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Concerns about cost, public support of expansion

By **DERRICK DePLEDGE**
The Daily Astorian

A fractured Astoria City Council voted Monday night to scale back a library project, directing city staff to study how to renovate the aging library without asking voters for a bond sale.

A majority found that the high cost and lack of public support were obstacles to

expanding the library at 10th and Exchange streets, branching into the vacant Waldorf Hotel next door, or building a new library at Heritage Square. The cost estimates for the six options that had been under review ranged from \$7.2 million to \$24.1 million, which would likely have required a bond measure or loan.

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Schools find lead in water

Astoria, Seaside find trouble spots as early test results return

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
The Daily Astorian

Several water taps have been switched off in Astoria and Seaside as lead-testing results for local school districts start to trickle in.

Superintendent Craig Hoppes of the Astoria School District said two fountains at Astoria High School tested at 17 and 74 parts of lead per billion, respectively, and were shut off.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends schools collect 250 milliliter first-draw samples of stagnant water from outlets used for consumption, taking them out of service if the lead level exceeds 20 parts per billion. The trigger for treatment in a public water system is 15 parts per billion.

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ACROSS THE BIG POND



Jeremy Yuenger, 9, casts his fishing line into the waters of Coffenburg Lake on Monday at Fort Stevens State Park. Yuenger is from England and on vacation with his family.

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Clinton highlights lack of women in office

This story is part of Divided America, AP's ongoing exploration of the economic, social and political divisions in American society.

By **CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY**
Associated Press

Hillary Clinton and Mary Thomas have little in common, except for this: They both hope to add to the meager ranks of America's female elected officials come January.



You know about Clinton, but probably not Thomas — a conservative Republican, opponent of abortion and Obamacare, former general counsel of Florida's Department of Elder Affairs. She's running in Florida's 2nd District to become the first Indian-American woman in Congress. It's no easy task.

"There is still a good ol' boys network that is in place," she says, though she insists that "A lot of people see the value in having different types of people in Washington."

Even as Clinton attempts to shatter what she has called "the highest, hardest glass ceiling," other women like Thomas are testing other, lower ceilings. There are many: Women in the U.S. remain significantly underrepresented at all levels of elected office.

"Historically, we have centuries of catching up to do," says Missy Shorey, executive director of the conservative-leaning Maggie's List, one of a number of groups supporting female candidates.

More than half

Though women are more than half of the American population, they now account for just a fifth of all U.S. representatives and

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Republican candidate for Florida's Second Congressional District Mary Thomas, right, talks to supporters at DSH Firearms in Tallahassee, Fla. in July.

Port awards million-dollar stormwater bid



Bill Hunsinger



Stephen Fulton

Hunsinger and Fulton call foul over process

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
The Daily Astorian

Over the objections of two commissioners calling the bidding process unfair, the Port of Astoria Commission awarded a multimillion-dollar contract for stormwater improvements to Conway Construction Co. on Monday.

The company will build a system to pump stormwater from much of the Port's central waterfront to a series of settling ponds and bioswales. The state Department of Environmental Quality required the

system after the Port's stormwater tests in 2014 showed high levels of copper entering the Columbia River from drains at the end of Pier 3, under a dock near Bornstein Seafoods and another at the base of the agency's western slip. Copper can damage the olfactory and navigational abilities of salmon and other marine life.

The state required the Port have the system operational by June 30, but has not taken any action as long as the agency makes progress. By not complying, the Port could lose its stormwater permit, and the ability to use large swaths of the waterfront.

The Port was originally going to award the contract a week ago, when

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Much of the Port of Astoria's central waterfront will undergo stormwater improvements.



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