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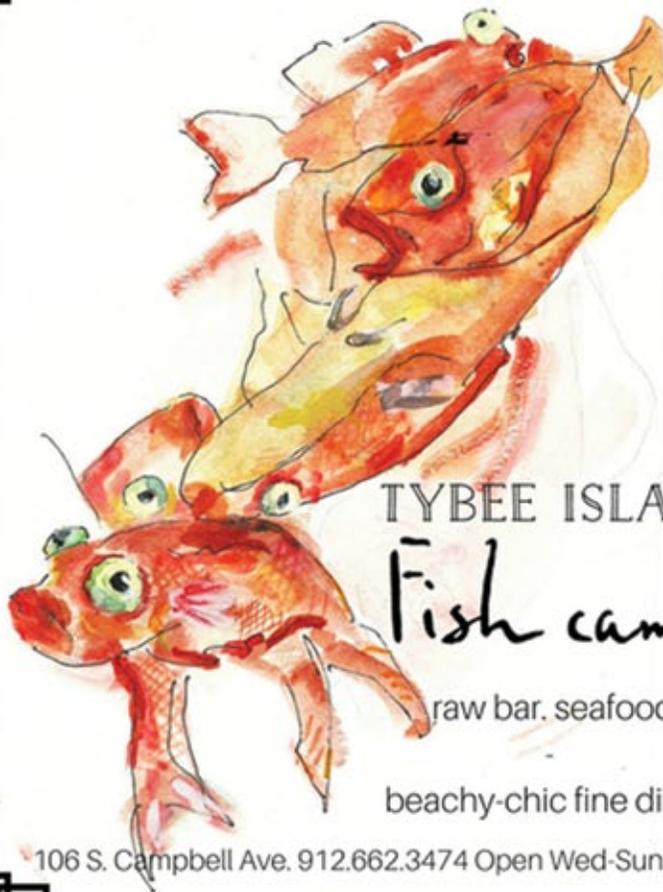
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From the EDITOR

HAPPY JULY 4'ALL!!!

This summer is certainly going full steam ahead. People everywhere!! That is terrific for everyone here having a good time and for local businesses. However, I am going to be serious for once: I almost got squished at the crosswalk at Butler and Tybrisa (16th Street). PLEASE pay attention to those crosswalks!! I know it's easy to get sidetracked looking at the sights to see and also if you can find a parking spot. If you are the one walking, I have words for you too: Don't dawdle! Shift your ass across that street! O.K. I'm done.

I am beyond excited about this month's cover and feature story about our **Tybee Ocean Rescue** team! These men and women literally put their lives on the line to save us from ourselves. It really was an honor to meet and interview the crew and share this feature story with you. Please read it and the next time you see your friendly, neighborhood lifeguard, give them a hug! Also, a special shout out to the four that jumped off the pier!! I am partially jealous (that is a \$1,000 fine for you and me), partially petrified and 100% impressed!

This month's **Traveling Beachcomber** winners are **Joy and Harmony Clements** who traveled all the way to **Amsterdam** to share this fantastic photo with us! Thank you ladies!!! You both look beautiful!! Off to A-J's you go! I highly recommend those Watermelon Margaritas!!

I haven't received any Tybee Tattoo Tales yet (well, at least those I could print). Come on people. Don't be shy. You can even be anonymous! So on that note, we have got a fantastic issue at your fingertips! Stop what you are doing and get your read on!!



BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

STEPHEN PALMER WEDDINGS



Planning a wedding is a huge task: Where are we getting married? Who will be in the wedding party? Cake? Flowers? Dresses? The list is endless, but the most important question of the entire gig is “Who is going to officiate the ceremony?” You are going to marry the love of your life. You want someone that will happily lead you into your ever after. After having an opportunity to sit down with Stephen Palmer, I am telling you this is the man you want to have preside at your wedding.

Stephen began life as a West Coaster, doing a variety of odd jobs all over Southern California - everything from musician to stand-up comedy to starting a film company, you name it. In 2004, the family decided to move to Tybee. Stephen wanted to D.J. and

conveniently enough, their next door neighbor, Don Ernst, owned *Tybee Island Wedding*. Don offered Stephen an officiating gig that almost immediately turned into an offer to take over the business. Stephen says, “It hit me like a ton of bricks that this was what I was meant to do.” Already an ordained minister, it was serendipitous and clearly meant to be, and the Palmer’s took over *Tybee Island Wedding*. In 2013, Stephen branched out on his own and became **Stephen Palmer Weddings**. It was an instant success, which was due not only to hard work, but also for his love of being in that moment. That exact time where those vows are exchanged is really magical and there is no place he would rather be. Your wedding should not be recited by rote, but should be a performance that enhances every wonderful moment that will be remembered forever. Stephen is the man.

Stephen Palmer not only officiates weddings but will also set up ceremony decorations, including a bamboo wedding arch and chairs! Everything you need to make your wedding perfect can be found on Tybee, and Stephen will ensure you receive excellent referrals for all your needs, whether that is food, hotel rooms for guests, flowers, cakes, etc.

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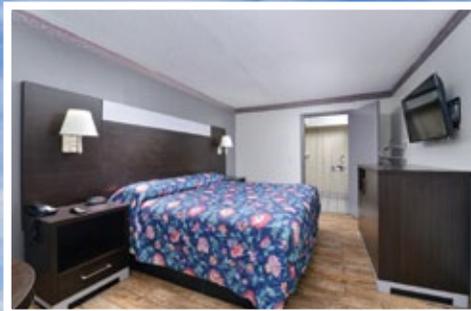
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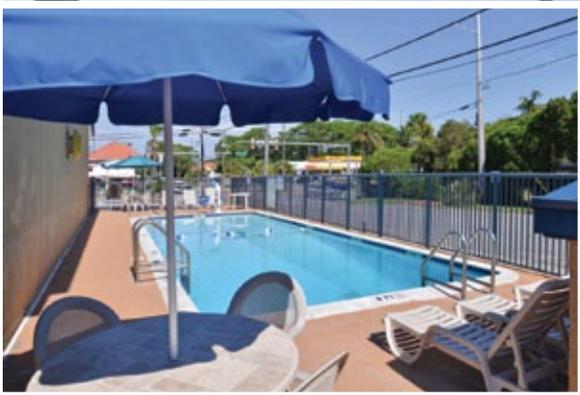
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2	Su	3:29a 6.6	4:13p 6.9	9:56a 0.4	10:38p 0.9	6:22a	8:34p	3:01p	2:05a	
3	Mo	4:17a 6.4	5:02p 7.0	10:45a 0.5	11:30p 0.9	6:22a	8:34p	3:54p	2:39a	
4	Tu	5:07a 6.3	5:50p 7.1	11:32a 0.4		6:23a	8:33p	4:48p	3:14a	
5	We	5:56a 6.3	6:38p 7.3	12:19a 0.7	12:17p 0.4	6:23a	8:33p	5:40p	3:51a	
6	Th	6:44a 6.3	7:23p 7.4	1:05a 0.6	1:01p 0.3	6:23a	8:33p	6:32p	4:30a	
7	Fr	7:31a 6.4	8:05p 7.5	1:49a 0.5	1:44p 0.3	6:24a	8:33p	7:22p	5:14a	
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- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise and a 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, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Take in a live performance or movie at The Tybee Post Theater
- Go see a live theater production at the Black Box Theater
- Stroll through our Park of 7 Flags (at the end of Hwy. 80)
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints



By Woody Hemphill

While we were all having fun over Memorial Day weekend, the folks up in Indianapolis decided it would be a good time to host the Indy 500 - for the 101st time. As it turns (little racing humor - very little), the dude that won was Japanese. This is noteworthy because no Japanese person had ever won the race in history. Amazing that a country as steeped in the automotive industry and motorsports had never been winners at this race.

In addition to this feat was the winning of 'the Poconos' by the youngest dude to win a NASCAR race, Ryan Blaney, the first to be born after 1993, or later. Now for some of y'all this dude may be considered a peer - but others of us just felt old, really old when he crossed the finish line looking like he just got his license. . . There's a definite feeling of mortality when you start seeing people that were born after you'd finished high school start accomplishing noteworthy things with their lives. It's like when you are driving in your car and hear a song from your college years played on the radio. As you're jamming along to the tune, you realize that your station is tuned to the Classic

Rock station. . . and you just got another not-so-subtle reminder - a speed bump from the cosmos of your vitality.

In other news, Phil Mickelson is deciding upon attending his daughter's high school graduation, or to try and choke in the US Open another year. This guy is Real-Life Shooter McGavin (from Happy Gilmore fame) in my book. Oddly, he was reported to have allegedly done some Martha Stewart-level insider trading and it appeared the façade may finally be crumbling before slipping into another green jacket a few years back. Speaking of feeling old, I recall he and Tiger dueling as amateurs when Phil attended Arizona State, and Tiger attended Stanford. As a guy who's gone above and beyond to reach every eligible milestone throughout his career, Tiger sure 'fell off the edge of the world' when his wife left him that Thanksgiving Day in Florida. His latest rite of passage in the clichéd Former Elite Athlete Hall of Shame was a DUI arrest, allegedly for pills. This incident found him asleep behind the wheel at a Jupiter, FL red light in his wrecked car with damages to the front - AND rear - of the vehicle.

Finally, after a formulaic season with about as much suspense as a 'Growing Pains' marathon, the NBA season wrapped up with the Golden State Warriors prevailing over the Cleveland Cavaliers in 5 games. After LeBron 'took his talents to South Beach' (a term that since has come to announce one is 'ready to go #2'), the cosmos proved that karma is indeed a fickle, cantankerous, enigmatic, schizophrenic, at best. Last season's runners-up found that the way to get past LeBron and Co. was to sign the next best player in the league. It serves him right for ruining the game with his generic vanilla branding and his millennial viewpoints of teambuilding. I think I speak for many when I say that choosing a team to root for between these two was like scheduling a root canal and colonoscopy on the same day - with the same doctor. . .

Anyway, until next month, be a good sport - and may all your teams win!

Not only does this natural cure-all do all of the above described, but it is a non-toxic cleaning spray (eek!!), it can reduce dandruff and clear away greasy build-up in your hair, helps clear up acne, provides sunburn relief (hey Sara Bear Fisk - heads up hippy chick), is a natural deodorant, ends bladder infections, reduces blood glucose, cures toenail fungus, cures acid reflux, reduces leg and foot cramps, helps with allergies as well as varicose veins, and apparently is the best thing ever. Huh. In addition, it is also excellent for your dog and/or cat, ridding them of fleas and giving them a nice, shiny coat. I am delighted that I will be flea free soon.

04/20/17 cont: I have a small salad for lunch. I cheat by dipping every other bite in blue cheese dressing, but feel justified in doing so because I had porridge for breakfast. After lunch I take my tonic by pinching my nostrils closed and rapidly sipping it down my gullet. Dinner is small and made of green things. I drink my vinegar and go straight to bed before I cave and call Breezy to bring me a case of Snickers.

04/21/17: I am feeling pretty good about myself and my ability to do this. I have my porridge for breakfast, followed by a sipping session of vinegar. Lunch is a small salad with oil and vinegar dressing and I want to call my doctor and tell her what a good girl I am. Dinner is greenish and small. I down my vinegar in my haste to get away from the refrigerator. It does not taste better, but I believe I am gaining a tolerance for it. I weigh in: I have lost ONE pound!!! Go me!! I have also started smoking more, but hey. Whatevs. Every victory is important and should not be crushed by the failures that are happening simultaneously (seriously a good quote for the month there).

04/22/17: Porridge for breakfast followed by a crying jag. Lunch is equally miserable and I take my vinegar portions with a growing hatred for this damn diet and my stupidity for signing up to be a guinea pig. Dinner is at Sundae Café, as friends are in town and I am freaking hangry and my control is out. I got into a fork battle over chocolate pie with David and Betsy and I won because my desperation was greater than theirs. I took my tonic with a grimace and went to bed unhappy with myself for eating pie.

04/23/17: Porridge for breakfast. Salad for lunch. Boring bits for dinner. Unhappiness is flowing out of me as I take my daily doses. I literally run from the refrigerator. I weigh in: I have lost ZERO pounds. I go to bed and stuff the corner end of the pillow casing in my mouth like a pacifier.

04/24/17: Same old same old. I feel better, but I am almost positive it is a placebo effect. I'm ok with that. Also, my hair is looking rather shiny and I do not have fleas. I am emotionally pleased, but my body wants chocolate and wine and Fireball and not in that order.

04/25/17: Blah, blah, blah. I do feel better. I really do, but my brain is creating images that are too much. I want a double bacon cheeseburger with an onion ring and bbq sauce on it with LTO and I want extra fries with ranch dressing from Spanky's on the side for dipping. I am starting to shake when I pour my vinegar allotment out.

04/26/17: I wake up with tears on my cheeks and I know why. I want FOOD of all colors shapes and sizes. I will drink a bottle of vinegar after - I promise! I still manage to choke down my porridge with my eyes closed. I take my dose and try to regain the pride of just a day or two ago. My attention wanders (my span ain't what it used to be). There is a knock on the door. I eye my lunch salad with disdain and go answer the door. It is my entire 'hood squad. Joy has chocolate pie, Mark has a cheeseburger, Belinda and Taylor have Spanky's ranch sauce. - What was I writing about again ...?

THE VINEGAR DIARIES PART II

By Alaina Loughridge

Diary of a Vinegar Guinea Pig

(God knows that there will be no more entries in this diary)

Continued from the June 2017 Beachcomber



Tybee Island Ocean Rescue

By Alaina Loughridge & Jimmy Prosser

Jimmy and I had the absolute privilege and honor to sit down with members of the **Tybee Island Ocean Rescue** (not to mention the absolute delight in shooting the front cover with these fine men and women). We got to hear first-hand what they do on a day-to-day basis and how they save lives without even bragging about it. I can tell you right now, if either Jimmy or I saved a life, y'all would never ever hear the end of it. Ever. Well, these folks do it every day and don't bat an eye. It's what they do.

So walking in, I know Jimmy and I were both totally thinking bad-ass Baywatch. Well, we were right. These people know their business and are all about it. We had a chance to get sunburnt with Captain Chad Osterlund, Lieutenant Michael McCumber, Lieutenant Justin Goldberg, and Senior Ocean Rescue members, Brandon Harvill and Stephen Knight.

Let us give you the scoop:

Tybee Island Ocean Rescue is a huge part of our lives. We live on the island where thousands of people come to sit in the surf, surf the tube dude, kayak, paddleboard and vacation. Water is our world. However, not many pay attention to how dangerous the waters can be. Tybee Island has one of the biggest tidal swings on the Eastern Sea Board. That means that the tide can shift before you know it. You want to walk over to Little Tybee for a picnic? Sure, the tide is out and it looks easy. The problem is that tide will swing back in before you know it, and you are going to be either stuck on Little Tybee or in for a major swim with rip tides that can kill you. It is very serious!! You think you can go for a light

swim out to sea? That water will turn on you in a heartbeat and you will tire out before you can make it back. Water don't play people. Thankfully, we have people that are trained in this specific field.

Every single member of TIOR is certified in CPR and Life Rescue. These people train every day, whether it be physical, medical or rescue, they are prepared to save you from whatever situation you may find yourself in. Not only do they respond to what is in front of them, these highly trained individuals respond to anything in their area that they can possibly be of assistance - medical emergencies for sure! I have seen that first hand!

In our sit down with Chad, Michael and Justin, we asked them what was the craziest thing they have ever been a part of and they all had a story to tell: Gunshot wounds (just the once), lightning strikes (on actual human bodies), missing kids, looking for bodies in the water, overturned boats, people drowning, and everything else in between!!!

Lightning strikes??? What??? Yep. Also, a proud record they hold is that they have never NOT found a child or a parent at the end of the day! Perfect record!

When we chatted with the senior ocean rescue men, Stephen and Brandon, it was apparent that these gents take this job seriously. Both friendly, but it took a few minutes of joking to get these two dedicated men to open up. During the entire interview, we stood with our backs to the water as they constantly surveyed the beach and ocean behind us, looking for anyone in need of assistance. Once we were able to get these very serious professionals to open up, it was heartwarming. Two



Happy Birthday America!

By Margie McLellan

wonderful people who train constantly to put their lives on the line to save those in need. When asking what moments brought everyone in the TIOR the closest, the answers seemed to mesh up: Save lives. *“When faced with threatening situations, such as strong currents calling for TWELVE people to be rescued under the pier, while more were being swept towards the south end jetties, is one of the reasons why they call us adrenaline junkies,”* Stephen joked.

Being the top dogs on the beach isn't all fame and glamour. The guys and gals of TIOR face many challenges. Besides the constant dangers in the water, and the stress of being responsible for so many lives, they find themselves constantly in the sun, hoping for calm waters, always aware of their surroundings, and watching for distressed swimmers. Stephen pointed out, *“What brings us together in this job also tears us apart.”* In high stress situations it's easy to get on each other's nerves, but these heroes are professionals and are able to work as one unit.

There are many stories these men and women told, some funny to the craziest questions asked by tourists, such as, *“Is the ocean on BOTH sides of the pier?”* to the crazy and scary calls. Brandon recalled a few years back when a group walked to the sand bar, and the tide quickly turned. Three lives were lost that day, and nothing hurts more than not being able to save someone. When we asked Stephen about his most memorable moments, he said, *“Sex complaints, naked people, and couples [doing it] on the beach. But we turn those over to TYPD.”* Crazy calls aren't the only type of call they respond to. These brave individuals have also had some close calls. Stephens's scariest memory was on a cold, rainy day. The beach was deserted, and off shore all he could see was a head bobbing in and out of the water, swiftly being pulled out to sea. Adrenaline set in, and he and his partner leapt into action. They arrived at the woman in distress, who refused to hold on to the can. The situation grew worse as the water became fiercer. It quickly became apparent that if this woman was not calmed down and rescued, that all three may surely drown in the strong current. Once back at shore Stephen told me, *“She didn't say thank you or anything, she just got back in the water.”*

We asked if any of the lifeguards were volunteers, and Chad told us all were city employees, and a division of the fire department. With that being said, one might wonder where the funds come from for these highly trained professionals. The answer is Parking Services. It really does pay to park!

To give you an idea of what occurs on a monthly basis, we took a look at last year's numbers. May through August of 2016, there were 0 drownings, 175 water rescues/assists, and 417 medical. Those are large numbers for such a small spit of land.

So, the next time you are on the beach, give a friendly wave to your neighborhood lifeguard. The next life they save may be yours.

I don't know about you, but this time of the year I always feel such pride and patriotism towards our great nation. I love seeing everything decked out in red, white and blue. Our flag stands for everything that makes the United States the greatest country on Earth. Makes me proud to be an American when I see it waving.

Most of us will be celebrating the Fourth of July with family and friends by having cookouts, spending the day at the beach, and watching fireworks. As we celebrate the 241st birthday of our country, I hope that everyone will proudly display their flag.

If you have ever watched *Big Bang Theory*, you know how much Sheldon Cooper loves flags. He does a podcast called *Fun with Flags*. So, taking my cue from Sheldon, I am going to regale you with some flag trivia:

- A flag expert is called a vexillologist.
- The U.S. flag was adopted on June 14, 1777, and is the fourth oldest flag in the world. Denmark's flag, adopted in 1219, is the oldest.
- The most common nicknames for the American flag are *The Stars and Stripes*, *The Star Spangled Banner*, *The Red, White and Blue*, and *Old Glory*.
- As most of us know, the 13 stripes stand for the original 13 colonies, and the 50 stars are for our 50 states. *White* signifies purity and innocence, *Red*, hardiness and valor, and *Blue* signifies perseverance and justice.
- While the Philadelphia seamstress, Betsy Ross, is famously known for designing the flag, there is no evidence that she actually did so. She wasn't even credited for it until 40 years after her death.
- The flag, as it flies today with 50 stars and 13 stripes, was designed in 1958 by 17 year old high school student, Robert Heft, of Lancaster, Ohio. While his teacher only awarded him a B- for the project, President Eisenhower chose his design out of 1,500 entries. (Thankfully, Heft's teacher made good on her promise to raise his grade in the unlikely event that his design won.)
- In July, 1969, Neil Armstrong placed the first American flag on the moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission, the first manned landing.
- Walmart reported that on September 11, 2011, they sold 115,000 American flags. On the same date the year before, they only sold 6,400 flags.
- When the flag is on display during a parade or review, everyone, except people in uniform, should face the flag with their right hand over their heart. The same goes if the flag is being raised or lowered as part of a ceremony.
- **Care and Respect:** The U.S. flag should always be treated with the utmost care and respect. The flag represents a living country and, as such, is considered a living thing. The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise. Always keep the flag clean and safe. Always dispose of a flag properly, preferably by burning it (you can turn your flag in to the American Legion – they have a flag burning ceremony). Always treat the flag with respect. Never embroider it on household items or pieces of clothing.



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Do you have any advice for picking up (meeting) people on the beach this summer?

Ah summer romance, for those of you beautiful like Olivia Newton John, or Mr. John Travolta (pre-sex change), summer lovin' can have you a blast, it can also happen so fast. You'll meet a guy or girl crazy for you. And statistically speaking that person will be from Ohio, since no other states vacation to Tybee. Like we're not good enough for them. Asshats. (Fun Fact #1: Ohio is a palindrome). (Fun Fact #2: I don't think I understand what a palindrome is).

The first step in meeting someone on the beach is to be extremely attractive, or have low standards and low self-esteem. Both are proven to attract a mate. While I could work out and have a six pack, I choose to take the low standards route. It saves energy for cleaning my home when I think I have a shot with someone. Once you've locked eyes on your target, it's important to make a great first impression. I always use the ice breaker "Do you know what this shirt's made of? Boyfriend material." It's never worked, but I figure one day it really will be opposite day, someone will laugh and give me their number.

Now that I've used my one and only line, I move on to online dating. It's off to my Tinder app where I can judge people from the protection of my own screen. For those of you unfamiliar with this, Tinder is a dating app where you create a profile and upload your most flattering, downward angled selfie. You then quickly judge all other profiles by swiping left, as not interested, or right, as interested. The goal of Tinder is to swipe left (not interested) as quickly as you can on all profiles, thus rejecting those losers before they get a chance to reject you. Ultimately, it's a lot of fun. Once you've run out of people to reject on your phone and your finger is sore, it's back to walking the beach, and hitting up Tybrisa.

While walking to the pier in the sand, it's important to know who is in your league, who is out of your league, and who you should avoid at all costs. Example: If you walk the beach sucking in your gut, you're only allowed to match with others sucking in their guts. If you come across a sexy person who looks like they work out seven days a week, and the last time you were in a gym was to receive your high school diploma, then said sexy athletic person will not be interested in you. AVOID anyone in an oversized white t-shirt rolling around in the surf like a beached whale. These people have clearly given up on trying and honey, you don't need to take on their baggage (though it's lighter since they're wearing their clothes in the ocean).

Assuming you were able to attract a suitor, the most sure-fire way to show someone you're interested is to spend money on them. Most people think a great way to get to know someone is at the bar over a drink, but

if you're like me, my competitive streak comes out and now we're in a battle-to-the-death-drinking-contest. Let's face it, pissing your pants is a turn off, perverts excluded. Other first date "no-no's" include dancing – since I've never looked creepier than when I'm dancing, and for the love of god AVOID karaoke. There are two types of noises a potential suitor should NEVER hear within the first few months of dating. Bathroom noises and the noises I make when I think I can sing Karaoke.

Your best bet will be to take your date to your favorite restaurant on Tybee, mine happens to be Bubba Gumbos, where you can enjoy watching the sun set over the dock. And only one road in and out of the parking lot makes it very difficult for your date to "use the restroom" and escape. If you're hoping to score, I would order oysters. Oysters are an aphrodisiac and bountiful in the ocean. (Fun Fact #3: oysters are also called Sea Pistachios). When eating oysters in any case it is a crime to use any sauce with the exception of fresh horseradish. Keeping in mind, if you don't instantly regret the amount of horseradish you've used, you haven't used enough.

Now with love pumping in your heart, oysters pumping in your veins, and spicy horseradish breath, you should lean in for the big kiss. If you see fireworks, you're probably an overly dramatic basic bitch, since no one actually sees fireworks. Be sure to notice the oystery horseradish breath of your lover. If you're lucky, you can change your Facebook status to 'Its Complicated,' and make a vague post fishing for people to ask questions about your love life. Worse case scenario you post up at the bar at Bubba Gumbos, hang out with Caitlin and Will, try to convince any of the men in the kitchen to take you out. Before ultimately realizing you're going to have to settle for that one Bragg brother.

One final note. Aluminum foil does NOT work as a prophylactic.

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COMBINING THE BEACH WITH HILARY

By Hilary Junewicz



LET'S DO THIS!

- 1 That's **John** with *City of Tybee's Water and Sewer Department*. Thanks for sending this in and your support!
- 2 Check out the **Davis Produce** stand at the *Tybee Island Farmers' and Artisans' Market*. The market is held at the *Tybee Lighthouse* Mondays 4-7 p.m. Reusable bags available at the market. Purchase and eat locally!
- 3 **SCAD** hosted the *Sand Arts Festival 2017* on Tybee's South beach. This is becoming tradition for my **dad and me**. I found a seahorse! Funny to those who know me.
- 4 We got everything we needed to kick off summer this Memorial Day Weekend at *Tybee Market IGA*. Thanks **Abbey**!
- 5 Nice to see this team, **Todd, Rachel, Bobby and Elizabeth** from the *Tybee Island Pier and Pavilion* taking a break together at the *Wind Rose Café*.
- 6 We all dug into **Nick's** enticing salsa at *Benny's Tybee Tavern*. I've never had a salsa like that! And he didn't mind sharing the recipe: jalapeno, mango, avocado, strawberry papaya, onion, cilantro and lime juice. I'm gonna make it!
- 7 Struggled with the photo shoot at first, but **Doug, Kimberly and Tonya** made this gem happen! Nice to meet you Tonya!
- 8 **Subway** is back! **Addie** likes working at Subway and living on Tybee. She may try to work during the coming school year. She'll be a junior at *Savannah Arts Academy*.
- 9 Meet my coworkers **Cierra and Julianne** at *Desoto Beach Hotel*. They're both amazing! The way they work and communicate is beyond beautiful. Cierra is deaf, works with us, drives for Uber and goes to nursing school at *Savannah Tech*!
- 10 Thanks so much, **Sarah**, for taking the time to introduce me to **Zoe** at the *Burton 4-H Center*! Zoe was rescued 5 years ago and in September she will be released back to the wild! To assist them reach their goal of \$5000 donate online at www.georgia4hfoundation.org/BBMSDonate.htm. Select Burton 4-H Center: Zoe's Underwater Adventure.
- 11 There are **plastic bag recycling receptacles** at the *Tybee Market IGA*! They're right at the entrance.



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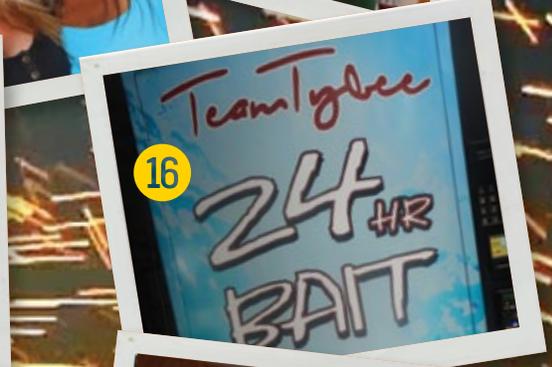
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12 Natalie is a first year “rookie” with *Tybee Ocean Rescue*. She warns to beware of the jetties everyone! Congratulations on the job and thank you for what you do!

13 The picture pretty much says it, but Loukia and Lee at *Christy’s Department Store* are fun! Did you know that Christy’s designed and trademarked the “tie-bee-island” logo? I didn’t. I love my sticker and coozie! Thank you!

14 Sam and Sydney are at the *Marine Science Center’s Sea Camp*. Sea Camp holds 2 sessions every day for 9 weeks, and has a different focus/animal every day!

15 Pleasure speaking with Preston, owner of *Beach Bites* since 2011... Its downtown Tybee on Tybrisa. Enjoy!

16 How neat and interesting; there’s a 24 hour bait vending machine located under the *Sea and Breeze Hotel*.

17 Beth owns *Beach Bum Boutique*. Beth hates pictures. I’ve been trying to get her for two and a half years! I had to sneak up on her to get this one! True story. Go see her.

18 Its summer and *Riptide Bar* is back open on the *Tybee Pier and Pavilion*! Whitley knows this is a great spot for a cold one.

19 There is new artwork lining the walls of *Tybrisa Street*. I’ve already seen folks taking advantage of the photo ops. And they’re nice, who did that???

20 Ha Ha! This is our *Tybee Beachcomber Publisher*, Rick, working at *Dizzy Dean’s Liquor, Beer and Wine*. I thought it’d be funny to see if he is paying attention. Love you, Rick.

21 Gotta send a shout out to my buddy Drex on this one. Drex works for *Chandler Beach Rentals*. You’re doing a fine job if you can get “Shrimper Brian” to relax like this! On a side note, Brian works hard and he’s a great friend. He’ll die trying to help a friend.

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July Fishing Forecast

TYBEE PIER FISHING

Spanish Mackerel, Bluefish, Whiting, Pompano, Speckled Sea Trout, Sheepshead, Black Drum Ladyfish, and I wouldn't be surprised if a Tarpon showed up near the end of the month. A double dropper rig on the bottom with Shrimp is a simple setup that catches most of these fish. For the Trout, live Shrimp will produce more fish. As far as Spanish Mackerel, a Gotcha Plug or live finger Mullet will be prime choices. If you see Tarpon around, try using live or cut Mullet and Whiting for a chance at hooking one up.



INSHORE

Now is the time the Flounder, Redfish, Speckled Sea Trout are all feeding. This month is a great time to target the Flounder in the shallow waters on the creeks. Fishing the outgoing tide along any kind of structure will produce bites. Oyster rakes, dock pilings, jetties, or wrecks will all be prime spots. For flounder I like to fish a Carolina style rig, starting with a half-ounce egg weight on the main line tied to a ball bearing swivel, a twelve inch leader to a 2/0 to 4/0 Kahle hook, depending on the size of bait I am using. Live Mud Minnows and live finger Mullet are my go to baits this time of year. For the Speckled Sea Trout and Redfish, I fish live Mud Minnows under a cork.

NEAR SHORE

The waters are warm and every species of fish can be found. The King Mackerel are in full force. In my opinion, there is nothing like having a drag screaming run with the fish taking 300 yards on line in mere seconds. These fish will get the adrenaline pumping for sure. Live Menhaden, Greenies, and Blue Runners are the best baits for snagging that drag smoking King Mackerel. The reefs from 50 to 75 feet of water are also holding Cobia, Black Sea Bass, Triggerfish, Spadefish, and many other bottom fish to be found right now.



OFF SHORE

This time of year the temperature breaks are harder to find, but they are around. Sometimes it's easy to pass the fish. Many days I have seen the Mahi, Wahoo and Blackfin Tuna in close. Watch the water color and keep an eye out for bait schools - the fish won't be far from it. The bottom bite is still hot. Grouper, Vermillion Snapper, and Triggerfish are some of the few fish you can expect to see. Even while bottom fishing, don't forget to have one flat line out just in case some pelagic species show up.

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Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in July By Mom

7-1 Salute to Southern Rock 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. *High Velocity, Phantom Wingo, and Bounty Hunter* will perform a Salute to America's Military along with a Tribute to Southern Rock. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912- 472-4790.

7-3 thru 7-7, 7-17 thru 7-21 YMCA Stand-Up Paddleboard Camp 9am-12pm. For more info call 912-786-9622 or contact *Laura.smarkey@ymcaofcoastalga.org*.

7-3, 7-10, 7-17, 7-24, & 7-31 Tybee Island Farmer's Market 4-7pm at Tybee Lighthouse grounds, 30 Meddin Dr. The Farmer's Market will be open every Monday through October. Everything from fresh veggies to art work. Support your local Farmers and Artists!

7-4 Independence Day Fireworks! 9:15pm at Tybee's Pier & Pavilion, 1 Tybrisa St. Come join in and celebrate America's Birthday.

7-8 5th Annual Tybee Prom – "Tybee Prom Red Carpet" 7-11pm at Tybee American Legion, Post #154, 10 Veterans Dr. This great event's proceeds will benefit the Islands Feral Cat Project. For further information you can go to Seaside Sisters, 1207 US Hwy 80E, or online at www.tybeeprom.com or www.islandsferalcatproject.org. You can also call 912-786-0786 or 912-484-7355.

7-8- and 7-9 Tybee Arts Association Art Show & Sell 11am at Tybee Arts Association. Featuring original artwork, furniture, toys,

jewelry and more! Located at 7 Cedarwood Avenue.

7-11, 18, & 25 Gray's Reef Tuesdays Summer Film Series 2017 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. On 7-11 is GPB preview of "Rare-Creatures of the Photo Ark" and "Oceans Frontier III." 7-18 "Life on the Reef," and on 25th is "Shifting Baselines." For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912- 472-4790.

7-14 & 7-21 Sunset Tours After-hours tours of the Lighthouse, at 30 Meddin Ave. Call 912-786-5801 for reservations.

7-15 Movies in the Park 8:45-10pm at Memorial Park every 3rd Saturday. Family friendly movies sponsored by the City of Tybee Island's Development Authority and Main St. program. Feature for this month is *Monster Trucks*.

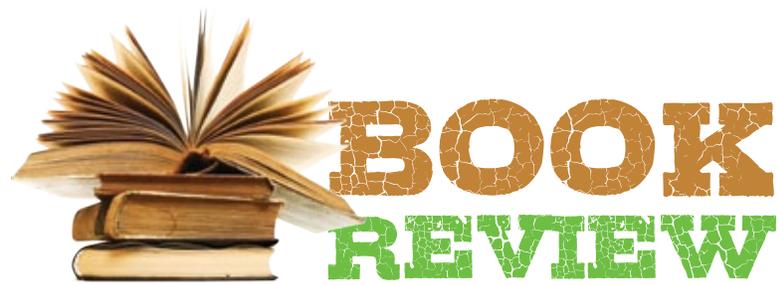
7-16 Season 7 Game of Thrones

7-21 Family Skate Night 6-8pm at the YMCA. \$4 per person. For more info call 912-786-9622.

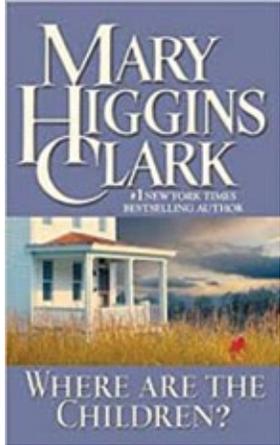
7-21 Tony Arata and Leslie Satcher 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Two Nashville singer-songwriter legends of country music will be performing for you. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912- 472-4790.

7-24 – 7-28 YMCA Surf Camp 9am-12pm. For more info call 912-786-9622 or contact *Laura.smarkey@ymcaofcoastalga.org*.

7-31 TIPD VIP Luncheon – Neighbors Helping Neighbors 11am to noon at Memorial Park. If you need some assistance or want to help, contact Richard Dascal at 912-484-8833 for further info.



By Nell Klein



Where Are the Children?

By Mary Higgins Clark

I don't know if you will think less of me for reviewing a book written 42 years ago (and one that I have already read to boot), but I have a good reason, so please bear with me. Many years ago, while rummaging through the Goodwill bookshelves, I spotted a *Mary Higgins Clark* book titled *Where Are the Children?* I remembered that she was one of my mother's favorite authors, so I grabbed it up. I loved the book so much that over the years I have read many (if not all) of Mary Higgins Clark's books.

Fast forward to 2017. One morning on the Today Show, Ms. Clark was being interviewed about her latest book. She is now 89 years old and has written 53 novels, and she's still going strong! What I didn't know was that *Where Are the Children?* was her first published book in 1975, and it started her long career in writing. I couldn't remember much about the book, but decided to reread it and if it was as good as I remembered, I would pass it on. Well, it was, so here goes.

Seven years ago, on Nancy Harmon's birthday, her two children disappear and are later found drowned in the river. She is accused of their murder, but it is not proven due to a missing key witness. On top of that, her husband commits suicide over his grief. Now 7 years later, Nancy has moved to Cape Cod, changed her identity, remarried a wonderful man and has 2 adorable children. Everything is finally being put behind her, when, on the morning of her birthday (yet again), Nancy looks out her window to check on her children playing outside and they are gone. All she sees is one red mitten, and she knows that the nightmare is beginning again. Why is someone doing this to her, or has she lost her mind?

I give this book 5 roses because I really enjoyed reading it a second time. It's just a timeless, good ol' murder mystery. So, it doesn't matter if a book is just published or if it's 42 years old, as long as you enjoy yourself. That's what reading is all about, right?

Until next time, read a book, if it's a good read, pass it on!



The Heat of the Summer

For the most part, Memorial Day weekend 2017 was pretty tame. I have five years of experience to judge by. I know that a lot of our Taxi Tales are inspired by three day weekends, so I was looking forward to new tales to report. Friday night nothing. Saturday night again nothing to report. I'm not complaining because I had not been feeling great. I was on Day 3 of feverish coughing, fatigue, and pretty much just feeling like crap. Sunday night was busier than the first two nights, but again, everyone was behaving.

Then around midnight Dispatch got a call from our Tybee River Rats. In case you do not know what I am referring to, these are the guys and gals who live to go boating any time the tide is right (the tide is always right if they can get their boats out of the creeks). Our understanding of the situation was that that two of said River Rats were on their way back from Little Tybee after a camping trip. It was as dark as dark could be that weekend. No moon. Anyhow, as we understood, they hit something and the boat had capsized and they were in need of rescue.

We tool the rescue crew, a group of three, up to a north end house where their boat was located, so they could go search and rescue. Around 1:30am we got a call from the search and rescue crew to pick them up at a dock on Lewis Ave. I made the pick-up. Two of the three were waiting outside to return to the south end. They jumped in the car and told me to get out of dodge before Number 3 got outside. Number 3 was the guy who reported the distress call in the first place. He had been going at it hard since Breezy picked him up from a shrimp dock on the south side Friday night.

We did not make our get-away before Number 3 came running over to the cab. RATS! Number 3 was ranting and raving as to how could we just abort the rescue before the rescue had been completed. He was mad. I decided to just drive away from Number 3. One of the two passengers were on the phone with the Coast Guard as the other passenger gave me an update on their failed rescue mission. Because of the complete darkness, it was impossible for them to find the missing boaters. Let the professionals handle it.

I dropped the two off at their favorite bar on Tybrisa. When I got to the end of Tybrisa, there was some police activity going on in front of a bar that faces the beach. I went through the parking lot to stay out of their way and ran into another Breezy. I stopped and asked him what was going on. He informed me he was there to pick up a couple going to Wilmington Island but as you could see, said couple was dealing with the police. Turned out that the bartender from the beach front bar decided to bring back the cold water challenge and dumped a pitcher of water on the head of his ex-slash-co-worker; aka one of the two that we were there to pick up.

A few minutes passed and one of the officers asked me to take Water Boy home (to Wilmington) or he was going to jail. I responded that we were there to pick the couple up and I obviously couldn't put the three of them in the car together. I asked the couple if I could take Water Boy, which would delay them from leaving, because that would be two of the three Breezy cars off island. Can't do that ever. They were very understanding and said yes take him first. I walked over to Water Boy and the officer that he was with and

said I would take him. I called Dispatch to inform her of the situation. Oh, she was not too pleased with me. Turned out the couple had already waited 20 minutes and that's when the whole water challenge happened.

It hit me that Water Boy's roommate worked at a bar mid-island and I could drop him off there so we could get the couple home pronto! That's what I did. So, we had two cars off island around 2:30am - not good. I jumped in the bus and grabbed the Breezy phone. I was told to go to a bar on the south end and grab a group of three or four.

At 2:45am, while loading up the bus, I saw a few folks I knew in need of a ride to 13th St. I asked them to get in please. We were off. I dropped the 13th St. people off and the phone rang. I had three on Tybrisa going home. I did a u-turn and headed south. Sitting at the light at 14th, I got another call for a group of two going to the north end of the island. I told them I would be there in 10 seconds, please be ready cause I was in a hurry. The group of two were standing at 16th and Butler and they jumped in. I rolled half way down 16th and told the other three lets go.

Turned out that one of the three was Number 3 from the rescue crew. I got them all loaded up. If my math is correct, there were 8 people on the bus. Number 3 was still ranting and raving about the aborted rescue mission and was bouncing around the bus like a monkey. I turned around and he was working his way through the sun roof!

I stopped the bus and started yelling at Number 3 to have a seat and keep his mouth shut. Please! We got to our first drop at 8th and Lovell. Two of the three got off and I asked them if Number 3 was going with them. They said "Hell no, get him outta here!" I asked Number 3 where he was going and he said home. Where is home these days? He told me First and Jones.

Between 8th and Jones and 3rd and Jones, someone punched Number 3. A real rescue on the bus! I stopped, turned on the inside lights, and proceeded to the rear of the bus to defuse the situation. I told Number 3 that if he got punched he deserved it at this point. He did not like that response and wanted off the bus. Fine, get out! We released our grip on him and he punched the guy who punched him first - in the mouth.

Long story short, I have a dislocated middle finger. Most of the riders are Breezy regulars but I apologized for the scuffle. The two young ladies that I picked up, going to the north end, were like, "This was the most excitement we had all weekend!" No charge for the entertainment on Breezy.

All right, let's not forget about Water Boy. Around 3:30am his roommate called from the mid island bar and told me to get Water Boy the fawk outta there. We picked him up and got him home. The excitement of the evening was over, but I think I finished up around 6am. Long weekend.

I spoke with the flipped over boat owner for the real story. Get this, he said that the boat was anchored in front of Little Tybee as they were still camping. He told me it was just a bad spot to anchor and a few rough waves just turned the boat over. No one was ever in danger. In his own words he told me don't ever call the police or Coast Guard for him.



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By Rem

Are Your Nuts Toxic? Are Your Nuts Giving You Grief?



It never crossed my mind my nuts may be toxic until a good friend of mine decided to put in a new vegetable garden plot in her backyard. When we put in a new vegetable garden, the usual obstacles come to mind such as what is the soil like, do I have to amend the soil, how much sun exposure will it get, do I need to trim trees and what kind of veggies do I want to grow? Well, it turns out the big question you should be asking is what kind of trees are currently growing in the vicinity of your garden plans and hope the answer isn't Walnut Trees!

Walnut trees have toxic nuts. Not only are their nuts toxic but so are their leaves, bark and root structure. Walnut trees produce a compound called juglone that is toxic to a variety of plants. It hinders the plant's ability to take up water or nutrients and eventually will kill the plant. In other words, the juglone chokes out the plant, leaving it gasping for air and a sipperoo of water. Neither of which will fix the problem, death is imminent.

Naturally, the first solution that comes to mind is to cut the toxic tree down and get your garden in, but old naughty nuts has other plans. Once a walnut tree is cut down, the stump and all roots must be removed, as well as all the remaining decomposing nut hulls and leaves. It can take as long as two years or more for the residual juglone to be at a non-damaging level in the soil.

So what to do? Actually, there are quite a few options to choose from. Of course, you can scrap your garden plans altogether and go to the market. Or you could cut down the tree, clean it up and wait foorever. Or you can plant only veggies that will tolerate juglone (such as beets, corn, onions, carrots, beans, squash and melons). But if you want the good stuff like tomatoes, peppers and taters, don't despair. The solution is relatively simple, build raised beds and if necessary, trim the walnut tree back so your garden is not in the drip line of the tree's canopy (surprisingly, this area is most toxic even though the roots extend far beyond the dripline). Make sure and keep leaves and any debris from the tree out of the bed and off of the plants, as they will decompose and leach their juglone into your soil from the top down. Line the raised bed with a weed and root barrier like a thick weed cloth, wood, stone or concrete to prevent the juglone from leaching into your soil from the bottom up. Be aware of the different root depths of different veggies and build your raised bed height accordingly. For instance, tomatoes have deep root systems, whereas peppers and potatoes do not root down as far.

Don't be discouraged, nut up and grow a pear ;)

Foodie Finds

By Margie McLellan

Pineapple Sunshine Cake



With summer here, you may be looking for a light dessert to serve at your next bar-b-que. This one is quite delicious, actually pineappleicious!! Very easy to make too. Just make sure you invite Alaina over!

Ingredients:

Cake:

- 1 box white or yellow cake mix
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 (8 oz.) can crushed pineapple with juice

Frosting:

- 1 large container whipped topping
- 1 small box instant vanilla pudding
- 1 (8 oz.) can crushed pineapple with juice

1. Preheat oven to 350. Spray a 9x13 pan with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, eggs, oil, and 1 can crushed pineapple with the juice. Beat together for 2 minutes.
3. Pour into prepared baking pan and bake for 25-30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Allow to cool completely on a wire rack.
4. In a medium sized bowl, fold together whipped topping, box of vanilla pudding, and 1 can crushed pineapple with the juice (reserve a small amount of pineapple to sprinkle on top).
5. Spread frosting over the top of cooled cake. Enjoy!
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Main Street Musings

Chantel Morton, Program Staff Director

As thermometers show an increase in the temperature, the calendar increases with a variety of “to-dos” for enjoying the month of July on Tybee! There are plenty of ways to enjoy this sweet town such as the 4th of July fireworks celebration, cookouts, relaxing at the beach, exploring your foodie side at one of our fab restaurants while meeting a variety of people, and becoming an art connoisseur as you take in some shows at the Post Theater and visit the many art galleries. And don’t forget to come to Memorial Park July 15 when the moon rises for the next *Movies in the Park* showing.

That’s right! When the temperature drops a couple of degrees as the sun goes down and the moon shines on Saturday, July 15, **Monster Trucks** will be shown on the “big” inflatable screen for all to enjoy. So, pack a picnic, grab a blanket and some beach chairs, and stake your spot at Memorial Park to get all amped up with *Monster Trucks*. The movie will begin once the sun sets and the stars in the sky shine enough to let the stars be seen on the screen that will be in front of the Gym wall. Keep in mind that if there is inclement weather, the movie will be moved indoors to the gym.

Monster Trucks is an action-packed family film, rated PG. The movie is about a high school aged young man who is looking to start a different life away from the town he has always lived in by building a monster truck from bits and pieces of scrapped cars. One day he comes across a creature that was accidentally brought to the surface by an oil company. This oil company is trying to catch the creature so they can eliminate the evidence. The young man helps the creature hide and soon finds out it can also supercharge the monster truck he’s building! A bond forms between these two as they create an unforgettable adventure helping each other and working together.

As a reminder, for those of you that might not be familiar, Memorial Park is centrally located behind city hall and features lush grass, a covered playground, and picnic pavilion. The location, with easy access to the bike route, makes this historic park one of our easiest accessible spots to relax. Plus, the park lighting provides enough illumination to facilitate navigating the area without negatively affecting the movie’s visibility when it starts when the sky darkens enough. Parking is available on Butler and in the park’s parking lot, which can be accessed from Jones Avenue.

For more information about the Tybee Island Development Authority / 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. The Tybee Island Main Street FB page is updated on a regular basis as well. We invite you to like it.

As always, feel free to contact members of the Development Authority/ Main Street Board of Directors (pictured below: Sarah Bernzott, Marianne

Bramble, Angela Caldwell, Vicki Hammons, Diane Kaufman, Steve Kellam, Julie Livingston, Ted Lynch, Melissa Memory, Kelly Swope, Melissa Turner) or me with suggestions and/or concerns re: economic vitality and preservation. Take time to enjoy “Tybee time” and remember why those of us who live and work here are “lucky enough” and those who visit love returning.

See you around town! Chantel



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Writer's Block

Woody Hemphill is featured as our 2nd writer to appear in our new column, *Writer's Block*. Since moving to Tybee in 2006, Woody has served as manager of River's End Campground, located at 5 Fort Avenue on Tybee Island, Georgia's first municipally-owned campground in the state, and the

perfect 'base' for exploring all our area has to offer. Woody writes two columns for us each month - *From the River's End* and *The Sports Page*. Thank you Woody, for all you do for the Beachcomber!

Most Important Questions of Life:

Tybee Life: 11 years

When I grow up I want to be: 'Young-at-Heart'

My Passion: Trying to convince the world that their preconceived notions about me are untrue

My Spirit Animal: The duck-billed platypus – it's an animal that 'wears so many hats' when trying to determine a classification. It's been said that I'm hard to understand, as well. . .

Bartender of the MONTH

By Jimmy Prosser



Mable Edgerly

I must start off and say I am very honored to be the one to have interviewed, and allowed to write about July's Bartender of the Month. This beautiful lady is as Tybee as they come. **Mary "Boo" Pezan** has lived on Tybee since she was 9 years old. Boo shared many stories of life back when she was a young girl, from roller skating on the pier, always afraid of falling off, to the night the pier burned down and watching it from her house. *"The trees were much lower back then,"* she chuckled.

Boo spent her time as a child roaming the island, from sun up to sun down, north end to south end. One of her favorite spots when she was about 10 years old was Nikki's Bar on the south end. Everyday Boo would go in and visit Mable, the bartender. Boo admired Mable, the way she captivated her regulars, kept them laughing, and constantly made people feel welcome. At age 11, Boo knew exactly what she wanted to be when she grew up. It was then Boo told Mable, *"I want to be just like you. I'm going to be a bartender when I grow up!"* and that she did. At 18 Boo took her first bartending job at Novelty Bar (currently Doc's). Boo's been bartending ever since. From Palmer Seafood, to Crow Bar, Fannies, and the Black Lace Lounge (Gentleman's club). When asked if she ever stripped, Boo proclaimed *"Hell No! Hell No! Hell No!"* Awfully defensive if you ask me!

Today Boo can be found at the Crab Shack where she thrives. Boo loves her regulars. *"I breathe regulars, and try to make all customers regulars."* Boo corrected me and told me, *"I'm not just a bartender, I'm an entertainer."* And that she certainly is. Boo is funny, warm, and straight to the point. She's quick to make you laugh, and to pour you one of her famous Margaritas!

Some of Life's Most Important Questions:

Tybee Life: 54 Years

What do you want to be when you grow up? Bartender (Accomplished)

Family: Four children

Passion: "S#!t, I'm too old to have a passion. Ok, Animals, I love Animals, I want to open an adoption center."

Spirit Animal: Before she could respond, her coworker Audrey shouted, "Peacock! She's vibrant and feisty."

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Do you Speak *Emoji*?

By Jenny Ellis

Grocery lines, stop signs, and yes, even potty breaks. You whip it out and take a peek. I'm talking about Facebook, you sicko. What's going on in your Facebook world this hour? Through the thick digital jungle of the political shitstorm, adorable animal videos, and eye-watering America's got Talent victories, there they are, you're "Friends." Whether you know them for real or just know of them, we have all sorts of Facebook friends in our lives. The co-worker you wonder if they saw your hookie post, the Auntie that comments on everything and within seconds of posting, the ex-stalker that lurks and tries to "like" something before your new girlfriend does, "the over-sharer" friend that makes you cringe with paragraphs of cry-for-helps, the enthusiastic gym-rat showing pics of muscles in incriminating positions, the instigator that LOVES to share the political post to start days' worth arguments with people who don't have deep jobs, and the list goes ON AND ON.

Regardless of which Facebook friend you are or have, we all have to deal with the uncomfortable burden of acknowledgment. Of course we all have the option to keep scrolling, but where is the fun in that? For those of you who are the "no comment" type, you have the option of 7 Emojis of Acknowledgement: Like, Love, HaHa, Yay, Wow, Sad, & Angry. While the whole world was waiting for the "unlike" button or the "don't give a F" button, (according to Facebook, they picked more positive Emojis that would support good vibes only), these 7 Emojis are what you have to work with. But when is it appropriate to use an Emoji to represent your deep, complex emotional inner being?

People have asked me, should they "like" or comment, let's say, if someone is going to the hospital? If someone has died? What about during wedding season, how many hearts am I going to give away? How many more Awwws can I write when there is another sweaty, way too intimate gym selfie? Here are a few examples of appropriate Facebook manners; try to practice people!

1. **The "SUCK IT TREBECK" Post.** This post would consist of a tropical beach vacation picture for all your day jobbers to drool over during after-lunch potty breaks (do the girls that sit near the bathrooms a favor and give a curiosity flush). Another example of this type of post is a brand new Mercedes Bends with a giant red bow on it. I would encourage you to use your emoji free will, comment & like away! Even if the Mercedes makes you angry, keep it classy Tybee. The "Heart," "Yay!" "HaHa," etc. are great for this type of post. Refrain from comments such as, "Who did you screw to get the car and vacay?" - not nice. Celebrate other's wins, you sarcastic sicko!

2. **The "Cry For Help" Post.** Ugh. Where. Do. I. Start. I personally don't understand this type of post, airing your dirty laundry online. I prefer to keep it in the hamper until it overflows and only show the cool things in my life, so it appears perfect (you do it too). But, in speaking with a friend that constantly is a cry-for-help poster, he says, "If you're really my friends, you don't just get the good times, you get the uncomfortable shit too." More power to ya!! The "Why can't I find Love" post, "Another rejection post," the "I need a job post." Common themes of this frequent commenter consist of the heart emoji or "This too shall pass," or "You can do it" statements. Warning: if you plan on commenting, be prepared

to comment back and forward until someone dies. My solution for this type of commenter: Take them out for a drink and try to experience real life. They've just been home alone too long.

3. **The "Informative" Post.** The unfortunate digital obituary, the death post. Use your discretion based on the depth of knowing the person or family affected. A "like" is a very generic acknowledgment, be careful to use this if you were not close or if you didn't get along; it could be taken as you actually like it that they died, even if you really do like it. If you use the "HaHa" or "Yay!" emoji, you really are a sicko-monster! WTF is wrong with you? A simple "heart" or "sad" or "sorry for your loss" comment is most appropriate with this type of post. Don't overwhelm with texts how you saw the Facebook post, that's why they posted it, so the family could have real life time without answering calls or texts.

Now that you're certified in Advanced Facebook Etiquette, I'll be watching all over the Tybee Beachcomber's Facebook page to make sure you sickos are practicing! Happy Scrolling.

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Gerald's Pig & Shrimp on Tybee



For such a small island, Tybee really does have a little to offer everyone, with dozens of eateries that each focus on their own specialties. **Gerald's Pig and Shrimp** on Tybee is a sure fire go-to for some of the best BBQ and Shrimp that the Lowcountry has to offer. Owner Gerald Schantz has been a staple in the Savannah area since the mid 80's, getting his early start catering for TV and movie productions, as well as corporate events. This enabled him to purchase his first custom grill on wheels, which launched his mobile catering service, *Gerald's Chuckwagon*. Next, there was *Gerald's Diner* in downtown before the lure of the beach brought him to his current home on Tybee.

Gerald's offers a wide array of seafood and BBQ combination's, ranging from traditional Lowcountry Boil to Brisket, pulled pork and ribs, award winning fried shrimp, as well as panini's and hoagies, smoked wings and some of the best dang fresh squeezed limeade I've ever tasted. A super casual and eclectic environment is offered in an open-air environment, which delivers just what you would expect from a restaurant coined as "*Tybee's Favorite Roadside Eats*."

Alaina, Wen, and I were super lucky to be able sample an array of favorites on our visit, which included their famous Smoked Chicken Wings, the Brisk N' Bleu Panini, Gerald's Cuban Panini, the Big Combo for Two and fresh squeezed Limeade. Needless to say we had leftovers, hooray!!

The **Chicken Wings** are smoked and then fried, and we opted to try the homemade Hot Tybee Sauce. I have to say these wings were super scrumptious with a phenomenal smoky flavor that shone through and was perfectly complemented by their spicy and sweet homemade hot sauce. I don't like super spicy food and this sauce was perfect to me with a hint of mango and a slight heat from habaneros; I finished every last one, and they also offer Duck wings!

Next, we sampled the sandwiches. Alaina insisted on the **Brisk N' Blue Panini**, and I was eager to try **Gerald's Cuban Panini** and they were both stellar. The Brisk N' Blue consists of brisket, blue cheese, and homemade coleslaw & BBQ sauce. Sweet and salty is one of my favorite combos and those blue cheese crumbles and BBQ sauce on that super tender brisket and slaw were scrumptious. Love, love. I had heard so many raves about the Cuban Panini and I can totally see why. Pulled pork, ham, Swiss cheese, homemade cucumber

salad and mustard, pressed into that fresh bread, yum. The Cucumber Salad is like super thin homemade pickles combined with that pulled pork and ham and delivers a delightful combo that your taste buds will dance for. Add jalapenos for a spicy kick. I see why I've heard so much about it.

Finally, the **Big Combo for Two** delivered Pulled Pork, Brisket, Ribs, double fried Shrimp, two sides, hush puppies and bread. Whew. A pile of food. The BBQ was perfectly moist and delicious and the ribs super tender, with several options of tableside homemade BBQ sauce to dress it up with. We couldn't get enough of the fried shrimp, fried perfectly with a crispy outside and tender inside, sweet and delicious - you really can't beat our local Georgia shrimp. I also see why they've won the Foodie Award for best fried shrimp in the Lowcountry, two years running. We chose the cucumber salad and baked beans as our sides, and both were awesome. They actually put corn in the baked beans and I loved how they add texture and a sweet crunch, unique and tasty. The hushpuppies were also delish, crunchy and tasty; they also offered chopped jalapenos inside.

Packed to the brim, we washed it all down with a Homemade **Limeade** that was so freaking refreshing, perfectly sweet and tart.

This really is one of the most unique outdoor eateries I've ever sampled, and our server Zoe took great care of us, super friendly with tons of great menu suggestions for us. Gerald's is open Thurs through Sunday for lunch and dinner, located on Highway 80 at McKenzie Street. Gerald still offers mobile, as well as on site catering, and you can also check them out on the web at www.tybeeBBQ.com. If you haven't tried them yet, add it to your to-do-list, now you'll be glad you did.





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Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

It's Baby **Pink** Barnacle Time

By Dr. Joe Richardson



About 10 years ago I first noticed strange, large, pink barnacles growing on the North Beach jetty rocks. Although I had studied, conducted research and led field trips along the jetty for many years prior to this, I had never seen these strange big barnacles before. About the same time I started seeing them here, a marine scientist in Louisiana also reported seeing strange, large, pink barnacles for the first time. Soon reports from Florida and South Carolina also appeared. We all knew these were barnacles that we had not seen previously around here. Eventually it was determined that these giant pink barnacles were native to the tropical Pacific Ocean. The assumption is that this species was transported through the Panama Canal and introduced into the Atlantic Ocean, perhaps attached on a ship.

Although this giant pink barnacle is an invasive species, I don't think it is

going to cause ecological problems around here. Shortly after finding it, I got interested in its growth and distribution, and received a grant to conduct field and lab research on its ecology. Using the North Beach jetty as my primary field study site, I was able to determine some interesting facets of its biology around here.

Although our native barnacles (Ivory Barnacle and Striped Barnacle) grow mostly on the upper parts of the jetty, these giant pink barnacles grow predominately lower on the rocks among the Oysters. So they compete with our native Oysters for space to live. We know our Oysters are important in our marsh tidal creeks where they filter the water and form small reefs where other animals can attach and hide. So if these invasive competitors were to spread in the marsh ecosystem, they could present a problem. Although I looked, and others did also, I've never seen any of the giant pink barnacles anywhere other than along the open ocean beach (on jetties, pier pilings, old groins). In my lab experiments with lower salinity water, as found in the marsh creeks, the pink barnacles survived fine, so they are capable of living in the marsh areas, but for some reason, they don't, at least around here.

I also found that baby pink barnacles show up on the jetty during June and July, so during my Tybee Beach Ecology Trips the next few weeks, I'll be examining those rocks closely. During the summer, they grow fast! Within a few weeks, they are bigger than our native barnacles. With field and lab studies, I found they could survive our average winter-time water temperature, but they didn't grow much. But over the years I've found that a really cold snap during winter can wipe them out. So for a number of reasons, I don't think they will become an ecological problem for us.

So when beachcombing, if you come across a chunk of giant pink barnacles that have gotten knocked off a beachfront hard structure, realize that you just found an animal that actually belongs in the tropical Pacific Ocean. "You never know what you might find on Tybee's beach!"

Dr. Joe Richardson is a retired marine science professor with 35+ years of research and teaching experience along GA and the southeastern coast and Bahamas. Besides research, he conducts Tybee Beach Ecology Trips year round (www.TybeeBeachEcology.com) and frequently posts pictures of what they are finding on his Tybee Beach Ecology Trips Facebook page.

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Warning: Do not Eat This Article!

By J. Beebs

I believe Panther Martin owes me at least a million dollars. Perhaps more. In fact, I'm certain I have the grounds for a class action lawsuit against Eagle Claw, Rooster Tail, the aforementioned Panther Martin, and other fishing gear and fishing lure manufacturers. And the damages! Oh the damages will be SUBSTANTIAL! We are talking reimbursement for every lost fishing lure from childhood. Every snag, every snapped line, every lost hook, every lost weight, and every lost lure, even the #2 yellow and red Panther Martin that I lost in third grade and cried for two days because that was my favorite fishing lure EVER. I had conquered every body of water in a 25 mile radius with the #2 yellow and red. And sadly, I lost it when I tried to cast a line over the barn and catch a feral cat or a possum – I never was sure what was moving over there (let's save that story for another day).

Allow me to explain. This realization of lost damages all started when I swung through McDonald's for breakfast. You got me back with that all day breakfast market ploy Mickey D's – so tricky. I'm such a sucker for the Egg McMuffin. Anyway, so I'm happily strolling along, thoughts of litigation far from my mind, when I noticed my coffee cup. And the very large warning label attached to the cup, which reads: WARNING: CONTENTS HOT! Well duh.....it's coffee.

But I did recall McDonald's paying a few million dollars in the early 90's when a Senior Citizen spilled coffee on her lap. To be fair, I'm told she did have some medical bills and it was absurdly stupidly hot coffee, where the temperature should have been measured in Kelvin. But that's beside the point. I considered this coffee label and I realized: I've done a lot of stupid things in my life. Maybe there's a company or two or five that owe me some untold fortune because they didn't have a warning sticker. And I realized my golden ticket - fishing lures.

The combination of fishing lures and childhood had to be an expensive proposition for my parents. Because if there was a cast to be made, I tried it. Cast underhand, along the creek bed, under the limbs, over the log and between two limbs? Did it. Drop a line from a bridge and try to hoist a wiggly fat trout up to the bridge? Did that too. Overhand, underhand, sideways, between the trees, on the trees, over the barn ... all those lost lures and hooks. If only there was a warning sticker! Dang it! I feel wronged! Where's the warning sticker that says: Warning: Don't be an idiot!

But wait! There's more! I am losing headphones all the damn time. I'm happy the ear buds are down to \$5 bucks because I need a new pair every month. They seem to be making them better too because this latest pair has made it through the washer twice. But where's the warning label: Caution – Items are small, don't lose them! Or Wash Them.

And the list goes on. Sunglasses I never buy expensive sunglasses because I a.) lose them, b.) drop them and c.) step/sit/squish them. Often all three. Where's my label: Warning: Do not Lose, Sit, Step or Squish!

Sunscreen. SPF 6 blocks nothing. And you gotta reapply it every 41 seconds or risk third degree burns. Apple iPhone Chargers. Why do you always break in the same spot? And Kanye West – you brilliant twisted soul, I think you owe me a new car because the bass in Love Lockdown has vibrated all the gaskets in my motor loose. At least, that's the explanation Nissan had for me right before they took the motor apart and applied silicone glue everywhere. Warning: Do Not Play Loud Bass in Car. All The Gaskets Will Vibrate Loose.

You know, I could see where this could get out of hand in today's society – all those lawyers running around. Maybe we should be proactive and just have the hospital hand out warning labels with every new kid. Congratulations Ms. Beeb, you've had a bouncing baby boy! Here's your hospital bill and make sure you read ALL the disclosures on the last page, yes, right there honey, where it says:

Congratulations New Mom and Dad! Warning: This little dude is just like you. Unpredictable! Handle with Care. Do not ignore this Product! Do not expose to Fishing Lures before age 3. Get used to paying for lots of things. PS - It's all worth it!



Group Text Messaging

Ok. I admit it. I love my phone. And I love to text. In fact, I'd rather text than talk. Just ask my daughter. One year on Mother's Day, she texted me that the thing she was giving me was NOT to call me, just a text. I thanked her profusely. She understands me ... the branch doesn't fall far from the tree. Her husband, on the other hand, has no concept of this. Being the good son he is, he calls his mother almost every day. He just doesn't get it. Thank God my daughter does.

That being said, if you send me a text, I will answer you back right away. Well, usually...unless I really don't like you or like what you have to say. On the other hand, nine times out of ten, if you call me, I probably won't answer (yes, Alaina, except for you). I let it go straight to voice mail. And I may or may not call you back. The thought of my phone ringing makes me shudder. But I do love to hear the sound of the Ping when I get a text message! It almost makes me giddy.

BUT... I've had it up to here with this so-called Group Messaging thing! I do appreciate the Group Messenger to think enough of me to add me to their group, but I usually have no idea who else is included in this so-called Group. I usually don't answer a group message unless it's my son, daughter-in-law or a very close friend. I don't think my daughter has EVER group messaged me (like I said, she "gets" me). Thank you very much daughter!

What irks me is that even if I choose not to answer in a group message, my phone will ping continuously, sometimes for days on end. And since I do love hearing the Ping from a text, I always look to see who it is. Their conversations will go on for days sometimes! And I always look! By this time I really don't care who is saying what.

The Straw that broke the proverbial Camel's back happened to me a week or two ago. One morning my husband was doing his normal morning texting to me. He mentioned that he had transferred some money into savings. Yay! I do love savings! So I asked him in the text how much was in our savings account. He told me. Then I asked how much was in the checking account. He told me. We kept texting back and forth, then next thing I hear is the Ping I so love to hear. It was my son, asking us why we were relaying this private information on a Group Text! What?? To my horror, we were mistakenly texting on a group message with four other people!!! OMG. I can't even explain my embarrassment. I'm sure you understand.

This Group messaging thing has its positive points ... I guess. If you want to relay the same message to numerous people, that is all good. For you, at least. But like I learned, what you say cannot be unsaid. So if you know me, want to tell me something, want me to respond to you via text, DO NOT, under any circumstances, include me in a Group Text! I will delete you ASAP. I may even unfriend you on Facebook.

Now I'm waiting on one of those Group Messengers to text me to borrow some money...

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Behind the Tape...

By Cpl. Richard Dascal



I hope this finds everybody doing well. The weather has been hot and the crowds have been massive this summer. Memorial Day weekend we saw over 48,000 cars come onto Tybee. That translates to about 150,000 people coming here over the course of one weekend.

It has certainly been a busy summer for us so far. Beach Bum came and went with no real issues and so did Memorial Day. The beach has been absolutely PACKED for the past several weeks. Over at the police department we have started our Beach Ambassador program. We utilize the Ambassadors to help educate people about our beach rules, and some of the things to do around Tybee while they're here visiting.

I want to urge everyone to please be careful in the water, especially near the jetties. Recently we had a group of people in the water near the south end jetties get caught by the tide. Two of them were pushed into the jetties and another four were carried further out. Our newest Beach Patrol officer, SPO Strickland, didn't skip a beat when he saw this happening. He was quick to drop his gun belt and get in the water to help these people until Ocean Rescue was able to arrive on scene. Everyone was able to get out of the water safely with minor injuries, but it certainly could have been a lot worse if there hadn't been people there to help out.

I hope everyone is having a great summer and soaking up as much sun as they can. If you need anything don't hesitate to stop one of our officers and ask.

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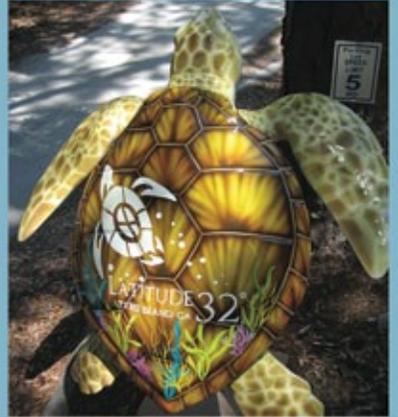
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By Paul Cales

ZOMBIES

Continued from the May 2017 Beachcomber. Catch up @ <http://tybeebeachcomber.com/magazine>

Chapter 2 The Pier Incident - Part II

Todd shows up for work at the pier at his usual 9am. As he walks up the ramp, he notices Cappy sitting by the concession stand sipping on a coffee and watching the fog roll out. *"Not fishing this morning Cappy?"* he asks. *"Nothing out there biting Todd. It's freaking December!"* Cappy says. *"Bobby seems to do quite well with the shee-,"* Todd begins. *"Shut it Toddly! Bastard took me for a C-note last night. I made the mistake of betting him he couldn't catch a sheephead in less than 30 minutes."* *"Big mistake. Speaking of Bobby... where the hell is he? Trash ain't emptied and the damn pier lights are still on from last night."* *"Haven't seen him since last night. By the way, when he was walking out of the water something took a hunk out of his ankle. Nasty bite. Must have been a baby shark."* *"If a shark bit Bobby I bet that shark is still drunk. I don't know how much blood Bobby has in his alcohol system. Let's go wake him up."*

They make their way over to Bobby's room and start banging on the door. *"Wake up ya old pickle back!"* Cappy shouts. There's no response from behind the door and Cappy knocks again. *"What the hell Cappy? You think he's alright?"* *"Maybe we should break the door down."* Todd pulls a bundle of keys from his pocket and dangles them in Cappy's face. *"No need to destroy a perfectly good door when I've got these."* He unlocks the door and swings it open to an eerie calm. Bobby is laying on his back with his left leg on the floor and the rest of him sprawled on the bed. It's dark and musty in the room.

"You smell that Cappy?" *"Yeah man. Smells sweet and rancid like roadkill,"* Cappy says as he moves closer to Bobby. *"You okay bud?"* There's no movement at all. He leans forward to get a closer look at Bobby and says, *"Damn Todd, he's got blood coming from every hole in his head."* He looks back at Todd and exclaims, *"His eyes are wide open and they're freaking me out. They're red and yellow Todd, RED AND YELLOW!"*

Just as Cappy leans in to see if Bobby is breathing, Bobby lurches up and bites solidly into his neck. Cappy screams and pulls away. His blood paints Todd from head to toe. Cappy falls to the floor in a heap and goes into convulsions. Bobby turns his attention to Todd, who is seemingly frozen in shock. Bobby lunges for him and Todd barely moves out of the way in time. He rushes for the door, exits, and slams it shut. He locks the door and reaches for the radio on his hip. *"Chief Bronson, you there?"*

Todd leans his back against the door and slides down to the floor. He puts his face in his hands and waits for the chief to show up. About ten minutes pass and he spots the chief walking up the pier ramp. *"Over here Chief!"*

The chief stops when he notices the blood all over Todd. *"What the F&%\$ happened to you Todd?"* With an effort to stay calm, Todd explains what happened when he and Cappy went to check on Bobby.

"Halloween was two months ago Todd." But before Todd can respond, a horrible gargling sound comes from behind the door, followed by scratching and clawing. *"What the hell is that?"* *"I'm telling you Chief, it's Bobby. He's stark raving mad. The way he ripped open Cappy's throat, I mean, he's full of a rage I've never seen before, and I've seen some shit. We've got to go in there... and you'd better be ready to shoot Bobby, cause if he grabs you, he's gonna kill you."*

"You'd better not be shitting me. If this is a joke and I shoot Bobby you're going down for murder." *"I'm not shitting you Chief. Bobby's one of my best friends. I wouldn't do that."* He unlocks the door and looks at the chief. *"Be ready Chief... what you're going to see isn't Bobby. It's something that will haunt your dreams forever!"*

The chief draws his revolver, slowly turns the door handle, takes a deep breath, and shoves the door open. It slams into what used to be Bobby and knocks him backwards to the other side of the room. Bobby snarls at the chief and begins his attack. The chief quickly puts two bullets into Bobby's chest and he flops to the bed. Bobby jumps back to his feet and begins another attack towards the chief. The chief's revolver explodes a third time and Bobby falls to the floor with a neat, round hole between his eyes. *"That's not possible,"* says the chief. *"What the f&%\$ is going on here Todd?! This is insane."*

"I told ya Chief. Look at Cappy over there. He looks like Bobby did when we found him. LOOK AT HIS EYES CHIEF!" Cappy's eyes had turned yellow and red and he was bleeding from his nose, his mouth, his eyes, and his ears.

"We need to call someone. This is way above my pay grade. Come on Todd, let's go outside and figure out what to do." They walk out and lock the door. *"Did you hear that?"* A gurgling was heard behind the door. *"Damn. I need to call the mayor. Stay here and don't let ANYONE near this door until I get back."*

It was around noon when the men in the white suits showed up. One more gunshot was heard. The pier burned at 7pm. Some locals still remember what really happened, but it's only talked about behind closed doors. Rest in peace Bobby and Cappy. While you seem to have been the first victims of this deadly disease, you certainly won't be the last.



Shriner's Supper Club

By Alaina Loughridge - Photos by Wen McNally

The Beachcomber has inspired me to get out and about and discover what is going on around Tybee that y'all need to know about. Every month I learn something new and this month it is all about the Shriner's Supper Club. I knew we had a Shriner's group, but what I did not know is they have a Tuesday Night Supper Club that is open to one and all. I am all about food, as well as organizations that help others, so let me give you the scoop!

The Tybee Island **Shriner's Supper Club** was chartered in 1980; founded by Frank Nelson who knew that a Shriner's chapter would be a perfect fit on Tybee. Frank approached the city about a potential building site at Fort Screven across from the lighthouse. At that time, it was simply a pile of rubble, but Frank saw the potential. Leasing the concrete from the City, the newly formed Club went to work. We now have a beautiful building with a spectacular view!!!

I decided to drop in one Tuesday night and check it out. The red door opens at 5pm to one and all. A \$10 donation covers the dinner, which is extensive and delicious. There are games and raffles as well. It is a great place for just hanging out, meeting new people and enjoying the camaraderie of everyone around you. One and all were very open and more than welcome to sit with a stranger, soon to be new friend, or renew an old acquaintance.

The Club supports itself with its membership fees (a mere \$10 a year), but the main funds come from renting out the facility for weddings, conventions, birthdays, family reunions, etc. Like I said, the view is just flat out phenomenal and the building is large enough to support any event you may be entertaining with family and friends. All extra funds go directly to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, which is what the Club is all about: Helping children and their parents through the most difficult times.

The Supper Club is open every Tuesday (barring any major event) to one and all. I highly recommend bringing a friend and an appetite. Sit at a table where you know no one and make some new friends. Play a game, enter a raffle and have fun.

If you are interested in renting the facility for any event, please call David Cornelius at (912) 786-7081. In the meantime, I will meet you at the *Red Door* to the Shriner's Supper Club!



What Summer Can Teach Us

There are lessons in nature, if only you stop and listen for them. There are lessons in moments in time. There's a reason the seasons change. Pay attention to those changes and how they move you. Change is what makes this life interesting. The warming weather has much to teach.

1. **Slow down.** It's difficult to move hard and fast when the weather is hot and smothering. Have you ever tried to run in the heat? It ain't easy. Summer's hot weather is a reminder to make like the Eagles and *Take it Easy*. You can speed things up a bit in the fall.

2. **Find your joy.** It's hard to ignore the things that bring you joy when you have the sun beating down on your face and leftover salt from the ocean drying on your skin. Joy is right at your fingertips in moments like that.

3. **Live the day right up to the end.** Summer days are good, but summer nights are a delicious, divine gift. Savor them like a pineapple popsicle, one juicy lick at a time.

4. **There is enough time.** Let each moment be what it is and nothing more. There will be time enough for worries and stresses, trying to navigate this crazy world. Right now all you have to worry about is right now.

5. **Choose your friends who will spend these wonderful days with you wisely.** You only get a limited number of sun-soaked, long, lazy days of summer. The people you surround yourself with at this time determine what kind of summer you're going to have more than anything else. If you surround yourself with people who are bitter and complain, you'll more than likely find yourself feeling bitter and complaining. Surround yourself with people who love and appreciate and you'll find yourself loving and appreciating.

6. **There's no room in bliss for self-consciousness and fear.** Do your abs fall short of a six-pack? Do your arms jiggle when you wave? Has your chest been compared to a bird? Does a bulge of skin appear at the waist above your bathing suit? I'm only going to say this once—who gives a damn? It's not worth wasting glorious days of summer being hung up on perfection. Too many lives have been squandered like this. Your body knows when you hate it. Poor body. Love it and it will love you. You have a rich life out there just waiting for you to free yourself from fear and go grab it. Be bold and take it this summer.

7. **Exhale.** Sometimes we hold our breath so much we don't even realize it until we're given the chance to breathe it all out. Summer gives you that excuse, that reason. Let go of all that anxiety and breathe in something fresh. Something new. I promise that things aren't as dire as they seem. Promise.

8. **This too, will end.** One of the things that makes summer so amazing is the knowledge that it's short-lived. The transitory nature of it forces you to suck out every last drop of wonder. Don't leave anything in the bucket. It'll be filled again next year.



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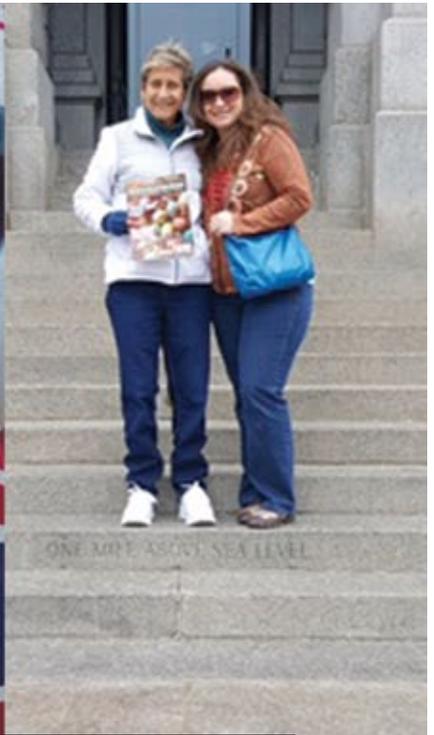
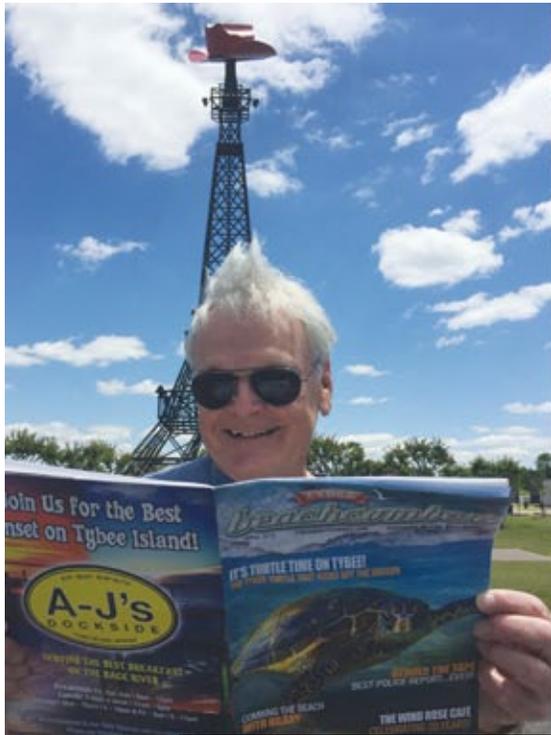
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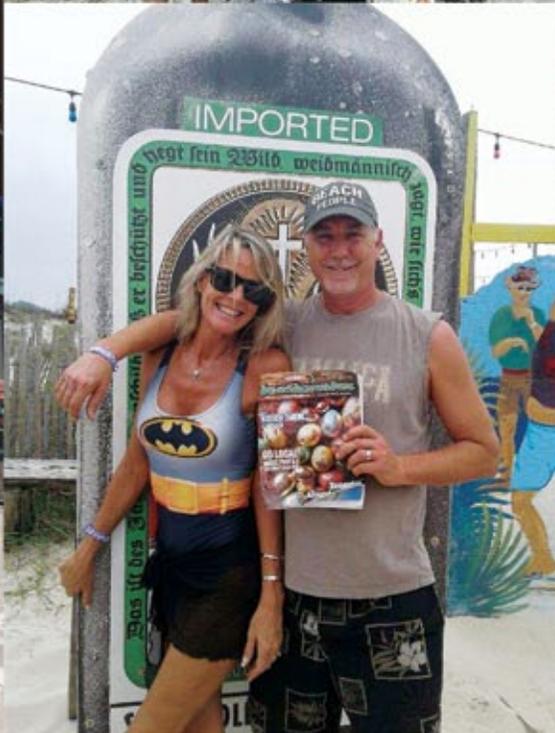
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TRAVELING BEACHCOMBER



From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

To the best of my recollection, my old man never had fun on family vacations. As children, we were convinced that he considered the entire proposition of traveling with one's spouse and offspring to be only suitable when forging a new nation. Otherwise, he found the practice of the family vacation to be a form of social vandalism. As kids, we were convinced initially that his view of vacations, like most fun activities, was deemed a Communist plot. Later, we came to figure that he only participated because he was trying to infiltrate from within after "hippies turned the country soft." Despite my siblings growing up predominantly during the 80's, I was always keenly aware of his view of vacations as a necessary evil in order to prop up the floundering economy due to the "failures of the Carter Administration."

Other families received the many benefits that a vacation affords, such as the opportunity to reconnect with loved ones, or pondering the meaning of life - if only to determine, or remind themselves why they do what they do all year.

Our old man spent all year practicing for car trips as a mobile interrogation device. These included frequent reminders that we were 'lucky' to enjoy the amenity level of the backseat of the family car. In addition, we were informed that he had willfully chosen to bring us along on the trip, along with the obligatory challenge to just as easily be back at home without having any 'fun' unless we adhered to his whimsy defined as fatherhood and the raising of children. Despite these annual suppression exercises, we lived to take our own vacations, and tell our own versions of the history lived through as bystanders with the same conviction. Before PTSD & Stockholm Syndrome, there was only childhood and parenting. Somewhere in those crash course sessions on keeping your mouth shut, we found our own ways in the world, and each tried to entertain the masses with our own brand of coping skills.

These days, I'm reminded of this sentiment as I watch folks in their migrations from their campsites, rental houses, or cars for their seaside pilgrimages to reconnect with what's most important to them. Although I've never stopped to ask people what they plan to do with all their stuff when they finally get to the beach, I'm fairly certain that my father would find contentment as he'd think they are embarking on the beach for colonization purposes.

How in the world could lugging a hundred pounds of beach gear, food, drinks, and other merchandise that don't even belong to you be considered 'having fun' to so many people? Previously, I would have dismissed this as participatory marketing, or due to some moral obligation that places humanity and salmon in strange, genetic, migratory patterns.

Whether a benefit of perspective afforded by age, experience, or withstanding the education imposed by our elders, sometimes life has a way of reminding us of lessons we didn't know we'd learned. Sometimes, it takes being confronted with the lessons barked by an angry old man, years after a childhood spent trying to avoid them, to understand the importance of a family to carry that hundred pounds of stuff that don't belong to you over beach sand.

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- The **YMCA** is also hopping this month, offering paddleboard and surfing classes, as well as a variety of camps for all ages! How fun is that?? Go to ymcaofcoastalga.org for the scoop on times and places.



- There is also going to be a huge **Fireworks** display on *July 4th* at the Pier, so make sure your parents get you there early for prime viewing spots!



- **The Tybee Post Theater** is jam packed this month, but I want to direct your attention to the **Gray's Reef Tuesdays Summer Film Series** beginning *July 11th*. This is a fascinating look at our sea creatures and the wonders of the ocean. Go to tybeeposttheater.org or call 912-472-4790 to get all the details. There are a variety of dates with different films so make sure you check it out.



- **Movies in the Park** is always awesome to party with the 'rents. Pack up a picnic and a blanket and get down to Memorial Park on *July 15th*. This month's movie is **Monster Trucks**. It starts at 8:45pm and is great for all ages.



Have a great summer kids!! Remember, there is more to Tybee than just the beach!!

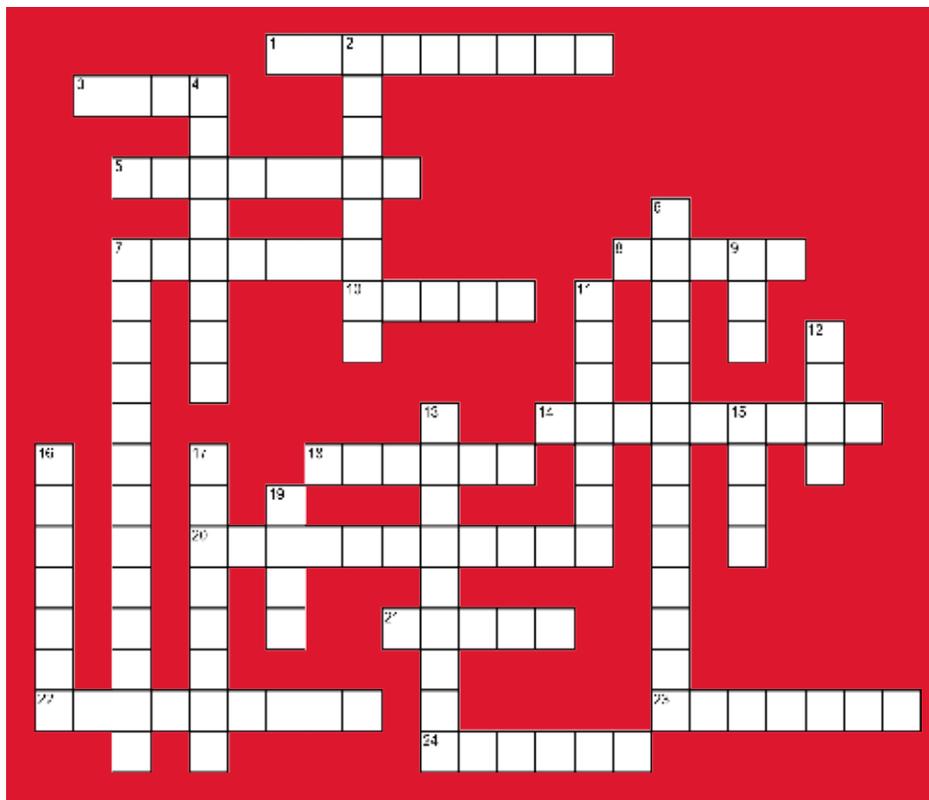
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