

Springboard^{into} Comprehension 4

Main Idea Fossil Fuels
A Place in Space

Sequencing Black Rock
The Best Holiday Ever

Compare and Contrast From Me to You
Your Choice!

Fact and Opinion **The Daily News**
Community Views

Cause and Effect Natural Disasters
The Invaders

Bias and Prejudice Have Your Say!
Save Our Skate Park

RA 8.5–9.5



THE DAILY NEWS



Written by Gordon Coutts



THE DAILY NEWS

Contents

Plucky Pensioner Strikes Gold	2
Historical Feature	10
What's the Weather, Dave?	14
Sport	16
Letters to the Editor	20
Classified Advertisements	22
Glossary and Index	24

Written by Gordon Coutts

July 2

Plucky Pensioner Strikes Gold

Mystery of hidden Heights treasure solved by pensioner and his dog

The mystery of the lost treasure of Glencoe Heights may have finally been solved. On Friday, local pensioner Bob Marlow stumbled across the treasure, which is reportedly worth over one million dollars.

It is a mystery that has baffled locals for almost 100 years, or a **century**. However, it now seems that a pensioner may have solved the riddle of robber Shady McShane's missing fortune. Early on Friday morning, 72-year-old Bob Marlow and his dog found a hidden hoard of valuables of unknown ownership, or a **treasure trove**, while out walking. The pair was near the foot of Compton Hill when they made the find.



The treasure is now at a secret location.



Pensioner Bob Marlow and his dog Tigg, sporting a nose for treasure

"It was quite a wild day, so at first I thought Tigg was just barking at the wind," said Mr Marlow. "Then I saw she was trying to get my attention. I ran over to where she was and saw her snuffling around in the ground. Then, I saw there was something buried in the earth. I dug it up and found this wooden box made for storage, or chest. I was stunned. I couldn't believe it was unlocked."

What Mr Marlow found inside was a treasure trove of sparkling gold and gems. "It was just out of this world. It was full of coins and lockets and necklaces and all kinds of beautiful bits and pieces. My jaw was on the floor. I just couldn't believe it. It was like something out of a pirate movie," he said, stunned.



These solid-gold bracelets might finally solve the mystery of Shady McShane's long-lost hoard.

Mr Marlow enlisted the help of his neighbour, Glen "The Ghoul" Giggs, to lift the chest. Mr Giggs is a sportsperson who throws opponents to the ground in pretend matches, or a **pro wrestler**. The chest weighed in at 120 kg, the same weight as Mr Giggs.



Mr Giggs commented, "As a pro wrestler, I can lift twice my own weight."

Police have called in an expert on the past, **historian** Professor Gayle Tam from the University of Shale, who also works for the local museum. She will help them identify the owner of the treasure. Professor Tam believes Mr Marlow's find could have solved a mystery that has gripped Glencoe Heights for almost a century.

Shady McShane arrived in Shale in 1910. He was a robber who stole from people on the road, a **bandit**. While he was on the run from the police, he made his way over the ranges to Glencoe Heights. Local legend has it that he had hidden his fortune somewhere near the town. Then, in 1912, the bandit vanished as suddenly as he had arrived.

Rumour of the hidden treasure has captured the imagination of people in Glencoe Heights ever since. Many have gone to look for it. Until now, many people thought that the treasure was just a myth.

Professor Tam is delighted with the discovery. "Yes, it is a very exciting find indeed. The gold pieces that Mr Marlow found certainly fit right in with what Shady McShane told people he had hidden. We will need to do further research to be certain. Even if it is not McShane's, though, it is still an important find for the area."



In the 1930s, fake treasure maps led to wild goose chases looking for the treasure.



Professor Gayle Tam, historian at Glencoe Heights Museum, holding a newspaper from McShane's time