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THIS 'N THAT GOONIES



Since **Goonie Days** are Friday through Sunday, some **Goonie trivia** is in order, starting with a website devoted to the partially found/deleted scenes from the beloved 1985 movie at tinyurl.com/missingGoon

There you will find videos of the **octopus** encounter, shopping at the convenience store, Data's "Spy Eyes" and still shots from scenes where there is no known video footage, including a car going into the Columbia River, **gorilla** car thieves, and photos from the vanished alternate ending (one photo is shown, courtesy of LostMediaWiki.com).

With all the versions of the movie that have been released over the years, scenes that are deleted in one, might pop up in another. The Internet Movie Database's almost 1,000 word explanation of the several variations will make your head spin (tinyurl.com/diffGoons).

And, last but not least, did you know there was a song that was supposed to run with the credits? It was director **Richard Donner's** idea, and set teacher **Rhoda C. Fine** wrote the ditty, which was supposed to be sung by the Goonie kids.

The lyrics to "**The Goondock Rock**" are here: tinyurl.com/rhodason (did you know One-Eyed Willie's last name is Wilcox?). Sorry folks, there's no known recording.

#TEAMWORK



It is all about the #TeamWork," the Oregon State Police posted on their Facebook page on May 31.

"Oregon State Police, **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife** and the **Warrenton Police Department** worked together to safely relocate an aggressive **cow elk** and her **calf** near Hammond, Oregon.

After numerous reports that a new mother was charging cars and pedestrians in a highly populated area of the city, Warrenton Police closed off the area as ODFW and OSP Fish & Wildlife tranquilized the elk." The photo shown is courtesy of OSP.

"Several citizens of Hammond assisted in loading her into a horse trailer," the post wound up, adding a happy ending: "The calf was located hiding in the tall grass nearby and was also relocated with its mother."

'STAR MACHINE'



As you may know, **Krist Novoselic**, formerly of grunge band **Nirvana** fame, lives in Wahkiakum County, Washington, and performs in a new group he put together, **Giants in the Trees** (giantsinthetrees.com), a decidedly un-grungy bunch.

RockCellarMagazine.com recently featured the ensemble in a story not only because they released a new album, "**Volume 2**," in late March, but now there's a new video, "**Star Machine**" (bit.ly/kristtrees). A screen shot is shown; from left, Novoselic, **Erik Friend**, **Jillian Raye** and **Ray Prestegard**.

As the video's description says: "Take a tour of beautiful Western Wahkiakum County with the band in their Big Blue Whale of an automobile. Secrets will be revealed — to a funky beat. Turn up the volume!"

While watching, you'll likely find yourself pointing and exclaiming, "Hah! I know where *that* is!" several times. And hey, the music is fun, too.

TALES OF THE TOWN



Some snippets from **June 6** editions of **The Astorian**, covering various years:

• **Tuesday, June 6, 1876:** Special Notice — We shall not, cannot, in future, answer letters of inquiry written to us by parties desirous of settling in Oregon, unless such letters of inquiry contain at least the amount of stamps necessary to pay postage on the return letter.

Note: Astoria was attracting newcomers at a steady pace by then. According to U.S. Census data, the population in 1870 was 639; by 1880, it was 1,803; and by 1890, it was 6,184. (bit.ly/astoriapop)

• **Saturday, June 6, 1885:** The latest from the Tillamook mines is that an essay shows "1,400 pounds of lead, and 1,541 pounds of silver to the ton" — 2,941 pounds of metal out of 2,000 pounds of rock isn't bad.

Note: Aside from the disastrous math, the Ear was unable to find any history of lead or silver mining in Tillamook County. The **Oregon Metals Handbook** (1951) says the mining industry there consists of sand, gravel and crushed rock, along with small seams of coal. (bit.ly/tillycoal)

• **Thursday, June 6, 1889:** Mr. Henderson states that he has been authorized to accept and transmit free of charge a telegraphic transfer of funds for the Johnstown sufferers ...

Note: Then, as now, Astoria was known for its willingness to help others. On May 31, 1889, a dam failed, and a 35-40 foot wall of water, moving 40 mph, slammed into Johnstown, Pennsylvania. More than 2,200 died and 1,600 homes were demolished. Bodies were found as far as 350 miles away, and until 1911. (bit.ly/jtownflood)

• **Wednesday, June 6, 1900:** Don't fail to try coco cola. It is the most popular new drink this season at the Parlor.

Note: Yes, "It's the Real Thing." Atlanta pharmacist **John S. Pemberton** created the syrup in 1886, took it to a nearby soda fountain, mixed it with carbonated water, and so it began.

His partner, **Frank M. Robinson**, named it Coca-Cola, and designed the logo, still used today. In 1888, Pemberton sold most of the business to **Asa G. Candler**, a distributor, which is likely how the drink wound up in Astoria. (bit.ly/cocahist)

GOLDEN DREAMS



While it's debatable what was going on in the Tillamook mines in 1885, a **mini gold rush** started in **Clatsop County** that same year, according to a blog post by **Kerby Jackson** (bit.ly/kerbyblog), an Oregon mining history buff, prospector, Southern Oregon mining district manager and author of "Gold Dust: Stories of Oregon's Mining Years" (bit.ly/kerbygold).

According to Jackson, even though Clatsop County is "hardly an ideal geological setting for gold country," that didn't stop anyone from trying. Accordingly, **J. M. Weed** filed a placer claim on **Rock Creek** in eastern Clatsop County on May 25, 1885.

If your mining terms are a bit rusty, it means he found "valuable minerals contained in loose material such as sand or gravel" (according to Wikipedia) at a spot on public land; with a placer claim, he had the right to mine there.

Weed named his mine **Gertrude**, but there wasn't any mention of how much gold old Gertie coughed up. If he needed consoling, Weed Creek — about 6 miles east of Elsie — was named for him.

Weed was followed by plethora of gold miners staking claims around the same area. Consequently, the **Rock Creek Mining District** was formed in 1889, which Jackson says "extended all the way to the ... Nehalem River, near the town of Vernonia."

Jackson listed some claim names in the area — Protector, Defender, Bonanza and Last Chance were a few — but the whole shebang died out by 1894, and he says whatever gold was discovered there never even made it into the history books. And, most of Rock Creek Mining District is now off limits for mining — it's on private timberland or in Tillamook State Forest.

In the **Gold Creek Mining District** on the Nehalem River, in 1901, **Sebastian Glaser** filed a number of gold claims on Gold Creek (now George Creek) about 2 miles from Elsie. Did he find any gold? No one knows.

And, one final Clatsop County gold tidbit: TheDigging.com (bit.ly/SandIsgold) mentions the **Sand Island Placer**, in the Columbia River, where "gold and iron deposits are documented." But, alas, "there has been no production and little or no activity since discovery." What a pity.

THE PRODIGAL SKIFF



The **Japanese 2011 earthquake and tsunami** is the gift that keeps on giving, sometimes in the oddest ways.

On May 27, according to a story in *The Asahi Shimbun*, a **21-foot fishing boat** that was swept away eight years ago from Ishinomaki, in Miyagi Prefecture, has been found out at sea, about 1.4 miles off the coast of Susaki, in Kochi Prefecture, which is about 750 miles southwest of its home base (bit.ly/nisshinmaru). That's a lot of drifting.

A Kochi prefectural police patrol boat happened across the capsized vessel, which was covered with barnacles, and its engine was missing. However, they were able to find the registration number, which proved it to be the **Nisshinmaru**, owned by a fisherman named **Tomohiro Sato**. It is pictured, courtesy of the Kochi branch of the Japan Coast Guard.

Sato was able to move his other fishing boat before the tsunami hit, but he lost his house and the Nisshinmaru in the disaster. "I wonder why it was discovered now after all these years," he mused. "I imagined it had sunk to the bottom of the sea."

BIGFOOT BELIEVES



Step aside, Smokey Bear, there's a new kid in town to help prevent forest fires: **Bigfoot**. The **Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal** has declared Bigfoot a "protector of wilderness" and a "friend in wildfire prevention."

In the big guy's honor, a new series of posters featuring him has been released, with slogans like "Believe in fire safety," "Prevent wildfires ... leave only footprints," "When you're in our hood, prevent wildfires," and the one shown, "Protect Bigfoot, don't let wildfire be the one that got away."

You can see all of the posters at bit.ly/OSFMBigfoot, along with the desktop and mobile phone wallpapers. And, keep your eyes open for roadside billboards, coming soon.

"We want people to believe in fire safety, whether you are camping, visiting Oregon, or recreating," **State Fire Marshal Jim Walker** noted. "... By preventing wildfires in Bigfoot's home, we can help residents protect their homes and our communities."

GREAT EXPECTATIONS



For once, there's good news from the dwindling **Southern Resident Killer Whales J Pod**: A new orca calf has been born, the **Tofino Whale Watching** blog, based in British Columbia, reports (bit.ly/newJbaby). It's swimming happily with some female orcas about four miles off Lennard Island, B.C.

"We were both really excited to see the calf was very orange and still had fetal folds," the bloggers noted. The photo shown of the new arrival is courtesy John Forde and Jennifer Steven.

The **Center for Whale Research** (whaleresearch.com), on San Juan Island, Washington, said that before this year, there were no documented successful births amongst the Southern Resident Killer Whales since 2016, which was worrisome. This baby, born sometime in May, makes No. 2 for the year, after L124, who was born in January.

This little orca certainly has its timing down. He/she was born right in time to celebrate Orca Awareness Month, which just happens to be June.