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I know we are only now four editions in, but this has been the toughest by far. We wanted it to be very Beach Bum based (see feature story), but trying to put a cover together for this beast has been a trial. Pictures are hard to come by as no one wants to bring their \$800 camera to Beach Bum! Damn.

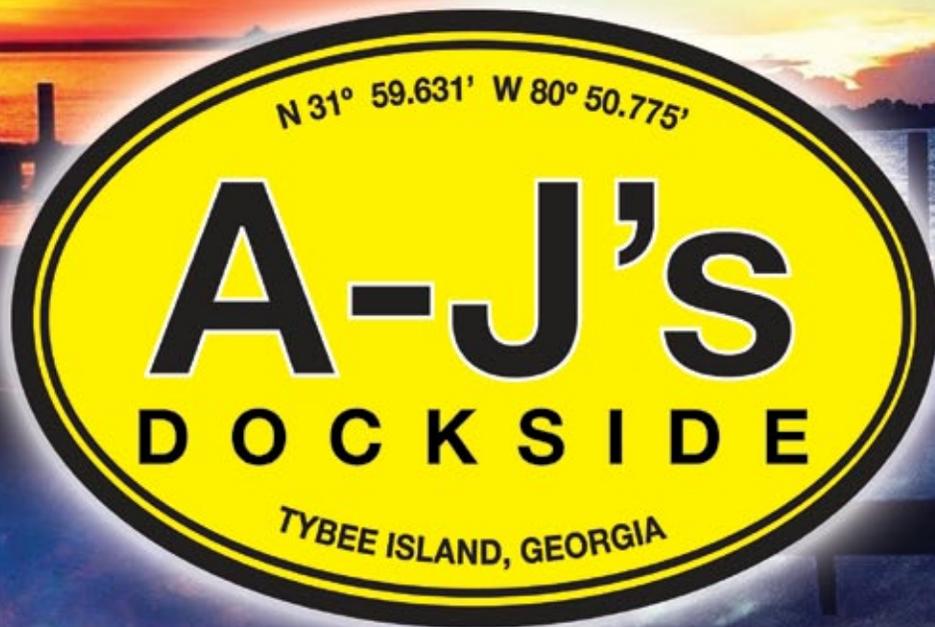
As always, putting together each edition of the Tybee Beachcomber is an epic adventure of Oh sH#!t! What the hell? Damn it all and OMG what a great time! Each mixture of emotion is a blessing and we at the Beachcomber are delighted to experience every one of them! I promise!

So through all this blood, sweat, tears, laughter, cussing and 1000 other emotions, I hope you enjoy this group effort! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our advertisers. Sincerely, as without you there is no Tybee Beachcomber.

So go read and enjoy. The entire staff is going to go get drunk and contemplate what June has in store for us. Bring it on!

Thank you to all who participated in the April edition of the Tybee Beachcomber Easter Egg Hunt! What a great time! A shout out to Ricky Goodman who was our Easter Egg Hunt winner by a whopping 3 seconds! Congratulations!

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# TYBEE...

## Being Here Is Enough

By Micheal Elliot



“Excuse me ... are those birds singing?”  
“Yes,” I reply.  
“Can I listen for a moment?”  
“Sure,” I answer holding my phone up to the Palm Trees, blues skies and Wisteria growing everywhere.  
After several awkward seconds I ask, “Is that enough?”  
“Awe thank you,” she says. “That was nice.”  
“Where are you?” I ask.  
“Minneapolis,” she sighs.  
“Ouch,” I say holding the phone back up to the blue sky and the singing birds.  
A few seconds later I interrupt whatever she’s thinking, “Hey so can I pay this on a monthly basis rather than semi-annually?”  
“Of course,” she says, “it’ll just cost you a finance charge.”  
“Fine,” I say.  
“Where is TEE-BEE Island?” she asks.  
“TIE-BEE Island,” I explain, “it’s an Indian word... Tybee means ‘salt’ ... it’s in the water and it sticks to your skin.”  
“It sounds Heavenly,” she murmurs.  
“Yeah, it’s nice.”  
“Where are you that I’m hearing birds?” she suddenly asks.  
“On my back deck,” I honestly answer ... “I’m working on my tan while I’m working.”  
“Oh,” she sighs.  
“You inside?” I press.  
“Way,” she confesses.  
“Well you should come,” I suggest. “It’s a nice crazy place. If you like crazy you’ll like here.”  
“Nice,” she says.  
“Yeah,” I muse, “everyone who lives here is either running away from something ... or running to something ... it makes for interesting conversations in the Bars.”  
“Bars?” she asks.  
“Oh yeah,” I explain, “We got 10.3 bars for every church ... Honestly we even have Church in a Bar.”  
“Really?” she exclaims.  
“Oh yeah,” I multitask spraying sunscreen while cradling the phone

on my shoulder.  
“I’m coming,” she announces.  
“Can you cut the finance charge?” I pounce recognizing my opportunity.  
“I wish,” she says.  
Hanging up I say to myself, “Oh well” ... as the birds sound nice ... the purple of wisteria is mind numbing ... and waves crashing in the distance sound like a Symphony.  
Sometimes it’s where you are.  
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1	Fr	658am	6.7	730pm	7.4	107am	0.5	113pm	0.4	638am	804pm	600pm	513am	
2	Sa	741am	6.8	809pm	7.5	150am	0.3	154pm	0.2	637am	805pm	654pm	547am	
3	Su	822am	6.9	846pm	7.7	233am	0.1	234pm	0.1	636am	805pm	749pm	623am	
4	Mo	900am	6.8	922pm	7.7	314am	0.0	314pm	0.0	635am	806pm	845pm	702am	Full
5	Tu	937am	6.8	958pm	7.7	355am	-0.1	354pm	0.0	634am	807pm	942pm	745am	
6	We	1016am	6.7	1037pm	7.6	437am	-0.1	435pm	0.0	633am	808pm	1037pm	832am	
7	Th	1059am	6.6	1121pm	7.6	519am	0.0	518pm	0.1	632am	808pm	1131pm	923am	
8	Fr	1148am	6.6			604am	0.0	604pm	0.2	632am	809pm		1019am	
9	Sa	1213am	7.4	1243pm	6.6	652am	0.1	657pm	0.4	631am	810pm	1222am	1118am	
10	Su	111am	7.3	143pm	6.7	747am	0.2	757pm	0.5	630am	810pm	110am	1220pm	
11	Mo	212am	7.3	244pm	6.9	846am	0.1	904pm	0.5	629am	811pm	155am	123pm	3rd
12	Tu	313am	7.3	344pm	7.3	948am	-0.1	1014pm	0.3	629am	812pm	237am	227pm	
13	We	415am	7.3	445pm	7.6	1048am	-0.3	1120pm	0.0	628am	812pm	318am	332pm	
14	Th	516am	7.4	544pm	8.0	1146am	-0.6			627am	813pm	359am	437pm	
15	Fr	615am	7.4	641pm	8.4	1221am	-0.3	1240pm	-0.9	626am	814pm	440am	543pm	
16	Sa	712am	7.5	735pm	8.6	118am	-0.5	133pm	-1.1	626am	815pm	523am	648pm	
17	Su	805am	7.5	826pm	8.7	212am	-0.7	224pm	-1.1	625am	815pm	609am	753pm	
18	Mo	855am	7.4	915pm	8.6	304am	-0.7	313pm	-1.0	624am	816pm	657am	855pm	New
19	Tu	945am	7.2	1002pm	8.4	353am	-0.6	401pm	-0.8	624am	817pm	748am	953pm	
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23	Sa	1227am	7.2	109pm	6.3	654am	0.5	706pm	0.9	622am	819pm	1127am	1218am	
24	Su	118am	6.9	201pm	6.2	739am	0.8	758pm	1.2	621am	820pm	1221pm	1257am	
25	Mo	208am	6.6	251pm	6.3	828am	1.0	855pm	1.4	621am	821pm	114pm	133am	1st
26	Tu	258am	6.5	341pm	6.4	919am	1.0	954pm	1.4	620am	821pm	206pm	207am	
27	We	347am	6.4	430pm	6.6	1010am	0.9	1049pm	1.2	620am	822pm	258pm	240am	
28	Th	437am	6.3	519pm	6.8	1059am	0.7	1141pm	1.0	620am	822pm	351pm	312am	
29	Fr	527am	6.4	607pm	7.1	1146am	0.5			619am	823pm	445pm	346am	
30	Sa	616am	6.5	652pm	7.3	1230am	0.7	1231pm	0.3	619am	824pm	539pm	421am	
31	Su	703am	6.5	736pm	7.6	117am	0.4	116pm	0.1	619am	824pm	636pm	459am	

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- Visit the North Beach for SCAD's Sand Arts Festival
- Third Thursdays on Tybee at the Roundabout for some great music
- Walk the beach
- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise or sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing!!! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Take a golf cart tour
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddleboarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints

# THE Sports Bookie

By Patrick Sauers

“He’s probably on a heater. And you never walk away from a heater,” is one of my favorite quotes out of the 2009 blockbuster, *The Hangover*. This quote from Jeffrey Tambor’s character, Sid Garner, fits perfectly in the month of May. This is exactly what the month of May brings, heat, lots of it. The gates burst open with “The Run for the Roses.” The Kentucky Derby, also known as “the Greatest Two Minutes in Sports” because it typically takes a little over two minutes to crown the champion and have the nation screaming “Triple Crown.” Last year, California Chrome did an incredible job setting us up for an exciting five week run in the world of horse racing. If you’re anything like I am when it comes to this prestigious event in the world of thoroughbred horse racing, then you are a poser.

Please let me explain before you slam this magazine down and storm out of one of the fine dining establishments on Tybee. I know absolutely nothing about horse racing, but for five weeks out of the year I have an excuse to lay down several dime-sized bets hoping I connect a miracle quinella, trifecta or perfecta. It gives me an excuse to wear seersucker 24/7 and drink a mint julep with each meal. I randomly catch myself using phrases such as “she’s a mudder” and “stone motherless” in conversations about politics, even though the extent of my political conversation is about changing the channel to CNN. If any of these actions may describe you, well, welcome to my club. I have a tailor in my contacts that can get you some upscale threads before the first post time.

As the weather begins to heat up, so do the sporting events on our little slice of paradise. The second weekend of May brings the EVP Tour’s 6th annual Beach Bum Open. This event is open to both professional and amateur players on Saturday, May 9. The professionals will be serving up intense competition to claim a piece of a \$4000 purse, while the amateurs will be trying to prove they have what it takes to get a bid into the invitational EVP Championship events scattered throughout September later this year. The event has a huge turnout including competitive beach volleyball played on 30 courts near Tybee Island Pier &

Pavilion. There will also be an all ages EVP Academy Clinic on Friday, May 8, starting at 4 p.m. You can pop in to dust off the “skills” you had when you were in high school or you can bring your kids. They will have the opportunity to learn several aspects of beach volleyball, which will make the game more enjoyable. A phrase that isn’t muttered too often in these parts is “I am having serious World Cup withdrawals.” I usually mention it to my 19-month-old and he usually responds by throwing a football at me while he says “’Merica.” It was around this time last year that the nation was beginning to become undyingly patriotic and pull for Team USA for the 2014 FIFA World Cup. If you would like to witness some competitive youth soccer, the Tybee Island YMCA is putting together a U12-U14, 3-on-3 World Cup soccer league. The games take place on Monday beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Memorial Park and is sure to be filled with the aggressiveness that can rival what took place in the United States-Portugal match last June. Awww, I just remembered that the game ended in a draw due to a last second goal from Portugal. I can guarantee that there will be far less disappointment during these matches.

Speaking of disappointment, we are one month into baseball and I am still wearing my Atlanta Braves hat with pride even after the last minute trade of Craig Kimbrel. On the other side of the coin, euphoria comes easy with baseball because it gives us another reason to crack open some beers. Usually locals on Tybee can find a reason to grab a drink around any corner, but sometimes a little encouragement is needed. The Tybee Island softball league is in full force. Games happen on Monday nights and welcome spectators. There is nothing more relaxing than watching America’s past time on a warm, spring evening. Throw in some adult beverages, lots of bug spray and you have another great Tybee evening before the island kicks off the summer with the Beach Bum Parade, bringing in the masses to enjoy all that this beautiful island has to offer.



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By Margie McLellan

By Alaina Loughridge

**I love love love Beach Bum Parade!!!** It's the only parade I am ever off of work for (without requesting five years in advance) and it's the only parade where I can get out some real aggression, even though I am a very nice person (shut up Wind Rose crew). Most everyone is fair game: Young people, old people (well, excluding very old people and very young babies), dogs, convertibles, entire families, or irritating people from the past. With fun in mind, please use common sense and safety. No ice water (brrr!) or water balloons. Also, do not shoot your water gun at or near the police. They are carrying expensive equipment that may be damaged. And you will be arrested. Just don't do it. With that in mind, game on!!

It is important to choose a good location with maximum coverage. Two stories up is best, but not everyone can get that lucky. Shrubbery is of no assistance and just because you are wearing a work uniform (minus the po po of course) means nothing. So, lacking an elevated position with sniper potential, just put your suit on, lock and load and get out there! There are lots of good locations along the parade route that may not provide adequate protection, but will guarantee you a good time. In fact, by the time the parade makes its way to your location, you will be wet. I mean really wet.

Another important thing to consider is the type of water gun to use. There are many different kinds of guns that range in size, from your basic trigger gun to water soaker to back pack water bazookas. Also, make sure that you have a good water supply handy because, believe me you will need gallons upon gallons. Some locals who are lucky enough to live on the parade route have access to an endless water supply through their garden hoses. So my advice to you is buddy up to your neighbor and maybe they will share their water. If not, use your imagination and bring extra water with you.

I had a chance to sit down with Jack Boylston who, along with his "comrades in arms," created The Beach Bum Parade. Back then the Beach Bum softball team 'warmed' up (if you know what I mean ) at the DeSoto Shipwatch Lounge before the games. After a near winless season, it was time to celebrate! According to Jack, the parade idea was conceived by Frances Clark, original bummette, and suggestions were then parlayed around what was to be the "Homecoming Parade." I'm sure that Jack and his cohorts had no idea what his softball crew

would be starting. With Tybee being surrounded by water, it only made sense. What brilliance!!!

And here we are 29 years later. What began as a ragtag group of softball players (that conceived this idea in a bar) has developed into one of the best parades on the planet. People come from all over the United States to be a part of this. It's one of the most fun things that you will ever participate in. And oh how we have grown! What once was a softball team, armed only with water guns (and maybe a drink in their hands) has developed into a very large parade with all different types of floats, costumes, water guns and characters.

So, let's introduce the cast of characters for 2015. We've got The Big Kahuna, The Grand Marshall and The Queen! I asked them the famous three questions: How long have you lived on Tybee, what is your passion and what do you want to be when you grow up? Ah, the most important of life's questions ....



**The Big Kahuna:** Chip Zulliger  
**Tybee Life:** 28 years

**Passion:** Skateboarding, fishing, boating, the Harley  
**When I grow up:** A professional Beach Bum that aspires to be on this side of the bridge



**The Grand Marshall:** Barry Brown  
**Tybee Life:** Always

**Passion:** Hanging out with the grandkids, boating and fishing  
**When I grow up:** A work in progress



**The Queen:** Judy Thompson  
**Tybee Life:** 45 years

**Passion:** Pool sharking  
**When I grow up:** A pole dancer

Good times straight ahead for all of us beach bums! Whether we want to surf naked, skateboard, pole dance or just party, it is game on! Let's all get wet!!!

The parade will be held on Friday, May 15, at 6:30pm along Butler Avenue.

Our infamous Coronation of The Big Kahuna, The Queen and The Grand Marshall will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at 7pm at Marlin Monroe's. A nostalgic look at the past parades will be shown via projection screen. It is sure to be an entertaining evening of fun and debauchery. So be there or be square!

(For a complete list of all the Cast of Characters throughout the years that have passed on and left us behind, please stop by City Hall and check out the memorial plaque.)



## Aloooooooha!

My name is Hope Davis. Surfer girl Joy Davis is my sister. I am a recent transplant from the Big Island of Hawaii. I have not been on Tybee for more than a minute, but every day my heart grows fonder of this gracious and welcoming place, with a little dash of quirky on the side. Moving from Hawaii to anywhere can be a culture shock. I am experiencing the most supported transition. Ya'll have got some seriously great hospitality down here! Thank you for being so welcoming!

Many people set a stigma with surfing, making it feel out of reach for the general public. Joy and I have testimonies against that. We come from a Midwest mountain town. Anyone can surf. It's not something that is invitation only or part of a special secret club. If you like it then do it. It has nothing to do with what you know already, where you come from or how you were raised. If you want to learn how to surf, but you are originally from Ohio, then go somewhere and learn!

If you were raised on the coast but never learned and have always wanted to be one of the people you see bouncing around in the water, now is your chance! Surfing was certainly not easy for me when I first tried it. I was a mountain girl, raised a lengthy stone's throw away from even the smallest shreddable ripple. So I moved to Hawaii, and jumped head first into surfing culture. Everyone surfs there, from baby-hood to 120. I felt very fresh, and very behind. It left me questioning if I should even try but I was desperate to learn. I knew that I needed to surf for some reason, I could feel it in my bones!

Every day I kept paddling out, every day leaving my pride on the beach alongside my slippas (flip-flops). Saying a little prayer and making a blessing to the water, asking her to keep me safe from all the ouchies I knew I was destined to acquire. Six months went by, then eight months, leaving me without progress and wondering if I was really just not cut out for this sport. Sometimes working myself into a downward spiral of frustration and disappointment.

Then on a regular day, I started to feel special moments. I would bet any surfer in the world can relate. My muscles started making the right moves at the right times. Slowly, confidence crept through my surfing like a slow growing vine that wraps its way up a tree. After a while I didn't have to worry about saying a little prayer before getting in the water. I was so excited to progress that I would jump in without hesitation!

Skills I didn't even know I had learned began to build a foundation for my surfing. I could joke around in the water now, I could cheer for my buddies and they were finally cheering back in celebration!

Two years have gone by and I can't go very long without being in the water. Most of the analogies I store in my mental library have at least a sliver of surf wisdom wedged in. It has changed my life, in a dramatic way. Surfing has taught me to be still, to have patience, to share the stoke, to be persistent. It's a tool I have used for most of my struggles.

Tybee's surfers are who you want to have out there with you. There is this incredible exchange of support and encouragement. The waves may be unpredictable, but the good times are a constant. There is a beauty and positivity that come with each stroke. Patience and sharp eyes searching for the best waves are only a couple of endearing qualities. It's a beautiful sight to see. A true honor to share waves with these ocean warriors.

Surfers all over the world have discovered its healing qualities. It's never too late to discover what helps you heal, whether it be surfing, knitting, cooking, or anything, anything under this big sun. Heal yourself and go with the flow.

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# COMBINING THE BEACH WITH HILARY

By Hilary Junewicz

Spring has sprung on Tybee! There is so much activity going on and I think I've done it all; the past month has been a whirlwind! I am trying to comb everywhere for everyone. The clocks have turned forward and here's what had time to flower. Trust me, this garden, however, has just begun.

I loved the St. Patrick's Day parade! The weather was beautiful with a pleasant temperature too. I ran into my neighbors, Glenda and Dave. I guess we're never far from home.



The Clydesdales were a hit; looks like they're looking right at me!



After the parade Stephanie and Tony took time to stop in the Wind Rose. I'm happy for you and good to see you again. Looking real good. Kiss



her, she's Irish. Chu's is a part of my nightlife. I pick up my partying necessities, listen to good tunes and see friends like Michelle, Bryan and Kim. You can see what a blast this stop was. Those are my shades, Michelle.

I don't run into Angela and Steven much with their busy work schedules, but, as always, it made me smile to see them on St.Patty's.



The same night at Sand Bar I ran into another set of some of my favorite neighbors, Captain Bruce and Jane. By this



point in the evening I should've walked home with them, but I didn't. Instead I caught buddies Brian and Frank catching up over cold ones. Was it a nice break for you Daddy?

I love this story. Mike and Sara celebrated Mike's 40th birthday

at the Wind Rose. I watched Mike open and read a devoted letter that Sara obviously poured her heart and soul into. It was touching. And then,



Motley Crue tickets! Hold on to her Mike! That's a good girlfriend!

Behind the scenes at Hucapoo's, Brett and Bryce are taking their jobs in the kitchen extremely serious. Now that's a portrait of determination!

Corri said I could put a picture of her and Andrew in if it was a good one. I have one!



I've been waiting all winter, and yes! Now I know it's Spring! The tiki bar at North Beach Grill is open with live music! I have



had so many good times there this time of year; it's nostalgic! This is how Tybee friends christen spring on a great Saturday night with the Charlie Fogg Band at North Beach Grill! Jennlauren, not sure who that is, Joey, Ryan, Winky, Katie and Tristan.

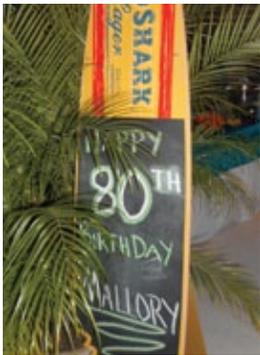
O-H, it's spring alright. Spring breakers are here and there are so many people from Ohio. How do all these Ohioans find their way here????!! Funny, this crew found a way to spell out where their Sand Bar roots are from: Kelli, Mindy, Amanda, Rachael, Ashley and Cindy. I-O!





Another vital part of spring round here is the Savannah Music Festival. My mother treated me to The Wailers concert at the Trustees Theater, Savannah. Of course, I hung out at the band bus afterward and got to meet them, but that's

another picture.



Fannie's on the Beach and Marlin Monroe's not only held a memorial for "The Queen" Roma, but also held a



reception for Valentine's newlyweds "Catfish" and Ellen (pictured with Catfish's mother), and an 80th birthday party for Mallory Pearce. That is true devotion to our community!

Josh and Spencer are working the door at Rock House. Get your I.D.s out. Hope, Kara and Joy are luring guests to the door.



Bobby often helps Ginger and Calvin make Nickie's the huge

success that it is. I am so happy for them. Hard workers!



Evan hosts trivia at Coco's every Tuesday at 7 p.m. I finally just won a round!

During the break my teammates Sheila and Bryson and I caught the famous Coco's sunset!



Everyone makes it to the pier eventually. Stop in and see Michelle at the pier bar!

I love crab legs! I recently

had yet another wonderful crab leg dinner at Sting Ray's! Bartender Zack was super friendly and extremely patient with me.



Angela and Judy still frequent Doc's. They are so fun and dart hags.

Now you already saw him earlier, but lordy lordy, Bryan just turned 40. So happy birthday! Twice in

one issue! What a Tybee star studded pic! Stephen, Rachel, Will, Bryan, Jennlauren, Kelly, a little bit of Isak, Eric, Lauri and special guest, Scarlett!



Cheers! Beachcomber breeze, makes me feel fine! **April Fools!**

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## May Fishing Forecast

### TYBEE PIER FISHING

The pier fishing is improving. The Whiting, Bluefish, Black drum, Redfish, Pompano, Sheepshead, and Spanish Mackerel should all be around. For most of these fish you can fish the bottom with shrimp or cut mullet and do pretty well. Shrimp is always the number one bait of choice. But if the Spanish are around you will want a Gotcha Plug. Working this plug is not as easy as it seems. Work it fast as you can while keeping it in the water with lots of short jerks. This triggers the natural instinct of a fish to attack. You can catch more than Spanish Mackerel on these as well, so make sure you have a few in your tackle box.

### INSHORE

Fishing season has started and most every species can be caught on a regular basis now, such as Redfish, Speckled Sea Trout, and Flounder. For all three of these species I would still use a jig head and a Gulp bait. I like the Swimming Mullet in a 4 inch size. My favorite colors are white and smoke. Stewarts Bait and Tackle Shop has them. They also carry Vudu shrimp made by Egret and they catch fish plain and simple; the best imitation shrimp I have ever seen. For live bait try Mud Minnows, Shrimp or Mullet.

### NEAR SHORE

We can rejoice as Cobia season is here and they have to be one of our largest fish to target and for table fare. These fish can get over 90 pounds and its pretty common to catch them in the 30 to 40 pound range. These fish can be found on the near shore wrecks and almost any large structure. Jigs, live Eels, live Manhaden and squid are some choice bait. The Black Sea Bass are still fired up as with many other bottom fish. Spanish Mackerel and near



the end of the month King Mackerel will be showing up. These fish can be caught free lining, live bait or slow trolling.

### OFF SHORE

The offshore fishery is about as good as it gets. This time of year Mahi Mahi, Wahoo, Blackfin Tuna, Barracuda, Cobia, and Amberjack is just a start as to what you can land while trolling offshore. The bottom fishing is great as well. Grouper season has opened and fishing ledges and wrecks can be a great way to start your day. Vermillion Snapper, Triggerfish, Black Sea Bass, Grunts, Porgies, and Amberjack will also be thick around the same areas. A day out here this time of year can fill your freezer for the whole year. **To join me on a fishing trip call me at Big Fish Charters (912) 230-4625.**





# BOOK REVIEW

By Nell Klein



## Sandy Bottoms & Duct Taped Hearts

By Micheal Elliot

Keeping with the local theme, I found out that Tybee's own Micheal Elliot has just written

his ninth book, after a nine year break from writing. His wife, Sarah, asked him to write this book and I'm sure he didn't disappoint her. It's a wonderful book that I think everyone can relate to somehow in their daily lives.

It's broken down into chapters, and each chapter is broken down into mini chapters, or events, that have brought Micheal to the place he is today. One of my favorites is the mini-chapter on Zombies. Not so much because my son is obsessed with the Walking Dead, but because it is so true! Some stories involve local people, and of course our own dearly departed Roma is among the Tybee characters, which brought a tear to my eye. I also enjoyed his many adventures to other beaches and the all the things that have happened to him and all the unique people he has met along the way. One mini-chapter involves Micheal talking to God: "What is so good about Good Friday?" Other mini-chapters involve Micheal's version of biblical events. My favorite is his version of the Beginning of Life.

The whole book boils down to one thing – Life is a Gift – make the most of it! If you're not happy about something, don't just sit there, do something about it! Change jobs or change relationships, but do something! Even if your decision hurts other people, do it for your own self-preservation. It's your life and you only have one chance to do it right. Of course there are always things that you cannot change (how well I know that!) but you can learn to live with all things if you are in the right frame of mind.

I gave this book 5 roses. It is a wonderfully comical and heartfelt way to self-reflect on your own life. I think everyone should read it and learn to appreciate what we have and to change the things that we can.

Sandy Bottoms & Duct Taped Hearts can be purchased at Tybee Bar Church (Benny's) or on Amazon.com. Do yourself a favor and get the book. You won't be disappointed.

Thanks Micheal, Selah!



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# TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk

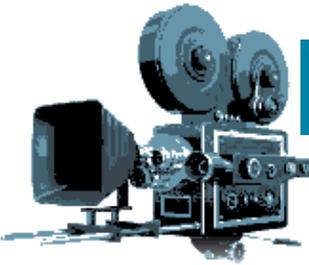


So I have been fretting all month long after reading Joey's latest Taxi Tale. I have my own experience with gunfire from the cab. That's where Rule Number 2 came from. Rule Number 1 is Don't Vomit. Rule Number 3 is No Peeing. Rules get broken all the time unfortunately! Anyway, I was feeling some pressure to deliver and was coming up blank. Then on Easter weekend I was blessed with a nice little tale that breaks none of the rules. It just involves the heart-warming experience of a little kid swearing for the first time...

On Good Friday I got a call from a local restaurant for 4 Adults and 5 Kids. That's a 2 cab situation so Alicia took the Ladies and I took the Boys, all between the ages of 5 and 9. I'm sure many of you are familiar with the dollar bill pinned up in my cab, and the not so G-rated motto that's written on it. I turned it around so as not to offend the children. Being Formal Friday, I was also in my pink pants with a black blazer, over a white tee-shirt that also included our night time motto. Dad #2 said he needed to stop by an ATM so we did. While we were waiting, the youngest boy, Brady, asked me what my favorite color is. "Pink. My favorite color is pink." His dad said "Show him your fingernails Brady." Evidently Brady's mom paints his fingernails pink. I was like "Yeah! You are rocking dude!" He noticed my shirt had pink writing on it. "What does your shirt say Ron?" Ah. Well. I was feeling like Randy Marsh on Wheel of Fortune. "I really can't say what my shirt says." Dad #1 was like "Say it." No. I really didn't want to say it. These kids were like 6, 7 and 8. All I could hear is "Say it Ron!" So I told them that it says "Go Breezy or go F yourself."

Brady asked if it said "Go F yourself or if it really said Go f\*\*\* yourself?" Then he proceeded to spell it. Much to my surprise, Dad #1 was laughing his butt off. Brady told his dad that he really wanted one of those shirts! So Dad #1 asked where they could get one. I told him. He then looked at Brady, still laughing, and said "Can you imagine what your teacher would say if you wore that to school?" Brady said "Oh. She would be pissed off Dad! Mom would be pissed too!"

Dad #2 got back in the car after the ATM visit. By this time the Go Breezy dollar bill was turned back the way it belonged. The chant "I scream, You scream, We all want some F'n ice cream!" was in full harmony in the back seat. Dad #2 looked at me and asked "What the Hell is going on?" I told him it sounded like y'all were getting some F'n ice cream. On to Tybrisa. Sixteen blocks of this song being sung very well. Everybody got out of the cab and Brady turned and said that was the most fun cab ride he has had ever! Happy Easter!



# MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge



## A Million Ways to Die in the West

It's wrong, crass and full of profanity. If all of that sounds like a good time, *A Million Ways To Die In*

*The West* is the movie for you! Directed by and starring Seth MacFarlane (think Family Guy), *A Million Ways* also has (surprisingly enough) an all-star cast and some surprise cameos that will either make you groan or laugh out loud.

Stuck in the wrong era, Seth as Albert Sparks, is frustrated that he lives in such a dangerous time and place – the wild west frontier in 1882. Just trying to make a go as a sheep farmer, Seth has all sorts of wild misadventures when his girlfriend breaks up with him for the mustachioed Neil Patrick Harris. Duels, sex and cussing to follow. When Seth hooks up with Charlize Theron, he unwittingly makes an enemy of Liam Neeson (no one wants Liam as an enemy). There are parts that just make you want to fall over and parts that make you want to sign out.

It is somewhat *Blazing Saddles*, somewhat beyond stupid, but I liked it. It was a refreshing look at the hardships of the Old West and what it took to survive it ... kind of. If nothing else it made me happier that I have indoor plumbing. The entire movie was worth it for two reasons: 1) you get to see Liam's butt. All of it. Not a flash of butt, but lengthy butt visual time – with and without the flower and 2) you have to watch the gag real. The movie was funny, but the gag real was hysterical.

I have always enjoyed Family Guy, so naturally I am a huge Seth MacFarlane fan. That went for and against him on this one. I give this movie 2 bottles of Patron (because there were several moments of just lmao), 1 bottle of Patron XO with Bailey's (because of Liam's butt), 1 bottle of Cuervo (because the cast is fun) and 1 bottle of Montezuma (because Seth is the voice of Brian the Dog on Family Guy and I just couldn't get past it).

# TYBEE TEETH

## 5 Year Anniversary!

By Alaina Loughridge

For those of you that know me, you know that I am all about teeth. I want my originals forever. I am willing to undergo the necessary evils to make that happen. None of us want to do it. I do not know one person that enjoys the dental experience. Most of us put it off and put it off until it becomes a real issue and then it becomes real expensive. It's your mouth. You use it all day long. It is a must to care for your teeth. Fortunately for Tybee, we have Tybee Teeth and they know how to make your dental experience less horrific than you think.



Tybee Teeth was started 5 years ago to the date (HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!) by Jessanna Smith. Dr. Smith was born and raised in Suwanee, Georgia. Thinking she wanted to become a doctor, Jessanna went to Valdosta State University and received her Bachelor's in Chemistry. Impressive! (I know what H<sub>2</sub>O is and that's about it). After that she moved on to the Medical College of Augusta where she changed her mind about pre-med, graduating in 2008 with her degree in Dentistry. So. Super smart. Right out of college, Jessanna accepted a position at a dental office in Hilton Head. Three years later, Tybee beckoned and Jessanna answered.

Tybee had a dental location available for sale and it was the perfect opportunity! It was a chance for Jessanna to 'do the dentistry I wanted to do.' Jessanna always wanted to live and work in a beach location. It was meant to be. Five years later, Jessanna has everything she has wished for: A fantastic business and a terrific staff. No. A family of ladies that are just as dedicated as she is: Christi, the Office Manager, Melody, Dental Assistant, and Lacy and Jamie, the Hygienists. All who have coaxed me through my freak outs and held my hand. Yes. These ladies genuinely do care.

Jessanna is wife to Richard, mom to Henley and mom to a bun in the oven!!! Yes, you heard it here! We've got a new addition to Tybee Teeth! Woohoo! Very exciting news! Not to mention that Jessanna Smith is the nicest, most legitimate person I have ever met and she actually cares about you. No falseness here.

Tybee Teeth offers extractions, root canals, fillings, crowns and bridges, bleaching and of course cleaning. If you are not sure what is going on in your mouth, but know something ain't right, go to Tybee Teeth. If they cannot help you, they can certainly refer you in the right direction.

Jessanna says "we have the best patients." It is Tybee. Of course she does! She is very thankful for all of Tybee's support and hopes to continue on doing what she is doing. Tybee Teeth wants everyone to have a good experience and be comfortable. She wants your smile to be all it can be as much as you do. So. Stop procrastinating and go. Your mouth is on your face and you want it to be all it can be. So does Tybee Teeth. Make your appointment today.



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# Bartender of the MONTH



By Alaina Loughridge

“Sweet Dee” of Huc A Poos, our own DeeAnna Copeland, is this month’s fantastic Bartender of the Month. Sweet Dee is truly a sweetheart. She runs Huc A Poos like a well-oiled machine, with a smile and a flash of leg. However, that being said, Sweet Dee, with her ‘soft soul’ can put you in your place with the hairy stink eye if you behave inappropriately. You do not want that. Trust me. I have seen the hairy stink eye in action.



DeeAnna Copeland is an East Coast Girl. Born and raised in Carey, North Carolina, this is where Dee spent her early days. She ventured off to Fort Meyers Beach, Florida and spent a good 20 years there where she owned and operated her own bar. Life happens and in 2005 she ended up on Tybee. Two years later she was at Huc A Poos. Talk about meant to be! Dee has made Huc A Poos not all about the night shift!

This girl runs her butt off and has the most magnificent legs to prove it. I asked Dee the 3:

Sweet Dee has lived on Tybee for 10 years with 7 of those at Huc A Poos. Her passion is walking (check out those fab legs) and reading. When she grows up she wants to live on Tybee and go to the beach. Ah, I think we all want to do that!

Dee’s go to drink is “Legs o lish Rum Punch.” So good and yummy you just kind of melt off the bar stool and on to the floor. I always adore drinks like that as you don’t have to worry about standing up and falling over. You are already there the easy way! People will gently step over you and carry on their way. The Tybee way.

Go see Dee at Poos! She’s on it, quick, gorgeous and did I mention those legs? While you are sliding off your barstool from that rum punch, ask her about her Tar Heel “tramp stamp.”

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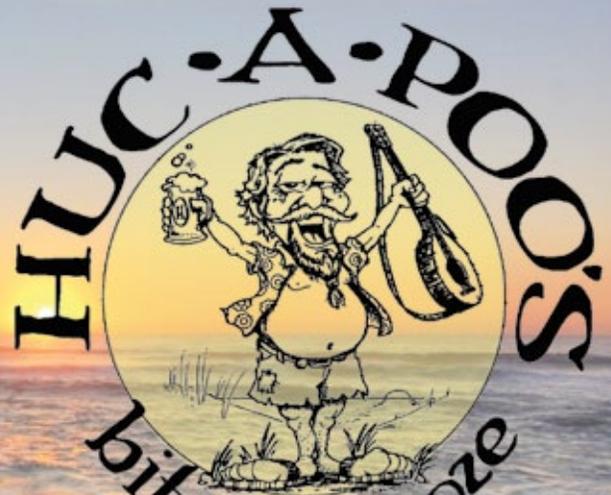
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## May is National Preservation Month

People who live on and visit Tybee fall in love with our island for a variety of reasons. One of these reasons is Tybee's nostalgic feel due in large part to the architectural character, history, and uniqueness found only here. From raised cottages and a downtown reminiscent of the good 'ole days, to Fort Screven, to the welcoming beacon of the lighthouse. Tybee's character shines through (pun intended!).

Experts in the field of historic preservation and architecture have long worked with Tybee property owners and city officials to preserve buildings that represent the history and spirit of Tybee. In 1973, the National Trust for Historic Preservation established May as National Preservation Month. Co-sponsored by local preservation groups like Tybee Island Main Street, Tybee Island Historical Society, state historical societies, businesses, and civic organizations across the country, Preservation Month is an opportunity to showcase historic places while promoting the social and economic benefits of historic preservation. This opportunity on a local level is evident with the eighteen projects on Tybee that have resulted in over \$250,000 in tax credits as of August of 2014, which just so happens to be the same month we became a Certified Local Government! All of that, plus the continued efforts being made to preserve the character and heritage of Tybee, are commendable!!

Do you own a home or building on Tybee that is over 50 years old? You may be eligible to protect and preserve your investment by being listed on the National Register. According to a 2003 survey, Tybee Island has 450 historic resources! There are three designated historic districts on the island: Fort Screven Historic District (designated in 1982); Tybee Island Back River Historic District (designated in 1999); and Tybee Island Strand Cottages Historic District (designated in 1999). In addition, the unique building style known as "Tybee Raised Cottages" was recognized in 2005 with the Raised Tybee Cottage Multiple Property Nomination. The South End Historic District is currently under review as an additional district that is important to Tybee's heritage and historic resources.

Take some time to search out the following historical properties listed on

the National Register. Think of it as a scavenger hunt! You can download a map on the city's website: <http://www.cityoftybee.org/Assets/Files/HPC/2014/twoofthreecurrentdistrictmaps-proposedSEdistrictmap.pdf>.

- Sea View Apartments (listed in 2003)
- Mulherin-Righton Raised Tybee Cottage (listed in 2008)
- J. Herbert and Julia Johnson Raised Tybee Cottage (listed in 2008)
- Dutton-Waller Raised Tybee Cottage (listed in 2008)
- Morgan-Ille Cottage (listed in 2008)
- Rourke-Butler Raised Tybee Cottage (listed in 2009)
- Carbo House (Classic Tybee Boarding House, listed in 2010)
- Wallis Cottage/Beach View Hotel (listed in 2012)

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Main Street Program, upcoming city approved special events, "Door-to-Door News", Business / Community Matters, and Historic Preservation Spotlights, sign up for the monthly Main Street E-News by visiting [www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com](http://www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com). The Tybee Island Main Street FB page is updated on a regular basis as well. We invite you to like it.

**Here's to you and keeping Tybee, Tybee!**

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# American Legion

By Chuck Bolen - Commander American Legion Post 154

## Hello All!

We have some great news at American Legion Post 154! We have a SAL member who has received an appointment to WestPoint! Alec Fanning, one of Tybee's own, has been a member of the SAL for over three years. The SAL assisted him in attending the Georgia State Leadership class. We also sent him to Boys State. Alec is a senior at Benedictine Military School. All in the legion family here on Tybee want to say way to go!! I know we all support Alec in any way we can.

Thank you to the Tybee community for the support that you show American Legion Post 154. Without your support we would not be able to do many of things we do here.

On April 11, the Post family supported three Wounded Warriors at the annual Take a Soldier Fishing at Lake Mayer.

In May we have the following events coming up:

May 2, Kentucky Derby Hat Contest. Canteen opens at 5:00pm/contest at 7:00pm. Bring finger food to munch.

Ron Denning will be playing his tunes right after the contest.

Monty P. and Davy C. play great music in the canteen the second Saturday of each month. Come on over May 9th!!!

Mother's Day Steak Dinner will be Sunday, May 10th, noon till around 2:30. Ribeyes cooked to order with all the trimmings! The Ladies Auxiliary will have desserts.

The Ladies Auxiliary will have their annual Memorial Day Poppy launch May 25th at 10 am. Call Capt Mike's Dolphin Tours at 657-0589 to reserve your spot. If you have never attended this event, you should... it is touching and very meaningful.

The Auxiliary Thrift Sale will be May 30th from 8am to 2pm. Look for their flyers.

We also have dinners each Thursday evening. The first Thursday of each month is the Chicken Dinner; the second Thursday is the Italian Dinner; third is the Fish Dinner; fourth is Low Country Boil.

Don't forget karaoke every Friday night at 8:00pm with Big Joey!! Always fun!!

We have BINGO every Friday night with prizes up to \$1500.00 possible.

The canteen is open at 5:00pm Monday through Saturday. The American Legion meetings are every 2nd Monday of the month. The

Ladies Auxiliary meets at the same time.

The SAL meets the Third Monday of the month.

We would love to have you join. Remember, once you are in the military, you are a veteran...no matter what your age!!

If you have any questions or need information, please feel free to call us at 786-5356.

**Thank you and see you soon!**

# Foodie Finds

By Chrissy Frye (With a little help from Paula Deen)

## RED VELVET CUPCAKES

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 cups vegetable oil
- 1 cup buttermilk, room temp.
- 2 large eggs, room temp.
- 2 tablespoons red food coloring
- 1 teaspoon white distilled vinegar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 pound cream cheese, softened
- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- Pecans for garnish (optional)



### Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease two 12 cup muffin pans or line with 20 paper baking cups.
- In a large bowl beat the butter and sugar with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Mix in the eggs, buttermilk, red food coloring and vanilla. Stir in the baking soda and vinegar. Combine the flour, cocoa powder and salt; stir into the batter just until blended. Spoon the batter into the prepared cups, dividing evenly.
- Bake in the preheated oven until the tops spring back when lightly pressed, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool in the pan set over a wire rack.

For the Cream Cheese Frosting: (By the way, Chrissy stole the fabulous Paula Deen's cream cheese recipe, so I'm sure it's delicious!)

In a large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, butter and vanilla together until smooth. Add the sugar and on low speed, beat until incorporated. Increase the speed to high and mix until very light and fluffy.



## Dirty Sporks & Unmade Beds

So we have all made a 'trip' to Trip Advisor to see where we are going, where we shouldn't go, what we should eat and what we should avoid. Some of the feedback is coherent and some of it is just spewed hatred from random crack heads. Here is my beef: How do you protect yourself from a horrible social media rant? You can't. Once it is out there, you are done. Whether you be a business or a random human being, how do you respond and not sound like a raving lunatic yourself?

Granted, I will give you the hotel that has dirty rooms, elevators that don't work, ice that must be bought, maintenance men that can't work the remote control on the VHS, carpet that is more sandy than the beach, hateful front desk service ... and I will also give you the bad wobbly table, a server that thinks their text to their significant other is more important, the bartender who could care less if you die of dehydration or not, the food that is under/overcooked, doesn't arrive at all or would be turned away by starving sailors with scurvy. I give you all that ... BUT there are hateful people that leave absolute bull&\*\$t about a service that is just not true.

### Here is my solution: Don't be a crack head.

Knowing that solution will never actually occur let me be the one to write the review about "The Customer." Let me tell the truth of exactly what went down. Let me! You are the person that is truly impossible to please. You are the person who wouldn't be happy if you rubbed the magic genie lamp and got three wishes. You are the person whose kids despise going out in public with you because you are a nightmare. You are the person who asks for the manager so you can complain about the food in the same breath that you ask for a to-go box. You are the person who is gluten free, sugar free, fat free, humor free, allergy ridden, ugly and you probably haven't been laid in five years. You are the person who delights in getting on the internet and spreading hatred and lies.

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By Mike Manitta

# CoCo's Sunset Grille

Spring is finally here and the weather couldn't be better.

Everyone is in such a good mood, we just needed some sun in our lives again. On one such beautiful

day I grabbed my side kick, Rachel, and we headed to Lazaretto Creek to see what was going on at CoCo's Sunset Grille. Located in Lazaretto Creek Marina, 1 Old US Hwy. 80, the place was bustling with people, locals and tourists alike. It's such a unique place, nestled right along the marsh, with picturesque views and great local seafood. What a way to spend a sunny afternoon. The shrimp boats are docked right out front and next door, so it's a no brainer that the shrimp is fresh from the docks.

There is plenty of seating inside, as well as an upstairs deck with a killer view above Lazaretto Creek. Like true locals we found ourselves belly up to the bar indulging in Tuna Bites, Beer Battered Calamari and the homemade Shrimp Cake Sandwich. The server was awesome, she was super friendly and personable, very quick to greet us and make us feel at home. We placed our food order and had to try one of their signature Bloody Mary's, house made mix with pickled shrimp, okra and green olives. Yes, pickled shrimp. Very unique, super delicious.



As we finished our beverages the appetizers arrived, quickly, I might add. Everything looked great! The Tuna Bites were beautifully displayed, served with a Thai Chili Drizzle. We ordered them rare and they were prepared perfectly. Warm and quickly seared on the outside and cool in the center, very tender and tasty. The Thai Chili

sauce was a perfect complement, top notch. Next we dove into

the Beer Battered Calamari, fried crispy and served with a chipotle aioli and a sprinkle of shaved parmesan. I will be honest, I'm usually not a huge chipotle fan but this sauce was not over powering at all, a nice mild flavor that added a great accent to the tender crispy calamari. A nice generous portion to boot.

Just as we finished our apps, the Shrimp Cake Sandwich arrived.

A good size homemade shrimp cake served on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomato, chipotle aioli and a side. I went for the cucumber and tomato salad instead of the usual fried fares. I was glad to see that they offered a side that wasn't fried. The shrimp cake was delicious, crispy grilled on the outside and super moist and flavorful with big chunks of fresh shrimp. It was a great alternative to the crab cake you see on most menus. When you have access to the freshest shrimp available, it just makes sense. The cucumber and tomato salad was cool and refreshing too, great choice, didn't leave you feeling weighed down.

Our bellies were definitely happy and so were we. As the server cleared our plates she told us about their signature dessert and we couldn't believe our ears. Deep fried strawberries!! What? Served 5 to an order we didn't think we could do it. So they freeze the strawberries, batter and deep fry them, roll them in cinnamon and sugar and serve them with a strawberry sauce and whipped cream. They were ridiculous. So freaking good. Perfect to share with a group.

What a great afternoon. The food was great, the view was great, the service was great, what can I say? Oh yeah, it's not called CoCo's Sunset Grille for nothing. If you happen to be dining at sunset, don't be surprised when you hear the Conch Shell blow. You are given a complimentary shot and the entire place participates in a toast and cheers to the beautiful day we have all been given. That just doesn't happen everywhere, one more reason I love living on Tybee. **Thanks CoCo's!**



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# GO LOCAL MusicProfile

By Mike Manitta



Jazz, Rock, Reggae, Funk, Soul, and Disco is the answer I got when I asked Tybee local band, *Baked Alaska*, how they would classify their music. I can't argue with that. This talented five piece band has been jamming out to originals and covers from the likes of Johnny Cash to Daft Punk to the Flaming Lips, for about two years now. With Malcom McDowell on rhythm guitar and vocals, Matt Price on lead guitar and vocals, Moss Xiques on acoustic guitar and vocals, Taylor Alstad on bass and Holland Zellers on drums, these guys have something to offer for everyone. "We don't want to pigeon hole on one genre," says McDowell "because that seems to limit what we can play, we like to keep the audience open. We have a lot of fun up



there and we want to make sure everyone else does too." They all have similar but different tastes. Matt played in metal bands, Moss in country and bluegrass, Holland was

influenced by the Chili Peppers and Taylor and Malcolm played funk and reggae, so their kaleidoscope of material makes sense. I managed to catch them twice over St. Patrick's weekend and I can assure you that fun was had by all.

The Tybee Island Social Club opened the door to a weekly gig and soon these boys found themselves playing up to five gigs a week around town, including North Beach Grill, Doc's Bar, Huc A Poos, The Sandbar, Barrel House South, Southbound Brewery and the Wormhole just to name a few. "We are most proud of how much we've grown in the last two years" says Xiques, "how far we've come in so little time." Considering that they played a gig just last St. Patrick's Day weekend at a downtown venue for free, just to be heard, and this year they were paid to do the same is progress indeed. With Price in Atlanta for school and the rest of the band juggling work and play, the only thing really slowing down the momentum is that they are not all in town full time. "It's hard to get us all in the same room" says Zellers. "It's impressive that we won't see each other for a while and when we get back together and start playing, we just click" adds McDowell.



When they're not on stage, you can find these guys working at local restaurants, bars, driving a cab, giving kayak tours, playing with other musicians and studying at school. "We're just looking for a reason to quit our day jobs" says the band collectively. Given their schedules, it's amazing they've had time to log 15 or so original songs. Looking to the future the band is focusing on practice, getting tighter, booking more, playing more and taking it to the next level. They are working on gathering funds for studio time, booking dates for summer and landing a spot on the festival circuit. They want to extend their thanks for the support of Tybee and I'm sure Tybee would like to thank them for the entertainment. So keep your ears and eyes open, summer is almost here, and hopefully you can catch these guys around town. They're worth the wait.

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# GEORGIA ON MY MIND

By Margie McLellan



I love nothing more than spending the day on a boat with my friends. Most Tybee locals aren't found here on the beach with the tourists, but in their boats meeting up with other locals on another island just off Tybee. It's so much fun to explore all the different little islands around here. They are all so different and unique.

But when I'm out in the water and we go by the Tybee Island Lighthouse or make our way past Fort Pulaski or even take the boat to River Street in Savannah, it always makes me feel nostalgic for the old days.

I wonder what General James Oglethorpe thought the moment he passed Tybee Island way back in 1733 as he was making his way down the Savannah River to make a claim for King George II. General Oglethorpe had been commissioned by the king to claim this land as a buffer zone for South Carolina, to protect it from the advance of the Spanish in Florida.

He carried with him 120 passengers on his ship *Anne*. King George had a plan to offer a new start for England's working poor and to strengthen trade with the colonies. Under this charter these people would be free to worship. But forbidden for a time was rum (I wonder if beer or vodka was legal), lawyers (I guess they didn't have DULs back then) and slavery.

Oglethorpe landed his ship on a bluff along the Savannah River and named this 13th and final colony Georgia (I'm sure that pleased King George!). Savannah became the first city in this new colony.

One of the first things that Oglethorpe did was establish a settlement on Tybee Island to check out water passages from the east. Tybee was considered vital to Oglethorpe because of its location at the mouth of the Savannah River. Soon after, in 1736, he commissioned a lighthouse to be built here to mark the entrance to the river. Tybee was one of Oglethorpe's satellite settlements and was used as a defense screen for Savannah. Can you imagine being one of the first settlers here? I mean, what did they do without Chu's convenience stores or the IGA (or air conditioning for that matter)? But I can imagine how beautiful Tybee Island looked to them. If they were

anything like we are today, once the sand got between their toes, they had found their home.

Tybee Island has played many important roles in our history including the Revolutionary War, The War of 1812, and the Civil War (or as we southerners call it, The War of Northern Aggression).

Do you think that Oglethorpe's vision could ever have conceived what a beautiful place he created for us today? Because of him we get to enjoy this little spot of Paradise, the center of the universe.

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| <b>3</b> Matt Bednarsky            | <b>22</b> Smoking Guns      |
| <b>7</b> Maggie & Jackson          | <b>23</b> Bottles n Cans    |
| <b>8</b> Josh Roberts & the Hinges | <b>24</b> Cicada Brothers   |
| <b>9</b> Johnny Octane             | <b>28</b> Maggie & Jackson  |
| <b>10</b> Velvet Caravan           | <b>29</b> Eric Culberson    |
| <b>14</b> Gordon Perry             | <b>30</b> Charlie Fog       |
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# From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

As a resident of Georgia for most of my life, I've shared the same love/hate relationship with each of our region's sports teams that are consistent with a heated sibling rivalry, unrequited love, and a dysfunctional marriage. As a boy growing up near Augusta, life consisted of learned mathematics involving baseball box scores and computations revolving around how many games back in the standings the Braves & Hawks were from the postseason. Another aspect of applied science of any self-respecting southern gentleman includes the ability to examine clinching scenarios for your favorite college football team to win their conference, or even the national title. Today, the reason that I am able to balance my checkbook and operate a successful business is because I understood each and every season what had to happen after Georgia lost to Florida. This may also explain why children who grow up in Alabama-and states with irrelevant football teams like Mississippi and Arkansas-struggle mightily with mathematics?

Sports may be the only forum in life that allows us to actually enjoy the humbling rite of passage of losing because it reminds us that there is always next season, and hard work pays off, and that nothing good ever comes to those who are not dedicated. Without these lessons, we're like Charlie Brown trying to kick the proverbial football. Certainly there are some aspects of the business and legislative side of sports that greatly exasperate even the staunchest of fans. However, one of the things that I can appreciate the most about our life here on Tybee is how we also have seasons, just like a sports franchise.

We have to recruit great players to work in our businesses and draft our teams according to the expectations of our customers. I also appreciate how the island retains its sense of community even during the busy season. Despite the 'three yards and a cloud of dust' mentality of a long and challenging tourist season - we persevere as a people and score a few wins per season each year - as a team. We win as a community, and sometimes we falter - but we pick one another up and keep playing the game. Some

beach towns 'close down' in the offseason, or lose their identity during the peak season while Tybee folks are open for business and the same in January and June, for better or worse.

Another respectable year-round aspect of life on Tybee is that there are lots of fans from lots of places - each with their own storied franchises and traditions. It supports the notion that there is order in the universe, that there is a reason for everything, and that good things come to those who wait while trying and working hard. If not, there would be no Cubs or Browns fans. . .

After travelling, I've drawn some correlations and learned a few lessons. One of these is that change is constant, but people are pretty much the same -in general - no matter where you go (except Tuscaloosa). The second: despite language, latitude, or livelihood, we all want the same things and share the same observations about others. This is what makes sports that much more fascinating. So over the summer, don't forget to cheer 'your team' to victory, find a good coach, follow your game plan, keep working hard, and keep your eyes on the prize. If we're lucky, we develop a respect for the metaphorical clichés of our lives and our teams in order to provide definition and relevance to our life. However, if you find yourself incapable of doing this, then you are probably an Alabama fan.

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 5/1 **Steve Winwood** - Fox Theatre- Atlanta  
 5/5 **Ryan Adams** - North Charleston Performing arts Center- North Charleston  
 5/5 **Hozier** - Florida Theatre - Jacksonville  
 5/5 **Milky Chance** - Music Farm - Charleston  
 5/8 **Hozier** - Chastain Park Amphitheatre - Atlanta  
 5/9 **ZZ Top** - St. Augustine Amphitheatre - St. Augustine  
 5/10 **ZZ Top / Jeff Beck** - Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre - Alpharetta  
 5/16 **Old Crow Medicine Show** - St. Augustine Amphitheatre - St. Augustine  
 5/24 **Sheryl Crow** - Charleston Tea Plantation - Wadlamaw Island  
 5/30 **Dave Matthews Band** - Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood - Atlanta  
 6/2 **Jimmy Buffett** - Arena at Gwinnett Center - Duluth  
 6/5 **Train** - Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood - Atlanta  
 6/9 **Train** - PNC Arena - Raleigh  
 6/9 **The Rolling Stones** - Bobby Dodd Stadium - Atlanta  
 6/12 **The Rolling Stones** - Citrus Bowl - Orlando  
 6/14 **Lana del Rey** - Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood - Atlanta  
 6/19 **John Mellencamp** - Johnny Mercer Theatre - Savannah  
 6/27 **38 Special** - Southern Ground Amphitheatre - Fayetteville  
 6/28 **Styx / Def Leppard** - Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood - Atlanta  
 7/1 **The Rolling Stones** - Carter Finley Stadium - Raleigh  
 7/14 **Imagine Dragons** - Phillips Arena - Atlanta  
 7/15 **Rod Stewart** - Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre - Alpharetta

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**Behind the Tape...**  
 By Officer Marella Eaton

**Welcome to Paradise!**

It's about to be that time when the parking lots fill up, the beach is packed and the temperatures rise. Just a reminder to guard your belongings as you enjoy the sand and surf. This means do not walk away from your bags, coolers, chairs and radios to take a long walk down the beach. Tides come and go and with it may also take your belongings too. Not to mention it would be a thief's dream to happen upon a nice Yeti cooler left unattended or a set of nice car keys inside an open bag. Use common sense and it will save you the inconvenience of getting ripped off while enjoying a day on the beach. Crime is everywhere...

We have been cracking down on the litterbugs and we can already see a big difference in how clean the island is looking. Here is how the city ordinance reads: *12-1(2) Placement of litter. It shall be unlawful to throw, place, deposit, sweep or scatter, or cause to be thrown, placed, deposited, swept, or scattered, any paper, food, cigarette butts, bottles, cans, trash, fruit peelings or other refuse upon the beaches or structures erected thereon. Beach goers must have their trash in a container at all times.*

Tybee loves a parade or festival, that's for sure! There will be a few coming up in the month of May, including the Sand Arts Festival on the North Beach, Rainbow Fest Parade and the annual Beach Bum Parade. Remember that shooting a water gun at a police officer in uniform is prohibited. We carry a lot of expensive gear and electronics and they will be damaged- and you won't be having fun afterwards!

Chief Bryson hosted a very successful TIPD VIP luncheon at the YMCA and the food was provided by the Rock House. There was a great turnout and lots of information shared to get the Senior Center started. The next meeting will be at the Tybee YMCA Cafeteria and it will be homemade spaghetti and meatballs! It will take place on April 27th at 11am- We always need volunteers and supporters. We hope to see you there!

I SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH-SO HELP ME GOD: In our last court session there was a very humble yet hard headed defendant who was in court to answer to the charge of Fishing in a Prohibited Area. After numerous verbal warnings that he was given, an officer had to subsequently issue him a citation. He appeared and his plea was guilty- with the excuse of "Well Your Honor- I just love to catch the fish that are right there in the prohibited area and couldn't help myself..." Well, the judge had mercy on him and reduced his fine from \$891.00 to \$360.00. He must really love to fish!

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# Reflections

*There's No Success Like Failure*

By Hollie Sessoms

There's a philosophy that I used to gravitate towards: If I don't try, I can't fail. Failure is such a dirty word in our culture. As embarrassing as adult acne, second-hand clothes, and purple El Caminos.

We need a new outlook on failure.

Spring feels like a good time to try something new. It feels like the right time to fail at something. Better than New Years in my humble opinion (Yeah, like I've ever had one of those!). Spring is a re-birth, a re-imagining, a re-mover if it has to be.

Dust off the cobwebs from winter. Wash everything clean. Look at your life in a new light. You don't have to be the same person you were. The person who



was too scared to try new things. You don't have to be that. You, too, could be a failure.

For spring, go try something new and fail at it. Fail miserably, but keep at it. Fail so bad that people (those people who never try new things) talk about you behind your back. And then, fail some more. Fail until you don't care that you're failing. And eventually, you'll get it. Or maybe you won't.

And is that really such a terrible thing? To not be able to do something? To try and not succeed?

I'm a writer, therefore, a professional failure. I'm an expert at failure and, trust me, the more you do it, the less scary it is. Now, I've even branched out. Instead of just failing at writing, I've failed at a whole host of other things (running, ukulele, surfing, stand-up paddleboarding, parenting, the list goes on and on). There's no limit to the things that you can fail at if you really put your mind to it.

Failure has become comfortable to me, like that feeling of pulling up to my house on a dark night and seeing the lights are on, signs of life. I can sit in my car and imagine inside: my children's laughter, the smell of supper cooking on the stove, the chaos of the day strewn about. Failure is as much a part of the fabric of my life as all of that. I say it every day: I can't do it...yet.

It's my passion, it's my goal. Fail at as many things as I possibly can. The sky's the limit.

# WHAT TO DO FOR KIDS AND YOU!

By Elizabeth Jones

## Featured Activity for May!

### MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

Open 7 days a week  
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Admission: \$4 (4 & under: free)

The Marine Science Center also gives walking tours for all ages that last one hour. Through May 23 Monday- Friday, a beach walk on the South end will be held at 1:30pm. Marsh Treks are Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays at 3:30pm. On Tuesdays and Thursdays there is a beach walk on the North end at 3:30pm. There are also South end tours on Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30am and 3:30pm, and a Sift and Seine at 1:30pm.

On a marsh Trek you will explore the mud of Tybee's salt marshes, learning about the importance of Georgia's marshes and the animals that have adapted to living in this environment. You'll see fiddler crabs, snails, salt grasses, and even marsh birds.

On beach walks you will learn about the tides and waves, the dunes, and marine life in and around the ocean.

If you are particularly curious about the marine life in the ocean's intertidal zone and in the sand on shore you have to do a sift and seine. With a ten foot net you'll get to catch and examine jelly fish, crabs, and even fish.

Tours are \$10 for 5 & up, to reserve a space call 912-786-5917 or stop by the center.



## Summer Events



Photo: Austin Keen

### SKIM TYBEE 2015

June 2-5, 8am-11am

Hosted by World Champion Austin Keen and other local professionals.

This camp is for anyone interested in skim boarding whether you've never tried or are interested in increasing your skills. RSVP for sign-up forms on their Facebook page "Swim Tybee 2015" or by email at skimtybee@gmail.com

### TYBEE YMCA FULL DAY CAMP Ages 5-11

May 26-Aug 11, 7:30am-6pm

Members: \$85 per week

Non-members: \$135 per week

For more info and a registration packet visit

<http://www.ymcaofcoastalga.org/ymca/tybee-island/programs>

### TYBEE YMCA SURF CAMP Ages 8-16

Various Dates from June-August, 9:30am-12:30pm

Tybee Residents/Members: \$125

Non Residents/Non-members: \$150

Board Rental: \$100

### TYBEE YMCA STAND UP PADDLEBOARD CAMP Ages 8-16

June 15-19 or July 13-17, 9:30am-12:30pm

Tybee Residents/Members: \$175

Non Residents/Non-members: \$200

### TYBEE YMCA WATERMAN CAMP Ages 8-16

(Includes surfing, kayaking, and paddleboarding)

June 29-July 3 or July 27-31, 9am-12pm

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**North Beach Bar and Grill** - Live music by Velvet Caravan May 10th 6-9pm, City Hotel May 16th 7-10pm, Eric Culberson May 29th 7-11pm. 912-786-4442

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# Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in May By Mom

5-1 thru 5 **Tybee Rainbow Days** LGBT showing pride with events that include a parade, a White party, T-dance, Beach Sweep, Sunday Brunch.

5-1 **SCAD Sand Arts Festival** Savannah College of Art & Design with students, alumni and staff creating art with sand. Come watch this free event and cheer your favorite artist. Held at North Beach, Tybee Island. Begins at 10am.

5-1 thru 5-3 **River Street Seafood Fest** Festivities start Friday, May 1st from 4-10pm, Saturday, May 2nd from 10am-10pm, and Sunday, May 3 from 10am-5pm. There will be music, dance, seafood and more along Rousakis Plaza, 115 E. River St., Savannah. Free event.

5-2 **18th Annual Tybee Island Tour of Homes** 10am-4pm. The Tybee Island Maritime Academy and the Fresh Air Home will benefit from this annual event. View [www.tybeeislandtourofhomes.com](http://www.tybeeislandtourofhomes.com) for more info. Tickets can be purchased at the Maritime Academy, 714 Lovell Ave., Tybee Island.

5-2 **JCB Mud Run** 8am start of 5.5 miles of mud, obstacles and fun. Proceeds benefit Lady Bamford Center for Early Childhood Development. 912-447-2000

5-9 **EVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour** 8am-5pm at 1 Tybrisa St., Tybee Island. A must see for athletes and spectators.

5-10 **Mother's Day** Call your Mama!

5-15 **29th Annual Beach Bum Parade** 6:30pm Butler Avenue Parade Route on Tybee. This event is an all-out water war!! Join in the fun and be prepared to be soaked!

5-16 **The Color Run** 9am at Forsyth Park in Savannah for this fun 5K run. This run is one of the happiest painted races around. Visit [www.thecolorrun/Savannah/](http://www.thecolorrun/Savannah/) for further info.

5-21 **Third Thursdays on Tybee** 5:30-7:00pm at the Tybrisa/Strand Roundabout. An outdoor performance sponsored by The City of Tybee Island Development Authority and Main Street program. Don't forget your chairs.

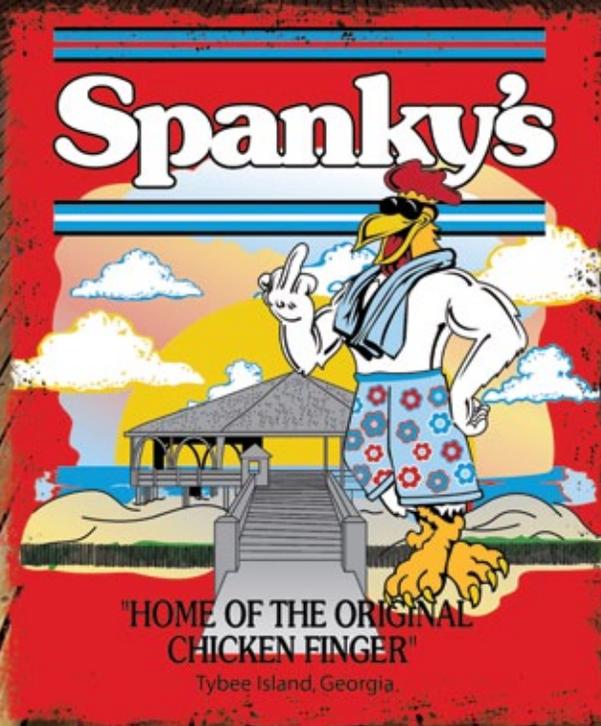
5-23 **The Savannah Mile Run**-Forsyth Park 8am start time. This Run benefits the 200 Club of the Coastal Empire. The club assists deceased first responder families in Savannah. Contact Karen Sawers at 912-721-4418 for further info,

5-24 **Market at the Lighthouse** 10am-4pm at the Tybee Lighthouse Grounds, 30 Meddin Dr., Tybee Island. Vendors will be selling their wares from art work, pottery, jewelry, crafts and more. Music provided by Shock Wave. Support our local vendors!

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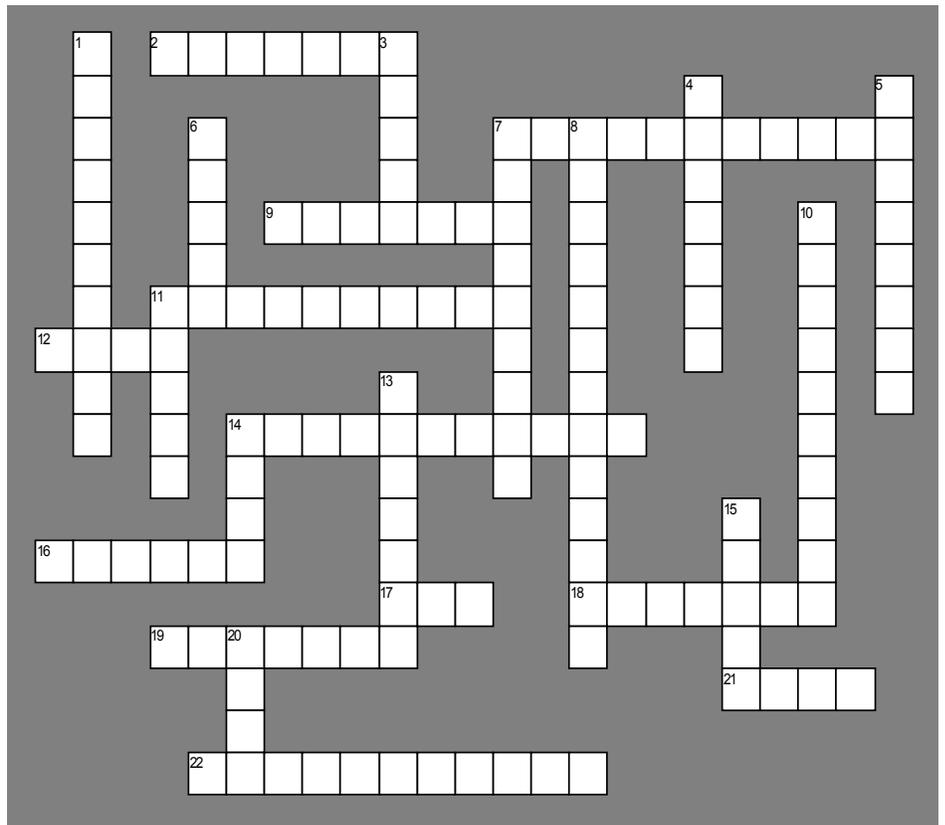
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## ACROSS

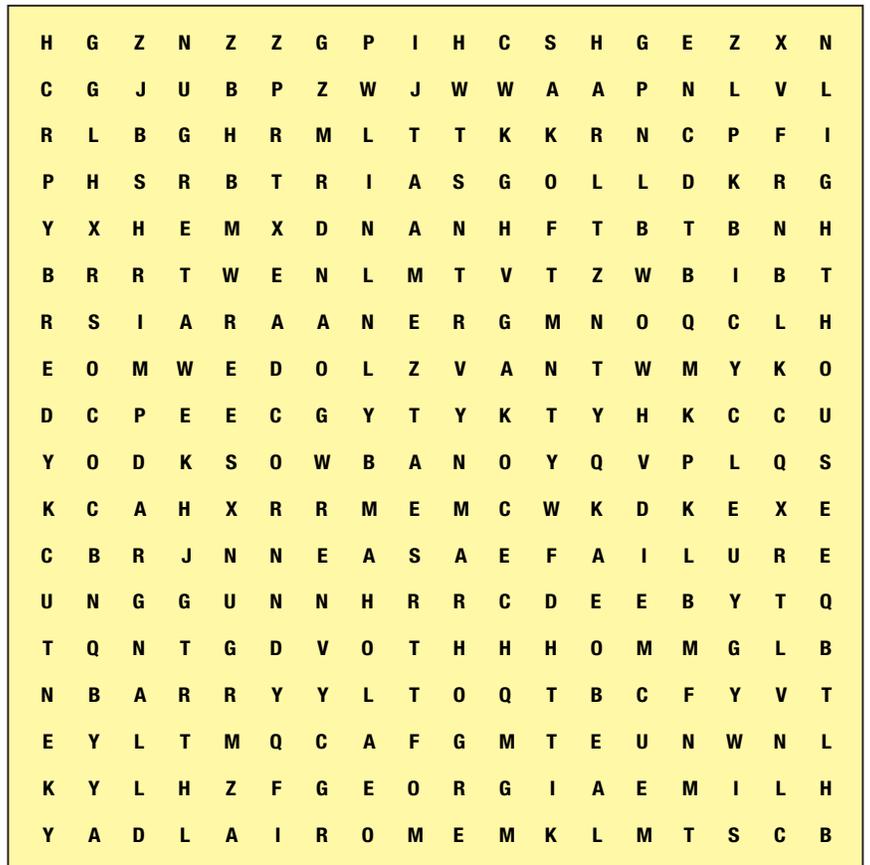
- 2 13th colony
- 7 Dessert band (2 wds.)
- 9 Bartender of the month
- 11 They are celebrating 5 years on Tybee (2 wds.)
- 12 Beach Bum Queen
- 14 Mexican holiday (3 wds.)
- 16 The Fish Whisperer's number one choice for bait
- 17 Fifth month
- 18 Two wheeled vehicle
- 19 Special day for these people in May
- 21 Scad students use this on Tybee to make art
- 22 Holiday in May (2 wds.)

## DOWN

- 1 Tall structure on Tybee
- 3 Greeting from Hawaii
- 4 There's no success like \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Weapon used in parade
- 6 Beach Bum Grand Marshall
- 7 These people are in the parade (2 wds.)
- 8 The greatest two minutes in sports (2 wds.)
- 10 Founder of Georgia
- 11 Indian word for salt
- 13 These are sandy in Micheal Elliot's book
- 14 Beach Bum King
- 15 The Food Spy went here
- 20 It comes and goes on the beach



# Word Search



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|---------------|----------------|------------|
| ALOHA         | DEEANNA        | OGLETHORPE |
| BAKED ALASKA  | FAILURE        | SAND       |
| BARRY         | GEORGIA        | SHRIMP     |
| BEACH BUMS    | JUDY           | TEETH      |
| BICYCLE       | KENTUCKY DERBY | TIDE       |
| BOTTOMS       | LIGHTHOUSE     | TYBEE      |
| CHIP          | MAY            | WATERGUN   |
| CINCO DE MAYO | MEMORIAL DAY   |            |
| COCOS         | MOTHERS        |            |

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|---|--|
| <b>1</b> - DJ Les Boogie                        | <b>15</b> - DJ TreStyle                          |
| <b>2</b> - DJ Vashti                            | <b>16</b> - Annie Allman & Michael Moody 6pm     |
| <b>2</b> - Savannah Sweet Tease 10:30pm         | <b>17</b> - Raggae Sundays with Chillakaya 3-6pm |
| <b>3</b> - Raggae Sundays with Chillakaya 3-6pm | <b>21</b> - Monty & Dave                         |
| <b>7</b> - Annie Allman & Michael Moody 6pm     | <b>22</b> - DJ TreStyle                          |
| <b>8</b> - Funk You 10pm                        | <b>23</b> - A Nickel Bag of Funk                 |
| <b>9</b> - VooDoo Soup 10pm                     | <b>29</b> - Dj Les Boogie                        |
| <b>10</b> - Monty & Dave 3pm                    | <b>30</b> - The OYG's (Orignal Young Gents)      |



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