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LEFT: Photographer and City Councilor George Vetter gets a shot of a wave cresting near Mo's Restaurant in Tolovana. RIGHT: Extreme high tides Thursday crash into the stairs at Tolovana State Park.

STORM WAVES POUND COAST

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The North Coast is used to crazy weather, but Thursday's offering was especially impressive. There was tidal flooding in Nehalem and huge waves surged onto the road on the south end of Seaside. In Cannon Beach, foamy surf pushed right up to the Second Street barrier while people leaned over the railing above to watch. Thunder and lightening

made an appearance and a hail storm swept up the coast. Every once in a while the sky would dump buckets of rain, which would stop just long enough for people to feel confident about walking outside before it all started up again. A coastal flood warning was in effect for the area through Friday afternoon and the National Weather Service said offshore buoys recorded ocean swell heights of up to 36 feet Thursday morning. By the afternoon, wave heights were still near 30 feet and remained high through the evening.



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The South Jetty at Fort Stevens State Park is pounded with waves during a storm as people watch the phenomenon from an observation tower in the background.



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Sea foam clings to rocks after being flung over the South Jetty during a storm Thursday.



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The observation tower at the South Jetty in Fort Stevens State Park was a popular place to watch the storm Thursday.



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Sea foam clings to grass after being blown over the South Jetty by high winds.



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Mick and Karen French of Cannon Beach watch as a storm moves in at the South Jetty at Fort Stevens State Park.