



Bruce Jones



Cory Pederson

## SHAKE, RATTLE, READY?

### GOV. BROWN IS IN TOWN AFTER SMALL EARTHQUAKE



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Gov. Kate Brown, center, chats with Clatsop Community College President Christopher Breitmeyer, right, and Clatsop Community College head of maintenance Greg Dorcheus while touring the construction of Patriot Hall on Wednesday at Clatsop Community College in Astoria. Brown visited Clatsop Community College and Camp Rilea in Warrenton Wednesday afternoon.

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The minor earthquake that originated west of Warrenton Wednesday morning was serendipitous for Gov. Kate Brown, who had already planned a visit to see what Clatsop County is doing to get prepared for a disaster.

The governor, followed by crews from several television stations, learned how Clatsop Community College has been retrofitting its main campus in Astoria. She toured the new, seismically stable Patriot Hall before heading to the county's Emergency Operations Center at Camp Rilea in Warrenton.

"The jolt was a wake-up call for us to take every moment we can to work at preparedness — not just at the coast, but throughout the entire state of Oregon," Brown said.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the earthquake was 3.5 in magnitude after at one point putting the severity at 3.8.

The quake is a reminder to families to have 14 days worth of water and nonperishable food ready, Brown said, and to have a plan to connect with family and friends. The governor said the earthquake was also a reminder of why the state needs to pass a new transportation package that allows for the seismic retrofitting of the state's roads and bridges, more than 100 of which she said are expected to be severely damaged on the coast.

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Gov. Kate Brown talks with Clatsop Community College staff and emergency management officials Wednesday during a tour.

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## Jones, Pederson in final stretch

Astoria candidates agree on much

By ERICK BENGEL  
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Days before the election, the two candidates for Astoria City Council's east side seat are reflecting on their door-to-door conversations with neighbors they hope become their constituents.

Again and again, Bruce Jones, a retired U.S. Coast Guard commander, and Cory Pederson, a symphony conductor and music teacher at Jewell School District, heard the same themes:

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## Columbia Crossing canceled

First time bridge run has been called off

By ERICK BENGEL  
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Calling it an "incredibly difficult decision," the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce announced Wednesday that it will not reschedule the 35th annual Great Columbia Crossing, which was postponed in October because of stormy weather.

This marks the first time that the race has been called off.

About 2,800 people had registered to participate in the 10K trek over the Astoria Bridge.

Originally scheduled for Oct. 16, the chamber chose to postpone the event when weather forecasts predicted hurricane-force winds for the North Coast. It was the first time a postponement had ever happened.

Apart from safety considerations, many runners and volunteers were expected not

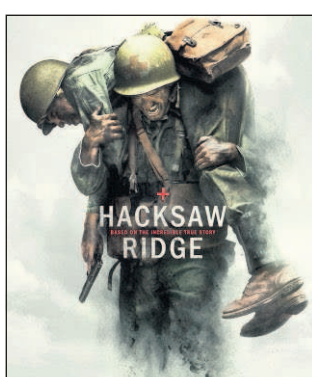
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## Ilwaco to Hollywood: 'Perfect' portrait of local's dad

Movie opens as local man basks in father's role

By DAVID PLECHL  
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ILWACO, Wash. — There have been many surreal chapters in the life of Desmond Doss Jr., but perhaps none so strange and beautiful as the latest. Ever since the day he made an online discovery that Mel Gibson was making a movie about his father, Doss had more or less watched from the sidelines as the \$40 million epic was crafted with-



Lionsgate

A movie poster for "Hacksaw Ridge," which opens tonight at 7 at Astoria Gateway Cinema.

out his consultation or consent. Not that he would have

said "No." He'd just seen his father's story misunderstood and massacred so many times before.

All that changed last week when Doss was able to look the world-famous filmmaker straight in the eye and tell him exactly what he thought about the film — essentially, that it was "perfect." The relieved look in Gibson's eyes told Doss everything.

"To have him respond like that, I felt like I had done something good," Doss said. "I didn't think my opinion matters that much, but it turns out that it did."

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"Hacksaw Ridge" director Mel Gibson and Pacific County resident Desmond Doss Jr. share a private moment during the Hollywood premiere of the movie about Doss' father, a legendary World War II medic who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman. Submitted Photo

