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SHAKE IT OUT!

STUDENTS DRILL FOR EARTHQUAKE,

TSUNAMI SAFETY IN NATIONAL EXERCISE

By LYRA FONTAINE
For The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — At 10:20 a.m. Thursday, Seaside High School Principal Jeff Roberts used the loudspeaker to tell all students to take cover for the earthquake. The students dropped to their hands and knees, took cover under their desks and held on.

Seaside High School took part in the Great Oregon ShakeOut for the first time this year after Associated Student Body leaders suggested the statewide event. Homes, schools and organizations in other states and countries also participated in the drill Thursday.

"We thought it would be wise for us to do," Roberts said.

Associated Student Body leaders are continuing the tsunami awareness efforts started by last year's officers.

"We wanted everyone to use this to get educated," said senior Kara Ipson, a student body officer. "It's important that everyone knows what's going on."

Walk in the rain

After the 4-minute earthquake drill, more than 200 students braved a downpour to complete a tsunami-evacuation walk down Highway 101 and 12th Avenue to safety. Students complete the walk twice a year.

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Seaside High School students walk along U.S. Highway 101 during a tsunami evacuation drill Thursday.



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Seaside High School students brave rainy conditions while practicing a tsunami evacuation drill on Thursday in Seaside.



Students in Jim Poetsch's classroom participate in The Great Oregon ShakeOut earthquake drill on Thursday at Seaside High School.

Butane possible cause of blast, fire

By EDWARD STRATTON
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The manufacture of butane honey oil is a likely cause of an explosion and fire Wednesday night at Higher Level Concentrates, a marijuana extraction company on the corner of Portway and Industry streets.

Marijuana extracts are made by separating cannabinoids from marijuana with a hydrocarbon-based solvent, such as butane or propane, or by high heat or pressure. An explosion was reported in the area around 6:30 p.m., and afterward, large plumes of smoke could be seen rising from the building.

Multiple fire agencies responded, while police established a perimeter. The fire was contained by 7:20 p.m. Oregon State Police's Office of State Fire Marshal is overseeing the investigation.

The building is leased by Jason Oei and William "Chris" West for Higher Level Concentrates and a grow operation, High Tide Biological, located in a walkout basement

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Gov. Kate Brown



Bud Pierce

Gov. Brown, Pierce meet in last debate

By PARIS ACHEN
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PORTLAND — Gov. Kate Brown and Bud Pierce, Republican candidate for governor, faced off Thursday in their fifth and final debate before the Nov. 8 election.

Panelists from The Oregonian and KGW 8 — which hosted the debate — quizzed the candidates on their approaches to the foster care crisis, how much they'd earmark for education out of a corporate sales tax measure and ideas for reducing the cost of health care.

Pierce, a Salem oncologist, is trying to unseat Brown to complete the last two years of Gov. John Kitzhaber's four-year term. As former secretary of state, Brown succeeded Kitzhaber when he stepped down in February 2015 amid an influence-peddling scandal over contracts awarded to his fiancée, Cylvia Hayes.

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Gender equality in 2016? It's complicated

By DAVID CRARY
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EDITOR'S NOTE — This is part of *Divided America*, AP's ongoing exploration of the economic, social and political divisions in American society.

For weeks after the vote, the abuse kept coming: Venomous, sexist phone calls and emails, venting rage at the five women on Seattle's City Council who outvoted four men to derail a sports arena project.

"Disgraceful hag" was one of the milder messages. "Go home and climb in the oven,"



one councilor was told.

This unfolded not in 1966, during an era when American women mobilized en masse to demand equality, but 50 years later in May 2016 — two months before the first woman was nominated to lead a major party's presidential ticket.

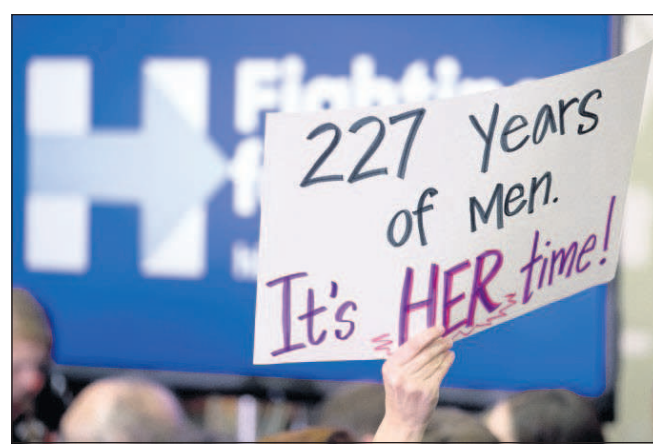
Complicated time

It's a complicated time for gender relations in the U.S., as the campaign pitting Hillary Clinton against Donald Trump has underscored —

most recently, with the fallout from their first debate and a sharp exchange about Trump's attention to a former Miss Universe and her weight.

On one hand there's been great progress toward equality. Women hold the top jobs at IBM and General Motors, for example. They were recently approved to serve in all military combat jobs, and it's possible, depending on the election outcome, that troops could soon be saluting the first female commander in chief.

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A member of the audience holds a sign that reads, "227 Years of Men. It's HER Time!" during a rally for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in January.