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## DANGEROUS DECISIONS

# In Clatsop County, gaps in mental health safety net

### Documents show challenges, frustrations of crisis response

By **DERRICK DePLEDGE**  
*The Daily Astorian*

Patients placed into custody because of mental illness in Clatsop

County do not always receive adequate notice of their legal status or clinical services and can face lengthy delays to get into psychiatric hospitals for treatment.

The findings, issued last year by the state Addictions and Mental Health Division after a review of Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare, the county's mental health

contractor, are not a revelation to law enforcement or mental health workers.

The problems identified by the state have been ongoing for more than a decade, leaving dangerous gaps in crisis response for the mentally ill.

Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare assured the state that the county will better coordinate services for the mentally ill and direct law enforcement where to take patients to receive appropriate care.

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People paddle along the Lewis and Clark River in the Wambli River Dancer, during a guided trip by "Willow Bill," sitting in the back, at the National Park Service's 99th birthday party Saturday at Netul Landing.

# Port fears Riverwalk suitor may back away

### Interested in a Marriott deal

By **EDWARD STRATTON**  
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Jim Knight, executive director at the Port of Astoria, is trying to salvage a possible lease on the Astoria Riverwalk Inn with hotelier Mark Hollander, who could build multiple hotels in Uniontown.

"I'm afraid we might lose him," said Knight, who visited The Daily Astorian Friday to share his frustration over the Port Commission's apparent change of direction after previously agreeing to move forward with Hollander as the preferred choice.

At last Tuesday's Port Commission meeting, Commissioner Bill Hunsinger said the Port should restrict Hollander's time in the hotel before opening it to competing bids, even though Knight said Hunsinger was part of a consensus to sign a lease with Hollander.

The Port Commission voted unanimously to continue negotiating a short-term agreement with Hollander, but to also develop an open bidding process in which Hollander would have to compete with a growing number of suitors for the Riverwalk Inn.

Knight said that move could scare away Hollander, who did not respond to multiple requests for comment. Hollander, who owns Hollander Hospitality in Bellingham, Wash., said in a presentation last month he would eventually like a Marriott in Astoria. Knight said Friday that Hollander wants to keep the Riverwalk Inn operating and add other hotels in Uniontown, each at different price points.

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# At Lewis and Clark, a backyard barbecue marks 99th birthday

By **KYLE SPURR**  
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Lewis and Clark National Historical Park rangers always encourage the community to visit the national park right in their own backyard.

On Saturday, the park hosted a barbecue in that backyard to honor the National Park Service's 99th birthday.

Much like a cookout at a friend or family's backyard, the event at Netul Landing near Fort Clatsop featured lawn games, kids crafts and

free hamburgers grilled by the Astoria-Warrenton Lions Club. About 500 people came out for the celebration.

"This event is to bring the community together and celebrate having a national park in your neighborhood," park ranger Cydonie Fukami said.

### Fort Clatsop builders

While the National Park Service is nearly a century old, Fort Clatsop did not become a national monument until 1958. Over a decade ago in 2004, Fort Clatsop expanded to become a national historical park.

The park celebrated its own 60th anniversary Saturday by commemorating the original Fort Clatsop builders from 1955.

A group known as the Astoria Junior Chamber of Commerce was looking for a project in the mid-1950s. They took a suggestion from the local historical society, and decided to build a replica of the winter fort where the Lewis and Clark Expedition camped in 1805-06.

"The historical society said if you want to do something, why don't you build this,"

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# Sean Astin to Goonies fans: 'Respect the dang house'

### Actor issues appeal to 'back off' owner of Goonies house

By **ERICK BENDEL**  
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Sean Astin, the actor who played "Mikey Walsh" in "The Goonies," has called on the movie's rabid fans to help save the Goonies house from the fans themselves.

"My name is Sean Astin. I played Mikey in 'The Goonies.' And I want y'all to respect the dang house," he said in an interview with The Daily Astorian.



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Sean Astin

Just as the brave Goonies characters fought to rescue the house from greedy developers, so should the movie's legion of



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From left, "The Goonies" director Richard Donner, Jeff Cohen ("Chunk"), Sean Astin ("Mikey"), Curt Hanson (Mr. Perkins), and Corey Feldman ("Mouth") pose for a photo on the Liberty Theater stage in Astoria during the film's 25th anniversary in 2010.

devotees help save the Astoria house from people who would literally trespass against it.

Above all, fans should

respect the privacy of Sandi Preston, the woman who has owned the world-famous house since 2001, he said.

On his Facebook page Friday, Astin weighed in on the ordeal surrounding the Goonies house. Hundreds of movie fans have been approaching the private home almost every day this summer, and Preston has decided to close her property to Goonies visitors, draping it in blue tarp.

Though most fans treat Preston's home with reverence, a fair share have been downright nasty.

In recent years, the crush of fans has overwhelmed the Uppertown neighborhood where scenes from the film were shot, resulting in theft, littering, vandalism and other unneighborly conduct. Preston has asked the

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