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THE STRAIN CONTINUES TO BRING THE ARTS HOME

AFTER THE BIG ONE



George Vetter/For EO Media Group

Seaside High School senior Silvia Avila plays a victim during a countywide training exercise for the Community Emergency Response Team program in December.

Police, fire crews 'may not be able to respond' after Cascadia

Emergency preparedness forum to stress self-sufficiency

By ERICK BENGEL
The Daily Astorian

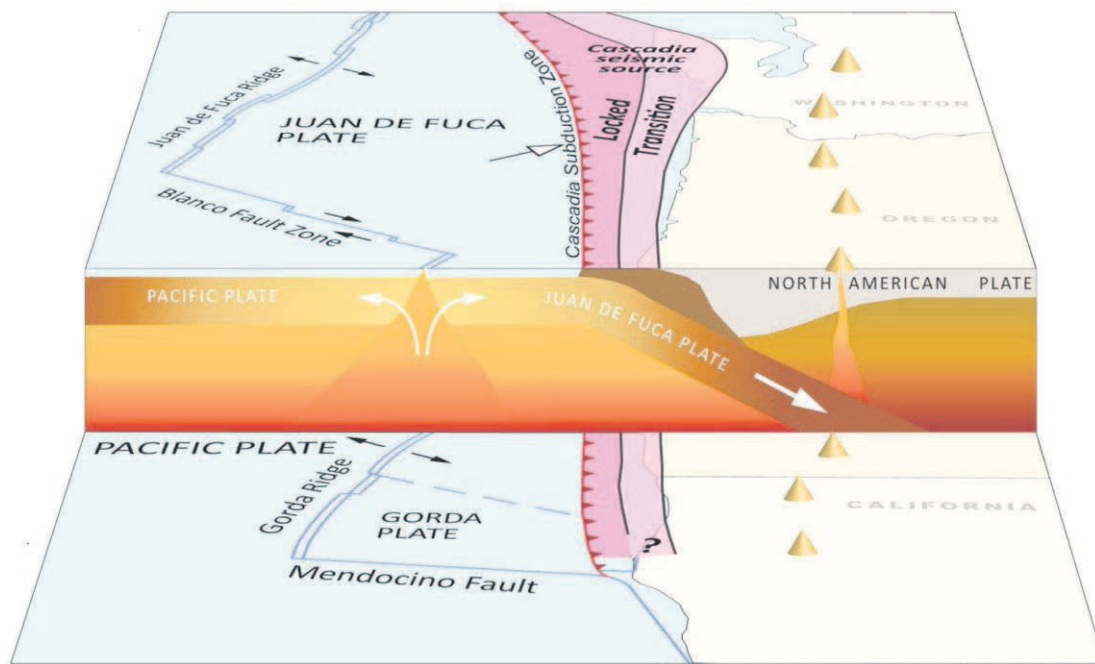
Immediately after a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, emergency responders, including Astoria's, will likely be as paralyzed as everyone else.

"The city may not be able to respond at all," City Councilor Drew Herzig said.

Residents and visitors unlucky enough to be on the North Coast when the "big one" hits should plan to take care of themselves, he said.

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Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

New crust forms at spreading ridges between the Pacific Plate and the Juan de Fuca, Gorda, and Explorer plates. As these three plates are pushed eastward, they are forced to subduct beneath the North American Plate. Strain builds up where they have become stuck (locked) and will be released one day in a great earthquake.

'We're not trying to terrify people, but we're trying to be honest with them about what they can expect from city services. And the reality of our situation with a Cascadia event is that there's going to be very little service left.'

Drew Herzig
Astoria city councilor

McIntosh poised to avoid runoff

Attorney is just over majority threshold in Circuit Court judge race

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

With a few hundred ballots left to be counted, Dawn McIntosh is poised to avoid a November runoff for a Clatsop County Circuit Court judgeship.

The attorney and former prosecutor is maintaining just over 50 percent of the vote, enough to win the election. Deputy District Attorney David Goldthorpe is in second with 29 percent. Municipal Court Judge Ronald Woltjer is at 21 percent.



Dawn McIntosh

Holding the majority is a surprise, McIntosh said, since many people told her it would be unlikely to break 50 percent in a race with

three candidates.

"I was pleased and pleasantly surprised, especially with the quality of the candidates in the race," she said.

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Port hopes for disaster relief funds and grants

Outside money could shape agency's budget

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

The Port of Astoria's budget for the fiscal year that starts in July will largely depend on federal disaster relief and infrastructure grants.

The Port is proposing a nearly \$16 million budget, including a nearly \$5 million runway repaving project at the Astoria Regional Airport and \$1.5 million in financing for new stormwater treatment.

Jim Knight, the Port's executive director, said the budget was meant to help the Port build on successes and address critical issues such as developing stormwater treatment on the central waterfront and at North Tongue Point, cleaning up petroleum contamination, repairing storm damage and tackling deferred maintenance.

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Vote totals top 1.2 million, set new primary record

Sanders, Clinton matchup likely drove up totals

By HILLARY BORRUD
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SALEM — More than a million Oregonians cast ballots in Tuesday's primary, meeting expectations set early this week by election officials that a record number of voters would participate.

However, the turnout percentage was lower than in the presidential primary eight years ago and it was unclear what impact the state's new

automatic voter registration system had on the election results. Oregon has several hundred thousand more registered voters than eight years ago.

"It's an important symbolic threshold, but also the state is growing," said Paul Gronke, a political science professor and director of the Early Voting Information Center at Reed College. "It's sort of like those box office records that have been broken every year. They're kind of meaningless."

According to unofficial totals from the Secretary of State's Office, 1,208,659 votes were cast, for a turnout of 52.7 percent.

Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins said it was only the second time primary turnout has topped the million vote mark, and this year's total broke the previous record. The first time was 2008, when turnout was driven by the Democratic contest between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. Turnout was significantly higher in that primary, at 58.26 percent, and 1,170,526 votes were cast.

Jim Moore, a political science professor and director of the Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation at Pacific University, said turnout was much higher than in many

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AP Photo/Andrew Harnik

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, center, arrives to speak at a get out the vote event at Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky., Monday.

