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BACK IN THE GOONDOCKS



To the delight of “**The Goonies**” fans everywhere, on Sept. 10 **Corey Feldman** posted a selfie of a reunion with Goonies co-stars (**Jonathan Ke Huy Quan** and **Sean Astin** on Facebook, Instagram (@cdogg22) and Twitter (@Corey_Feldman).

He didn’t say about where they were, though: “#GOONIE DINNER! HERE I AM LAST NITE CATCHING UP W FORMER CAST M8S, @seanastin & Jonathan Ke Quan. #LOVELY #NEVERSAYDIE #30thanniversary.” However, a little sleuthing revealed all three were in Indianapolis Sept. 8 through 10. They were appearing at HorrorHound Weekend for “celebrity signings” and to take part in panel discussions, so it’s not surprising they got together for dinner.

In case you’re wondering: Nope, not a word was mentioned about a possible Goonies 2.

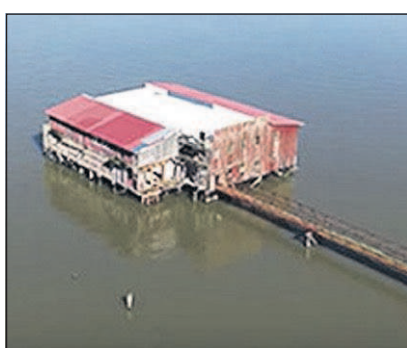
FOR SALE: BIG RED

Always wanted your very own chunk of Astoria history? Here’s your shot: The **Net Shed**, aka **Big Red**, at the foot of 31st Street, is up for sale by **Veronica Park Properties** in Lake Oswego.

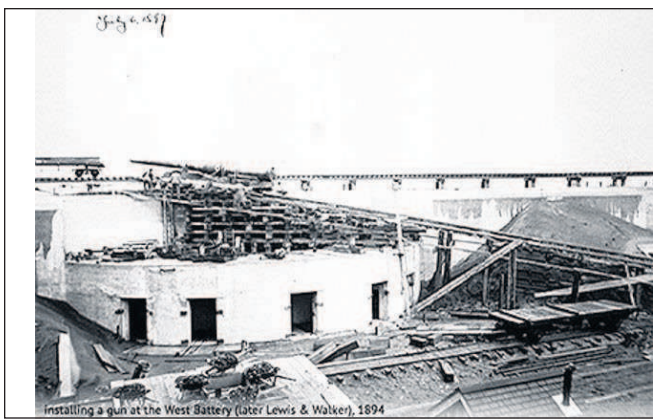
Here’s part of the sales blurb: “... Original fir timbers & plank floors, development opportunity. Currently used as individual art studios. Offered at \$475,000.” The photo is courtesy of Veronica Park Properties (<http://tinyurl.com/RedForSale>).

Built in 1897 by the Union Fishermen’s Co-operative Packing Company, the building was a fish transfer station and a place to dry fish nets, which were pulled up from the fishing boats below. Boats were hauled up, too for repairs and maintenance. The building’s history holds fond memories for many locals.

The Net Shed’s twin, **Alderbrook Station**, has been saved and restored to its former glory. Will someone rescue Big Red? Stay tuned.



AROUND THE TOWN



Tidbits from the **Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1896** edition of **The Daily Morning Astorian**:

• It is said on good authority that property owners on **North Beach**, since the close of the season and the completion of the railroad from Seaside into Astoria, are tumbling over each other to dispose of their property on the Washington shore in order to get in on Clatsop, where the conveniences are so much greater.

Note: According to the “Sydney of Oysterville” blog by **Sydney Stevens**, the Long Beach Peninsula was and is officially the North Beach Peninsula, according to U.S. Board on Geographic Names, but was renamed as a result of a “vigorous public relations campaign” in the early 1900s. (<http://tinyurl.com/sydNBeach>)

• Druggist Rogers yesterday received a new silver purse.

• The barge **Atlas** arrived down river yesterday with 3,000 barrels of cement for the work at **Fort Stevens**.

Note: The cement was being used to build the **West Battery**, and construction took place from September 1896 to April 1898. The West Battery became divided into three batteries — **Lewis** (named after Capt. Merriwether Lewis), **Walker** and **Mishler** — which combined, had a total of six guns. An 1897 photo of a gun installation is shown, courtesy of the Coast Defense Study Group (<http://cdsg.org/battery-lewis>).

• The railroad workmen at **Westport**, so a telegram Sunday said, in making excavations, unearthed the bones of several human bodies, several old-fashioned muskets, and a \$20 gold piece dated 1855.

• It is reported by Seaside that **Mrs. Canning**, of Portland, killed a big bear near Arch Cape Saturday. Mrs. Canning pretended to be afraid of a bear, but nevertheless shot Bruin with a rifle.

THE ROAD TO SHARKSVILLE



When the **USS Shark** ran aground on the Columbia River bar on Sept. 10, 1846, the captain, **Lt. Neil M. Howison**, and all hands were fortunate enough to make it to shore on Clatsop Beach. Crew member **Burr Osborn’s** letters (<http://tinyurl.com/BOSLet>), and Howison’s reports (<http://tinyurl.com/shark1846>), detail what happened next.

Once on the beach, the survivors burned wood from the wreck of the **USS Peacock**, an exploration vessel, to keep warm. One of the men had the bad luck to have been shipwrecked twice — he was also on the **Peacock** when it ran aground on the bar in 1841.

The group spent two miserable nights in a 12 by 24-foot floorless shanty on the beach, said to have been built 40 years earlier by some of the men in the **Lewis and Clark Expedition**. The survivors were constantly wet, and most were only wearing underwear, or nightwear, when they had to abandon ship.

Howison took one of the boats to head for Vancouver, Washington, to get much-needed supplies, leaving the crew behind. Fortunately, some Indians arrived and helped the starving men procure two oxen. The roasted dinner was most welcome, as by then, the survivors had not eaten for 52 hours.

The morning after the feast, the group headed for Astoria (pictured as it was in 1813), where there was a double log house/store, two log huts for trappers, a Baptist missionary’s wood frame house and an Indian tepee. Set about a mile away was **Fort George** (aka Fort Astoria).

Within a week, Osborn wrote, most of the crew fell ill, probably from exposure after the wreck, and were treated with quinine and salt from the store for the three weeks it took them to recuperate. But the store wasn’t much help for the simple comforts, as even a blanket was \$10 (\$300 now).

By mid-October, the men felt well enough to start hauling logs from a nearby forest to build a house near Fort George at Point George, which is thought to be near present day Pier 3 at the Port of Astoria. In mid-November the men moved in, naming the dwelling **Sharksville**, after their lost ship.

Next week: Life in Sharksville

CALLING ALL NORWEGIANS



In a city full of Scandinavians, there must be a passel of Norwegians, and this one’s for you: Chicago’s O’Connor Casting Company is casting for Season 9 of “**Alt For Norge**” (aka “The Great Norway Adventure”), Norway’s Emmy award-winning reality show.

Norwegian-American contestants are flown to Norway to compete in “good-natured, exciting and extreme cultural challenges.” The winner receives \$50,000 and meets Norwegian relatives they’ve never heard of.

No, you do not have to speak Norwegian, or be 100 percent Norwegian, either. Contestants must simply be Americans with Norwegian ancestry (even a little bit counts) who are age 18-plus (but there’s no age limit) and have never traveled to Norway. You can read the rules, and find out how to apply at <http://tinyurl.com/applynorge>

“We’ve sent 94 Norwegian-Americans to Norway and eight of them have won \$50,000 and met their long lost Norwegian relatives,” a post on the O’Connor Casting Facebook page says. “All of them had an adventurous, life-changing cultural experience.”

Portlander **Tom Torresdal**, shown in an old photo courtesy of TVNorge, was a contestant on the show in 2011. “Such an amazing experience,” he said at the end of filming. “I’ve loved every single second that I’ve been here.” He loved it so much, in fact, that he moved to Norway for a while to work in a brewery. Now he’s a brewer himself, at Pyramid Brewing.

The deadline to apply for “Alt for Norge” is Dec. 1, but the casting company recommends applying early.

HELP THE LESCENE FAMILY



Last Sunday, a British Columbia couple, **Joe** (pictured) and **Sarah Lescene**, were hiking on the bluff over Devil’s Cauldron in Oswald West State Park in Manzanita. Joe lost his footing, and **tumbled 800 feet** to the ocean below. His backpack was recovered, but his body has not been found, and the Coast Guard has given up the search.

A fundraiser has been set up by a family friend, Nancy Sheppard, to help his wife and two daughters, **Ofelia and Sofia**. “Joe was an amazing husband, father and friend to so many,” Nancy wrote. “There is not one person that Joe met that he didn’t make smile and laugh, he brightened every room he entered and loved all his friends so dearly.”

“Unfortunately, since Joe’s body has yet to be recovered, there will be delays in the financial support that Joe had arranged for Sarah. The delay may be lengthy, and because of that, we are asking for any support so that we can ease Sarah’s mind from financial burden, and let her focus on grieving.”

Want to help? You can donate at <http://tinyurl.com/4JoesFamily>

TURKEY TOWN



The Oregon town of **Pilot Rock** has a problem: It’s being **overrun by wild turkeys**, the East Oregonian reports (<http://tinyurl.com/turkeyville>). The birds stroll into town in a flock of about 50 to 70, then split up to divide and conquer with turkey poop, snacking their way through local gardens. Some of the fowl trespassers are pictured, in a photo by E.J. Harris.

“Nothing is left,” resident Mary Ann Low complained. “They dust bathe in the soil. They eat whatever is there.”

The Pilot Rock City Council — after discussing and discarding starting a spay and neuter program or just plain grabbing shotguns — has called in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to tackle the turkey issue.

“No matter what we do, we’re never going to get rid of all of them,” ODFW wildlife biologist Greg Rimbach observed. “We’ll always have a few turkeys.”

ANGEL NEEDS AN ANGEL



6 **Angel** (pictured) was probably a pet at some point, but was most likely abandoned some time ago,” **Rita Smith** of **River Song Foundation** wrote. “Trying to survive with at least partial deafness and blindness, and the pain of untreated dental issues, have made Angel not very tolerant. Angel is also feline leukemia positive.” A photo of Angel, who is a flame point Siamese mix, is shown. She is one of many special-needs cats the foundation is trying to find homes for now.

“We would like to give Angel a chance to have a comfortable senior life, if possible. A previous short-term caregiver said she was happy to be inside, had her own spot to sleep and knew exactly where her food, water and litter box were. If we can find her a safe home, there is a sponsor who will provide medical support for Angel for her lifetime. And we will provide guidance and support as well, including help with food.”

Would you like to adopt Angel, or help River Song Foundation? Call Rita at 503-861-2003, or donate at <http://riversong-foundation.org>

“Angel is a beautiful, quiet, and dignified lady who deserves some peace and safety,” Rita noted. “Please help us give it to her. Someone out there is her only hope.”

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

Angora Hiking Club — 9 a.m. at Sixth Street parking lot, or 10 a.m. at trail head. Angora Peak hike. For information, call John Markham at 503-436-2310.

Astor Elementary School Rummage Sale — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Astor School little gym, 3550 Franklin Ave. Includes raffle of items donated by local businesses. Proceeds used to buy books for school library.

Rally for “Dreamers” — 11 a.m., Astoria Post Office, 750 Commercial St. Indivisible North Oregon rally, open to all who support Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Chinook Indian Nation — 11 a.m., monthly council meeting, Tribal Office, 3 Park St., Bay Center, Washington. Temporary date change to third Saturday in September. Meeting open to all tribal members; attendees are reminded

to bring a potluck item. For questions, call 360-875-6670.

Sit & Stitch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Homespun Quilts & Yarn, 108 10th St. Bring knitting, crochet or other needlework projects to this community stitching time. All skill levels welcome.

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.

Spinning Circle — 1 to 3 p.m., Astoria Fiber Arts Academy, 1296 Duane St. Bring a spinning wheel. For information, call 503-325-5598 or go to <http://astoriafiberarts.com>

SUNDAY

Cannon Beach American Legion Women’s Auxiliary Breakfast — 9 to 11:30 a.m., American Legion, 1216 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach.

Astor Elementary School Rummage Sale — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Astor School little gym, 3550 Franklin Ave. Includes raffle of items donated by local businesses. Proceeds used to buy books for school library.

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.

Seekers Group — 6 to 7:30

p.m., Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 33324 Patriot Way, Warrenton. Group discusses issues facing religious faith in the modern secular world. All are welcome. For information, call 503-861-2421.

MONDAY

Chair Exercises for Seniors — 9 to 9:45 a.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

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