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Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl leaves the Fort Bragg courtroom facility as the judge deliberates during a sentencing hearing at Fort Bragg, N.C., Friday.

## Bergdahl spared any prison time, gets dishonorable discharge

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FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Bowe Bergdahl, the soldier who walked off his post in Afghanistan and triggered a search that left several comrades severely wounded, will serve no prison time, a military judge ruled Friday at the end of the politically divisive case that stirred debate during the president campaign.

President Donald Trump, whose campaign-trail criticism loomed over the case, quickly called the sentence a “disgrace.”

The charges centered on a decision by one soldier that affected many other lives. Bergdahl, a 31-year-old from

Hailey, Idaho, was captured by the Taliban and held for five years, until President Barack Obama traded Taliban prisoners to bring him back. As a presidential candidate, Trump called for Bergdahl to face stiff punishment. He could have received up to life in prison.

The judge also gave Bergdahl a dishonorable discharge, reduced his Army rank from sergeant to private and ordered him to forfeit pay equal to \$1,000 per month for 10 months.

The judge gave no explanation of how he arrived at his decision, but he reviewed evidence including Bergdahl’s time spent in captivity and the wounds suffered by Army searchers.

## Tsunami zones: Clatsop County maintains a robust Emergency Management Division

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In Astoria, the city is updating its emergency response plans, researching resources and equipment. The Oregon State Police opted to move from their Astoria office, out of the inundation zone, and into a new building when the opportunity arose. But then a child care center moved in.

Warrenton updated its evacuation maps, but the city’s Planning Commission approved developments in areas that will be underwater when the tsunami hits.

Meanwhile, in Hammond and Warrenton’s neighborhoods, Community Emergency Response Team volunteer Sylvia Stephens passes out blue plastic bags filled with pamphlets and maps to help people prepare for emergency situations. Much of the information is specific to tsunamis and earthquakes.

For many years, Cannon Beach has committed resources to planning for a Cascadia event and is looking at its sand dunes, asking how these natural features could protect the community but also create a space to use in the meantime.

Clatsop County maintains a robust Emergency Management Division.

Still, large grocery stores are already established in the inundation zone, as are schools, neighborhoods new and old, fire stations, police stations, all of Astoria and Warrenton’s pharmacies — with the exception of the pharmacy at Costco. All the liquor stores.

Cities can’t just press a pause button, and they can’t hit rewind.

At a work session in October, Astoria City Councilor Bruce Jones said even looking into routine strategic planning or community visioning questions in Astoria right now is like “changing a tire on a moving car.”

“The (North Coast) community knows the tsunami and earthquake are a big hazard and a part of living here,” said Hannah Dankbar, a coastal planner with the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce.

But, she said, the tension is this: “The town is developed, so where are we going to move things?”

### ‘Where we live’

Astoria Fire Chief Ted Ames has suggested establishing a secondary fire station at the top of the hill. The two existing fire stations are located downtown, in the inundation zone.

Not only would a hilltop location shorten the department’s response time — volunteers who live on Astoria’s South Slope have to come downtown to board an engine and then drive back over the hill to fight a fire in their own neighborhood — it would move important resources onto stable ground.

“Police, Fire, 911 Dispatch and Public Works are the city’s premier emergency response agencies,” a memo to Astoria city councilors in September stated.

All of these facilities are located in the inundation zone,

a situation that is “not conducive to building disaster resilience for the city of Astoria.”

When the Shooting Stars Child Development Center announced it was moving to the building on Gateway Avenue, the same building Oregon State Police had left behind, some parents were concerned, said Denise Giliga, the center’s director.

When the president of the local longshore union chapter appealed the Astoria Planning Commission’s decision to let the center operate out of the building, he referenced the tsunami hazards.

Giliga had also considered them.

“It was one of the points that was steering me away (from the Gateway building) at the beginning,” she said.

But of the few options in front of her, the Gateway building remained the best. And the parents who were concerned about the new location? “They realize this is where we live, and this is almost every area,” Giliga said.

She and her staff have established several evacuation plans and evacuation sites for the Gateway building. They have emergency cribs equipped with monster wheels. Every month, they hold fire and other emergency drills. They can quickly communicate with parents through FlashAlerts for events as benign as snow days and as serious as an earthquake or tsunami evacuation.

They have teamed up with neighboring businesses to provide nearby evacuation sites in the case of a large fire. Another

evacuation site is at a park on Alameda Avenue, in the shadow of the Astoria Bridge.

“But I hate that idea in an earthquake,” Giliga said.

They are actively looking for another site.

### Small changes

The next Cascadia event will affect every community differently. In Seaside, tsunami waves carry real menace, and they will destroy parts of Warrenton. In Astoria, the earthquake will do the most damage.

To Corcoran and others involved in tsunami preparations, there are small changes that could be made now.

“The choices are not: Shutting down development in the tsunami inundation zones. Or: Doing whatever we want,” Corcoran said. “The question the experience is begging is to ask what kind of additional thinking can we do about development in the tsunami inundation zones now, especially the worst of the inundation zones, those areas that we know will get inundated versus those that might.”

He suggests an inventory of buildings in downtown Astoria so people renting a space know the structure, what is likely to hold up and what might be problematic. There are small fixes like replacing glass skylights with plastic bubble windows so falling glass doesn’t injure someone below.

“We will learn to thrive here in Cascadia, I am confident,” Corcoran said. “But the next Big One is going to be our big learning curve.”

## Thai: Food cart focuses on what’s popular, including pad thai, fried rice

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Sopa Burns wanted a restaurant, but the couple found fewer barriers to entry with a food cart. Getting the custom trailer built and running still took several months, but Mai

Tong opened last week to more than 50 customers on the first day.

The food cart focuses on what’s popular, with Thai stand-bys including pad thai, fried rice, pad see ew and drunken noodles, while adding special-

ties like lemongrass chicken wings. Her dishes are made with gluten-free ingredients.

Looking for a spot, the two approached local real estate agent Peter Tadei, who connected them with Astoria Station’s Claudine Gregory, who

has been trying to surround Reach Break Brewing and Reveille Ciderworks with food carts. Next to Mai Tong is Hot Box BBQ. Sasquatch Sausage

recently left.

“You couldn’t ask for a better spot,” Robert Burns said, adding most of the customers seem to be locals who had been

waiting for them to open.

Mai Tong operates from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Monday, mirroring the hours of Reach Break.

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