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From the EDITOR

Hey Hey 2019!!! Here we are! A whole new year spread out before us like a fabulous buffet! What will it bring? How many resolutions can I break in one day? Mimosas or Bloodys? Oh, the decisions of a New Year!! Somehow, one must go on! Let's get to it!

The Scratch 'N Sniff Contest was fun and entertaining. You can read all about that **Pickle Party** on whatever page it lands on between here and the last page. Yes, drinks were drank and we all behaved very badly. Very. Badly. Ask Jummy Prosser, who managed somehow to behave worse than the rest of us ... no surprise there.

Moving along to a Happy January... I really have nothing more inspiring than just keeping going. Giggle always and just try to be a decent human being are my profound words of advice. Use your turn signal and tip your waiter and everything else will fall into place ... I promise!

The Traveling Beachcomber continues to haunt me in the best way ever!!! You people take us everywhere and I'm so heartfelt proud of this. We want to showcase each of you on every page, but cannot. Once we become a weekly publication (death first), I will get you all front and center, until then ... January's winner is **Stacey Pike** and **Jake Sadowsky** (no relation to the BC's) who traveled to Scotland to get our attention! Stacey's brother is an archeologist (woohoo Indiana Jones!!) and is working on an excavation of a Neolithic village in the Orkney Islands. Stacey is standing in front of the Standing Stone. WOW!!! What an opportunity to check out some serious history! For your efforts, off to A-J's we go!!! Call me!

Alright kids! Grab that mimosa (light on the o.j. please) and let's get it on!!! Happy New Year!!!

P.S. This has been written two days before the Beachcomber Christmas Party. Let me apologize in advance, and if I go missing, you have 32 people to pick from. Happy Orient Express y'all!

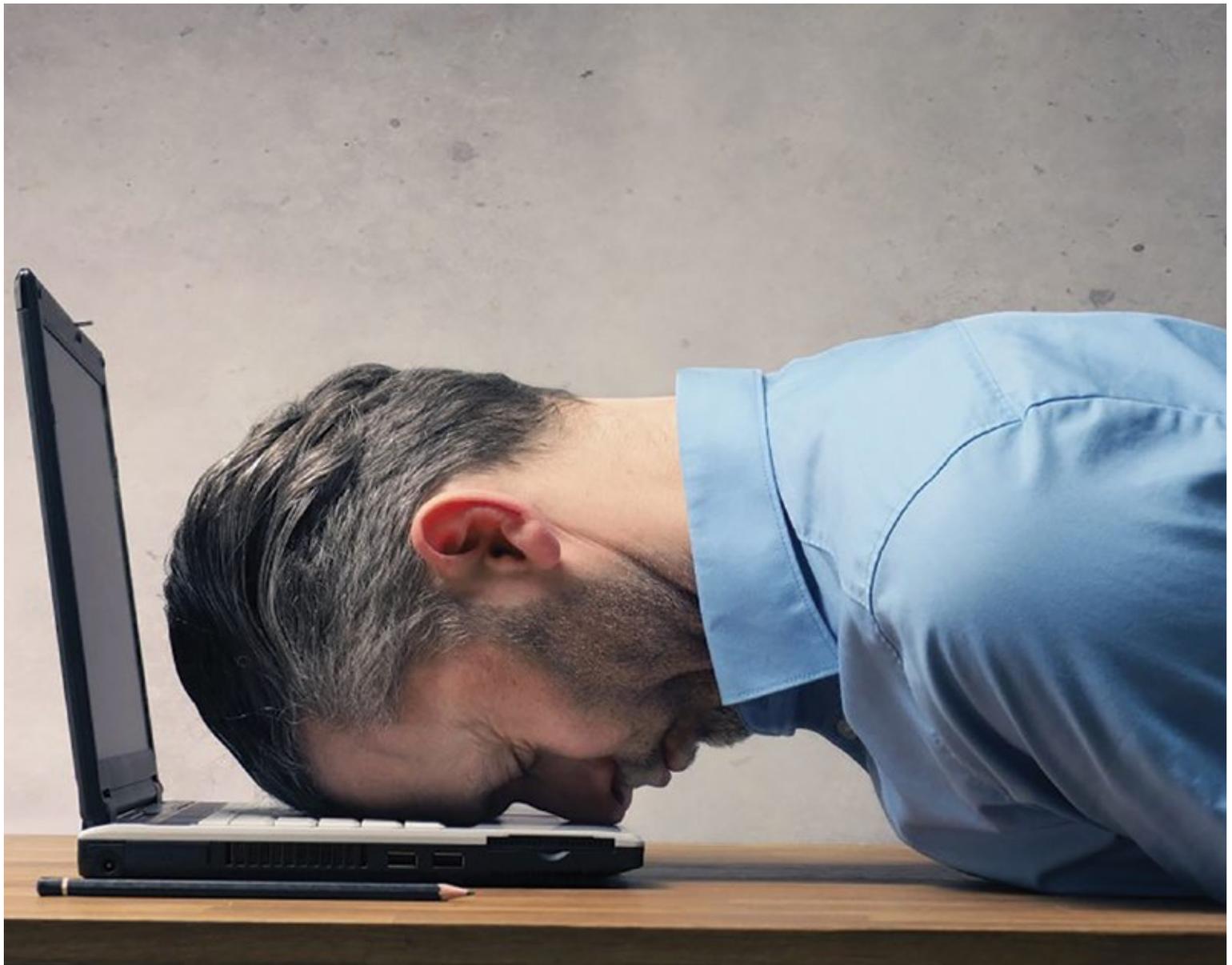




Oftentimes, the common folk (yes, you) will reach out to me: “Jimmy, you magnificent beast, does the Beachcomber need writers? I like to write,” you’ll say to me. But do you think you have what it takes to be a writer? Not just anyone can write, I’m a community college drop-out, a public, community college drop out. Do you have the balls to write for us? We have deadlines, and a Christmas party, this isn’t for the faint of heart. But, if you’re still with me, following me, here are some articles the Tybee Beachcomber is looking to have written, pick one, submit it, and maybe, just maybe, if you’re lucky enough, you’ll be allowed to call yourself my co-worker.

- **Bathroom Bloopers** - Pier Edition, North Beach Edition
- **Sand** - An Explanation Grain by Grain
- **Dunes** - No Need – We Will Just Rebuild Every Year
- **Drunk of The Month**
- **Who’s Shoe Is That** - Things You Find On Butler
- **People Who Are Too Sexy for Tybee** - The Eric And Heather Thomas Story
- **Thanks! Whoever’s Bike I Stole Last Night**
- **Where in Ohio Are You From?**
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- **Jellyfish Stings and Other Golden Shower Opportunities**
- **Glass** - You Don’t Get That Sound from Breaking Plastic
- **Straws** - Do We Really Need Sea Turtles?
- **More Family Friendly Activities** - Or Lower the Drinking Age
- **Lazaretto Creek Bridge** - A Necessity?

Hopefully you feel inspired to write for us and select your article’s topic from the list above. I have faith in all of you. The winning submission will receive that opened, half a PBR from the back of my fridge, probably from Poo’s, or maybe Bubba Gumbo’s. Send your submissions to info@tybeebeachcomber.com. Subject line: What the hell Jimmy?



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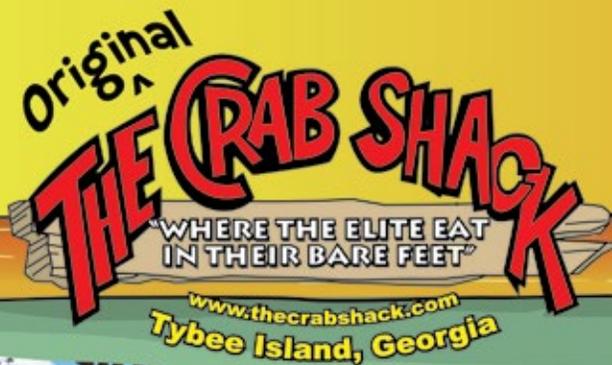


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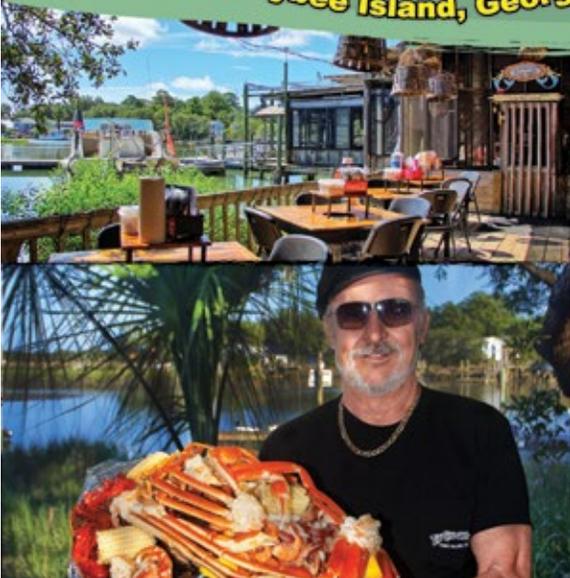


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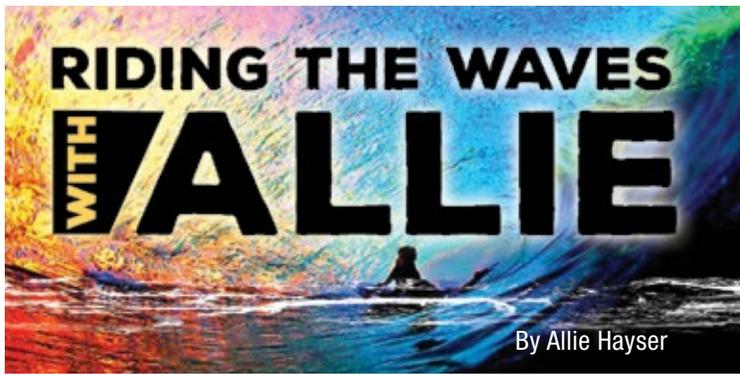
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Tybee Island Bucket List

- Read the Tybee Beachcomber!
- Tybee Polar Plunge
- Walk the beach
- 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)
- Rent a golf cart
- 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
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- 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



2019 IS FOR SURFERS AND WATER LOVERS

1. Get Out and Surf More. This one is a CLASSIC. Many resolutions are set to go swimming, surfing, or just go to the beach more in the next year. Maybe you think, "It's a shame I don't go to the beach more when I live so close." Do yourself a favor and just go see the ocean for a few minutes every day. Watch more sunsets at Alley 3, surf a sunrise by the pier, or dance in the full moon on the beach. Get out and enjoy the beauty of Tybee Island this year. People who live by the sea are typically happier and more harmonious to be around.

That also goes for many of the surfers I've known in my life. Without saltwater therapy, surfers can get irritable, making all of these excuses to deny themselves the magical feel of a surf session, and can feel really off-balance and unhappy. Paddle out when you need it! Let yourself "get worked" in some swirly mess of a winter storm, get crunched in a little sandy beach break, or have the cleanest and glassiest session of your life... you may need it. For the surfers starting out this winter/spring, if you get out and surf at any chance you get, you will undeniably progress faster and feel so much better by the time summer comes around. Wetsuit season is like wearing resistance bands all over your body and come late spring you will be in great shape from all of the paddling and pop-ups you've been doing!

2. Take Trips. Pack the car with your favorite people and boards and find some good surf! It's easier to make it down to Tybee and surf for a few hours on the regular than it is to read the reports and road trip to a new surf break, but a change of scenery and consistent waves makes it all worth it. For those who want less of a commitment: Go to Folly and surf the wash-out in SC. Trip down to Florida and hit Mayport Poles, Huguenot State Park, Flagler, Jacksonville, Little Talbot, or Hanna Park. Head to southern NC and surf Wrightsville Beach or Carolina Beach. For those of you who are in it for the whole weekend: Drive up and out to the outer banks of NC (Jennette's Pier, Cape Hatteras, Waves, Kitty Hawk). Hit some more southern spots in Florida like New Smyrna, Cocoa Beach, Ponce Inlet, or Sebastian Inlet.

For those of you who are all in and have been dreaming all year: Get a passport! Personally, I think everyone needs to go to Nicaragua (ask me for details), Costa Rica, Hawaii, Portugal, Australia, El Salvador, Peru, California. Anywhere! Get a group of your friends together and go in on a house together for a week or two. Experience new worlds doing what you love.

3. Spread the Stoke. Teach that friend that is always asking you to go out. Surfers have a really hard time being able to tear themselves away from catching waves. So this year, teach a pal or two how to surf. It passes along all of the magical vibes you still feel today when you catch a wave. Many of us say that surfing saved our lives, healed our souls, or made our lives better... share that and make someone else's better too.

Buy surf lessons from a local surf school. This can be really valuable to those who are brand new to surfing, but also for those who know how to surf and are stuck in a "plateau" or "rut" and can't seem to progress past a point in their surfing. Surf coaches can paddle out with you, catch your little unknowing habits, help you focus on making the right corrections,

and change the game completely. If you aren't feeling a surf camp, talk to your buddies and have them start keeping an eye out for things you can improve on. Having feedback from my surf fam out there has helped me get over so many little plateaus in my surfing.

Another way to spread the stoke is to call a friend when the waves are good! Many surfers in the local community don't live out on the island, so if you drive down and know it's good, give them a heads up! Plus, you can enjoy a post-session with your friends that become your surf family. You can dissect the session, talk about improvements and moments that felt magical, and share how "awesome" your day was with a person who was able to be out there rather than ruffle the feathers of those who couldn't make it. Grab a beer or coffee, get some sunshine or salty stormy air, and slow down this year. Life happens and we don't want to live in the future all year, thinking of the things we should be doing or what is next, so be present in your surfing and in all you love to do!

4. Share Supplies. I always leave the house forgetting something... especially when it's a beach or surf day. Maybe your goal is to remember everything you'll need, or better yet... bring enough to share. Wax is the cheapest surf accessory to buy, and yet we lose it, forget it, and don't find the time to buy more. So when you buy or bring wax, tuck an extra in there for the friends who've been letting you have some last year. Pack an extra leash for those sick days where you or a pal may break a leash out in the surf. When your leash breaks and the waves are still so good, it is the kindest thing in the world when your friend offers you their extra! Replace and surf on!

Another way to share this year can be letting your friends keep their boards at your house, or helping them hog tie them to your/their car to get to the surf faster. I've been lucky that when I don't have room in my car for a longboard, when I'm randomly driving a car without a Tybee sticker, or I'm hightailing it on my beach cruiser, a friend has helped get my board to the beach. So rad and so nice! Buy them some wax or extra supplies this year to give back a little!

Last thing I'd like to mention is to go support your local shapers in the New Year. There are a handful of talented shapers that are working and investing time into making boards that are particularly amazing for our surf break! They can help you figure out what kind of board you would progress on, allow you to add some kind of personal touch, and trust them with some creative freedom to design your dream board. I am still pinching pennies over here, but y'all should reach out and learn about their techniques and how to order your own custom board! Supporting the surf community is the most respected and personable thing you can do to keep the stoke and local-love alive.

5. Physical Fitness/Cross Training. In order to last long out there on a choppy day in a wetsuit, you need to be "surf fit," toning all of the muscles you use during your session, as well as helping them recover and release afterwards. Yoga is great for flexibility, balance, and helping you achieve less achy feels after a long session. For those of you who aren't able to do a complete yoga class or make time to get on the mat, stretching before you paddle out does wonders. Take spin classes, run, get out and skateboard, lift some weights, find a pool and do some laps... all of these will only help you out there in the water and even avoid injury.

6. Environment Lovins'. Last but not least... make a healthy impact on the environment! Whether it is participating in beach clean-ups, supporting the plastic bag bans and other environmentally friendly movements, carpooling to surf sessions to save gas, or reaching out to support charities. Maybe you want to start wearing ocean friendly sunscreen like Avasol, using reusable water bottles, buying sustainable swimwear, or focusing on recycling and composting. So many little things you can do. Maybe it can be overwhelming to you that so much more can be done and there are even more people out there not doing their part... but pick somewhere to start and invite your friends to hop on the bandwagon. As for surf and ocean charities, I'd recommend looking into: Surfrider, Waves For Water, SurfAid, WildCoast, Surfers for Autism, and Surfers Healing.

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Behind the Tape...



By Cpl. Richard Dascal

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope all of you were able to enjoy your holidays and spend some time with family and friends. Things have slowed down around the island quite a bit. The tourists have decided it's too cold to be on the beach and have given us our much needed time off. As I've said before, make sure you are locking all your vehicles and your doors. Like clockwork, the winter time thefts have begun. Our officers are out and about making sure they keep a strong visual presence, but they can't be everywhere at once, and we don't stop all of it. The ones we miss, our detectives are busy trying to catch those thieves and keep them from stealing anyone else's stuff.

Several of our officers just completed the Georgia POST Field Training Officers course. This is an important program for our officers, because it certifies them to train the new officers coming to our department. Cpl. Strickland, Spo. Price, and Ofc. Dickerson all successfully completed this course and are now able to show our new officers the ropes after they complete the police academy. We also had two of our Jailers, Candace Woodward and Korra Jaglinski, complete Basic Jail School. This is a two week course required by the state for anyone working as a jailer in any police department or sheriff's office.

I hope all of you are able to enjoy the last bit of winter. Summer is quickly approaching and before you know it, everything will be too hot to deal with and we'll be overrun with vacationers. In the meantime, please remember to lock everything and if you see anyone that looks suspicious, call the police department so we can have our officers check it out. Everyone have a great month!



American Legion

By Jacque Dorazio

Seventeen Days Later...



Our country honors our veterans in November on Veteran's Day. I frequently think of all the men, women, and K9's that provide services to our armed forces, but now that Veteran's Day has passed, do thoughts remain of this special group of American patriots, their families, and their life changing experiences? Has the flag waving celebration waned until the next national day off?

I have been an advocate for veterans since the 1960s. I joined Tybee's American Legion to offer support to vets by creating an informative website with possible useful links for physical and mental health, feature special events the Legion has, and to post interesting related history bytes. I realize, after three years of providing my complimentary services to Post 154, I need to step up my mission and feature their personal paths, putting faces on these selfless souls that have sacrificed their youth for us.

Vietnam veteran, James Carter, is a member of Post 154, along with numerous veteran organizations in Chatham County. He was named the Donor of the Year in June 2007, for the Vietnam Vets of America. I met Jimmy on Veterans Day 2015. We participated in the Savannah parade with members of Post 154. He was in a WWI uniform, armed with his written pages - his personal thank you to all veterans. At the end of the parade route he recited it to the officials at the reviewing platform.

I spoke with him about his own path. Candidly, he spoke of his issues with PTSD and how he greatly appreciates what others do for vets. "Are the words 'thank you for your service' good enough?" I asked. "Of course," he replied with a hearty laugh! "Ironically, people also say, 'thank you for being there' and I reply, 'Thank God you weren't there.'" He and I share many of the same opinions of Vietnam. Years of studying and teaching a graduate class of this era, I realize he is also quite knowledgeable on that difficult time in our history. Jimmy also had a hand in organizing historical accounts at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum.

He is open about his journey with the 3rd Marine Division and readily shares his book *Vietnam Veteran - POW/MIA They Fought for This Country, It's Time This Country Fights for Them* boldly displayed on the cover. It is a strong portrayal of Jimmy turning 19 and landing in Vietnam seventeen days later. How many more young men and women grew up this way? College was not for him. He signed up March, 1965, and went to Parris Island for basic training in air flight mechanics and parachutes. He was shipped to a

duty station in Okinawa, which was to last about two years. It lasted 6/8 months. The Da Nang airbase had gotten hit and Vietnam was just getting hot. Stationed on the airstrip's perimeter, Jimmy was assigned to anti-tank detail. He lost half his friends at age 19 in Vietnam.

He served one tour and was offered a mere \$2100 to reenlist. His mother bluntly stated if he reenlisted he would not be welcomed home again. God-Mother-Country-Core, Jimmy knew what he had to do. He returned to sneers of the confused public. He joined the ranks voicing opposition to the war and helped vets assimilate into the 'peaceful' society.

Jimmy faces his embedded issues head on by creating incredible 3-D diorama scenes in bottles. He also builds to scale shrimp boats, planes, and lighthouses. Please visit tybeeslandamericanlegion.org to view his photos from Vietnam, his words, and miniature dioramas - how does he get a pack of cigarettes and matches into a tequila bottle? After you learn about his path, recall what you were doing seventeen days after you turned 19.

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The Pickle Party

By Alaina Loughridge

Periodically I get these epiphany's that usually send the Beachcomber staff running for their rubber roomed offices and their hidden bottles of booze (I know who y'all are). For my part, most of these ideas are pretty cool and even Rick, The Man, has to concede. The 'Pickle Idea' was full on mine and it was a huge pain in the ass that I will probably not do again (yes, I totally will do it again), but over-all I'm pleased with the outcome and here's the 'Pickle Story'...

The concept of the Scratch 'n Sniff sticker is old as dirt. You see the sticker and even if it says, "this smells like ass," the compulsion built into us silly humans is so overwhelming that our index finger is reaching for the sticker before our brains can even digest the fact this might end poorly. On that note, I want you to know my original idea for the winning sticker was a hotdog, but you would not believe how hard it is to get a Scratch 'N Sniff hotdog; not that the pickle was any easier, but I did it for the team!

November was rolling and I was cracking the whip to get this mag back in time for us to place the stickers in our December issue. I had 3,999 peppermint Christmas themed Scratch 'N Sniffs and one sheet of pickles for that special issue. My problem? Every single magazine needed to have a Scratch 'N Sniff sticker placed inside. I needed victi ... er ... help! I threw myself into Dizzy Dean's (they typically solve all of my problems) and bought one of everything, with an open bar in mind. With two gallons of vodka, two cases of Bud Light, two bottles of Egg Nog (laced with Jim Beam), a box of Chardonnay and a bottle of red, what could possibly go wrong??

Johnny Shepard, Cheryl Kerby, Betsey Jenkins, Joy Baker, David Eduardo and Jummy Prosser all answered the call (they must have been super bored). Four hours later, we got it done. At the bitter end, the sole survivors were Johnny, Cheryl, Jummy and myself. Cheryl really was the only one standing. Jummy had blacked out, I was wobbling and Johnny was giggling – all very bad signs. Everything was hilarious and my house looked like a magazine had exploded inside of it.

The truly best part is you can totally tell who 'handled' your magazine by seeing where the stickers are placed: Betsey and Joy were being creative by placing the sticker in front of Santa's face like he was blowing a bubble. David was being proper and placing his in the clouds. Jummy placed his stickers by Santa's private parts (both front and back) and Johnny and Cheryl placed theirs in similar inappropriate places. It really didn't help when Johnny got his hands on a Sharpie. What I am saying is "I am sorry we got drunk and had fun with your Scratch 'N Sniff stickers." (I'm not sorry at all and neither is anyone else).

After all of the craziness of pulling this contest off, I have to say it was so much fun and I am flat out delighted to announce that we do have a **Pickle Winner!!! Kasey Jordan** is our winner, who just so happens to have gotten married to the love of her life, Shrimper Brian, just last week in a super-secret ceremony in Mike Manitta and Joey Goralczyk's kitchen! Perfect timing to win a \$200 photography package from the renowned Wen McNally!!! That means we don't have to get them a wedding present! Right? Congratulations newlyweds!!!

So yes. I will have a pickle party next year! It was all worth it and so much fun (from what they tell me)!!! The evening went on after that, but that story is for the afterhours edition of the Beachcomber. If you really want to know, ask Jummy. He remembers – LOL!!

FOOD SPY

By Jimmy Prosser - Photos by Wen McNally

Tybean Art & Coffee Bar

This month we're taking it to a warmer and happy place, **Tybean Art & Coffee Bar**. Owned and operated by two Tybee locals, **Beth** and **Jane**, this place has easily become one of Tybee's staple stops. Now I'm loaded up on caffeine and my tummy is happy, and before we get too much further, for this Food Spy I was joined by the ... what's that? It's a bird, it's a plane? It's Wen McNally, Tybee's photographer to the stars, in the leading role as my own lovely assistant. Let's pour in!

First up was Tybean's signature **Cold Brew**, with whole milk and vanilla. This was the perfect intro to our experience, a beautiful blend of coffee, and the top seller of the summer. If you're not a big coffee fan I bet this will change your mind. Cold Brew is made using cold, never hot, water. The coffee is steeped 16 hours overnight in a vat. This forms a concentrate that allows countless possibilities for where it ends up. One of these possibilities is in the Nitro Keg, yes, a keg, it's Tybee after all. Nitro Kegs (often associated with Guinness) form a light, frothy, cascade effect when the coffee is poured. We drank this one black. It was bold, it was dark as midnight, and it was smooth. One thing I discovered is that not using hot water in the cold brew process kept this from getting that "burnt" taste people often use to describe straight black coffee.

While we were deciding what to sip on next, we were treated to the awesome **Breakfast Burrito**, with black beans, bacon, fresh grated cheddar cheese and egg whites. These are made every morning and prepped ready to go as soon as your cup is up! Beth recommended adding a little hot sauce from Inferno, and as much as I love their hot sauce, these burritos don't need to be tweaked at all. Jane gave us a beautiful fresh made **Scone**, and I'll be honest, I had no idea what a scone was, so don't feel bad if you don't either. The texture of a biscuit, but sweeter like cake, and mixed in with some fresh cranberries, it was heaven. Wen and I devoured them quickly (and got some to go).



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Besides traditional coffees and wonderful snacks, Tybean also offers over 20 different syrups to mix and try in your coffees, with options like smoothies, hot chocolate, and ciders. There's something for everyone, even a huge selection of tea. Speaking of tea, up came the **Matcha Green Tea**. I am a huge tea drinker, so this was right up my alley, it was herbal, and earthy. I adored that they were able to make it with soy (they also offer almond milk, as well as dairy milk). I gave Wen a sip and told her this one was for me. On the topic of green, Tybean uses Green Ware, plant-based plastics for their cups, lids, and straws. Finally felt guilt free using single use disposable cups. While I was loving on my Matcha, Wen started on the **Vanilla Latte**, a foamy, start your day off right, light drink that made me wish we had saved some scone. Perfect for those chilly or hot mornings.

We could not make this visit without trying their best seller, the **Craig** – a chocolate peanut butter frappe, with house-made whipped cream and rainbow sprinkles. I dubbed this a breakfast dessert. It was easy to see why people love this. The only thing that was quite possibly better was the fresh house made **Oatmeal Peanut Butter Cookie**. Giant, soft, and a bit chewy, it was everything I could have asked for in a cookie. We tried it with the hot **Holiday Blend**, rich, bold, a match made in heaven.

As Wen and I checked out their merchandise (and it's quite a selection) with trucker hats, bags, shirts, magnets, buttons, and original one-of-a-kind pieces by local artists, Beth and Jane whipped up us a **Chai Tea latte** (Rooibos, South Africa). It was the perfect end to a great visit.

If you haven't yet made your way to Tybean, they are part of the Tybee Oaks family, sitting next to Huc A Poos on Hwy. 80 and are open 7:30am-5pm Monday through Saturday and 8am-5pm on Sunday. Be sure to stop in, grab your favorite drink and say hello to the house cat Bean.





Winter on Tybee

By David Eduardo

It was winter, twelve maybe fifteen years ago, when Tybee walked into my life. Spend a little time here, you'll quickly notice the island's beautiful off-season stride fueled by a genuine community bond. You won't find a sickeningly sweet & sterile beach town sponsored by Walt Disney and the PGA. Golf? There's not even putt-putt. Instead, imagine a rogue Florida Key drifting east, then north, making friends with the marshes and deciding Savannah was a better neighbor than Miami. So, when locals outnumber visitors and the sun sets way too early, there's no better time for a pilgrimage to the place often and (mostly) accurately described as a "truck stop by the sea."

If you're combing these pages for the first time, it's a safe bet you've already crossed the Lazaretto Creek Bridge, you're new to town and looking for something to do in January at the beach. Hopefully you're a heavy drinker and avid eater with a proclivity for the outdoors during cooler temps. Feel free to continue reading even if that last sentence doesn't exactly describe you.

Stay Anywhere

No locally published travel puff piece is complete without the cliché, 'there's something for everyone,' so we'll use it immediately. Whether your island dream accommodations involve seedy motels, questionable flop houses, quiet beachfront condos or whimsically appointed cottages steeped in history, Tybee has you covered. There's even **River's End**, a classic family-friendly campground and RV park. Be warned, winter can be cold and windy, so perhaps it's best to opt for that Winnebago over a primitive campsite, for a less intense experience.

If being in tents isn't your idea of fun, just rent any of the warm island dwellings offered by locally owned & operated **Mermaid Cottages**. From folksy and charming to stunning and opulent, this top notch vacation rental agency has a home away from home with a clever name, certain to suite your personality.

For the low-key and budget conscious **The Sea & Breeze** motel is nice enough, and their pool was featured in the movie *Dirty Grandpa* starring Robert De Niro, so you'll have a built-in vacation anecdote.

Alternative Transportation

Upon arriving on Tybee, please park your car and ignore it until it's time to leave. This is a tiny pedestrian friendly island best experienced at a slow pace. Walk everywhere, at different times of the day, evening, even late night.

If you can't bring a bike, rent one. If walking and bicycling just aren't your thing and you need a motorized vehicle, rent a golf cart from the fine folks at **Tybee Golf Carts**. The carts come equipped with a parking permit that allows renters to bypass the expensive meters dotting every inch of the island. When necessary and when drunk, forget Uber, step back in time and call a cab. Go ahead and put the number to **Breezy Riders** in your phone now.

Explore

I'm pretty sure **Fort Screven** is haunted, so check it out if that's your thing. Blink and you'll miss **The Sally Pearce Nature Trail**, a nice place to walk the dog with a lovely bench swing and rewarding marsh vista. Get curious about the nearly four ton nuclear warhead hidden for decades somewhere on neighboring (and larger) Little Tybee Island, then contact **Sea Kayak Georgia** when you're brave enough to paddle over with a metal detector and Geiger counter. Climb all 178 steps to the windy top of the **Tybee Island Lighthouse** because you need the exercise and the view is amazing, and yes that's South Carolina over there.

Wine & Dine

Come for the dive bars. Stay for the dive bars. If you don't enjoy worn out bar stools and well-seasoned walls, that oh, if only they could talk—then please, change. Spend as much time as you can at **Huc A Poos** and maybe one day you'll be effortlessly cool like the dinged-up and dusty pizza joint tucked away behind a wildly eclectic bazaar off US 80.

And when you're downtown wandering Tybrisa Street, wondering what'll become of that hermit crab you just bought for some reason, duck into the **Wind Rose Café** for stiff drinks, cold beers and red-blooded American daily lunch specials like meatloaf (Monday, duh) and Salisbury steak (Tuesday).

If you're not allowed to spend all your time trading fish stories in dive bars with salty characters then yes, go see the sunset at **A-J's Dockside** or sip killer margaritas at **The Deck**, a newish beachfront restaurant and welcome addition to the local culinary scene. And if you hate making dinner reservations because you're too damn spontaneous, then walk into **Sundae Café** before 9pm and check if there's an empty seat at the bar. Who knows, you may get lucky and have the best supper in Savannah, without having to leave the island.



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TO KETO OR NOT TO KETO

By Alaina Loughridge



Y'all have been with me through some crazy diet plans: The Vinegar Diaries (which I'm still kind of half ass doing), the Coconut Plan, I was going to tell you about the Porridge Plan, but it was so brief and boring I couldn't bring myself to tell you about that particular two day fail. Lots of other fails, but I continue to try because I am hopeful that I can be slim, trim and healthy (with no exercise involved) and so is my belly pooch. You also know that I am about as grounded as a street pigeon on any one subject for long. However, I have excellent news today. I think I found The One! I know! But truly. If you have ever read anything I have ever written, you know that I do tend to blow smoke up your ass, but I almost always immediately fess up. No smoke today. It's called The Keto Diet and I am full blown excited about it.

Before you get all nutty with me, keep in mind I am no doctor. I do a lot of things without consulting a doctor too and I don't have all the facts here, but I'm gonna plant the seed and you can Google and make your phone calls from there. So... Ginger came in to the Rose one day for lunch with Laurie and they were absolutely giddy with chit chat about this new powder they are on. Instant all day energy, weight loss, great attitude, not shaky shakes or nervous energy. Immediately fascinated by this conversation, I insisted on knowing more. Here is the scoop:

There is this thing called Ketosis and, according to Google, it is a natural metabolic state that involves the body producing ketone bodies out of fat and using them for energy instead of carbs. Your body can get into ketosis by following a very low-carb, high fat ketogenic diet. So, no. I'm out. I love potatoes, pasta, bread and booze. But wait, it's not a food, it's a powder! What? I could potentially do something like that... However, keep in mind this magic powder is not the Keto Diet. The Keto Diet is very strict and could potentially take days, while the powder gets your body in ketosis in 60 minutes or less.

This powder is called Keto//OS and you take it in the morning on an empty stomach. Ginger gave me five samples of the Orange Dream flavor (there are a ton of delish flavors). She warned me that I should start out with just half of the package, as your body immediately flushes out everything you have done to it. I started this scene two weeks ago. I highly recommend you do not start out your first two days when you have to go to work or be far away from the bathroom facilities. It is what it is folks. It's not that terrible and your energy level is worth the sit time. My house was spotless after two days and my to-do list was crossed off. I literally had nothing to do. That is not normal in my house. Ever. I did nothing to change my diet. I still eat, just less portions and I actually want to eat healthy more often than not. That statement in itself is so un me, but I am truly inspired!

I wanted to know more so I attended a Pruvit event here on Tybee. Several people I knew were there and surprisingly included several kids and men. I heard some amazing stories about the benefits of this Ketosis powder! For kids, it helps them focus and maintain a natural health and weight. For adults with health problems, the list of benefits is long and surprising.

You really should check this out. I am not going to lie - the price is cringe worthy, but the benefits are fabulous and you would spend that money on something bad for you anyway. It can't hurt to try a few sample packets and see if it works for you. Do your Google research and call **Ginger Adams** with any additional questions you have. You can reach her at 478-457-4267 and/or gingeradams.experienceketo.com. Do your research!!! Find out if this is right for you.

Y'all ain't getting any thinner and if you are constantly complaining of being tired and worn down even after 10 hours of sleep, what do you have to lose? So join me in this expedition and see who has the best bikini bod next summer! And/or whomever has the cleanest house! I'm up for a wager! Who is with me?



Binging with Becca

By Becca Smeltzer

Bingeworthy Baking

Hello darlings! In this month's edition of Binging, we are going to be talking about my new personal favorite... **The Great British Baking Show!**

This masterpiece of reality television, of all television, is a BBC original. It is exactly what you would expect from a baking show... a weekly competition consisting of specific baking tasks that, once completed, are judged before kicking the least talented baker off the show. It is also exactly what you would not expect from a reality baking competition. There is none of the ill-will, gossiping, or back stabbing that is typical of reality television. No waiting for someone to fall for a laugh and a sneer. This show is full of teamwork, inspiration, and hope.

Each season of the show begins with twelve of the best amateur bakers the UK can find. They all get together in "The Tent." The magic of the tent cannot be described, so I suggest if you endeavor to comprehend magic, you begin watching this show immediately. Each week a variety of challenges, focused on one theme in baking, is tasked to the contestants. Bread week, pastry week, cake week, biscuit week, and so on and so forth. The contestants, whose names take no time at all to learn, and who you will no doubt wish to spend an evening drinking wine and eating your favorite pie with, spend each weekend completing three challenges.

The first is a signature challenge, vague and full of room to show off their own personal styles and flavor preferences. During the second, a technical challenge, each contestant is given the same ingredients, the same tools, and the same incomplete recipe to create a very specific baked good. Hopefully they have heard of it before, already know how to make very specific ingredients, and know the techniques from their own personal baking experience. If they don't, well, at least they can look around the tent at their comrades and try to glean clues the recipe doesn't reveal. The third, the showstopper challenge, is always the grandest. Make a wedding cake. Make a stuffed bread centerpiece, make three dozen donuts to be the center at a family gathering. It is a huge undertaking, and they are given hours to complete it, but it also provides the most wiggle room for invention, creativity, and pizzazz. It can make or break your favorite baker's chances at survival. It's their last chance to prove themselves to the judges, because each week is its own competition. You can be the star baker week one, thanks to your perfectly flaky croissants, but if your Baked Alaska doesn't set properly during week two... well, you're out.

In this aspect, the judges can appear cruel. They forget the magnificent lion you crafted out of nothing but bread and a dream and tell you it's time for you to leave the tent for something as simple as a slightly runny custard or shoddy decorations on your cupcakes. They can look at your pastry and tell each other to not even take a bite of that during judgement, it's raw and shouldn't be eaten... the fact that the world is watching be damned. But they are also loving. This is raw, but just two more minutes in the oven, just another pinch of spice, it would have been perfect, and my goodness the color on this loaf is

perfection. They are fair. They want every contestant in that tent to succeed... and continue baking after they leave. Bluntness and tenderness come served with every éclair, every tart.

This isn't only a reality television show. It's a lesson. A lesson in technique, process, inspiration, and baking. A lesson in love and passion. Let's be honest, love and passion is what baking is all about. No one bakes simply to eat. We bake for the meditative process. We bake for the life it brings to our palettes. We bake to share the joy of it with the ones we love.

The hosts jostle around the tent loving and helping everyone with everything. Yes, they have their hosting duties. They announce the challenges, they kick contestants out of the tent and they announce star bakers. But they also act as assistants. They help ice cakes, find freezer room for the crème patisserie that is not quite set, and help hide little mistakes beneath glitter and fondant. They run around the tent giving encouragement and laments like only annoying older siblings can - lighthearted, giggly, and compassionate. They help provide entertainment to us viewers when the bakers are too time crunched to worry about playing to the camera, and they give the gift of a well-placed joke to the baker who is on the verge of tears after their sugar globes have all shattered five minutes before the judges walk back into the tense tent for the final judgement. They are the sugar glue holding the entire show together.

If you are looking for something exciting to watch, something fun, something that will keep you on the edge of your seat with lighthearted glee, and something that sometimes makes you shout at your television... well, The Great British Baking Show is for you. This pinnacle of reality TV has no match (none that I have found anyway). And if you haven't yet been able to shake the holiday spirit, they have just released a holiday special on Netflix.

So... On your marks... Get set... BAKE!

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By Mike Manitta

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- 1/18/19 - An 80's Redux w/The Southern Holiday Jazz Band – Tybee Post Theater
- 1/26/19 - King Mackerel & the Blues Are Running – Tybee Post Theater
- 2/9/19 - Fire & Rain, the James Taylor Experience – Tybee Post Theater
- 2/9/19 - St. Paul and The Broken Bones – Georgia Theatre – Athens
- 3/1/19 - 7th Annual Savannah Blues Festival – Savannah Civic Center
- 3/2/19 - Joe Bonamassa – Johnny Mercer Theater - Savannah
- 3/3/19 - Fleetwood Mac – Phillips Arena - Atlanta
- 3/15/19 - Elton John – Jacksonville Veteran's Memorial Arena – Jax
- 5/29/19 - Ozzy Osbourne – State Farm Arena – Atlanta
- 6/1/19 - Hootie & The Blowfish – Lakewood Amphitheatre - Atlanta
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Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge




This job isn't easy and we have a system that works usually, but after years of fans clamoring for his attention, it is time: **Douglas E. White aka Diablo aka Dude**. What did you do to me last night? Aka I thought we were friends aka I never want to see you again is January's Bartender of the Month! A new year and the same friendly face to greet you behind that *Wind Rose* creaking door! I know! Love me some Diablo and here is his story...

Born and raised with his two sisters and a brother in Macon, Georgia, Doug did the routine of growing up and schooling it at South West High (No. It's not an alternative. I asked.). For many years after graduation, Doug did the construction gig and literally can build you a new home from the footings up. But we are working with cocktails now, so let's stick with that. In 1999, Doug took a random job on Talahi Island (the little one to the west of us) and became enamored with island living and just like that, a new Tybee resident was created (I think a girl was involved). Anyhoo, Doug was doing his construction thing and dining every day at the Wind Rose.

One day the Rose was a cook short and Keith, the cook at the time, told Nell (owner) to talk to Spicoli. Spicoli wanted a job at the Rose. Nell asked if Spicoli could cook. The answer has led to a 16 year relationship of cooking, bartending, plumbing, concrete, roofing, electric and everything in between. Nell called Doug "Spicoli" for two weeks before someone kindly explained that Spicoli is Sean Penn from *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* (now, if I have to explain THAT, y'all are dead to me). So here we are front and center. I've

worked with Doug for a few years now and I am going to flat out admit, he is my fave and I know a number of you are big fans, so here is the secret, secret scoop:

Tybee Life: 19 years

Passion: MUSIC!!! Playing, listening, shucking, jiving and just thinking music, everything from folk, bluegrass, pop, polka, classical, head banging, metal, more metal and some extra metal. His favorite band of all time is Amorphis if that helps you get centered into Doug's head. **Grows Up: He wants to be "Alive."** Fair enough.

Spirit Animal: A River Otter – they are cheerful and playful creatures that manage the waterways. Yes, that one made me step back as well, but I can see Doug doing that...

Doug's *go-to drink* is anything his hand touches, but his specialty is called the **Honey Badger**. It is chilled Wild Turkey Honey with a Jager floater. Naturally, I had to take one for the team. I honestly don't remember what happened after that, but I'm pretty sure I had a good time because they told me so.



Doug truly is a one-of-a-kind bartender and if you can get past the spider web tattoo on his Adams Apple and his downright hatred for stupid people, you should be ok. Don't make plans for the following day as you will be unable to get out of bed ... assuming you get there to begin with. See you in the gutter my friends ... Oh, and Doug is single, ladies

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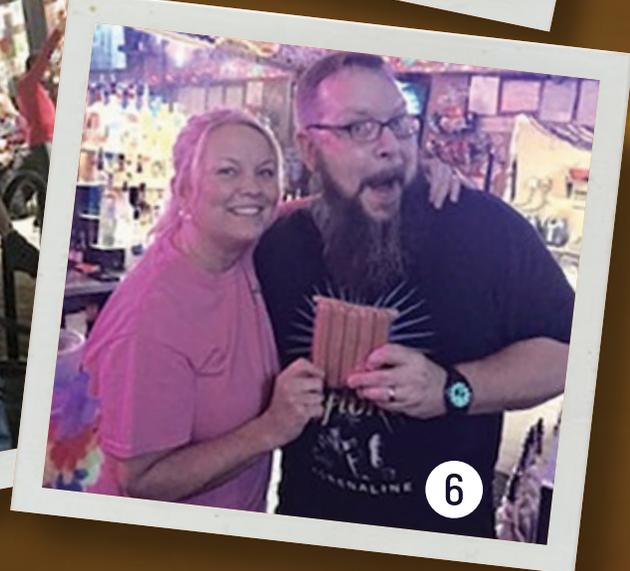
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Combing the Beach

By Ron, Alaina and Jimmy



1 So **Rocky** begged **Mary Kate** to marry him. I believe she agreed to be engaged. She is definitely wearing the ring. I didn't have the heart to tell her it is from a gum machine. He did spend close to \$10 before he got the ring.

2 If you play darts you have already met **Joe-Boo**. He is the adopted mascot on the **Darts and Roses team**. **Aaron**, **Nick** and **Kaylee** are not superstitious, Aaron said it is bad luck. But he will not play without Joe-Boo.

3 **Doc's dart team** played against **Joe-Boo** and the gang. **Angela**, **Judy**, **Pam**, **Virgil** and **Bruce** said screw Joe-Boo. Judy also added if they think they're all that come back and let's play some bumper pool. I will take their ass to school.

4 **Joey** and I went to **New Orleans** and met up with my bestie, **Greg**, for my birthday. Greg is a Saints season ticket holder so we went to the game. They were supposed to be playing the Philadelphia Eagles. They had on Eagles uniforms but I don't believe it was the Super Bowl Champion Eagles.

5 **Betsey** is pointing out **Rudy** wearing pants and shoes! With socks! Rudy is clearly put out by this turn of events as you can see by the look on his face. Rudy has always been a shorts and flip flops kind of guy so it must have been cold! Poor guy has to wear shoes!

6 **Jennifer Harden** and **Jefro** got caught doing I'm not sure with hotdogs. I really didn't have the nerve to ask. Whatever is going on it looks like a good time!



7 Shenanigans happening at the *Wind Rose!* **Tony Abruzzio** is supposed to be playing his guitar, but I caught him goofing around with **John Branigan!** Those kids never behave when they are together.

8 **Kim, Jamey and Tiffany** happily posed for me when I dropped by the *Rivers End Campground* to get the skinny on the local goings on! What a tough job they have overseeing happy campers!

9 Oh how the cameras have turned!!!! I caught **Wen** at *A-J's* drinking more than she could hold! I have to admit I'm jealous! That drink looks delicious!

10 Did you know *Nickie's* is serving up all you can eat crab legs every Tuesday? Slaw, fries, corn, hush puppies and mounds of glorious, glorious crab legs, as shown by our two lovely crab leg models, **Jimmy and Alaina.**

11 Nothing will stop these *Coco's* kids from getting to work, except maybe high tide. At least they had fun waiting for the road to open! Left to Right, **Justin, Cheyenne and Chelsea.**

12 It's always great running into these two lovely ladies! **Terry and Kara** definitely make everyone's day brighter! I caught them up at *middle Chu's* next to Sundae Café.



TRAVELING BEACHCOMBER

1. **Cathy Lewis** and her hubby, **Randy**, took us to the Big Apple to hang out with Bette Midler in Hello, Dolly! A big southern 'Hey Y'all' to Bette!
2. **Shrimper Brian** is out in the Big Blue to our immediate East looking very much like The Thinker. We don't want to know what you're thinking Mr. Jordan!
3. My personal favorite DBW singer, **Tony Abruzzio** and his lovely wife, **Sherry**, make friends wherever they go and Key West is no exception!
4. **Becky Porsga** clearly made some bad decisions while in Pensacola, Florida. Thankfully, she remembered to take us with her so we could be a part of this! I wonder if we are in her mug shot?
5. Funny enough, as Becky is cooling her heels in the local pokey, her husband, **Joey**, and cohorts in total mayhem, **Cheryl Kerby** and **Johnnie Shepard** are taking a tour (making a getaway?)
6. Those **Baker Girls** look like they are having a fabulous time at the pool in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic! I bet alcohol was involved!
7. **Alfie & Beverly Waite** went to Nassau, Bahamas with us! I've never heard threats before over a Traveling BC, but Beverly please don't hurt Alfie!!! It's almost tax time!
8. **Mac McLellan** aka Chief Chief at Chip and Joanna Gaines' (Fixer Upper) Silos in Waco, Texas.
9. **Fidgit Price** and her daughter, **Ashley**, at Ground Zero, New York City, New York. Never Forget.

Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

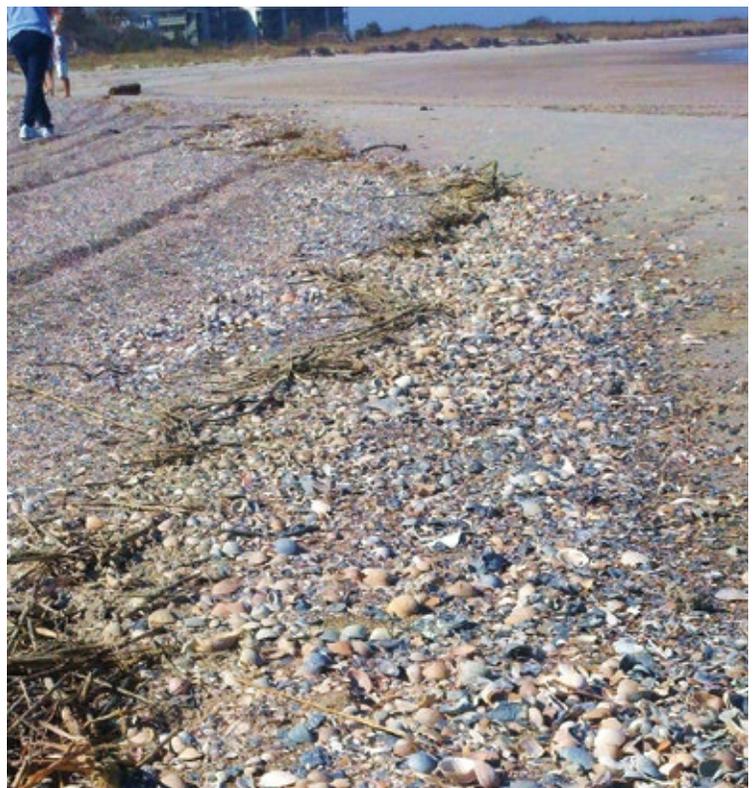
SHELLING ON TYBEE

I often get asked where the best places are, and when are the best times for finding shells on Tybee. I'll usually answer that shelling on Tybee is weird! Based on my experience, you never know where you'll find good patches of shells. You might walk along a stretch of beach where there are few shells, but keep walking and you might get to an area where there are a bunch washed up. And after the next tide cycle, the location and distribution may well have changed.

In general, the larger shells are going to be up near the high tide line. It takes faster moving water to transport and carry the bigger, heavier shells. As our local surfers know, we get our biggest, strongest waves near the time of high tide; so the larger objects are going to be moved and carried in when the water is moving fastest.

But here's an exception! Large Whelk shells are often too heavy to move up onto the beach, so they tend to lay around offshore and get washed further in during rough surf. As they roll around, they might get trapped between rocks in the jetties at the south and north ends. So these locations can sometimes be productive during low tide when you can explore around the rocks, especially if it is during a period when sand is eroding out of the rocks. But remember and be warned: For your own safety, it is against the law to climb on the rocks. Also, be sure that there isn't a Hermit Crab inside any shells. They like to live inside Whelk and Moon Snail shells.

My wife, Jackie, taught me something about hunting for Lettered Olive shells on Tybee. Olives are her favorite, and she is really good at finding them. She told me, when you find an Olive shell, slow down and look carefully in that same area, and you are likely to find a few of them. It makes sense. Because of their shape, dimensions and density, they are going to roll and move around in the water until the speed is just right for them to settle out. As a result, they will often



get deposited close together.

One other general tip is that you are likely to find better shell deposits along areas of the beach where the slope is gradual or flatter. The flatter, wider beach provides the best conditions for shells to settle out as the tide falls. Also, along sections of the beach where the wave energy is less (near the north end or south end inlets) you will have a better chance of finding some of the more fragile shells such as Duck Clams, Razor Clams, and Angel Wings.

My recommendation is to go whenever you feel like it. And try different areas of the beach. It is constantly changing. Some days will be good, and other days it will just be good exercise.

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BOOK REVIEW

By Nell Klein

One That Got Away

By Helen Greenfield

One Tuesday morning, our illustrious leader, Alaina, handed me a gift bag saying that she had a present for me. Surprise, surprise, it was a book. It seems she had met the author of *One That Got Away* at the Farmer's Market the day before and assured her that I would be delighted to review her book. When I read the back cover I said, "Are you crazy? Did you read this? Fairy magic, voodoo tribes, psychics, vegan farmers, are you crazy?" Alaina's reply, "I have total faith in you." Oh, brother. I decided to read 50 pages and tell her no way! So, after reading awhile, I realized that I was on page 112, totally hooked and that I would write a review. So, keep an open mind and read away.

In 2009, Mary Howard, an artist and free spirit, believes that world peace is attainable by 2020. She lives in her childhood home on Wilmington Island with her pet pelican, Ouida. Along with her childhood friends, Marshall (an author of environmental issues) and Crew (police chief of Thunderbolt Village), they decide to start an unaffiliated and degree-free school called Wisdom Seekers which would be housed in Mary's five-bedroom home. The school would teach organic gardening, meditation and spiritualism, among other things, and all of this is possible due to the fact that all three are living on trust funds provided by their late parents.

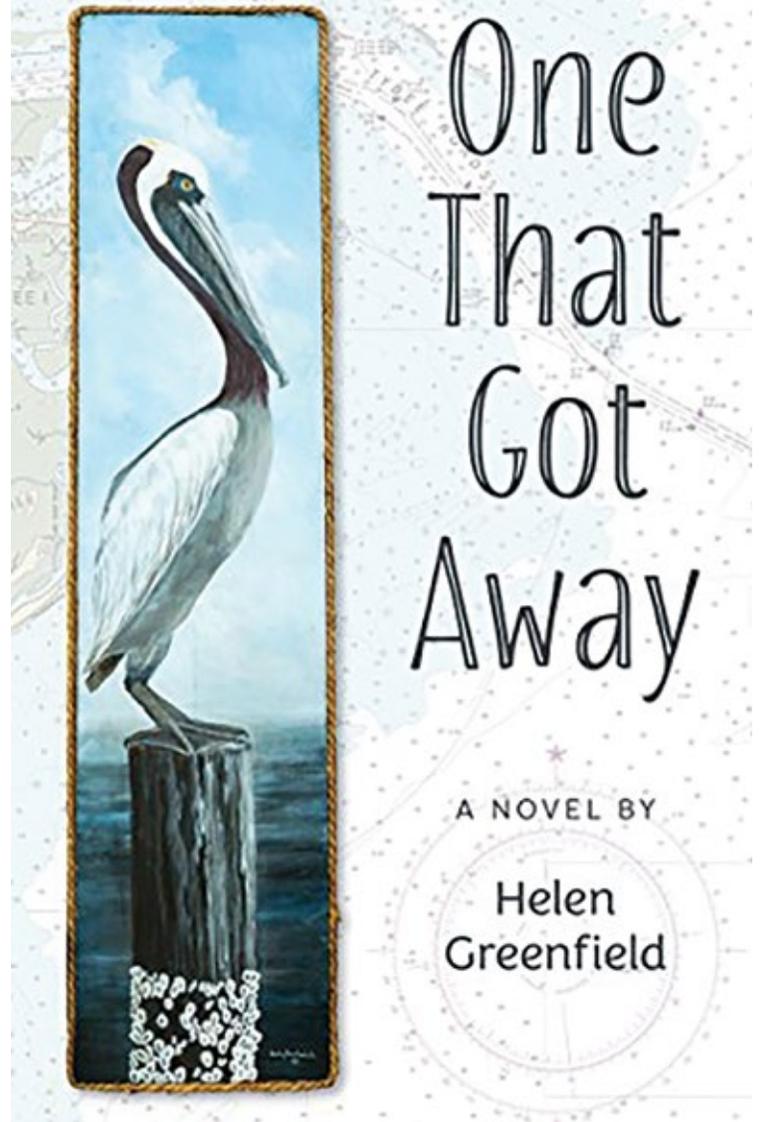
In order to attract students to the school, they depend on the Law of Attraction which is a thought pattern sent to the universe to find like-minded people to join their crusade. Mary first finds Pearle, a voodoo princess on Daufuskee Island, who needs to escape the island before her father (Supreme Chief of the Voodoo Nation) finds out that she's pregnant and the father of the baby is not the man that Pearle has been arranged to marry.

Later, Pearle accompanies Mary to Dublin, Ireland to visit her grandmamma Sharon, who also has the same beliefs as Mary. On the plane Mary meets Omar Victor, an Egyptian movie star, who Mary believes may be Husband #2, and he's totally on board with Mary's ideas. Then there's Fletcher, a surfer dude they meet on a trip to Cumberland Island; Greta and Marjorie, psychic twins whose mother drops them off; and Bo and Bridget, organic farmers they find in Florida who need a new home. What an interesting cast of quirky characters!

Getting Wisdom Seekers off the ground is not without its problems though. There's Mary's next door neighbor Mr. Nicopane, sending negative vibes their way and DHEC, the school food nazis who demand that they wash their produce in bleach! Yuck!

They organically grow their own vegetables and herbs, catch their own fish from the river, shop at Brighter Day for other essentials and graphically describe every meal that they cook. The food sounds absolutely delicious! They don't even skimp on the alcohol. They have lots of Dogfish Double IPAs, wine, shots of Jameson and they smoke some home grown green leafy stuff (if you know what I mean). They are a lively crew indeed!

I won't say that I'll become a total vegetarian, vegan, or pescatarian (they eat seafood), but this book really made me think about the things I eat and January is a great time to start making healthy changes. I give it 4 roses because it can be a little hard to read at times. Normal people don't talk this way! For example, Mary describing her friends' wedding night, "I imagine them tangled in tantric



bliss, surrendering to co-mingling magnetism, achieving the Egyptian alchemy of Horus and sex magic of Isis, as taught to Yeshua by Mary the Magdalene." What the hell did she just say?

But all in all, this book was a fun read and I love, love, loved it! You won't be disappointed (after you get past the first 50 pages!).

Until next time, think healthy thoughts and read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on!

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Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

Jan-YOU-ary

Happy New Year! January is a great month. It holds such promise for the year ahead. And hopefully, at least one of your resolutions is still intact as you read this. Personally, our resolution to avoid bad puns this year died with the title of this article. *Sigh*. Oh well, there's always next year!

Speaking of resolutions though, what financial resolutions were on your list? Save more? Actually look at that budget from time to time, maybe? Let's talk about one little change you can make to help improve those saving and spending habits: *pay yourself first*.

The single most important factor that will determine financial security down the road is how much you are able to save (for those curious, the second most important factor is time). Seriously though, there is a lot of ink spilled over things like Traditional vs. Roth IRAs and appropriate stock vs. bond allocation, but it's all statistically insignificant relative to your ability to save money vs. not.

This is not to say you should live on Ramen noodles and use single-ply toilet paper for the rest of your life! If you've been reading these articles for any length of time, you should know that we feel strongly about balancing saving for the future with the enjoyment current spending can bring.

But when you see that paycheck hit your account, who's the first person you pay? The credit card company? A car dealership? Student loans? Your landlord? The bar down the street with the great happy hour? *Pay yourself first*. Every time. You (and your family) should be the most important thing in your life, so prioritize yourself. Set up an automatic transfer for 5-10% of your paycheck that goes directly into a savings account (or investment account, if your emergency fund is in good order).

This does two things for you. First, it rather obviously means you're saving money, so good job with that. But second, it makes it harder to get caught in a spending trap. Rather than seeing how much is left at the end of the month to transfer over to savings, even if you spend your account down to zero by the next paycheck, you already saved what you were supposed to because you paid yourself first. (Credit cards are a rather obvious counterpoint to this argument, because they let you spend more than you may have, so be careful. Total credit card debt in the US is over \$1 trillion now, and while we happen to like credit cards and appreciate that they can be powerful tools for financial planning - a 2% cash back card automatically reduces your spending by 2%! - make sure you're paying them off in full every month.)

So. Start this year off by putting the you back in January. If you haven't been paying yourself first, start now and see how it feels this year. Start with 5%. If you already do 5%, bump it up to 10%. See how it feels month-to-month, and then see how it feels in June when you look back on all you've managed to save in the first half of the year. We bet it'll feel good.

For a little more help with this or any other financial resolution you might have made, feel free to reach out. There's a lot to this investing/financial planning thing, and if you ever want more than a monthly article, drop me a line at russ@atiwealthpartners.com and we'll find some time to get together. I'm looking forward to it.

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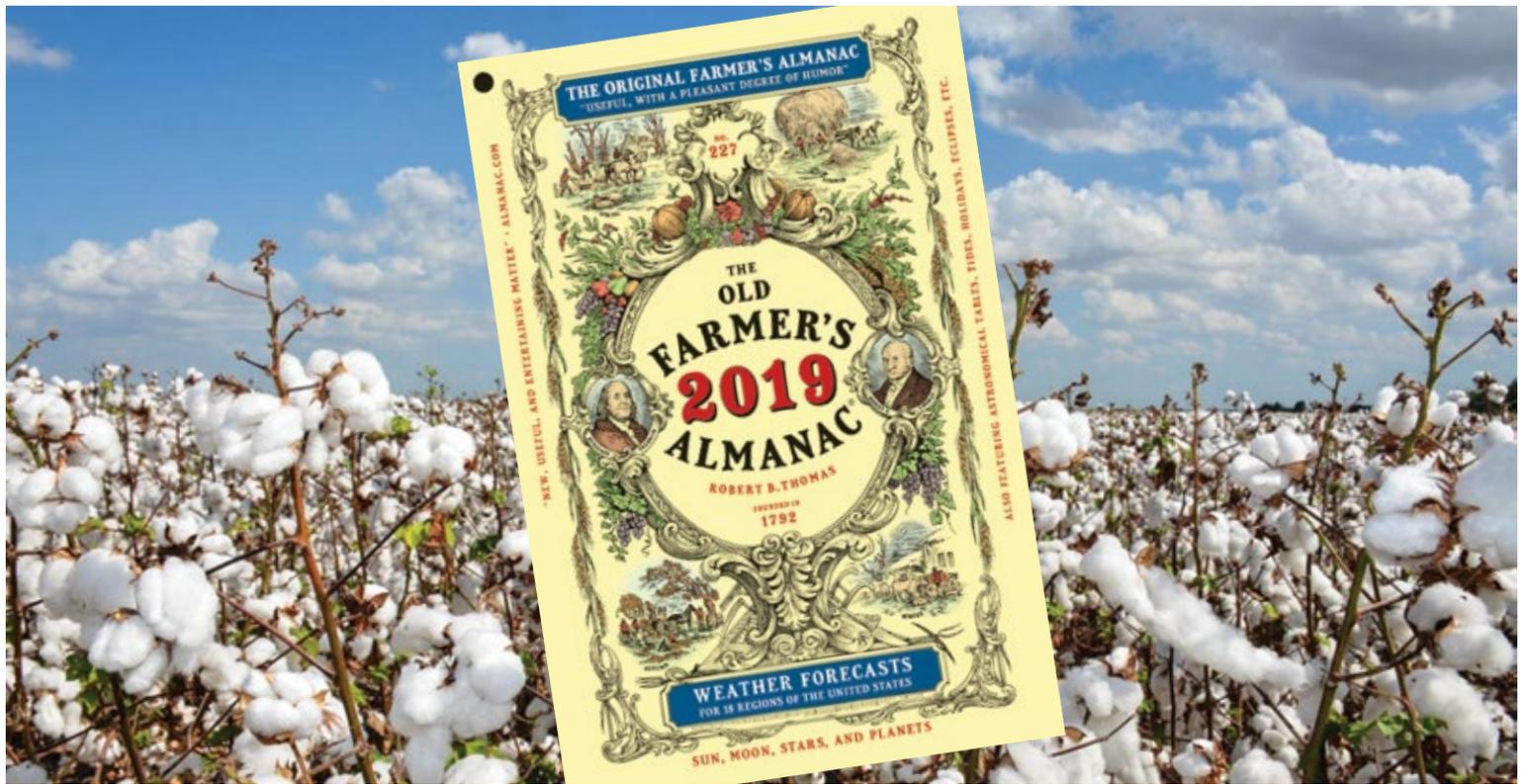
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MY ALMOST MILLION DOLLAR IDEA

By J. Beebs

I always like it when a classic tune gets rewritten better than the original. Bob Dylan wrote *All Along the Watchtower* but then Jimi Hendrix made it a flat out slap when he did his version. Dolly wrote *I Will Always Love You*, but we all know that's Whitney Houston's song. Ditto for *Respect*, which was penned by Otis Redding, but we all think Aretha when we hear it.

Granted, you have to be careful when you are messing with remaking someone else's music. I've heard a few covers of *Hotel California*, and I'm not sure anyone's going to steal that one from the Eagles. *Bohemian Rhapsody* is all Queen. There's only one *Stairway to Heaven*. There are just a few songs out there that can't be duplicated.

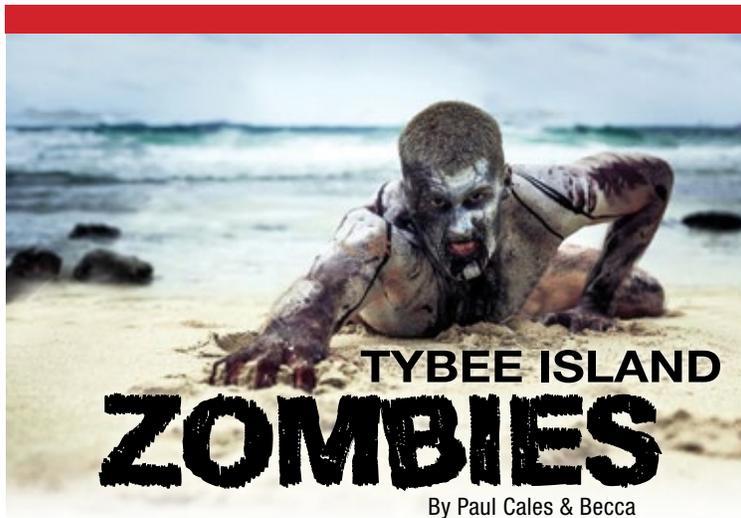
I'm most definitely not a singer, but I occasionally write. So I spent a few minutes thinking maybe I should take a crack at rewriting something. And that's when it hit me: I should rewrite the Farmers' Almanac! You know, just freshen it up a bit. Maybe mix some articles from Rolling Stone in there, throw in some business angles or a crossword puzzle and potentially get some cross readership – you know, expand the subscription base.

Ok, you might think this is little crazy, but redirecting books to different audiences is not unheard of. Sun Tzu, an ancient Chinese general, military strategist and philosopher, is credited for writing *The Art of War*, which was originally penned to help warlords and military types dominate the world. You know, back in 500 BC, it would be in the very back of Barnes and Noble in the 'Do it Yourself' section, right next to 'Fire for Dummies' and '100 Things You Can Do with Bat Guano.' And I'd imagine *The Art of War* was a modest success next to those other books. But *The Art of War* really took off when someone much cleverer than all of us applied all Sun Tzu's war lessons to business. Shortly after, every business student in the 80's and 90's had to read *The Art of War* and contemplate how to take quotes like 'force the enemy to reveal himself' and apply this wisdom to mock hostile takeovers and stock IPOs.

So yeah, I thought – let's redirect the Farmers' Almanac. It's got great name recognition, but who really reads it? I'll just cash in on the brand name! This is a million dollar idea! You know, I'll keep all the weather predictions, quirky tips, various calendars, but add something in there about marigolds and make all the business students read it and then argue about it. And again, before you dismiss my sage wisdom here, let's not underestimate the marigold. Gardeners have long admired the marigold for its bug and pest repelling properties. Experienced gardeners will mix marigolds in with other crops, such as tomatoes, and reap the benefits of 'companion planting.' So you can just hear the business applications here. Surround yourselves with marigold people! Take a look in the board room. Do you see any marigolds? Or are you surrounded by the nemesis of companion planting – the walnut tree (because evidently, walnuts are toxic, and things don't like to grow next to walnuts). Marigolds or Walnuts? Who do YOU want to work with? Is your boss a Walnut? Kick them to curb! I'm telling you – there's a business angle here! I was certain I had a brilliant idea here.

Excited, I went to the web and pulled up the Almanac. And then I discovered a serious deal breaker. The Farmers' Almanac has been in continuous publication since 1818. It's published annually, has 80% accuracy on its weather predictions, and already has some pretty quirky stuff in it. Dammit. The Almanac is the 'Hotel California' of books. It's the Michelangelo. Very difficult to duplicate or imitate. Not to mention I suspect a few lawyers would be involved. I'm realizing now, that any attempt to cover or redirect the Almanac is going to be a complete train wreck, sort of like when Miley Cyrus tried to remake *Smells Like Teen Spirit* by Nirvana. Or when Janet had an apparel malfunction during the super bowl half time show. Some things just can't be messed with. Sigh. So disappointing.

So dear readers, I'm back on the lookout for the next million dollar idea. Feel free to share your million dollar ideas with me, because you know I'm always on the lookout. Just send them in to the Beachcomber, please attached a \$100 processing fee. (Hey Alaina, I'm thinking 1000 new ideas, each with a \$100 processing fee... and we are headed to Cozumel... now that is a million dollar idea!)



By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the Dec 2018 Beachcomber.

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CHAPTER 18 – DO NOT SLAM ON THE BRAKES DAY 6.5

With the horde approaching, Joey leaps on top of the turret of the tank and looks around anxiously. Tony is standing in the tank commander's hatch and gets his attention. "Get in here, idiot," he says. "And close the loader's hatch behind you."

Joey, seeing no good alternative, complies with the rather crass order and the two are promptly buttoned up, safe and sound, inside the turret of the tank.

"This is pretty cool," Joey says, taking in the view from the inside of a tank for the first time and reaching out toward nothing in particular. "There is so much going on in here."

"Don't touch a thing unless I tell you to," Tony tells him.

"Okay, okay, don't get your panties in a wad."

"Everything in this beast will hurt you, Joey. So be careful and watch your head. Now, let's see if this baby has any juice," he says, as he reaches over to the tank commander's control panel and flips the master power switch and the turret power switches to the ON position.

"Sounds like you just powered up one of the Ghostbuster's proton particle accelerator back packs," Joey says, as the power whirrs on. "What the hell was that?"

"It was just the tank's power, Joey. Just wait till we crank the engine up."

"Can I drive?"

"Maybe later. I was thinking I should get rid of the horde first. Good thing it's not dark out."

"Why's that?"

"Because it takes a few minutes for the thermal sights to warm up."

"That's dumb. Who designs a night sight that takes a while to turn on?"

"General Dynamics, I think. This is actually late 70's technology that was implemented in the 80's and is still in use today. But that's not the point..."

Tony says, as he grabs the tank commander turret control and spins the turret in the direction of the zombie horde. He then reaches down into the gunner's station and flips the gun select from Main Gun to Coax. "Why the hell would they have Main Gun selected?" he asks himself under his breath just before pulling the charging handle on the M240 machine gun to make sure the belt is feeding, and he has a round chambered. Once sure that everything is good on that note, he checks the safety on the gun and pushes the laser range finder button with his thumb while looking

into the tank commander's sight. He gets a good range of 300 meters and squeezes the trigger.

The M240 rattles to life, throwing 7.62 mm full metal jacket rounds in the direction of the zombies at 600 rounds per minute. The entire horde is dispatched with five or six short bursts of fire. "HOOAH!" Tony exclaims after a few silent seconds. "That's what I'm talking about!"

"Jesus, you really were a soldier, weren't you?"

"What?" Tony says, turning away from the sight and toward Joey again. "You thought I was just blowing smoke with all the stories I've told you over the years?"

"I could just never picture you saying 'Hooah'..."

"Well, my friend, I say it when it's warranted. Do you smell that? That's the smell of victory."

"Holy shit, Tony. You've just become a walking cliché."

"You wanna drive?"

"Hell yes I want to drive!"

"Okay, just do exactly as I tell you. We can't lose such a valuable asset," Tony says to Joey as he spins the turret and positions the main gun over the back deck of the tank, so Joey can slide from the turret into the driver's seat in the hull of the tank. "Alright then. Slide through the hole into the driver's seat man."

"You're really going to let me drive this beast?"

"Dude, it's not that hard. Go on now. Get in there."

Once he has slid into the driver's seat, Joey settles in. "Wow this is cool," he says, as he looks around. "Not hard, huh? There are so many switches and gauges and things to mess with..."

"DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING UNLESS I TELL YOU," Tony says firmly.

"Yes, Drill Sergeant. Geeze..."

"Slide on the CVC helmet and make sure it's plugged in. Push the toggle switch on the left side of the helmet forward to talk. Release to listen."

"Got it Sarge," Joey responds in perfect form through the CVC helmet.

"Good, now... twist back toward you on the T-bar that is in front of you to make the tank go. Just like a motorcycle. The foot pedal is the brake."

"This seems pretty easy."

"The basics always sound easy. Please, for the love of all things holy, make damn sure your CVC helmet does not become disconnected. If it does, I can't communicate with you. It's going to get pretty loud when the tank is running."

"Got it!" Joey says through his helmet.

"Do you see that button to your right on the driver's control panel labeled 'Push to Start'?"

"Let me guess... that starts the engine."

"Very good Joey," Tony croons. "Press and hold that button for ten seconds. You should hear the 1500 horsepower turbine engine crank up."

Joey pushes the button and the engine slowly comes to life, the whine of the turbine spinning and the hydraulic systems filling their ears. "You weren't kidding about the tank being loud."

"On the inside it is, but on the outside it's relatively quiet," Tony says, and takes a deep breath before continuing his crash course of tank driving. "Here's where your listening skills become important. In the center of the T-bar is your transmission select. Pull out and move it from 'P' to 'PVT'. That stands for pivot. If you pull the T-bar with your left hand toward you, you'll pivot to the left. If you pull the right side toward you, you'll pivot to the right. Got it?"

"Yup."

"Ready to make the tank move?"

"Yup."

"Pivot the tank to the right until I say stop."

Joey pulls the T-bar with his right hand and the tank spins to the right. "Stop! That's good. You see how the tank is facing Tybee in the middle of the road?"

"Yup. Damn this thing spins fast."

"It does everything fast. Now press your foot on the break and move the selector to the 'D' position. Good. Take your foot off the brake and slowly twist the throttle grips toward you."

As the tank begins to move forward, Joey exudes the kind of happiness Tony hasn't seen since before the outbreak. "Oh my God!" Joey squeals. "This is awesome! How fast can I go?"

Tony laughs. "Let's take it slow and steady for now until you get the hang of it. Don't go more than 30 miles per hour. Oh... and Joey, DO NOT slam on the breaks. This beast literally stops on a dime."

"Okay. Wow. Can I run over a car?"

"You can be such a child. We COULD. But let's make sure we keep our tracks healthy on the tank. Try not to run over anything that could cause us any undue maintenance."

"Buzzkill!"

They make their way down the causeway from the Bull River Bridge in the M1 Tank. Tony continues to instruct Joey the entire way, teaching him about the gauges and driving techniques. It only takes about fifteen minutes for them to get to the Lazaretto Creek Bridge. As they're cresting the bridge Tony yells, "STOP!" And Joey slams on the breaks. Tony's body lurches forward and his face slams into the M2 machine gun mounted on the top of the turret. He is knocked unconscious, slides down inside the turret, and slumps forward onto the tank commander's sight.

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What's happening in Jan By Mom

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1-1 Tybee Polar Plunge 2019 12pm at 1 Tybrisa St., for the Big Plunge! Fun and more starts at 10am. Hope you don't freeze like last year's 2018 Polar Plunge! For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

1-7, 1-14, 1-21, & 1-28 Historic Fort Screven Battery Tours 9am-10:30am at 30 Meddin Dr. The Tybee Island Historical Society presents this walking tour of the Fort Screven Batteries. Call 912-786-5801 as reservations are required and for further info.

1-8 Potluck & Program 6:30-8:30pm at the Old School Cafeteria, 202 Fifth St. Free and open to the public. Call 912-786-9781 for more info.

1-11 & 1-12 Drivin' N' Cryin' 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Hard rock, southern rock, and Americana to keep you entertained. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

1-12 GIRLS NIGHT INN 4-8pm at the Beachview Bed & Breakfast, 1701 Butler Ave. Live music, food, fun, charity event, and more. Call 912-786-5500 for more info.

1-12 Tybee MLK Parade and Human Rights Celebration 2-5pm at the Old School Cafeteria. Parade starts at the 14th St. parking lot, heads up Tybrisa and on to Butler and ending at the Old School Cafeteria. Grand Marshall is Ann Levett, Superintendent of Chatham County Schools. Call 912-414-0809 for more info.

1-18 An 80s Redux w/The Southern Holiday Jazz Band 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. For those who love the music of the 80's, this one is for you. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

1-19 2019 Goin' For Koen Pirate Raid "Tybee Island Style" 1pm at Spanky's, benefitting SMA (spinal muscular atrophy), 1605 Strand Ave. Kickoff Pirate Party will be Friday, 1-18, at Sting Ray's. Check out Savannah Parrothead Club Facebook page for further info.

1-19 Collin's Barefoot Comedy Club w/Zoltan Kaszas 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Enjoy great comedy. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

1-26 & 1-27 King Mackerel & the Blues Are Running 7:30pm on 1-26 and 3pm on 1-27 at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. An acoustic revue of Southern coastal life. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk



Happy New Year from the Breezy Family

Happy New Year. Another lap around the sun. It is incredible how fast time flies. Having said that, this winter needs to pick up the pace and get to spring time. I know I'm not the only one who has noticed how slow business has been. Good news is the fact if you are broke you eat less so I guess I will not gain winter weight.

So I was dispatching one Saturday night and I got a call, a long-winded call. The guy needed a ride from the middle of the island. He told me he was in his construction trailer, and that we had picked him up there a thousand times and he needed a ride to the north end condos. I said no problem, I would be there in less than 5 minutes. I drove around the parking lot, looking for so called construction trailer. Couldn't find it so I called the man back. He didn't answer. That really gets in my craw, you need a ride but you don't answer. I was about to give up and go on to my next call, when he flagged me down. Turned out his construction trailer was a closet in the parking deck hidden by dumpsters. He got in the car and asked if I was new. Said he knew all the drivers but has never seen me. I was cool, nothing to get upset about. Anyway, we were on our way to his condo and I was answering calls and dispatching my two co-workers. Dude was oblivious to the fact that I was multi-tasking. I guess if you never shut up, you don't notice everything. After a convenience store stop, I got him to his condo. He told me he may need a ride later. Fine, just give us a call.

I went about my evening, cold and rainy night I might add. I got a call for a group of six going up to D.A.V. Island, so I jumped in the bus and went to pick up the group. Now, I have realized over the last few years people like to be cursed at. Doesn't matter if you are joking or dead serious. I arrived at my pick up and two dudes in their early 20s got on the bus and sat in the back. The one guy asked if the bus

had heat, and I replied, "Yes you wussy." Really it wasn't wussy but it rhymes with wussy. I heard his buddy say, "I think he called you a wussy." So he asked me, "Bro, what did you call me?" I looked at him, smiled and repeated myself. They laughed and had a great sense of humor.

The rest of the group climbed aboard. They were carrying two baskets of liquor bottles. Turned out they had won the grand prize. I had a country station playing on the radio, because Ron doesn't do Christmas music, unless it's the Grinch. That's a good song. Anyway, we were heading north and you could hear Whitney Houston on the radio. The dad of the group asked if I could turn it up. Hell No! I explained it was a commercial and if he wanted to hear Whitney, he could ask Alexa to play him some Whitney FN Houston. The next song that came on was about drinking and mixing drinks. They all knew the words to the song and sang like canaries.

Meantime, I got a call from the dude from the condo that I dropped off earlier. I called Stephen and asked him to pick the guy up. When Stephen arrived, I had to call the guy and tell him his ride was outside the gate. Stephen took him to his destination and told him next time to be waiting for us. We shouldn't have to call you and wait.

I guess it was thirty minutes later when the guy called back for a return ride to the condo. He was extremely long-winded this time. He was telling me about the lecture he was given by the last driver. He was upset that dispatch made the driver wait 15 minutes before we called him back. I drew the short straw on this ride, so it was my turn to pick him up again. I told him I would be there in 5 minutes or less. I arrived and he walked to the car and told me he had to lock up the trailer. Whatever dude. When he got in the car, he proceeded to tell me he had been using Breezy for twenty years and always tipped fat and never made us wait. He said, "I don't know who is dispatching tonight, but they made the last driver 'Dave' (his words, not mine) wait 15 minutes before calling me to say he was there." Mind you, the whole time he was telling me this I was answering calls and dispatching the other two cars. He asked me, "Whoever is dispatching tonight, they need to get their act together." I confessed that I was dispatch and the other driver's name was Stephen not 'Dave.' I didn't curse the guy because some people are not worthy. I save that shit for the fun fares.

Don't forget to tip your servers and bartenders, and your Breezy drivers. It has been brought to my attention a couple of our drivers will call you out on not tipping. LOL! Go Breezy and let's make 2019 a year to remember!

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Mechanic Ugly

I am a single girl. I am doing the best I can with my life, working hard to earn my money, pay my bills, and just get by month to month. Can I buy Tide vs. Unknown Brand? I can. Can I buy Colgate vs. Generic? I can do that too. Can I go buy a new 75-inch television? Probably, but that Visa payment is going to be rock solid hideous. What I can afford is basic human existence with some fun stuff thrown in so I don't move back home to Mumsie. So you can imagine my horror when my transmission started slipping. Oh hell! I just put \$3,200 on my credit card for my suspension system. I can't afford this. My truck is at an age where it's time for a new everything. However, Mrs. Beefaroni (yes that is her name) is paid for and I'm going to drive her until her tires fall off. Looks like that time, but wait...

I am a maintenance freak show. I have been with this truck since 2005 and I know every lurch, giggle, fart, and random noise that comes out of her. When the hiccups started, I was optimistic, but nervous. I took her to a local shop in town. Yup. I needed a new transmission they said. My heart dropped. The local shop doesn't do transmissions and didn't know where to send me, so I called my normal go-to guy who doesn't do transmissions either (which just goes to show you what a huge pain in the ass transmissions are) and recommended I go to a place in Garden City. Garden City?! Isn't that in a foreign country? Pretty sure I have to renew my passport to get there. EEEE! No. There had to be something closer. I found a place close by and that's when it all went Twilight Zoneish. Let's call this place "Karma's a Bitch" for potential lawsuit purposes.

Google had some good reviews. Granted there were some bad reviews too, but you can't make all the people happy all the time and no one knows this better than me. I called Karma's a Bitch for an appointment and managed to get an appointment that afternoon. I took Mrs. Beefaroni straight there and was reassured by the friendly and knowledgeable staff and atmosphere, not to mention they have been in business for many years. Karma called me later that afternoon and yup, I needed a new transmission. My tranny was not only leaking like a secret on Tybee, but there was definitely a problemo with my ignition, which may or may not be affecting my entire computer system. Sweet! But, Karma explained, let's deal with one problem at a time. I could get a used transmission

with 94,000 miles for \$1,700 and no warranty, or I could get a brand-new transmission at a minimum of \$7,000. My heart dropped to the bottom of hell. I asked Karma about the price of a refurbished model. Karma said he would get back to me the next day. I said ok and grabbed my bottle of vodka.

The next day, all hungover and blurry eyed, Karma called me. A refurbished transmission was \$4,575. It came with a three-year, 100,000-mile warranty. I told Karma I needed a moment to cry and I would call him back. Yes. I did need a moment to cry. I couldn't afford this. I couldn't. I was stuck like being between a crying hooker and an angry pimp fighting on this one.

After I stopped sobbing, I called Karma and said that I just flat out could not afford that. It was time for me and Mrs. Beefaroni to part ways. A sob shook me. I had been with her forever! I have not only slept in her, but I have ugly cried in her. If she could talk, I would have to get a gag order, but the point is that girl has been with me for 15 years. I put on my unhappy clothes and went to get her. I was going to have to get a new ravioli. Sniffle.

My neighbor, Mark, helped me out of the car like an elderly woman. I went into the office and told Karma that I was here to pick up my girl. I paid \$55 and change for the analysis/biopsy. One of the mechanics asked me if I wanted her brought around. I did and he went to get her. As I was walking toward my girl, the mechanic was getting into another car and said, "I don't think it's your transmission. I think you need a tune up." WTF?? My face dropped off my skull and I said "Pardon, sir?" He went on to say that he didn't want to 'step on any toes,' but felt that Mrs. Beefaroni did not need a transmission. "Please get a second opinion," he said as he placed his back to me and went about his business.

Well, I was just flat out stunned. What just happened??? I thanked his back profusely, climbed into the Beefster and drove straight to my go-to guy. Gibbering like an idiot, I explained to my tattooed car tailor what had happened. Bless his heart, he did not bat an eye. I left my guy with the Missus, hoping against hope that maybe I could afford this. Vodka to follow...

My tattooed tailor called me the very next day. I did, in fact, just need a tune up. \$455 to be exact. Would I like to pick my girl up today? Through my tears of joy, I said yes. I would very much like to pick my girl up. We ain't done yet, her and I!

The moral of this story is even though it's the 21st Century, women beware. Men too for that matter. Get a second opinion. Granted, a first opinion is a pain in the ass, but there are people out there that just flat out suck. If it hadn't been for that guy, I would be buying a new car that I can't afford and losing money that I really can't afford. Hats off to you, Sir, for not only being a gentleman, but being a decent human being and doing so at the potential loss of your job. I'm not going to say a word, because I want you to save others like me. You, my bank account/life savior, have got good karma coming your way and if I can help you with that, I am all yours.





FROM A BACKWOODS SOUTHERN LAWYER

By Franklin Edenfield

Do I Need a Will?

Over the last forty-plus years, I have often been asked the question “Do I need a Will?” Let’s answer a few questions and see:

1. Are you currently breathing?
2. Do you expect one day to not be breathing?
3. Do you own anything of value, such as a house, vehicle, gun collection, etc.?
4. Do you want to decide how your property should be divided or would you prefer the State of Georgia to do it for you?
5. Do you want your family to spend two or three times as much money handling your estate as it would cost to probate a simple will?

If the answer to those questions is “yes,” then YOU NEED A WILL. Truth be told, everyone needs a Will unless they have no living relatives anywhere on the planet.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DIE WITHOUT A WILL?

A lot of things, and none of them good.

First of all, someone will have to go to probate court and be appointed administrator of your estate. Because you don’t have a will, they will also have to post a bond (usually twice the value of your estate) and that is not an inexpensive proposition.

Secondly, you will have absolutely no control over the disposition of the assets you leave behind, as that will be determined by the laws of the state. If you have an estranged spouse from whom you are not yet divorced, they will automatically receive a not insubstantial portion of your estate. If you have minor children, someone will have to be appointed guardian and that is an additional expense.

All of those issues can be avoided with a simple will that distributes your property how and to the person you wish, and specifically waives all of those third-party costs, and puts one person, whom you choose, in charge of handling your estate. Otherwise, the local probate court could choose a person who doesn’t know you from Adam and has no idea what you want done with your property. They will also charge a fee of two and one-half (2½) percent of all estate assets brought in and two and one-half (2½) percent of all estate assets disbursed. Again, those statutory commissions can be waived if you have a will.

AREN’T WILLS EXPENSIVE?

Not unless you have a multi-million dollar estate which would create significant estate and gift tax issues and, if that were the case, you would not be reading this article anyway. It should not be difficult to find an attorney who’s willing to do a simple will for \$75.00 - \$100.00.

DO I NEED AN ATTORNEY?

Well, let’s see - If you had a ruptured appendix, would you try to take it out yourself or go see a doctor?

Yes, you need an attorney. I have been involved in several situations over the past few years when somebody thought they had a valid will, only to discover they used a form off of the internet that was either outdated or was not adjusted to Georgia Probate law. They had a couple of pieces of paper, but they were totally ineffective as a valid will.

OKAY. I NOW HAVE A WILL – WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Well, the first thing you need to do is tell someone in your family or someone outside the family who you trust, where the original is located. There have been more than a few occasions over the years where everybody in the family (as did I because I prepared the document) knew the deceased had a will but nobody could locate the original and, therefore there was nothing to probate.

Keep your will up to date. If you have some life-changing event, such as the birth of a child or a divorce, that can invalidate your will unless it says otherwise.

Bottom line, go see an attorney about a will and for heaven’s sake, don’t forget to tell somebody where it is stored.

Nothing in life is free, you owe me a drink at Nickie’s.

SHOPS AT TYBEE OAKS



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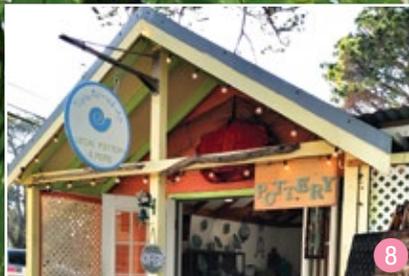
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MUSIC PROFILE

By Erik Proveaux

Harry Connick, Jr. Brings the Good Times to Savannah

This past December found **Harry Connick, Jr.** bringing his big band sound to Savannah, GA for the holidays. His latest concert tour, "A New Orleans Tricentennial Celebration...Holiday Edition," embraces the 300th anniversary of Connick's hometown of New Orleans thru stories, special guests, dance, and of course music, including choice selections to bring in the holidays.

The Johnny Mercer Theater played host to the sold out show for the multiple Grammy and Emmy awards winner. And there was no doubt why Connick is a multiple Tony award nominee. He commanded the stage and displayed wit and charisma as he performed for and spoke with his audience.

As expected, Harry Connick, Jr. acknowledged his success coming from the movie "*When Harry Met Sally*" by performing such hits as "*Love Is Here to Stay*" and "*It Had to Be You*." I must admit that I have not seen the movie, and probably will not, but who is not at least familiar with the "*I will have what she is having*" scene? But, this is about the music.

There was no doubt that New Orleans was at the crux of this concert, but it was with a true touch of class that Connick acknowledged the theater's namesake, Johnny Mercer. He talked about the man and his abilities to compose well thought out work and followed it up by performing a moving rendition of "*Moon River*."

The concert started in force with a trumpet and a trombone player setting the stage, where Connick soon took his place on his signature piano. From there, accompanied by up to 10 other artists throughout the entire concert, he took the audience on a journey from a New Orleans jazz club, to Mardi Gras, and wrapped up with a Jazz Funeral Parade.

Here on Tybee Island, we are lucky to have various styles of live music accessible to us on a given night. There is something to be said about being able to walk down the street and to find a style to fit your liking. Me? Give me brass.



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Tybee Folk 'n Lore - North vs South

By Andrew Galipeau

It's amazing how on an island that is only just over 3 miles long, that there is such a massive and noticeable difference between the cultures. It's almost like there are two different cities on one island. Both ends have their own pros and cons and one is not necessarily better or worse than the other - just different. So let's go ahead and delve into what makes them so unique.

The North End (the Tybee Yankees), is by far the ritzier end of the island. Big Houses, Big wallets, and an occasional nose in the air. It's the type of place you can tour the lighthouse, go to a play, eat some high-end food, and/or divorce your husband and take his mansion of a house ... trust me it happens. In my humble opinion, the best thing the North End has to offer is Pooos, but dirty Southies like me hardly ever venture that far across the demilitarized zone to enjoy it, although we can be seen popping up every once in awhile

Speaking of dirty Southies, it's time to bring it on home to the South End. Down here we're a little dirtier, mostly poorer, and collectively a whole lot drunker. The South End may not have all the glitz and glamour as the North End, but we do have an uncanny ability to party and party hard. We are mostly bar people who live in a Cheers-esque drinking culture. Everyone knows everyone... I mean KNOWS. Everyone knows your name, where you work, and more than likely remember that time or two when you got too drunk and fell down the stairs outside of a friend's apartment and got the matching Tybee Tattoo to go with it. The South End is by far the wild middle child of the island ... or maybe the drunk uncle, its still up for debate.

Now of course not everyone implicitly falls into these categories. There are drifters that blur the lines, a Southie who ventures out of their realm, or maybe a Northie out for a night to slum it up. But this is, on the whole, how the island operates. As I said before, both ends have their pros and cons and one is not necessarily better than the other... I guess I will go ahead and say it - I am a dirty Southie and a bit biased, but South End rules.



BE STRONGER

THAN YOUR EXCUSES

A New Year ... A New You

By Melonie DePalma, Health Coach

Is it already January? This last month marks fantastic holidays with family and friends and the start of the New Year! But, along with the holiday season, often comes some extra stress between shopping and travel. Hope you took time to enjoy your family, get in some exercise, and eat delicious seasonal produce, like sweet potatoes, and pecans.

Here we are in January again and everybody's ready to jump on the bandwagon to get fit and healthy for their resolution start to the New Year. It sounds like a great idea if we can stick to it. I'm going to start off with telling you my quick version of my story of weight loss.

I am a Weight Loss Survivor of 60 lb. Long story short - I ate too much food that did not work for my body. The story goes... My challenges began after my first child in 1998 (I imagine many can relate). I gained too much weight with my pregnancy and continued to eat excessive amounts of food to ensure breastfeeding could continue for a long time. The next thing I knew, by 1994 I was 208 lb. and my normal weight was 138 at 5'7". Being raised with nutrition in my life and conspiracy theories... one being that the government had a hand in keeping us fat and sick (e.g. low-fat diets, GMOs), I knew with the plethora of information I could figure out a way to lose that extra weight I was carrying.

January 1995, I started my weight-loss Journey. I had tried all the typical things - eat nothing... eat everything... no sugar... nothing white... nothing with color unless it grew... measure it... weigh it... shake it (my body that is). I finally started to just ADD food and ADD exercise. If we can change our thoughts of taking things from our diet first, then it will help us shift our perspective on losing weight. I added protein and more movement and watching the weight slowly come off helped me continue my journey to living healthy. I still fall off the healthy life that works best

for me, but I get back to what makes me feel my best.

I eventually shifted my eating completely and went on to working at a gym as a coach, sharing my story of weight loss daily. I have learned through college and experience that we are all individual and it is very important to learn what works best for our bodies. Common food allergens and sensitivities will cause weight gain and digestion issues such as Trans-fats • Omega-6 fatty acids • Refined sugar • Casein • Gluten • Refined grains • Alcohol • Food additives • Red meat. So, do your best to be conscious about how foods make you feel, not only physically but emotionally also. Then decide what will be in your diet. Once you find what works for you make sure you stick with it, and be easy on yourself. Set goals, visualize your end result and be sure to praise yourself!

Being hydrated is so important! I can't leave that part out. It keeps us energized, helps digestion, and assists with every system in the body. Don't like water? Try adding washed fruit, like lemon slices, strawberries, some fresh mint, even a drop of organic essential oil (just make sure the oil you choose has the nutrition label on it, that's the telltale if is edible!).

Take time to stretch, journal, dance, or meditate. And be easy on yourself, it takes time and consistency. Whatever works for you to feel your best!

So, through January and the entire year, I wish you the best with your weight loss goals and feeling your best. Get out every day and smell our ocean air and walk our beach because the most important thing in weight loss is having a happy soul to make the right choices to feel your best.

Sending Love, light, and motivation, Your Tybee Health and Weight Loss Coach, Melonie.

New Year's Resolutions

By Alaina and Margie

(Top 10 Epic Fails)

- 1. Lose Weight** – Hahahahahahaha! I'm sure most of us have made this resolution at some point in our life, especially the older we get. Our advice to you: Hahahahaha!
- 2. Quit Smoking** – We are talking about the day after you have spent all night drinking. There is no way you are NOT going to have a cigarette with that Bloody Mary.
- 3. Drink Less** – What's another word for Hahahahahahaha?? Face it, we live on Tybee.
- 4. Save Money** – Bitch please! We've just had Christmas and New Year's!
- 5. Spend more time with Family** – Didn't I just leave that nightmare at the Christmas table???
- 6. Less Stress** – Let me grab my cigarettes and a drink, and then review my credit card statements first...
- 7. Learn Something New** – I don't know about you, but my head is already crammed full of useless information and there's no more space right now.
- 8. Become a Better Person** – You expect me to do this after quitting smoking, drinking, and spending money??
- 9. Get Organized** – Why bother relearning something new when I know where everything is right now?
- 10. Travel to New Places** – I can't afford that! Refer to #4.





SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Ho, Ho, Ho... It's off to the world of sports we go! Happy New Year to all you sports fans who can't wait each month for my column and hang on every word (ok, maybe a bit too much, but heartfelt nonetheless). 'Tis the season for eating, drinking, being merry AND bowl games ... like 40 bowl games! Too much, nah? Everybody gets a bowl, a trophy and some swag like a weed eater, Redbox DVDs or a Belk shopping spree. Just the way it was meant to be in the season of giving!

While the 4 teams receiving the best gifts will play in the Orange Bowl (Alabama vs Michigan) and the Cotton Bowl (Clemson vs Notre Dame) in the College Football Playoff, our Georgia Bulldogs will be in Nawlins to face the Texas Longhorns in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's night. Of course the plan was to be in the Final Four of college football but a convincing loss to LSU back in October and then "snatching defeat from the jaws of victory" (again) against Alabama in the SEC Championship Game made that happening become a bit ambitious. While most agree that UGA is one of the best four teams in the country, it was hard for the playoff committee to get over their 2 losses and ended up putting Oklahoma in. Do not fear Bulldog fans, this is a young team that has already arrived on the national scene and Coach Kirby Smart will have them right back in the mix next season and for years to come. Remember, reload not rebuild!

As for the College Playoffs, I was pretty close on my preseason predictions with Alabama, Clemson and Oklahoma. I had UGA in and not Notre Dame, as I expected UGA and Bama to meet in the SEC Championship as 2 undefeated teams. I'm going with the chalk with Bama and Clemson to win the semifinal games, with Alabama taking the title for a second

consecutive year. It really boils down to the two best teams for the most part and would have worked great under the old BCS system for sure. But don't get me wrong, I love the playoffs and hope it will increase to 8 teams sooner than later. Why not??

In the NFL, the "local" teams Atlanta and Jacksonville were done pretty much by Thanksgiving and are already positioning for draft picks. It seems that the top 4 teams remain New Orleans, the LA Rams, Kansas City and New England. Lots of teams are still in the mix for the wild card, but I really do expect that the Super Bowl matchup will come from those aforementioned teams. We will find out shortly as the NFL playoffs will come on the heels on the New Year's bowls and the college football National Championship game. A good time to be indoors for some football and beverages for sure!

Winter brings us sports and hockey and I think I'll study up on those a little more for future columns. In the NBA I know one team that is rebuilding, and that's being kind: the Atlanta Hawks. They are unwatchable (not that I have). It's looking like Toronto and Boston in the east and, of course, Golden State in the West. We are early in the season still (of course it runs until June). College has had some great early matchups and conference games are about to commence and again the elites look good: Duke, Kentucky, Gonzaga, etc.

Again, Happy New Year to all the Beachcomber readers and here's to a great and winning 2019! Enjoy the Polar Bear Plunge on New Year's Day sports fans. Come on in, the water's fine (and a bit cool)!



Update From Tybee's Mayor

By Mayor Jason Buelterman

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

The City has set aside funds to make some improvements to Jaycee Park. These plans were developed by a committee of volunteers who worked in conjunction with our YMCA. The plans were presented at a recent city council meeting and at a subsequent meeting held specifically to obtain citizen input about the plans. The plans include:

- Adding pickle ball court surfaces at the area where the basketball courts are presently.
- Installing a rubber, padded surface at the playground area to replace the mulch that is currently being used. This surface will be similar to the surface at the playground at Memorial Park.
- Installing shade covers for parts of the playground similar (again) to those at Memorial Park. Sadly we lost the big oak tree during Hurricane Matthew that used to provide shade for that area.
- Adding special swings to accommodate children with disabilities.
- Purchasing an outfield fence for the softball field. This fence will be able to be put up for softball games and then taken down to accommodate soccer and other activities.
- Adding more park benches.
- Replacing the horseshoe pit and shuffleboard courts with a bocce ball court.
- Adding a small frisbee golf course.

We are hoping to complete these improvements before the end of 2019. The plans took into account the natural beauty of the park in such a way that the aesthetics of the area are not compromised in any way. Those responsible for designing Jaycee Park many years ago did an outstanding job designing what has become a gem of a public park. We want to ensure that their hard work and vision are not negatively impacted by these improvements, while

at the same time recognizing that our population has different interests and needs than they did when the park was first developed.

Many thanks to A.J. Baker and the YMCA for all of their work in developing the extremely successful Teen Cuisine program. The program is free to our Island's teenagers ages 12 to 17. Participants receive cooking lessons from chefs from our Island's restaurants. In December, they held their annual event at the Youmans/Solomon Gym. The Greek style dinner they served was excellent! Congratulations to all the aspiring young chefs on a job well done. Thanks as well to all the volunteers who helped make the event such a success. A.J. has worked very hard to create this wonderful opportunity for our Island's kids. Please tell him thanks next time you see him around the Island.

I had the opportunity to speak before the Coastal Region (CORE) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board of Directors on December 12 about the urgent need to prioritize funding for the Highway 80 bridge replacement/causeway improvement project. The projected total cost of the project is \$112,000,000. We need to get this project added to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I know this is a lot of acronyms here but the devil is always in the details. The TIP is developed by the CORE MPO Board. They take funding that comes mostly from the federal government for transportation projects in our area and determine how to use the funds responsibly. If you would like to help, email the Director of Transportation for the CORE MPO, Mark Wilkes, at wilkesm@thempc.org and ask that he forward your email to all of the members of the CORE MPO Board. The more voices that can be heard on this issue the better.

I have heard a lot of feedback about the large casino boat that has been anchored at Lazaretto Creek for several months. It isn't really appropriate to comment on a matter that may come before the City Council as a public hearing. That being said, I do have some very serious safety concerns about the proposal. I am confident that our Planning Commission and City Council will continue and do their due diligence vetting the matter and, as always, welcome public input.

We are still waiting on FEMA to respond to our request to allocate grant funds to lift 64 flood prone homes on Island. We have reached out to our representatives in Washington to try to get this process moving. Once we hear something, we will inform all those who applied. We prioritized flood prone homes that are owner occupied. It has been a long wait but I remain optimistic that Tybee's application will be approved.

Stay warm out there! As always, don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions, concerns or suggestions or if you want to set up a meeting. I can be reached on my cell at 912.844.8427 or via email at jbuelterman@cityoftybee.org.





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Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms

Love Letters from the Edge

Dear Food,

I'm really not supposed to be corresponding with you, I promised myself that I wouldn't, but I just wanted to say . . . I miss you! It's just now coming to my attention how little I appreciated you when I had you. Food, if ever I get you back I want you to know that I will relish every morsel of you. I will not scarf you down as I previously did, but truly appreciate your aroma, your texture, and your unique taste.

Your distant cousins of Steamed Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Baby Carrots, Apples, and Bananas are trying to fill the void that you have left behind, but it's just not the same without you, Food. Nothing in my life is the same without you.

My family sees me moping around the house. To be honest, Food, I have been quite short with them because of your absence. They cannot understand! Only you and I understand our unique bond. They tell me things like, "Just go see Food for a little while," but we both know that a little of you is never enough for me.

I was remembering just today how I so used to look forward to seeing you at dinner time. Now all that awaits me is your meddlesome Aunt Salad who has nothing better to do than follow me around all day long. Food, I used to think that I liked your Aunt, but now I see that it was really her companions of Croutons, Candied Pecans, Fried Chicken Bits, and Full Fat Dressing whose company I relished and they are exiled with you.

Oh Food, what a love we had! But alas, a love too passionate, too consuming, and we had no choice but to part for a while. These breaks are good for us, Food. They help us retain a healthy distance. They are good for us. They are good for us. They are good for us. I know this to be true, Food, but I can't make myself believe it in my heart.

Oh, Food! This too shall pass and we will meet again one day. Until that day, you are forever in my thoughts.

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Foodie Finds

By Mike Manitta

Easy Corn Pudding



Well, the cold temperatures of winter are in full swing and it's time to treat yourself to some soul pleasing comfort food. This recipe has two of my favorite words in it, "Easy" and "Pudding." Don't let the name fool you though, this is not a dessert, but a super tasty side dish. I know I originally got this recipe online and there are many variations, but this one is my go-to standard.

Ingredients:

1 can of corn, drained
1 can of creamed corn
1 cup of sour cream
1 stick of melted butter
1 8oz. box of Jiffy Corn Muffin mix

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt the butter in the casserole dish and add all ingredients and stir until completely combined. Transfer to an 8 X 8 casserole pan and bake for 45 minutes or until golden brown. Let sit 10 – 15 minutes and serve. Double the recipe for a 9 X 14 dish. Super simple and super scrumptious.

On Going Happenings

Agave Bar & Grill - Happy Hour 5-7pm, 2 for 1 12 oz. Margaritas. 402 1st Street.

A-J's Dockside - Happy Hour 4-7pm, Live music Friday thru Sunday, Lunch 7 days a week 11am-5pm, Dinner 7 days a week 5-10pm.

American Legion Post 154 - Canteen open 5pm Monday-Saturday, First Mondays Pizza Night 5-7pm, Bar Games Tuesday and Thursday 6-9pm, Line Dancing Wednesday 7pm, Thursday Dinners 5:30-7:30pm, Bingo (come early!) and Karaoke Friday 8-10pm. 10 Veterans Dr.

Beachview B & B/Java & Juice - Now serving breakfast with a full service coffee bar Monday thru Thursday from 7:30-11:00am and Friday thru Sunday from 7:30am-12:30pm. Tuesday Night Jam Session starts at 7pm. Corner of 17th St. and Butler Ave.

Benny's Tavern - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 10am-7pm, Open Pool Tuesday all day, Pool Tournament Wednesday 8pm, Karaoke Thursday thru Sunday 9pm. 1517 Butler Ave.

Bubba Gumbo's - Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3-9pm, Friday and Saturday from 12-10pm and Sunday from 12-9pm. Closed Tuesday. Happy Hour food from 4-7pm with \$9.95 Shrimp Dinner and drinks from 4-6pm, \$1.00 off house wine and beer. Sunday \$1 raw or steamed Oysters, Monday Locals Night Happy Hour with 50 cent wings. Live music. 3 Old Highway 80.

Doc's Bar - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm, Karaoke Thursday 8pm, Live music Friday and Saturday 9pm. 10 Tybrisa St.

Fannie's on the Beach - Live music on weekends. Saturday and Sunday Brunch Specials. 1613 Strand Ave.

Nickie's 1971 Bar and Grill - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm, Roy Swindelle Band Tuesday 8pm, Wednesday Crab Leg Dinner Special, Sips and Scenes every Wednesday 7pm, 8 Ball Pool Tournament and Karaoke Thursday 7pm, Live Band Saturday 9pm-?? Roy Swindelle Band Sunday 6-10pm with a rib eye steak and shrimp dinner for \$14.95. 1513 Butler Ave.

Spanky's - Daily cocktail and beer specials. Home of the Original Chicken Finger! 1605 Strand Ave.

Sting Ray's Seafood – The home of blue crabs, beach music and beer. Live music. 14th St. at Butler Avenue.

Tybee Time - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm, DJ Marty Thursday-Saturday. 1603 Strand Ave.

Wind Rose Café - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm. Daily Lunch Specials. Sunday Night Bingo with Patty, Wednesday night Bingo with Doug, starts 9ish. 19 Tybrisa St.

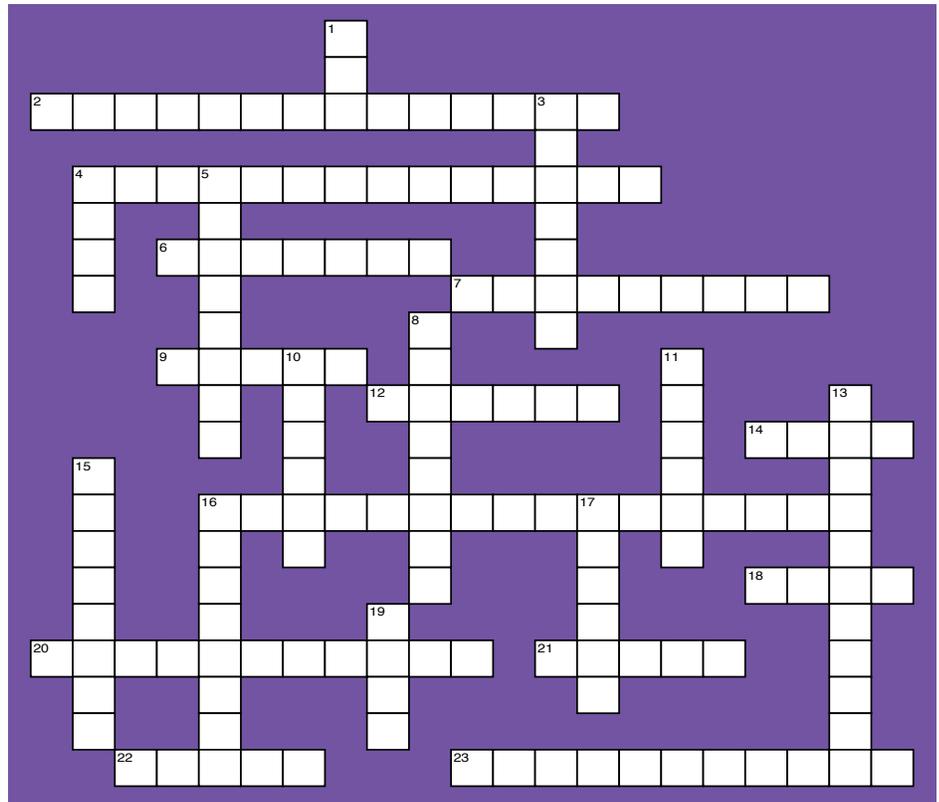
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- 2 Music Profile (3wds.)
- 4 J. Beebs million dollar idea was to rewrite this (2 wds.)
- 6 The Great _____ Baking Show
- 7 Enjoy this lightshow on New Year's Eve
- 9 _____ New Year!
- 12 The adopted mascot on the Darts and Roses team (2 wds.)
- 14 One That Got _____ (Book Review)
- 16 Surfers can get irritable without this (2 wds.)
- 18 Bartender of the Month
- 20 We make and break these
- 21 Pickle winner
- 22 Georgia Bulldogs play in this bowl on New Year's night
- 23 Event on Jan.1 (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 Grand Marshall in MLK parade
- 3 1st month
- 4 Reflections wrote a letter to this
- 5 Rocky begged her to marry him. She agreed (2 wds.)
- 8 Stacey and Jake, winners of Traveling Beachcomber, went here
- 10 The _____ Party
- 11 Season
- 13 Manitta's two favorite words in Foodie Finds recipe
- 15 Rogue Waves says to pay this person first
- 16 Dr. Joe discusses doing this on Tybee
- 17 Food Spy locale
- 19 He lets Joey drive the tank in Zombie story



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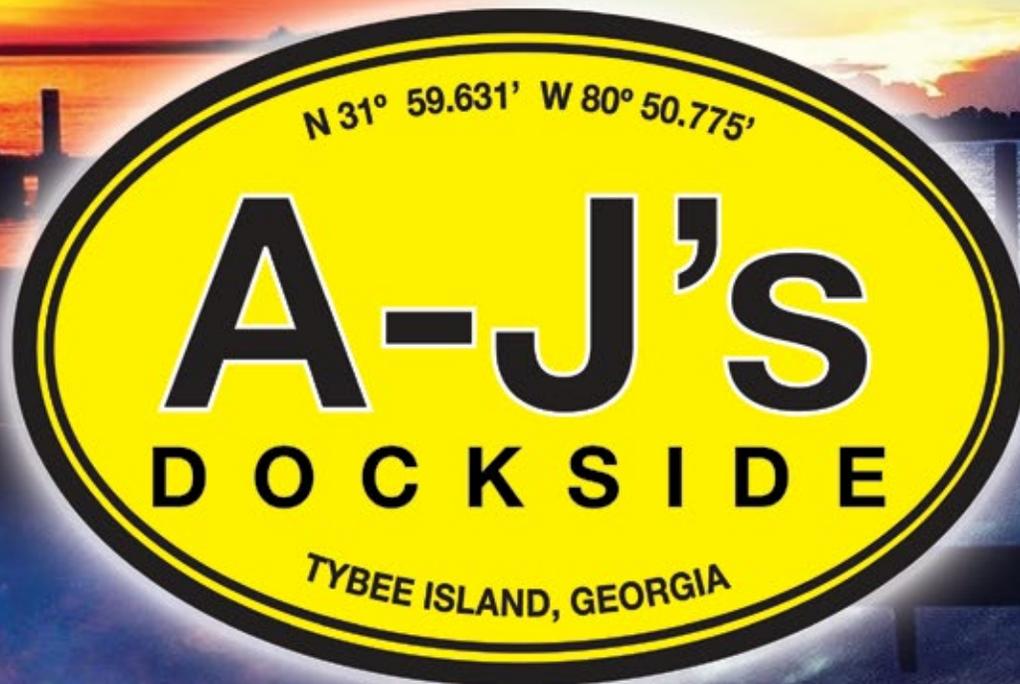


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