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DEVELOPMENT NEEDED



Gail Berman, producer of the proposed new **Goonies** GTV series for Disney+, had a few words to say about the show to Variety.com, while still managing not to reveal much of anything.

"This is a partnership between me, **Amblin Entertainment** (founded by 'The Goonies' producer, **Steven Spielberg**), and **Lauren Shuler Donner** (wife of 'The Goonies' director, the late **Richard Donner**)," Berman said.

"When I was at Paramount, there were these young boys doing this movie about 'Raiders of the Lost Ark,' a shot-by-shot remake. It got some press at the time, and the studio was very upset about it.

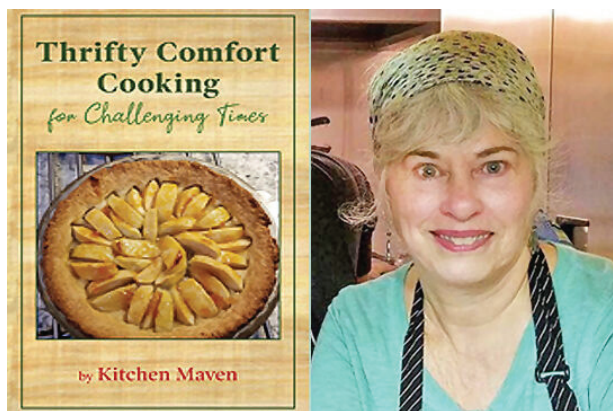
"I thought it was an amazing idea, and it always stood in my head of — how can you take an idea like that and turn it into a TV series?"

"... The series is a story of a town, and a family, in the lens of 'Friday Night Lights,' (a former high school sports drama) and within that, they tell a story of a shot-by-shot remake of 'The Goonies.'"

By the way, the show title is "**Our Time**," and the cast has not been revealed yet. "Right now, Berman has only teased some plot specifics ..." Variety noted, "and there is still a lot of development needed before viewers know what the new 'The Goonies' show looks like."

On a slightly more informative note, the show is slated to "soon go into production ..." Stay tuned. (Photo: Warner Bros.)

COMFORT COOKING



The upheaval and food insecurity during the coronavirus pandemic inspired **Judith Berman Yamada**, of Rockaway Beach, aka the **Kitchen Maven**, to pen her "bucket list cookbook," "**Thrifty Comfort Cooking for Challenging Times**."

She "vividly" recalls "being a young mother, scrimping to buy my toddler meat and vegetables, and being grateful for my own meal of oatmeal and tea ... The objective in writing this cookbook was to share wholesome, comforting and thrifty recipes to help all cooks be more creative using whatever ingredients are available ... and combine foods to improve both nutrition and satisfaction."

"Whether we make donations, volunteer time, grow and distribute food, or even contribute a cookbook," she said, "we can all help." As she is, by giving all of her royalties for retail and online sales of her cookbook to the **Oregon Food Bank**.

The book is available at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and through links at kitchenmaven.org (which also has some recipes to try, such as chocolate almond drop cookies).

A BIT OF COLOR



Artsy rerun: The new mural going up on the **Imogen Gallery's** north-facing wall is being painted by artist and muralist **Matthew Crim** (pictured, bottom left), who shows his work locally, nationally and internationally.

He works as a tattoo artist at **Keepsake Tattoo**, across from the gallery, and was asked to do the eye-popping mural (top), by **Jim Defeo**, Astoria business and downtown building owner. "A bit of color in a quiet town," Matthew noted.

The mural is reminiscent of Japanese artist **Katsushika Hokusai's** "The Great Wave off Kanagawa" (bottom right), which is no coincidence — both Jim and Matt are big fans of Hokusai's work.

"Jim and I agree that in order to foster a healthy town, one must cultivate culture, art and craft," Matthew affirmed. "If these things are polished to a fine luster, then a vibrant economy will surely follow." (*In One Ear*, 9/7/2012)

AROUND TOWN



Some mid-July 1881 tidbits from **The Daily Morning Astorian**:

- At Hume's Cannery, at Eagle Cliff, Washington Territory, William Arnold brought in, this morning, the **largest salmon** ever known to be caught on the Columbia River. It weighed **84 pounds**, and when dressed, filled 69 cans.

Note: The largest salmon caught on the Columbia River weighed 126 pounds, according to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

- A **four-legged chicken** is owned in this city. Mr. Clough exhibited it to us a few evenings since, at our office. It is a lively spring rooster, and all four legs and feet are well defined.

Note: Apparently this isn't as rare as one would think, and the extra legs are often useless, but the birth of one has been known to make even international news when it happens.

- The **wagon road** is now extended to Nurnbergs, via Williamsport, and is said to be a pleasant drive.

Note: The wagon road started in Astoria and ran through Williamsport, a hopeful suburban development on the South Slope. The Nurnbergs lived on the Walluski River in the Olney area. Williamsport is gone, but Williamsport Road — which likely runs along the path of the old wagon road — remains.

- **Eidelburg** is getting to be considerable of a town. The buildings there and at the mouth of the Skipanon are becoming prominent objects of attraction to passengers on passing steamers.

Note: According to Cumtux magazine, Summer 1987, Eidelburg was a new town developed in 1879 by "Messrs. Warren and McGuire" at the entrance to Clatsop Plains. By 1880, they had "500 head of sheep, 200 head of hogs and 240 head of cattle on their diked ranch at Eidelburg ... The ranch now offers fresh sausages and nice fresh lard of their own make. The lard is warranted pure and best on the market ..."

- Mr. **William Hawkins** has returned to Ilwaco, Washington Territory, satisfied with eastern Washington. One thing they have there notably greater than we of this region is graveyards. And, as Mr. Hawkins prizes the health of his family above money, he returns to stay.

PICKERS PICK OREGON



"I am reaching out because our show is planning to return to Oregon this October," **Meredith Ball**, a producer on the TV show "American Pickers" on the **History Channel** wrote in a recent email. "We're looking for leads throughout the state, specifically interesting characters with fascinating items and lots of them!" If you're not familiar with the show, it follows **Mike Wolfe**, **Danielle Colby** and **Robbie Wolfe**, the "pickers," as they travel around the country hunting for valuable antiques.

"As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics," the press release says. "Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way"

They are "... looking for leads, and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call 646-493-2184 or message @GotAPick on Facebook."

They are *not* interested in: Stores, malls, flea markets, museums, auctions, businesses, or anything open to the public.

"Keep in mind, we are looking for different, unusual and unique items," Meredith added, "something we've never seen before, with an extraordinary story!"

FAME FINDS FRANKIE



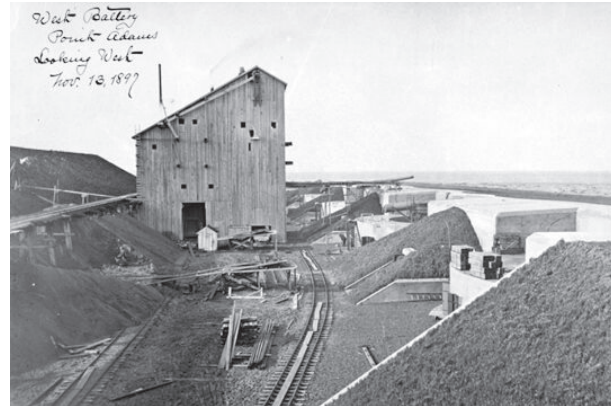
An Oregon couple who have a farm in Grants Pass, **Achad and Cate Battles**, and their Adventure Goat, "**Frankie**" (star of the show), are featured in Episode 3 of a four-part series, "**The Bond**," released July 14 on discovery+. The series is about people and their bond with "creatures from across the animal kingdom," the press release says.

Although they are home-based in Oregon, since 2016 the Battles and Frankie have actually spent most of their time in their home-on-wheels **Airstream**, traveling around the country "chasing beauty and adventure," their website, ArgosyOdyssey.com says.

Cate writes, and is an artist (she painted the Airstream), and Chad works at a winery. "Frankie," the bio says, "is a full-time lawn mower, and enjoys hiking, rock climbing and play dates with her hooved brethren."

The couple is excited to be included in the discovery+ series, which was filmed last summer when a film crew tagged along on their travels. This summer, they're off traveling again, visiting a goat conference, exploring nature and scattering the ashes of Frankie's best friend, "Maggie."

'FIENDISH INCENDIARIES'



The announcement in **The Morning Astorian** on **July 22, 1902**, was surely an eye-catcher: "**Fiendish plot frustrated at Fort Stevens**."

A "dastardly effort" had been made a few days before to destroy Fort Stevens. First, the old messhouse went up in flames, and was leveled, but the fire was prevented from spreading.

Then "fiendish incendiaries" set fire to the torpedo storehouse, hoping for a massive explosion, not realizing the storehouse was fireproof. That blaze was quickly extinguished. At almost the same time, the barracks were set on fire, but that, too, was easily put out.

The paper was convinced that "a determined effort is being made to destroy the fort," especially after a note was found signed by "The Twelve Dynamiters." As further proof of the arsonists' tenacity, when putting away the fire-extinguishing gear, the troops found that the hose had been chopped into pieces.

"The officers at Fort Stevens are making every effort to discover the perpetrators," the story concluded, "who will be severely dealt with if they are found." (Photo: Friends of Old Fort Stevens)

WAYWARD PELICAN



"We recently had the opportunity to help out a **white pelican** that was found walking up to people down on Waikiki Beach at Cape Disappointment," nonprofit **Peninsula Wild Care**, a nonprofit that helps small animals in Ocean Park, Washington, posted on their Facebook page on Sunday.

"In the photo we received, we were concerned of a possible wing injury. We took the bird to our wildlife vet at Oceanside Animal Clinic, and it checked out OK, but it had a heavy parasite load that was causing his problems.

"We were able to provide treatment for the parasites, and gave it a safe place to stay and eat for a couple of days. We were very happy to report that it was feeling much better, and was successfully released down at the boat launch area at Cape Disappointment. Luckily there was another one in that area, too!"

Want to help them continue their good work? You can donate or sign up to volunteer at peninsulawildcare.org.

"The American white pelican population is moderate, but increasing," the post added, "though it is still considered a threatened species in Washington."