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WEEKEND BREAK



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Bridge & Tunnel Bottleshop & Taproom owner Dwayne Smallwood pours a glass of beer.

A holiday weekend escape route

Astoria businesses offer reprieve from tense family gatherings

By ANDY CAMERON
For The Astorian

Saturday morning brings to the holiday weekend a pivotal shift in the ongoing festivities.

Perhaps due to Black Friday's pre-dawn start at a strip mall sock sale, or more likely, the ongoing cacophony of bickering in-laws, many Astorians are starting to feel a bit cagey.

Leftovers no longer connote convenience or creativity; their remaining value is limited to additional dishwasher cycles and excuses for further tableside political debate. Familial takeover of the master bedroom has left spines contorted and sore from sleepless nights in a bunk bed or sofa.

If Sunday is to be greeted with the same thanks orated over reheated turkey,

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Blaylock's Whiskey Bar will serve a Pecan Pie Old Fashioned, featuring Uncle Nearest 1856 Tennessee Whiskey, Frangelico, house-made gingersnap bitters, molasses simple and a bit of orange zest.

IF YOU GO

Merry Time Bar & Grill

995 Marine Drive, Astoria
503-468-0852
Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday

Bridge & Tunnel Bottleshop & Taproom

1390 Duane St., Astoria
360-244-5165
Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday

Blaylock's Whiskey Bar

433 13th St., Astoria
503-741-3448
Open 4 to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday



Customers chat with Bridge & Tunnel Bottleshop & Taproom owner Dwayne Smallwood.