

Sheriff's Office will look into Man Cave at airport

Port director asks for impartial review

By EDWARD STRATTON
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At the request of Port of Astoria Executive Director Jim Knight, the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office will investigate allegations leveled against Philip Bales' private hangar at the Astoria Regional Airport.

Inside the hangar, Bales, a retired dentist and aviator, stores aircraft, a boat and motorcycles under a lease with the Port. The hangar also houses his clubhouse, known as the Man Cave,

which hosts gatherings and contains a bar and home theater.

Port Commissioner Stephen Fulton, in announcing his campaign against fellow Commissioner James Campbell in the May special district election, used Bales' hangar as an attack, claiming his opponent has condoned a private club that poses liability issues for the Port.

Fulton has called for an investigation into Bales' hangar, which he has referred to as an "unlicensed speakeasy." He also called for an emergency meeting and for the Port to authorize a cease-and-desist letter to Bales, neither of which have happened.

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Philip Bales sits in his favorite chair inside his airport hangar and Man Cave, which includes a collection of donated furniture arrayed like theater seating under a large projection screen for watching movies.



Jim Knight

Man linked to gun in Goodding's killing gets 12 years

Jones apologizes for role

By STEVEN DUBOIS
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PORTLAND — A felon whose pistol was used in the February 2016 slaying of Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Goodding was sentenced Monday to 12 years in federal prison.

Jamie Lee Jones, 45, apologized at the federal courthouse in downtown Portland, saying never in his wildest imagination did he think his actions would play a role in the killing.

"It's a nightmare that haunts me every day," he said. "My heart goes out to the family, it truly does."

Jones pleaded guilty in December to gun-and-drug charges not tied to Goodding's death. Other charges were dismissed in a plea agreement, including allegations that he threatened witnesses to keep them from cooperating with investigators after Goodding was shot underneath his ballistic vest while trying to make an arrest in downtown Seaside.

Goodding's fellow officer returned fire, killing Phillip Ferry, a 55-year-old transient and drug user. Investigators linked the gun to Jones by happenstance the following morning. Police responded to Jones' house on a noise disturbance and noticed a round of ammunition on the ground. It was the same brand used to kill Goodding. Prosecutors said Ferry stole the gun while Jones was sleeping. When Jones awoke, he became enraged after noticing the pistol was gone, as well as some methamphetamine. He punched a drug customer and fired a gun in the direction of several others.



Jamie Lee Jones

Not an 'excuse'

In seeking a sentence of less than 12 years, defense attorney Gerald Needham said Jones had a rough childhood that included an emotionally distant father, a mother left disabled by a suicide attempt and the suicides of two grandparents.

"Not to say that this is an excuse," Needham said. "It's just information for this court to make a proper judgment about Mr. Jones."

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Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham hugs Sgt. Jason Goodding's wife, Amy, at Goodding's memorial service last year.

Warrenton library turns a new page

City plans to move book repository from Hammond to downtown

By ERICK BENGEL
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Nearly one year after an alarming building inspection, the Warrenton Community Library in Hammond may soon move into a new home downtown.

The city of Warrenton, which manages the library, plans to lease the Serendipity Caffe and Bakery building from the Warrenton School District, allowing the library crew to escape a structure rated in critical condition and begin brainstorming the library's future.

A contract has not been signed, nor negotiations finalized, but "we are in the final stretch," Library Site Manager Nettie-Lee Calog said.

The library plans to close its current location — the former Hammond Town Hall on Pacific Drive — April 8. Later that month, the library team and volunteers will move the thousands of books, shelving and other equipment to the Serendipity site on South Main Avenue.

Calog hopes to reopen in the new location the first week of May. "It's been a long time coming, and I want to move this forward," she said.

Mike Moha, the school district business manager, said that if the library wants to move in sooner, "we

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ABOVE: Nettie-Lee Calog, Warrenton Community Library site manager, checks out books to Warrenton resident Constance Davis on Monday at Warrenton Community Library in Hammond. TOP: The Warrenton Community Library will soon be moving to a new location from its current location in Hammond.

Seaside considers inclusivity resolution

Resolution stops short of adopting sanctuary status

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SEASIDE — Threading the politically volatile debate over immigration, the Seaside City Council will consider an inclusivity resolution but will not become a sanctuary city.

Astoria took the same track this month after guidance from Jorge Gutierrez, the executive director of the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council, who advised that sanctuary city status could

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be too polarizing.

Inclusivity resolutions allow cities to support and recognize the contributions of immigrants without getting drawn into the national clash with the Trump administration over immigration enforcement. Attorney General Jeff Sessions warned Monday that sanctuary cities — like Portland and Seattle — risk losing federal grant money by not cooperating with federal immigration agents.

"We made it clear early on we would not entertain that (sanctuary

city) proposal, but we are pleased to be able to state we are an inclusivity city," Seaside Mayor Jay Barber said. "It's basically saying we're going to treat all of our citizens equally, with respect, regardless of their status. We want to make that clear. But we are not in a position to be a sanctuary city."

Gutierrez, who was not in attendance at the City Council meeting Monday night, is expected to address the council at its April 10 meeting.

Barber said the city's resolution would communicate "who we already are. We're not doing something we want to become."

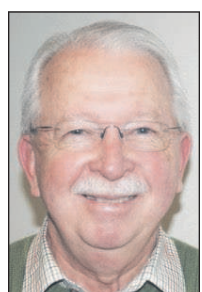
The resolution reads, "The city resolves that Seaside is an inclusive city that embraces, cel-

brates and welcomes its immigrant and refugee residents and their contributions to the collective prosperity of all residents."

The resolution recognizes the contribution of immigrants and refugees "of all nations" to the state as workers and taxpayers. Inclusion and integration "of all residents of Seaside is a vital concern for the general welfare of Seaside in all respects. ... Every Seaside resident should be treated with compassion and respect regardless of national origin or citizenship status."

A similar resolution was adopted earlier this month by the Astoria City Council.

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Jay Barber



Jorge Gutierrez

