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# From the EDITOR

You would think sliding into February would be easy, as usually there is little to nothing happening - except us locals walking down the middle of Butler, shaking our butts and being ridiculous with no parade in sight (oh, my favorite time of year!). However, January has been hopping! Not only did we have New Year's Eve and the Polar Plunge, but we also had Girls Night Inn and the MLK Parade. Not to mention our anniversary cover shoot (aka Cat Herding 2019), leaping city approved building heights in a single bound and just general debauchery and good times. Also, we are starting to get prepped for Mardi Gras and St. Patty's Day (be here before you know it, y'all). Let's get to it!

**Happy Four Year Anniversary to the Tybee Beachcomber!** You will read more as you go so I won't beat you with a stick about it, but we are delighted!!! And thankful!!!

In other happy news, it turns out that someone does actually read **Bad Advice from a Beach Bum**, written by **Jimmy Prosser**, and his name is **Tom McKenna**. Tom not only read last month's article, but wrote his own in response to Jimmy's challenge. Tom's selected story is "Where in Ohio Are You From?" and it's great! Now that Tom has got the ball rolling, I really want to see other's pick up the pace and write too!

I am flat out thrilled to announce this month's **Traveling Beachcomber winner** is **Katherine Garlington!** She is in Tangier, Morocco headed to the Kasbah!! How super cool is that? We hadn't been to Morocco and we sure hadn't been to the Kasbah!!! Great pic, Katherine! Call me! We are going to A-J's! I am having serious buffalo shrimp/watermelon margarita withdrawals!

Alright, y'all! Let's curl up on our favorite bar stool, order a toddy and flip the page...



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## What do you recommend we do for Valentine's Day?

Do you smell that? Stinks, doesn't it? What you are smelling is, in fact, love, and it's in the air. It's February and I'm sure all you happy couples (and miserable couples) are gearing up for another bland Valentine's Day, but it doesn't have to be bland. No, no, no, no - it can be exciting, and I can teach you how, so grab your loved one, or your mistress, and settle in, as this Cupid is going to plant his arrow in you.

- One of the most effective ways to show love is buy handing someone flowers, preferably without a vase so they can stand there like an idiot, holding a plastic bag of dead plants. It's so romantic.
- If you're more into food than flowers, chocolates are a great way of showing love as well. If someone loved me, they could buy me Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. *(Fun Fact #1: If you're single, maybe it's because of your haircut, you should probably go get a haircut.)*
- Once you've signaled that you love someone with chocolates or flowers, you should probably overwhelm them with a home cooked meal, or take them out for a gourmet meal. I would not recommend getting a reservation, as I can't see it being too busy on Valentine's Day. Dessert is the most romantic of the foods, and also, if you plan on eating a lot, order a Diet Coke to drink, that throws people off the scent of your unhealthy eating habits. If someone loved me, they could take me out to dinner. *(Fun Fact #2: If you're single you should probably stay in and drink, no one wants to see your sad face ruining everyone's good times.)*
- Step Three. Putting on the moves. The dance moves that is. Once you're good and wined up, grab your partner and hit the town, probably somebody will have a band, and you can boogie like no one's snap chatting it! You can never overdo it when dancing. Take that risk. Toss your partner in the air. Spin them like they're not full of food and alcohol. If someone loved me, they would probably be impressed at how unenthusiastically I dance. *(Fun Fact #3: If you're single maybe go dance in the shower, or traffic.)*
- Step Four. Bring The Romance Home. Candles are extremely romantic. If you don't have any candles, install dimmer switches on all of your lights. If you don't have money for candles you probably don't have money for dimmer switches. Try cuddling while closing one eye for a similar experience. *(Fun Fact #4: You can probably download a candle app in the App Store, or Android Market.)*
- The Grand Finale. Time to get your weird little bodies into bed. So get naked, except for your socks, kiss your partner, remember no means no, and Tallahassee is a good strong safe word. Turn on the television and prepare to be disappointed. If someone loved me, now would be a good time to tell me.

I hope you all find love this Valentine's Day, and remember, you can't get a divorce unless you get married. Take that leap!

# AM I STILL A YANKEE??

By a Yankee, I think

I recently returned from spending the holidays in upstate New York and I realized that I am entering my 20th year of living in Georgia, ten years in downtown Savannah and ten on Tybee. Wow! Where does the time go? I was also recalling the grief I had to endure when I first arrived back in the south from Yankeeland, New York, "Go home Yankee," "Carpetbagger," and so on and on. This was mostly heard in a bar after a few drinks and was always taken as good clean fun, but if you hear something enough then you have to wonder if there is some validity. We've all heard the joke, "What's the difference between a Yankee and a Damn Yankee? A Damn Yankee stayed." Is it because I call it a "cart" and not a "buggy?" Were there some harsh opinions that southerners have against northerners that I didn't know about? It was always said that people up north are sitting around putting down people in the south. Nothing I ever experienced, in fact I always thought y'all had the right idea by not living in that frozen gray tundra I had to endure for the first twenty-something years of my life. We traveled to the south at least once a year just to get some sunshine in our lives.

As I approach my twentieth year, I have to wonder - am I still a Yankee? The rules vary depending who you talk to, I thought you had to be here twenty years. So, now what? I don't feel any different. Is there a coming-out party? A baptism of sorts? Do we have to sacrifice a small animal? Any reason to throw a party really, and I'm in. Should I even care what people think? No, I guess, I mean most of my friends that grew up here don't even realize that I didn't grow up here. They've forgotten. I'll take it as a compliment. But even in doing so, it's like admitting that there's something I've done wrong.

Another rule of thumb I've heard is that you must live here for over half your life. Well, I'm in my mid-forties, so that means a couple more years and sure enough it will be over half my life. I don't know if I can hold out that long!!! What is this yearning for acceptance? Why do I feel I need to earn this badge of honor? Probably because I love living in the south and especially at the beach. People are generally in a good mood, you catch someone's eye and you say "hello." Not that every Yankee is a cold bitter jerk, but you almost have to get a bit depressed by mid-February when you haven't seen the sun in months.

I guess if I have to wait a couple more years to be fully converted, then so be it, I'm not going anywhere. I'll probably still throw a party. I've met the best, most generous and caring people in my life right here. We are so lucky to live in our little bubble of southern hospitality no matter where we are from. Tybee comes together like nobody's business and has one of the strongest senses of community that I've ever experienced and the love is everywhere. There are good people everywhere and if I'm a Yankee to some, then so what. New York isn't the worst state to be from, at least I'm not from Ohio, LOL. I'm just joking y'all!!

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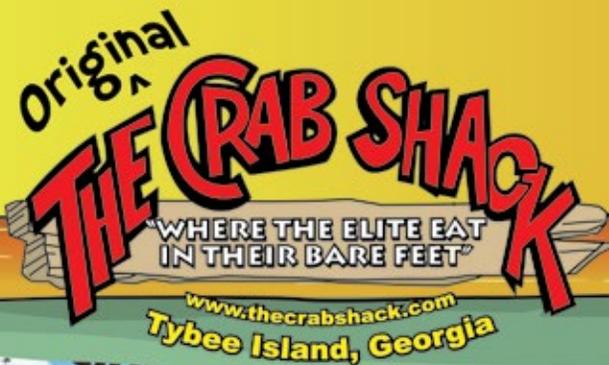
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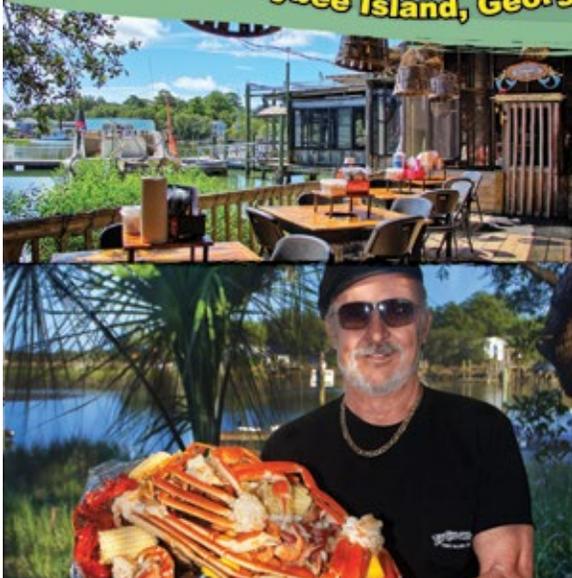


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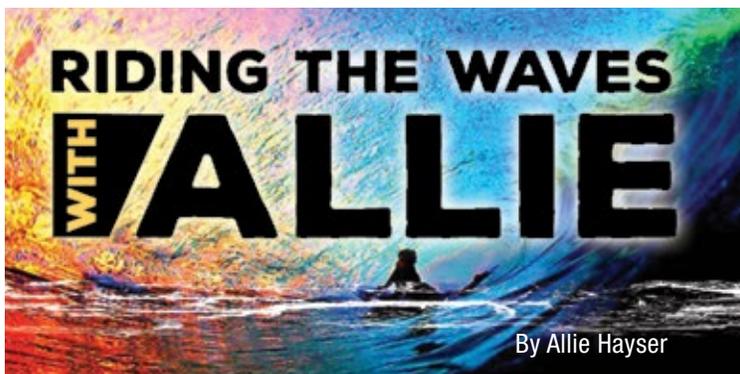
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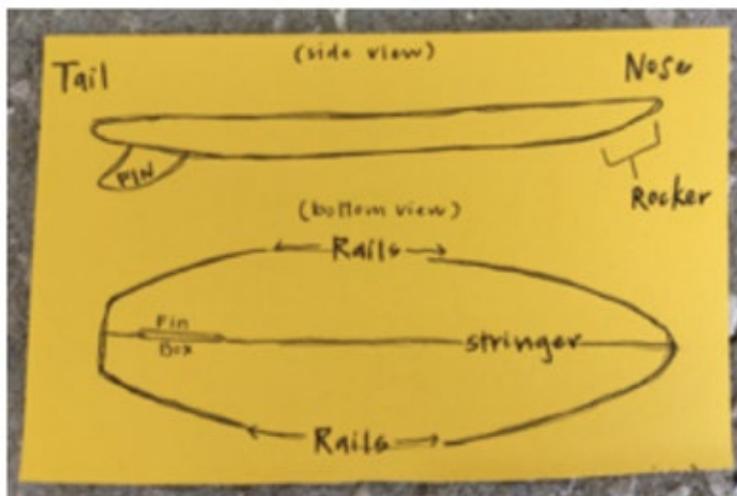
- Read the Tybee Beachcomber!
- Walk the beach
- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise and a sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Rent a golf cart
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
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- Remember to leave only your footprints



## BOARD TALK

When you understand the construction and shapes of surfboards, you can truly appreciate how incredibly magical it is that there are local shapers nearby, putting so much thought and skill into the final design. Surfboards are the topic they should've thought to teach us about in physics class ... every part of the board is designed in a way that will work to control the flow of water and generate speed or maneuverability.

- **Nose:** The top tip of the board. This top section can be curved up a little or a lot and that curve is referred to as Rocker. When a board has more rocker, it typically feels easier to drop into a wave ... but at the same time it can lead to nose diving (wiping out when your nose dives underwater). The most common noses will be pointed (faster entry onto a wave), curved (speedy paddling into waves and float-ability), or a combination of the two.
- **Tail:** The opposite of the nose. Tail shapes are important for maneuvers and provide a grip/hold onto the wave. Water flows along the surface of the board and off of the back. Where there are curves, the water follows and holds the flow along the board, while corners or sharp edges break the water flow. Rounded tails are held by water flow easier, so they are stable and trim the wave face smoothly. Squared off and angular tails are designed to interrupt the water flow, making it easier to change direction, make turns, and more reactive movements.
- **Rails:** The outer edges of the board's sides. The curvature of the rails has an impact on the ability of the board to grip and lock into a direction on a wave face. Just like the curvature of the tail impacts water flow, the rails with rounded soft curves will grip the wave more and provide a stable smooth ride, whereas sharper ones, "pinched" or flattened rails, will cut the wave with less grip, giving you more speed and easier maneuverability.



- **Contours:** Areas on the board where water is redirected. It is common place to have a concave curve on the bottom of the board that allows water to flow more readily and out the back of the board. This increases the hydrodynamics and provides lift, a forward thrust and faster speed across the wave face. In combination with the water flowing under the board and out across the curves of the tail, the board is literally weighted, lifted, gripping the wave, and obtaining speed!

There are a million different shapes and sizes of surfboards out there. Many boards are made with a mixture of shapes in mind, but sticking to the more general overview of shapes, there are:

- **Longboards:** These are the longest and usually thickest of boards, making them wave machines! For our home breaks, having one of these will be your best ticket to surfing "something" out there every day. Because of its length and buoyancy, it's faster to paddle into waves, easier to take some steps walking along it, maybe nose ride, and enjoy a longer wave. Traditionally, these are usually over 9ft., 20 inches wide, and 2.5 inches thick.
- **Fun Shapes:** Stepping down in size, fun shapes are usually 6 to 8 ft. long with more volume than a shortboard. This step down will give you more chances to make turns and movements while still being able to catch waves easily.
- **Shortboards:** Farther down in size, usually under 7ft., shortboards are usually thin in thickness and have sharp noses. These boards react very quickly in the water, making it possible to do fast turns and cuts vertically, but tend to be more of a challenge to paddle into waves.

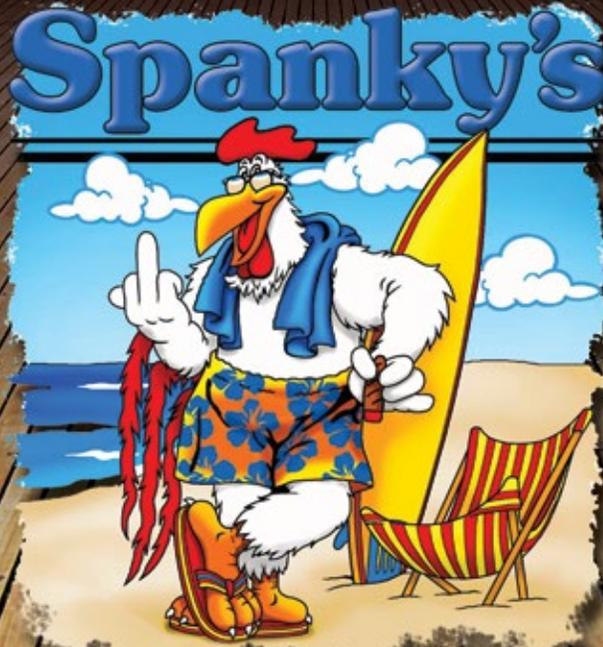
What's Inside:

- **Foam Blank:** A polyurethane or polystyrene (Styrofoam) foam blank is the core of the board. These usually come with a Stringer, a wooden strip running from nose to tail, that holds both sides of the foam together. Shapers order particular blank sizes to start from, cut the designed outline, shave off foam from the blank, and use many different tools to sand and measure the board as it comes to life.
- **Fiberglass Cloth:** The cloth works to strengthen the board and cover the porousness of the foam blank. This cloth is applied to the entire board, nose to tail, top to bottom. Fiberglass cloth comes in different weights, most commonly 4 and 6 oz., with the heavier cloths usually applied on longboards.
- **Resin:** The cloth is bonded to the surfboard by being completely saturated with resin. Most widely used resins are either epoxy or polyester. Epoxy typically makes a lighter board and less likely to acquire dings. Fiberglass polyester is a more traditional resin, seen most commonly on hand-shaped boards, and the weight of these boards may allow for better grip on Tybee waves. It all depends on what you like personally.

Thanks for reading this month's article and letting me give a general explanation of surfboards and construction. This may help when shopping for a new board to try or figuring out the board that you found in your storage shed. The most important thing about a surfboard is the feel when riding it. All of these designs and shapes come together to make a design for a vision that the shaper has, but the best part of it all is that we all surf and ride these boards differently. So ride what feels best for you, try out a few friends' boards, share your stoke dreams with a shaper before you ask for a custom, and experiment with the world of surfboard shapes, dimensions, and sizes. See y'all out there soon!

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## Behind the Tape...

By Sgt. Richard Dascall



Hey everyone, I hope all of you had a great Christmas and New Year's. We're going to start the new year off right with a good old police story. This is one of my favorites, but I have to go back a few years to tell it.

As I'm sure most of you are aware, terrible things your eyes cannot unsee happen on the beach at night. Coincidentally, when it's slow and the weather permits, some of us officers enjoy a beach ride late in the night. Well around 2011, an officer that was employed here at the time and I went on these beach rides three nights in a row and each night what we saw became progressively worse.

The first night, just as we got to 2nd St., we ran across a group of people who had several candles lit and placed around this stick structure. As we got a bit closer we realized they had drawn a pentagram in the sand. We talked to them for a minute and realized this was some sort of satanic ritual. All in all, they were very nice people, so we just asked them to put their candles out to avoid any fires and we went on our way.

The next night got even better. Just as we reached 15th St., we bumped into a couple of people enjoying the beach in an adult manner. As we were talking to them and explaining that a hotel would be better for that sort of thing, we heard noises closer to the pier. We shone our flashlights in that direction and saw no less than 100 people scattered no more than 10 ft. from each other, all having sex on the beach. At that point we just turned the blue lights on our ATV and that let everyone know it was time to go. Unfortunately that's one of those things you can't unsee, because, for the most part, it wasn't a pretty sight.

The next night, we actually made it all the way to the pier with no unfortunate occurrences. We got onto the pier and looked around, where we found someone sleeping behind the ice machine near the railing. We woke the guy to find out why he was sleeping there. Turned out he was local, had drank too much, and didn't have a way home. We started to send him on his way, and as he was putting his shoes on, I saw him take something out of his shoe and put it in his mouth. Having seen this sort of thing before, I was pretty sure this guy was trying to swallow crack. So we grabbed him and started trying to get him to spit out the suspected drugs. After a couple seconds of this he was able to tell us that he was just putting in his teeth.

After this, we both took the series of events as a sign that there's nothing good on the beach after dark, and decided not to go out there for a while. So in summary, be careful on the beach at night. Lots of strange things happen out there.



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# Main Street Musings

Chantel Morton, Development Authority/Main Street Program Staff Director

How do you show your love for Tybee? Well, we see the love for Tybee through joint actions continuously taken to protect the authentic nature and design of the resources found only here. A variety of partnerships year-round help accomplish sustaining the quality of life and economic stability while enjoying a peaceful and unique landscape of our commercial and residential areas.

If you'll recall, a planning retreat for the city's Development Authority/Main Street Program was held last February so merchants, residents, and NPO reps could set a vision and work plan for the city in accordance with the national and state Main Street regs.

The outcome of that retreat was a strategic plan for economic development with a focus on preservation which included the 2018-19 Plan of Work. The program's board of directors recently had their 6-month review of the progress being made with each goal per strategy:

## 1) Historic Preservation & Education

- Council recently approved revisions to the south end district overlay so that historic resources are better protected (see Kathy's article).
- Merchants can receive a 50% match (up to \$5k!) for façade improvements
- Additional incentives are available to property owners.

## 2) Ecotourism & Active Lifestyle

- The city continues to improve pedestrian and bicycle paths with input from the youth council and others.
- Activities to enjoy the outdoors and nature are continuously highlighted by businesses, visitors center, and on the city's website.

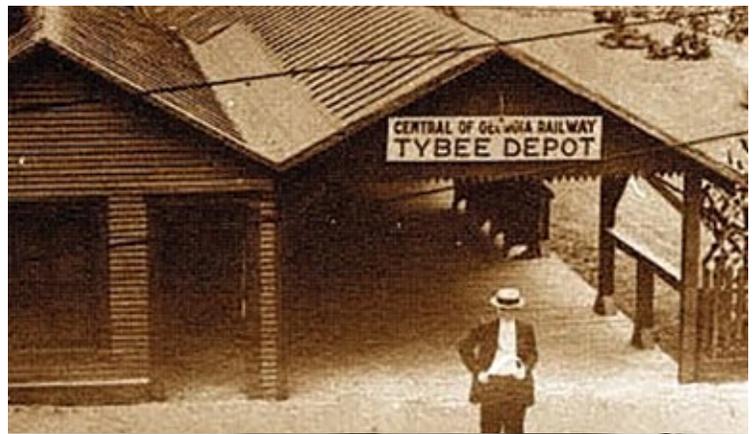
## 3) Image Campaign

- Consistent fonts and colors are incorporated into the city's communication pieces.
- Improving methods to disseminate consistent information continues to be reviewed with partners.

For more information about the Tybee Island Development Authority / Main Street Program, preservation spotlights, upcoming city approved special events, and business and community matters, sign up for the Main Street Talk e-newsletter by visiting [www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com](http://www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com) or the Tybee Island Main Street FB page. As always, feel free to contact members of the Development Authority/Main Street Board of Directors or me with suggestions and/or concerns re: economic vitality and preservation.

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Served in fried tortilla bowl, choice of chicken, shrimp, steak. Peppers, onions, tomatoes, topped with mexican salad.
- Taco Salad**  
Served in fried tortilla bowl. Shredded chicken or ground beef. Served with refried beans and guacamole salad.
- Chicken Soup**  
Shredded chicken broth filled with rice, pico de gallo, a sliced avocado. Mexican salad and tortilla bits.

**SEAFOOD**

- Seafood Molcajete**  
Grilled shrimp, fish & scallops smothered in rancho sauce on a steaming molcajete. Served with rice and mexican salad.
- Camarones Tosinos**  
Jumbo grilled shrimp wrapped in bacon with jalapeño peppers and grilled onions. Served with choice of rice or beans and mexican salad.
- Shrimp Chimichanga**  
Stuffed with grilled shrimp and onions. Served with rice, beans and mexican salad. Smothered in queso sauce.
- Shrimp Cocktail**  
Steamed shrimp mixed with pico de gallo, slice of avocado and special cocktail sauce.
- Camarones A La Diabla**  
Grilled shrimp mixed with onions and smothered in spicy tomatillo sauce. Served with rice, mexican salad, and tortillas.

**STEAK**

- Carne Asada**  
Steak served with rice and mexican salad and tortillas.
- Chile Colorado**  
Thin slices of steak smothered in tomatillo sauce. Choice of rice or beans with mexican salad and tortillas.
- Bistec A La Mexicana**  
Thin slices of sneaked served with rice, beans, and tortillas. Includes tomatoes, jalapeño and onion.

**CHICKEN**

- Pollo Loco**  
Grilled chicken breast, served with rice, mexican salad and tortillas.
- Chicken & Shrimp**  
Grilled chicken and shrimp served with rice mexican salad, and tortillas.
- Mole Poblano**  
Grilled chicken breast smothered in mole sauce and topped with sesame. Served with rice and beans.

**VEGETARIAN**

- Veggie Fajitas**  
Peppers, tomatoes, onions, mushrooms and zucchini. Served with rice and mexican salad.
- Black Bean Burrito**  
Lettuce, black beans, sliced avocado, pico. Topped with queso.
- Veggie #4**  
Veggie fajita quesadilla served with rice and mexican salad.

Children's Menu Available

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- Fajitas Agave**  
Grilled chicken, shrimp, chorizo, smothered with queso oaxaca and mixed with peppers, tomatoes and onions. Served with rice, beans, mexican salad and tortillas.
- Molcajete**  
Grilled steak, chicken and shrimp smothered in rancho sauce on a steaming molcajete. Served with rice and beans, mexican salad and tortillas.
- La Parrillada**  
Fajitas for 2, grilled steak, chicken and shrimp, carnitas and chorizo. Served with rice, beans, mexican salad and tortillas.

**QUESADILLAS**

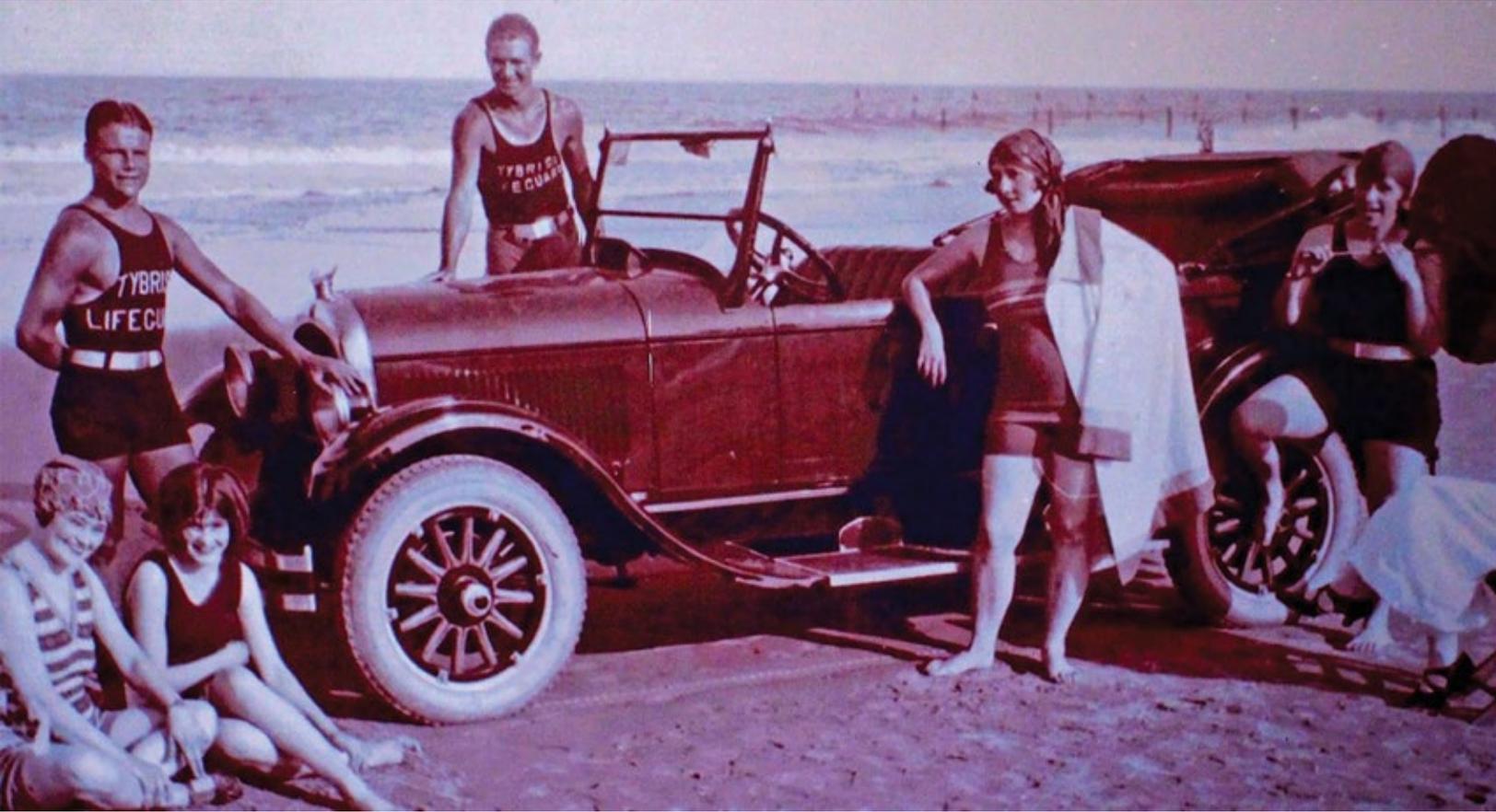
- Shrimp Fajita Quesadilla**  
Flour tortilla with grilled shrimp, tomatoes, peppers, and onions. Served with rice and mexican salad.
- Quesadilla Texana**  
Flour tortilla with steak, chicken, shrimp, peppers, tomatoes and onions. Served with rice and beans.
- Quesadilla Supreme**  
Flour tortilla with shredded chicken or beef and refried beans. Served with rice and mexican salad.

**AGAVE SPECIALS**

- Carnitas Tips**  
Carnitas served with rice, beans, mexican salad, and tortillas.
- Enchiladas Poblanas**  
3 grilled chicken enchiladas topped with mole sauce. Topped with queso and chopped onions. Served with rice.
- La Texicana**  
Grilled steak, chicken and shrimp with bell peppers and onions. Covered in 2 flour tortillas and smothered in queso sauce.
- Special Chile Relleno**  
2 chiles rellenos. Your choice of chicken or beef. Topped with queso and pico. Served with rice and beans.
- Burrito Grande**  
Flour burrito with chicken, or steak and served with black beans and rice, jalapeños, pico, slice of avocado with french fries.
- Arroz Texano**  
Grilled steak, chicken, shrimp with peppers, tomatoes, and onions. Served over rice and covered in queso.
- Agave Special**  
Chile relleno, one tamale, one burrito and one enchilada, and one taco. Served with rice and beans.
- Enchiladas Verde**  
4 grilled chicken enchiladas topped with queso and served with avocado.

Menu subject to change.

# Historic Preservation on Tybee



## *For the Love of Tybee*

By Kathy Dennis

Tybee loves its historical treasures and on January 10, the City Council voted to approve a text amendment for the South End Business Overlay District that would help preserve over 40 historic structures within this area. Many of these structures are the Tybee Raised Cottages, mid-century commercial buildings and rooming houses that define a commercial district. These structures helped Tybee become a vibrant year round community. This action on the district has been a long time coming. The council also voted to approve an agreement for a design guidelines manual per the approved and awarded Historic Preservation Fund Grant FY2018.

A little history... In July 2013, the late Cullen Chambers and Chantel Morton worked with a SCAD graduate student to prepare the first design guidelines manual for the island at the request of the city, Tybee Island Historical Society (TIHS) and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). For the next few years, the HPC worked on revising the guidelines. This guideline document became incorporated with the proposal for local historic districts in July 2016, which was denied.

Fast forward to March 2018, when a resolution for the moratorium in the South End Overlay District (SEOD) was approved by the city council. The SEOD will be part of a fourth National Historic District on Tybee. The other three are Fort Screven Historic District (1984), the Strand Historic District (1996) and the Back River Historic District. These districts are in jeopardy due to unrestricted demolition of historic buildings that contribute to their character.

In July 2018, the Tybee Island Planning Commission considered a text amendment to restrict demolition which promotes the welfare and vitality of the city's original commercial and resort district, to preserve historic character and provide standards for compatible new development.

Tybee is well on its way towards protecting and honoring Tybee's historic structures and maintaining its authenticity. To follow the progress of historic preservation on Tybee Island, go to the Historic Preservation Commission page on the City of Tybee Island website, as well as its Facebook page. Another good way to support historic preservation is by joining the Tybee Island Historical Society and following them on Facebook and their website.

The next two meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission are February 19 and March 19 from 6-7 pm in the City Hall conference room.

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# CONCERT CALENDAR

By Mike Manitta

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- 2/9/19 - St. Paul and The Broken Bones – Georgia Theatre – Athens
- 2/10/19 - Savannah Stompers – Tybee Post Theater
- 2/16/19 - Lowcountry Heartbreakers – Tybee Post Theater
- 3/1/19 - 7th Annual Savannah Blues Festival – Savannah Civic Center
- 3/2/19 - “Those Were the Days” w/William Florian – Tybee Post Theater
- 3/2/19 - Joe Bonamassa – Johnny Mercer Theater - Savannah
- 3/3/19 - Fleetwood Mac – Phillips Arena – Atlanta
- 3/9/19 - Chloe Agnew, a St. Patrick’s Celebration – Tybee Post Theater
- 3/14/19 - Harry O’Donoghue in Concert – Tybee Post Theater
- 3/15/19 - Elton John – Jacksonville Veteran’s Memorial Arena – Jax
- 4/24/19 - The Rolling Stones – TIAA Bank Field – Jacksonville
- 5/9/19 - Greta Van Fleet – Daily’s Place - Jacksonville
- 5/29/19 - Ozzy Osbourne – State Farm Arena – Atlanta
- 6/1/19 - Hootie & The Blowfish – Lakewood Amphitheatre - Atlanta
- 7/5/19 - Electric Light Orchestra – Chastain Park Amphitheatre – Atlanta
- 7/10/19 - Train/Goo Goo Dolls – Verizon Wireless at Encore Park – Alpharetta
- 8/22/19 - Queen w/Adam Lambert – State Farm Arena - Atlanta

## Publisher’s Spotlight

By Jimmy Prosser

This magazine is a collaboration, no one person does it all. Many, many man hours go from turning emails and word documents into the finished product you hold before you. Now there are some big key players, Alaina, Margie, Wen, some names that constantly pop up, and of course our writers who don’t understand what deadlines mean, but we’re working on that.

But there’s one man who is the backbone of the Tybee Beachcomber, **Rick Flynn**. Rick (along with Alaina) is our publisher, he takes all of our articles, advertisements and photographs, lays them out, designs and formats the entire magazine, and sends it off to print. In the years I’ve worked for the Tybee Beachcomber I’ve met the confounding Rick twice, and here’s what there is to know about him:

1. **He does not own a shirt with sleeves.**
2. **He works out all the time.**
3. **He will come up with any excuse to not have to help deliver magazines.**
4. **He spelled Jimmy as Jummy once, and it stuck, effectively ruining my entire life.**

I hope after reading this you all feel you know Rick on the same personal level that I do.



# Tybee Beachcomber Celebrates FOUR YEARS!!!

By Alaina Loughridge



WOW!!! I can't believe it's been four years! Feels like just yesterday that Rick and I ran into each other at Dizzy's Dean's and decided to make our idle conversations of the past a reality of the present. It hasn't been all hugs and kisses. There have been screaming matches, hanging up on each other, thoughts of murder (or at least thoughts of assault), stress of deadlines, as well as periodic thoughts of moving to another country! Thankfully, those moments have been counterbalanced by coming together as a team and getting the job done during times when all one can do is laugh!

Naturally, this is not just one or two people putting this magazine together. There are a lot of people involved and they all love what they do (except on the 10th of the month when I'm cracking the whip and making threats). Without the writers, the delivery drivers, our lovely editor, Margie, our Master Chief, Mac, the magazine would be nothing. Not to mention our advertisers! Now, without them, we really would be nothing.

I also want to thank everyone that clutched their hangovers and came out that lovely Sunday afternoon to be a part of our awesome cover! Herding cats is no easy task and without the help of Nell Klein, our Logistical Queen, and her hubby, Mark (who hasn't set foot on the beach in over 10 years), we would still be out there trying to spell Four like For because we didn't have enough people! We were literally grabbing people walking by, to rope them into this photoshoot, and bless their hearts, we made it happen! So, thank you for taking your time to help us make our annual cover special (and spelled correctly)! A special shout out to our Drone God, Billy Harrell, of Riverrat Productions, who has the complicated job of not screwing up the cover shot! No pressure there! So Happy Anniversary to us!!! A huge thank you to everyone that has put forth an effort to help the Tybee Beachcomber succeed and thrive! Here is to another four years of good times and fun entertainment with a healthy dose of whip cracking and sarcastic comments.



# Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms

## Valentine's Day A Celebration of the Heart

It's kind of awkward writing about Valentine's Day when you're in your forties. It seems the sort of holiday to be relegated to candy hearts and boxes of impersonal notes to hand out helter-skelter in a classroom full of unruly kids hopped up on cupcakes with too-sweet icing. It seems the sort of holiday rife with overly sentimental clichéd cards, stuffed teddy bears, and animatronic hearts singing *Baby I Need Your Loving*. But a part of me still appreciates it. And no, not just for the chocolate and wine, though they certainly help.

It's nice to be reminded to love and be loved. When it comes down to it, Valentine's Day is a celebration of the heart—the source of our greatest knowing. There's nothing trite or overdone or commercial about that. Just thinking about the heart makes my breathing slow, my mind calm, my eyes open to see the beauty of the world around me. The heart and not the brain is what I most trust to guide me in the right direction in life.

But maybe you're sick of all this lovey-dovey stuff that hounds you all through the month of February. Maybe your heart's broken this Valentine's Day. There is beauty even in this. The heart grows by breaking, if you let it. Breaking makes a heart stronger, more knowing of itself and its desires than before. Let your heart break, let the beauty in.

Maybe you're in a stagnant relationship that seems dull and lifeless. Maybe you see those new couples out there kissing, whispering sweet nothings, holding hands even! And you think to yourself: When was the last time anyone held my hand? Valentine's Day is a good day for this too. For the reminder that relationships are always morphing and changing, finding something new and exciting and then forgetting and settling into routine. The challenge is to keep finding the love you know is there, keep looking for it. As one of the wise sages of our time, Carly Simon, once said: *It's Coming Around Again*.

So make your pancakes into hearts, eat all the chocolates (even the gross gooey cherry ones), pop open another bottle of champagne, and remember the best day to show someone you love them is not Christmas or Easter or even Valentine's Day, but today.



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# Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge



I love this job! I get to meet all sorts of people and get the dirt on their lives and tell everyone I know! Good times right there, and with that in mind, I am going to spill the dirt on this month's Bartender of the Month, **Heather Sharp**! You can find this lovely lady slinging drinks and shucking and jiving at **Sting Ray's**. As Heather has been a Tybee staple for most of her life, most of Tybee knows this girl and if you don't, get down to Sting Ray's now! Super cute, quick witted and on her A game always, Heather is a must meet and drink on your bucket list! Here's the dirt...

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Heather moved to Tybee with her mom and dad when she was just five years old. Now, at the ripe old age of 28, Heather knows Tybee. Heather did her school thing and graduated from Johnson High. She worked as she went in a couple of different jobs, but truly found her home at Sting Ray's when she was still just a kid. She started out expediting food and has earned her way to the top tier of bartending through hard work and perseverance. Bartending is not easy, but Heather makes it seem so.

**I asked her the most important questions of life:**

**Tybee Life: 23 years**

**Passion: Music, friends, new adventures and Hula Hooping**

**Grows Up: Maybe a dental hygienist. Definitely something in the medical field.**

**Spirit Animal: A Wolf! Wolves are fierce and protective of each other. Heather is also a Scorpio, which explains all of that. The moral of this is: Don't mess with this girl or her people!**

Naturally, I had to ask Heather her **go-to drink**. There was a bit of confusion here, as she has many. I asked her for her top three (why not?). She replied with a **Green Tea shot (a splash of sour is the key)**, a **Pain in the Ass shot (Jameson and other stuff)**, and a **Sun Kiss Bomb (liquor with liquor with some Red Bull and some other stuff)**. Of course I had to sample all three just to make sure she wasn't lying to me. She wasn't lying. Everything after that gets a little hazy and my notes are completely illegible...

Go see Heather at Sting Ray's! Be sure to ask for one of her top three go-tos and get illegible.

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# Lounging with Loughridge

By Alaina Loughridge



**1** Y'all know I am super partial to the Wind Rose. This fab shot was taken the same day as our February cover shoot, so how could I not show some Rose love! Now, don't panic - I've got it on good authority that the Wind Rose isn't done yet and there are plenty of years of debauchery to come.

**2** **Jeremy Riddle** is a key player in the McNally "Sathursday" game and was giving his best 'come hither' look. I hear that look works 60% of the time. Seeing as how this was later in the evening, I foresee a happy ending for Mr. Riddle with some lucky lass! If you are wondering what Sathursday is, it is the only day off where day drinking is allowed when you have to work on the weekends. If nothing else, we Tybee Idiots are adaptable.

**3** Caught up with these fine people at the *Wind Rose* after our cover shoot: **Wen McNally, Leigh Goralczyk, Mike Manitta aka Fuzzy, and our lovely Editor, Margie McLellan.** Photo shoots are hard work and make people super thirsty!

**4** They weren't the only thirsty people in town. **Scott and Brenda Neese, Lajan Barfield, Lil Deb Sharp and Lee Fussell** were all front and center enjoying themselves immensely after a hard day at the beach! How often can you say that in the first week of January anywhere else in the country? Well, except Florida. I don't think Florida is participating in winter and I have to say Tybee is having a great global warming winter as well!

**5** Stole this pic from our Drone God, **Billy Harrell.** This was during our cover shoot and I am shouting in the bullhorn while **Nell Klein** is shouting in Nell voice. Everyone listened to her! Perfect sunny day on the beach with a great group of people all trying to spell the word "Four." Who knew it would be like herding cats?

**6** I know it's a bit late, but check out **Bobbo** hanging out with these hot chicks, **Amy Callahan and Morgan Shaner** at *Huc A Poos Soul Train New Year's Eve Contest!* **Robert Ridge** always hangs out with the cool people!

**7** I caught up with **Jenny Orr and Christy Alan** being awarded a sponsorship plaque for their contributions to the *Tybee Equality Fest* by **Angie Celeste** as **Mr. Snowballs (the polar bear)** looked on. These girls work so hard for this community!



**8** I know the Beachcomber and Tybee loves some **Jimmy Prosser**. How can you not? He's cute and super entertaining! So, when I caught him walking his cat, **Duncannonuts** (who is soon to be a viral sensation), I had to get a picture! Duncan is also super cute and entertaining and loves a good walk about. This occasion was a jaunt to the liquor store. What else is there to say?

**9** Is that the longest cargo ship ever or did I just stand up at the right time to see two ships passing in the day? They were so close to each other they probably shook hands as they passed. That must have been one hell of a wake!

**10** **Girls Night Inn**, hosted by **Beachview Bed & Breakfast**, was a big success, thanks to these hard working ladies, left to right, **Wendy Hicks, Karen Kelly and Lauri Kinkle**. I have to give a shout out to **Frank Kelly** who made the "welcome to the party rum drink!" I don't know what all was in there, but it was delicious! All the proceeds for this event are going to **Tybee Wishes**, a very local organization that helps Tybee people in need.

**11** It's hard to tell in this picture if **Tree** is leading the police on the slowest chase in Butler history, or if he just wanted to be a part of the **MLK Parade**. Either way it was a good time had by all!

**12** Look who else I ran into at **Girls Night Inn!!!! Dr. Jessanna Smith** and her cohort in crime, **Jaimie Hill!** I love both of these ladies, but have never seen them outside of **Tybee Teeth**. No one deserves a Night Inn more than these two - look how happy they are!

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# Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

## IT'S STARFISH TIME!

One of the most exciting animals we find during my beach ecology trips is a Starfish. It's usually during this cooler time of the year when we find them. I know they are supposed to be called Sea Stars, but I'm old school, grew up calling them Starfish, and too old to try to change now; so I'm going to call them Starfish.

Our winter time star is the Forbe's Sea Star. It has a reddish-brown, bumpy upper surface. When we find them, they are usually in the rock jetties hanging onto the oyster-covered rocks or in the tide pools. This is their preferred habitat because they can grip the rocks and eat just about any other animal attached to the rocks (oysters, mussels, barnacles). Although it can cling firmly on the rocks and pry open an oyster, it doesn't really have much muscle. Instead, it relies on an internal water vascular system composed of tubes of water that radiate out each arm and end in tiny, finger-like tube feet that stick out underneath each arm. Each tube foot has a suction cup on the end, and it is with these tiny suction cups that the Starfish clings onto solid surfaces.

I've got to tell you how it eats a mussel or oyster. The Starfish uses its tube feet to pull itself over the bivalve and position its mouth (small hole at the center of its underside) where the bivalve would open its two shells. Of course the bivalve will use its strong muscles to hold its shells tightly shut when disturbed, and the Starfish is not nearly strong enough to pry them apart. But the Starfish is patient. With those tube feet sucked onto the shells, it will constantly apply force to open the shells. The Starfish relies on the hydraulic pressure of its water vascular system to maintain constant force, rather than muscle power. Eventually, the bivalve runs out of energy and its muscles fatigue, and its shells open slightly. The Starfish then sends its stomach out of its mouth, through the opening between the shells, and into the inside of the bivalve. In there, the



stomach surrounds the soft body of the bivalve and digests it there. When finished, the Starfish pulls its stomach back in and crawls to its next victim.

The Forbe's Sea Star is a cooler water species, and in some northern areas they can be a problem for commercial oyster beds. Around here, they are more common on offshore hard bottoms throughout the year; but during the colder months, a few sometimes make their way to the coast. Some winters, we get a few, and sometimes we don't get any. But now is the time. So if you get a chance to explore around the jetties at low tide, be on the lookout.

One last note. With suction cups at the ends of its tube feet, Forbe's Sea Stars can grip and move over solid structures and bottoms very well; but they are not good at moving over sand. So if you happen to find one washed up and you want to rescue it, it will have a much better chance of surviving if you release it at the rocks rather than just throwing it back out in the water, where it won't be able to secure itself.

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By Nell Klein

# LAST SEEN ALIVE

By Claire Douglas

I came across this book when I had nothing else to read and thought I'd give it a try. As I was reading along, I felt it was a pretty straight forward psychological thriller. I didn't have all of the answers, but I had a pretty good idea where it was headed and then BAM! What just happened? It threw me so completely off guard that I thought maybe I had fallen asleep and missed a few chapters. Eventually it started making sense again, although I had to change all of the pre-conceived ideas. Let me try and explain.

Libby and Jamie Hall, a young couple living in a small city flat in Bath, England, are invited to participate in a house swap with a well-to-do couple who live in a beautiful house in the country. The couple need a place to stay in the city while their daughter is having heart surgery. Libby, who is recovering from a fire at the school where she works, and also having had a miscarriage, thinks that this is just what she and Jamie need for a fresh start. So, they pack up and head to the amazing house for a two week stay.

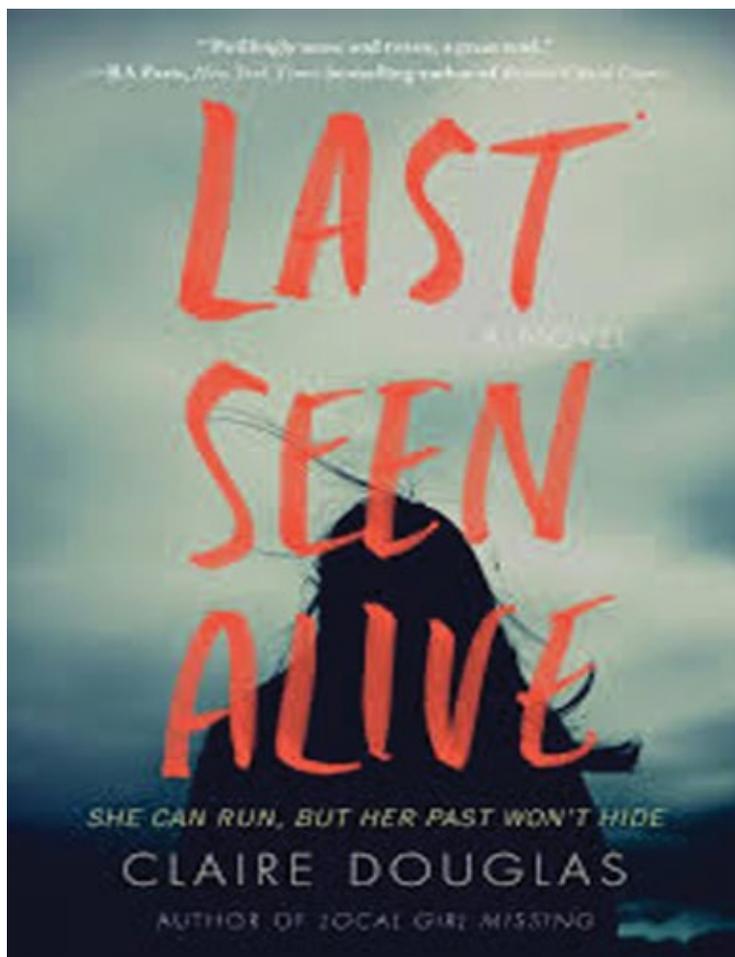
Of course, things aren't as idyllic as they first seemed. Libby feels that they are being watched and strange things start happening. After they find some disturbing things in the basement of the house, and Jamie comes down with food poisoning, they head for home. I was so relieved when they left that house! But the book was hardly halfway over, so I knew that there was plenty more where that came from!

After they return home, money is stolen from their accounts and other accounts are opened in their name where packages are delivered that they didn't order. But when a man shows up dead in their garden, Libby is sure that something from her past has caught up with her. It seems that she has some dark secrets from her younger years that she has kept from Jamie, and unfortunately, they are catching up with her fast.

This is when the book goes back to revisit Libby's life in Thailand at the age of 21, and the whole story changes. At first the change was a little confusing. In fact, it took a couple of chapters to wrap my head around what was happening. It seemed to have a whole new bunch of characters that I hadn't met yet and I wasn't sure how they all tied into the first half of the book. But hold on to your seat, because this is when it all gets a little crazy. This book was tough to put down from the very beginning, but when the story changed it really had me hooked. It has so many twists and turns until you have no idea who to believe or what on earth might happen next. It was exhausting! And I loved it!

I give this book 5 roses. It was just that good. It also seems that the author, Claire Douglas, has two other novels that I will definitely put on my reading list. You might be hearing about her again in the future!

*In the meantime, read a book! If it's a good read, pass it on!*



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# Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

## ***Febru-WHERE-y***

Ha! See what we did with the title? That's clever. It's like we've got a little series going to start 2019: First it was Jan-YOU-ary and now Febru-WHERE-y (looking ahead, "March" doesn't quite fit the pattern, but that's a problem for future me). Staying in the present, hopefully you've started paying yourself first - that was what Jan-YOU-ary was all about, after all. Those of you who happened to miss that particular article or perhaps would just like a little refresher (shameless plug coming), you can read past Beachcomber issues online! Go ahead, we'll give you time to get caught up...

Alright. So you've started (or will start) paying yourself first every time you get that paycheck. Where's the best place to put that money? Bank account? Stocks? Under the mattress?

First things first - get that emergency fund in good shape. There were two studies done last year that you may have read about. The first one was from Bankrate (actually a pretty great website for comparing different bank accounts, mortgages, credit cards, etc.) and found that 60% of people couldn't afford an unexpected \$1,000 expense. Then the Federal Reserve came out with their study (say what you will about their ability attempts with monetary policy, we're fairly certain they've got the academic study thing down cold) and said 40% of people can't afford an unexpected \$400 expense. For reference, \$400 is new brakes on your car and \$1,000 is an MRI after you twist your knee in an old turtle nest while running on the beach.

As a target, aim for a large enough emergency fund to cover three months of expenses. And yeah, that takes time to build up, but really prioritize getting at least one month's expenses put away. The thing about emergency funds is that you really only want to touch them in an emergency, so it helps to have the funds somewhere other than your daily checking account or linked savings account.

A quick search of the interwebs finds that you can get a 2.45% return on FDIC-insured savings as long as you have a \$100 balance and deposit \$100 a month into it. Or 2.39% with no minimums and no deposit requirements (for more reference, 2.4% returns in 2018 would have beaten global stock markets by a whopping 11.4%!). Granted, these rates are with banks you've never heard of and won't see an ATM for, but they are still accredited institutions and FDIC insured. And with your emergency money somewhere other than your debit card account, you're more likely to still have it when an actual emergency hits.

Once you get that emergency fund to one month's expenses, then we have more options available as to where we can put money. Don't forget about it completely though! - remember, we're trying to get up to three months' expenses - but once there's a little cushion, take some comfort in knowing you are more secure than the majority of people in the country and reward yourself by expanding where you put your money. Saving up for a big vacation? Investing in the stock market? Starting a college fund for a (grand) child? Now we're talking. The emergency fund is priority number one across the board, but after that it comes down to personal preference - what are your goals and what is your comfort level with taking risks to achieve those goals? And that's where a financial advisor can help out. So if you feel that's you, drop me a line at [russ@atiwealthpartners.com](mailto:russ@atiwealthpartners.com) and we'll find some time to get together.

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# THE Fish Whisperer



Captain  
Nick Shreves

## Feb. Fishing Forecast

### INSHORE

Inshore fishing is going to be tough this time of year, but fish are around. Sheepshead are still around, munching on Fiddler Crabs, barnacles and oysters. These fish love to be around structure. When its low tide, you will see the white marks from them feeding along the pilings. Pay attention to this and you will find the bigger schools. Speckled Sea Trout are hanging out in the deeper holes, waiting for food to come to them. Red Drum can be found in the shallow mud flats sunning themselves on those warm afternoons. Keep moving and you will find fish.



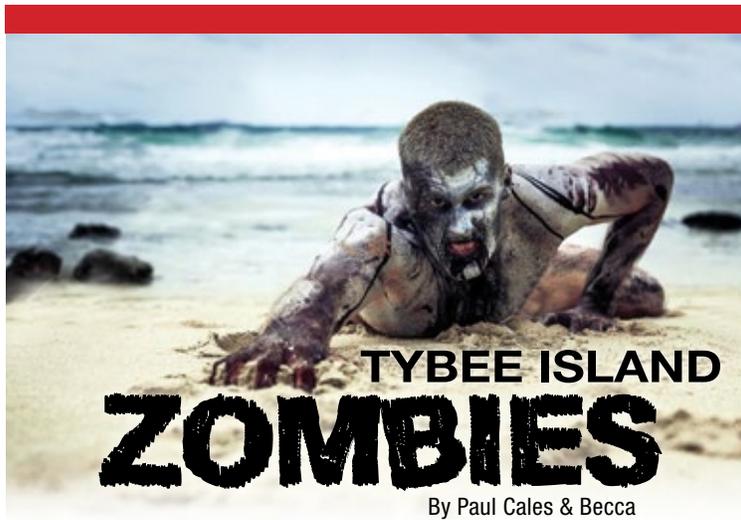
### NEAR SHORE

The Black Sea Bass should be heading to deeper waters with the colder water that has set up in our region. Tons of short Black Sea Bass are on the close reefs and the keepers are out in 60 plus ft. of water. The Sheepshead have moved out to the reefs and are ready to eat every Fiddler Crab you offer them. For Sheepshead, use a rod with a fast action tip so you can see their light bite. A Carolina style rig with an ultra-sharp live bait hook gives you the best chance at putting these bait stealers in the fish box. I tend to take at least 100 crabs per person, as these fish will steal your bait very often. Lots of Black Drum are on the same reefs as the Sheepshead. Find those calm days and you can have a fish fry with all your friends.

### OFF SHORE

Offshore fishing has remained really good for those willing to make the run out deep. All you have to do is to wait for a day with nice weather and go; the fish are hungry. Triggerfish, Red Porgies, Vermilion Snapper and lots of Grunts are all feeding heavy. Squid and Boston Mackerel are great baits for all these fish. Amberjack and Barracuda can be found near the towers and are best caught on live bait jigs or trolling large lures. Then for those with the gear, high speed trolling is producing plenty of Wahoo as well. These fish can be found along the big temperature breaks found near the stream. Check out your sea surface charts and watch your temp readings and you have a great chance and catching one of the fastest fish in the ocean. Have heard lots of reports of both Yellowfin and Blackfin Tuna along the stream as well - the most Yellowfin I have heard of in over a decade.

**If you are interested in joining me on a fishing adventure, give me a call at Big Fish Charters (912) 230-4625.**



# TYBEE ISLAND ZOMBIES

By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the Jan 2019 Beachcomber.  
Catch up @ <http://tybeebeachcomber.com/magazine>

## CHAPTER 19 – A LETTER FROM DOUG DAY 6.5

“Sorry sorry sorry!” Joey shouts. “I know I wasn’t supposed to slam on the breaks. This tank really does stop on a dime. Who would have thought 72 tons of steel would... Hey Tony man, you good?”

Silence answers him.

“Dude say something!” Joey says into the helmet, just to hear nothing in return. “Why’d you tell me to stop anyway? I don’t see anything, just the bridge. Oh... duh... There’s something on the other side of the bridge, right? You can see it from the top of the turret.”

After waiting a few beats to give Tony time to respond, Joey speaks up again. “You’re starting to worry me now. What’s happening?” He turns around and through the turret cage he can barely make out Tony’s lifeless body leaned forward onto the tank commander’s sights. He notices drops of blood splashing off Tony’s right knee and shouts, “OH SHIT, I’VE KILLED HIM!” He frantically looks for a way out of the driver’s hole and into the turret and continues talking to himself. “Okay, okay, okay, calm down Joey. How the hell do you get out of here? I can’t go back the same way I came in because the turret is in a different position and the door is on the other side now. There’s got to be a way to open this hatch.”

In a frenzy he begins looking around for the controls that will open the driver’s hatch and continues his one-sided dialog. “Okay. Where’s the damn button that says, ‘open hatch’? Jesus Christ, to start the damn tank you push a button that says, ‘Push to Start’! It’s got to be that simple.”

As his panic increases and he is getting incredibly close to pushing buttons to which he doesn’t know the purpose, the radio in his helmet cracks back to life. “It is not that simple Joey,” he hears Tony’s voice tell him.

“Oh, thank god you’re alive! I thought I killed you.”

“When I clear these cobwebs out of my head, explain to you how to free yourself from the driver’s hole, and get my hands around your neck, you’re going to wish you HAD killed me. I’ll promise you that much.”

“Dude, I’m SO sorry. You yelled stop and I got excited and pushed really hard on the brake pedal. Wait... you did warn me not to slam on the breaks, didn’t you?”

“Yes, I most certainly did. It’s my fault man. I forgot to show you how to stop quickly without giving everyone in the tank whiplash.”

“You okay though man? I saw blood.”

“I think so. I don’t think my nose is broken. It’s just bleeding a lot and I have a nasty bump on my forehead.”

“Why did we stop?”

“Oh, there’s an obstacle just over the crest of the bridge.”

“What is it?”

“Looks like someone set up a checkpoint or something. Lots of concertina wire and some poles holding the whole mess together.”

“The Army put it up?”

“Nah, man. Civilian for sure. It’s too messy, even for the National Guard.”

“Well what’s next then?”

“Let me get my bearings. How long was I out? Did you touch any other controls down there or mess with anything AT ALL?”

“You were only out for like a minute. I didn’t really have time to. I was just kinda sitting here freaking out.”

“Okay,” Tony begins, and clears his throat. “To the right of the brake pedal is a parking brake. Push it to the floor, slide the gear selector to ‘N’ and we can get out and move this wire that’s in our way. We don’t want it getting wrapped up in our sprockets and roadwheels. My old platoon sergeant, get this, his last name was Slaughter, would definitely not approve of concertina wire in the roadwheels.”

“His name was actually Sergeant Slaughter?”

“Sure was. But he was nothing like the pro wrestler. I’ve got lots of stories about that guy, but we’ll save those for around the campfire.”

After just a few minutes Tony and Joey return to the tank after uneventfully clearing the roadway and slip back into their positions. Once their helmets are in place Joey says, “Okay, boss. Where to?”

“Doug’s house dummy. But hey, let’s go down Tybrisa and up Izlar, so we can pull up next to the fire escape and won’t have to get off the tank to get into Doug’s place.”

“Yes sir!”

“Don’t call me sir, Joey. I work for a living.”

As they ride, Tony shoots any approaching zombies with the loader’s M240 machine gun. He focuses on the zeeks that move more quickly and leaves the slower, lumbering zombies alone. He’s impressed that his proficiency with the tank and its weapon systems has not waned in the slightest, though it’s been almost twenty years since he’s even seen a tank up close.

“Dude, how many have you killed so far?”

“On this ride? Probably a hundred and fifty or so. Did you notice that some of those things move more quickly than others?”

“Not really. I’m focusing on the road and on not killing you again. Wow, though! That’s a lot of zeeks. You’re good! I wanna shoot something!”

“Can I drive? Can I shoot? Pretty soon you’ll want to be the Tank Commander.”

“There are two tanks you know...”

“One thing at a time, Joey. Turn left... more left... steadyyyyyy aaaaaand stop.”

“I just stopped the tank and you’re not dead.”

“Well done, Joey. Congratulations. I guess you CAN follow directions. Now, slide through the back of the driver’s hole and into the turret. We’re heading up the fire escape.”

Joey pops his head out of the turret and begins to shout, “Dougie, we’re heeeee-eeer!”

Tony slaps him on the back of the head swiftly to shut him up. “Quiet asshole, those things can hear you.”

“I deserve that,” Joey says and rubs the back of his head while gazing up at Doug’s place. “Do you see Doug?”

“No, Joey. I don’t. Wait until I get into the window before making your assent.”

They secure their hand guns and Tony climbs the fire escape and sticks his head into the apartment. Not seeing any movement inside, he signals for Joey to climb up. “Hey Doug,” Tony whispers into the place. “You in here?” When nothing inside runs at him, he raises his voice. “Yo Doug!”

“Is he home?” Joey asks, as he sticks his head through the window and into the apartment.

“I don’t think so, but he might be asleep.”

"Or he might be one of tho..." Tony cuts him off mid-sentence, "You shut your damn dirty mouth with that nonsense. Let's take a look around and be careful. Don't shoot unless you know FOR SURE you're not going to regret it. Doug? Nomi? You guys here?"

There's no response from the place as they make their way from Doug's room down to the kitchen.

"Damn," Tony sighs. "Looks like Doug piled all his food on the kitchen table."

"Here's a note," Joey says, and begins to read out loud. "Dear weary traveler, or looter, or scavenger, or undead asshole."

"Really, it starts like that?" Tony says.

"Yeah, I love how colorful Doug can be. I'm surprised he didn't address the note to the dead hooker he found in the trunk."

"What else does it say?"

"Against my better judgment, I've headed to Little Tybee with Crabber Brian. Lisa from Spanky's is with us too. We're looking for Tony, Becky, and them. Last we heard they were held up in a camp on the south end of the island. Take any food or water you'd like. I don't think we'll be back for it. Stay safe and if you see Nomi, she's not in her right mind. She was bit saving me. Faithful hound till the end she was. ~Doug." Joey finishes off the note and sighs, "Damn, not Nomi."

"Do you think that was Doug and Lisa with Brian when he was shooting at our camp?"

"I know it was now," Joey says, and waves the note in front of him.

"We've got to get back to the camp," Tony says firmly and sees, from behind Joey, a quick spurt of motion. "What was that?" he says.

"What?" Joey says, jumping straight up in the air as if he had seen a mouse running at his feet.

To be continued...

# Life's a Beach Events

## What's happening in Feb By Mom

**2-1 & 2-2 Critz Tybee Run Fest** 6pm on 2-1, starting at the North Beach Lot. 7am on 2-2, starting on 15th Street and ending on 16th Street. 5 races to choose from that will help benefit local organizations. For registration and info go to [www.critztybeerun.com](http://www.critztybeerun.com).

**2-1, 2-2, & 2-3 Doubt** 7:30pm on 2-1 and 2-2. 3pm on 2-3. All at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This is a theatrical production of a 2005 award winning play. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**2-2 and 2-3 East of The Lazaretto Arts & Crafts Sale** Saturday 11am-6pm and Sunday 11am-5pm at Burton 4-H Center, 9 Lewis Ave. There will be a number of artists familiar to area residents, as well as new artists. In addition, there will be live music off and on throughout the weekend and opportunities to create your own unique piece of art to take home. For more info contact The Tybee Tourist at [theybeetourist@gmail.com](mailto:theybeetourist@gmail.com).

**2-3 Super Bowl Sunday!** 6:30pm. May the best team win!

**2-4, 2-11, 2-18, & 2-25 Historic Fort Screven Battery Tours** 9-10:30am at 30 Meddin Dr. The Tybee Island Historical Society is presenting this walking tour of the Fort Screven Batteries. Call 912-786-5801 as reservations are required and for further info.

**2-7 Date Night: "Schindler's List"** 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This film is in the top 10 of all time according to the American Film Institute. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**2-9 Chili Cook Off** 8pm at the Wind Rose, 19 Tybrisa St. Traditional and non-traditional. Prizes to be awarded. For more info call the Wind Rose at 912-786-6593.

**2-9 Fire & Rain, the James Taylor Experience** 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The Fire and Rain Band, fronted by Greg Pitts, performs a wonderful James Taylor tribute. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**2-10 Mardi Gras—Savannah Stompers Style** 4-6pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. First time on Tybee, the Savannah Stompers Jazz Band will be performing their "golden age jazz" music. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info 472-4790.

**2-10 Walking Dead returns!** 9pm on AMC.

**2-14 Valentine's Day!** A day to remember all your loved ones!

**2-16 The Lowcountry Heartbreakers** 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Singers/songwriters, Payne Bridges, Josephine Johnson and Jenna Lyn will each perform music of lowcountry jazz, country, soul and blues. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

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# TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk



## Worst Tale Ever

When we decided to get into the taxi business the decision to go with a gas powered cart over electric was a no brainer. Electric is nice, however it is extremely stressful trying to decide if there is enough of a charge to make one more trip. Not to mention it takes a full eight hours to charge the batteries. With gas, all you have to do is fill it up and go. Our first cart did not have a gas gauge, you had to visually inspect the tank. I would start my day at middle Chu's, grab a cup of coffee, smokes and gas.

When we first started Breezy, Joey would drive all day and night and I would do the next day. Honestly, in the summer, a day would be from 9am to 5am, every other day. I would always fill it up before middle Chu's would close for the night. In my thirty five years of driving, I have never run out of gas. I wish I could say the same for everyone else.

I was enjoying my night off and getting ready for bed when I got a call from Joey that he had run out of gas. Great! So I made the decision to go to Circle K, buy a gas can and gas. Unfortunately, one gallon was the biggest can they carried, and a gallon of gas does not go very far. He ran out of gas again before the night was over.

When we added the second cart it did have a gas gauge. Gas gauge or not, people were still running out of gas. I would give you one strike on the gas deal. Second time would cost you your job. So now, with the fleet of Crown Vics, the problem is people not putting in their fair share of money for gas. This has been a problem from

day shift to night shift the whole time. It is going on right now as I write this tale. The drivers have gotten better about fighting amongst themselves and leaving me out of it. But there comes a time for me to get involved. I get so upset, I worry about stroking out.

If you asked me what surprises me the most, it's about tires. From golf carts to cars to the party bus. Tires have been a huge expense. When the DOT was paving Butler Avenue the cross walks were higher than the pavement and a real hazard to the alignment on the front end suspension. The year before that was Hurricane Matthew and the roofing nails all over the island. I had plugged every tire on every car. I know one car had eight plugs in one tire. When we purchased the bus, my neighbor told me I had better put new tires on it. He said they were all dry rotted. He was right. I was driving a group of eight one evening and the tread on the driver's front broke loose and started slapping the fender wall. I jumped on the brakes and the thing started sliding off the road. Skid marks on the freshly paved asphalt (and my undies). I got four new tires on it the following Monday.

A couple months after that I noticed the passenger side tire was flat. I charged up my air compressor and tried to fill the tire with air. Keep in mind the tires hold like 70 psi. I moved the bus to the driveway and I heard what sounded like air rushing out of the tire. It was the front passenger tire. I inspected the tire and, lo and behold, someone had sliced my tires. I called the TIPD and asked if they could send an officer to write a report. Dispatch said they would send an officer over in a few minutes. She also replied, "Do you know who did it?" I said, "I know and you know, but we can't prove anything." The officer that showed up was younger and said he had never seen a sliced tire, but he thought that is what it would look like. I took the tires off and dropped them off at Firestone and he said, "That is definitely a slice from a blade." Fortunately, I had the bus back in operation the next day.

Joey was off island one night and stopped at Circle K, and a crazy looking woman asked him, "How much to Thunderbolt?" He said, "\$15." She said, "That is highway robbery." He said, "Whatever. I'm headed back to Tybee." He went in the store and when he came out, he had a flat. That crazy woman had slashed his tire and disappeared into the night. I told him better your tire than your throat.

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# D.I. Why?

By Jimmy Prosser

Feeling a bit ambitious this off season, I thought I would tackle a little home improvement project myself (well, the cat helped, sort of, he ate a nail). Now I know what you're thinking - Jimmy, this is a bad idea. At times I would agree. As it turns out I am not handy. I am a dreamer, I am not a doer.

Due to a leak in the apartment above me, the drywall between my front door and front windows had become warped, pulling away from the molding, and had bubbled. While my landlord agreed to replace the drywall, I thought, "Why not try to Shiplap it?" The worst case would be I would screw it up and my landlord would still replace the drywall. For this project I needed boards, and to my luck, the Beachcomber is delivered on a pallet, which worked perfectly.

Now I lucked out big time, the wall is 19 inches wide, each board was 40 inches, so I got two wall panels (26 panels) off the pallet. I cut each board and nailed them to the wall. Horrible idea. They didn't stick and they kept falling out, so off to T.S. Chu's I went to get some wood glue (\$2.88 including tax is all I spent on this project). I glued and nailed each board into place, completely forgetting that glue runs, and it got all over the floor. I also glued the light switch into the 'on' position, but I thought, "It's cool, I'll just unscrew the light bulbs when I want to go to bed." I recommend if you get glue on the floor, let it dry and then scrape it up. I made a bigger mess trying to clean it wet.

Once the boards were good and secured to the wall, I used dry wall putty to fill in the holes left by the nails from when my wall was just a pallet. I intended on painting this wall, so dry wall putty worked just fine. If you want to stain your wall I would use wood putty. I didn't have any wood putty, but this dry wall putty was left over from when I thought I could get a larger apartment by tearing out the wall between my bathroom and the adjacent bathroom in the apartment next to me (it did not go as planned). Also, cats like to eat dry wall putty. I asked Alexa, and she said it was not harmful, so I felt pretty confident that I was going to be a great pet owner with a really cool wall.

Once the putty had dried, I sanded it down (which makes a huge mess) and the dust got stuck in the glue on the floor. I probably should have put down a tarp. A quick wipe off with a damp cloth, then it was time to paint. I went with Kilz and just a flat white. I used a brush because I couldn't find a roller, and I wasn't going to spend more than \$3 on this project. I painted the front door and surrounding trim as well, so everything matched. Overall I'm really happy with the outcome.

If I were to do this again I would ask someone to assist me, it would have gone quicker if I had another person. I also would put a tarp down, since I got glue, dust and paint on everything (yes, I got white paint on my brown living room chair in two places!).

If you have a D.I. Why? you'd like to share with us, shoot us an email: [info@tybeebeachcomber.com](mailto:info@tybeebeachcomber.com).



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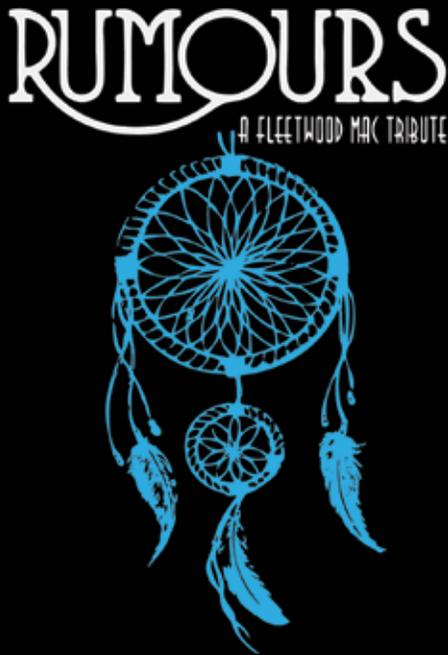
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# MUSIC PROFILE **Rumours Have It...Going On**

By Erik Proveaux



Holiday travels lead me to a brief stopover in Myrtle Beach, SC. The House of Blues, Myrtle Beach, is a venue that regularly has live music and the price of a ticket is usually reasonable. Plus, I have had some memorable experiences and seen some great performers at this and other House of Blues across the country, but those stories we will save for another day. Honestly, I am not a big fan of the price for a drink at the bar, but for a commercial venue the audience is able to get an intimate experience with the artist in a place with a cool vibe and flow.

**Rumours**, a Fleetwood Mac tribute band was on the schedule to play. At first I was a bit skeptical to see a tribute band in a town with theaters dedicated to impersonations (and I am sure that can be entertaining), but this was the House of Blues paired with the music of Fleetwood Mac. To be familiar with the band Fleetwood Mac is to know the band's namesake and amazing collection of music that comprises the Grammy Award winning and one of the best-selling albums of all time, *Rumours*.

The packed house instantly responded as the band entered the stage and broke into *Gold Dust Woman*. It was clear that the audience, spanning multiple generations, had familiarity and a great appreciation for the music of Fleetwood Mac. And Rumours was ready and willing to enforce that appreciation by performing a dynamic set and taking time between songs to share stories and histories of Fleetwood Mac and their band.

Rumours, hailing from Atlanta, GA, consists of 6 members, Mekenzie Jackson (Stevie Nicks vocals), Doug Easterly (Guitar, percussions, and Lindsey Buckingham vocals), Adrienne Cottrell (Keyboards and Christine McVie vocals), Alex Thrift (Guitar), Nick Whitson (Bass), and Daniel Morrison (Drums).

## The following interview is with Mekenzie Jackson:

### I believe you said the band has been together for 5 years. Are you all the original members of Rumours?

"Alex and I are technically the only original members. Adrienne joined in December of 2014, Doug joined in January of 2015, Daniel joined in January 2017, and Nick came along in August of 2017."

### How did you come together and decide to form the band Rumours?

"Alex and I were in other bands together and I was getting tired of writing songs I didn't believe in, so I figured I would rather sing songs other people wrote. I asked him if he wanted to play some cover songs with me and then it spun into "Do you like Fleetwood Mac?" "Ok cool, let's start a tribute to them."

### Do you have any originals that you perform or do you limit your song selections to the Fleetwood Mac band's play book?

"When we are performing with Rumours we only play Fleetwood Mac songs, but each member has their own music. Alex and I have Ex Wives, Adrienne and Doug have their own solo careers, respectively. Daniel performs with a jazz group, and Nick has an indie rock band called Phantom Electric."

### How do you decide which Fleetwood Mac songs to perform?

"We looked up the top 20 Fleetwood Mac songs and added songs from there. Then we decided which of those songs could fit into 90 minutes and which songs could be traced back and forth for certain shows. For example, one show you play *I Don't Wanna Know* and *Songbird* instead of *Second Hand News* and *Landslide*, although we've gotten death threats for not playing *Landslide*. Not sure how serious they were, but we took it pretty seriously. We play the song now. Ok?"

### What "liberties" do you take with any of the songs you select?

"We try to perform these songs the way Fleetwood Mac would have in the 70s and 80s. But we try to do it with a more updated sound because of technology improving, i.e. PAs, amplifiers, sound equipment in general."

### Was House of Blues, Myrtle Beach, your first large venue?

"Yes. We had been playing local bars around Atlanta before we played at House of Blues. It was definitely a shock to all of us, but it made us realize that the hustle is what was going to make us the most sought after and booked Fleetwood Mac Tribute band in the country. We are constantly touring now and we thank those fans, specifically in Myrtle Beach, for helping us build our fan base."

### Prior to that, were all your gigs limited to the Atlanta area?

"Yes. Maybe once in Knoxville before our booking agent took over. But we booked ourselves shows that would sell out for an entire year. Alex made sure that we were busy and that people wouldn't forget we exist."

**It must be scary and exciting at the same time to put aside your careers to focus on music. At what point did you feel it time to pass on your full-time jobs and commit to pursue music?**

“Once we played Epcot Sounds of Summer at Disney World in Orlando, we knew that we should probably start taking this seriously. If you look at all the other tributes that had been booked for this summer concert series down there, we were the newest tribute in the mix.”

**Who was the most reluctant band member to do so?**

“I don’t feel like anyone was truly reluctant. Everyone wanted it. I would say that our old drummer chose his teaching job over continuing with the band full time and we all agreed that it was a smart move for him. It was hard and definitely a transition, but it was worth it for both the band and for him. We still invite him to play with us from time to time and it’s like we didn’t miss a beat. Pun intended.”

**And finally, what is next for the band Rumours?**

“We are touring in the Netherlands next summer and also working on a show in Brazil. Things are looking pretty international at this point. I think the best thing that could happen is if we each were able to meet our counterparts and talk to them about their lives. Really soak it in. That’s my wish for 2019.”



On a personal note, I would like to congratulate Mekenzie and Alex on their recent engagement. In addition, I would like to thank Rumours for sharing their thoughts, music, and magic with us all and wish you safe journeys as you continue to follow your dreams.

Collectively, Rumours seem to enjoy what they do and are successful in sharing that with their audience. The band is constantly traveling and their tour schedule is found by visiting <http://rumoursatl.com>. I hope to catch them again soon. Maybe in Jacksonville, Myrtle Beach ... Savannah?

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*After reading your article last month in regard to having what it takes to write for the Tybee Beachcomber, I hereby submit my attempt at writing an article for your fine publication. The topic I've chosen is "Where in Ohio Are You From?" I look forward to hearing from you and, in particular, to enjoying that half-opened PBR from the back of your fridge.*

*Best regards, Tom McKenna*

# Where in Ohio Are You From?

By Tom McKenna

Let's get the basic facts about us out of the way first. My wife Kelli and I are from Northeastern Ohio, more commonly known to non-Ohioans as Cleveland. We actually live closer to Akron but about the only thing people outside Ohio know about Akron is that it is the home of LeBron James, who has left us (again) to be part of the glitz and glamour of the Los Angeles Lakers. We did get one NBA championship out of him when he came back to our Cleveland Cavaliers after he left us the first time for Miami. But we're ok because we've now also left Ohio (most of the time) to come to the "glamour" that is Tybee!

We "found" Tybee in 2006 when we, along with close friends, began looking for a vacation place that we could share, some place "warmer" near the ocean. But not Florida (too crowded) and not North Carolina (too many hurricanes, or so we thought). Our friends wanted to look at Hilton Head, which frankly is where thousands of Ohioans have been going for decades! While we were open to that possibility, we also wanted to explore a little more and after Kelli did extensive on-line searching, she said to me "Let's look at this place called Tybee Island." I responded with a "Huh?!? What's a Tybee?" Nobody, I mean nobody in Ohio that at least we knew, had ever heard of Tybee at that point.

So we made a trip, saw Hilton Head (meh), came to Tybee and fell in love with this quirky little paradise. Of course, the thing that really sealed the deal was that we could take our beer on the beach or anywhere around the island (no glass of course). Our friends wanted Hilton Head so we went our separate ways (and stayed close friends) and bought a condo on the south end a block from the beach.

After about 9 years of walking around the entire island with our beers and patronizing Sting Ray's, Fannie's, AJ's, Huc-A-Poo's, North Beach Grill, etc., and having our kids, and now grand-kids, come to the beach to swim in the ocean, and faithfully attending almost every Pirate Fest, Beach Bum, Labor Day Bash, New Year's Eve and Polar Plunge, we knew this was where we want to be during our "sunset years." We began to look for more permanent housing and ended up building a house on the marsh-side (for the sunsets, you see), mid-island from which we can easily go both ways - that is, to north beach or south beach.

Now, y'all (a great pronoun that I've been using more and more) seem to think you are being overrun by Ohioans. And I'll admit there are a lot more of us down here now than when we arrived in the first wave of immigration in 2006. I assure you we didn't bring them all with us, although we did talk up the many virtues of Tybee to anyone who would listen. And as I meet these fellow Buckeyes on Tybee, I find that we pretty much come from every corner of our fair state: Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati (which I believe is where your honorable mayor hails from), Akron, Toledo, and on and on.

Why do we feel so comfortable here? First of all, y'all are very welcoming, at least to our face (and so nice with those many "bless your heart" comments during our conversations!). And Tybee isn't Florida which seems to be the haven for the New Yorkers, New Jerseyans and other northeastern coast folks. Ohioans are simpler, mid-western folks who frankly are not that different than y'all, other than the funny accents we have.

Of course my other theory is the reason we feel comfortable here is that you take your college football, especially your Georgia Bulldogs, very seriously, just like us and our Ohio State Buckeyes. And yes, you have a few of those folks around who root for Clemson or Alabama or South Carolina or even Florida, just like we have renegades who root for Penn State or Michigan State or even "that team up north" (i.e., Michigan). But the love of red-and-black is eerily similar to the love of scarlet-and-grey. In fact I've found that an easy conversation starter with someone with the big "G" logo on their shirt or hat or black/red pickup truck is to say "How 'bout them Dawgs!" They usually can go on for hours on that subject!

Bottom line, we simply feel at home here, just a little warmer and we can drink our beers on the beach!





# FALL IN LOVE WITH YOURSELF

## Self-Love

By Melonie DePalma, Health Coach

Here we are into February's article and my thoughts were that heart health would be ideal. Then I thought about the importance of loving self to make the best choices for our heart and health. With the flow and the intuition happening, writing on loving self would be ideal. Truly there is a direct connection to self-love and heart health. The direct connection is when we're loving self, we are making better choices for our physical body.

When I am coaching clients, there are two important things that I teach them - that there is Primary Food and then there is Secondary Food. Nutrition is a secondary source of energy. Primary Foods, or non-food sources of nourishment, are what really fuels us.

Lovers thrive on the pure bliss and peace they're experiencing in their love, while passionate entrepreneurs are fueled by their work. The excitement in the rapture of daily life can feed us more completely than any food can. The main areas of primary food are career, relationships, physical activity and spirituality.

To me, the Secondary Food part is mindful eating, which comes so easy when our Primary Food is aligned. Our true source of nourishment starts with Primary Food.

Unfortunately the concept of self-love sometimes can get a bad rap, it may be perceived as new age or narcissistic. But for the sake of happiness let's forget about semantics and open up to the idea of self-love. It's the key ingredient for internal power essential for your mindset.

As you start reestablishing a loving relationship with yourself, you begin to realize how self-love is no different than the love that you show others. I know that we live in a place (our small-town Tybee) where we have shown great love for others, always reaching out to give a hand to those in need in this tight knit community.

I have tirelessly worked on my nourishment of primary food needs. I have learned when I take time for morning walks, sunrises, meditation,

yoga, a bike ride, read some spiritual books or blogs, I find myself making daily better choices for eating.

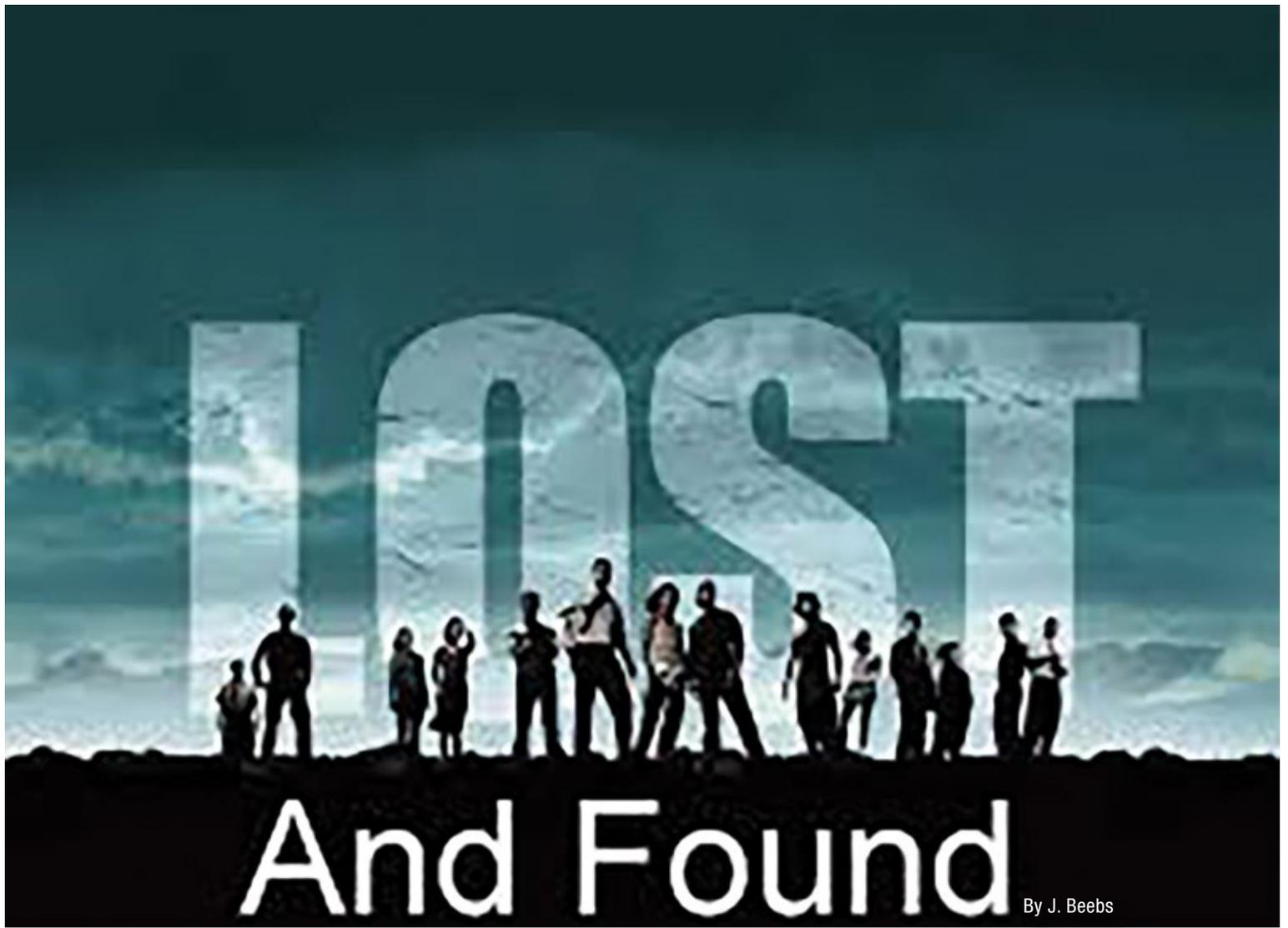
I also learned from my own personal journey, that as soon as I spent time fitting in more self-love, that life began to change. I now find myself happier, more easy-going, and much more patient with my 8-year old, Serenity, when she has a sugar crash (yes, she has major sugar sensitivities). I have been firm on my daily habits of my Green Juice and lemon water first thing, while grinding my organic coffee beans and getting the blender ready for coffee with ghee butter and coconut to start my day with energy and nutrition. With the love of these habits, I have brought my weight down 18lbs (!!!) and am back in my small clothes.

Steps to loving yourself will help the growth of physical habits, like being conscious of what we are eating and ingesting. That includes spiritually what we are ingesting and allowing in our life.

Taking small steps to love ourselves will, in turn, help us be conscious of eating a healthy diet. Adding walking or exercise at the gym to our daily life will ensure that our heart is strong. Our heart pumps all the blood to deliver nutrition to our bloodstream, which keeps our heart healthy, our blood pressure steady, and our cholesterol levels in range. The heart can also be affected by anxiety, which is manageable with walking and meditation.

Feel free to reach out anytime to your local Health and Life Coach. I am also certified in Herbs. I hope that you will take time to practice self-love each day, and before you know it you will be living a daily habit that will become second nature and change your life.

Now go out and celebrate self-love, allow yourself to radiate that loving spirit and be proud of who you are and how your growing each day into a better version of yourself. Sending love and light always, your Health and Love Coach Melonie.



I think most of us would say that you start out life a little lost, and sort of find your way as you get older. My daughter is just finishing up high school, and as I reflect back on her childhood, and particularly her teenage years, I know a lot of polishing and growth has occurred, particularly in these last few years. I was comparing my daughter's freshman school ID to her senior school ID, and without a doubt, she has "glowed up" as the kids say. She might have been a little lost four years ago, but when you see her today, you realize she is an amazing young woman who is on her way to greatness. I can't help but be grateful.

The other day, I found myself at the library, and I noticed they had a Lost and Found box stuffed in the corner. And the new year must have me in a nostalgic mood, because I was thinking of my daughter's growth; she's a proud member of the class of 2019! I couldn't help but wonder if they had a Lost & Found box for life stories. And I'm just saying – if they did have such a box – would my own life story fit neatly in it?

I stared at the box, trying to picture a thick, dusty book with *J. Beebs' Life Story* on the cover, just thrown in there, lying on top of a lost jacket, next to an assortment of colorful hats, a couple of USB sticks, and I'm guessing someone's house keys. I decided at some point, yes, you probably could put *J Beebs' Life Story* in the Lost & Found box - but only part of the story.

Because as I get older, I realize that a better 'box' for my life story might be titled 'The Lost & Found ... and Lost Again Box.' I'm a little older now, and find myself retired. Ten plus years ago, I would have told you my story had a place in the regular Lost & Found Box. I grew up, navigated college, did a stint in the military, and checked all the boxes one expects to check in a successful career. I married a great woman, had two amazing kids, and still have the best dog on the planet. I did all the things I thought were important.

But somehow, as I shift into the next phase of life, I wouldn't say I'm found. If anything, I just got lost again. Don't get me wrong. The first half of life was great. No regrets on any family or career decisions. But the kids get older and move out. And in your career, you go from being the young, enthusiastic rookie to the "only guy that remembers how we started." And then you slide on into retired life, and you realize that, in a sense, you get to start all over again. So that's another thing my 18 year old daughter and I have in common – we are both starting out.

Only honestly, it's a lot better for me. I get to learn how to play again. She has to go to work and grind. I'm looking to rediscover all the silliness and creativeness of childhood, while my daughter has to study Biology, look for internships and jobs, and maybe even find a nice boy for a family of her own someday. It's a lot to think about. But hey, here's me and my wonderful wife of 26 years with NO KIDS. What will we do now? Do we travel? Do we start a garden? I don't know anything about fertilizer or weeds. Does this matter? What I do know is this is "the us time." And honestly ... we are pretty lost in it. At the same time, it's pretty awesome.

So if you find yourself lost, don't worry! Enjoy it! I don't have all the answers, but I do know this - our lives don't fit neatly into a Lost & Found box. Being lost is a good thing!



# SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Hello again sports fans! It's time to shake off those winter blues and get down to some good ole sports talk ... if you hear or read any please let me know! But seriously, this time of the year is always a struggle for me - football is basically over, baseball isn't quite to spring training and summer is still in the distance. Soooooo, we will have to make do with what's out there. Here we go...

College football ended with a bang as Clemson walloped Alabama 44-16 in the National Championship Game. What a beat down! I thought those two would end up meeting but really thought it would be a close game like the previous two championship matchups. Boy was I wrong! I was not alone as most - not surprised by the Clemson win, but by the margin. The 28 point loss by Bama was the worst they have experienced since 2007, and that was against LSU under Coach Nick Saban! Imagine that. So congrats to Clemson for a great year and a second national championship in the last 3 years. They aren't going anywhere anytime soon and neither is Alabama. Maybe Georgia, Ohio State and Oklahoma can break into the game, but for now they are the kings. And who would have thought that the old BCS format would have worked just fine this year with them clearly being the 2 elite teams.

As for Georgia, despite losing some undergraduates to the NFL (and some QB to Ohio State), I expect them to reload and be a factor in the national championship race again like they were this year. Maybe they can figure out a way to keep the pedal down in the second half and not let Alabama come back like they have the last 2 games against them. Things sure would have been a lot different the last 12 months or so if they had. And we can just skip any analysis of the Sugar Bowl, as UGA

seemed to skip it altogether as they were uninterested and uninspired and were manhandled by Texas. Even Bevo almost whipped Uga, but that SEC speed saved him!

In the NFL we are coming up on the Super Bowl. As of this writing, we have 8 teams left and I really think that you could make a strong case for at least 6, if not all of them, making it to the big game. I might be (and probably will be) wrong, but I see a LA Chargers vs. New Orleans Saints matchup with the Saints winning in Atlanta. I do know that it will not be the Falcons vs. the Jags, although they do play each other in Atlanta next year during the regular season. Both teams have spared their head coaches, but made some big changes in assistants and other coaches. The Falcons at least have some players who can run, pass, block, tackle, etc., whereas the Jags ... well, not so much.

One sport that I am excited about that is just getting back underway is the PGA golf tour. This time of year they are playing in Hawaii & California in some great locales that look so great on TV, especially when it's in the 50s and raining on a winter Sunday afternoon. I know there is hope in the world when they start airing Masters commercials on CBS and ESPN. It will be interesting if Tiger continues to be competitive and makes some runs against the young guards like Justin Thomas, Dustin Johnson, Rory, Jordan and the rest. As I write this it's about 45 outside, dark and they are just about to come on live from Hawaii. I'm in!

Well, that's a wrap on this month's Sports Teaser! February is a short month so I'll be back soon ... maybe sooner that you wanted! Hah! Happy New Year again to all!



# Bartender Chronicles

By Paxton Willis

## ***Selective Hearing***

We all have selective hearing, but what I'm talking about isn't the way your mother defines it. When you're a kid, you're so rapt in the world around you that your little brain can only process so much. You choose involuntarily to only process exciting and pleasurable things, and likewise dangerous and scary things. For example, you're in the yard with your friends, running as wild as banshees on Adderall, the dome of youthful stimuli surrounds you. Then, a sentence cuts through the buzzy frantic din of kid hood. Its volume, two notches above the rest, shouts "Get your ass inside for dinner!" The record screeches, the birds jettison their trees, and with a glance into each other's fearful eyes, you and your crime partners bolt toward your respective homes, post haste. It's the involuntary selection of auditory cues that is a pure instinct. It's most likely a derivative of an ancient fight or flight caveman wrinkle inside your soft skull. That's one type, but there's another...

Voluntary Selective Hearing is what we pick up in adulthood as a way to keep sanity, whether in family or industry. You hear everything your children say, but if you chose to listen to it all, you would think you were raising deranged psychopaths, when you are most likely not, I hope. I don't have children, but I've overheard them speak to each other, and it's a good thing they don't have money or a developed body. The world would be quite dangerous, and kids can be evil to each other, holy shit.

In the service industry, you select what you will give attention, as to preserve your own sanity, or to force efficiency. I've had people use 23 words to tell me what it is they would like to drink (rum and coke). The things I've heard and chosen to ignore ... who! This isn't about those little anecdotes and the purpose isn't to put anyone's business on front street, so exhale you seedy devils, you have client privilege, at least here on this page :)

The typical cross section of a bar shift spans a wide swath of intrigue and mundanities of everyday life. Personal stories meant to only be heard by the ear of their neighbor. Lurid details of illicit action and loose morality. Personal triumphs and demoralizing defeats, all before the stroke of 10pm. You hear everything, but you select what you retain. The Pub-ocratic Oath of "do no harm, unless they're jerk offs and need to learn manners" is real. The cache of info about the island that exists in every barman's brain, terabytes of gossip, truths, untruths, anger and joy are encrypted for the most part, as long as all parties abide the code. Yet, even when code is abided, there are work arounds and back doors - alcohol being the easiest breach of the firewall. On the whole, unlike your cloud based data network, your details remain safe under the Pub-ocratic Oath, unless the overhearing party is a party to the party you're partaking in, partly because you party too much without partition between the particular part you don't want imparted on said parties. You know what I mean...

See you in Part 2.



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# Tybee MLK Parade & Human Rights Celebration Announces 2019 Dreamer Humanitarian Awardee

By Julia Pearce

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The TybeeMLK Committee is proud to announce that the 2019 TybeeMLK Dreamer Humanitarian Awardee is **James Eldo Hartz**, Tybee resident and owner of Tybee's Historic 1930's **Carbo House**. Check out the picture of Eldo receiving his award, while the mayor looks on.

Eldo was unanimously agreed upon as Humanitarian of the Year because of his two decade commitment to providing Long Term affordable housing on Tybee. The Carbo House has housed city employees, service industry workers from Tybee's nursing homes, bars and restaurants, as well as elderly residents.

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# Foodie Finds

By Alaina Loughridge

## Mississippi Pot Roast



I will be the first to freely admit I cannot even boil an egg properly. I can cook the hell out of some Ramen noodles, but I never have had any desire to cook or learn to cook. I have learned over the years to work the system: marry a cook, work in the food industry, order pizza delivered. I got this! So now that I'm waning into my later years, I kind of want to learn. Not like overboard or anything and here is how it started.

I was cruising Facebook and saw the most amazing recipe! It literally takes zero to no effort, so naturally I am down with that! Put forward by Housekeeping 101, the recipe is this:

1. Buy a chuck roast
2. Put it in the crock pot
3. Sprinkle Hidden Valley ranch dressing on top
4. Sprinkle McCormick Au Jus mix on top
5. Put a stick of butter on top
6. Put about 5 pepperoncini peppers on top (buy them in a jar)
7. DO NOT add water. Cook in crock pot on low for 8 hours

Man, I read this recipe and knew I could do this! So off to IGA I go. Fast forward 10 hours later. Yeah, no. Super easy, but has the taste of a broth pot pie without the crust or the vegetables or the fun bits. It will get you through basic body sustenance, but to really enjoy this you probably need to serve this over noodles, rice or mashed potatoes. The moral of this story is nothing is ever easy! Tybee Island Pizza you still deliver, right??



## 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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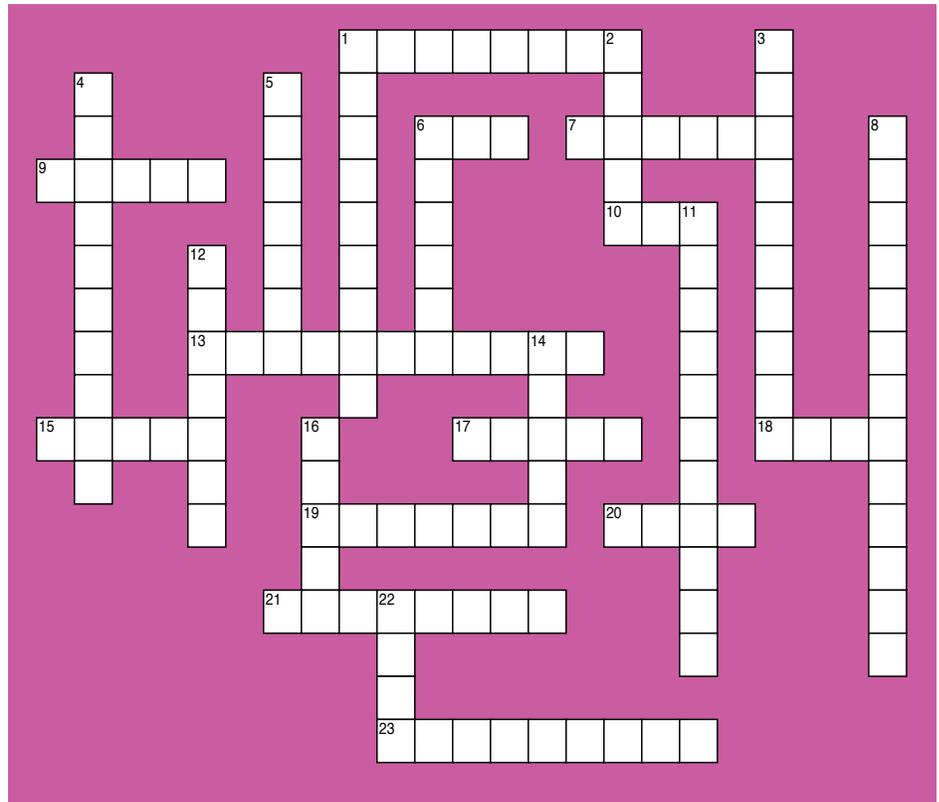
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- 9 Last Seen \_\_\_\_\_ (Book Review)
- 10 He wrote an article in response to a Bad Advice challenge
- 13 Tybee Beachcomber is celebrating this
- 15 Behind the Tape says strange things happen here at night
- 17 \_\_\_\_\_ Tybee Run Fest happens this month
- 18 Joey and Tony find a letter from him in zombie story
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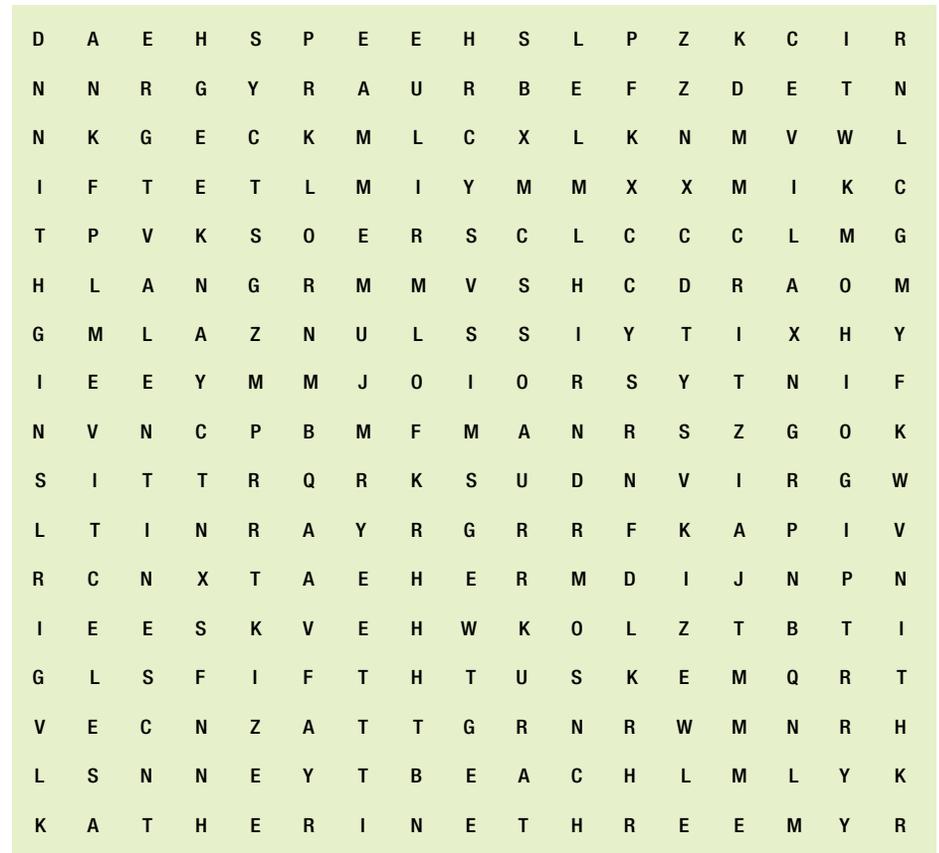
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- 3 For this fish use a rod with a fast action tip
- 4 Bad Advice gives recommendations for this day
- 5 They won the college national championship
- 6 Season
- 8 Event hosted by Beachview Bed & Breakfast (3 wds.)
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Pot Roast (Foodie Finds) recipe
- 12 Bartender of the Month
- 14 The outer edges of a surfboard's sides
- 16 Rogue Waves says you should have emergency money for \_\_\_\_\_ months
- 22 Publisher's spotlight

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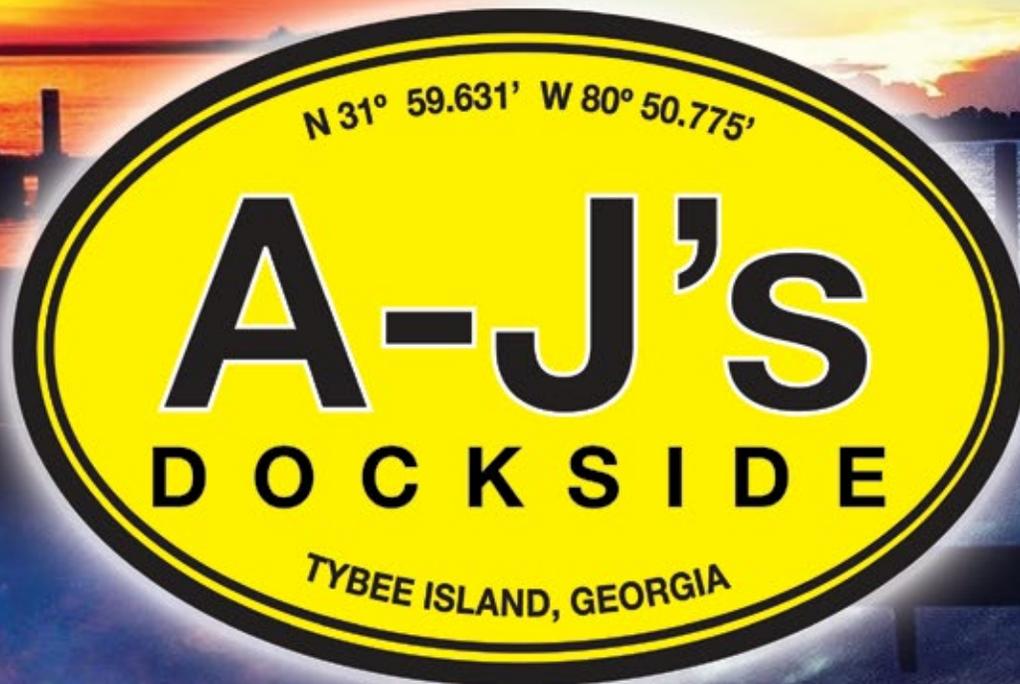


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