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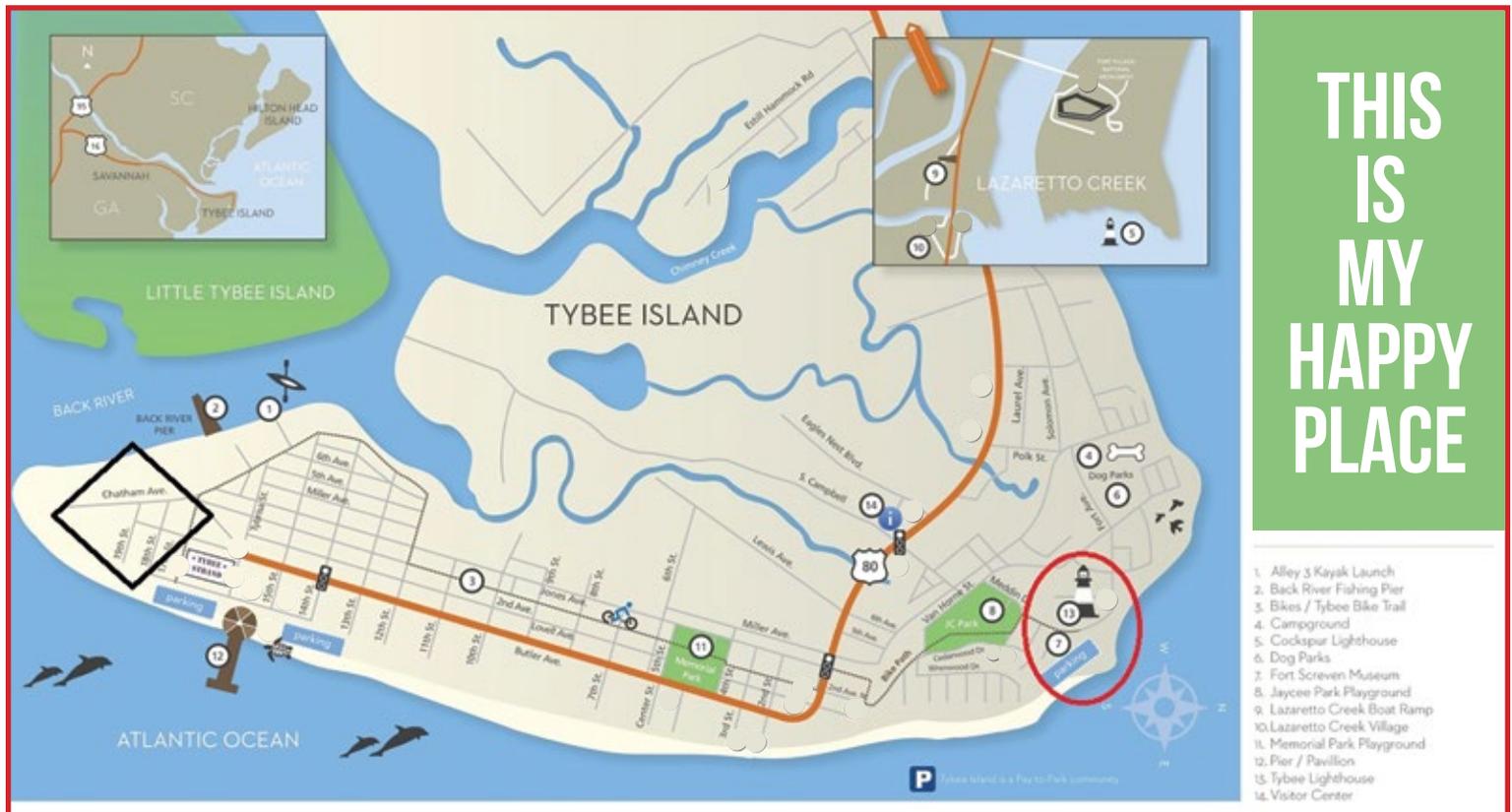
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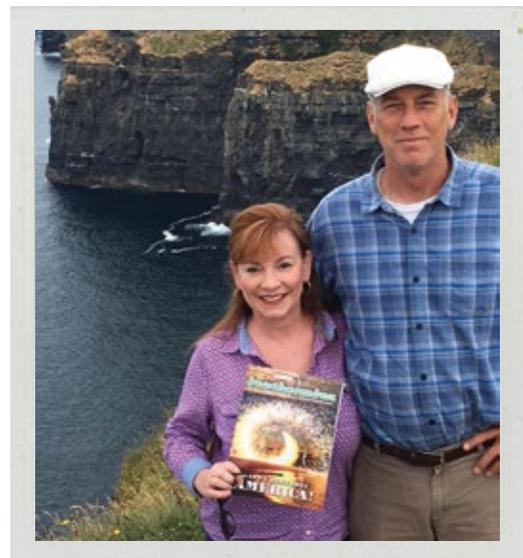
# From the EDITOR

Well I don't know about y'all, but two parades in two weekends kicked my butt (and my liver's too)! Tybee knows how to party for sure and off we rock into season! Hold on to your garters and suspenders kids!

April is busy and we have a lot going on. I'm gonna hit the highlights: **April Fool's Day** – I begged Rick to do the upside-down cover again this year (I do enjoy messing with you people), but he was having none of it. Something about vertigo and O.C.D. Whatever. **The Easter Egg Hunt Contest**, I refuse to let go of. Like a dog with a bone, I'm gonna fight for that one! If you don't know the drill by now, here is the deal: There are 50 Easter eggs hidden within the depths of this rag. The cover does not count. Find those 50 and email me on or before May 10th at midnight. I just need a simple key. Don't get all crazy on me. For example, Page 1 – 4 eggs. Page 2 – 3 eggs. You get the picture. The winner of this contest is going to receive something fabulous. I haven't figured it out yet, but you know me. I will make it worth your effort!

Moving along to the **Tybee Signature Cocktail Contest**... I have been accosted on the street more than once about this. People are getting serious! I hope all of the bars and restaurants are getting their drink together as the natives are thirsty! April is tasting month! Y'all get out there to your favorite restaurant and bar and demand their specialty cocktail! If you love it, email or text me your vote. Again, don't get nutty. I need the name of the restaurant. If you want to wax lyrical, it better be good!

Now, to the moment you have all been waiting for, the winner of the **Traveling Beachcomber!** I am so enamored with Ireland that we went back! **Howie & Shannon Bowden** packed us in their luggage and took us to the Cliffs of Moher! Awesome picture River's End camp hosts! Yes, I will go to A-J's with you! Call me! It's time ... let's get it on...





# BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge Photos by Wen McNally

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It looks more and more like our little piece of paradise is now a go-to destination for not only vacationers, but people who want a different lifestyle and are upping stakes to start fresh, retire in peace or just have an escape from wherever they may be from. The good news is, anyone buying a home does not have to do it alone. **Shell Solomon** and his professional team at **Century 21 Solomon Properties** is here to help you find the house of your dreams and/or sell your home. Shell received his realtor's license in 1988. That is a long time to learn the ropes and tricks of the trade to help you get the best deal for your new piece of paradise. Let me tell you more...

Shell was born in Tampa, Florida during WWII, on an Army Air Force base. Shell's Mom was from Savannah and while his Dad was stationed at Hunter Army Airfield with the Mighty Eighth, he met Shell's Mom and they got married. In 1944, shortly after Shell was born, his dad was shipped off to Indo China for the remainder of the war. When WW II was over, his dad picked up Shell and his mom from Savannah and Shell ended up growing up in his Dad's hometown of Chicago. Shell spent every summer vacation in Savannah and Tybee Island, so it is safe to say that the man knows this territory. Shell started a business in Atlanta, but the Deep South was always calling him and after buying a summer home at Tybee in 1984, he moved to Tybee for good in 1987. He took a year off to decide what he wanted to do next and decided on something that had always been interested in - Real Estate. He knew that it would be a challenge but he said, "It's just hard work, a lot of learning and being confident at what you're doing."

Starting out initially at Tybee Island Realty, Shell worked there for just over a year before branching out on his own in 1989 with Solomon Properties. In 2012, his son, Joel Solomon, came on board and spearheaded the expansion of the company to three offices and brought on a Century 21 Franchise with an office here on Tybee, one on Wilmington and one in downtown Savannah with a professional staff of 23 agents ready to help you make a major decision in your life.

Shell's success in life and business is attributed to actually caring about his clients. The client's interest always come first and if you start off with that, love

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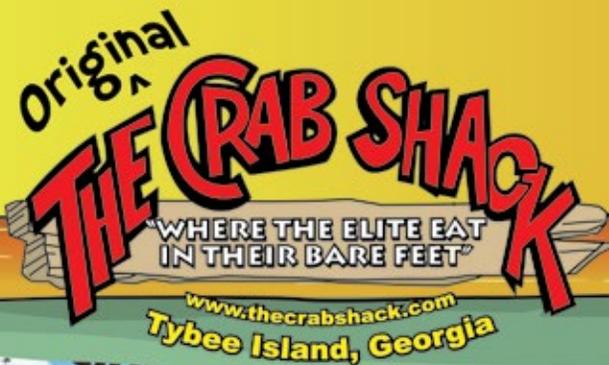
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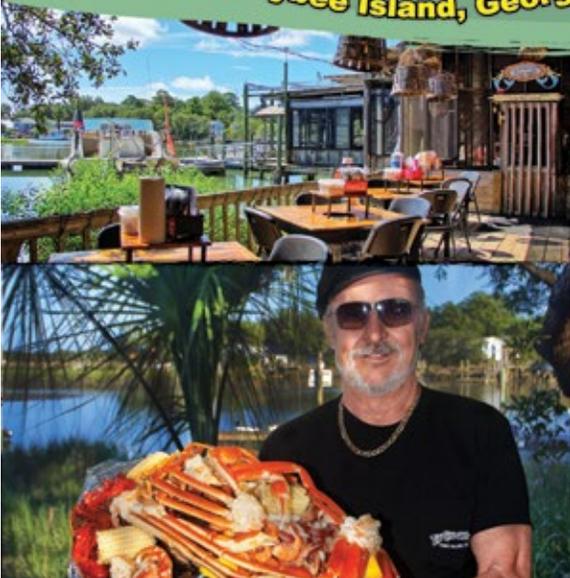


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- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Rent a golf cart
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
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# Main Street Musings

Chantel Morton, Development Authority/Main Street Program Staff Director

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN PRESERVING COMMUNITY, COMMERCE & CULTURE!!!!**

This month's article is dedicated to those that dedicate themselves to doing good deeds voluntarily. According to dictionary.com, the definition of volunteer is: (n) - person who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking, person who performs a service willingly and without pay; (adj) - of, relating to, or being a volunteer or volunteers; (v, without object) - to offer oneself for some service or undertaking, to enter service or enlist as a volunteer; (v, with object) - to offer (oneself or one's services) for some undertaking or purpose, to give, bestow, or perform voluntarily.

Before I began working for the city, I helped with a local fundraiser and witnessed the volunteer spirit of residents. That was a strong draw for me to want to be even more of the community. Since I have been here, I have witnessed even more services that people do because they are willing and care about where they live and those that live here. I am honored to have the privilege to work with a variety of organizations and individuals on the island that do good deeds. I had the opportunity to work with all the city appointed committees my first year working for the city. Then, my involvement with community groups flourished when city officials confirmed the city's dedication to sustaining a robust year-round economy thru historic preservation when they committed to the Main Street Program! This step provided for balance of promotions, preservation and vibrant businesses with outreach efforts and partnerships that I've been honored to be part of. There are partnerships throughout the island, throughout the year, among at least seventeen non-profit and civic organizations! When the city activated their Development Authority with the Program, these groups were able to have a dedicated line to communicate and coordinate together. This attitude of working together has gone a long way over the years - clean-ups/plantings, murals/street parties, providing assistance, & more! I know. I know. These volunteers do more than any of you know. How fabulous is that? Thank you again, not just for the opps to be part of a willing and caring environment, but for seeing teamwork best practices in action for the livelihood of a community.

Tybee is authentic by design and that sets this island apart from Anywhere, USA. For more information about what Main Street means and does with the city and partners, visit [www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com](http://www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com). Plus, remember that you can stay informed about approved events, historic preservation, and community and business matters with the Main Street Talk e-newsletter. A link is on the website and Tybee Main Street FB to sign up.

As always, feel free to contact members of the Development Authority/Main Street Board of Directors: Sarah Bernzott, Marianne Bramble, Angela Caldwell, Vicki Hammons, Julie Livingston, Ted Lynch, Melissa Memory, and Kelly Swope or me with suggestions and/or concerns re: economic vitality and preservation. *See you around town!*

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# FOOD SPY

By Jimmy Prosser - Photos by Wen McNally

## Rock House Original Bar & Grill

I know for a fact everyone reading this has their favorite restaurant on the island, and when someone mentions “let’s get food” you always suggest the same spot. To be honest, **Rock House** never really crossed my mind for a nice sit down meal to share with friends. After this Food Spy I can tell you that has changed. This beautiful Tybee afternoon, I ventured in and met **Robby**, Manager extraordinaire, and had no idea what was about to come out of that kitchen. I was joined for this food spy with the party princess and stellar photographer, Wen McNally, and my partner in crime - who also cuts my hair, Chelsea Haggerty. Let’s dig in!

First out the appetizers - **Alligator Bites**, lightly battered and fried, and served with Rock House’s Boom Boom Sauce, which I will forever put on everything. The alligator was crispy and tender, not tough like I would have expected. From that we moved to the **Steamed Mussels**, 1lb of beautiful mussels steamed in beer and covered in crispy bacon bits. This was a heavenly mixture of salty and wonderful. The bacon added a nice crunch, and some toast points to sop up the yumminess in the bowl. Following was the **Hot & Spicy Shrimp**, peeled, deveined, and sautéed in butter and hot sauce, this was a perfect appetizer to share (or don’t, get your own).

After the apps we dived in to some craft cocktails. **The Energizer** - Grey Goose Cherry & Pear Vodka topped with a Red Bull, adorned with a bright red sugar rim, and served in what I would call a fish bowl. This drink was two thumbs up! Wen and I did not get but a quick taste before Chelsea called dibs and confiscated it for herself. **The Blue Hawaiian** was a tropical paradise, garnished with pineapple and cherry. This drink packed a coconutty punch you’re sure to love. We couldn’t do a Rock House Food Spy without the **Bob Marley**, and I think Chelsea said it best, “A perfect mix of Tybee and Jamaica.” You have to grab one of these to-go if you’re headed to the beach.

For our main course we started with the **Shark Tacos** - and I love shark! Marinated and grilled, on a flour tortilla, with cabbage, tomato, and shredded cheese, topped with a Baja Cilantro Cream, this is my new go-to! And let’s face it, I think we’d all rather encounter shark (and alligator) at the Rock House than wading around the island! A meal you could split (but I wouldn’t), **The Seafood Platter**. This behemoth was loaded up with shrimp, mussels, clams, snow crab, sausage, corn, and potatoes, a house made cocktail, and some drawn butter. Only thing you need to bring is napkins. That was a platter fit for a king! The only dish to ever stump me on how to share was the **Legend Burger**, two ½ lb. patties, covered in melted American cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onions, you could see this burger from space. It was excellent and I never do this, but I have to give a shout out to the French fries, crinkle cut, and salted to perfection. Rock House is now the front runner for best fries in my opinion.

Just when we couldn’t eat anymore, Bobby brought out the **Triple Chocolate Cake**. Covered in a luscious chocolate frosting, this cake took me back to when I was a kid and would drink Hershey’s syrup straight from the can. I didn’t think I could enjoy another dessert as much as the cake, then there was the **Reese’s Peanut Butter Pie**. It was overwhelming. Silky smooth and everything I could ask for from a dessert.

Late night hunger pains slowing you down? The kitchen is open until 3am! With that, all in all I will say the next time someone mentions “grabbing a bite to eat” my recommendation is going to be the Rock House, located on the corner of Butler Ave. and Tybrisa St., and I highly recommend you all check it out soon.



This is a story about a man, a man with a plan! This man is Jack Huffman, husband to Meg (my former employer) and father to Jimmy (which made me Meg’s “Second Favorite Jimmy”). Jack is currently on the adventure of a life time. His goal is to walk, that’s right, walk across the continental United States starting in Newport Beach, California and ending at Tybee Island, Georgia. If that doesn’t seem like enough of a challenge, his goal is to do it in 100 days. Whether he makes it here by day 100, I think it’s an incredibly impressive feat to walk from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Be sure to check out [jaxwalk.com](http://jaxwalk.com) to follow Jack on his journey, send him some love to keep him motivated! Tybee can’t wait to see him get here! The Beachcomber will be posting updates. We hope you all can come to the 2nd Street beach access when he arrives to cheer him the last few hundred yards to the Atlantic Ocean.





# MUSIC PROFILE

By Erik Proveaux

## Cher...ish the Evening

Cher. One word, one syllable, and one hell of an artist. At 72, she continues her notoriety for assorted hairstyles, elaborate and sometimes controversial outfits, and untouchable sense of self. An image she has managed since she stepped on the scene in the 60s, and does not seem content with slowing it down.

Cher is a powerhouse that has maintained relevance over the past 6 decades with nominations and wins for various awards and acknowledgements. Many from the highest levels in the entertainment industry. Including, most recently, the Kennedy Center Honors in 2018, Billboard Icon Award in 2017, and even an Academy Award in 1988 for Best Actress in a Leading Role. The list can go on, but I believe that I have made my point. I mean the woman has “The Cher Show,” a Broadway musical in New York based off her life.

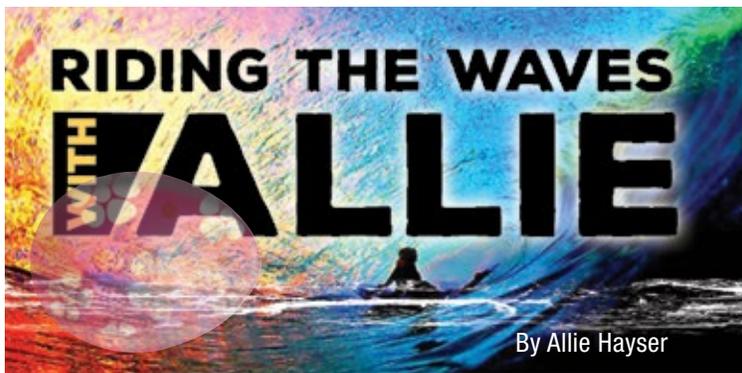
It was after visiting the Tybee Post Theater and catching “Mamma Mia! 2 Here We Go Again,” where Cher joins the all-star cast, that I heard Cher would be releasing an Album of ABBA hits entitled, *Dancing Queen*. I was not completely surprised, but when she announced the “Here We Go Again Tour,” my interest piqued. Was Cher doing ABBA songs the entire concert? Plus, I loved the double entendre of the name since she had completed her “Living Proof: The Farewell Tour” in 2005, a tour which began over 15 years ago, lasted 2 years, and was the most successful tour by a woman. And she still followed this up with a residency entitled “Cher” in Las Vegas, NV. I guess why retire from performing if you can still strut your stuff in a thong into your 70’s...and look good.

I attended the tour at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville, FL. A venue with easy in and easy out access, convenience to parking, and the nearby hotels offered shuttle services to and from the venue. I would give this venue multi “likes” if it was possible to do so.

The show opens with an electronic collage of Cher images thru the ages on a large curtain before it drops to the floor, presenting Cher descending from the ceiling on a golden platform. All this while performing *Woman’s World*. Then it was off to India where she entered the stage on the back of a mechanical elephant singing *All Or Nothing Now*. Next, the Sonny and Cher era, where she performed with images of Sonny Bono singing *The Beat Goes On* and *I’ve Got You Babe*. The experience continued with music and sets from *Burlesque*, *Mamma Mia*, *Memphis*, and more, before closing the show with *Turn Back Time* in her iconic black outfit complete with battleship guns in the background.

The concert was a meticulously produced stage production that seemed more like a journey thru time with visits to the past performances that made Cher the iconic performer she is. Yes, there were plenty of costume and wig changes, but the sets were an AV geeks dream. Everything, including the dancers, successfully framed the headliner.

The “Here We Go Again Tour” currently plans to pause in March for Cher to do a residency in the Park Theater at the Park MGM Resort in Las Vegas, NV entitled “Classic Cher,” but continues in April and thru 2019. Makes me wonder, if she did this type of show on a 1-night basis, what would a Vegas show where they do not need to strike the set be like? Is my AV geek showing?



you finally catch it, pop up, and bam! The cutest kid in the world is staring at you like a deer in the headlights... Families and rogue swimmers can't really be to blame for wanting to swim in public beach accesses but take a minute to ask them to scoot down, or be extra mindful of their kids frolicking in the surf lineup. There is nothing worse than knowing you ran over a kid for a short lived ride... nothing worse. Surfers, truth is where we look, we will go... so if you are surfing close to a family and you're riding a wave in, try to turn/keep your eyes in a direction away from them.

## ENJOY IT WHILE IT LASTS

Happy Early Summer Y'all! The weather is already absolutely gorgeous and the sun is shining, but the water is still taking its sweet time to warm up. Spring suits and cool water wax are your best friends until late this month. Word on the beach is that the surf breaks on the south end are rapidly changing... some rumors of surfing at lower tides being rad... some reports of 2nd Street days... we shall see how the sand will shift throughout the rest of this year. Thankfully the sea turtles, birds, and humans will have a more stable and suitable dune system to help buffer the sea and storms in the future. With the warm temperatures coming, there are so many exciting things to look forward to like... live music, bikinis, non-freezing dawn patrols, longer daylight, smells of sunscreen, cold beers, beach days on the sand bar... the island coming more alive in all places and ways. As year-round locals, or those that visit in the off season, we are currently the luckiest people alive... many surf sessions with only a few homies out, uncrowded neighborhood watering holes, and amazing undisturbed wildlife sightings!!!

So I'll take this chance to remind you that you have only a few months left of these feels before the summer season hits and you're reminded of the dangers of island summertime:

### Swimmers

This one always trips me out. You've been waiting on that set wave all day,

### Animals

Jellyfish, stingrays, and sharks oh my! We are all too familiar with jellyfish stings around here. Whether your secret solution to stop the sting is vinegar, pee, or exfoliating with sand... be ready. Shuffle those feet to avoid the stingrays that dig and feed in the shallows. As for sharks, well they're a part of our healthy water community. Apparently Ocearch had a successful time with tagging sharks with satellite transmitters off of the Savannah coast this February and March. Our coastline is brimming with biodiversity and our marshes are estuaries that support life cycles of fish populations along the coast. Their stats are posted on their website as well as visual tracking for the sharks that were tagged. For more info check out their website at [ocearch.org](http://ocearch.org).

### Fisherman

Let 'em eat, let 'em live, but be mindful of hooking any swimmers or the surfers that are trying to surf where the waves are breaking consistently. Communicate and look out for those hard-to-find fishing lines. If a surf camp or lineup is posted up at the north jetty, fish on the other side and let those lil grommies get the time of their lives. At the pier, I like to believe my fellow surfers and I scare away all the fish from the area... but truth is that there's an epic catch just beyond our dangling legs. So watch out for where the current moves the casted fishing lines, try to stay in that wave peak, share the space, and don't get hooked!

Can't wait to see you all back out there and on it... let's make these last spring months last!





# Binging with Becca

By Becca Smeltzer

## *Russian Doll*

***Russian Doll*** opens in a bathroom. The bathroom is bathed in a blue light and Nadia is washing her hands. This sweet birthday baby adjusts her hair, pulls the trigger on the bathroom door, and emerges back into her 36th birthday celebration to an upbeat tune. She greets her guests on the way to the kitchen, where one of her friends is cooking her a birthday chicken and smoking a joint. She is worried about her cat Oatmeal... he's been missing for a while. She scans the party for a man to take home. Not one for games, she soon makes her pick and is out the door with a professor. They make a stop at the deli for provisions, cigarettes and condoms. We catch back up to her in the living room at her place as she calls an Uber for her birthday fling. Once he is gone, she sits down at her computer to work on the software program for the latest video game her company is creating. An undisclosed amount of time passes, she reaches for her cigarettes, and the box is empty. On her walk back to the deli to grab a new pack, she is hit by a car and killed.

Then we are back in the bathroom. Its bathed in blue light and Nadia is washing her hands. The sweet birthday baby adjusts her hair, pulls the trigger on the bathroom door, and emerges back into her 36th birthday celebration to a familiar upbeat tune.

In the beginning it's easy to make a comparison to the movie *Groundhog Day* (you know the one, Bill Murray). But *Russian Doll* is not the endless, predictable loop of *Groundhog Day*. The similarities end at the beginning, in the bathroom and the song. The timeline is erratic, and every time we emerge from the bathroom with Nadia, we get a new story, and a continuation of the larger plot. Her deaths come at unpredictable intervals, in strange and new ways. A gas explosion, freezing to death in the street, falling down the stairs. She dies every single time, and every single time she does, she ends up back in the bathroom. Every single time she opens the bathroom door the same song is playing. No matter how careful she is, how conscious she is of her surroundings, death seems to be determined to have her... but not quite able to hold her.

A few cycles into this new predicament Nadia finds herself in, she spins out and begins looking for answers - and solutions. Hunting down a drug dealer who rolled a suspicious joint, talking to a rabbi about an old yeshiva, spending an evening in a homeless shelter to guard a man's shoes... each lead followed brings more questions than answers. Then, in an elevator that is falling to bring death to a handful of panicked people, Nadia locks eyes with a calm man.

"Didn't you get the news? We're about to die," she says.

"It doesn't matter. I die all the time," he replies.

*Russian Doll* is beautiful. Natasha Lyonne manages to make her character and the story shine within the few days and city blocks the show takes place in. The rest of the cast does an equally brilliant job bringing a truly dynamic feel to what is, in essence, the story of one evening. I suggest pairing this show with a stiff drink, a stormy night, and maybe a few candles, if you aren't as prone to accidental death as the daring character of Nadia.

I'm dying to talk to someone about the ending of this one, so get to binging. I'll buy you a drink when you get to the end and we can discuss time, death, and what to watch next.

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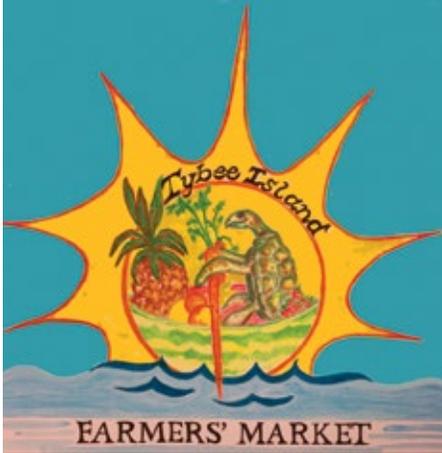


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By Mike Manitta

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- 4/19/19 - Ray & Etta: Father of Soul & Matriarch of Blues – Tybee Post Theater
- 4/24/19 - The Rolling Stones – TIAA Bank Field – Jacksonville
- 5/2/19 - “Those Were the Days” w/ William Florian! - Tybee Post Theater
- 5/3/19 - Mipso & Chatham County Line – Tybee Post Theater
- 5/3/19 - Cage the Elephant – Central Park - Atlanta
- 5/9/19 - Greta Van Fleet – Daily’s Place – Jacksonville
- 5/25/19 - Interstellar Echoes Presents Pink Floyd – Tybee Post Theater
- 5/29/19 - Ozzy Osbourne – State Farm Arena – Atlanta
- 6/1/19 - One of These Nights, the Music of the Eagles – Tybee Post Theater
- 6/1/19 - Hootie & The Blowfish – Lakewood Amphitheatre – Atlanta
- 6/14/19 - Sail On: The Beach Boys Tribute – Tybee Post Theater
- 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



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# IN NEED OF A SAFE WORD

By J. Beebs

I was surfing the internet the other day, when a picture of Miley Cyrus flashed up on the screen. She's in a stunning black dress, standing next to her husband, Liam Hemsworth, in a tuxedo. (Disclaimer: My wife informs me that Liam Hemsworth is ALL CAPS H-O-T! Whatever!)

Any rate, Miley is standing next to Liam, and he has this look on his face that sort of says, "Did I leave the garage door open?" And Miley is looking up at Liam, and I realize he's in trouble because Miley has this irritated look on her face. I recognize that look. As a dude, and speaking on behalf of all dudes, yes, we know this look. I've seen it occasionally from the females in my life, and it's never pleasant. Fortunately, Miley has tagged the photo, saying, "He's in trouble. He didn't let me stand on my good side." So we know what she's thinking – a first for every guy on the planet! I need to invent an app that attaches floating twitter tags to people as they walk down the street. I could sell it to every dude on the planet, or I could just keep it and everyone would think I'm the dude from the *What Women Want* movie. (Don't worry dudes, I'm selling it – I'm cashing out!)

But it was looking at this Miley & Liam picture that I realized women just communicate differently than we do. There's like 28 layers of communication that happen simultaneously, including that elusive, higher level 'silent communication' layer that is just beyond my comprehension. I guess what I'm saying here fellas, is women just use a combination of looks, hand gestures, and body language that just completely escape me. I mean I just watch my wife and her sisters, and they usually have multiple conversations going on, in multiple languages all over the house, and there are hands flying, looks of amazement and disbelief, some exclamations, and occasionally – mysteriously – all the conversations line up in joint screams and laughter. I have no idea what happened on any conversation.

I'm pretty sure this is how my dog must feel when he watches me talk. He knows something is being said, but isn't really sure what it is. So, just like my dog, when I notice the conversation volume rising, accompanied by quizzical looks flying back and forth between the ladies, I just sort of mentally scrunch low to the floor and hope it passes without incident.

I was at the pub the other day, and I mentioned to the boys that I had noticed the ladies have a whole different level of language that somehow we didn't get the owner's manual on. I guess we really are from Mars or whatever. "You know," I said, taking a drink, "It's a wonder we could talk to each other long enough to figure out how to sustain the species."

And that is where someone chimed in, "I'm thinking it's all because of the Safe Word." And the conversation naturally went straight downhill from there, and is probably not fit to ever repeat. But to summarize our very unhealthy discussion, I learned that a safe word is a prearranged and unambiguous signal to end a sexual activity. Evidently, just yelling 'Stop – you're an asshole!' doesn't work, because in some bondage relationships, yelling 'Stop, you're an asshole!' when your lover pulls out an industrial power tool with a look of love, is considered just part of the fun. But if you yell 'Pineapple!' which my research reveals is the most agreed upon safe word for us Americans, then your lover will sigh (sadly), and return all industrial tools back to the garage.

So I'm trying to blend this idea of twitter tags and safe words, and I've decided I'm a fan of the safe word. But why limit it to sex?

For example, Miley knew instantly 'the look' was not interpreted by Liam, why couldn't she have just whispered, "Uh, Honey, have I ever showed you that documentary on Sacajawea?" Liam would know instantly that he is in very dangerous territory, assuming their real life safe word was Sacajawea. (By the way, that's #2 on the list of American Safe Words.) A single word is much more efficient than Miley having to explain the whole situation about good sides and bad sides in front of the paparazzi. The safe word is economical and neat and it quickly puts you on the same page.

Or when I'm a few drinks in, and start cussing every other word, which doesn't impress my wife at all, but it makes me laugh wildly, my wife could abandon "the look," which doesn't work anyway and say, "Honey, I was at the store the other day, and I saw the most amazing Chrysanthemums." And I would instantly go stone sober and mumble my apologies to the boys. (Yep, #3 – on the top list of American Safe Words: Chrysanthemums.) Again, no need for her to provide a long explanation about how the kids are running wild in the streets and they might require adult supervision. Just throw a safe word out there, and we are on the road! Simple!

Or how about when you go to the Roadster show and you see that sweet 1972 short wide Chevy, and you're ready to write the check, when you're wife comes up and just says "Fishsticks!" and you're like "oh yeah," and even the guy you're buying the truck from says, "Seriously, fish sticks?" because he knows a safe word has been thrown out there. And you all move away from the truck shaking your heads sadly. (Yes, Fish sticks is #4. I did point out that technically, fish sticks is two words, but found no traction on this in our pub conversation, so we are pretending it's one.)

And to complete the top five list of safe words for Americans as defined by my drinking friends, #5 is Omaha. (Shout out to the Payton Manning Fan Club!) Which seems a bit awkward for those of you who live in Omaha, but hey – I report – you decide. Omaha is #5.

Frankly, I think I'm onto something here. If you ladies could just give us the list of Safe Words for Life – perhaps a bit better than the five I've suggested, I'm pretty sure us guys could analyze this list and discuss various strategies on what to do for each word at our weekly pub meetings – kinda like a playbook. (Although I'm guessing our united response to every one of those words would be to mentally scrunch low to the floor and hope it passes without incident. Just like the dog does.)

So until next month, here's to mentally lying low, and avoiding any circumstances where you hear any combination of #Pineapple#Sacajawea#Chrysanthemum#Fishsticks#Omaha! Or whatever your own safe word might be. Unless you're into that sort of thing?



## The Greatest Story Ever Told (well, written)

You may want to borrow my suspenders because I'm about to knock your pants off.

As I quickly run out of ideas, since y'all hoodlums never bother to ask me any questions, this month we're taking Bad Advice from a Beach Bum and changing it into "Shart Tank! by a Beach Bum." A place where I bring all my shitty ideas to the public, and maybe some rich venture capitalist who lives on the north end near the lighthouse and who knows a good investment idea when they see one will give me money to make all of my creations come to life. Get out your check books. Just kidding. Venmo me.

**Invention #1: Cream Cheese in a squeeze bottle.** We can squeeze ketchup, peanut butter and jelly (not jam, for obvious reasons). So why not squeeze cream cheese? Bagel me up bro. I already emailed Philadelphia, the city. I was unaware they have nothing to do with cream cheese, and starting out an email to the mayor "hey idiot" did not return the results I had hoped for. But this is a seldom discussed problem. Bagels don't require plates, they have a convenient finger hole. Why should I be forced to bring a knife into the equation just to cream it up with cheese? Squeeze and go. Squeeze and go.

**Invention #2: Digital Pigeon Feeder.** Don't you just hate the older generation, how they're always walking around, not looking at their phones (what's up with that by the way?). Well I have a solution. You know what old people love? Feeding birds. I don't understand the fascination, but I'm an ideas guy. So, we build an app for your phone or tablet that allows you to feed the pigeons FOR FREE. But, there's ads. Now, if you want to pay a one-time \$1.99, you can get the duck feeder app with no ads. For a monthly subscription of \$9.99 you can get the bald eagle feeder app. A majestic red, white and blue bald eagle who is a registered voter and every time you toss it bread crumbs it says, "Use all the social security, and leave nothing for the millennials." This is so sure fire I'm like a cartoon character with dollar signs for eyes.

**Invention #3: The Undo Button.** You know what microwaves need, besides an option to text you when your food is done instead of blaring that high decibel screech? They need an undo button. Cooked your hot pocket too long? Molten lava inside? Just put it back in the microwave and hit undo. It will (once a group of scientists figure it out) undo the cooking by the time selected. "Oh crud! I over cooked this mug of

water by 20 seconds because I'm too lazy to use the stove." Well, fear not, put the mug back in, hit 30 undo. And stand there, because, well, you know you have to stop the microwave before it beeps, so give yourself a 10 second window to pop that door back open before the final buzzer. Hot water to perfection. So simple, and elegant. People are going to think the Queen of England herself invented this. She's fancy. Don't you want to be fancy too?

**Invention #4: Instant Baked Potato.** Like instant mashed potatoes, except it's a baked potato. Just add water. And all of this can be accomplished by the same scientists who make my undo button work. Pour the dehydrated potato on a plate, add water, and microwave for as long as your little heart desires (remember you can always undo it if you over cook it). Bam. Instant Baked Potato. Through science I bet anything is possible. I have aspirations.

**Invention #5: Hobo Mace.** This one is self-explanatory. \*edit: only works on hobos with bindles. Cannot be used on the garden variety found in Savannah's City Market.

**Invention #6: Shrimp Spray.** Have you ever been eating a bagel with squeeze bottle cream cheese (no you haven't, because no one will help me achieve my dreams) and thought, this would be better if it tastes like shrimp. Well, one spritz, two spritz, and voilà - now it taste like shrimp. People, listen, we can spray butter. We can spray tan. We can even spray paint. So why not here and now, in 2019 or 2020, not sure what year it is, do we not have the option, NAY! The right to spray shrimp on anything we want. I want to make spray lobster, but the world's not ready. Start small, spray shrimp, then spray prawns, THEN spray lobster. The answers been right here in front of us this whole time.

**Invention #7: Road Rage Roid.** We've all been stuck behind a driver we hate, and this is the south so we're not allowed to honk, that's considered the 8th deadly sin. Well, what if I have a solution that is better than honking? The Road Rage Roid. Every car will be fitted with an explosive device, every licensed driver gets one vote a year. If you find a moronic driver you hate more than life itself, cast your one vote of the year. If that moronic driver collects 10 votes - well, kaboom. I think this will incentivize people to become better drivers when they risk getting blown up. Afraid of being blown up? Just walk or bike everywhere until the second week of January, by that point most drivers will have cast their annual vote and you should be good to go. If you're a horrible driver, maybe just stop driving all together. But seriously, if you're a horrible driver maybe just stop driving all together.

Look at me, I'm semi-attractive so you know these inventions will help bring us in to the future. We live in a world where the Verizon guy can deflect to Sprint, so anything is possible. I just need your money, a group of scientists, tenure, or a nice severance package when you realize I have no follow through. I love you all.

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# HISTORIC PRESERVATION ON TYBEE

## ***We Can't Do It Without You***

By Kathy Dennis

Historic Preservation depends on volunteers - to save buildings, to operate programs in those buildings and to educate the community about our historic gems. This month's column is about two such treasures close to my heart - The Tybee Post Theater and the Tybee Light Station and Museum. Both of these historic entities have dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year in a wide array of positions. They are always welcoming new volunteers too!

I volunteer for the Post Theater because I LOVE theater. Every person on this planet should have an opportunity to experience the joy of music, dance, live plays and movies. I find volunteering for the theater extremely gratifying. We have such a special place and it takes people and money to keep the doors open. We have over 60 volunteers who help operate the theater. Ushers, office workers, wine festival hosts, the board of directors - we're all volunteers and we contribute over 500 hours a year to the Tybee Post Theater. We love what we do and we also know we are appreciated!

Jaime Whalen, the Business Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, stresses that "Volunteers are the backbone of the theater and we couldn't keep our doors open without them. We're so grateful that so many want to be a part of the team and a part of the theater. They play an essential role in everything we do throughout the year."

Gus Rehnstrom, Volunteer Coordinator of the Tybee Lighthouse, echoed Jaime's comments, saying, "The lighthouse would not be able to function at the level they do without their 70 volunteers." Last year, the volunteers worked over 6623 hours!! WOW! If all the buildings were staffed by a volunteer, they would contribute over 9950 hours, according to Gus! Last year, the lighthouse opened its doors and stairs to approximately 104,000 guests - I find that amazing! I don't do as much there, but my husband, Gary, is a faithful volunteer, representing the family!

Having worked in the criminal justice field for over 40 years, I love the fact that the lighthouse also utilizes community service workers. Some of those volunteers have stayed on because they love it too! Gus (and all of us) want the Tybee Lighthouse and Museum to be a welcoming place for our visitors! If you are interested, contact Gus or Art Worden at [volunteers@tybeelighthouse.org](mailto:volunteers@tybeelighthouse.org).

I would be remiss if I didn't mention putting your name out there to serve on the city's various boards and commissions. There are so many to choose from! What's your interest? Skill set? Historic preservation is important to me so I volunteered my name for the Historic Preservation Commission. I, as well as everyone on it, LOVES it! We receive great guidance from Chantel Morton, from the city, and Sarah Jones, from the Tybee Island Historical Society, as well as from Shirley Sessions, our city council representative. We want Tybee to maintain its quirky charm while still appealing to our visitors and being a great place to call home. We're very, very lucky to live on such a caring, giving island. If you aren't already, won't you join us as a volunteer to preserve and serve our treasures?

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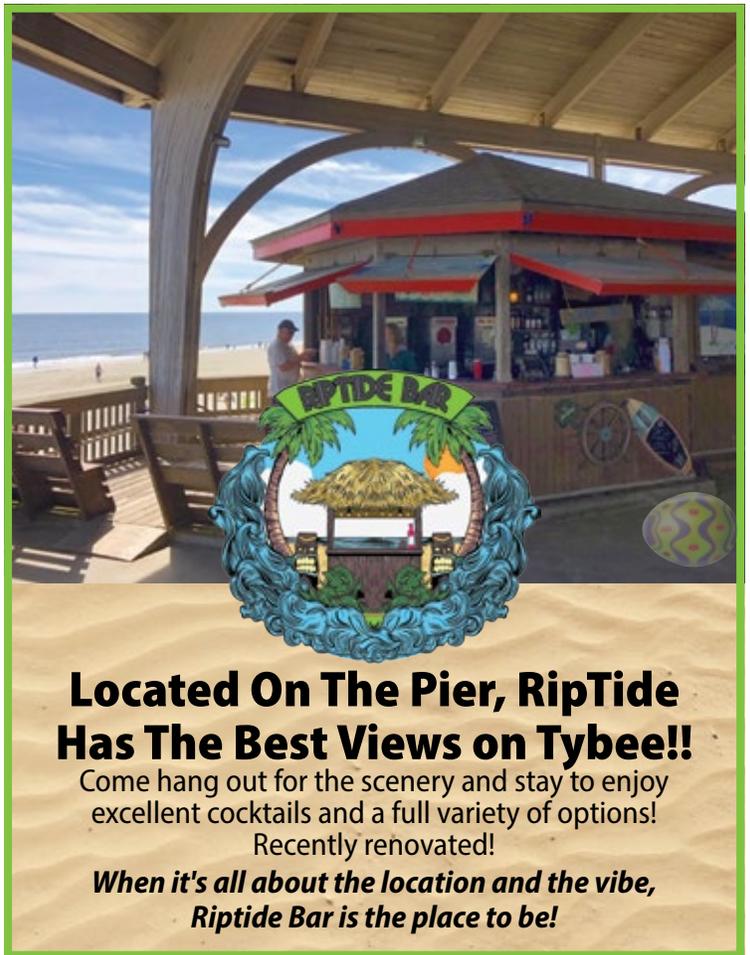
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# Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms



I'm going to be honest, I haven't always been a person who thought about giving back to others and volunteering and community service (that wasn't court ordered). I mean, life is hard enough as it is without having to worry about taking care of people I'm not related to. It's all I can do sometimes to keep me and mine's heads above water. Right?

Then I started looking around at my life. How many times do I go buy a fancy coffee on a whim because I just wanted one, how many times do I hop in my car and go for an impromptu road trip because I'm bored, how many pairs of those ridiculously expensive Adidas pants do my kids even own? We're not struggling over here.

So, I think that maybe it's true that I can spare a few bucks, but I don't have enough time to help others as I scroll through Facebook and play with my bellybutton. As I Netflix binge and simultaneously play games on my phone. As I curl up with a paperback (actually, that one's pretty sacred). Nope, no time for helping.

The truth is we all have it better than someone else. We all have room to give in our lives. And so many less fortunate than I are giving far more than I am willing to give. The universe is intent on putting this in my face. From the outrageous display of volunteers and charitable givers across the world in the wake of the hurricanes, to the way the people of Tybee gave to the Coast Guard during the government shutdown, it's undeniable—people are beautiful.

Don't give back because it's the right thing to do, don't give back because some preacher in church told you, don't give back because it will help other people. Give back because it will help you. Because it will change something inside of you. Because it will teach you to be grateful for what you already possess. Because it will help you grow as a person.

Give back because it will inspire others to give back. It can start an avalanche of giving and before you know it, you will be responsible for helping to create a flourishing community. One that is united in a common purpose. One that will help to alleviate the suffering and struggling of others. That sounds like the kind of place I would like to live in and that's the kind of place we can live in if we're willing to look beyond our own walls and find a way to lift up other people.



I totally love this lady and am delighted to have her as our April Bartender of the Month! **Joy Horn** is our girl and she is rocking the stage at **Riptide Bar** on the Pier. Yes! The Pier has a bar and it's awesome! Great drinks, fabulous service and the best view in the land! Joy is our go-to mixologist and I had the opportunity to sit down with her and get the details on her exotic and fabulous life.

Born in Miami and raised in Disneyland (Anaheim, CA), Joy did her school thing. At a very young age, she was discovered and immediately launched off into a career of modeling where she did everything from representing Victoria's Secret to promoting perfume for Tommy Hilfiger (how awesome is that?). However, this chick isn't just a pretty face! She's smart too!

Life changed up a bit and continuing her modeling career, Joy moved to Las Vegas in her early 20's and worked for a number of big names and has appeared on numerous billboards (yes, billboards) hawking everything from Ford Mustangs to Sanyo and other big names. How many of us have had their faces on a billboard?? Bucket list checked for this girl!

Traveling around for a bit, Joy stopped to have the JOY of her life, Aiden, now 10 years old and more world traveled than most of us. She and Aiden stopped by Tybee to visit the Godparents and before she knew it, she moved here (Tybee has a way of doing that). So, for the past six years, Joy has been working at being a great mom, Tybee living, traveling the planet, as well as starting her own jewelry company, *Transcendent Treasures*. All of her jewelry is custom made and collected from a variety of different countries (and she has been everywhere!).

**So, here's the real details:**

**Tybee Life: 6 years**

**Passion: Traveling and creating artwork from her travels**

**Grows Up: Happy!**

**Spirit Animal: A horse. They are calm and steady. Strong and dependable.**

I was excited about trying Joy's go-to drink, ***The Jo-Jo Casa Give Me Another Margarita!*** She likes to make what she enjoys drinking, so definitely made with love and as if it's for herself. Y'all know when you make your own cocktail, you add the love. Joy adds the love! I was instantly in love with it and y'all know I know my cocktails!

I love this girl's spirit! She is always smiling and genuinely enjoys helping people. Personable and fun, Joy is a must hang-out-with bartender! Go see Joy at the newly renovated Riptide Bar and get your Jo-Jo Casa Margarita face on! Located on the Pier!



# Combing the Beach

With Ron Goralczyk, Alaina Loughridge and Jimmy Prosser



We have started off spring with a bang this year! Three of Tybee's favorite events – The Tybee Bar Olympics, Mardi Gras and our Irish Heritage Parade have really brought the folks out and about. So, we decided to cover all three in our Combing the Beach this month. Ron took the Bar Olympics, Alaina covered Mardi Gras and Jimmy followed up with the Irish Heritage Parade.

**1** Congratulations to the **Poo Crew** for the third year in a row. **Austin, Brett, Duffy, Josh, and Vinnie** played like the All-stars in the **Bar Olympics**.

**2** Second place came down to one barrel in the trash can beer pong event. In the pouring rain **Clint, Dillon, Jenna, Shea, and Zack** from **80e Gastropub** did their best to stop The Poo Crew's reign.

**3** Congratulations to **Crab Shack**, the third place team. **Alex, Chris, Jack, Rick, and Taylor** missed second place by just a couple of seconds in the server relay. Damn that crooked table.

**4** Shout out to **The Replacements**. A team did not show up, Eric said is there anyone who would like to play? Free beer is all he needed to say. **Chris, Dave, Kyle, Paula, and Moss** muscled their way through the crowd, played very well, and missed the finals by one point.

**5** I was delighted to run into **Jeff O'Dell** (of the St. Louis, Missouri O'Dell's) who was rocking everything Mardi Gras! Looking good, Jeff! Punishment to come soon ... wink wink!

**6** I don't know who this **Bee** is, but how adorable is this picture?! I love Mardi Gras and so does this Bee! (Maybe it's **Daniel**)

**7** **Tim Demery** always represents Tybee and you can tell!!! Check out his Mardi Gras costume!!!



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**8** **Craig & Carla Crevling** always represent Tybee in their finest duds! Every parade or event, these two are out there shaking their butts in the grandest Tybee style! Love you guys!!

**9** I'm so proud of us! **The Tybee Beachcomber's** very first parade! Our cart looked great and people cheered for us! So wonderful! Thank you to all of our readers, writers and advertisers! We couldn't have done it without you!

**10** Why did the chicken cross the road? To get his costume off! **Chaz** didn't realize how hot that suit was until he was in it!! Thank God **Alaina** was there to unzip him. **Spanky's** had a great float.

**11** The highlight of **The Irish Heritage Parade** is unarguably **Junkanoo**. Their exotic costumes and great music, not to mention their dance moves, always brings a smile to the crowd's faces.

**12** We had to stop in and get a picture of the newly renovated **Nickie's** on Tybee. This place was packed! The remodel looks great and the drinks were cold and strong!

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# Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

## TYBEE'S ANEMONES

If you explore around Tybee's rock jetties, you will probably see some dark brown, roundish blobs attached to the rocks among the oysters. Usually they are protected back in the crevices and cracks. It might surprise you to learn that those soft, brown blobs are one of the types of Sea Anemones that we find on Tybee.

Anemones have a simple body structure. It is like a cup, with its base/bottom attached to something hard (rock or shell) and with its mouth/opening at top. The opening is surrounded by tentacles. Anemones use their tentacles to capture food and pull it into its mouth. Digestion occurs down inside the cup, within the gastrovascular cavity. With only one opening, Anemones have an incomplete digestive system. An Anemone can regulate the amount of water in the cavity, so its body size can range from short to long. It can also shorten its tentacles, withdraw them inward, and close its opening, to help from drying out during low tide.

Those dark brown ones on the rock jetties are Warty Sea Anemones. They are named Warty because of blotches on their sides. They live strongly attached to rocks back in the crevices, cracks, and hanging on the underside of rocks in the mid and low intertidal zone. During low tide it looks like a dark brown, wet blob because it has its tentacles withdrawn to help keep from drying out. If attached to the underside of a rock, it might be extended and hanging down a few inches, as if stretching downward trying to reach a tide pool below. If it's underwater in a tide pool, its tentacles will be extended, and it will look like an anemone is supposed to look. If you can reach it, gently put your finger on its tentacles and feel how they will stick to you. It doesn't sting. It is soft, with no protection, so if you touch it, do it gently.

Also on the rock jetties, there is a very small, inconspicuous anemone named the Orange-striped Anemone. They are tiny, bright green anemones attached to Oyster shells in the mid intertidal zone. They are easily overlooked because they are so small. When the tide is out and



they are exposed, they will be closed up and look like small splatters of lime jello scattered on oyster shells. But when submerged, they will open up and spread their green tentacles.

A third type of Anemone we find on Tybee is the Tri-color Anemone (sometimes called Hermit Crab Anemone). They usually have broad vertical bands of beige and brown along their side, but their mouth is usually very bright orange or pink. They like to attach to shells being used by Hermit Crabs. But they will also attach to objects drifting around in the water (Rubbery Bryozoans, Whelk egg cases, even plastic trash). On Tybee, they will be found washed ashore on the wet sand, and will probably look like a brown/beige lump attached to something else. If you find one, put it in some seawater and usually within a few minutes it will open up, spread its tentacles, and you can see its colorful mouth.

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# THE Fish Whisperer



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## April Fishing Forecast

### PIER & SURF FISHING

Tybee Pier and Surf fishing have continued to improve as the waters have warmed up. Our waters are well above average this year due to a very warm winter. Whiting, Black Drum and a few over slot Red Drum should be around this month. The water temperature will continue to rise and more species will continue to migrate up to our coast from Florida. Once the water starts reaching 65 degrees, things will really get going, to include Pompano and Bluefish. Most all these fish will eat Shrimp. If you want to catch an over slot Red Drum, it's better to use cut bait such as Mullet, Blue Crab, Whiting or Menhaden.



### INSHORE

Inshore fishing will only improve as more bait begins to show up in the creeks. A few Speckled Sea Trout have been around feeding on Mud Minnows and artificials. To have the best luck, you may have to pass a few of your holes to find the cleanest water you can. The tides this month and all the rain has the inshore waters pretty muddy, but there is always a spot with clean water. The Redfish will be eating the same things as the Trout. They just will be feeding in the shallower water along the mud flats, Oyster rakes and up the smaller creeks.

### NEAR SHORE

Near shore fishing is all about catching this time of year. Sheepshead will be around till about mid-month and as they thin out, the Weakfish, Bluefish, Spanish Mackerel, and Triggerfish will begin to move in. These fish will show up sooner in water depths of 90 ft. and slowly trickle in to the 55 ft. reefs. My bait choices this time of year include Fiddler Crabs, Squid and Boston Mackerel. For the Spanish Mackerel and Blue fish, I always have some Clark Spoons and Gotcha Plugs on board, already rigged up and ready to go for the first sign of these fish. They are fast movers and if you can catch the school's attention, it can be a day changer, but if the rod is not rigged you could miss your chance and may not get any in the boat before they disappear.

### OFF SHORE

For those who want to know what off shore is, I will give a quick definition. I say anything past 30 miles out is off shore. The water will become a little bluer and water depths will start around the 90 ft. mark and continue out past the ledges. The bottom bite has been great, the variety out here is amazing, Vermillion Snapper, Triggerfish, Porgies, and by the end of the month, the Cobia should be showing up - but due to changes in the regulations, Cobia cannot be kept this year. They are a hard fighting fish that will test your reels. Cut bait and Squid are choice baits for the bottom fish. Cobia will hit the Squid as well, but a live bait or a jig will draw in the Cobia and provide the best experience. The Red Snapper have been really thick out here. Do not forget to have a deventing tool and try to get every fish released in the best shape as possible.

**Thank you all for the support and hope you all have tight lines and full fish boxes. To join me on a fishing trip call me at Big Fish Charters (912) 230-4625.**



# Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

## Happy Tax Month!

Except for a couple accountant friends on the island, tax season is generally a giant pain. But once they're done, most people are thrilled to receive a tax refund - who doesn't like free money, right?

Consider the flip side of that coin, if you will. A tax refund really means that you loaned your money to the government last year at zero percent. Actually zero, too, not the 0.01% "zero" your checking account earns. If you owe taxes, you got an interest-free loan from the government last year. No credit check necessary!

At a high level, here's how taxes work: Start with gross income; subtract "above the line" deductions to get "adjusted gross income;" subtract "below the line" deductions to get "taxable income;" look up your tax in the tax tables; compare to how much you actually paid during the course of the year; done.

If you want a detailed list of all possible deductions, start with Wikipedia. Then hit the IRS website, but have a hefty supply of your favorite caffeine source handy. This article is not going to tell you why planting trees in your backyard won't qualify for the reforestation expense deduction. But it will give you a few broadly applicable suggestions to reduce future years' tax bills:

### 1) Increase your Traditional 401(k)/IRA contribution

Contributions to a Traditional 401(k) or a Traditional IRA are tax deferred, meaning you pay no tax now but will at some point in the future when you withdraw the money (as opposed to a Roth, where you pay now instead of at withdrawal). If you're not maxing out your retirement contribution (\$19,000 in a 401(k), \$6,000 in an IRA for 2019) and have some excess savings lying around, consider bumping up that contribution to reduce your taxable income.

### 2) Max out medical savings contributions

There are three types of medical savings accounts: FSAs (flexible spending accounts), HSAs (health savings accounts), and Archer MSAs (medical savings accounts). Contributions are deductible or funded with pre-tax money to begin with - either way, it reduces your tax bill. Even better, as long as the funds are used on qualified medical expenses, what you spend is never taxed. Never. So go ahead and max out these contributions, unless it's to an FSA - be careful with FSAs, that money doesn't roll over like HSAs and MSAs, which means you could lose it if you contribute more than you spend.

### 3) Timing

When doing taxes, you either take the standard deduction (a set amount) or you itemize your deductions. The new tax bill bumped the standard deduction for a single filer to \$12,000 from \$6,350, meaning that it's less likely you will benefit from itemizing. But! Say you're sitting at \$10,000 in itemizable deductions come December and you give \$3,000 per year to various charities. Why not use a year-end bonus to give next year's \$3,000 charitable donations this year? That way you get to deduct \$13,000 this year from itemizing and \$12,000 next year (the standard deduction), saving yourself \$1,000 in taxable income.

So there you go. Reduce taxable income in future years by contributing to traditional retirement plans and medical savings accounts. Take a look at your itemized deductions around Thanksgiving - if you're close to the standard deduction, see if there is anything from next year you can bring forward into December to get over that itemization threshold. But for now, breathe a sigh of relief that it's over, and go enjoy your tax day freebies on the 15th.

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By Nell Klein

# THE SILENT PATIENT

By Alex Michaelides

Every month I receive a list of the best books written by up-and-coming authors from the website "Goodreads." The February list included *The Silent Patient* in the thriller/mystery category (my fav), so I thought I would give it a try. Wow! They weren't kidding when they added this book to their list! It was a little bit slow to start off, but it quickly became a book that I didn't want to put down.

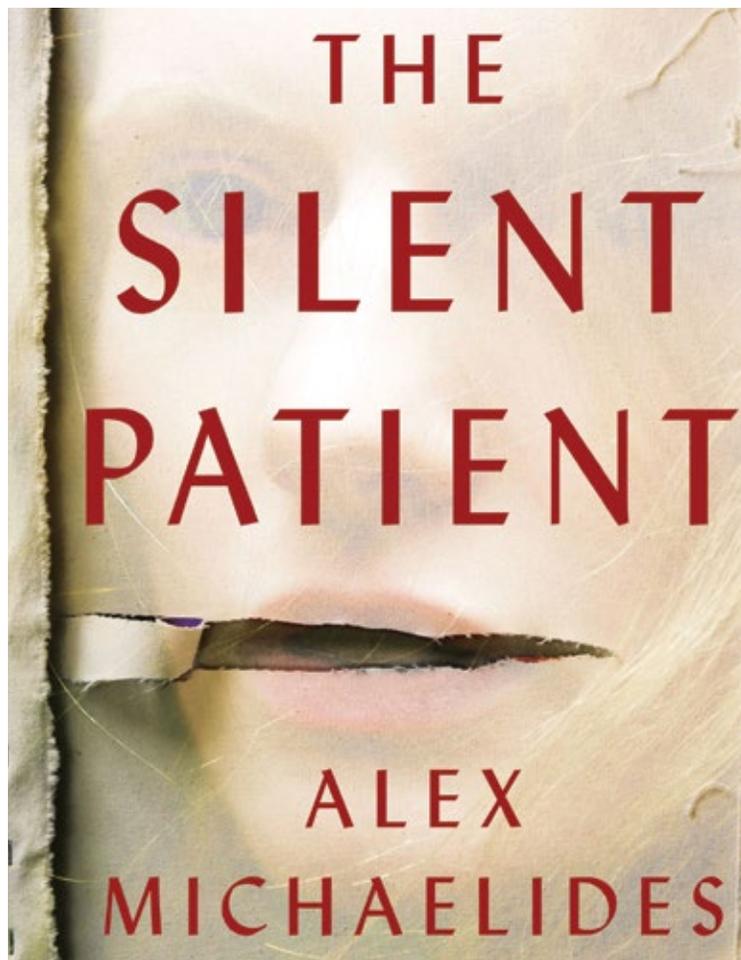
Alicia Berenson is a famous artist, and her husband, Gabriel, is a noted fashion photographer. They live in London in a seemingly ideal life and are totally devoted to each other. One night when Gabriel returns home from work to their up-scale home, Alicia ties him to a chair and shoots him 5 times in the face. Alicia never speaks another word. All the evidence left no doubt that Alicia killed her husband, but why she killed him is a mystery. While she was under house arrest awaiting her trial, Alicia painted one last painting. It was a disturbing self portrait of herself painting on a blank canvas in the nude, her paint brush dripping red paint (blood?). She titled the painting Alcestis who is a heroine in Greek myth. After her trial, she is admitted into the Grove Mental Health facility, a financially struggling asylum for the criminally insane in North London.

Fast forward six years, and enter Theo Faber, a psychotherapist who is obsessed with Alicia's case and wants to get her to talk again so that he can solve the mystery of why she killed Gabriel. Although he already has a good job, he manages to acquire a new job at the Grove and soon becomes Alicia's therapist. Theo, a happily married man who narrates the book, has a side story that eventually ties into the book and explains his obsession with Alicia's case. Intermingled into the story we read Alicia's diary entries that lead up to the murder. As we get closer to Theo's unraveling of Alicia's life and understanding why she did what she did, the less we are prepared for the totally unexpected ending. The author totally pulled the wool over my eyes!

The guilty parties in this book are abundant. Among them are Jean-Felix Martin, who manages a small Soho gallery that displays Alicia's work. He makes the controversial decision to display her painting Alcestis to promote his fledgling business. Then there's Christian, a former classmate of Theo's who also works at the Grove, and seems to have secrets of his own. There are also some pretty crazy psychos in the asylum that I wouldn't want to meet in a dark alley!

A truly excellent first novel for Alex Michaelides which I give 4 roses. The only problem was the slow beginning, but I can assure you that you won't be able to put this one down once you get started. I also love the short chapters. It's always easy to say, "Just one more chapter and I'll be right with you!" Just keep with it and let me know if you were as surprised at the ending as I was!

*Until next time, read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on!*



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# TYBEE ISLAND ZOMBIES

By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the March 2019 Beachcomber.  
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## CHAPTER 21 – AVIAN FLU? DAY 6.5

Doug is paddling as fast and hard as he can against the outgoing tide . . . and is struggling to make any progress toward Tybee's shore. He is heading toward the tank that saved him from the zombies that took Lisa just a few minutes ago. Above the tank a huge flock of birds are flying chaotically. There must be at least a thousand of them, a huge mix of colors, sizes, and species. They clearly weren't flying together in an overlarge and loving migration north for the summer. Their flight pattern looked more like bats hunting than birds in flight.

"Holy shit," Doug says under his breath, and pauses in his struggle to get across the river. The birds are attacking each other . . . the losers beginning to fall from the sky in the distance around the tank. He begins to weigh his options: head toward the tank that saved him, and the murderous bird storm surrounding it, or try to land somewhere else on Tybee and hope he doesn't run into any more of his neighbors that now crave human flesh.

"To hell with it," he mutters, and begins pushing his kayak toward the tank once again. Just as he gets close enough to shore to make the journey across seem worthwhile, the birds are falling from the sky into the water on all sides of him. Small birds are darting through the sky like arrows shot from some horrifying medieval contraption, impaling the larger pelicans and seagulls around them. Bird blood rains down around him. With it comes feathers in a grotesque parade leading Doug to shore. He is soon covered in the blood, guts, and feathers falling from above. This isn't what bothers him the most. The worst part of this trip, once it was clear that the birds were not going to come swooping down upon him, is the screaming noises that the birds are making. The shrieks coming out of their bodies is what brings out a primordial fear that he doesn't remember experiencing before.

As he approaches the shore he can hear the tank's turbine engine begin to whine to life.

"You have made a poor decision Douglas," he says to himself. "Alfred Hitchcock couldn't have dreamt up something as deranged as this. That tank better not leave before I get on board."

A huge smoke plume bursts from the rear of the tank and fills the sky. The whine of the engine increases and the amount of smoke triples in volume and the tank, the birds, the whole shoreline disappears. The carnage stops falling from the sky. The birds seem to have disappeared, not just into the smoke, but entirely. After a moment Doug realizes that whoever is in the tank has turned on the smoke generator. "Smart," he mutters to himself and paddles into the smoke, hoping that the beautiful beast of a tank appears soon . . . and it does, along with the shoreline in a few short moments.

As he approaches he sees a familiar figure standing in front of the tank.

"Joey? Is that you?"

"Damn right it is Doug!" Joey says, and approaches him with a smirk on his face. "Well look at you! You look like you've been tarred and feathered."

"You're just lucky you were in a tank. Is the Army here?"

"Nope. Pretty sure they're all dead. It's just me and Tony."

"Holy shit. Tony found himself a tank. Of all the people who could find a damn tank in the zombie apocalypse, it's the old tank commander himself."

Tony appears from the smoke cloud. "Hey Doug!" he says. "Glad to see you made it back across the river unscathed . . . well, generally unscathed. Damn man. You're a mess."

Doug looks down at himself. "Yeah. I know. I don't know what's gotten into all the birds."

"Avian flu," Joey says, and chuckles.

"Always the funny man," Tony replies before his face twists into a grim shape once again. "I'm thinking the birds are getting infected too. Remember the one we just found at Doug's place, Joey?"

"You guys went to my place?"

"Yeah, man," Joey says. "And there was a small cardinal with one wing and red and yellow eyes in your kitchen. We got your note too. Thanks for leaving it. That's why we came down to Alley 3. Thought we would start by scanning for you on Little Tybee."

"Listen to you!" Tony exclaims. "Sounding more and more like a tanker already."

Joey puts his hand on his heart and bows his head in a show of mock sincerity everyone has seen a million times in bars across the island. "You taught me everything I know."

"Dogs can get the sickness too," Doug says, and the smiles drop from the others' faces.

"Yeah, man," Tony sighs. "Sorry to hear about Nomi."

"Faithful till the end," Doug says, and shakes his head.

"Well," Tony begins, "it's going to be dark soon. I don't think we have the time to make it back to camp before dark and the tide has already started rolling out."

"Are we heading back to Doug's place then?" Joey asks.

"Hell no!" Doug answers. "Why would we risk staying there when we have a perfectly secure piece of armor right here? Y'all got some food?"

"We sure do," Tony says, and begins to head back into the tank.

Once the hatches are closed, they settle in for the night and Tony and Joey catch Doug up on what and who they've seen since they last saw each other. Joey begins to tell Doug about their camp and Tony's eyes double in size.

"Dude. They're in the trees."

"Yeah . . ." Joey says, annoyed at the interruption of the tale he is telling Doug. "And it's safe in the trees. Safe from zombies, safe from people . . ."

"The birds," Doug interrupts. "Birds like trees, Joey."

"The question is," Tony says, before Joey can think of a response, "do zombie birds like trees? And if so, do they like eating people?"

"Well they didn't attack me, and I was vulnerable out in the water."

"Yeah," Tony says. "It seemed like they were mostly concerned with each other. Have you seen any zeeks attack any animals? Hopefully zombie birds will only attack zombie birds. Zombie people only attack zombie people."

"Zombie dogs will attack people," Doug put in. "Nomi tried to get at me after she was bitten."

"Yeah," Joey began, "but dogs will attack people even when they're not infected. I used to have a cranky little dog who would attack people over dirty clothes, purses, anything on the floor she wanted to claim as her own. So that might just be a natural reaction to being sick and hurt."

"Maybe," Tony said, then turned to Doug. "There's something we haven't discussed yet. What the hell was that with Brian? It looked like he shoved you into the zeeks so you would get bitten. Do I have that wrong?"

"Oh, the next time I see that asshole he's a dead man."

CLANK! CLANK! CLANK!

"What the hell is that?" Joey says, and looks around the tank.

Tony looks up. "Someone's pounding on the outside of the tank."  
To be continued . . .

# Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in April By Mom

**4-1 April Fool's Day!** When New Year's Day was changed to January 1st in 16th century France, some people refused to accept the change. They were often referred to as April Fools!

**4-1, 4-8, 4-15, 4-22 & 4-29 Historic Fort Screven Battery Tours** 9-10:30am at 30 Meddin Dr. The Tybee Island Historical Society presents this walking tour of the Fort Screven Batteries. Call 912-786-5801 as reservations are required and for further info.

**4-1, 4-8, 4-15, 4-22 & 4-29 Tybee Island's Farmers and Artisan Market** 4-7pm every Monday through October at 30 Meddin Dr. Fresh veggies and artistic treasures will be available. Don't forget to shop local!

**4-4, 4-11, 4-18 & 4-25 Island Harmony Rehearsals** 6:15-8:45pm at Tybee Arts Association, 7 Cedarwood Ave. Go to [www.tybeearts.org/](http://www.tybeearts.org/) or call 912-786-5920 for more info.

**4-5, 4-12, 4-19, & 4-26 Coffee with the City Manager** 9-10am at Tybean Art & Coffee Bar at Tybee Oaks, 1213 US Hwy 80 E. City Manager, Shawn Gillen, will be on hand to answer questions, concerns, compliments and comments. Be prepared to buy your own cuppa joe.

**4-8 Red Cross Community Blood Drive** 2-7pm at the Old School Cafeteria, on 5th, just off Butler. Save time by going online to [www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass).

**4-11 Date Night "The Graduate"** 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This film is the American Film Institute's 7th best film of all time. Carry on Mrs. Robinson. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**4-12 The Rocky Horror Picture Show!** 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Fun and mayhem of an old cult favorite. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**4-13 Rock 'N Roll w/Toxic Oscar** 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. A popular rock and roll band that is celebrating their 30th anniversary. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**4-13 Game of Thrones** This is it folks! The last season of Game of Thrones on HBO at 9pm. Anyone want to bet on the ending?

**4-19 Family Skate Night** 6-8pm at the YMCA, 204 5th St. Call 912-786-9622 for more info.

**4-19 Ray & Etta: Father of Soul & Matriarch of Blues** 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Laiken Love and Trae Gurley will perform a wonderful tribute to Ray Charles and Etta! Not to be missed! For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**4-20 Ft. Pulaski Event** 9am-5pm at Fort Pulaski on US 80. Free Pass Day to celebrate the 1st day of National Park Week. It is also Junior Ranger Day! Call 912-786-5787 for further info.

**4-21 Happy Easter!** Peeps! Did you know that Americans buy more than 700 million marshmallow Peeps during Easter? This makes Peeps the most popular non chocolate Easter candy.

**4-25 thru 4-27 2019 Tybee Wine Festival** Presented by Tybee Post Theater, this year's event features 3 days of international wine tasting, fine food, and live music set in 3 different locations, island wide. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**4-27 Tybee Turtle Trot Marine Science Center 5K Run** 6am-12pm at 1509 Strand Ave. Kick off the nesting season with a 5K Beach Run and sea turtle release. For more info call 912-786-5917.

**4-27 Forever Tybee Gigantic Indoor Yard Sale** 7am-1pm at Memorial Park in the screened Pavilion, 402 Jones Ave. For further info, please call 646-469-5959.

**4-29 TIPD VIP Luncheon – Neighbors Helping Neighbors** 11am-12pm at the Old School Cafeteria. If you need some assistance or want to help, contact Richard Dascall at 912-484-8833 for further info.

# TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk



## SPRING TALES

Hello spring, welcome back. When you work in the service industry on Tybee, getting through winter is a huge accomplishment. St. Patrick's is a great way to start off the season. It is definitely the busiest two weeks of the year. It's like a two week training season to get back in the grind of summer.

When you are at your favorite place on the island and you notice it is at full capacity, know that your wait time for a Breezy is going to be more than ten minutes. When we roll up to pick you up, there are other people waiting on us as well. We try to pick up in the order you called. However, it is hard to tell people who are trying to get in the cab that we are not here for you. Great customer service is everything to Breezy so please try to cooperate with us and be ready when we get there.

Also, when you call for a ride it helps when you are not standing in front of the band and their sound system. Find a quiet spot to make your call and listen to the dispatcher tell you how long and who will be your driver. Also, pay your tab before we arrive. In the taxi world you wait for us, we don't wait for you.

We had a giant St. Patrick's Day parade on Tybee. We were blessed with excellent weather. I started my shift at 1pm to help with the parade crowd. I was driving the bus and having to use the old golf cart path, aka the back roads. It is a curse and a blessing that we can go past Huc-A-Poos.

After the parade, a lot of people need to go to the Crab Shack. It's not a problem until you are stuck in traffic due to an accident. We had two different accidents this year. I was stuck in the mess both times. I also was in a bit of a jam in the Crab Shack parking lot. I think we need one way signs up there. That's not the first time I have been trapped in that parking lot.

We also had daylight savings time. It was the same Saturday as the parade. By 1:30am I was spent. I saw a group of TIPD, so I stopped and asked them if we were shutting the bars down at 3 or if they were going to stay open until 4. I reminded them how hard they had all worked and that 3 o'clock is 3 o'clock. I also threw in my 2 cents and voted on shooting it down. Whether I had any influence or not, speaking for everyone that worked that night, thank you fine officers for calling it a night.

Remember not to drink and drive. I can't believe someone crashed into the Salt Island restaurant. Thank God no one was in there. The damage is bad enough, but at least some innocent person was not injured. Let's be on our game going into the 2019 season. Don't forget to tip your servers and bartenders. Clean up after yourself and GO Breezy!

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## Behind the Tape...

By Sgt. Richard Dascal



Well, at this point I think it's fair to say that summer is upon us. St. Patrick's has come and gone and we have Orange Crush on the horizon. Instead of giving stories this month, I'm going to talk about some of the programs that the department has and is involved in. I promise that next month I'll write about some good OC stuff that happened.

The first program I'll tell you about is the National Take Back Initiative. This is a program that we take part in through the DEA. Twice a year the DEA hosts this program nationwide to give people the opportunity to turn in unused prescription medications. We set up in the lobby of the YMCA and accept any and all medications. If this is a service you could use, keep an eye on our Facebook for upcoming dates.

Next is our VIP program. This is a monthly event held at the old cafeteria and designed for our older citizens. During this meeting we provide lunch and tell everyone what is going on at the department and try to answer any questions the community has. This is normally held the last Monday of each month. If you would like to be involved in this please reach out to us.

The last program I'm going to tell you about is Operation Starlight. This program was started to help with children whose parents have been arrested. In the past, when a parent gets arrested and their kids are with them, the officers would have to sit with the children for what is sometimes several hours. Since we have become busier, pulling officers away to do things like this puts a serious strain on us. Now we have several trained volunteers who are able to sit with these children when needed. This past year the program was recognized with an award from Motorola. If you are interested in taking part in this program as a volunteer, reach out to Captain Hayes or Lt. Randolph.

I hope everyone enjoys hearing about these programs, and I promise, next month I'll have a good story for you.

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# FROM A BACKWOODS SOUTHERN LAWYER

By Franklin Edenfield

I may need a what?!!

The question for this month's article is: **When Do I Need a Lawyer and How Do I Find the Right One?**

Before we cross that boredom threshold, first a moment of levity. The best lawyer joke I've ever heard and yes, we enjoy them too: A bartender was once again watching as a handsome young man came in the door, as he did virtually every afternoon, took a seat at the bar, and almost immediately a pretty young woman would take the bar stool next to him. As always happened, they would talk for a few minutes and then she would get up and leave. This time, the bartender decided to find out why that was such a regular occurrence. He went to the young man and said, "Look, I have been watching you for the past several weeks and every day it's the same thing. You are a very nice looking guy; you have a seat at the bar; a pretty young girl sits next to you; you talk for a few minutes and she leaves. What gives?" The young man said, "Well, invariably they ask me what I do for a living and when I tell them I'm a carpenter, they move on." The bartender said, "Well, now I know your problem. These are up-and-coming young ladies and they are not interested in hooking up with a carpenter, they want to meet a lawyer or a doctor." After thinking it over for a moment, the young man replied, "Well, I don't think I can fake being a doctor but I believe I can successfully pretend to be a lawyer because all of my friends tell me I'm full of B.S. anyway." A few minutes later a pretty young woman came in the door; sat next to the young man and they began to talk. They left and went back to her apartment and soon ended up in bed. Suddenly, the young man broke out into uncontrolled laughter. The young lady was taken aback and said, "How can you laugh at a time like this?" The young man replied, "This is great. I've only been a lawyer for thirty minutes and I'm already screwing somebody."

Over the past forty-plus years of practice, I have seen several occasions where someone was simply unsure if they needed an attorney. I have seen many many more where they most certainly did but failed to obtain representation. The latter is a much more dangerous situation and with serious consequences you can make the wrong choice.

For instance, let's assume it's a Friday afternoon and you are at home having a well-deserved beer and/or other libation, when a sheriff's deputy pulls up in your driveway and hands you a sheaf of papers. You review them and immediately realize that it is a copy of a lawsuit involving an automobile accident and you are the wrong individual and were never involved in such an accident. You just assume there is nothing for you to do and throw the papers in the trash can. A few months later you receive a letter from an attorney, by certified mail, advising you that a several hundred thousand dollar judgment has now been entered against you and his client is seeking to collect. Because of your failure to answer the lawsuit, you have now been judicially determined as the person named and as monetarily responsible for the damages. Obviously you needed a lawyer. If you are looking at the outside world through a set of bars, that's probably a good indication that you need an attorney in that situation also. Unfortunately, most of these situations are not that obvious.

It's a better than even chance that if you think you might need an attorney – you do. At the very least, call a lawyer and talk to him or her over the phone or arrange to meet them in their office. Any cost will usually be minimal and could save you thousands of dollars down the road. If you don't know an attorney, or don't know someone who knows an attorney, you can call the State Bar of Georgia's toll free number and, if they can't answer your question over the phone, they can refer you to someone in the area who can. Don't allow yourself to become that person you never were, responsible for that accident you were never involved in or that legal dispute you knew nothing about, only to discover that you are now the person with the checkbook.

## How do I find the right attorney?

Okay. You have now determined that you do need legal representation but, having never needed it in the past, you have no idea who to call.

Please don't make your selection based upon who has the best or most TV ads every day. I will confess that I despise lawyer advertising in any fashion, but I am forced to recognize that it is their constitutional right and, in some instances, may well serve the public good. I personally know virtually all of the attorneys in the area who advertise on TV and have the utmost respect for several of them. They simply chose a different path than I would follow.

The basic problem with choosing a lawyer from their TV ads is that you are basing a potentially life changing choice on a thirty or sixty second soundbite. There is a very good chance that attorney could not find Savannah with a roadmap and you may never meet the person face to face.

I recently handled an automobile accident case involving a very low-speed rear-end collision on Derenne Avenue. As he was sitting in his car, the driver looked up and saw one of the billboards that say, Injured – Call – 800-441-PAIN. So he did. The person on the other end of the line told him not to move and someone would be calling him within the next five minutes. Sure enough, he got a call from an attorney somewhere in the Atlanta area that he had never heard of and was informed that he had a chiropractic appointment the next morning at 9:00. This guy has not even unbuckled his seatbelt and he already has a lawyer, a doctor, and a lawsuit. Some weeks later we had a mediation in the case and I introduced the lawyer to his client. If that has become a 21st century's description of an attorney-client relationship, then I am overjoyed that I can see the exit sign.

Okay, you now understand that TV is not your best referral source of legal representation. What do you do?

The first thing is to reach out to friends, family, and business associates. It would be rare indeed for someone in that circle not to know an attorney or at least know about an attorney.

When you have a name or names, call them. In all probability you will first have to talk to the secretary, legal assistant, and perhaps then a paralegal. Those individuals can always be helpful but, at some point, you need to meet the attorney. Telephone, text messages, and emails are no substitute for a face to face conversation. If you are continually told that the attorney is too busy to meet with you personally (no, that is B.S., as no lawyer is that busy) then start looking for another name.

When you do finally meet with the attorney, personally keep in mind that you are looking for competent legal representation, not a lifelong best friend. Don't be hesitant to ask questions about the attorney's training and experience with your type of situation or what it may ultimately cost. As much as it pains me, I have to admit that I have some brethren in the Bar who are only concerned about the size of their own wallet and not the client's, so long as it is open and apparently bottomless.

The plain truth is that the vast majority of legal disputes can be resolved quickly, efficiently, and economically, if that is everyone's goal. Sometimes, particularly with family disputes, it only requires a simple apology. Most resolutions will require someone paying something, but if all participants consider the cost of litigation, a negotiated resolution is almost always the best alternative. There is no attorney in the State of Georgia that enjoys trying lawsuits more than I do and I have tried at least 400-plus cases, but even in those in which we "won" somebody usually lost money. You and your attorney should keep in mind the fact that when you are up to your ass in alligators, don't forget that your objective was to drain the swamp.



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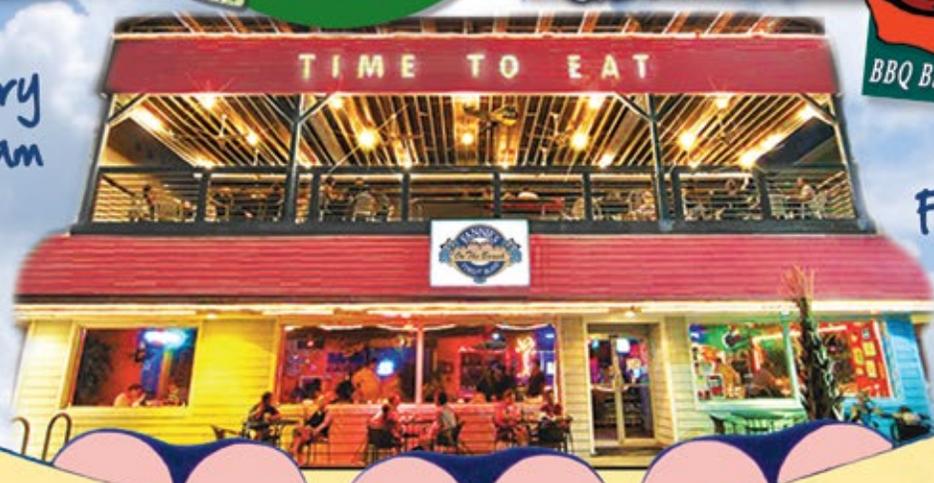


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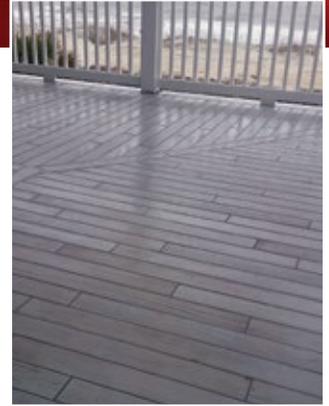


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# The Universal Flow of Giving

By Melonie DePalma, Holistic Health Coach

As I was growing up, my brother and I were raised by a Single Mom who rode a Harley (in the 80s!!!). She was very active in the Jaycees, and in her motorcycle groups, Motor City HOG and Great Lakes HOG. We spent time at shelters feeding the homeless, and most Christmases wrapping gifts for Toys for Tots. She raised us to be humble and gracious for the gift of breath each day. I was thankful for that, especially after losing her when I was 18. To this day it fills my soul to help others.

Contrary to what most people think, researchers at the University of British Columbia found that people were happier when they spent their money on others (keep ME in mind). What's more, there was no difference in happiness for the people who had \$5 to give and the people who had \$20 to give. The act of giving, no matter how big or small, makes us feel good.

Giving has also been linked to lower rates of heart disease and it may even help you live longer.

But before you rush out to donate all your things to live the tiny life movement or volunteer in the hope of boosting your happiness, health and life-span, you'll need to stop to think about your motivation. The paradox — that we happen to think is rather poetic — is that givers may only get these benefits when they're not seeking them. A study found that giving for self-related reasons did not bring benefits - only when giving was altruistic, driven from compassion towards and connection with others, were individuals more likely to live longer.

Human nature is constantly shaped by an intricate tension between competition and collaboration, but there's no doubt that survival of the fittest was supported by survival of the kindest.

Researchers in social psychology and positive psychology are continuing to unravel the mechanisms between giving and well-being. However, for now, if a scientist comes over with an envelope full of cash and asks you to spend it on yourself, you might want to think about spending it on someone else instead (again, I AM here for you! lol).

Being generous is the natural side effect of living a happy and fulfilled life.

It is also the antidote for when we feel lost or blue. It can take our focus off ourselves and make us pay attention to the world around us. It serves both us and the receivers of our generosity. It is empowering.

While monetary philanthropy is important, it is a narrow way to be generous. There are many other ways to share with others: Being generous with our time by building relationships and by helping our neighbors or volunteering for a cause. Generous in our civility by practicing our manners and being kind. Most of us in this wonderful community see this happening on a regular basis. By being generous in our graciousness, we can accept others' generosity, and allow others to show their appreciation for you. This very important part of the universal flow of giving, is receiving.

I had a wonderful roommate for a couple years, both of us coming from a monetary lower income status in our 30s/40s. Let's just say all roads we travel are lessons, even the tough ones. I helped her see the importance of accepting others' generosity, and that brought the universal energy flow. She is a giver, and by allowing gifts from others, has led her to a road of ebb and flow. Today she is a very successful, happy artist. There is a time for action and there is a time for allowing.

Studies find, at the Cleveland Clinic, these health benefits associated with giving:

- Lower blood pressure
- Increased self-esteem
- Less depression
- Lower stress levels
- Longer life
- Greater happiness

This is another slice in the circle of life, so get out there and give back to this amazing little gift of a community we live in!

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# Volunteer Month

By Alaina Loughridge



Life is but a dream on our little paradise called Tybee Island! If you sit back and really think about it, do you realize how many people want to be us? Yep! We got it going on right here. That being said ... Tybee doesn't just happen. There are so many people shucking and jiving behind the scenes that you never even hear about. People that want no limelight and make Tybee thrive with a combo of blood, sweat, tears, joy and a sense of fulfillment at being involved in our community. Our home. Our lives.

Do you want to attend Mardi Gras or any of the numerous events that Tybee offers? Do you even have an inkling of the bodies and funds required to put out any event? You want to walk down the beach without stepping in trash? (We love DPW!!) You want Tybee to stay Tybee with its numerous perks and amenities? You want to raise you kids here? Well, belly up to the volunteer table where your mouth is (or your brain).

April is National Volunteer Month and the Beachcomber is proud to provide a semi-comprehensive list of all of Tybee's volunteer opportunities available and listed below. This is not a complete list (I tried my best and if I missed you, I sincerely apologize). Due to space restrictions, I asked for a logo, mission statement and contact number for anyone to call that's interested in becoming a volunteer. If y'all help Tybee and her people, then you belong here.



**Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers (aka Fight Dirty Tybee)** - Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers is a grass-roots organization made up of volunteers that sweep Tybee's beaches free of trash on a regular basis, often weekly. We are committed to working with the City of

Tybee and organizations that promote a healthy beach environment to find innovative and effective ways to reduce beach trash. We believe beach cleaning is a fun and rewarding experience for everyone, and a great way to meet other people that love a natural coastal environment. Join in! Join our email list [Tybeecleanbeach@gmail.com](mailto:Tybeecleanbeach@gmail.com). Website: [www.tybeecleanbeach.com](http://www.tybeecleanbeach.com). Facebook: Fight Dirty Tybee, Instagram: [@tybeecleanbeach](https://www.instagram.com/tybeecleanbeach).



**Tybee Island Fire Department** - Our mission is to protect the lives and property of the citizens of and visitors to Tybee Island by providing the highest levels of service through education, fire prevention, public education, fire suppression, rescue and mitigation of effects and man-made disasters consistent with the resources provided. Contact: Jason Patterson, Fire Chief 912-472-5061 or [jpatterson@cityoftybee.org](mailto:jpatterson@cityoftybee.org).



**Tabby Tales Rescue** - Tabby Tales saves and places over 100 cats each year, many arriving with illness and infection. These precious lives are all loved and cared for in foster homes, where they are nursed back to health until they are adoption-ready. Our dream is that each cat will have a loving forever home. We also endeavor to support efforts in our community to end pet homelessness. We encourage TNR where permitted and aim to teach our community about responsible pet ownership. Contact: [tabbytalesrescue.org](http://tabbytalesrescue.org).



**Tybee Island Marine Science Center** - Our Mission is to cultivate responsible stewardship of coastal Georgia's natural resources through education and conservation. Contact Info: [TybeeMarineScience.org](http://TybeeMarineScience.org), click on "Volunteer With Us!" to download a Volunteer Interest Form, complete and email to [Ike@TybeeMarineScience.org](mailto:Ike@TybeeMarineScience.org).



**The Tybee Island Beach Brigade** - A community based volunteer organization of fun-loving ladies who do synchronized dance routines for local parades and other Tybee events. All are welcome to join us. Contact Karen Penick: [mermaidsouth@hotmail.com](mailto:mermaidsouth@hotmail.com) or Tybee Island Beach Brigade Facebook page.



**Tybee Island Development Authority/Main Street Program** - Our mission is to facilitate efforts to revitalize, redevelop, and enhance; create a sense of place and improve the quality of life for residents, business owners, and visitors; encourage quality economic growth and development while preserving Tybee Island's unique architectural and community heritage; support and encourage the arts as a cultural endeavor and economic engine on the island. Visit [www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com](http://www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com).



**Islands Feral Cat Project** - Our mission is to maintain local feral colonies by trap/neuter/return/vaccinate as many feral, abandoned, and evicted cats as possible. We will treat the sick and/or injured, and recruit as many volunteers as we can; loan our traps, give advice and educate caretakers; build feeding stations and provide shelter; strive for a "No Kill" animal shelter in all communities; educate the public; work for laws that demand stricter laws against animal abuse; have fund raisers and apply for grants to finance our goals; provide food and spay/neuter cats for low income. Website: [islandsferalcatproject.org](http://islandsferalcatproject.org). Contact person is Melonie Kinert. Hotline 912-777-3289.



**Tybee Island Farmers Market** - Our Mission is to provide a place where the community can come together to enjoy the showcase of local fruits and vegetables as well as other awesome, good food products representing Tybee Island. To Contact us: Stop by in person to the Market Managers Table Mondays from 4-7pm at the Tybee Lighthouse Grounds or call 912-401-1041. We are also on Facebook and [www.tybeeislandfarmersmarket.org](http://www.tybeeislandfarmersmarket.org).



**Tybee Optimist Club** - Optimist International is a worldwide volunteer organization made up of more than 2,500 local clubs whose members work each day to make the future brighter by bringing out the best in children, in their communities, and in themselves. We are always looking for new members. Contact: Alaina Loughridge 912-675-5261.



**Coastal Mermaid & Pirate Club** - The Coastal Mermaid & Pirate Club offers life skills training, pre-vocational skills, and socialization to adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Through social skills training, communication skills, life skills (cooking, shopping, money management, telephone etiquette, etc.), and recreation, the members learn independence, self-advocacy, and self-confidence. Website: [RecreationTherapyServices@outlook.com](mailto:RecreationTherapyServices@outlook.com) or visit our Facebook page.



**Tybee Arts Association** - Our mission is to develop and sustain interest, appreciation and enjoyment of the arts on Tybee Island by: sponsoring arts exhibits and performances for education and enjoyment; offering educational programs for children and adults; providing scholarships, grants, prizes and other assistance to outstanding students in their continuing art education; and working with other community organizations. We are always in search of good ideas and volunteers. Website: [www.tybeearts.org/](http://www.tybeearts.org/)



**Tybee Island YMCA** - With a focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, volunteers of the Tybee Island YMCA and Recreation Department gives men, women, and children of all ages and from all walks of life the resources and support they need to be healthy, confident, connected and secure. If you would like to volunteer, contact us at 912-786-9622 or [haley.hill@ymcaofcoastalga.org](mailto:haley.hill@ymcaofcoastalga.org).



**Tybee Island Youth Council** - The mission of Tybee Island Youth Council is to promote and receive input from the youth in the community to develop and sustain programs and activities for the youth and to provide a vehicle to lean about government, participate in the process and to represent the needs of the youth in this community. Please contact Jan LeViner, City Clerk and Director, 912-472-5080 or Haley Hill, Executive Director, Tybee YMCA and Assistant Director, 912-786-9622.



**Tybee Post Theater** - Our mission is to successfully operate the Tybee Post Theater as an integral part of our community that enhances our cultural experience, encourages and attracts visitors and improves our quality of life. Contact: Melissa Turner, Executive Director: [Melissa@TybeePostTheater.org](mailto:Melissa@TybeePostTheater.org), 912-472-4790.



**Tybee Wishes** - A partnership of Tybee locals formed in an act of goodwill. Tybee Wishes exists to work quietly within our community to help "one of our own," with quick relief for medical or similar needs, and help with financial burdens. Contact Jenny Orr: [tybeewishes@gmail.com](mailto:tybeewishes@gmail.com).



**Tybee Festival Association** - A non-profit organization made up of business owners and residents whose common purpose is to provide public festivals and events to Tybee Island and to promote interest and tourism on our island year round. Contact Jenny Orr: [tybeefestivals@gmail.com](mailto:tybeefestivals@gmail.com).



**Tybee Lighthouse and Museum** - A non-profit organization that relies on volunteers to greet the visitors at the lighthouse and museum, help onsite with various projects and interpretation. Contact: Gus Rehnstrom or Art Worden at 912-786-5801 or [volunteers@tybeelighthouse.org](mailto:volunteers@tybeelighthouse.org).



**Tybee Island Police Dept.** - Operation Starlight is a volunteer program to help with children whose parents have been arrested. If you are interested in taking part in this program, reach out to Captain Hayes or Lt. Randolph at TIPD 912-786-5600.



**Shriner's Club** - The mission of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children are aligned in many ways, and the two work closely to raise interest in and awareness of their efforts. The members and staff of these two unique entities are intent on making the world a better place, and on improving the lives of children in need of specialized medical care. Contact: [Info@TybeeIslandShrineClub.org](mailto:Info@TybeeIslandShrineClub.org).

Everyone has time to do something helpful for our community. Some of these organizations only meet once a month, but manage to accomplish huge things! A couple hours out of your month is nothing. Get off the couch. The bar stool. Your butt! You live here and you love here. Protect our here.

This story was a lot of work and we could not have done it without the help of Shirley Sessions and Karen Parsons Penick, who are as devoted to Tybee as we are. Thank you to all of the volunteers on Tybee who do so much to make our little spot of Paradise such a wonderful place to live!





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# SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

It's finally spring sports fans and baseball is in the air! The temperature is warming up and another jam-packed Tybee summer is on the horizon. We made it through another St. Patrick's Day (well, most of us I hope) and all of the shenanigans just in time for sports filled April.

I have to start out paying homage to perhaps the greatest sporting event of the year that happens to grace the April calendar: The Masters; a tradition unlike any other (heard that one before?). Yes, THE Masters is upon us with all of its majesty, beauty and mystique. I have been fortunate to attend the "toonament" quite a few times and one thing remains the same - television doesn't even begin to reveal the beauty of the course and scenery. It's just so beautiful and you must try to experience in person if you can, if just for a practice round and even if you don't even really like golf! This year should be a dandy, as so many of the big name golfers are playing so well as of late. There are so many that you could pick and no one could argue with you. As of this writing I am debating between Justin Thomas and Rory McIlroy, but we shall see. It's going to be a super 4 days and, as they say, the Masters doesn't get started until the second nine on Sunday. I'll be glued to the television for sure just like a lot of you!

And then comes the RBC Heritage on Hilton Head the next week, right across the Savannah River entrance. It's always a refreshing and relaxing week for players and fans after the pressure and intensity of the Masters

just days earlier. The only negative is going from paying \$3 a beer at the Masters to \$6 at the Heritage. And from pimento cheese sandwiches to hot dogs. Don't get me started!

Play Ball! Another baseball season is upon us and we're all hoping that the Braves will build on their success and NL East crown from next year. They've added some offensive weapons like Josh Donaldson and even brought Brian McCann back, who will be great in the clubhouse. I can't wait to see Ronald Acuna in his sophomore season - every time he comes to the plate it's "Must See TV." He is a grown man for sure. Hopefully some of the younger pitching will continue to step up and improve, as I'm not sure you can go too far with Julio Teheran as one of your aces! Hopefully they will be in it from start to finish and make 2019 another fun and interesting season. It seems like some of the familiar faces from last year should be right there again like Boston, the Yankees, LA and Houston. Lots of chalk but we shall see how it shakes out.

By the time of this writing we will have crowned (or come close to it) another NCAA basketball champion. I'll go out on a limb and say it was Virginia. The NBA playoffs will be starting and take us all the way to Independence Day (again) and the NHL playoffs will be underway and tolerable to watch (for the most part). But April to me is about Opening Day in baseball and The Masters and I'm good with that! Happy Sporting and we'll see you in May!



# Bartender Chronicles

By Paxton Willis

## ***Selective Hearing Part 3***

We have week-long visitors, weekenders and some who show up and never leave. I have met a couple or group of friends their first or second day in town, had such a good time, knew their drink orders by second meeting and logged their voice profile into the ol database and proceeded to move them ahead of others. The natural selection is an evolving mass with ebb and flow, it morphs and wiggles in and out of existence like a quantum particle as soon as it's observed. But, like the wee particle, some change when they are observed, they accrue entitlement. Some entitlement is ok, you're entitled to drink and have fun. You're entitled to being given what you ask for in as timely a manner as possible, but as with all things, your privileges can be revoked. Like the TV taken until the homework is done, like the car keys until the report card improves. If you are one of the cool ones and have the undivided ear of your barman, watch out for these infractions that may cause a demotion in your status among the herd.

**The Assist** - There's 2 styles of the assist:

The first for example, is - if I know you and your voice well and you are a high rank in the database, obviously I defer to you above a stranger. If you use this to get my attention, then point at a stranger behind or near you, who I probably have already seen and have put in my mental queue, you need to check your credit score, because it went down. The reason you feel at home at our place is because of this queue system where regulars are given preferential treatment, and the balance is disturbed when you use your power to try and promote someone because they're next to you and you want to help. You think you're helping, but really it's a cry wolf situation and I'll be less likely to hop to your call because of fear that it won't be you I'm helping.

The 2nd kind of assist is the "cool guy" assist. The "cool guy" assist is when you are entertaining out of town visitors or just people who have never been to your favorite soda fountain. In most cases, I'll know that this is the situation, and I'll make every effort to boost your perceived social equity. Guy trying to impress a girl, I got you. Trying to impress her parents, I got you. Trying to be viewed as generally likable above a family member who gets on your nerves? I'll ignore them, pretending to be so engaged and interested in your day that it'll make them sick. I'm happy to do all manner of things for my people, we're all spinning in this cosmos together, we should always try to help each other.

That said, I've seen a gross misuse of this concept, a truly vile interpretation. If hosting visitors, and you come into the bar and try to display dominance over the room and your servers, bossing around, yelling, telling me unnecessarily to "give me my usual," I know what you freaking drink, do you ever yell that when it's just you? No you don't. So if you think your attempt at bossing someone around or making them out as your subordinate is going to impress the people with you, you're trying to impress the wrong people. Get new people, or change yourself, that's a sad life to live. If your primal instinct is to demean or de-value and not uplift and expand a person's self or situation, what's the point of being in a social construct, booze in hand, if not to unite?

Look at me getting all sappy. The point is simply that if our first instinct is to take care of each other, we'll have a much better time for a longer time. 4 parts still might not be enough, let's just say I'll see you next month nerds.



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# Parking Information Y'all Need to Know

By Alaina Loughridge

I want to start by thanking Lynn Davis for sending me such a thorough article of information on Tybee's parking services. I will be plagiarizing from her as we go, but I must add my own two cents in because rules and regulations are dull and no wants to read them. However, this is info you need to know if you are a visitor and we want you to read it, so all the cuss words are mine. So, off we go...

**YOU HAVE TO PAY TO PARK ON TYBEE! EVERYWHERE!** If we have one more sign on Tybee about paying to park, we may very well fall into the ocean! Now, I realize what a huge pain in the butt this is, but it is a necessary evil as I like to say. Your parking dollars pay for street clean up, our lifeguards, parking attendants and so much more. Don't be unhappy. Key West is charging almost \$5 an hour to park and I know we aren't Key West; we are much better! Here's the details:

Parking is enforced from 8am till 8pm, seven days a week, year-round. It currently cost \$2.00 per hour (\$24.00 a day).

## How to pay for parking:

1. Kiosk machines accept coins and credit cards. Swipe your card or insert coins, once the total amount is displayed on the screen, hit the green button and wait for your pay stub to print. Place this pay stub on the dash of your vehicle. You may purchase up to three days of parking.
2. Use our new Pay By Phone app, ParkTYB. Located in the Google Play Store and Apple Store. Download the app, enter your vehicle information and credit card, and follow the prompts to start a session. As with the Kiosk pay stub, the app payment is good in any legal space on the Island. It will alarm when your time is about to expire.
3. Purchase a yearly parking decal. May be obtained Monday – Friday, from 8:30 to 5 at City Hall. Please bring your current vehicle registration and a driver's license. The cost \$150.00 (\$125.00 for those over 62 or older, discount is non-transferable) per decal. And are valid for one year from month of purchase.

All the typical rules and regulations apply as far as parking in a handicapped spot, fire hydrant, against traffic. Yes, parking people see you trying to pull a fast one and you will be fined.

Also, and I think most important too is BE NICE! If you get a ticket, do not cuss out the parking attendant. These people work their ass off in the hot sun getting verbally abused and without a cocktail in their hand. They are here for a reason and I've met most of them. They are nice people just doing their job. Not only do they patrol our parking, but they answer a million questions a day, all while promoting and helping Tybee.

The moral of this story is: Pay to park everywhere. Be nice. Leave nothing but your footprints!

On a personal note, if you have your buddy stand in an empty parking spot to save it for someone 10 miles away, I will run your buddy over.

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# Foodie Finds

By Rodney Anker

## Eggplant Parmesan



### Marinara Sauce:

- 1 can of tomato sauce, 29oz
- 1 can of diced tomatoes, 15oz
- 2 fresh garlic cloves (grated)
- 1/2 sweet onion (diced)
- 5 Basil leaves
- Scooch of salt (kosher)
- A Pinch of fresh or dried Parsley
- A Pinch of dried Thyme
- A Pinch of black pepper
- A Pinch of ground Sage

*Saute everything above, except sauce and tomatoes, until translucent.  
Add tomato sauce and diced tomatoes. Let simmer for 1/2 hour.*

### Eggplant:

- 2-3 eggplants, peeled and cut thin and long - not in circles
- Flour (1-2 cups)
- Eggs (4-5)
- Bread crumbs (1-2 cups)
- Salami, one piece per eggplant
- Provolone Cheese, one piece per eggplant
- 1 cup. shredded Mozzarella cheese

*Flour the eggplant. Dip in eggs, then in breadcrumbs.  
Fry in vegetable oil till golden brown.  
Lay on paper towels to extract oil. Let sit 10-15 minutes.  
Roll with Salami (1 piece per eggplant) and Provolone (1 piece per eggplant).  
Set in baking pan. Pour your marinara on top and finish with mozzarella on top. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.  
Serve with your favorite pasta or salad and don't forget the garlic bread!*

## 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. 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, 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. Industry Night every Tuesday 7-9pm. 14th St. at Butler Avenue

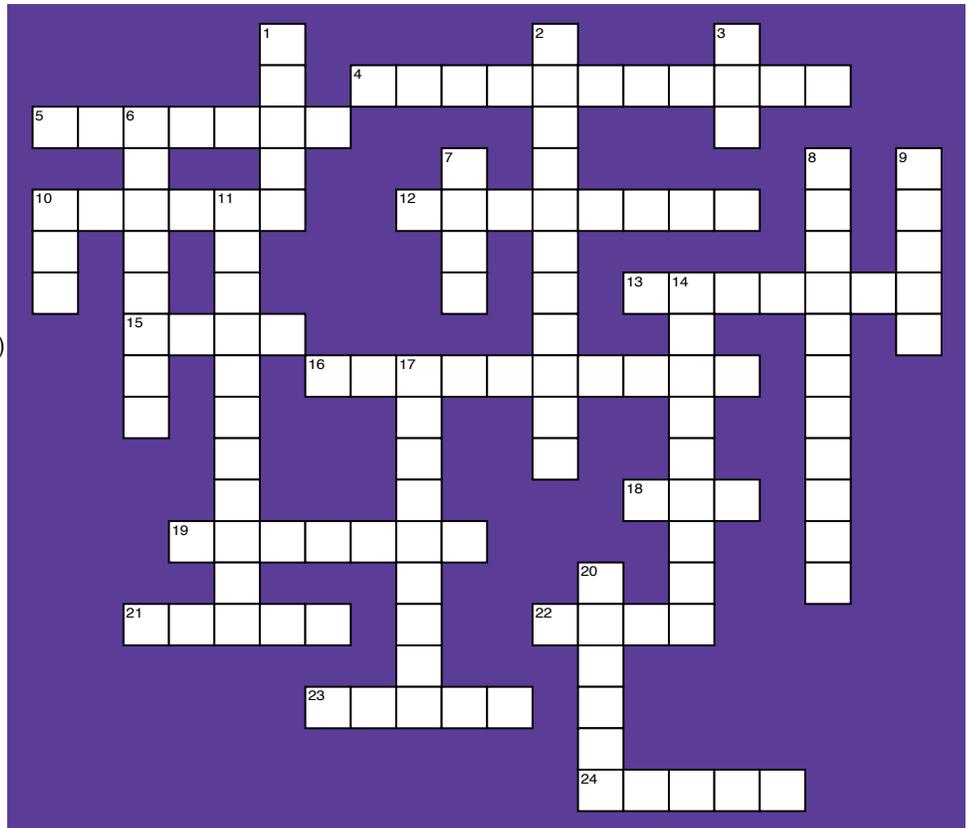
**Tybee Time** - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm, DJ Marty Thursday-Saturday. 1603 Strand Ave.

**Wind Rose Café** - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm. Daily Lunch Specials. 19 Tybrisa St.

# Cross Word

## ACROSS

- 4 Binging with Becca movie (2 wds.)
- 5 The greatest sporting event in April
- 10 Captain Nick says this many miles out is considered Off Shore
- 12 Eggplant \_\_\_\_\_ (Foodie Finds recipe)
- 13 Traveling Beachcomber winners, the Bowdens, went here
- 15 There are 50 hidden in the Tybee Beachcomber
- 16 Reflections says doing this will help you (2 wds.)
- 18 This crew won the Bar Olympics
- 19 You have to pay for this on Tybee
- 21 Go see him at Century 21
- 22 This 3 day festival is presented by the Tybee Post Theater
- 23 Fourth month
- 24 Rogue Waves explains how this works

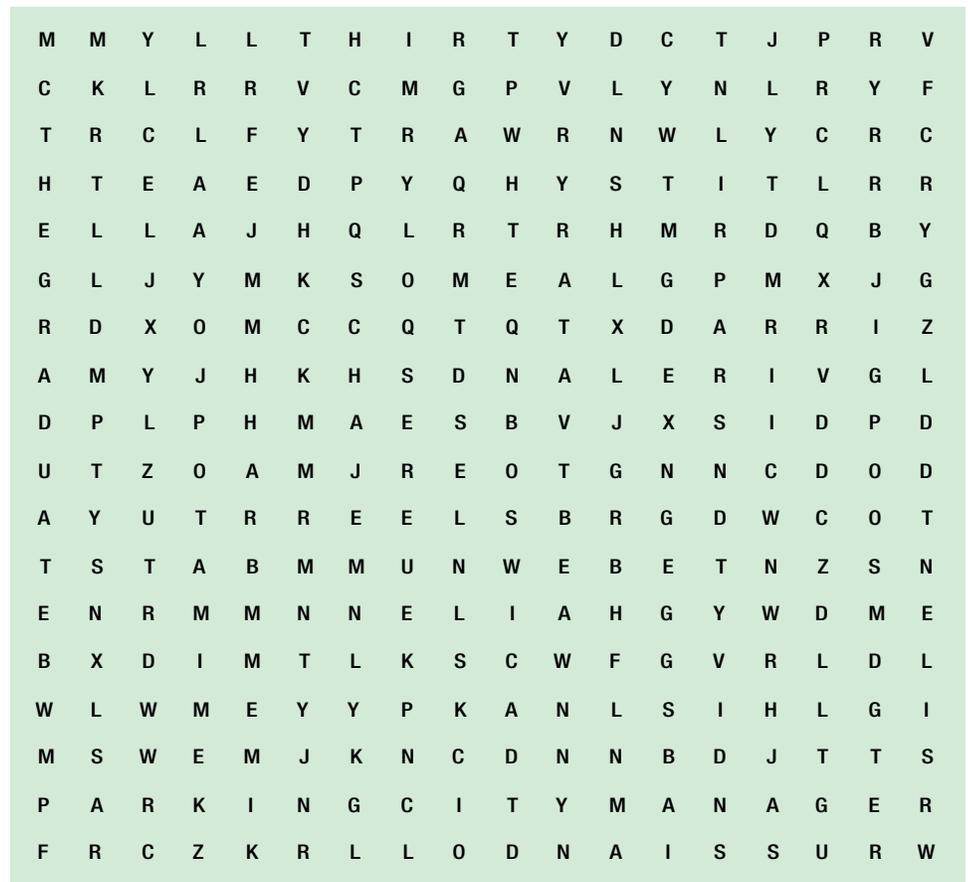


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## DOWN

- 1 These anemones are so named because of blotches on their sides
- 2 You can have coffee with him at Tybean every Thursday (2 wds.)
- 3 Bartender of the Month
- 6 You have to watch out for them while surfing
- 7 He is walking from California to Tybee Island
- 8 Bad Advice wants to put this in a squeeze bottle (2 wds.)
- 9 They attack each other in Zombie story
- 10 Taxi Tales says pay this before they come to get you
- 11 Date night movie at the Tybee Post Theater (2 wds.)
- 14 Food Spy locale (2 wds.)
- 17 National \_\_\_\_\_ Month
- 20 The \_\_\_\_\_ Patient (Book Review)

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| BIRDS        | PARKING      | TAXES        |
| CITY MANAGER | PARMESAN     | THE GRADUATE |
| CREAM CHEESE | POO          | THIRTY       |
| EGGS         | ROCK HOUSE   | VOLUNTEER    |
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