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Smith's murder trial pushed to 2017

Lynne Morgan, right, an attorney for Jessica Smith, sits during a hearing at the Clatsop County Courthouse on Wednesday.



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Psychologist could not determine whether Smith is mentally fit to proceed

By KYLE SPURR
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A court-appointed psychologist found accused murderer Jessica Smith suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, but could not determine if she is mentally unfit to stand trial.

Judge Cindee Matyas agreed Wednesday

to delay Smith's trial, which was scheduled for this summer, until June 2017, as defense lawyers and prosecutors continue to argue over her mental state.

Psychologist Brooke Howard was hired to independently evaluate Smith based on her lawyers' claims that she is unable to aid and assist in her own defense.

The defense believes Smith suffers

from a mental disease, while prosecutors think she is faking. A contested aid and assist hearing is set for April.

"She's malingering and she's faking," Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis said during a hearing Wednesday in Circuit Court.

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A GREENER BLUE

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A derelict vessel sits in the Columbia River off Washington. In 2011, Washington and Oregon created the Columbia River Derelict Vessel Task Force, which identified 40 vessels of concern, many of them more than 100 feet long and with unknown levels of pollution.

Allen on quest to rid oceans of abandoned boats

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Blue Ocean Environmental, the quest by locally connected environmentalist, entrepreneur and fishmonger Frank Allen to clean the world's oceans, went online last weekend.

Allen launched the website — blueoceanenviro.com — to help call attention to ocean debris and abandoned vessels, starting with the fishing boat Cap'n Oscar at the Port of Astoria.

"Awareness is the issue," said Allen, who is energetic, and at times frenetic, in his passion for oceans and rivers. "We have to let people know what's going on."

"Since day one of mankind, we have used the oceans as a waste site."

Allen is mostly known for Live Online Seafood, a company he created a decade ago, recycling fish heads, collars and other scraps not used by processors in Alaska, and shipping them to Asia for use in other foods.



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Frank Allen, head of Blue Ocean Environmental, said he wants to test his company's environmentally friendly ship-dismantling techniques on the Cap'n Oscar, a 69-foot steel fishing boat abandoned at the Port of Astoria. The vessel is stored in a hangar at North Tongue Point after sinking multiple times.

Starting locally

Along with Blue Ocean Environmental's website, Allen has created a GoFundMe page seeking \$70,000 to recycle the Cap'n Oscar. Allen sees the abandoned 69-foot fishing boat as a pilot in his plan to clean the region's — and eventually, the

world's — waterways of derelict vessels.

Allen came to the Port about three years ago, proposing an environmentally safe way of dismantling boats and ships at North Tongue Point and shipping metals to steel mills in Oregon and Washington state. The prac-



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Frank Allen, the head of Blue Ocean Environmental, also runs the company Live Online Seafoods taking discarded fish parts and shipping them to Asia.

tice is usually associated with "shipbreaking," a term used to describe the large-scale, haphazard dismantling of vessels in places like Alang, India, and Galveston, Texas.

Allen wanted to prove the environmental safety of his methods using the Cap'n Oscar, with hopes of developing Tongue Point into a larger ship-dismantling and training center that could be recreated around the country.

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A marijuana plant sits on a shelf in The Pharmacy.

Marijuana edibles, extracts to go retail

Products had been limited to medical marijuana patients

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregonians will soon be able to buy low-dose marijuana edibles and extracts for recreational use.

Gov. Kate Brown signed legislation into law Tuesday that allows the recreational sales and enables medical marijuana dispensaries to continue to sell both medical and recreational pot from the same location.

The Oregon Health Authority quickly issued a bulletin warning the marijuana industry to hold off on sales of recreational edibles and extracts until the agency has adopted temporary rules on serving size and potency.

The rules are scheduled for completion in early April, Andre Ourso, manager of the medical marijuana program, wrote in the bulletin.

"We appreciate the opportunity to have edibles and extracts under the early sales program, and we look forward to working with the Oregon Health Authority to come up with rules," said David McNicoll of the Oregon Responsible Edibles Council.

Since last October, the early sales program, under the Oregon Health Authority, authorized already existing medical marijuana dispensaries to sell marijuana to recreational customers. Edible and extracts were restricted to medical marijuana patients.

The Oregon Responsible Edibles Council and Oregon Retailers of Cannabis Association lobbied lawmakers to change the definition of "limited marijuana retail product" to include low-dose edibles and extracts in early sales.

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Fliers brace for big security lines

Airlines, TSA concede there is no easy solution

By SCOTT MAYEROWITZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fliers will likely face massive security lines at airports across the country this summer, with airlines already warning passengers to arrive at least two hours early or risk missing their flight.

The Transportation Security Administration had anticipated that its expedited screening program, called PreCheck, would speed up lines and

require fewer agents to screen passengers. But the agency has failed to enroll enough travelers, leaving TSA with too few screeners to quickly handle a growing number of fliers.

The TSA tried to make up for that shortfall by randomly placing passengers into the express lanes. But it recently had to scale that back for fear dangerous passengers were being let through. That's when the lines started growing, up to 90 minutes in some cases.

The TSA is shifting some resources to tackle lines at the nation's biggest airports, but says there is no easy solution to the problem with a record number of fliers expected this summer.

"We had unacceptable line waits at the majority of our hubs," says Robert Isom, chief operating officer of American Airlines. "Based on what the TSA is telling us, there is no relief in sight."

PreCheck

Launched nationwide in 2012, the program gives pre-viously vetted passengers special screening. Shoes, belts and light jackets stay on. Laptops and liquids stay in bags. And these fliers go through standard metal detectors rather than the explosive-detecting full-body scanners most pass through.

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Travelers authorized to use the TSA PreCheck expedited security line at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport have their documents checked by Transportation Security Administration workers. Fliers will likely face massive security lines at airports across the country this summer, with airlines already warning passengers to arrive at least two hours early or risk missing their flight.



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