

THE WHIPPED CREAM LADY



Here's a little trip down memory lane for you: Remember **Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass**? Their 1965 hit album, "**Whipped Cream & Other Delights**" (celebrating its 50th anniversary this year) was almost as famous for the model on the cover as it was for the music.

So who is this pop culture icon? A recent story by **Erik Lacticis** for The Seattle Times (which is actually an update to an older story) reveals that it's **Dolores Erickson**, 79, who lives in Longview, Wash. (<http://tinyurl.com/alpertmodel>). She is pictured in a 2012 photo by Greg Gilbert of The Seattle Times.

A successful model for the Eileen Ford Agency in New York City, she flew to Los Angeles for the Alpert album cover shoot in 1965. She wore a bikini with the top straps down, and was covered with shaving cream (whipped cream would have melted under the lights).

The photo caused quite a furor, as it was considered pretty risqué at the time. Lacticis quotes a 2006 New Yorker magazine article as saying the cover "fogged the minds of many young men." The music wasn't too bad, either, as the record spent 141 weeks on Billboard's Top 40 albums chart.

Ms. Erickson moved to Longview in the 1970s with her young son to be near her sister. No one knew she was the "Whipped Cream Lady" until 2000, when she stopped at a Seattle record store to buy some used copies of the album to sign for friends, and the owner of the store realized who she was. "It was like finding a jewel that's been buried in the desert for 40 years," he said.

Until then, she had no idea how important the album is in pop culture. Now, she has "fans worldwide" Lacticis says.

So how does she feel about her newfound celebrity? "I'm overwhelmed," she told him. "It's fabulous. It's so wonderful."

TAKE A TOUR



A few weeks ago, the Ear mentioned that Microsoft co-founder **Paul Allen** and his team aboard his research vessel/yacht the **Octopus**, had found the wreckage of the World War II Japanese battleship **Musashi** more than half a mile deep at the bottom of the Sibuyan Sea in the Philippines. It was one of the heaviest and most powerfully armed battleships ever built.

At first, Allen's website, www.paulallen.com, only posted photos of the wreck, along with history notes. One of the images, a valve wheel, is shown. Inset, a photo of the formidable **Musashi**.

But now he has gone all out for naval history fans, and posted a 2.5-plus hour **underwater tour** of the wreck, including Octopus crew interviews about the expedition and how they found the battleship, at <http://musashi.paulallen.com>. Enjoy!

STOP, WAIT, WAVE



Remember the Astoria crosswalk flags to help pedestrians get across the street? A good idea in theory, but light-fingered citizens kept swiping them.

Scott Lee of Bikes and Beyond spotted something on Facebook that might just work, and wants the Ear to pass it along. Pictured, a **Stop, Wait, Wave crosswalk installation** that actually works. Upon researching, it seems the idea for this type of crosswalk warning originated in Camden, Maine, of all places, and goes back at least nine years — the photo comes from a December 2006 blog posting by Maine resident **Sarah Ann Smith** (<http://tinyurl.com/camdencross>).

However, cities in at least two other states (New Jersey and Florida) are following Camden's example and putting these warnings on their crosswalks, too. So why not Astoria?

Scott suggested that perhaps the **Boy Scouts** or **Tongue Point Job Corps students** might be interested in taking on the job, if the idea is approved. At least no one can snatch *these* signs.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY
Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad Club — 1 p.m., in Hammond. Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.

SUNDAY
Line Dancing — 5:30 to 8 p.m., Seaside American Legion, 1315 Broadway. For information, call 503-738-5111. No cost; suggested \$5 tip to the instructor.

MONDAY
Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

Columbia Senior Diners — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. Cost is \$5. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — noon, Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60. For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

Astoria Rotary Club — noon, second floor of the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Guests always welcome. For information, go to www.AstoriaRotary.org

Knocklers Pinochle Group — 1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Cost is \$1 per regular session per person. Players with highest and second highest scores split the prize. Game is designed for players 55 and older, but all ages are welcome.

Astoria Toastmasters — 6:30 p.m., Hotel Elliot conference room, 357 12th St. Visitors welcome. For information, go to www.toastmasters.org

In One Ear



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WASH YOUR HANDS!



Since it's the 30th Anniversary of "**The Goonies**" year, the Ear couldn't resist telling you a story from when they were filming here.

"Wow, I can't believe it has been 30 years," former Seaside **Dena Rush** told the Ear. "The boys who starred in the film used to come in and use the bathroom where I worked at the Surfsand Resort when they filmed in Cannon Beach. It was a small office then, with a tiny bathroom behind it, and if I did not hear the sink after a flush, I would send them back in to wash their hands."

"My boss asked me one day asked me if I knew who those boys were," she recalled. "I said I did not care, as they still needed to wash their hands. Turned out later it was **Sean Astin** and **Corey Feldman**." They are pictured in a screen shot from the movie.

"But I was 21, and I was too cool," Dena chuckled, "and I had no time for teenaged boys who did not wash their hands."

106 YEARS YOUNG



Clatsop Care Center resident, **Jessie M. Rutter-Cothrell-Humble** turned 106 years old on March 24," **Rosetta Hurley** of the Life Enrichment Department at the center told the Ear. Jessie is pictured now, and in 1927.

"Her life adventures began with being born in 1909 in a small cabin on a ranch near Galena, Ore., a place that could only be reached by wagon, horseback or by foot" Rosetta noted. "Events occurring during her life included the sinking of the Titanic, World War I and II, multiple other wars, the Roaring '20s, and the Great Depression."

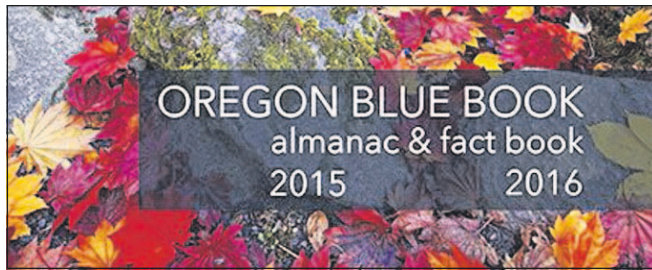
Not to mention the opening of the Panama Canal (1914), the first transcontinental phone call (1915), the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic, the invention of talking movies (1924), and so much more (<http://tinyurl.com/time1900s>).

"She was married and widowed twice, had two children, and has lived in Roseburg, Cottage Grove and Woodburn," Rosetta explained. "In recent years she moved to Seaside, and then Astoria near her daughter. Jessie owned a flower and gift business, worked as a bookkeeper, and ran a freight company. Jessie enjoyed playing cards, hunting and fishing, traveling around the U.S. in a trailer with her husband and visiting national parks."

"Jessie has a beautiful engaging smile and is loved by everyone where she lives," she added. "She is an inspiration."

So what's Jessie's secret for long life? Here's one hint: "I never eat fish unless I caught it!"

GET BOOKISH



If you have an unquenchable thirst to know all about everything/anything Oregon, you're in luck. The **2015-2016 Oregon Blue Book** has been released both in print form and online (<http://bluebook.state.or.us>). Part of the cover photo, which was taken by **Ted Demetriades**, is shown.

Click on "Oregon Topics," and history buffs will find all sorts of topics to research. Want to fire off a letter to a state U.S. representative or senator? The addresses are all online, too. Photographers might want to take note of the contest for next year's Blue Book cover, open to all Oregon amateur photographers.

It's a great website to peruse on a rainy afternoon. You might even learn something.

www.oregonbluebook.com or call 503-894-0187.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 6 to 7:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

TUESDAY
Do Nothing Club — 10 a.m. to noon, 24002 U St., Ocean Park, Wash. Men's group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation of \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

Columbia Senior Diners — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. The cost is \$5. For information, or to have a

meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Astoria Lions Club — noon, Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Prospective members welcome. For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 1 to 3 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Spinning Circle — 3 to 5 p.m., Astoria Fiber Arts Academy, 1296 Duane St. Bring a spinning wheel. For information, call 503-325-598 or go to <http://astoriafiberarts.com>

WEDNESDAY
Moms Offering Moms Support Club — 9 a.m., Capt. Gray Port of Play, 785 Alameda Ave. For information, go to www.momsclubofastoria.org or email president@momsclubofastoria.org

RAINWORKS



Seattle residents **Peregrine Church**, pictured right, who is often helped by his "partner-in-shenanigans" **Xack Fischer**, left, love the rain, and want you to love it, too. So they've created **rainworks**, positive messages and artwork all around Seattle that only show up when it rains. The pair are pictured in a photo from their website, <http://rain.works>

Stenciled on with a product called Always Dry, their creations become "rain activated art" and last about four months. "We make rainworks to give people a reason to look forward to rainy days!" the pair declared. "It's going to rain anyway. Why not do something fun with it?"

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT



Amateur astronomer alert: According to Gizmag.com, ANASA now has a new software program, the **Asteroid Data Hunter**, available to the public, that "improves the detection rate of potentially hazardous near-Earth asteroids" (<http://tinyurl.com/boomwarn>). It's free to download at www.topcoder.com/asteroids, which provided the screen shot shown.

Take a photo with your telescope, then run it through the application — it will sort out known asteroids and any new discoveries.

"We need your help in identifying asteroids," NASA claims, "and to help further this effort, we've built an application that enables everyone, everywhere, to help solve this global challenge." Happy hunting!

THERE'S MORE TO COME



Just because you may not have heard much of anything lately about **2011 Japanese tsunami debris** appearing on our shores doesn't mean it's over. In fact, a recent story on KGW.com says scientists speculate there is still 1 million tons floating around in the Pacific Ocean, likely heading this way (<http://tinyurl.com/floatmess>). A screen shot of KGW's map of the mass is shown.

Russ Lewis, who lives on the Long Beach (Wash.) Peninsula, told KGW he found his first piece of debris in November 2011, and has hauled away truckloads of it since. He is pictured, inset, in a photo courtesy of **Kyle Iboshi** of KGW.

Russ says it usually gets worse after a storm with southwest winds. "You go out the next day and the rack line has chunks of this stuff, you know, up and down for miles. I think there's more to come."

"Until local weather conditions move them ashore," **Sam Chan** with the Oregon State University Extension and Oregon Sea Grant, told KGW, "the marine debris from the tsunami will be evident, and might be evident for years to come."

The debris arrival may have tapered off a bit on the North Coast for now, but CBC News in British Columbia reports the litter load is so bad up north that the "U.S. group **Gulf of Alaska Keeper** wants to use helicopters and a huge barge to remove tonnes of material still littering B.C. and Alaska coastlines" (<http://tinyurl.com/floatmess2>).

The outer shoreline of the remote and difficult to access Haida Gwaii, an archipelago off B.C.'s north coast, is particularly receiving the onslaught of plastic, fishing gear and Styrofoam. "There is tons of garbage hitting our beach every day," said Haida Gwaii resident **Linda Leitch**. "This problem is real. It's not going away. It's not old news. It is occurring news."

Open Sewing Gathering — 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Homespun Quilts, 108 10th St. For information, call 503-325-3300 or 800-298-3177 or go to <http://homespunquilt.com>

Wickiup Senior Lunches — 11:30 a.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. Free for those older than 60 (\$3 suggested donation), \$6.75 for those younger than age 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

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Blood Pressure Checks — noon to 2 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Angora Hiking Club — 1 p.m., Sixth Street parking lot, Seaside Prom/Mill Ponds hike. For information, call Nguyen Trung at 503-738-7911.

Ukulele Players — 1:30 p.m., Warrenton Masonic Lodge, 66 S.W. Fourth St., Warrenton. All are welcome, including beginners. Loaner ukuleles available. For information, call Roger Williams at 503-717-5645.

Seaside Dementia Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Necanicum Village, 2500 S. Rosevelt Drive, Seaside. For families and/or caregivers of dementia patients. All are welcome. To attend, RSVP to 503-738-0900.