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From the EDITOR

THIS YEAR IS STARTING WITH
A BANG!!!

With St. Patrick's Day and Easter falling in the same month, not to mention Spring Breakers, Tybee is gonna have their hands full! Grab your beer and beads, say a prayer (not necessarily in that order) and let's get it on!

Once again we are doing our Easter Egg Hunt! Rick is super delighted to place all those 50 eggs throughout the magazine. Y'all know the drill. Find them and email me your key no later than March 11th by 7:00 P.M. (info@tybeebeachcomber.com). The winner will receive a gift certificate from Bernie's (oh, those stuffed fried shrimp!!)

It is going to be a great March! The sun will finally come out and Vitamin K is free for one and all! Great way to lift your spirits (both mentally and glassful wise)! Let's make it a terrific month and party till we fall over...and then pray for forgiveness. I hope you didn't give up booze for Lent!

On a private side note, I am forced to say that John Yarbrough was right and I was wrong. I just died a little inside. It will not happen again. The moral of this story is do not drink and make wagers (even though I'm still sure I was right during that first year, I just can't prove it).

The Travelling Beachcomber is completely ridiculously fun! This month's winner is **Bob and JoAnn Hunter** during their visit to New Orleans and will be dining at A-J's for their efforts. Keep them coming!!!!



No reason to stay thirsty
my friends...

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BIZZ BUZZ

By Mike Manitta

Caldwell's Cottage



Spring is rapidly approaching and it's a season for new beginnings and change. **Angela Caldwell**, of **Caldwell's Cottage**, is embracing this exciting time of growth and expansion with full force. With a brand new 730 sq. ft. location at 802 1st St. (Hwy 80 & Campbell Ave., next to the Visitors Center), Angela has been creating unique gifts for local businesses and individuals at competitive prices since 2007.

With a Shabby Chic and Coastal feel, Caldwell's Cottage provides a one-of-a-kind personalized shopping experience. Specializing in embroidery and monogramming, as well as logos and digitizing, many gifts are created at the time of purchase. Same day and next day services are also offered when needed, providing prompt service for individuals all the way up to corporations. Some of her handmade and locally crafted items include dresses, night lights, hand-painted items and furniture, as well as accessories and apparel. *"If it doesn't*

move, monogram it!"

Acquiring her first machine back in 2007, Angela spent several years practicing services on family and friends and later took on a few local gift shops. She took a big jump in 2012 and opened up her first retail location on Tybee and has expanded twice since then to her beautiful new location next to Tybee's Visitor's Center. Now up to three embroidery machines, a heat press and vinyl cutting services, quality personalized merchandise is available right at your fingertips and the sky's the limit for creativity with stellar local service.

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Irish Blessings, Curses and Toasts

By Margie McLellan

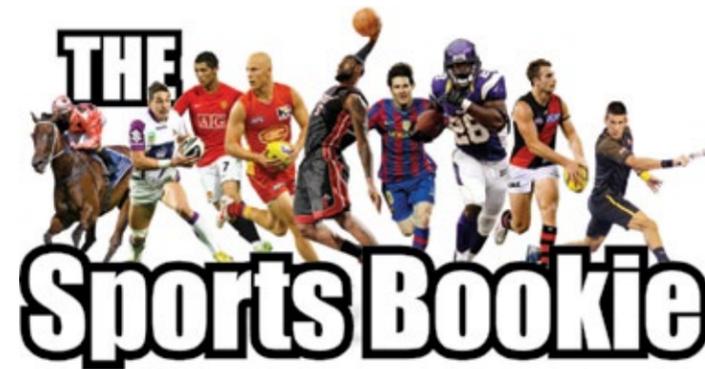
I love St. Patrick's Day! Whether you are of Irish descent or just Irish-at-heart, everyone that lives in our area enjoys this special day. There is so much to do – Parades, parties, beads, leprechauns, tourists, more parades, more parties... And the best thing is it's the one day of the year when you are EXPECTED to drink! So in the spirit of the holiday, I have included some Irish Blessings, Curses and Toasts for you to use:

- **May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.**
- **May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door.**
- **May there always be work for your hands to do; may your purse always hold a coin or two. May the sun always shine on your windowpane; may a rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near you; may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.**
- **May your neighbors respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you, and heaven accept you.**
- **May you never forget what is worth remembering, nor ever remember what is best forgotten.**
- **Always remember to forget the things that made you sad. But never forget to remember the things that made you glad. Always remember to forget the friends that proved untrue. But never forget to remember those that have stuck by you. Always remember to forget the troubles that passed away. But never forget to remember the blessings that come each day.**
- **May those who love us love us. And those that don't love us. May God turn their hearts. And if He doesn't turn their hearts, may he turn their ankles, so we'll know them by their limping.**
- **Here's to me, and here's to you, and here's to love and laughter. I'll be true as long as you, and not one moment after.**
- **When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven!**
- **Here's to a long life and a merry one. A quick death and an easy one. A pretty girl and an honest one. A cold beer—and another one!**
- **May the saddest day of your life be no worse than the happiest day of your past.**
- **May you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows your dead.**
- **Here's to our wives and girlfriends: May they never meet!**

So put on your green, grab your beads and enjoy St. Patrick's Day this year! May the Luck o' the Irish be with you and may Irish eyes smile down upon you. **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

March 2016 Tide Chart

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonsset	Phase
1	Tu	12:50a 6.2	1:10p 5.8	7:10a 1.1	7:13p 0.8	6:50a	6:22p	12:34a	11:30a	3rd
2	We	1:43a 6.2	2:04p 5.8	8:10a 1.1	8:15p 0.9	6:49a	6:23p	1:27a	12:16p	
3	Th	2:40a 6.3	3:01p 5.9	9:15a 1.0	9:21p 0.7	6:48a	6:23p	2:20a	1:06p	
4	Fr	3:40a 6.6	4:00p 6.2	10:16a 0.7	10:24p 0.3	6:47a	6:24p	3:11a	2:01p	
5	Sa	4:40a 6.9	4:58p 6.6	11:12a 0.2	11:23p -0.1	6:46a	6:25p	4:01a	3:00p	
6	Su	5:36a 7.3	5:53p 7.1	12:05p -0.3		6:44a	6:26p	4:49a	4:03p	
7	Mo	6:29a 7.7	6:45p 7.6	12:19a -0.6	12:55p -0.8	6:43a	6:26p	5:35a	5:08p	
8	Tu	7:19a 8.0	7:34p 8.0	1:12a -1.1	1:44p -1.2	6:42a	6:27p	6:19a	6:15p	
9	We	8:07a 8.2	8:23p 8.3	2:04a -1.4	2:32p -1.5	6:41a	6:28p	7:02a	7:23p	New
10	Th	8:55a 8.1	9:12p 8.4	2:55a -1.5	3:20p -1.6	6:39a	6:28p	7:45a	8:32p	
11	Fr	9:45a 7.9	10:04p 8.3	3:45a -1.4	4:07p -1.5	6:38a	6:29p	8:29a	9:39p	
12	Sa	10:37a 7.6	10:59p 8.1	4:35a -1.1	4:56p -1.2	6:37a	6:30p	9:14a	10:46p	
13	Su	12:33p 7.2		6:27a -0.7	6:48p -0.8	7:36a	7:31p	11:01a		
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By Patrick Sauers

Almost one month has eclipsed since the Super Bowl. I may have slouched around, pouted and been a crybaby for the first couple days. Cam Newton would have been damn proud of the way I handled myself. You might not have been able to distinguish my actions from the way Cam handled himself towards the media after being thrown around like a rag doll. At least the only person that had to put up with my whining was my wife and not every major media outlet covering one of the most prestigious sporting events in the world. Eventually, my wife told me that she could only deal with only one person whining in our household and it was going to be the two-year-old and not the spoiled, man-child.

Naturally, I snapped back into reality and looked ahead to the future. I am happy to say that it was looking very promising with warm weather on the horizon and my favorite season of the year, St. Patrick's Day. Unfortunately, professional athletes don't fall out of the limelight as painlessly as I did. Cam Newton was growing on me. I couldn't stand him when he was playing for the Auburn Tigers. He was supposed to be great when he was at Florida, but I didn't really know too much about him. He eventually came into some controversy with stolen laptops, causing him to leave the school. After his exit from the Gator Nation, he quickly brought the War Eagles to a National Championship that really rubbed me the wrong way.

Quickly, Cam turned into "Scam Newton" and it is a name that has followed him throughout his career. I literally heard people say that they were going to root for "Scam" during the Super Bowl. However, he kind of fell off my radar his first couple of years in

the NFL, because like most rookies, he struggled. He also was playing in the same division as my beloved Falcons, so he was an even greater threat to me, more so than when he played in the SEC West. The Falcons were actually playing great too, so this allowed all of my attention to be concentrated on the Ryan-Jones touchdown machine. After a few more seasons though, I started to turn my eye towards the Superman in Raleigh.

Like all offensive powerhouses do in football, they peak my interest for one thing only, and that's fantasy football. This season I happened to be the laughing stock of my league for drafting Cam in the 11th round as my first quarterback. Did that strategy pay off? Let's leave it at I didn't end up with a very undesirable last place trophy, so by those standards, yeah, I did win. I can't say the same for the poor sap in my league holding on to it right now. Not to stray, but he was the apple of my eye this season. He was winning games and putting up huge numbers, eventually winning the league MVP, but at the same time he was showing the fans in Raleigh and the fans of the NFL that he was a stand up guy. He was giving away his touchdown balls to kids in the stands. America can't resist when celebs go out of their way to be genuinely nice to kids. Why do you think presidents are always kissing babies?

All of that can quickly be forgotten when you act like a 6 year-old that didn't get to eat dessert. The press conferences have caused me to just shake my head. Do you think Peyton Manning would have blown off the media because he "hates to lose?" No, because he is a class act and will remain seen as one for eternity. I may even name my next child Peyton Manning Sauers, because how awesome would that kid be? They would always dive after a fumble in the Super Bowl if they were still in striking distance of a comeback.

The point that I am trying to make in this rant is how quickly poor choices of character in the public eye can damage your reputation, no matter how great you are. Cam still has a long career ahead of him, but it may take a little while to break out of the memes and slander that are scattered throughout the World Wide Web. It may take me just a few months to pretend like there is nothing at all wrong with his crying if I am fortunate enough to draft him on my fantasy squad next season.

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TYBEE ISLANDS FARMER MARKET

Submitted by Julia Pearce, Village Observer



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The market co-managers, Nancie and Steve Johnson, retired to Tybee Island from the Washington, DC area about two years ago with a desire to give back to the community they enjoy so much. With the support of local citizens and inspiration from the management team of the Wilmington Island Farmers Market, they decided to begin the organizing of a weekly farmers' market on the island. Dicky Trotter helps with promoting the market and all involved with the market are very grateful that the local American Legion allows the use of its parking lot for the location of the market. The market is a registered 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that sets aside a space every week for other non-profits to provide information or raise funds for their organizations. Anyone who is interested in participating at the market as a non-profit may contact Nancie or Steve at the managers' tent in the market, or you can always contact the market and keep up with updates on the Tybee Island Farmers Market Facebook page and at tybeeislandfarmersmarket.org.

The managers really enjoyed having students from the Tybee Maritime Academy attend the market last year to learn about the importance of natural food sources and healthy eating habits. They plan to continue educational outreach as a part of the market's success. The market is designed to be pet-friendly and non-smoking. The 2016 season begins on **March 7** and will continue every Monday, rain or shine, from 10am to 1pm until the **Monday** before Thanksgiving. There is also a special holiday market planned for the month of December.

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Tybee Island's Irish Heritage Parade

By Pam Smith, photo courtesy of Charles Burrell

To all of us who live on Tybee, we consider the month of March the beginning of our favorite season. And what better way to kick it off than a parade, aka **Tybee Island's Irish Heritage Parade!**

On March 12, our parade will be the 14th annual opening ceremony to St. Patrick's Day. I call it an opening ceremony because Tybee's parade is always on the Saturday before Savannah's St. Patrick's Day parade. The parade will start at City Hall at 3pm.

You may ask *How* and *Why* and *Who* started it.

Irish Proverb: "A drink precedes a story."

Around fifteen years ago at a local watering hole, Jay Burke and Frank Hyar were discussing the parade in Savannah and some things they thought might make it better. Since he was a wee babe, Jay has participated in every St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah. And, like his dad, joined the parade committee at the age of 18.

After having a lengthy discussion and a few "Pops," they concluded that Tybee should have their own parade. Overhearing this debate, the owner, T.B., made the challenge by telling them to "Put your money where your mouth is!" Prove you can do it!

Taking the challenge, they did.

The first step was putting a committee together. They enlisted Jimmy Burke (Jay's dad), Henry Meyers, Jim Marsh, Gene Hendricks, Mary Ellen and Pinkney Butler, George and Sherry Schwartz, Joey and Charles Burrell and Wanda and Don Doyle.

So a wee bit o' planning began.

The committee met with the Savannah parade adjutants for advice and making contacts for participants in the parade for Tybee. The first year or two took some planning. Now the committee starts meeting on Wednesday from the first of January until the parade takes place. No Blarney! They have it down.

The whole idea for the parade was to have around 100 quality entries, be a family-friendly generated event, and only last 1-1.5 hours.

They had to have a marching band. They got Sol C. Johnson High School. Go Atom Smashers! They enlisted The Shriners and their multi-units to add some fun. Then Jack Flannigan brought in the Junkanus in their beautifully colored costumes. Also participating has been the Budweiser Clydesdales, The Irish Navy and The Irish Air Force, New York's Rockland County Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Police Band, Dignitaries, Senators...the list goes on.

But most importantly our own Tybee Clans: Hogan's Heroes, Irish Imps (The Burke, Ryan and Corish Families), The Beytagh's, Foran's, Anderson's, Herb's, Cunnihan's, Crawford's, Barrett's, Doyle's, Sheehan's and many more to walk proud and strong.

To lead the parade – The Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal for this year has not been chosen as of yet, but he will lead both Savannah and Tybee's parade. In the past we have had three young people (1 boy and 2 girls) as our Grand Marshals. The committee held a drawing contest and that was how they were chosen. Jay informed me the young man, Alec Fanning, of 2010, will be attending West Point Academy.



Irish Toast: "Beautiful young people are arts of Nature. But beautiful old people are works of Art."

I asked Jay and Jimmy if anything unusual has ever happened in a parade. Jimmy told me one year, as the parade was in its last leg, a police car came close to being run over by the Clydesdales! The officer was parked near the corner of 17th and Butler. A handler ran ahead to warn him to move his car. At first the officer was reluctant. But when he looked to see what the handler was describing, he moved. Good call!! The wagon wheels crossed the path of where the cruiser had been parked.

If you would like to get a better visual of that story and just how majestic these creatures are, you will get your chance. They are participating in Savannah's parade on the 17th, but could not be here for ours on the 12th. Fortunately they are coming to Tybee on the 18th!! The Clydesdales will be setting up in front of Hotel Tybee to host their own parade from 14th and Butler to the Strand. The parade will start at 5pm.

Anyone who has been in or at Tybee's Irish Heritage Parade will tell you it is THE BEST! And on this day we all wear our green and are Irish in our hearts.

So, to all the sponsors who support and contribute their time to give us a wonderful, fun and safe parade year after year – A Hearty Thanks!!

And to Jay and Jimmy:

An Irish Blessing: "May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, May the rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand."

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COMBINING THE BEACH WITH HILARY

By Hilary Junewicz



It's March already, Spring is on the way! That means it's about to get warmer and busier around here. Typically winter on Tybee is our off season. Other than the "snowbirds" that make their way here, winter tends to be a time of bonding for the locals that continue to venture out in the colder temperatures. Many of our snowbirds enjoy the downtime on the island, return each year and have become part of our family. This winter's weather really wasn't that bad, thus far anyway, so we all had fun!

- 1 See, this is exactly the girls' night out I'm talking about! We're all so busy during season, I rarely run into **Micelle, Emily, or Mary** anymore. So, it was a treat for me to have them hail me over to take their picture together at the **Quarter** AND prove my point!
- 2 Even though we celebrated **Mardi Gras** a little early here this year, it was a gorgeous mild day. I just missed the parade, but fortunately got to catch up with **James, Savannah, Madison** and my new friend and co-worker, **Shelly** at **Huc A Poo's**.
- 3 Since we were surrounded by everyone that had a head start on the **Mardi Gras** festivities, I got to meet and converse with **Ashley** and **Regina**. Nice talking to you! Hope to see you two again!
- 4 **Heather** with **Breezy Riders** drove me home from **Mardi Gras** that night and looked amazing; so we had a photo shoot! Thank you for the ride and the pic!
- 5 **Andrew** is a **Soldier at U.S. Army, Helicopter Pnuedraulics Mechanic at National Guard**, makes some kickin' hot sauce, frequents the **Wind Rose** and always has his girl, **Zoe**, by his side. You've got it all, Andrew.

- 6 It's always a pleasure to check out with **Becky** at **I.G.A.** She is such a determined employee; she made sure to smile for the camera and keep her eyes on the next customers in line. Multitasking!
- 7 It might be a little chilly, but a walk to the pier is always nice. Especially when you're spending quality time with great friends. Hey, my friends **Morgan** and **Joey** became friends that day. That was a great time. And Joey, somehow you always manage to have birds in your picture!
- 8 This looks like a very happy couple, **Doug** and **Joy**. I know we've seen Joy in here a few times, but I've been hanging out with Doug for over a year now and finally got his picture.
- 9 Here are three of my first friends since living on Tybee: **Nathan, Katie** and **Paul**. I think they all look great and all three of them always help me out. Thanks again! Just hanging right in front of **Wet Willie's**, like we always do.
- 10 **Connie** and her smile are truly always inviting at **Doc's**. Believe me, she really does make you feel welcome every time.
- 11 Speaking of **Doc's**, I love how this shot came about. I was combing the beach for pics and this awesome crew got together and made it happen: **Trey, Margie, Mac, George, Scott** and **Linda**. Scott and Linda were here all the way from **Fairbanks, Alaska!** Scott was in **Savannah** working on tourism and the couple wanted to come to the beach before they left. After a night like that with the friends they met, maybe we'll see them again.
- 12 As usual, looks like good times being had with **Bert** and **Randy** at the **Sand Bar**.



- 13 Here are two more usual suspects you'll find at the **Sand Bar**, **Henny** and **Stevo**. It's hard to tell it's off season at the Sand Bar; they do so much with live music entertainment and these two are both involved with that. And Stevo looked so nice, I wanted to make it up to him after posting him in a bra at Halloween.
- 14 It's been hard to tell its winter at **Nickie's** too, they've been packing 'em in there! And they've just done some renovations as well. It was nice to meet **Stacey** for the first time. **Roy** doesn't live here anymore, but it's always great to have him back (especially this time of year when we can have him more to ourselves without all the hustle and bustle!)
- 15 I've spent a lot of time shooting pool and sharing stories with **J.R.** at **Benny's**. He taught me a lot with both and I hope I get a chance to catch up with him again soon.
- 16 Here's **Sam** with yet another super friendly bartender, **Joann**, at **Benny's**. Sam is a trucker and makes his way back to **Tybee** often (and back in the **Beachcomber!**). He obviously gets the appeal of winter on Tybee. Welcome back, whenever you get back.
- 17 Hey! I've got news! I just started working at the **Desoto Beach Hotel** at the beginning of this year and I love it! Honestly, everyone is so nice and it's been a joy to work there. I'm sure neither of them need an introduction, but here are two of the front of the house at Desoto: **Carol** and **Anne**.
- 18 And here are two of the front of the house at **Chu's**, excuse me, "Middle Chu's." **Michelle** and **Lanell**. Chu's is our island convenient store chain. They're about to get real busy come season so I'm glad we had this last chance before then to have a little fun. Michelle is pushing pickles there.

- 19 I stopped in the **Sugar Shack** and met **Russell**. Russell, his mother and brothers bought the Sugar Shack in 1971 and have been in business ever since! It's not just ice cream, they're open for breakfast and have a wide all-day menu. I'll be back in the spring to take a picture of the line piling out the door of that place!
- 20 Soon it will be hard to catch a picture of a crew together like this at **Fannie's**. As big a restaurant as that right on the beach... Oh they'll be busy! Thanks to **Joey, Jessica, Christine** and **Keshaun!**
- 21 I'm looking forward to another season at **Bernie's Oyster House!** I'm hoping for an upcoming burlesque show and that live music on the weekends again!!! Yes! That was fun last season! In anticipation I went in and caught my buddies **C.J.** and **Megan** in there. That was a nice surprise!
- 22 **Mike** is already busy preparing for this season at **Island Style**. Mike is one of our own, I'd go see him if I needed beach novelties!
- 23 **Haley** is the Branch Director at the **Tybee Island YMCA**. I'm trying to hit everywhere for my column and she said I could come back anytime, as many of the locals make their way to the gym. Thank you! And she gave me a free visit!
- 24 We've got a new employee in the produce department at **I.G.A.** everybody, and I think he is going to be a real asset! Meet **Brantley**, ya'll!
- 25 I finally got to catch back up with my man, **Alex!** It's been so long since I've seen him. I went in to see him at work at **Sunrise Restaurant**. Alex is one of the hardest working people I know and I was super happy to see him again. Hola, mi amigo!
- 26 Look at this! **Rachel** and **Stephen** got to meet **Anthony Thogmartin** from band, **Papadosio!** I'm jealous! I'm ready for some quality time with family, friends and music this year! Let's get ready for a good season and have a great time!

THE Fish Whisperer



Captain
Nick Shreves

March Fishing Forecast

Windy season has arrived - a good sign spring is near. Our days are becoming longer and the average temperature is rising, except for the water and the air. This time of year can provide a great bite if the weather allows you to get out after the fish. Always be prepared and watch the weather, as it will change fast.

TYBEE PIER FISHING

Tybee pier and beach can be pretty slow at the beginning of the month, but that doesn't mean it's not worth soaking some baits. Whiting, Black Drum and Sheepshead are around, and closer to the end of the month, a few over slot. Red Drum will be searching for food as well. To catch the Black Drum and Sheepshead, fish the pier or jetties; these fish will be using the structures to hang around. Fiddler Crabs will work for both species, and for the Black Drum you can also use Shrimp. To catch Whiting in March you will want to fish the deeper holes and use a double dropper rig with Shrimp. If you want to soak a large piece of cut bait like Mullet, that's when you will have a chance at the over slot Red Drum.



INSHORE

Inshore fishing will improve as the water temperature increases. Look for the Speckled Sea Trout in the rips near oyster beds and smaller creeks. I would use a sliding cork so you can adjust the depth until you find where they are hanging. This time of year I would start about 5 to 6 feet under the cork. Live Mud Minnows would be choice of bait. The local tackle shop sells these at an affordable price. The Red Drum are still pretty far up the creeks, but they will also be around the mud flats and Oyster beds. Live Mud Minnows work great for these fish as well.

NEAR SHORE

Nearshore fishing is hot right now. The Sheepshead are fired up and eating every Fiddler Crab you care to drop down to them. I use a light action rod to feel the bite on these sly fish. They don't have the nickname of "convicts" for just any reason. I use a 7 foot rod light action tip, 3 ounce egg weight above a swivel. Below the swivel I use a 30 pound test leader about 10 to 12 inches long, tied to the sharpest live bait hook money can buy. When you start losing more fish than you catch, change out the hook; they will dull out fast. Also, on the reefs you will find that Black Sea Bass are plentiful. You will catch a few while Sheepshead fishing, but if you don't get your limit, use cut bait and find some live bottom and it shouldn't take you long.



OFF SHORE

Offshore fishing has been great! Vermillion Snapper, Triggerfish, and Porgies are just about everywhere. It shouldn't take you too long to catch your limit if you are using Squid or small pieces of cut bait. Out here you will also find plenty of Amberjack and Almaco Jacks around. They can put up a great fight if using light tackle and butterfly or high speed jigs. For those who will to do some trolling on the ledges and out deep, the Wahoo and Blackfin Tuna and plenty of Little Tunny are around. Watch the temperature breaks and you will find the fish. Thank you all for your time. **To join me on a fishing trip call me at Big Fish Charters (912) 230-4625.**

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TAXITALES

By Joey Goralczyk



Happy March Everyone!

Happy St Patrick's Day, Happy March Madness, and most of all, Happy Spring! I think I speak for us all regarding spring. The beach is like a cold, dark distant planet. It's not so much the heat I miss the most, it's the sun. I really need to see the sun again! My tan has long faded and if I get any more pale, I'm gonna have to vote for Donald Trump. I have to say though, business wise we've had an awesome off-season. It's not summertime busy but I'll take it. New Year's Eve, House parties, Dart Nights, Playoffs and Birthday Rodeos have been as debauched as ever! Of course, sometimes the party must be found first, and what better way to find a party than to ride around and wait for one to break out...

Some passengers just don't want to get out. Be that they're bored, that a great song just came on, Topsy and unsure of exactly what their next move is, or just plain nosy, they won't leave. They have called a cab and then decided that riding around with one of us is the most fun they can have tonight. 90 percent of the time it's really no big deal; it's people that I like and think of as friends. From time to time ride-a-longers start to multiply. You start with one, then another passenger catches on to what's happening and wants in. Next thing you know there are 5 of your friends being chauffeured around the island aimlessly, and you're saying things like "Hey, don't smoke that in here!" FUN RIDE!!! Dispatch just loves when this happens!

Let it be known that I didn't invent the so called FUN RIDE, nor have I EVER, EVER done ANYTHING too encourage said events. Any accusations that I have taken people to any 24 hour restaurants or to convenient stores for doughnuts at 4 am are lies. Loud music in my car? Slander. I also never clipped a tree on a dare from my drunken father, nor did I blow a tire in an empty parking lot. Anyone that says otherwise is a liar and probably covering up their own misdeeds. Like my Dad would ever dare me to do something like that!!! IF He did, I IMAGINE it would have gone something like this: It would have probably been a little bit rainy that night, and I would imagine very late. I would have a pretty full load and Drunken Dad would be along for the final drop offs of the night. Then maybe some Van Halen would come on and get him kinda riled up. He would start making remarks about how He would have taken that last curve and that if

HE were driving, this ride would be a lot more fun. I would then see this as a direct challenge, completely overcompensate and go just a bit too fast, slightly collide with a palm tree during a power slide, and then bribe my passengers never to tell and take everyone home.

None of this EVER happened of course. Simply a Hypothesis. You know what? I recant all this! FUN RIDE is a myth. A legend. Like Bigfoot, Leprechauns or the Mafia! None of it ever happened!

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One of our Tybee family, Wes Lambert, has moved on to a fishing hole in heaven. Wes grew up in Cherokee, NC on the reservation as a descendent of the Eastern Bank of Cherokee Tribe. He and his family split their time in NC as well as Vermont. Eventually he found Tybee (as we all do) and moved here part time. Wes loved fishing, pool, darts, horseshoes and hunting. He also loved Budweiser and "was a pleasure to drink a beer with and have a pleasant conversation with about the bitch sitting next to us." We have lost a cool cat. Wes, you will be missed by more people than you know.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Nickie's on March 6th at 7:00 P.M.

BOOK REVIEW

By Nell Klein



Rail Walking and other stories

By Linda L. Dunlap

Linda L. Dunlap, author of *Rail Walking*, is the mother of some local folks and when I was asked to read the book, I didn't realize then what a pleasant surprise it would be to read this truly delightful book of 18 short stories. The stories are all thought

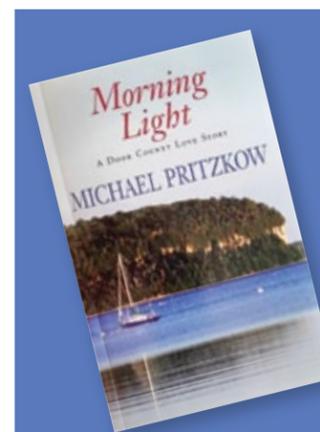
provoking that will touch your heart, and some that are closer to your own life will bring back memories.

The book begins with the story of an unhappy wife who walks out on her husband and 3 year old daughter for another man; another story tells of two brothers trying to deal with a small child left alone when their sister dies; a young girl is pregnant and her family wants her to give the child up for adoption (or do they?). Each story touches on a real situation, domestic violence and its effect on children, guns and violence, how a young child who is dying perceives death, infidelity, the moral dilemma of abortion and many more issues. Some of the stories make you laugh and some make you cry, but there is a hopeful message in all of them.

The final story "Goldenrod," is the story of living with a handicapped child and the lengths you would go to help him, when you know deep down that nothing can be done. "Goldenrod" was nominated for a Pushcart Prize, which is an award for independently published short stories.

All in all I give this book 5 roses. It was a true pleasure to read and I highly recommend it. I think that everyone can relate to at least one of these stories, if not more. Each one leaves you with a feeling of, "I wonder what happens next..."

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



Thank you to the Wind Rose Café for my FIRST book signing! Special thank you to Nell and Alaina and everyone who attended.

Sincerely,
Michael Pritzkow

MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge



Dirty Grandpa

Robert DeNiro and Zac Efron came to Tybee to film a movie. Well, that's a must see!

Having witnessed part of the filming, met not one single movie star, and reduced to being one of the great unwashed masses, I felt it was my

imperative duty to advise my adoring public of exactly how this all went down.

This movie is ridiculous: Raunchy beyond your imagination, hilarious, appalling, disturbing about tomorrow's future leaders, and just a Imfao while cringing epic event! Welcome to Tybee...I mean Daytona Beach y'all!

That having been barfed out, it is a funny movie. DeNiro as Grandpa wants a road trip with his grandson Zac Efron. Grandpa's wife of forever just passed and Grandpa wants to get laid by anyone. Zac is getting married to a shrew in a week and is so uptight you couldn't get a finger between him and his tights. Thereafter follows a pink mini cooper road trip from National Lampoon's.

I want to say it is a movie of personal discovery and profound meaning. Nope. Tybee, I mean Daytona Beach, is portrayed as a total party town (what? I am shocked!!). Lot's of Tybrisa shots, lots of Sea & Breeze Hotel, Rock House and Waves, and that body of water to the East. Many butt shots (of Zac - I'm in), penis on forehead drawings, and hopes for self improvement, while high as a helicopter and drunk as a leprechaun. My favorite parts involved a guy named "Pam" played by Jason Mantzoukas (yeah, I don't know either). He works at the local souvenir shop, but sells more drugs on the side than t-shirts. He is funny and you don't care if drugs are involved, because he makes you laugh. Be prepared for lewd and crude. However, I don't care who you are, you will get several giggles out of this flick.

I give this movie 2 bottles of Gentlemen Jack (because there are really some laugh out loud moments), 1 bottle of Jimmy Beam (because it was here on Tybee and they changed it to Daytona Beach), 1 bottle of Jameson (because Zac Efron has got a really cute butt) and 1 bottle of Kentucky Gentlemen (because DeNiro. Why? You are one of the greatest actors of our time. You are an icon.), 1 more bottle of Gentlemen Jack (because DeNiro is 73 years old and he can do whatever the hell he wants).

Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge

March's Bartender of the Month belongs to **Chad Fair** at **Bernie's**. It's a perfect fit for a St. Patrick and shamrock lover! Knowing this as we sat down for our interview, I was absolutely floored by his history. You never do really know people. Let me spill...



Chad was born and raised in Villanova, PA. He attended a private Catholic school and was a good boy. He left for Boston College after high school to become a doctor. Life happened (God giggles) and Chad received his Bachelor of Science in Mortuary Studies with a Minor in Forensic Pathology. What?? How do you mix a cocktail with that kind of education?

The family had ties to Tybee and after college and going home for a minute, Chad found himself here in 2004. Having a WTF do I do with my life situation (aren't those fun?), fate stuck her finger in the mix and Chad started working at Bernie's, never having any experience in the food and beverage industry. Swim or drown is how that works and Chad doggie-paddled until he figured out how to backstroke through the bog. Now a consummate professional, Chad is quick, efficient and no nonsense. Don't you dare get lippy or in a fist fight while he's on duty. You will get shut down in a second!

I asked Chad the 3 most important questions:

Tybee Life: 12 years

Passion(s): Boston College and Notre Dame Football, glitter and decoupage (in that order)

When you grow up: Retire and spear fish

Chad's go to drink is the Hairy Irishman. It is one of those drinks where you are absolutely hammered, but wide awake and end up shaking your ass with someone you have never met before and having the absolute time of your life (not that I know that kind of thing – I'm working off of witness statements).

Go see Chad at Bernie's! The food is delish, the service is excellent and that damn Hairy Irishman is going to wake up in bed with you the next day. Good times!

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Foodie Finds

Sausage, Red Grapes, & Onions

Submitted by Bob Decatur
(sometimes referred to as Boob Decatur by my wife, depending upon her mood)



Ingredients:

- 3 Tbs. olive oil
- 8 links Italian sausage (prick with a fork). We like the hot ones.
- 1 large yellow onion, sliced
- sea salt
- 2 Tbs. balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 30 seedless red grapes
- 2 Tbs. fresh oregano

Preparation:

This comes from Tuscany, to New York, and now down to Tybee Island. If you are capable of "manning up," you'll put on your big boy pants, and use the hot Italian sausages. It's a rustic dish with tons of flavor.

1. Heat 1 Tbs. of olive oil in a large (12 inch) sauté pan. Add the sausages, which you've pricked with a fork. Turn every couple of minutes, until they're browned all over (about 8 minutes). Transfer to a large plate.

2. Add remaining olive oil, and the sliced onions to the pan. Sprinkle with sea salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is softened and starts to turn light brown (about 7 minutes). Add balsamic vinegar and chicken broth.

3. Slice sausages into bite-sized pieces. Reduce heat to a simmer. Add sausages and grapes. Cover with lid ajar. Cook about 20 minutes. When done, sprinkle with the oregano, and serve.

If you're a guy, cook this for your wife, or significant other, and who knows, **you might get lucky!**

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Main Street Musings

Time on Tybee is fabulous year-round, but March is a particularly splendid time to live, work, and play on the island. With spring in the air, you get to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, not just once, but twice between the Irish Heritage Celebration Parade the Saturday before March 17 and at Savannah's parade on the big day itself. As the weather begins to warm, spring breakers start arriving and we have the opportunity again to meet new visitors and welcome back returning guests. Daylight Savings Time is March 13, which means even more time (well, daylight time) to shop local, have later dinners while experiencing the setting of the sun, bicycle around, and take in the unique Tybee architecture. So, head on out to the beach at dawn or dusk to look for ghost crabs, or grab an awesome deli sandwich from IGA for an impromptu picnic at the pavilion (just because it's called a sandwich, doesn't mean you want sand in it!). Heck, even meandering to the restaurants, bars, and/or the fabulously restored Tybee Post Theater to take in live performances is always a plus this time of year.

The above paragraph says quite a bit about Tybee Island in just a few words. These words are a few highlights that represent the quality of life, available cultural experiences, and the island's heritage. As a Classic Main Street Community, the City is committed to continually improving these aspects. With assistance from the council-appointed Board of Directors, the Development Authority / Main Street Program works to balance these aspects that directly relate to economic development and historic preservation. Now keep in mind, this is not a one person, nor a one-organization job; this is a team effort! That's why the connected partnerships that you hear about with local (i.e. TAA, TITC, TIMA, etc.) and regional (DCA, GMA, etc.) groups are important. These connections rely on shared communication, pulling together resources and passionate people who care and want to make a positive difference. So, like last month's article mentioned, Main Street is kind of like the BASF commercial. For an overview of the annual work plan that's resulted in accomplishments for a strong economy and preserving Tybee's character, visit www.tybeelmainstreet.com.

Mark your calendars for summer movies in Memorial Park on the third Saturday during June, July, and August. This year's movie selections are Minions, Jurassic World, and Tomorrowland. The order of when each will be shown will be announced on the Tybee Island FB page by the time you are reading this article! Feel free to contact the Development Authority / Main Street Board of Directors or staff person with suggestions and/or concerns regarding economic development / historic preservation. Your assistance in helping ensure the vision that Tybee truly is your nostalgic paradise to

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For more information about the Program, upcoming city approved special events, "Door to Door News," Business Matters, and Historic Preservation Spotlights, sign up for the monthly Main Street Talk E-Newsletter by visiting the Main Street webpage (www.tybeelmainstreet.com). The Tybee Island Main Street FB (fan) page is updated quite regularly as well with "news you can use." We invite you to like it.

Take time to enjoy "Tybee Time" and remember why those of us who live and work here are "lucky enough" and those who visit always plan to return. **Here's to you and keeping Tybee, Tybee!**

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Crashing Waves & Howling Winds

By Polly Wylly Cooper, co-author of *Tybee Days*



On the island, unexpected guests have always been welcomed. Folks felt free to drop in on friends, and it was never a problem to stretch the fried shrimp and grits. Hurricanes, however, were never welcomed. They roared in unannounced and caught locals unprepared, brought fear, death and destruction. Islanders were well aware that with little warning, homes and lives could be washed away by these terrifying monsters.

When Sergeant Thomas Payne's family disembarked from the train in 1928, his two boys, Tom and Bill, were six and five years old. Assigned to Fort Screven's Quartermaster Corps, Sergeant Payne moved his family into a frame house at the last bend in the Tybee Road. Mounds of sand covered the floors of the little house. Adults had to shovel, not sweep, the sand away.

On September 6th, their peaceful life turned into a nightmare. A major storm, labeled a Category Three when it was in Florida, was headed for Tybee. A warning siren told islanders to evacuate. But the family stayed put while the winds shook the house and the windows rattled through the night.

The following shows hurricanes that have come within 60 nautical miles of Tybee since 1851. Prior to the 1950s, hurricanes were known only by their strength. Those recorded with actual Category Three winds of 111 to 130 mph, hit Tybee in 1854, 1885, 1893, 1894 and 1896. Category Two storms with sustainable winds of up to 110 mph hit in 1878, 1881, and 1911. In 1898, 1940 and 1947, Category One hurricanes were frightening enough to drive folks to town.

Beginning in 1952, hurricanes were given names. In 1952 "Able" made landfall and "Grace" in 1959.

"We are about the furthest point west on the East Coast," explained Pat Prokop, WTOC TV meteorologist. "Savannah is in somewhat of a cove. The likelihood of a direct hit is very small. Hurricanes traveling from south to north will largely miss us. However, Tybee is more exposed. The shallow continental shelf also forces wave energy to pile higher as the eye moves ashore. This puts the southeast Georgia coast in one of the worst locations for potential storm surge heights, only behind the Bay of Bengal in the Indian Ocean."

Long before Mr. Prokop's time, there was no way to warn of approaching storms, and in 1893 the island succumbed to one of the top 30 deadliest Atlantic tropical cyclones to hit the Eastern Seaboard since 1492. Known as the Sea Island Hurricane, a killer Category Three storm left Tybee in tatters. The steam-tug, the Jacob Paulsen, brought 75 people into town, out of the path of the giant. Those who remained experienced the most terrifying time of their lives as the storm splintered houses and trees.

The railroad track was ripped from its bed and stood up like a jagged, twisted picket fence. Spikes were torn from the cross-ties, and the train could be moved neither forward nor backward. The hurricane killed more than 2,000 people along the Georgia coast and left 30,000 homeless.

In 1947, Rev. Robertson conducted a service over the rubble of Tybee's first Protestant church. The church was dedicated in 1924 by the Rev. Silas Johnson, then pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Savannah.

More about hurricanes in the next issue of Beachcomber.



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American Legion

By Chuck Bolen - Commander American Legion Post 154

So many important things happened in March through out recorded history:

- **March 1, 1781** - Formal ratification of the Articles of Confederation was announced by Congress. Under the Articles, Congress was the sole governing body of the new American national government, consisting of the 13 original states. The Articles remained in effect through the Revolutionary War until 1789, when the current U.S. Constitution was adopted.
- **March 1, 1961** - President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps.
- **March 2, 1943** - During World War II in the Pacific, a Japanese convoy was attacked by 137 American bombers as the Battle of Bismarck Sea began.
- **March 4, 1789** - The first meeting of the new Congress under the new U.S. Constitution took place in New York City.
- **Birthdays** - Revolutionary war hero Casimir Pulaski (1747-1779) was born in Poland. He joined the Americans in 1777 and fought alongside General Washington at Brandywine. He was mortally wounded during a heroic charge in the Siege of Savannah, Georgia.

The list goes on and on.....
 We have many important things happening on Tybee during the month of March!!
 Our American Legion Post 154 is always working for the benefit of our veterans!! The planning of our Tybee Salutes Heroes event in November has already begun. We hope you will all be involved during this time to honor our active and former military.
 March 12 will be the annual Irish Heritage Celebration and Parade here on Tybee. Join us at the Legion following this wonderful parade for the Irish Dancers and corned beef and cabbage!!
 Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 27, in JC Park at 1pm. All are welcome for this joyous event for the benefit of children ages 0-10.
 Please stop by American Legion Post 154....become a member... remember, if you have served our great country at all, you ARE a veteran.
 The Canteen opens daily, except Sunday, at 5:00pm. Applications are available. We may be reached at 912 786-5356.



MONTHLY RANT

By Welsley Turner Franco

I vaguely watch television. I turn it on when I am getting ready for work (I am all about Kelly and Michael) and then I keep it on HLN and Sports Center during work. I kinda watch it, but not really. However, I watch enough to know that these attorney commercials and pharmaceutical commercials are depressing as hell.

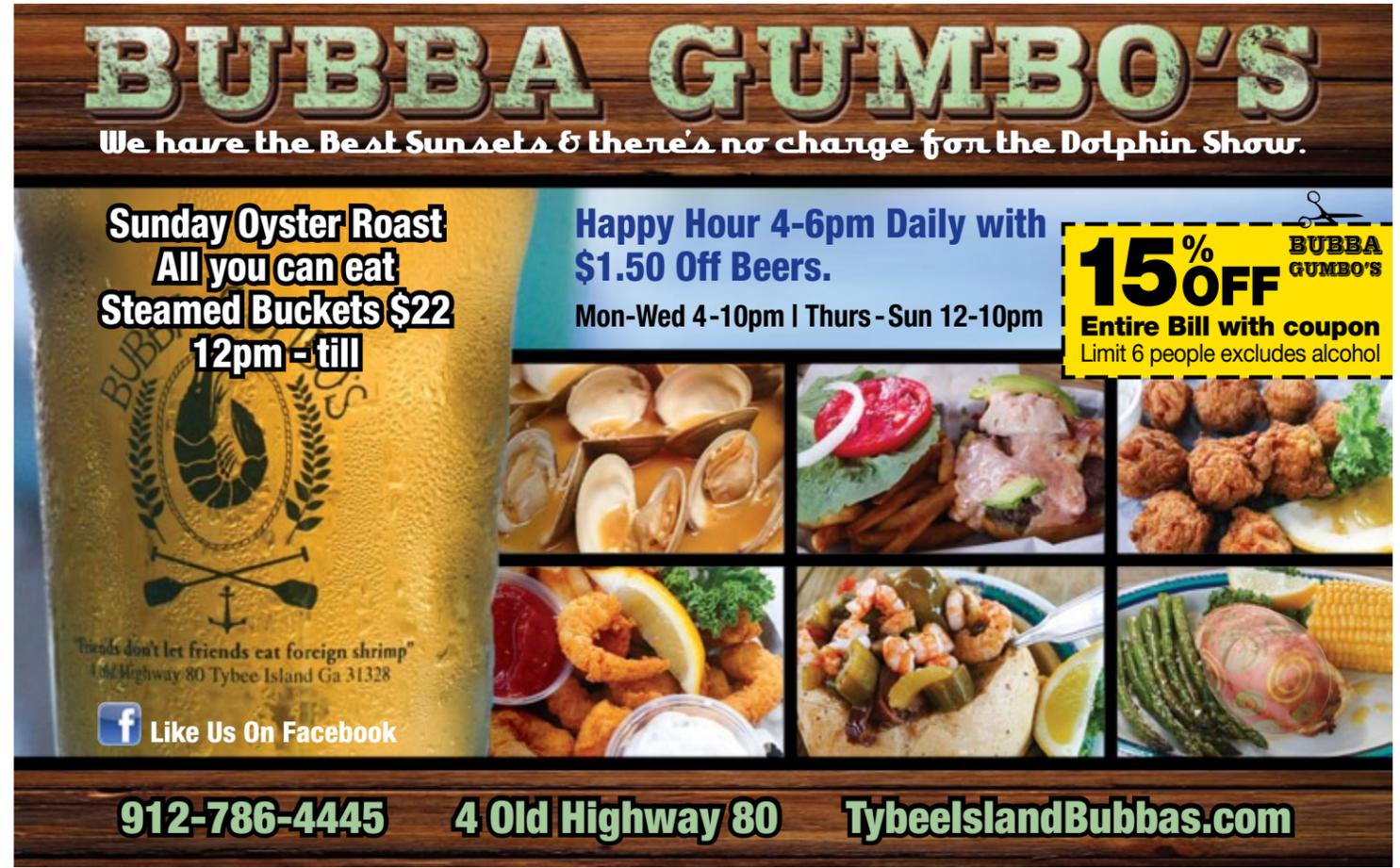
Let's start with the attorneys: I used to work for an attorney. Trust me, if you are the victim of a car accident that is easy peasy money. Just write a letter and all is taken care of. The attorney usually gets no less than a 20% commission...for writing a letter and threatening the insurance company with a lawsuit. Rarely does that kind of thing go to court. You will get your money. So will they. There have been so many attorney commercials with their little jingles or their families posted out front telling you how concerned they are about your well being. Whatever. They are concerned about their easy money. Where is the attorney that wants to represent you when you are the one that caused the accident? Where is that person? I bet they don't work on commission of win or lose. I bet they want a lot of money up front. No advertisement on that though. Don't want to touch you with a ten foot pole and a paralegal pushing it.

That having been said, I have been on both sides of that pole. Get an attorney, but must we be inundated with these commercials about how you need to get what you deserve? How about I am here to help you and yes it will cost you money. The end.

Moving on to pharmaceutical companies: So yes, I have mesothelioma, my feet are numb, my transvaginal mesh surgery went hay wire, my boobs hurt, etc. What you got? A class action lawsuit (see previous paragraph)! Then in addition to that, the prescription I get has side effects which include, but are not limited to, bleeding (from any orifice), sleepiness, suicidal thoughts and tendencies, dizziness, dry mouth, heart attack, stroke, oh and did I mention death? Yeah, forgot that one. And for the love of God, don't drink alcohol! But make sure you take that pill. And if you do get these side effects, then take another pill to combat those first side effects. But don't forget the side effects you get from that one! Does your insurance cover it? Hope so. If not, you will have additional bleeding...from your wallet. Come on! If I didn't have it before, I have it now.

It's call Hypochondria and your pharmaceutical company causes it... along with your attorney. Granted, many people have these problems, but why does the FDA allow this s#\$t when people are dying from it or trying to die from it. Does the original problem allow for the bloody aftermath? Grumpy from these commercials: You need the drug, but do you need the side effects? You want reimbursement for a wrong done to you, but what the hell actually happened? Is the dollar worth the side effects?

In my opinion, we need to believe that our doctors know what's best for us and trust them to be up-to-date on the newest medicines on the market. We don't need advertisements from pharmaceutical companies telling us what we need on TV. Now if you'll excuse me, I need to go take a pill...with my glass of wine!



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Fannies on the Beach

I would have to say that you would be hard pressed to find a better spot to grab a bite and relax while checking out all the action down front, than **Fannie's on The Beach**. Located at 1613 Strand, near 17th Street, Fannie's has been serving up fresh seafood, burgers, sandwiches, gourmet pizzas and more, for the past 23 years. There is indoor seating, as well as a spacious upper deck with a killer view overlooking the ocean. The deck is large enough to accommodate live entertainment and attracts a good number of folks for Tybee's many firework displays with a perfect view of the main event.

On this sunny afternoon Wen and I stopped by for lunch and shared a Fannie's Favorite Salad with Shrimp, a Margherita Mamacita Pizza, an Avocado Chicken Club and a slice of their heavenly Momo Choco Lotta Yaya Cake. I have to say, I have always loved the pizzas, made fresh to order, stone baked and totally worth the wait.



First we split a **Fannie's Favorite Salad with Shrimp**, mixed greens, asparagus, tomato, black olives, feta cheese and shrimp, served with a raspberry vinaigrette. The shrimp were grilled perfectly and I have to say that the slight sweetness of the raspberry vinaigrette was working well for me with the richness of the feta and olives. I love a salad with asparagus on it, one of my favorite veggies; I would totally go for this again. If shrimp is not your bag, no worries, this salad can also be ordered with grilled chicken or Mahi, or still a treat served meatless, yummy.

Next, we enjoyed a slice of fresh baked **Margherita Mamacita Pizza**. Bursting with flavor from Roma tomato, fresh basil, roasted garlic, mozzarella and fontina cheese with a zesty marinara sauce. So delicious, that fresh basil was so sweet, paired with ripe tomato and roasted garlic, you could smell this one coming. With about a dozen to choose from, these pizzas are sure to please and since they are baked fresh to order, it gives you the perfect excuse



Chicken Club, grilled chicken breast, bacon, Swiss cheese, spring mix, avocado, tomato, red onion and pesto mayo, served on a fresh bun, with your choice of fries or slaw. Moist and delicious, I loved the slices of creamy avocado; to me it really mixes well with the juicy chicken and Swiss. I also thought the pesto mayo worked well with this combo. I will be honest, I'm not usually big on pesto, it can be a little overbearing to me, but not in this case.



By this point we were packed full, and out came a slice of **Momo Choco Lotta Yaya Cake**. Decadent, moist, chocolate heaven and as fun to say as it is scrumptious. We could only fit a couple bites each, so Alaina lucked out with leftovers on this one.



Fannie's also offers a variety of specialty cocktails and frozen drinks with a bar located on each level. If you like Bloody Mary's, you have to check out the Big Ol' Mary! It's fully loaded and even includes a BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger Slider. What? What? Perfect compliment to Fannie's Award Winning Brunch which is served Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 1 pm.

Thank you Fannie's, as always, a relaxing time in a family-friendly atmosphere with some killer food and some great vibes. Can't wait to visit again soon!

to have that second cocktail and soak up the view while you are waiting for your pizza to bake.

Finally, we sampled the **Avocado**

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GO LOCAL Music

By Mike Manitta and Todd Tilson

Spring is just about upon us, which means the weather is getting better and the opportunities to catch some live music is ripe for the picking. March is packed full of music with St. Patrick's Day events, the Savannah Stopover and the Savannah Music Festival. You really can't ask for much more quality entertainment right here in our own city this month. Spring also means the Festival Season is starting back up, as well as announcements for summer shows are starting to pop up everywhere.

In efforts to continue to cover local bands and regional acts in our area, I have solicited some help from my buddy Todd Tilson to help me keep the drum beating, covering music in our area, especially since he is out there actively participating in our local music scene. Here's a few words from Todd:

If you really know Mike, and you've been to his place, you might have heard many different sounds like guitar, bass, and drums coming through the walls of his living room at all hours of the day.



I would like to thank him for bearing with me during this trying time in my career as a musician. When he asked me to help write the music portion for the Beachcomber, I was a little excited and a bit intimidated. Not sure what to say or how to start, I figured I would begin by introducing myself. My name is Todd and I have a great way to introduce you to music. Go to Mike's house (with his permission of course). It's hard for me to describe what I do in the music world, so usually I have to show my knowledge of time signatures, crescendos, progressions, etc. I eat and breathe this stuff and all I want is more knowledge and more time with my craft. Not only do I love playing music, but I also love watching and listening to my favorite musicians and bands and witnessing new bands rip apart the seams of the void that once was established.

What does one say the first time they write about a subject they love so much? **Tickets!** Get your tickets!! Lineups are rolling out and the masses are gathering their way into the next main attraction. I love the feeling of knowing I'm about to go to the next best show of the year, feeling excited all the way there and back, then only to search for something better. So where is the next festival? Or, who is coming your way you just can't wait to see? What is new and exciting you just might want to check out?

It's all about going to a venue with 10 of your best friends for a weekend and enjoying the fellowship of the culture as well as the music; running from stage to stage to get a closer look at who you have only heard and seen on television or radio; to be in the moment, to feel what is really happening when the music is being played live around you. It's knowing that you can take this feeling with you wherever you go and know that you have experienced something only those friends would truly understand. It is a lifestyle that we can be a part of because we chose to be there. You buy a ticket, and you see the show. That is what it's all about today people. Get your ticket, catch a ride to the venue, and live the lifestyle of the lucky who are there to be in the moment of one of the best shows they have ever seen in their entire lives. Then recapping and recapturing everything you have just seen and heard, all the way home. That is what music is all about, whether it's bringing thousands together or just one together from within, music is the way of life, it's who we are inside. It's what we do.

So, to give you an idea of how this will work, we will be providing you with information on all types of music, musicians, up-coming events and shows, and any other music related developments that have occurred in the past, present, and the future to fulfill any needs. I will also try to provide a list of tour dates, festival dates, and a list of what is happening for the next few months. Oh, and hey, I will be looking for musicians to feature each month so keep at it and if I pull you aside, you might be in the next issue.

I would like to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity and again to Mike, especially since he has to listen to my many musical outlets. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to ask.

EASTER AT THE BEACH

By Micheal Elliot



There's something about Easter at the Beach.

Every year hundreds drive to Tybee Island while it's dark, struggle for parking, find it and make their way to the Pier for Sunrise Service. It's pretty spectacular ... not the various Baptists, Catholics, Episcopalians, Methodists and whoever else shows up ... but the service above the sand ... the rising of the sun bubbling out of the ocean ... the darkness of night giving way to the light of the newborn day.

At the end of it all though ... is the walk on the beach.

You ... and sand and surf ... Seagulls and Dolphins ... Holiness abounds.

It's no surprise one of the first things Jesus did on the first Easter morning was go to the Beach.

"When the disciples got out the boat, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. Jesus told his disciples, "Bring some of the fish you just caught" (John 21:9).

"Let's eat," is probably what he says next, though St. John is too hungry to record whatever Jesus says next because he's eating fish and bread while hanging with his best buddy.

They have a fish fry ... with bread dipped in Greek oil and Herbs ... which is not too shabby for anybody on any given day ... be at the Beach with your friends ... have a good time because everyone's together again when you never knew if you would be or not ... and laughing, eating and swimming and ... E.N.J.O.Y.I.N.G.

It's not what you would expect after the Resurrection but Jesus always seems to have his priorities in order:

- Rise from the Dead
- Show the world God loves it
- Go to the Beach
- Gather your closest friends
- Grill fresh fish
- Bring bread and dipping oils
- Celebrate life

This pretty much sums up Tybee Bar Church ... we meet every Sunday at Benny's Tybee Tavern on the corner of 16th (no real Island person will ever call it Tybrisa) and Butler Ave.

After working ourselves to death all week long we gather to celebrate survivor ... Resurrection ... and each other ... because that's what Easter is really about.

"Surf's up!" someone yells during Jesus's Fish Fry on the first Easter morning.

2000 plus years later ... that's the attitude on Tybee Island.

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A TYBEE ICON: NICKIE ALEXANDER

By Alaina Loughridge

Unless you have been under a rock for the past 70 years, you know of Nickie Alexander: Tybee Icon, progressive mover and shaker of all that is Tybee, and entrepreneur extraordinaire. Nickie has made Tybee what it is today. I am sure you have read the articles about him throughout the years of different things he has done, rumors, bad deeds, shady characterizations, as well as the good things he has done and created and made Tybee well... Tybee. There are all sorts of things you can read, whether true or false. This article is about the man himself.

Nicholas C. Alexander was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. His mother and father had immigrated there from a small town outside of Rome, Italy to make a better life for themselves in the states. Nickie was born the youngest boy of 11 children, six girls and five boys. In 1940, at 17 years old, Nickie joined the Army. When he got out of the Army he returned to Ohio, but was at a loss of what to do, so he called his older brother, Benny.

Benny Alexander was getting well established on Tybee and told his young brother to come join the fun. So in 1945, Nickie drove to Tybee. With no money in his pocket and no plans to be anywhere, Nickie went to work for his brother, Benny, who was leasing a local bar called The Rip Tide; however, the terms of the lease agreement prohibited dancing and live entertainment, so in time, the decision was made to move on... To hell with that!

Soon after, in 1948, Benny leased the Club Royale located on Victory and Skidaway, where he began promoting several of the big name bands of the time like Harry James, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey and many more. Nickie remained with Benny, and life was large as he worked as a bartender, and learned more about being in business. After a few years they left the Club Royale, and opened the Sportsman's Club on Highway 17. That is where it happened. He met the love of his life, Voncycle Owens in 1950 and married her four years later. That love would last a true lifetime. (Unfortunately, Vonnie, as she was known, passed July 8, 2013.)

Realizing the potential, Nickie decided to return to Tybee, and soon after opened his first business on Tybee... Nickie's on 15th and Strand (to you young un's that is now just to the left of Hotel Tybee). Twenty seven businesses, seven buildings built, titles of President of the Tybee Chamber of Commerce, Tybee Councilman and Tybee Police Commissioner later, not to mention acquiring licenses for bail bondsman and check cashing (which none of that is easy), Nickie is still moving and shaking.

Oh, did I mention that Nickie was the primary force behind setting the wheels in motion for the rebuilding of the pier? A yet to be identified person (a disgruntled carpenter) had burned down Tybee's pier in 1963. Years later, in 1977, Nickie proposed and carried forth



the required preparations of getting the pier we know today rebuilt. The Savannah news press followed the exciting news closely. Nickie also reformulated what was some rather awkward plans by the City to have the main drive go to 18th Street and curl around to the left and then come back up to 16th street (now known as Tybrisa), and returned it back to its original configuration as it was in the 1940's. Nickie also proposed changing the name of 16th Street (due to the bad reputation the block use to have), and held firm on making it happen. This area we drive down every day is due to Nickie's determination to make Tybee a more welcoming town.

Nickie truly is a Tybee Icon. He is responsible for many of the buildings and bars you see currently today. He has cared, supported, sweated and slaved over Tybee for longer than most of us have been out of short pants. He also had the time of his life in the heyday of the 50's, 60's, and 70's, when rules were meant to be bent, broken and/or recreated, when an ice cream cone cost a penny, a beer not much more, and the big bands were belting out swinging tunes to dance the night away.

Nickie, now at the age of 94, is retired. His passions are his dog, Kandy, a white West Highlander Terrier, jigsaw puzzles and his 1957 Chevy golf cart! Nickie has always had a passion for pooches and over the years has had a total of seven white German Shepherds, every one of them he had named "Frosty." In fact, the very first Frosty was buried in an unmarked grave at the corner of 16th (Tybrisa) and Butler in 1978.

Looking back, Nickie has no regrets. I asked him "how did you accomplish all of this?" He shakes his head in amazement at his own life and say's "perseverance." He is very happy with his legacy and is looking forward to the next chapter. So are we as I want to know what this amazing man does next!



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From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

One of my favorite aspects of the Spring season on Tybee is watching visitors 'come to grips' with our local culture – and Tybee never disappoints. By 'culture' I'm not talking about the offerings by the Tybee Arts Association or Post Theater, but a more general notion of how we live as islanders. Recently, I've been thinking about how I got to this point, and recall fellow islanders reporting various narratives of how they were 'released' upon leaving their former lives on the mainland, or 'found themselves' upon arrival. There seems no denying that for some, the island experience allows us to turn inward for healing, while showing others a path towards altruism. Then again, while you're waiting to figure it all out, the sun on your face, some smooth, soft sand between your toes and a cold beverage of choice in your hand can certainly help you pass the time. We're in luck! It's almost St. Pat's and that's kind of our specialty around here!

Despite not growing up on Tybee, I can remember my annual pilgrimage to the beach, and a particular rite of passage. Each summer, my access to the beach depended upon with whom I was travelling, but nevertheless our father or grandfathers would sit all of us down at the same time, as soon as the car/camper was parked. In true Chevy Chase fashion, we would be instructed (and occasionally reminded) that while we were excited to be on vacation, that we were visiting others' hometown. Inevitably, this would be followed by the specific directive to "act accordingly." As I got older, I became accustomed to the ways of a tourist town, and thankful that my brothers, my sister, and I became aware that 'others' didn't necessarily mean just people. I've often reflected on this sentiment, of lessons learned, and recall the myriad of emotions associated with a youngster bustling with unbridled joy (followed by my self-perception of possessing unwavering potential during my teen years), and the prideful notion of being limited by our elders' recitation of the same speech - season after season, year after year. This is proof that when you think you know everything, you are an idiot.

In the case of one of my grandfathers, we won't be able to hear anymore fables, or be entertained by his story telling. Ever the showman, it was often more entertaining watching him tell the story than the story itself, as he would become each character with a repertoire that included taking his teeth out to terrify us during a ghost story, only to later share with us his own youthful indiscretions, upon acknowledgement that we had learned our own lessons. Sometimes, teachable moments present themselves when we aren't trying to listen, when we don't want to learn,

or when we aren't necessarily trying to teach. Somehow, I find comfort in this since I later found myself in the Tybee community that values and appreciates the opportunity to host excellent experiences for others who work all year to enjoy what we experience daily.

As the season begins, my hope is that we each value our Tybee experience. Whether we are residents throughout the year, a few days, or for just the afternoon, let's each remember this responsibility to preserve the Tybee experience for generations to come. When the season gets hectic, and the chaos that ensues inevitably appears, try to take comfort that maybe there's a hidden blessing, or a lesson waiting to be bestowed upon us.

Recently, I heard WTOC report that Savannah, GA is now the most wish-listed destination by AirBnB. As with most things regarding digital analytics, I'm not sure what this will mean, and most of the scenarios that unfold in my brain are completely absurd, as our historical city comes of age in the digital era. For example, what if the internet existed during the Lewis & Clark expedition? Certainly, some Midwestern locale would have boasted 'Plenty of Horse Parking' & 'Oxen Teams Welcome,' along with designation as a 'gun-friendly' haven, and the friendliest folks on the frontier. As a local, I find this somewhat intimidating in the sense that I'm glad to share the experience with other people, but does this mean that wherever we go from here isn't going to be as good as home?

The more I read about and hear stories of life across the bridge, the more at peace I become with being surrounded by water...

Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms

RENEWAL



I find myself thinking of love this time of year.

It's hard to think of much else when the sun is cutting through the dullness of winter, the green grass is pushing through, and the sand is starting to feel warm on my feet again.

Spring is when everything that was once dead comes alive again. And I come alive again with it—break out the tank top, shorts, and flip flops. Ignore my white legs for a few weeks while I readjust, if you please. I shake the dust off of winter and come out of my hole. Ready to see the world.

It's funny, the Christian calendar. We don't really know when some of these biblical events happened—the birth of Christ, the death of Christ—so we mark them at the time that makes the most sense. Christmas right after the winter solstice, right when the day starts to get longer, more light is let in. And Easter in Spring. The perfect time for a rebirth, a reawakening, a renewal. A resurrection.

We all need renewal from time to time.

We all need forgiveness.

We all need love.

And maybe the Beatles had it right—maybe love is all we need. Some people think it's hard to be a Christian today. Hard to have faith in troubled times. But I think it's easy. It's easy to accept the things that Easter offers us—perfect love and complete forgiveness. It was never meant to be hard. We just sometimes make it hard because we like to think that anything worth having is worth fighting for. But we never have to fight for love, we never have to fight for forgiveness. That's what God gave us on the cross. That's what Easter is all about: accepting the gifts from God.

We just have to wake up on that perfect Sunday and remember and give thanks for what God gave us. For what He sacrificed.

That's something worth celebrating.

FESTIVAL CALENDAR

- 3/3 – 3/5 Aura Music & Arts Festival – Live Oak, FL
- 3/4 – 3/6 Okeechobee Music Fest – Okeechobee, FL
- 3/10 – 3/12 Savannah Stopover – various venues – Savannah, GA
- 3/24 – 4/9 Savannah Music Festival – various venues – Savannah, GA
- 4/8 – 4/10 Rhythm N Blooms – Knoxville, TN
- 4/14 – 4/16 Wanee – Live Oak, FL
- 4/15 – 4/17 Tortuga Music Festival – Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 4/22 – 4/24 Sweetwater 420 Festival – Atlanta, GA
- 4/27 – 4/30 Suwannee River Jam – Live Oak, FL
- 4/22 – 5/1 New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival – New Orleans, LA
- 4/30 – 5/1 Welcome to Rockville – Jacksonville, FL
- 4/30 – 5/1 Moonstone – Orlando, FL
- 5/6 – 5/8 Carolina Rebellion – Concord, NC
- 5/13 – 5/15 Shaky Knees Music Festival – Atlanta, GA
- 5/20 – 5/22 Hangout Festival – Gulf Shores, AL
- 5/20 – 5/22 Shaky Beats Music Festival – Atlanta, GA
- 5/19 – 5/22 Orange Blossom Jamboree, Brooksville, FL
- 5/27 – 5/29 Summer Camp – Chillicothe, IL
- 5/27 – 5/29 Dark Star Jubilee – Thornville, OH
- 5/27 – 5/29 Country 500 – Daytona, FL

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WHAT TO DO FOR KIDS AND YOU!

By Elizabeth Jones

Activities for March!

It's finally warming up and we can't wait for beach season! March is such a fun time for all. But most of all for us here at the beach. With St. Patrick's Day around the corner it's time to dye everything green and get our St. Patrick's Day festivities in order. I personally cannot wait to see those Clydesdales in the parade. I think this year my daughter and I need matching green tutu's, or as my dad says, a tutu for her and four four for me, don't laugh, it's not funny. You've come to the right place for all your St. Patrick's Day parties, parades, and more! And don't forget Easter comes to us in March this year.

FEATURED ACTIVITY FOR MARCH

Tybee Island Easter Egg Hunt at Jaycee Park
Saturday, March 26th at 1pm
Tybee Island's annual Easter egg hunt is hosted by American Legion Post 154 Ladies Auxiliary. It is free and open to the public for children up to age 10. The age groups are split up, making this a fun activity for the youngest children too. And the Easter Bunny himself has been known to make an appearance.



SPRING INTO Events

THINGS TO DO IN MARCH

Gnome Con
March 4, 9am
This science fiction/fantasy and gaming convention has a variety of events to appeal to all ages – everything from costume making workshops and collectible card games to a silent auction, Zombie Family Feud and a screening of the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Tickets start at \$35
Coastal Georgia Center
305 Fahm St.
For more information, call GnomeCon at (912) 651-2005 or go to gnomecon.org.

Greening of the Fountain

March 11, 12pm
Watch the Grand Marshall dye the fountain at Forsyth Park green in honor of Savannah's St. Patrick's Day tradition.

Irish Heritage Parade

March 16, 3pm
Tybee's own St. Patrick's Day parade is one you won't want to miss. Come out to see the Irish mermaids, and hopefully we'll get the usual visit from the Budweiser Clydesdales! Tybee is the place to watch a smaller scale parade with a smaller scale crowd. Perfect for the kids and of course, it's like pre-gaming the Savannah parade.

Savannah's St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 17, 10:15am
Savannah's St. Patrick's Day Parade is the second largest in the country and the third largest in the world! This parade will be held rain or shine in the downtown.

Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in March By Mom

3-3 **First Annual Kevin Carpenter Tybee Island Bar Olympics** Starts at 12:30pm at Tybee Time and ends at Huc A Pools. 8 stops and 11 events, with raffles and prizes.

3-7 **Farmer's Market** The 2016 season begins on March 7 and will continue every Monday, rain or shine, from 10am-1pm at the American Legion, 10 Veteran's Dr.

3-11 **First Annual Irish Jamboree** 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Tybee's own *In For a Penny* Irish folk punk with Sean McNally on his mandolin. Also Seldom Sober will join in on the festivities. For more info call 912-472-4790.

3-12 **14th Annual Tybee Island Irish Heritage Celebration Parade** 3pm start time on the Butler Avenue Parade Route. Get your "Green" on for a family fun event with floats, marchers, music, and all things Irish. The parade starts at City Hall and ends on Tybrisa.

3-12 and 3-13 **Romeo and Juliet** 8pm on 3-12 and 3pm on

3-13 at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This William Shakespeare play is being produced by the Savannah Stage Company. Call 912-472-4790 for details.

3-18 **Clydesdale's Parade** The Budweiser Clydesdales will be on Tybee at 5pm and will be marching from 14th and Butler to the Strand. Come see these beautiful and majestic animals!

3-19 **Tybee Comedy Revue** 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Two headline stand-up comedians will be performing, Ted Holum and Brian T. Shirley. For more info call 912-472-4790.

3-20 **Centennial Series at Ft. Pulaski** Every 3rd Sunday of the month through December, 2016 at Ft. Pulaski, Hwy 80. Each month will have a different event. This month is Cockspur Island Bicycle Tour. Contact Joel Cadoff at 912-786-5785 ext. 1208 for more info.

3-20 **Market at the Lighthouse** 10am-4pm on the Lighthouse grounds at 30 Meddin Dr. Come check out the 1st of the season treasures and unique handcrafted items by our own local artists.

3-27 **Easter Sunrise Service** 6:30am on the pier. Join us on the pier for an Easter Sunrise Service. All Tybee churches will be participating in this perfect way to start Easter.

3-27 **Easter Egg Hunt** The American Legion's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held in JayCee Park at 1pm. All are welcome for this joyous event for the benefit of children ages 0-10.

3-28 **TIPD VIP Luncheon-Neighbors Helping Neighbors** 11am to noon at the Old School Cafeteria, 204 5th St. If you need some assistance or want to help, contact Chief Bryson at 912-472-5091 or email him at rbryson@cityoftybee.org for further info.

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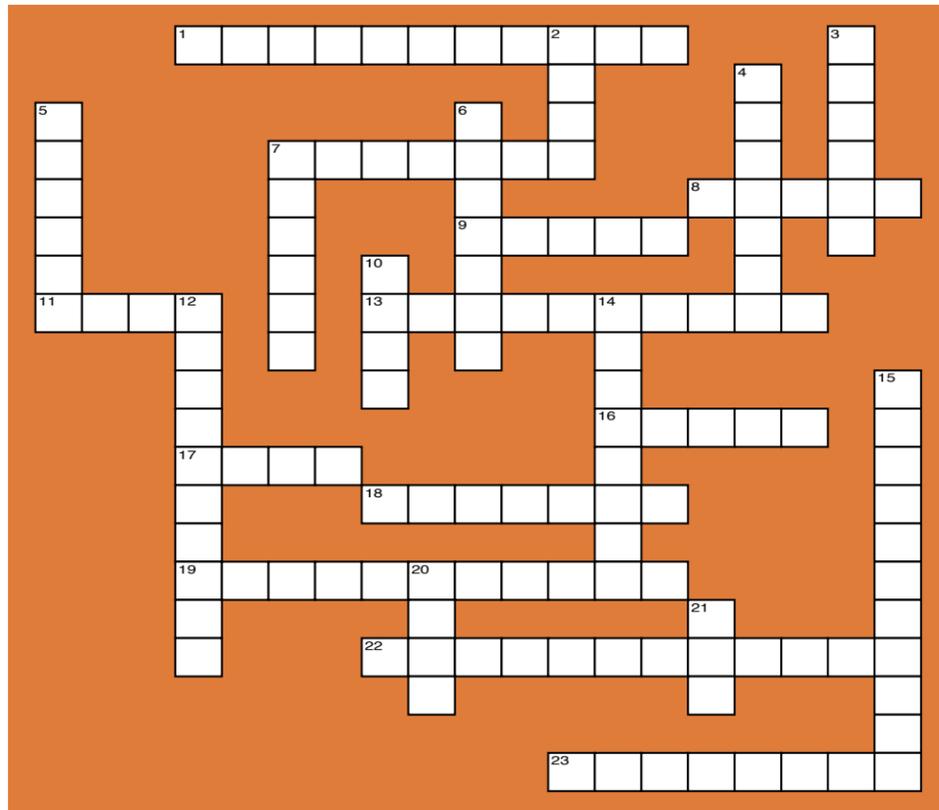
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ACROSS

- 1 Budweiser horses
- 7 Main ingredient in Foodie Finds
- 8 Our favorite color this month
- 9 Third month
- 11 Hidden in the Beachcomber
- 13 Major storms
- 16 It precedes a story in Ireland
- 17 Writer for Go Local Music this month
- 18 Food Spy locale
- 19 Monthly Rant Subject
- 22 Movie Review (2 wds.)
- 23 Nickname for sheephead

DOWN

- 2 It's all we need, according to the Beatles
- 3 Holiday
- 4 A myth, according to Taxi Tales (2 wds.)
- 5 Tybee icon
- 6 Market that opens in March
- 7 Season
- 10 Bartender of the Month
- 12 Wear your beads on this day
- 14 This cottage is featured in Bizz Buzz
- 15 Little green men
- 20 ___ Walking (Book Review)
- 21 QB who is the subject in Sports Bookie



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- CALDWELL
- LOVE
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- MARCH
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- RAIL
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- SPRING
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- DRINK
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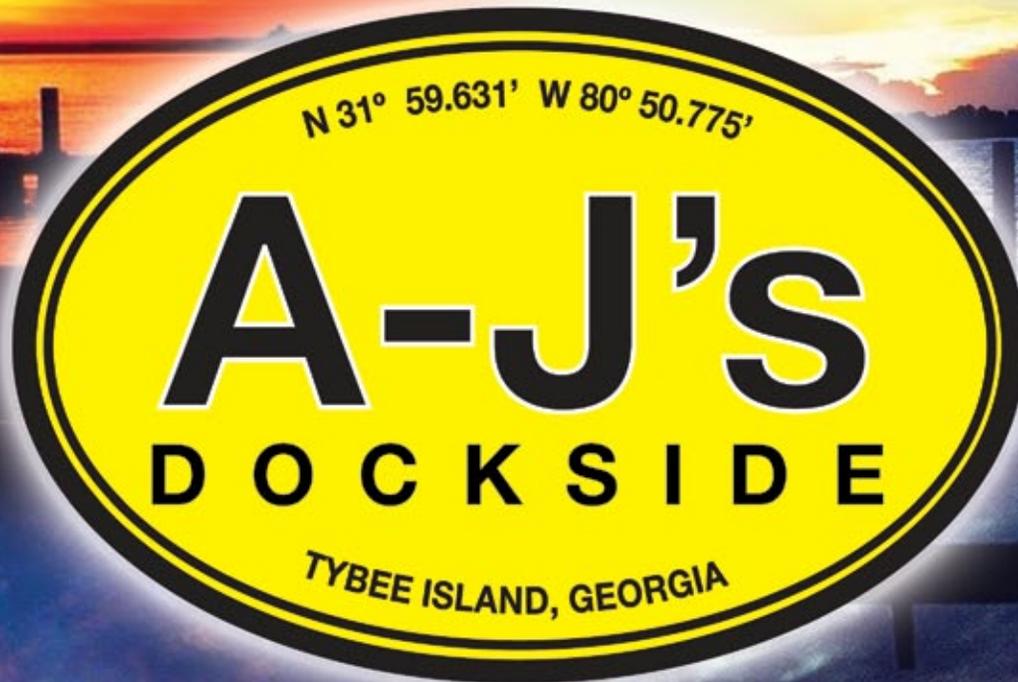
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- 20 - Marshpuppy 1 pm
- 13 - Marshpuppy 1 pm
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