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One step at a time



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Teammates gather at the Hood to Coast finish line in Seaside on Saturday to greet the last member of the team to compete in the race.

Wyden describes Trump's response to Charlottesville as horrifying

Democrat spoke at Seaside event

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — When immigration or white supremacy comes up at his town halls, U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden sometimes recounts the story of how his parents fled Nazi Germany and how his father joined the U.S. Army to produce propaganda for the war effort.

In his 844th town hall, and the first since the deadly violence at a white nationalist

rally this month in Charlottesville, Virginia, Wyden on Friday called President Donald Trump's response horrifying.

"All the people I know believe that when you see a swastika, this is not something where there are two sides of the debate," the Oregon Democrat said to applause from a full crowd in the Seaside City Council chambers. "It's wrong."

Wyden took questions on a variety of national issues and promised to continue fighting for the values of his constituents.

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U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, was in Seaside Friday for his 844th town hall since joining the U.S. Senate in 1996.

Collapse at salmon farm renews debate about fish farming

Conservation group plans to sue for violations

By PHUONG LE
Associated Press

SEATTLE — A marine net pen holding 305,000 farmed Atlantic salmon collapsed this month, releasing thousands of fish into Puget Sound and renewing concerns that a new proposed salmon farm could harm wild salmon stock and cause other environmental damage.

The release at Cooke Aquaculture's facility comes as the company is proposing a new expanded commercial facility in the Strait of Juan de Fuca in Washington state.

Canada-based Cooke, which operates five salmon farms in Washington that it

acquired last year, would build 14 floating circular net pens about 1 1/2 miles offshore. It would move current operations from Port Angeles Harbor and increase production by 20 percent. The project is in the permitting phase.

Critics say the recent fish escape highlights potential risks of open-sea fish farming. They worry about water pollution from fish feed and the potential for farmed fish to spread diseases and parasites to wild fish.

"These are open net pens. They're not isolated from surrounding environment," said Chris Wilke, executive director of the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance, which opposes the project.

Ron Warren, who heads the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's fish pro-

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Relay raises \$700,000 for Providence Seaside Hospital

By BRENN A VISSER
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — After two years of cloud cover and windy woes, Seaside welcomed 19,000 runners and walkers from the 36th annual Hood to Coast Relay with a clear and sunny day.

Runners came from all 50 states and 43 countries Saturday to compete in the race that spans from Timberline Lodge to Seaside's Promenade, covering 199 miles and raising \$700,000 for Providence Seaside Hospital, Chief Operating Officer Dan Floyd said.

After the race, thousands celebrated on the beach with beer, pop-up food stands and musical performances from Radical Revolution and the Brian O'Dell Band until the sun set over the horizon.

While Hood to Coast is known for featuring world-class athletes capable of Olympic-style race times, a chunk of the money raised for cancer research comes from groups like "You walkin' to me?" — one of the 400 race walking teams who participate in the Portland To Coast Walk Relay portion of the event.

"There aren't a lot of race walkers out there, so it's a pretty tight-knit community," team captain Marek Ziegien said.

The Portland-based team, donning bright yellow shirts with an illustration of the movie "Taxi Driver," are all co-workers who have been competing in this event for the past five years.

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One of the first competitors to finish the Hood to Coast Relay makes her way along the boardwalk toward the finish line in Seaside on Saturday.

New Seaside attorney relishes challenge of trials

Specializes in civil disputes

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Attorney Sunil Raju said a single, complex case lasting a year or more can involve more than 1,000 hours worth of preparation.

"It can really involve a lot of blood, sweat and tears, in terms of investing yourself, and in terms of getting to know the case and making sure your client is getting a great case presented," he said.

Raju, a trial attorney hired earlier this summer by Seaside



law firm Campbell & Popkin, said he relishes the hard work and challenges inherent in representing his clients well.

Raju, one of four attorneys at the firm, was brought on to focus on preparing for and taking cases to trial when disputes arise between parties, mostly on the civil side.

"Typically what that will mean in practice is I represent a professional or a business owner in some kind of



Submitted Photo
Sunil Raju is the newest attorney at Campbell & Popkin LLC in Seaside.

dispute," he said. "It could involve a business or real estate or something like that. I also will represent a consumer in a construction lawsuit, or

maybe the homeowner has a problem with the contractor."

Growing up in Fort Worth, Texas, Raju said he didn't know any lawyers but found early on he liked to research, argue and debate things. By the time he was attending Northwestern University in his hometown of Chicago, Raju knew he wanted a challenging and diverse career, which the law seemed to offer.

After graduating 11 years ago from Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Raju spent two years as a prosecutor with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and another four years in Washington County. During that

time, he was the lead prosecutor on more than 100 cases, from shoplifting and domestic violence to a cold-case gang homicide.

"Overall, I think that work was really great, because I think it helps to illustrate how law enforcement operates," he said. "You get to understand how do police officers and DAs really make decisions. It also reveals an underbelly to the community that not always everybody is aware of."

Raju said he also received a lot of trial experience in a short amount of time. With a decade of practicing law under

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