

ANOTHER MIRACLE NEEDED



Since 2012, with the community's help, **Marcus Bolles** (pictured) has waged a valiant fight against desmoplastic small round cell tumor (www.DSRCT.com), an aggressive **childhood cancer** of the abdomen.

"Marcus was due for his 90-day scans (recently)," his mother, **Melanie Bolles** wrote, "however our insurance company has decided it is not medically necessary and have denied the procedure. The experts in this disease all agree that 90-day scans are imperative as this cancer has a 85 percent chance of returning. The only way to know if there is a recurrence is through these scans, and not having them could very well be the difference between life and death."

"While I am appealing their decision, time is of the utmost importance. It could take up to six weeks for this appeal, and there is no guarantee ... We can't wait, and they can deny us every 90 days, putting Marcus's health in jeopardy. The \$4,285 previously collected has been utilized getting Marcus back and forth to New York twice for surgery and radiation. We are asking for another blessing, another miracle."

You can help make that miracle happen by donating at <http://tinyurl.com/marcusbo>, or mail a check to Melanie Bolles at P.O. Box 1313, Astoria, OR 97103.

GO HOME, GOONIES



It wasn't surprising that it made the local news when a beleaguered **Sandi Preston**, owner of the fan mecca, the **Goonies house**, threw in the towel after claiming that over a thousand visitors a day were invading her privacy, and she covered the place in blue tarps to hide it from view. The city chimed in, too, and put up a "Access closed to the Goonies house" sign.

The owner's dramatic meltdown made statewide news, too, but holy cow, on Wednesday it made the national news. **NBC's "Today"** show featured a 36-second "Pop Start" piece about the tempest in a tarp (<http://tinyurl.com/todaygoon>). A screen shot of the story is shown, courtesy of NBC and the Today show.

The hosts were utterly amazed that fanatical fans of a 30-year-old movie, who are known as Goonies, themselves, could be causing such a kerfuffle.

"I see a road trip coming," one host said. Maybe she even meant it.

'HOTEL HELL' IS BACK



According to a press release, FOX's "**Hotel Hell**" is searching all over Oregon for "hotels, motels or inns that include food service, and that need to make some serious changes."

"If you're struggling due to bad reviews, bad management, bad customers, the bad economy or bad employees or just can't figure out how to keep up, **Gordon Ramsay** (pictured) and his team of experts will come to the rescue and attempt to turn around the fortunes of dedicated and determined hospitality industry owners

"... If you are an owner, an employee or if you know of an establishment that needs help (even if they don't realize it) please apply now at: www.hotelhellcasting.com. Inquiries can also be made by phone to 323-580-6324."

By the way, last year the show tried hard to revive the **Monticello Hotel** in Longview, Wash. In case you're wondering — nope, it didn't work.

In One Ear



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FAIR WEATHER IN ASTORIA



Did you have your celebrity-spotting glasses on during the **Astoria Regatta**? If not, then you probably missed ABC's "**Good Morning America**" (and former Portland) meteorologist **Rob Marciano** during the festivities.

GoLocalPDX.com reports he was "with his buddies from his fantasy football league, including his Astoria friends who own and operate **Baked Alaska**, a restaurant located on Astoria's waterfront" (<http://tinyurl.com/robmarc>).

The Ear checked with **Chris Holen**, chef/owner of Baked Alaska, and sure enough, GoLocalPDX had it right. "(Rob's been) on my fantasy football league for years," he said. Pictured, Chris (left) and Rob, the day of the Regatta, in a photo Chris provided.

"Our group of friends get together at least once a year for our draft," the chef explained. "We've been to Denver, Honolulu, Lincoln, Vegas. I hosted this year. Rob is hosting in Manhattan next year. All my buddies loved Astoria."

GOOD MOJO



Lorinne Mondeaux came into the office a few days ago to show the Ear a **little black pouch**, which is shown. She found it in the sand on the approach to **Sunset Beach** in Warrenton, and has been keeping it safe since.

The string has broken, which is probably how it got lost, and the pouch contains some items that would be valuable to the owner. If this is yours, or you know whose it is, please contact the Ear at 503-325-3211, ext. 257, or ewilson@dailyastorian.com

"Someone is frantically sad they lost that," Lorinne told the Ear. "I would be. It's their good mojo."

IS THAT YOU, MIGALOO?



For marine biology fans: CBC News reports that a **rare white humpback whale** was spotted recently off the Australian coast, and many wondered if it was a well-known whale named **Migaloo**, which means "white fella" in the local vernacular (<http://tinyurl.com/albwhale>).

The leviathan is pictured (with close-up inset) in still shots from a video courtesy of Channel Nine and Mashable (<http://tinyurl.com/albwhale2>).

So is it Migaloo? "**Trevor Long**, marine sciences director at the Sea World Research and Rescue Foundation ... (said) that he believes the whale is another albino humpback, first spotted in 2011, known as **Son of Migaloo**," CBC News reports, as this whale is "too small and too white" to be Migaloo.

First spotted in 1991, when he was a youngster, Migaloo has been a "swimming celebrity in Australia for decades," and until "Son of" appeared in 2011, was believed to be the only white whale in a population of around 23,000 whales that migrate north from Antarctica each year.

COME SAIL AWAY



My two daughters, **Rebecca and Laura Nielsen**, who both attended Knappa High School, recently had a five day sail on a Norwegian Training Sailing ship the "**Statsraad Lehmkuhl**" (pictured inset) of Bergen, Norway, that participates in the **Tall Ships Races 2015** (<http://tinyurl.com/nortall>) from **Kristianstad, Norway**, to **Aalborg, Denmark**," Brownsmead resident **Alice Nielsen** wrote to the Ear.

"This is a 'working ship' and participants do all the chores of a sailing ship," Alice explained. "The thing of interest is that it is the same sailing ship their father, **Kaare Nielsen**, sailed on in 1939 as a cadet." Her daughters are pictured (Rebecca, left, Laura, right) in a photo by Soren Stidsholt Nielsen, holding the woolen sailor jacket their father wore on the ship.

As a side note, their father is now 92 years old and lives in Beaverton. For many years he played the accordion with the **Midnight Suns** at the Astoria Midsummer Scandinavian Festival.

So how was the trip? "They said it was a great experience," Alice said, "but quite exhausting."

THERE WILL BE CHEERS



Students going back to school at the **John Jacob Astor Elementary School** will have a surprise: A new mural in their cafeteria," **Zetty Nemlowill** wrote. "The **Astor Parents Club** wanted to spruce up the drab space so they hired local artist, **Roger McKay** (my dad) to paint a mural, which he recently completed." A photo of Roger working in the cafeteria is shown. Zetty noted that **Kate Gohr**, the school principal, was also instrumental in making the mural happen.

"This was actually a cool project," **Allie Evans**, the Astor Parents Club president said. "We got a grant from a partnership between the National Football League and the Oregon Dairy Council." The grant comes from a fund to "get kids healthy and moving," and was used for a variety of projects, including the cafeteria, basketball hoops for recess and an artist in residence.

Part of the grant was used for the mural, and the rest was paid for by fundraising. "The grant providers said anything that makes kids excited to sit down and eat, and have a good ambiance," Allie explained. "The cool thing was, people were really excited to source local art for the project."

Before the mural, the cafeteria, which is in the basement of the school, was a plain mustard yellow, and there were no posters — but there were a lot of ugly pipes. "A very uninspiring atmosphere for kids," Allie noted.

Right after he was shown the blah wall, Roger made a sketch for the mural. "He has a phenomenal brain," she observed, admiring the way he incorporated the pipes with a colorful farmland scene, apples, and apple cider — all things local to Oregon.

"When we showed the kids new cafeteria trays, there were cheers of excitement," Allie added. "Can't wait to see the look on their faces when they see the mural!"

A GRAND BICYCLE RIDE

Few probably noted the arrival of **Laurie Chipp** in Astoria on Aug. 10, where she is pictured in a photo by Ellen Knutson, but it was quite an accomplishment.

DNAinfo.com reports that back in May, she quit her job as a librarian at the Art Institute of Chicago to tackle the **4,477 cross-country bike ride**, starting from Yorktown, Va., along the TransAmerica Trail, and stopping at several spots along the way (<http://tinyurl.com/chippshere>). In fact, she's now moving to one of those spots, Missoula, Mont.

"Life is so short, and there are just so many places to see and go and experiences to have," she told DNAinfo. "Traveling is the best way to get yourself out of your comfort zone, and it doesn't have to be a grand bicycle ride across the country."

"But," she added, "the biggest thing for anyone who might want to do any sort of adventure who thinks they can't, or aren't in shape, or are too afraid — if you set out to do something, you'll surprise yourself with what you're capable of doing physically and mentally."



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