

IN ONE EAR & OUT THE OTHER BY JANEY MILSTEAD

HERE COME THE GOONIES

Steve Spielberg has dreamed up another critter, and it'll be cavorting before the cameras this fall for a movie to be released next summer. It's called a Goony, and since there are plenty of the little (big? — no one knows, thanks to Steven's famous secret network of workers who don't blab) whatever, the title of the film will be *Goonies*. Richard Donner of *Superman* fame will direct and co-produce this further dip into Spielberg's kid-at-heart imagination. The word from the front is that *Goonies* is a young person's adventure for people of all ages, and that it definitely isn't a sequel to *Gremlins* or a creature feature.

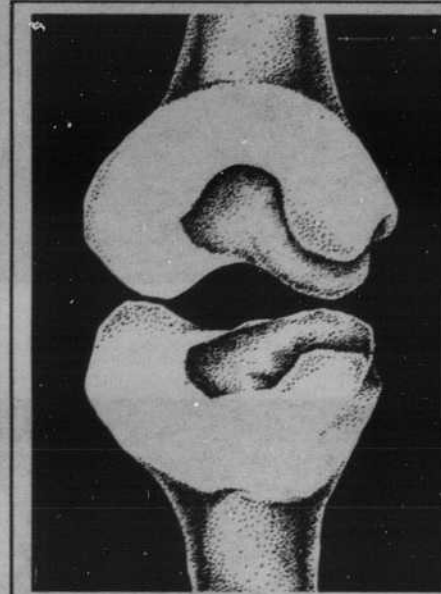
Spielberg is also working toward his third (and final, sob) Indiana Jones epic, and also his much-discussed *Peter Pan*. With so many of the "teen" movies peopled by actors who haven't been teens recently, Steven promises Peter will be played by a boy around 12 years old. "No five o'clock shadow," swears Captain Steve.

In his spare time (ha), Spielberg will head a weekly TV project set to debut in the fall of '85. Titled *Amazing Stories*, it'll be a weekly half-hour anthology of... you guessed it... amazing stories! Part of the idea fodder will come from a magazine (*Amazing Tales*) that's been around since the winter of '09 (actually 1926) and now belongs to Universal. The rest of the goodies will come from SS's amazing head.

NOSING AROUND HOLLYWIERD

Stories are still filtering in about the Jackson's Victory tour and it was truly a biggie, but a lot of the tales concern Michael's propensity for going out in disguise in nearly every town and bringing Jehovah to the wicked in the Witnesses' own inimitable style. My fave is the story of him going out as himself and everyone thinking he was an MJ dress-alike and that this worked so well, he went on doing it and was never recognized. I've interviewed

Michael several times, but not since he became a star's star and loosened himself from the earthly bonds of reporters... Congrats to *Hill St. Blues* and *St. Elsewhere* for their Emmys and to the television industry for voting for the best, not the most successful... Tom Selleck was in Vancouver (see what I mean?) finishing up his *Runaway* movie when his *Magnum* buddies John Hillerman, Roger Mosley and Larry Manetti each received a very special present from Mr. Dimplecheeks himself — would you believe a Porsche? ... Jonathan Demme's film of the Talking Heads concert tour, *Stop Making Sense*, has a distributor and will open in New York and Los Angeles before Thanksgiving, followed by a major cities release around Christmas... I had dinner on the set of the now-hot *Karate Kid* with Ralph Maccio and the teens who played The Cobras, and it was quite a night! The caterers were serving steak and lobster, not bad for location



This *Ampersand of the Month* is a joint effort, even though Dan Levine of Syracuse University did it all by himself. Boning up on the principles of illusory art in Professor Alex White's Visual Communication class, Levine fractured our staff with his effort. A \$30 prize is his. Want to get a leg up on your own art career? Send us your fresh concept of an ampersand, rendered in black ink on sturdy white paper: *Ampersand of the Month*, 1680 N. Vine, Suite 900, Hollywood, CA 90028.

fare, but Ralph passed on the lobster. He was on a very strict diet-plus-exercise to look lean and mean for the Karate sequences... If you're into Trivial Pursuit, there's a reference book on the market to help you dazzle them with your footwork. By Avon, it's called *Trivial Conquest* and sells for a whopping \$9.95.

PARANOIA GAZETTE

Are you ready to worry about Cabbage Patch Dolls? The government fears that some folks who aren't exactly living dolls will use those cute birth certificates to put the dolls on welfare!... In Beverly Hills, they've just opened a Caviar Bar where you can buy a bit of your own roe to hoe, plus a sip of champagne for as low as \$5! I ask you, where else could this happen?... Prince Charles is seriously thinking of becoming a vegetarian (no more steak and kidney pie? Tut) and Princess Di is already practically a veggie (so to speak)... Did you know that Michael Jackson's nickname amongst his intimates was Smelly? No, he doesn't smell, but he does have a habit of saying "smelly jelly" when a song sounds good to him... Cindy Williams and her husband Bill Hudson (of the Hudson Brothers) are readying a joint television venture in the form of a series for NBC... Great Quotes: How's this one from Pia Zadora's husband, Meshulam Riklis — "I consider that I was put on this earth to serve women." Does anyone have this guy's phone number? I'd like a Salade Nicoise and a gin and tonic. Poolside, please.

SOAP SUDS

Kin Shriner, that beastly Scotty from *General Hospital*, has been signed to play the boyfriend of Philece Sampler, that beastly Renee from *Days of*

DIPLOMAS BY TRINITRON New Television Series Offer College Credit

Couch potatoes rejoice. Thanks to Walter Annenberg, the man who brought America TV Guide, it may now be possible to partially work your way through many colleges and universities simply by turning on your television set.

Bankrolled with a hefty grant from the Annenberg School of Communications — \$150 million to be spent over the next 15 years — the Annenberg/CPB Project will provide funds for programs using telecommunications technology to make "higher education increasingly available to millions of Americans."

The program is being kicked off this fall in a big way. Five television series are being presented on the Public Broadcast Service that are college credit courses, including two that will be broadcast during prime time: *The Constitution: That Delicate Balance* and *The Brain*. Three other series, which bring total viewing hours to 64, are *Congress: We the People*, *The Write Course*, and *The New Literacy: An Introduction to Computers*.

"Two years in the making, these five series are the first results of this new effort," says Dr. Mara Mayor, director of the funding program administered by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. "They provide a foundation on which we will build a full collection of materials designed to help distant learners who cannot go the traditional on-campus route to earn a degree." The Annenberg/CPB folk are pulling out the big guns on this one. For the series on the U.S. Constitution former CBS News President Fred Friendly will use the "Socratic method" for discussions that will include such heavyweights as former President Gerald Ford, retired Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart and former Secretary of State Edmund Muskie. And they're just the warm-up acts.



Service poolside?

PIA ZADORA