

## A Seaside slam dunk at City Council meeting



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Seaside Mayor Jay Barber leads the Seaside City Council in applause, congratulating the Seaside boys and girls basketball teams in their recent successes at state on Monday at Seaside City Hall.

## Gulls receive accolades from city of Seaside

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**S**EASIDE — The Seaside City Council rolled out the red carpet for Seaside’s boys and girls basketball teams Monday night. They celebrated the Gulls first-ever state boys basketball championship and the best girls season ever.

Players from the boys and girls teams — along with coaches and supporters — heard councilors celebrate the season’s success in a civic proclamation.

Mayor Jay Barber applauded the “dozens of businesses and community members who have helped support the team throughout the years, along with the many parents, students and of course the coaches.”

The proclamation was read by the council’s Seaside High School student representative, Lizzy Barnes.

### Best seasons

The Gulls closed out their season with only one loss, finishing the season with five wins in a row under coach Bill Westerholm. Their 71-63 win over Valley Catholic at Forest Grove High School in March gave the boys the Class 4A title.

Girls coach Mike Hawes led the team to their highest finish in the program’s history, beating Marshfield 53-40 to finish third and compiling an overall record of 20-5.

“The community support for boys and girls was overwhelming,” Hawes said. “We’re really proud of both teams.”

“I’m always just honored with the support that our community gives to our kids,” Westerholm said.

### Player of the Year

Jackson Januik, who sparked the boys



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The Seaside girls and boys basketball teams are recognized by the Seaside City Council on Monday at Seaside City Hall.

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**Jackson Januik**

one of the Seaside student athletes honored by the civic proclamation

throughout the year, was among the student athletes honored by the proclamation.

“It’s really great to see the city recognize us,” Januik said after the meeting. “We’re all very thankful for all the fans and everyone that was with us the whole season.”

What’s next for the Cowapa League’s Player of the Year?

“I’m heading off to college next fall,” Januik said. “I’m not sure where I’m going, but I’m planning to play basketball.”

Are the Gulls here to stay?

“Definitely,” Januik said. “They’ll be pretty good next season.”



## Warrenton man pleads not guilty in peeping Tom case

Bail set at \$2 million

By JACK HEFFERNAN  
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A Warrenton man pleaded not guilty Monday to 47 counts that allege he watched and recorded young women during private moments from outside their homes.

Kirk Richard Cazee, 55, was arrested Friday for the numerous alleged incidents at the Surf Pines gated community. The victims include four women and one man, three of whom were girls younger than 18 years old at the time of the recordings. Charges stem from as early as May 2014 to as late as Thursday, according to court documents.

The Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office has responded to nine alleged incidents in connection to the case since January 2016. Cazee was arrested on two counts of criminal trespass in February after camera footage revealed he was allegedly peering into windows at Surf Pines. He was later released.

“It’s very much an ongoing investigation,” Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis said.

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## Pearl resort reaches its height wish

Expanded hotel on the Prom wins city OK

By R.J. MARX  
The Daily Astorian

**S**EASIDE — An eleventh-hour submission from property owners Dan and Susan Calef wasn’t enough to turn the tide as the Seaside City Council rejected an appeal of a Planning Commission decision granting a height variance to the proposed Pearl Oceanfront Resort.

The hearing came following a year-and-a-half process in which the proposal won two variances from the Planning Commission. One of those, a setback variance, was rejected by the City Council.

Pearl owner Antoine Simmons and architect David Vonada returned to the Planning Commission with a new plan dropping the request for a setback variance, but continuing to seek a height variance to compensate for an 8-foot grade difference from the front to the back of the property.

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## Talk radio host is drawn to the North Coast

### Costa’s weekly show examines public policy

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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The Oregon Coast draws a lot of people for its natural beauty. So it was for noted sociobiologist and syndicated radio show host Rebecca Costa, who has relocated from central California to the North Coast.

Costa will be recording her weekly radio program “The Costa Report” from Portland

each week, while preparing for the launch of a new book in the fall.

The daughter of a CIA operative, Costa has lived in Tokyo, and in Vientiane, Laos, during the Vietnam War. Until recently, the California native lived in Monterey County.

“I’ve always wanted to live in the Northwest,” Costa said, adding she drove the entire Oregon Coast on U.S. Highway 101 a couple of years ago. “I purchased a home here about a year ago, and I found myself spending more and more time here.”

Costa recently rented a suite in the Port of Astoria’s

Pier 1 office building, which she said will be the headquarters for her operations.

### Marketer, author

She formerly worked in the Silicon Valley technology industry, founding a large marketing firm, Dazai Advertising, which she sold in 1999. After the sale, Costa started researching “The Watchman’s Rattle: A Radical New Theory of Collapse,” a 2010 novel looking at how evolutionary concepts can provide and explanation and solution for many of the world’s major issues.

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