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## HOOD TO COAST REBOUNDS IN SEASIDE



Photos by Edward Stratton/The Daily Astorian

Bryan Turner was the first runner to cross the Hood to Coast finish line in Seaside shortly after 8 a.m. Saturday. Following is his team, Med 18, a collection of premedical students from Oregon Health & Science University.

### Thousands enjoy annual relay event

By R.J. MARX  
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — The first runners made their way through the early morning mist across the finish line at the Seaside beachfront Saturday morning, arriving a little past 8. The team consisted of runners from Oregon Health & Science University — many premed students — led by team captain Beth Waites.

The runners were Portland-based, starting at 6 p.m. Friday in Portland, running

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Blindness doesn't hinder Team Eye Rock. Page 12A



Some Hood to Coast Relay teams got into their costumes more than others.



LEFT: Team My Couch Pulls Out But I Don't gets a rise crossing the finish line of the Hood to Coast Relay in Seaside Saturday. RIGHT: Teams came from all around the world for the Hood to Coast Relay. The countries represented included China, where Hood to Coast organizers started a sister relay this year. More photos online at DailyAstorian.com



## Seaside, Charter have signals crossed

Charter is last link in road completion

By R.J. MARX  
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Pacific Power and Light — check.

Century Link — check.  
Charter Cable — uncheck.

At least until a greasy wheel got some action from the cable company, which services Seaside homes near North Holladay Drive.

For the city of Seaside, the Holladay Drive renovation and repair is complete but for one key player. As Public Works officials and sub-contractors seek to complete removal of overhead wires and poles to move to the next step, Charter Cable has yet to disconnect cable from homes and remove wires from poles.

"It's very frustrating because we're so close," Public Works Director Dale McDowell told the Seaside City Council last week. "Right now we're just waiting on Charter."

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## Healing the divide

Churches, split on race lines, work together

This is part of Divided America, AP's ongoing exploration of the economic, social and political divisions — and in some cases attempts at reconciliation — in American society.

By RACHEL ZOLL  
AP Religion Writer

MACON, Ga. — There are two First Baptist Churches in Macon — one black and one white. They sit almost back-to-back, separated by a small park, in a hilltop historic district overlooking downtown.

About 170 years ago, they were one congregation, albeit a church of masters and slaves. Then the fight over abolition and slavery started tearing badly at religious groups and moving the country toward Civil War. The Macon church, like many others at the time, decided it was time to separate by race.

Ever since — through Jim Crow, the civil rights movement, desegregation and beyond — the division endured, becoming so deeply rooted it hardly drew notice.

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## Thrift store owner aims to help others out

All clothing will sell for \$1

Giovanni Perfetto sat on the wooden floor inside the storefront that once housed Pacific Coast Medical Supply, and before that Astoria Hemp Works, assembling display cases and organizing donations.

Perfetto, a veteran deal-hunter and educator, is opening a nonprofit thrift store at the location to support Clatsop Animal Assistance, North Coast Food Web and help with some pet bills at Columbia Veterinary Clinic.

Perfetto said his first introduction to nonprofits came while he

was managing one in Pennsylvania in the late 2000s. He has been busy collecting donations and filling out the paperwork with lawyers to make Impact Thrift a nonprofit. He hopes to open by October or earlier, depending on how fast donations come in.

The offerings at Impact Thrift will mirror thrift store giant Goodwill — clothing, household goods, electronics, books, vinyl records — although Perfetto said the model will be different.

Most notably, clothes will all cost \$1, whether they're T-shirts or wedding dresses. He said the idea came



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Giovanni Perfetto is opening the nonprofit Impact Thrift store inside the former Pacific Coast Medical Supply at 1062 Marine Drive in Astoria.



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The Rev. James W. Goolsby, Jr., senior pastor of the First Baptist Church, left, and the Rev. Scott Dickson, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Christ, right, pose for a photo at Dickson's church in Macon, Ga.. There are two First Baptist Churches in Macon — one black and one white. Two years ago, Dickson and Goolsby met to try to find a way the congregations, neighbors for so long, could become friends. They'd try to bridge the stubborn divide of race.



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