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Warrenton looks to dust off emergency plan

Staff wants to resume required response training

By ERICK BENGEL
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WARRENTON — Police Chief Mathew Workman believes the city needs to step up disaster readiness, including fleshing out an emergency response plan that has not been updated since its

2010 adoption. Warrenton's emergency operations plan, prepared under a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant, considers a range of crises the city could face: from terrorism to chemical hazards, severe windstorms to a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami.

The document states it "will be reviewed and approved on an annual basis or after an incident or exercise to improve effectiveness."

But the city has not revisited the plan since it was drafted, so the plan does not reflect seven years' worth of changes, such as new development,

shifts in population centers and upgrades in technology.

In addition, many city staff and government officials — people expected to take on leadership roles during catastrophes — have not undergone the required incident command system and national incident management system training courses.

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Warrenton High School student Macen Fritz tends to Seaside High School student Eli McShirley, playing a victim, at the Warrenton High School end-of-year CERT exercise last year.

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DARK AND STORMY

Wet winter washes away

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With spring — hopefully — in bloom, it is fitting to look back at what felt like a winter that was wetter and grayer than usual.

It rains in Astoria. A lot. But the season's

rainfall left a soggy impression. Astoria saw more than 12 inches of rain in February and has had more than 12 inches so far in March, according to the National Weather Service. The rainfall represents the highest totals for the two months in the past five years. The previous highs in that time frame both occurred last year.

Spring officially began March 20.

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Afternoon rain drizzles in Astoria. Zipliners cruise over a lake at High Life Adventures in Warrenton. A lone tree stands bare on an outcropping of coastal rocks near Hug Point State Recreation Site near Arch Cape. Footsteps can be seen after a dusting of snow in downtown Astoria. Tom Bearman surveys an older section of Ocean View Cemetery where he and his wife, Judy, will be working next to archive and photograph headstones for their Find A Grave project.



Patrick Webb/
For The Daily Astorian

Baritone Tevan Goldberg of Astoria, left, is pictured inside St. Paul's Church Covent Garden in London this month with his well-traveled international conductor James Burton.

Baritone sings praises of an overseas education

Goldberg studies abroad at Oxford

St. Paul's Covent Garden is known as the "actors' church." In the heart of London's theater district, its Etruscan-inspired pillars are interspersed with plaques highlighting Noel Coward, Charlie Chaplin and Boris Karloff.

Outside, the fictional Eliza Doolittle sold flowers in "My Fair Lady" amid gravely voiced market traders.

Inside the 1633 church earlier this month, Tevan Goldberg of Astoria added his



trained voice to a sacred choral concert by the Oxford-based Schola Cantorum.

Goldberg is studying environmental policy, music, German and philosophy at Middlebury College in Vermont. Its Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies arranged for him to spend a semester at

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Couple suspected of murder denied bail

Trials set for later this year

By JACK HEFFERNAN
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A couple accused of murdering a Newport man in Clatsop County last year will not be allowed to post bail and leave the county jail prior to their trials.

Circuit Court Judge Cindee Matyas ruled at a pretrial release hearing Friday that there was sufficient evidence Christian Wilkins, 37, and



Adeena Copell
Christian Wilkins

Adeena Copell, 40, may have murdered Howard Vinge, 71, last September.

An autopsy indicated Vinge suffered skull fractures from being hit with an object

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