting Jan. 5.

ple I know that are in my boat really don't care about what's being talked about at City Hall most of the time," she said.

Why?

"Because those issues aren't really important to them."

Nemlowill said she has noticed that younger families do take advantage of the Astoria Public Library and the city's parks and recreation programs, so she hopes to

engage with them on issues such as the library's renovation and fostering recreation through a better trails system.

"I think making Astoria a desirable place to live is something that can resonate well with local families," she said.

Growth

Nemlowill sees development potential in partnership with the

Port, but believes there needs to be more dialogue between the Port and the city.

"It would be nice if we could speak proactively about positive mutual goals for economic development in the future," she said.

"And I think that those goals could certainly align. But we need to talk."

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Smith trial pushed to 2016

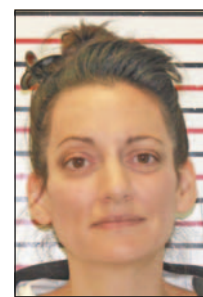
By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

The trial date for Jessica Smith, the mother accused of drugging and murdering her 2-year-old daughter and attempting to kill her 13-year-old daughter in a Cannon Beach hotel last summer,

was set back almost a year during a status hearing Thursday in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

Smith, 41, is officially scheduled for a three-week trial beginning June 28, 2016, rather than the initial date of July 7, 2015.

Debate over the trial date lasted months as the defense and prosecution each filed motions and argued for and against the initial date.



Jessica Smith

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It's a wreck

Boards buried under the sand are from the keel of a ship

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SEASIDE — What three friends discovered while metal-detecting in the dunes last November is indeed a shipwreck.

Now the question is: which one?

"We have over 2,000 wrecks at the mouth of the Columbia (River)," said Oregon's State Archaeologist, Dennis Griffin. "So it's interesting if we can figure out what wreck this is because we don't have it on record."

In hopes of recovering the ship's identity, Griffin traveled to the site near Avenue L Jan. 13 and took two wood samples from the boat's 21-foot keel, then sent them to Eugene for testing. The results, expected in a few weeks, will determine the type of lumber used in construction and, in turn, narrow the ship's potential points of origin.

Hypothetically "Let's say it's Douglas fir," Griffin said. "If that's what it is, that's usually used in more West Coast shipping."

Should that be the case, lost ships from abroad — and even the East Coast — would be crossed off the list of candidates.

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Band supporters freeze in Polar Plunge to raise funds

By DAMIAN MULINIX
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ILWACO, Wash. — A steady downpour doesn't mean much when you're about to jump into the ocean. In January. In a swimsuit.

The brave few who ventured to Waikiki Beach in Ilwaco Saturday morning to take part in the second annual Ilwaco Music Boosters Polar Plunge had a very cold experience. As they stripped down to their swimsuits — or in one case a morphsuit — their teeth were chattering before their toes even touched the water. But as the 35 plungers returned one by one after charging into the choppy water together, it was clear that it was much colder than they had imagined.

The event raised just over \$500 for local school music programs.

"(It was) a smaller (turnout) due to the weather, but next year is already in the works," said Ilwaco Middle/High School Band Director Rachel Lake. "Almost all that took the plunge last year (participated) and can't wait to do it again.



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Tammy McMullen helps her daughter, Tressa, crying in shock from the cold water, back to the beach Saturday morning after taking the Polar Plunge. More photos at www.dailyastorian.com

