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## TASTY RERUN



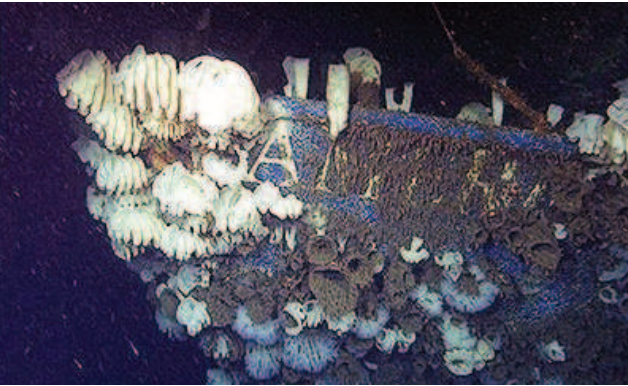
**From May 9, 2014:** In The Tasty Tattler, former Astorian Chef Daymon Garrett Edwards’ newsletter for his **Tartine Bakery** in Seoul, Korea, he reminisced a bit.

“When we opened Tartine,” he wrote, “I wanted to bring fond memories to my everyday life, so I named some of our baked items after friends and places so that I would have a daily reminder of my dear friends so far away.”

One pie was named after his friend, Judy. Daymon was living in a Victorian house on Bond Street in Astoria when he discovered his new neighbors were “two hippies and their dog,” he wrote. “Not only did we all become friends, our dogs became good friends also.”

And now, Tartine’s biggest seller is **Aunt Judy’s Jubilee Pecan Pie**, which is “as unique and wonderful as its namesake,” Astorian **Judith Niland**.

## AN ANOMALY



When the **American Heritage** sank in 1995 off the California coast, all hands were saved by the Coast Guard. **Knute Brekke**, who worked for the ship’s owners at the time, was called out for a salvage attempt that night, but she sank before they could even leave port. Her owners took the financial loss and moved on; the ship sank quietly into obscurity.

In 2008, **Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute** (MBARI) researchers were doing an ocean bottom survey, and came across a peculiar sight. At the time, it was ignored as “an anomaly,” but another survey last May revealed the the sight to actually be a 200-foot long wreck, sitting about 2,300 feet deep. Brekke — who now works for the institute — remembered the American Heritage’s sinking, and suspected they were looking at her remains.

After consulting some nautical charts, he was fairly sure he was right. The wreck is pictured, courtesy of the MBARI. A 3-D image is available at [bit.ly/shipreef1](http://bit.ly/shipreef1)

The icing on the cake? The American Heritage, long forgotten, is very much alive. Teeming with various forms of sea life, she is gradually becoming a reef. ([bit.ly/shipreef](http://bit.ly/shipreef))

## BREAD AND WATER, ANYONE?



Maritime history buffs might be interested to know that the U.S. Navy has changed a long-standing punishment: Maritime-Executive.com reports that as of Jan. 1, there will be no more “**Bread and Water**” sentences for minor offenses ([bit.ly/breadh2o](http://bit.ly/breadh2o)).

Originally, this particular penalty often involved being shackled, and could last up to 30 days, as a supposedly more humane alternative to being flogged (which was outlawed in 1862). In 1909, the bread and water treatment was reduced to seven days.

Since the 1980s, the punishment, though rare, was limited to three days in the brig.

It’s a good guess that the only person who will be seriously disappointed at this turn of events is **Capt. Adam M. Aycock** (pictured, inset), apparently the only commander to use this demoralizing punishment several times in recent years for minor infractions aboard the USS Shiloh. Maybe now the ship can shed its nickname: the USS Bread and Water.

## RIMAS RETURNS



**Rimas Meleshyus**, Astoria’s ever-wayward aspiring around-the-world sailor/Kon Tiki drifter, has returned to the U.S. at last. Last summer, after being missing for more than two months, he was rescued at sea, starving, by some Vietnamese fishermen.

Rimas’ sailboat was not salvageable, so the fishermen took him aboard and and took turns nursing him while they finished fishing. Eventually they returned to Danang, where Rimas was greeted by cheering locals, and lots of publicity.

But by then, he was out of money. Good fortune once again smiled on Rimas, and he was taken in by the Danang Social Support Center, which is essentially a homeless shelter. They treated him well, even catering to his vegetarian diet, but he wanted to come home. And even more so, to sail again. Getting here was another issue: Rimas had not renewed his visa. He was stuck in Vietnam.

It looked like the end of Rimas’ sea travels, but once again, fate intervened. His longtime good friend, boat donor and self-professed ongoing “enabler,” **Jean Mondeau** (who also gives sailboats away for free to other “worthy adventurers”) somehow untangled all the international red tape, and brought Rimas home with him to San Francisco. Rimas (left) and Jean are pictured.

Have years’ worth of misadventures, near-death experiences and wrecked boats dimmed Rimas’ quest to “sail” (drift, more likely) around the world solo? Not at all. “Looking forward to sailing around the world in the future, once I get another boat,” he posted recently on Facebook.

And, to foster that effort, yes, Jean will give Rimas yet another boat, and has set up a fundraiser to help Rimas finally fulfill his dream at [bit.ly/rimassail](http://bit.ly/rimassail). “... After some training and medical issue fixes,” Jean wrote, “he will get one more sailing adventure, with the proper training, and documents and stuff he needs to finally do it on his own. So his trip is dependent on what you give him here.”

“Who is on board with this world traveler?” he asks. “Do I stand alone again, or will his thousands of followers give him what you would spend on a burger? The true test starts here.”

## ‘NOTHING IS OUT OF REACH’



An Oregon man, Colin O’Brady, 33, of Portland, was the first to trek across the continent of Antarctica solo, with no outside assistance, and lived to tell the tale, AP reports.

On Dec. 26, he completed the 930-mile, 54-day uphill journey — which he dubbed “The Impossible First” — hauling a sled with 375 pounds of gear. For his journal, and photos, check out his Instagram page, [instagram.com/colinobradly](http://instagram.com/colinobradly)

From Day 49, after hiking 33.1 miles in 13 hours: “... We all have reservoirs of untapped potential and our bodies and spirits are capable of so much more than lies on the surface. Believe that the next time you need more strength than you think you have, it’s inside of you. I promise.” The photo shown accompanied the post.

On Day 53, he decided to make the final 80-miles in an “Antarctic Ultramarathon,” and he made it in a grueling 32 hours and 30 minutes. Instead of being exhausted, he was exhilarated. “... While the last 32 hours were some of the most challenging hours of my life,” he wrote, “they have quite honestly been some of the best moments I have ever experienced.”

“If The Impossible First taught me one thing,” he noted when his journey was over, “it is that nothing is out of reach if you dream it, and then more importantly, start taking action toward it.”

So, what is the intrepid adventurer dreaming of next? He hasn’t said yet. It should be noted, however, that among his accomplishments he’s already conquered seven summits, including Mount Everest.

## IS YOUR DOG AMAZING?



Just about everyone who has a pup thinks he/she is the most fabulous canine ever, and now you have an opportunity to prove it. Facebook Watch and The Dodo, which specializes in heart-warming animal videos, partnered to create an interactive competition series to find the “**World’s Most Amazing Dog**,” and 3 Ball Entertainment will produce it, TheWrap.com reports ([bit.ly/amzdawg](http://bit.ly/amzdawg)). The images shown are courtesy of Facebook.

Auditions are already open, and Facebook users’ dogs from more than 35 countries are in the running. Go to the mobile website [m.fb.me/MostAmazingDog](http://m.fb.me/MostAmazingDog), and click on “Follow” to be able to upload auditions and vote for your favorites (the nonmobile site is [www.fb.me/MostAmazingDog](http://www.fb.me/MostAmazingDog)). Sorry, video submissions may only be made by phone.

If you need a little incentive, Facebook donates \$1 (up to \$1 million) to an animal charity for each video submission, and the dogs who get the most votes will compete for a \$100,000 prize. So what’s stopping you? As Facebook insists, “It’s so easy, a dog could do it.”

## ‘AN UNBELIEVABLE FEELING’



Believe it or not, there was a ray of sunshine that came out of the **tsunami** that hit **Indonesia** in December.

While undertaking the harrowing task of finding the survivors and the dead, searchers started coming across **sea turtles** in odd places. Several had been swept inland by the wave, and left stranded almost a mile from the ocean, The Guardian reports ([bit.ly/resqturtles](http://bit.ly/resqturtles)).

Disaster volunteer **Eko Sulistio** organized a seven-person rescue team to haul the turtles back to the ocean and release them. It was no easy task, since they weigh about 400 pounds each. “They were heavy,” Sulistio told The Guardian. “Four of us were needed to carry one turtle. Some were flipped over, or under rubble. We made a stretcher with tarpaulin, rice sacks and sticks.”

The group managed to save more than 20 sea turtles, many of which are on the threatened or endangered species list. A second team from the Serang Nature Conservation Agency saved 13 more. A photo of a rescue is shown, courtesy of Eko Sulistio and The Guardian.

After the loss of life caused by the tsunami, the turtles were a ray of hope. “It’s an unbelievable feeling to see them returned to the ocean, their flippers touching the water,” Sulistio observed. “It’s the most beautiful scene.”

## WISDOM COMES HOME



Wisdom, the oldest known albatross at around 68 — also the oldest known banded bird in the wild — is still going strong, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who were delighted to announce that she flew thousands of miles back to the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge recently, where she was born, and she has laid another egg ([bit.ly/wisdomegg](http://bit.ly/wisdomegg)).

Wisdom and her mate Akeakamai return to the same nest site each year, and since 2006 they have produced and hatched one egg every year, despite the fact that most albatross often take a year off every now and then. Wisdom is pictured in a photo by Madalyn Riley/USFWS.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

| SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                           | SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Sit &amp; Stitch</b> — 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. | <b>Seniors Breakfast</b> — 9 a.m. to noon, Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St. Cooked to order from menu, includes coffee. Cost is \$5 for seniors 62 and older, \$7.50 for those younger than 62. Breakfasts are open to the public. Proceeds after expenses help support local and other charities. | <b>Chair Exercises for Seniors</b> — 9 to 9:45 a.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.                                                                                                |
| <b>Detachment 1228 Marine Corps League</b> — noon, El Compadre, 119 Main Ave., Warrenton. For information, contact Lou Neubecker at 503-717-0153.                                                  | <b>Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad Club</b> — 1 p.m., in Hammond. Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.                                                                                                                                      | <b>Grace and Encouragement for Moms</b> — 10 to 11:30 a.m., Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old Highway 30, Svensen. GEMS group is a time for moms to relax and enjoy each others’ company. Free childcare is provided.       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Spinning Circle</b> — 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 <a href="http://astoriafiberarts.org">astoriafiberarts.org</a>                                                                                 | For information, call Christina Leonard at 503-298-3936.                                                                                                                                                                         |
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