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Mysteries of the HISTORIC PHOTOS OF THE WEEK North Coast

By JEFF SMITH Special to The Daily Astorian

his carving was recently donated to the Columbia River Maritime Museum by a person who said it had come off the beach at Manzanita back before 1968.

It appears to be a carving of a religious figure guesses range from St. Christopher to St. George — from an altar piece or a furniture leg.

The wood looks to be oak and although flush on three sides, there is no evidence of tool marks.

The museum plans to have it tested to determine a date of origin for the wood and a species identification which may help to explain how it arrived on our shores.

Could it be a telltale fragment of a wrecked Manila galleon? Or is it just a discarded bit of old furniture? One thing is certain — the person who carved it was a talented craftsman.

Jeff Smith is curator at the Columbia River Maritime Museum.



Photo courtesy of Columbia River Maritime Museum A wood carving washed up on the beach at Manzanita.





9-1-WHAT?

Who needs pants at Burger King, anyway?

his past week was apparently clothing-optional in Astoria. Pants off at Burger King. Shirt off near the Astoria Riverfront Trolley. Teenagers, meanwhile, are still being teen-

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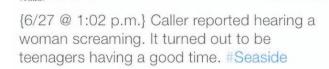
{6/24 @ 5:58 p.m.} Man laying in the middle of the #Astoria Riverfront Trolley tracks,

described as wearing no shirt and bad sunburn.



{6/28 @ 7:41 p.m.} Report of someone tipping over a porta-potty on the #Seaside beach.









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