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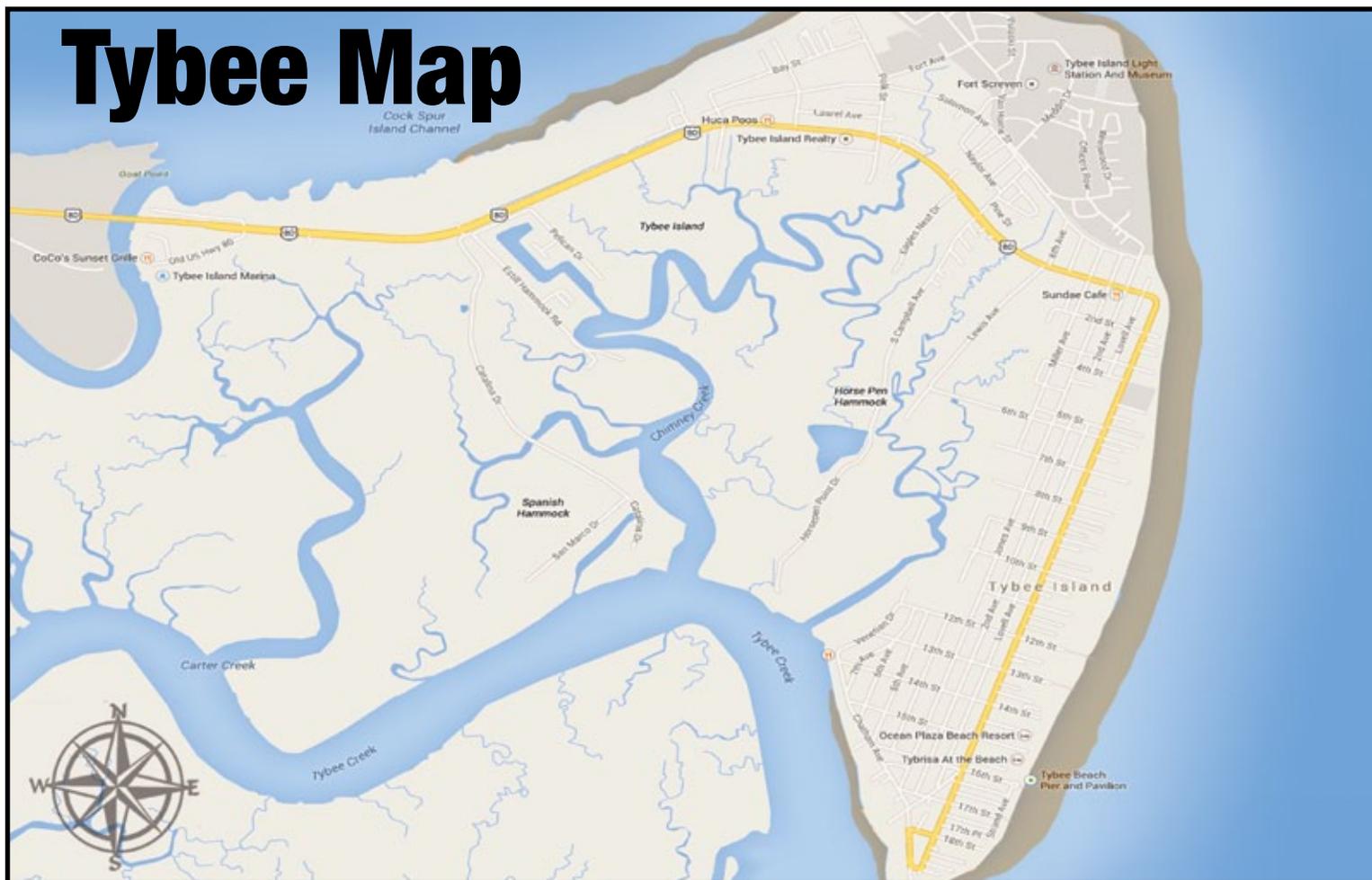
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From the EDITOR

HOT AUGUST!

Every issue of the Beachcomber has its challenges. August is no different. What to have on the cover? What to write? What do locals, tourists, and business owners want to hear? What do I want to say? Hmm. Well, I always have a lot to say, but what can I print?

August is a month of challenges all around: Kids are going back to school and both kids and parents are trying to get back into routine; but the sun is still shining till 8 p.m. and the beach is beckoning and why can't we just go hang out and play in the water and have fun fun fun???? Damn that end of summer.

Well here it is: The end of summer. Let's not do it. Let's play it out as long as we can. Don't go back to school, don't go back to work. Let's all go to the water and play in the surf as long as the sun is shining. We can walk the beach and enjoy the sand between our toes forever. Sigh. We all wish.

Anyhoo, (and a big, huge sigh again) let's play it out as long as we can!!!

I do want to give an apology to **Ann Currington** who supplied the Foodie Finds for July, that Amazing Fruit Salad. Her name was inadvertently left off and I apologize for the oversight.

Additionally, since I am in screw up mode, I apologize to **Ron Goralczyk** for omitting his name in Taxi Tales. It's not all you Joey!!!

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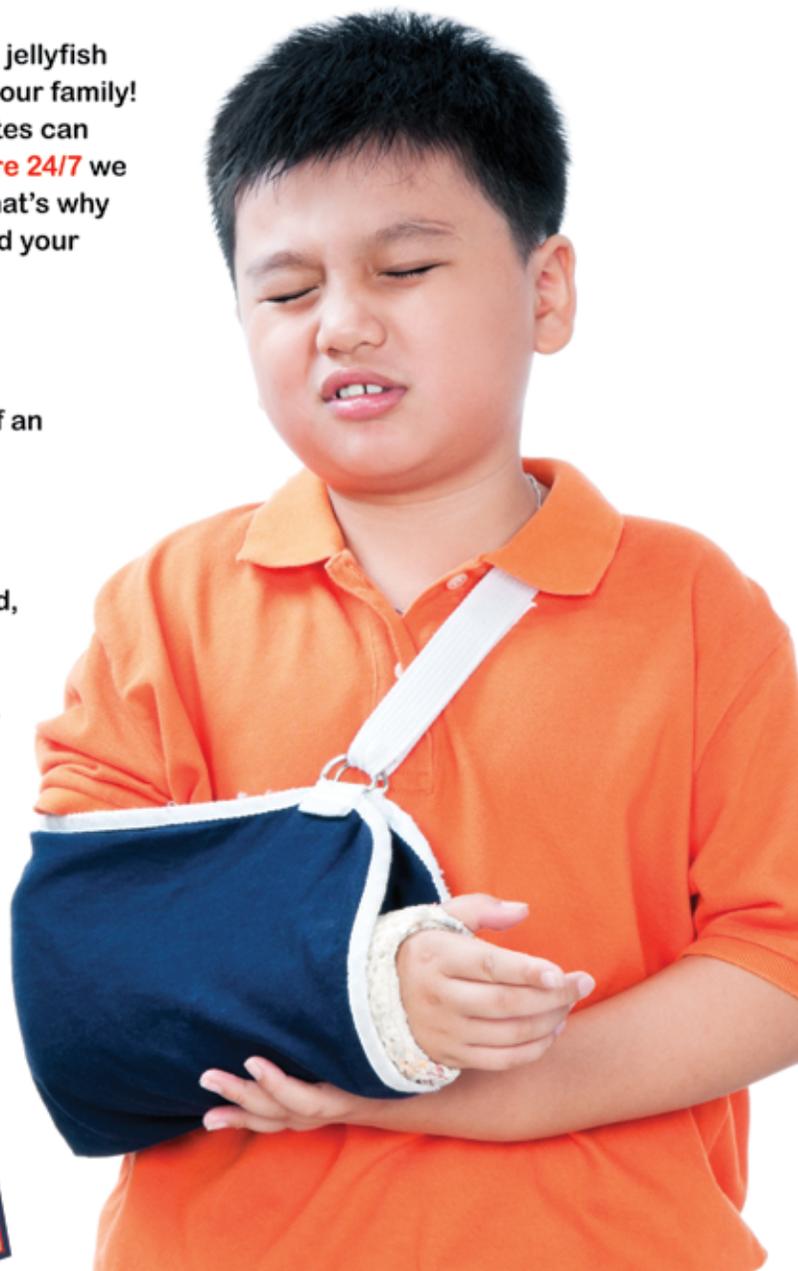
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THE DEEP BROWN SEA

By Micheal Elliot

"Mike!" Carlos exclaims walking onto Tybee Beach for the first time. "Your ocean is brown! What happened?"

Carlos is from St. Martin where the ocean is crystal clear aqua blue with a visibility underwater of 70 feet or so.

Stick your head in Tybee's water and open your eyes and you see brown.

"It's okay Buddy," I explain, putting my arm around his shoulder, leading him towards the Pier where we're meeting Johnny O for cocktails.

"It looks like Whales took a major poop!" he says in that great lilting sing/song voice of the Caribbean.

"No, no," I say. "It's because of the Marsh."

"What Dat mean?"

"The Marsh grows in mud and it turns the Ocean brown when the Tides come in. If you go out a few miles, away from the shore, the Ocean is as clear as in St. Martin."

He mutters signifying he understands.

"Besides, our seafood tastes better than yours because the water's brown."

"How Dat?"

"Our brown water is filled with nutrients and little tiny fish live in it and are eaten by the bigger fish that are caught and eaten by us. Fish that eat better ... taste better."

"Dat true."

"Besides we have Shrimp here and it's better tasting than those caught in water that's not brown."

"I love Shrimp," he smiles.

"I know," I smile back. "It's a shame you don't have them in St. Martin."

"Very True Dat," he sighs.

"Even if you go to Florida," I continue, "their Shrimp is pretty tasteless and it's because their water's not brown like ours."

At this point we stroll onto the Pier and grab Seaside cocktails with Johnny O and toast each other above the water.

Johnny O and Judy O met him on their own trip to St. Martin and this is Carlos' first trip to Tybee.

"You don't have Piers on St. Martin either do you?" I ask.

"Naw," Carlos sighs. "Not like this."

"Hey, Hey, Hey," Johnny O says, grabbing Carlos, "let's lighten up a little shall we?"

"We shall!" Carlos beams his white teeth from his black face and we watch the sun throw diamonds over the Ocean and Cargo ships make their way into Port.

"To the Shrimps and the fishes in the deep brown Sea," Carlos offers.

"Now you got it!" and we laugh and enjoy the beauty of it all.

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1	Sa	917am 7.6	949pm 8.5	333am -0.8	343pm -0.8	639am	821pm	915pm	755am	
2	Su	1009am 7.8	1040pm 8.3	421am -1.0	435pm -0.8	639am	820pm	959pm	903am	
3	Mo	1103am 7.9	1134pm 8.1	510am -1.1	527pm -0.6	640am	819pm	1040pm	1010am	
4	Tu	1200pm 7.9		559am -1.0	621pm -0.3	641am	818pm	1122pm	1116am	
5	We	1230am 7.8	1259pm 7.9	650am -0.8	718pm 0.1	641am	817pm		1221pm	
6	Th	127am 7.5	158pm 7.8	744am -0.6	819pm 0.4	642am	816pm	1203am	124pm	
7	Fr	225am 7.2	256pm 7.8	842am -0.3	925pm 0.6	643am	816pm	1247am	226pm	3rd
8	Sa	322am 7.0	353pm 7.7	942am -0.1	1030pm 0.7	643am	815pm	133am	326pm	
9	Su	419am 6.8	450pm 7.7	1042am -0.1	1130pm 0.7	644am	814pm	221am	422pm	
10	Mo	516am 6.7	545pm 7.7	1138am 0.0		645am	813pm	311am	515pm	
11	Tu	612am 6.7	638pm 7.8	1224am 0.6	1231pm 0.0	645am	812pm	404am	603pm	
12	We	704am 6.8	726pm 7.8	114am 0.5	121pm 0.0	646am	811pm	458am	648pm	
13	Th	752am 6.9	810pm 7.8	200am 0.4	208pm 0.1	647am	810pm	553am	728pm	
14	Fr	836am 7.0	851pm 7.7	243am 0.3	253pm 0.1	647am	809pm	647am	806pm	New
15	Sa	918am 7.0	930pm 7.6	322am 0.3	334pm 0.3	648am	808pm	741am	840pm	
16	Su	958am 7.0	1009pm 7.4	359am 0.4	414pm 0.4	649am	807pm	834am	914pm	
17	Mo	1037am 6.9	1047pm 7.2	434am 0.5	452pm 0.6	649am	806pm	926am	946pm	
18	Tu	1116am 6.8	1126pm 6.9	508am 0.6	530pm 0.9	650am	805pm	1018am	1019pm	
19	We	1157am 6.7		542am 0.7	610pm 1.1	651am	803pm	1110am	1053pm	
20	Th	1207am 6.7	1241pm 6.7	619am 0.8	652pm 1.3	651am	802pm	1203pm	1128pm	
21	Fr	1252am 6.5	127pm 6.7	659am 0.9	741pm 1.5	652am	801pm	1256pm		
22	Sa	139am 6.4	217pm 6.8	746am 1.0	837pm 1.5	653am	800pm	151pm	1206am	1st
23	Su	230am 6.4	309pm 7.0	840am 1.0	938pm 1.4	653am	759pm	245pm	1249am	
24	Mo	323am 6.5	404pm 7.2	940am 0.9	1039pm 1.2	654am	758pm	340pm	135am	
25	Tu	419am 6.6	501pm 7.6	1042am 0.6	1137pm 0.8	654am	757pm	434pm	228am	
26	We	517am 6.9	558pm 7.9	1143am 0.3		655am	755pm	527pm	325am	
27	Th	615am 7.3	654pm 8.3	1233am 0.3	1241pm -0.1	656am	754pm	617pm	427am	
28	Fr	710am 7.7	747pm 8.6	126am -0.2	137pm -0.5	656am	753pm	704pm	533am	
29	Sa	804am 8.1	838pm 8.8	217am -0.6	232pm -0.7	657am	752pm	750pm	641am	Full
30	Su	856am 8.4	929pm 8.7	308am -0.9	326pm -0.9	658am	750pm	833pm	749am	
31	Mo	949am 8.6	1020pm 8.6	358am -1.1	419pm -0.8	658am	749pm	916pm	858am	

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- Movies In The Park (third Saturday at dusk at Memorial Park)
- Walk the beach
- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise or sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing!!! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Take a golf cart tour
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints

THE Sports Bookie

By Patrick Sauers

It has only been August for a couple of hours and the one thing I am thinking about is *football*. I know that it is only pre-season and it hardly matters; unless you are into fantasy football. I have a slight obsession with fantasy football, so pre-season football is a place to search for those deep sleepers that you may be able to snag in a late round. The Hall of Fame game officially kicks off the start of the NFL season with the Steelers facing the Vikings. There are a couple of factors in this game that I will be watching closely and if you are a fantasy manager you should too.

The first thing that is going to be on everyone's radar is Adrian Peterson. He was in the news for most of last year's football season for something other than scoring touchdowns. His presence may spark the debate on whether or not he should be allowed to play because of his discipline methods towards his children, but all I am going to be watching is how he runs. He is on my radar as a number one pick due to the fact that, historically, he has had monster seasons following a hiatus. The season after an injury tore his ACL, he rushed for 2,097 yards and 12 touchdowns. That equates to drooling fantasy players who are eyeing their league trophy.

The next item on the agenda will be looking to see who is going to replace Le'Veon Bell for the first three games in the Steelers' backfield. This has a potential for any manager to grab a late round starter that will be running behind a veteran offensive line partaking in an offense that gave Bell a stat line of 290-1361-8. If you can grab the Steelers' anticipated starter for those three games, it may allow you to get an early lead in the season without wasting an early pick in your draft. I would bet the house on this move. These are a few examples of why I don't talk the pre-season lightly.

However, if it wasn't for fantasy football I would hardly watch football on Sunday. I pull for the Falcons, but college football is way more genuine to me. Saturday is my game day. Besides, I would much rather nurse a hangover on my couch on Sunday than at my desk on Monday. But, alas, college football does not begin until September. Fortunately, high school football begins

in August and that's a nice way to spend a Friday night. There are so many high schools in the area that it's hard to talk about them all; so I have narrowed my recognition down to my alma mater. Benedictine will be looking to defend their first state championship that they pulled off in one of the more exciting state championships I have seen. The team was full of talent that may be hard to replace, but with the coaching staff led by Danny Britt and company it shouldn't be a problem. The talented underclassmen of last season will be thrust into the spotlight to open up their season with a road trip to Greater Atlanta Christian. Surprise! They will be opening the season with a rematch of the state bout. It is an absolutely thrilling way to begin the 2015 season.

As football pre-season rolls, the final major in the PGA will be played August 13-16 and all eyes will be on red hot Jordan Spieth. No matter what happens in The Open Championship, that's the British Championship for all of my uncultured readers, he will be vying for a spot in history. If he happens to win The Open and the PGA Championship he will become the second player in history to complete the grand slam. Who is this famous person you may be asking yourself? Why none other than the legendary Bobby Jones. He completed The Grand Slam of Golf in 1930 before Nike ever got around to offering him millions in endorsements. If Spieth fails in one, but manages to take down the other, then he will get added third to the list of players winning three in one season, along with Ben Hogan (1953) and Tiger Woods (2000). He might be worth making a wager on with your local sports bookie. I'm no Jimmy the Greek, but I feel pretty confident that the kid may be able to pad your bankroll before football season really gets underway.

That's the main thing a football season gambling man looks towards. You have to build that bankroll for the "busy season." Whether it's throwing dimes on a talented golfer, or if you are still riding out that future bet with the Nationals; think bankroll. Maybe you hit the jackpot with some World Cup odds. It all boils down to playing the lines just right to give you a head start once football is in the air. May the best fantasy win.

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THIRST

By Hollie Sessoms



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Water never stays still. It's always moving. Even when it's not moving, it's still moving—evaporating, condensing, precipitating.

Water is not finite, continuously regenerating, ready for its next state.

*It's soft enough to hold in your hands, but powerful enough to cut rocks, change civilizations.
The world. Try to contain it and it will find a way out.*

Step into water and you know what I mean.

I visited North Shore in Oahu, Hawaii, in summer. In winter, the swells of water come together in massive, rolling waves that are death to all but the most skilled surfers. And sometimes those skilled surfers also perish in that sea. There's a memorial to them, you can read the names, imagine the lives lost, and appreciate the ferocity that water is capable of. But, in summer, when the south side of the island is getting the swells, it is a

different story entirely, a sea of calm, as unmovable as a lake. I immersed my body in this salty, chill water, saw all the way down to the end of my toes, floated on my back, stared at the horizon clear to forever, into the abyss. Healing without even realizing that I was injured in the first place. I came back to land a different person, more me than I was when I went in. Unfortunately, I returned to my old self on the drive away and it felt like the healing was a myth, something I made up in the moment to make my life feel more interesting. But it's nice to imagine it was true, that all we need to feel like our genuine selves is a dip in the water.

Before coconut suntan oil, and cabana boys, and spring break there were doctor prescribed seaside resorts where patients went to heal their maladies—anything from anxiety to tuberculosis. The ocean was the pharmacy of choice. Patients were sent to the beach for a dip in the ocean and a bit of sun to restore their health. Water is a drug.

Water is biblical. We were born of water and can be born again of water. John the Baptist gave everlasting life through baptism with water. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples with water. Walked on water. Calmed the water. Fed the masses with fish from the water.

Water is lunar. The water moves through in tides, rising and falling. Changing the shoreline before we can get used to it. Fluctuating. Keeping everything interesting. Reminding us of the transitory nature of life.

And if you drink it (pure water, that is, not the salty stuff from the sea) it is the ultimate magical elixir—detoxifying your body, regulating metabolism, energizing, protecting and moisturizing, repairing cells. More so, water slows down aging, keeps the skin smooth, prevents loss of memory, and lessens hunger pangs.

Water is the cure for what ails you. Do you suffer from fatigue? Drink more water. Have allergies? Drink more water. Want to lose weight? More water. Pfizer could only dream of manufacturing something so powerful in a lab.

We have all thirsted for water and when you thirst for water, only water will satisfy that thirst.

But most importantly for us on Tybee, water in its solid state...ice...with a bit of rum (maybe a bit more, just a little bit more), a splash of orange juice (or whatever you prefer), a sun setting along the marsh, bathing the sky in a thousand different shades of orange, as a kayaker paddles on through the reeds, makes for the perfect ending of a day. Cheers to you...and to water too.



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By Hilary Junewicz

I don't have much time for small talk this issue. Welcome to vacation on Tybee Island everyone! Us locals are continuing our permanent vacation and the pictures will show we're all enjoying this island together.



Joseph, Nate, Risa and Don gathered together for this stunning photo. It's a keeper! Great times to be had at the **Wind Rose** everybody. This is a glamour shot of these folks and the establishment! Ya'll complement each other.



Al was gleaming in the sunlight with **Carrie** at **Wet Willie's**. Many of you will have the pleasure to meet Al. He gets around and works at **Huc A Poo's**. Go get some Al! The sun shines on Alma.

Happy to see **Pam** from **Doc's Bar** getting to hang with **Nell**, the owner of **Wind Rose**. You can't go wrong getting to know either one of these fine ladies. They've both been great to me.



Here's my buddies **Bobby King, Martin and Mike** starting to let loose one Friday night at **Nickie's**. I couldn't remember which night it was till I saw **Rachel** bartending in the background.

Moral of the story is, Nickie's is fun.



Wow, **Rich and Carl** are playing chess at **Benny's**! So distinguished! Pool, darts, karaoke, chess, you name it. We like to play around here.



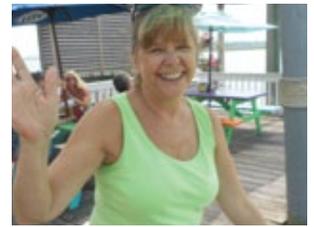
I don't like to put pictures of myself in here, but **Josh** at the **Rock House** is always so nice to me. I don't even remember that shot. Looks like I liked it though. Thank you! **Lorita** probably gave me another one.



I know that **Mary** is multitasking at **Fannie's**. Thank you for making this picture happen.

I love **A.J.'s Dockside** and

totally recommend it. The ambiance will definitely create Tybee memories and the sunsets are the best I've ever seen, anywhere. Before I lived here I made sure I made it here at least once a trip; even if it was just for a sunset drink by myself. It's special to me. Waitress **Robin** is very nice too.



Deb is at our **IGA Tybee Market**

produce department. Perfect summertime picture Deb,

with a watermelon! Hopefully you'll get a happy hour with Deb, but she gets up early. And here's our friendly butcher **Matt**. He always smiles from the



window every time I'm shopping. This is our hometown market! Ya'll always have good tunes playing too.



Lee and Kim work at **Marlin Monroe's** and are a great representation. You look very professional even in front of huge

martinis. I'd be a mess. Now I want one. Seriously, it's late, still open?

Tybee has a library too for the more focused folks. I check it out sometimes. Be resourceful, libraries probably have what you need to know. Librarian **Laurel** can help you find it and I know she will.



Meet my neighbor **Anne**. She's as nice and interesting as she is attractive. I caught her on the opposite end of the island at **Huc A Poos** and we talked some more.

Take a

ride on the bike path through Tybee like we do and check out our community garden in Memorial Park. It's looking good, but don't pick. I don't know who **John S.** is, but I'm impressed!





Ricky works for the City of Tybee's water department. He likes to unwind after work at watering hole **Riptide Bar** on the pier.

Rachel at **Spanky's** is my kind of people.

She didn't even flinch to have her picture taken on a busy night and comes out looking cute as a button. No sweat, Rachel and Spanky's got this!



Look at the desserts **Lydia** is whipping out at **Sundae Café!**

Who looks better, her or those treats?



Amy, Ashley and Katrina attended the Tybee Prom "Pretty in Pink" at the **American Legion**.



Oh no! My friends know I am a litter Nazi. Yeah I had pictures of Fourth of July's fireworks to show here, but as much as I love fireworks the environment is far more important to me. It upsets me that this is what I saw on the holiday weekend. Please

don't litter! I will yell at ya if I see ya doin' it! There are trash cans everywhere around here. Thank you.



I think this is a classic of **Lana** after a lovey evening with her. I don't think I even need to say more.

Ah yes, these are the types of waves I like to get from above from **Justice** and **Josh!** "HELL-O" shots!



Ah yes, these are



We run into each other everywhere around here and hang out with our friends. We'll kick it and pose in the **Chu's** parking lot with **Brian** and **Henny**.

Got to

spend some quality sundown time with recurring tourists and friends, **Kip, Allegra** and **Mark** on Alley 3. It was great to catch up and continue the Tybee-



made friendship. Can't wait to see ya'll again and I'll miss you.



Generations of family also take the time to end the day right on the Back River. Nice to meet you **Linda, Cheryl, and Jane**.



I wish **The Colonel** and **KFC** was always as close as **Doc's Bar**.

Brandon, Bobby, Rudy, Joy, Joey, Rachel and I took **Howard** out for his 37th birthday. The good people of this community chipped in

a whopping \$415 for the evening's festivities...at **Fire Street Food** and **Score's Gentlemen's Club**. Oh what a night! And we'd all like to thank **Carolyn**.



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August Fishing Forecast

TYBEE PIER FISHING

This is my favorite time of year to target Spanish Mackerel off the pier with live Finger Mullet or using Gotcha plugs. The key to finding these fish is to watch for the schools of Mullet to be running along the beach. Bluefish, Ladyfish, Whiting, Pompano, Trout and some Redfish should also be found around the pier. Live Shrimp can be great bait this time of year for these species.

INSHORE

Welcome to the dog days of summer. We are in the hottest month of the year and our water temperatures prove it. With the water being well above 80 degrees there are a few things for you to know. Sharks are going to be everywhere. Tarpon will be inshore and they will be finding their way up creeks and into areas to spawn. Fish early if you want Redfish, Speckled Sea Trout and Flounder. Once that sun is overhead the bite will become tough.



NEAR SHORE

So you have a few options when you head out to the nearshore reefs. King and Spanish Mackerel will be around, just look for the pods of bait for the best chances. Barracuda are plentiful and will hit just about anything big and moving fast. These fish put on a great fight and love to go airborne. So beware, they are known for jumping into boats. My favorite fish this time of year is the Spadefish. These fish are often overlooked, but these fish will fight harder than any of the other fish in the nearshore fishery this time of year. Couple of tips for them are use live Shrimp or Jellyfish, a light leader and small hooks, but you better have some good tackle cause they will take you into the wreck fast.



OFF SHORE

The fishing out here can be real tough this time of year for the Pelagic species. It's tough to find any temperature breaks so watch for weed lines and birds working bait for the best results. The ledges are always a good place to look as well. The bottom fish are still biting good and pound for pound the Amberjack is out there waiting to break your back. **To join me on a fishing trip call me at Big Fish Charters (912) 230-4625.**



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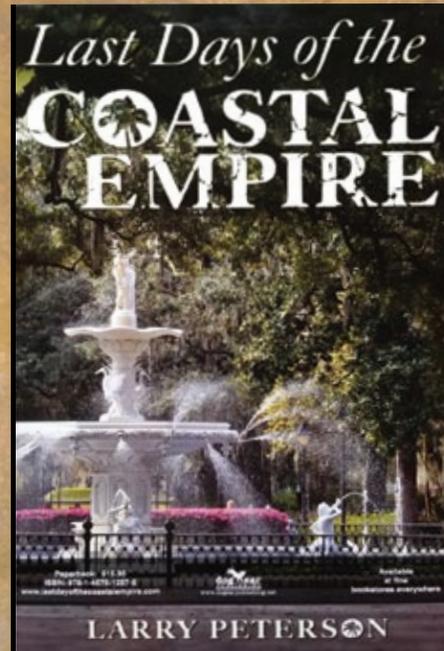
By Joey Goralczyk

I have had the roughest time writing this month's story. Just total writer's block. Nothing I tried to write seemed to go anywhere. I've still got stories and I fancy myself a decent writer, yet here I sit with diddly squat, two days past due. Gloriously, however, I decided to wear my flamingo shirt this night. Now here I sit, it is 20 past 4... and I am gonna hammer this out with a Ms. Patty drink in hand.

It was a typical Saturday night on the south end. The only thing atypical was that I was dispatching from the car. That will come up later (just for the record, that is a very stressful job!). I was headed north when one of my favorite bartenders called and said she had two girls, and one of them was a bit of a mess. I really hate to send one of my beloved drivers into those situations, so I made a few calls and headed south to handle it.

I arrived and saw one of the girls standing by a Jetta, completely in tears. I also noticed she had two purses and two phones. The reason for that was because her friend, the aforementioned "mess" was slung across the trunk of the Jetta, hurling her guts out. I assessed the situation and realized that she was indeed a "hot mess" and walked her back to my cab. I put her in the back of my car and she was out in no time. Her friend, who for some unknown reason was crying hysterically, asked me to watch Hot Mess while she went and paid their tab. No problem. She was comatose... I think I got this. All was going well until "Thriller" came on the radio. Then, just like the video, the Dead rose. She wasn't quite done, so I flung the door open and she leaned out just in time. She nearly fell out of the car onto her face, so I grabbed her and kept her aloft (and pulled her hair back and out of the way, cause no one wants vomit in their hair). Of course, at this moment when my hands were FULL, my phone started ringing again. So here I was, literally holding this girl up with my left hand and dispatching Breezy with my right.

By this point, we had an audience gathering and I decided we needed to get moving. I grabbed my new all-purpose Breezy Bucket (good call Rachel!) and handed it to Hot Mess and away we went. But not before someone randomly handed the tearful friend \$60 to get home. I finally got an address and was amused when I realized



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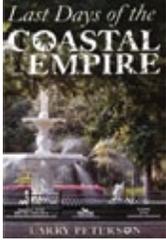
that they were not even a block away. The girl couldn't walk either way, but still...

We arrived at their condo and I offered to help them upstairs. Hot Mess said there was an elevator and they were fine. Then she fell out of the car. So I helped these girls stagger to the elevator, one on each arm. It was one of those elevators that open up into the condo, so you need a code to get off this thing. This was a really bad time for Hot Mess to lose consciousness, but wouldn't you know it, that is just what happened. She was the only one on board who knew the code. By this point she didn't know her own name. I gotta hand it to her friend though. She slapped this girl back into reality quickly enough and got us outta there. I picked up Hot Mess, put her over my shoulder and got her in the door and to her bed. The crying friend went to pay me at this point. She gave me the \$60, hugged and thanked me and I was headed back to work. Then, at the last moment, Hot Mess once again rose from the Dead (with her clothing hanging haphazardly and body parts exposed), came out of the bedroom and hugged me. I was slightly distracted by this, but I will never forget her saying to me, and I quote "That shirt is the most spectacular thing I've seen tonight!" I thank you ladies for the tip, and most of all for the story, it was fun! Thank God I was wearing my lucky flamingo shirt that night!



BOOK REVIEW

By Nell Klein



Last Days of the Coastal Empire

By Larry Peterson

Tybee resident Larry Peterson, a veteran journalist, political reporter and columnist for the Savannah Morning News, wrote a novel that got my attention from the very first page.

It tells the story of political reporter Mike Taylor, who takes a new job with "The Clarion," the daily newspaper of Savannah. He soon becomes entangled in investigating a gruesome murder and a cover-up involving a congressman. Since Mike's favorite thing is exposing crooked politicians, his new job is starting off with a bang.

He joins his fellow reporters investigating a decapitation murder. The victim turns out to be a newspaper employee who got involved in a scheme to enhance the paper's readership figures. They find out that Congressman Bill Hatfield is trying to stall the investigation, but why? Mike and his colleagues try to get to the bottom of things but hired thugs try to stop them no matter which way they turn. Tension mounts as more people die before the truth is finally discovered.

The book is set mostly in downtown Savannah, but there are some really good parts involving Tybee. Mike has inherited his grandmother's house on the north end of Tybee so he spends a lot of time on the island. He takes us all over the island and also has a secret informant helping him out who will only meet him at Doc's Bar. I really loved the characters of the book, both the good and bad ones, and there is a touching May/September romance that will melt your heart. This book gets 5 roses because I can't really say anything bad about it!

Unfortunately, Larry Peterson recently passed away due to an illness, but thankfully, his words will go on. You don't want to miss this heart pounding murder mystery/political thriller. We have a copy at the Wind Rose and information on how to buy one. It will make a great present!

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



MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge



Magic Mike XXL

I was excited to finally see this movie, mainly because it was partially filmed here on Tybee, even though during the filming of it the security guard would not even let me park in my own parking spot! I had to see it. So I grabbed some girlfriends, headed to the movies, bought my Twizzlers, and settled in my seat...

I have to say this was the most ridiculous movie I have seen since...well I don't recall. Twenty minutes in I wanted to walk out. Then, twenty one minutes later, I ate my Twizzlers and stayed. Starring Channing Tatum, Joe Manganiello, Matt Bomer and some other guy that wore a fanny pack, this movie did have its moments.

Stripper reunion for a last blast: There is a spectacular moment with Joe in the convenience store and the last scene at the convention is really very entertaining. I will also give them kudos for witty repartee and Gabriel Iglesias is excellent as a...well, I don't know what he was. He drove the roach coach. He was funny.

I was excited about seeing Michael Strahan (as I am a huge fan!), but my mouth fell open in horror. Jada Pinkett Smith also stars and she was in her element as an MC for strippers and her hotel of strippers (it's weird). Andie McDowell was also thrown in and I can't even describe that.

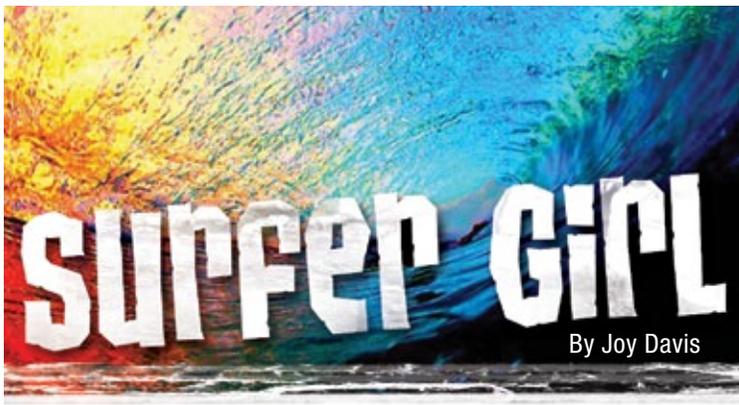
Tybee looked good though.

I give this movie 1 bottle of Patron (because it was partially filmed on Tybee), 1 bottle of Cuervo (because there are a few moments that are truly Imfao), and 3 bottles of Montezuma (because it really was dumb and I will never be able to look at Michael Strahan the same again). I am also going to throw in an extra bottle of Don Julio Reposado (because those boys looked really really good!).

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Galeophobia: Fear of Sharks

“There are absolutely no sharks in Tybee water, they just don’t come around this way,” is a classic response compensating for the frequent and challenging question that locals face every day. Are there sharks in the water? Fortunately this is just a vulnerability test.

In truth, we have a great environment for these popular animals. Off of Georgia’s coast there are 14 inshore species of shark and around 32 off shore and many of these species utilize the safety of the marsh as a comfortable nursing ground. If you frequent the pier or the rivers around the island, you may know the abundance of these ancient fish in the water.

This may be cause for some concern and perhaps wild backflashes of a gnawing, thrashing shark week. But before we get worked up about the amount of sharks in the water and their less than welcoming reputation, let us get to know them a little more.

Galeophobia Cure #1: Replace fear with knowledge. Before I came to know the water, I was very timid about it. The more I get to learn about its elements and its residents, the more fascinated and more comfortable I feel towards all of it.

Sharks have been dominating the seas for millions of years, well before Dino’s roamed the earth. Their adaptations have been versatile and kneaded to perfection. Rather than being mindless killers, they have proven themselves to be very sensitive and strategic hunters.

The best part is that people are not even on their menu, why would we be? Humans were not even a thought in the food web since these majestic machines have been dominating the oceans. The reasons for most unprovoked shark attacks are space invasion due to our overpopulation and their natural curiosity of us as foreign obstacles in their world.

Many surfers that are sensitive to the water attain a *Shark Radar*. They get a “sharky” feeling and become more attuned to their environment, and instead of going into blind shark convulsions they stay focused on the waves, understanding that their chances

of a shark encounter are so desperately slim. The odds of a shark attack are 1 in 11.5 million according to University of Florida’s International Shark Attack File.

Galeophobia Cure #2: Have valid resources. The more one understands these animal’s true behavior and not the biased entertaining dialogues such as *Jaws*, *Sharknado*, and Discovery Channel, the more one can start turning that fear into ultimate admiration for these creatures that have been misrepresented.

Now, let’s not sugar coat it, they are an apex predator and can definitely do some damage, sometimes terribly traumatic. However, it’s not as often as we are led to believe. A person is more likely to be killed by a vending machine, a commodity full of snacks, than to become a shark’s snack themselves.

Humans aren’t especially harmless either, fishing out over 100,000,000 sharks a year. Talk about mindless predation. This action is detrimental to the ecosystem if we consider the importance of a shark’s role as a genetic weeder, picking off the weak and the weary and conducting population control, bringing



me to my last point in my pro shark rant.

Galeophobia Cure #3: Make smart choices. If this testament has not doused the inset fear of sharks, then here are some extra precautions one can take. Steer clear of the bait-ridden pier and the abundant river mouths. Dawn and dusk are wonderful times of light contrast and popular times for feeding (less contrast the better). Water ridden with sewage brings on more bait fish resulting in larger predators. Swim with a buddy, and don’t head out too far. Once you complete step one and two, step three should come easier.

Cheers to the cure! Happy sharking, see ya in the water!

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By Alaina Loughridge

Server/Bartender Extraordinaire

North Beach Grill is where you are going to find our man: **Travis Isreal**, the man with many hats. Server, Bartender, and Host with the Most, you will notice him right away with his huge smile and welcoming, friendly personality. You just want to give him a hug (and he is a good hugger) and do and order whatever he says because you trust him and he will not steer you wrong.



Photo by Wen McNally

Travis was born in Warner Robbins, but raised on Tybee. Yippee!!!

(He knows stuff you want to know and he will tell you all.) When Travis was 20, he joined the Coast Guard and moved to California. After seven years of service, he moved back to Georgia to help his parents. However, Tybee beckoned and one cannot ignore the call of Tybee. It is overwhelming.

He started at a local restaurant where he worked for three years. Then the future crooked her finger and North Beach Grill became home. Three and a half years later, Travis could not be happier: Good work, good home, good life. A happy guy with simple dreams and a perfect life.

I asked Travis the 3 most important questions of life:

How long have you lived on Tybee: Mentally forever and physically for most of Life

What is your passion: Family and friends

What do you want to be when you grow up: A Beach Bum!

Travis' go to cocktail is the Cruzan Confusion. With eight (8!!!) different rums infused into cocktail fabulousness, this drink will make you the most amazing person on the planet. Ever. There is not a mountain you cannot climb, a tall building you cannot leap, and a train you cannot stop. Invincible! (Don't do any of that please. You will want to, but just have another and listen to the band.)

Go see Travis at North Beach Grill! That smile and genuine "I care about you attitude" is just what you want to see no matter who you are. Travis will take care of you and you will moonwalk out of the North Beach Grill with a big grin on your happy face!

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Main Street Musings

August on Tybee means cramming in those last-of-summer activities and beach trips before school resumes. For Chatham County, that means Thursday, August 6. But fear not—there are still plenty of fun activities to enjoy on August weekends before school, sports, and other commitments take over!

On Saturday, August 15 after sunset (approx. 8:40pm), summertime **Movies in the Park** finish out the season with a showing of Disney's *Earth to Echo*, rated PG. This Teen Choice Award-Nominated movie follows four friends on an adventure to help an alien after they receive a bizarre series of text messages. Bring your blanket and chairs and enjoy one last night of watching movie stars under the Tybee stars, compliments of the City of Tybee with assistance from the Tybee YMCA! Plus, a huge thanks to all of the generous Tybee businesses that made contributions to make it possible to have top-notch A/V services which vastly improved this year's showings: Doc's Bar on Tybee, Mermaid Cottages, Tybee Time Bar & Grill, and Tybee Vacation Rentals.

Speaking of Main Street, Director and Promotions Chair Brenda Marion recently had the opportunity to attend a Downtown Development Authority Advanced Training session during the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) conference held at Savannah's International Trade Center on Hutchison Island. The conference focus this year was on the role of arts-based economic development strategies in Georgia. With her at the training session were City Manager Diane Schleicher and Councilman and Board Director Bill Garbett. Board Director Steve Kellam also attended the DDA break-out training session. "What I really took away from it," says Marion "is how effective we, as a Dev'l Authority / Main Street Board, can be in shaping what types of businesses we want to attract to Tybee, while also having a number of tools to help existing businesses that represent and serve our town. The various tools we have at our disposal range from acting as the flow-through organization for managing federal, state, and local partnerships, programs, incentives, loans, tax credits, etc., to offsetting expenses related to historic preservation and more."

Preservation efforts on Tybee, which is at the base of the Program's

foundation and the heart of the community, continue to be supported and encouraged. The Historic Preservation Economic Impact Study, *Beyond Tourism*, which the City of Tybee Island & Historical Society helped underwrite, shows that preservation efforts truly do have a positive impact for the businesses, citizens, and visitors to our island. To read more about the tremendous benefits of preserving our coastal community, please visit the Historic Preservation Commission's webpage on the City's website.



For more information about the Tybee Island Development Authority / Main Street Program, upcoming city approved special events, "Door-to-Door News", Business / Community Matters, and Historic Preservation Spotlights, sign up for the monthly Main Street E-News by visiting www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com. The Tybee Island Main Street FB page is updated on a regular basis as well. We invite you to like it.

Here's to you and keeping Tybee, Tybee!

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LESSONS FOR LIVING ON AN ISLAND

By Margie McLellan

Have you ever noticed the difference between people who live in a fast-paced environment versus people who live on an island? I have. That's one of the things I love about living here. Living on Tybee Island is small town living at its best. With only three red lights and a population of around 3500 year round residents, you are eventually going to run into most locals at some point, whether it's at the beach, restaurant/bar, post office, store, church or social function. And we all have one common thread- we love island life.

There is something special about living on a small piece of land that is surrounded by water. It is a feeling of being disconnected from the rest of the world. It brings a sort of calm and solitude from what's going on elsewhere. Living here has brought me a peace that I haven't found anywhere else. All I have to do is walk down to the ocean and look out over that vast body of water and I know that I have found my home.

Many lessons can be learned by living on an island:

1. Slow Down. It's so easy for people to forget to do this. Yes, we all have responsibilities, places to be, a family to take care of, jobs to do. But island living gives us a chance to slow down and enjoy all of the little things in life. Most people who live on an island either ride their bikes or walk everywhere. And by doing this we see so much more. We don't wear

watches here because there is no need. We live on 'Tybee Time.'

2. Learn to Reconnect with Nature. There is so much beauty that surrounds us here. That beautiful Atlantic Ocean, dolphins swimming, birds flying overhead, sea oats blowing in the sand dunes, a sunrise or sunset. It's hard not to notice Nature when you live on an island.

3. Care for One Another. People who live on an island seem to take care of each other. You will never find a tighter group of people than here. And these people really care! Whether its sickness, financial difficulties, or family problems, we all come together to help each other out.

4. Live Simply. People who live on an island find joy in simplicity. We focus on what we have rather than thinking about what we don't have. Most of us live in small houses and drive old cars. We don't feel the need to go shopping very often (that would mean leaving the island!) or to have lots of 'things.' Just taking a walk on the beach, spending time with our family or meeting up with our friends is really all we need. And that's enough for us.

5. Enjoy Life! Island living brings joy to every single day. I wake up every morning and thank God for all the blessings I've been given. And I've learned that gratitude for what you have multiplies your own happiness and well-being and that your happiness can spread to others.

So smile, be happy...and spread it on!



American Legion

By Chuck Bolen - Commander American Legion Post 154

Here it is August already!!

American Legion Post Squadron 154 is one of 84 in the state of Georgia. At the end of each year all Squadrons have reports and projects on which they are judged. I am happy to report that your local Squadron 154 took two first place awards, one second place and one third place award. As commander, I was proud to receive an award from the American Legion, State of Georgia, for the most active Sons of the American Legion. This award is the highest given to an SAL squadron. I was proud to present this award to Commander Doug Grunwald at our July meeting. This Squadron has only been active for 9 years. So rising from last to first place in such a short

time is quite an accomplishment. Our squadron also competed against much larger squadrons from north Georgia. Please let the SAL members know how proud of them you are for a job well done!!

Our American Legion Post 154 won several other awards, one of which is recognition by the National American Legion. It is an honor to receive this award on the National level. The State also recognized and honored our Post for involvement with *Tybee Salutes Heroes!*

This month the dinner line up is being changed. The Italian dinner has been removed for the time being. "Home cooking" will replace the Italian night. Each month the "home cooking" dinner will be different, so come by and check the dinner out. We think you will be very pleasantly surprised.

We have dinners each Thursday evening. The first Thursday of each month is the chicken dinner; the second Thursday is the "home cooking" dinner; third is the fish dinner; fourth is Low Country Boil. Time is 5:30-7:30pm.

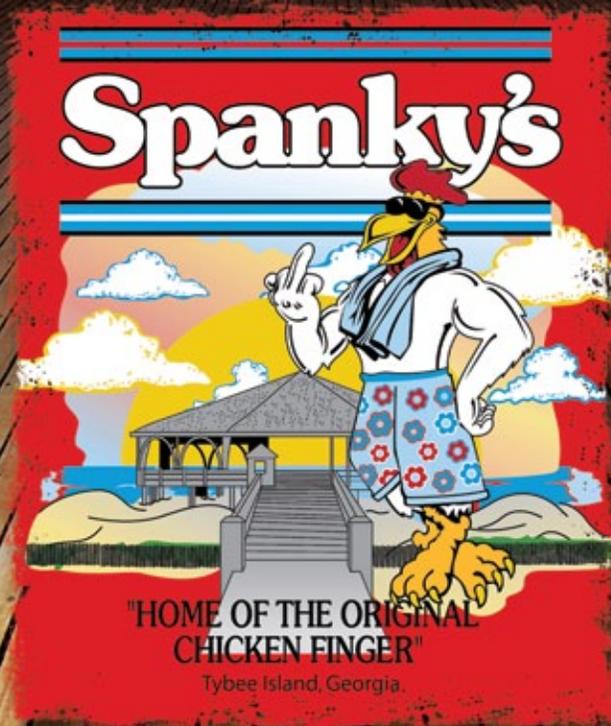
The American Legion meetings are every 2nd Monday of the month. The Ladies Auxiliary meets at the same time. The SAL meets the third Monday of the month.

We would love to have you join. Remember, once you are in the military, you are a veteran...no matter what your age!! We need your presence, time and talent! You are always welcome!

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Facebook Faux Pas

I'm one of the few, the proud, who will happily admit to loving Facebook. I've lived all over the country and met all kinds of people throughout my life that I would have lost complete contact with if it weren't for Facebook. And people are the best...when they're only a profile pic and some words on the screen. But love it or hate it, there are some things about Facebook that need to stop:

1. Your food. I do not care what you ate. Honestly. I don't care. I don't care if you made it yourself, I don't care if a celebrity chef made it for you. You do not have to photograph your food and show it to me. I'm good. I have my own food. Now, in the spirit of transparency, I will admit that I've done this before. But I had uber good reasons: 1.) I just had the best pizza ever created. 2.) It was pizza. 3.) I followed up the photo with two hashtags *#GodIJustPhotographedMyLunch* *#HelpMe* 4.) Pizza.

2. Pictures of your child in the hospital. This one annoys me, but it also worries me. So, what these people are thinking is: *Okay sick*

child, while you're grimacing in pain, I'm going to take a photo real quick and post it to Facebook. Repeat after me: "I am not the paparazzi, I am a parent."

3. Negative Pain People. I get it. Life is hard. Yeah. We all have bad days. Do you know who you don't tell when you're having a bad day? The whole entire freaking world. Save the bad day stuff for close family and friends.

4. Like/share this if you Love God. Like/Share if you think our troops are super cool. Like/share if you think the firefighters who die for you are good people. There are lots of things I like, lots...like pizza...I don't appreciate being guilted into liking and sharing things. I have enough guilt in my life, thank you very much. I don't need yours.

5. You got an A on your paper. You got a 94 on your test. You didn't study and got a C. You thought you were going to fail, but you didn't. Oh My God! Only tell me if you graduate. Please!

6. Vague updates. Like: *Worst day ever!* or *Why does this always happen to me?* or *Some people need to be hit upside the head with a plank of wood.* Okay, something intense happened. If it's interesting enough for you to log on Facebook and post about it, go ahead and tell us what the something is. Why would you not? Just... why?

7. Airing your dirty laundry... that's actually alright with me. I like a little drama in my news feed. I grab the popcorn and the 3-D glasses and settle in and see what a shambles you have made of your life. Free entertainment. Keep it up with airing your dirty laundry. So, heed my warning...**don't make me defriend you!**

FOOD SPY

By Mike Manitta



Photo by Wen McNally

One of the first jobs I had when I moved back to the area fifteen years ago was at **Bubba Gumbos** on Lazaretto Creek. I have to admit that it is one of my favorite spots on earth. I spent several years at that spot and can say that I have never seen a storm or a sunset or experienced a dolphin show quite like that little edge of the earth. I was very excited to see that they were reopening and had to make my way down there (all the way from the south end of Tybee) to check it out. It was like going home. The positive vibes are still there along with some familiar faces and some killer cuisine.

I grabbed a whole crew of people and we sat out on the deck enjoying the scenery and some crazy fresh seafood. The staples were all there on the menu: Fried Shrimp, Conch Fritters, Hush Puppies and honey butter (I could make a meal out of those alone), Seafood Gumbo in a sourdough bread bowl and how about a burger with shrimp, avocado and bacon with a cream sauce. What? Pump the brakes. Then we got into the Specials, which are whatever the captains are bringing in off the boats. Flounder, Amberjack, Wahoo, Sole, Black Tip Shark and Clams were all available. I wanted some of each but settled on the Crab Stuffed Sole, Conch Fritters and Seafood Gumbo.



Photo by Wen McNally

fact that they were served with a basic homemade tartar. I think some places get a little carried away trying to over fancy their food

The **Conch Fritters** arrived first, crispy on the outside and super moist and tasty on the inside. Served with tartar, they were the perfect starter. I actually appreciated the

with chipotle and remoulade. As far as I'm concerned, if I'm eating seafood I want tartar and cocktail, call me old fashioned.

Next came the **Seafood Gumbo**, super impressive to look at and equally as tasty. I will be honest, I ordered it because I know it's one of their



Photo by Wen McNally

signatures, but I've never been a huge Gumbo fan. As I've said before, I'm not into real spicy foods and usually Gumbo is a bit on the spicy side for me, but I have to say I was pleasantly surprised. It had a little kick, but not too overbearing at all. Packed full with peppers, onions, tomatoes, Shrimp, Flounder, Amberjack, okra, smoked sausage and celery served up in that sourdough bread bowl. So delicious and filling, I would totally have it again and can



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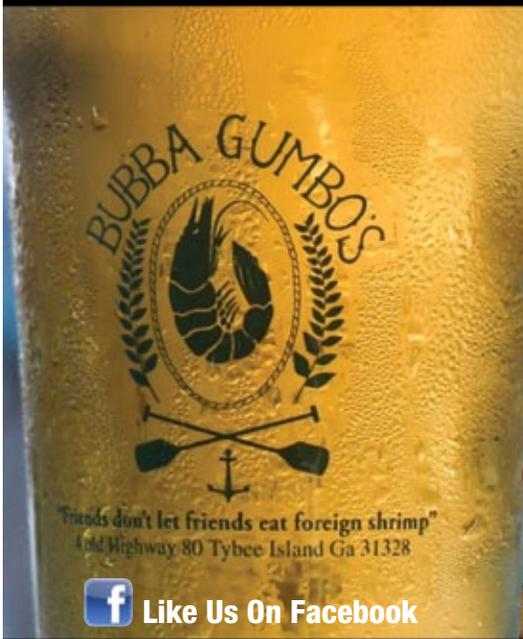
Next came the **Crab Stuffed Sole** served with two sides. I went for veggies, with corn and asparagus. The fish was broiled to perfection, with a tasty blue crab stuffing. Moist and flakey, not over done at all. The corn was even delicious as well as the asparagus, sauteed perfectly, with just the right amount of garlic. Yum.

I can't tell you how excited I am that I have another great suggestion for locals and tourists seeking out fresh seafood. Especially in such a great spot that's as unique as Tybee itself. The staff was super friendly and accommodating. Our server Amy could not have been any sweeter and hats off to Caitlin and Patrick, you guys are doing a great job and it's so great to be able to come down and hang out on the docks again.

Bubba Gumbos is located at 4 Old Highway 80, right on Lazaretto Creek. Happy Hour is from 4-6 daily. They offer some of the freshest seafood available on Tybee as well as some of the most eclectic local characters to boot. Pull up a stool, have a drink and some grub and enjoy the scenery, and remember "*friends don't let friends eat foreign shrimp.*"

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Ingredients:

- 5 lb. Georgia Shrimp
- 2 quarts apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup salt
- 3 tablespoons dried mustard
- Hand full of celery seed



Combine vinegar and spices and bring to a boil. This is to be done in the house ONLY if you want all of your company to move the party outside :)

Place shrimp in boiling vinegar and cook till shrimp is done, normally till pink in color. Serves 3 hungry men or 3 couples with dainty women who don't like to eat in front of people.



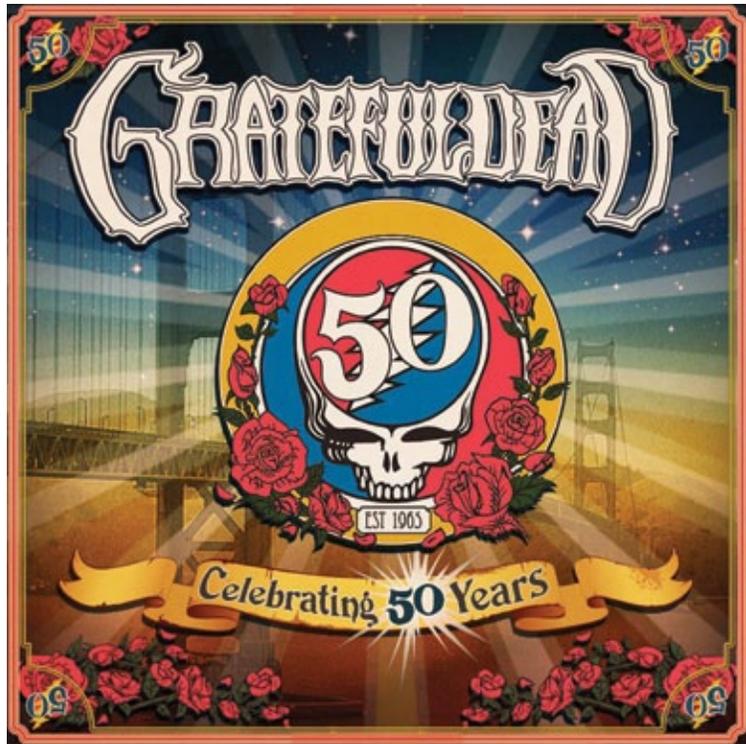
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The Grateful Dead Turn 50

By Mike Manitta



Chances are back in 1965 when The *Grateful Dead* was formed, they probably wouldn't have believed they would still be around in fifty years. But here we are fifty years later and even though the type of music and the lengthy jams and drum solos might not be everyone's niche, you have to admit that there is something to be said for the continued interest and dedication by their fans.

Growing up in Syracuse, NY had its pros and cons. Long winters were not my bag, but mild summers were definitely a Pro. Growing up in a college town, we had a "Dead" cover band that was together as long as the Dead were. They played several times a week and I saw them hundreds of times, way more than I ever could have seen the Dead. It was nothing for us to grab our brothers' ID and get into the college bars while we were still in high school. We all remember getting away with that when we were under age; of course I don't condone it, but you have to admit it was much more fun getting away with something.

So we would go to "Dead Night" a couple times a week because it was the thing to do. I liked the music but I can't say I was a huge fan. The same was true when I attended my first Grateful Dead concert in Buffalo, NY at Rich Stadium. The Steve Miller Band opened for them and Brent Mydland was still with the Dead. I didn't know a lot of the songs, I knew Steve Miller more than the Dead.

But I still went and I had a blast. What really made an impression on me was the people, the *Dead Heads*. I remember the people parked next to us, making sure we were okay to drive afterward. They were much older than us, but genuinely concerned; I think I was 17 or 18. They were just looking out for us, which really impressed me. The vibe was awesome and everyone was so friendly and happy, for all sorts of reasons I'm sure.

You know how sometimes you sing along with a song, you know all the words but you don't necessarily hear what they are saying in the lyric. You can't make someone HEAR a song. You can't force someone to be a fan, and that's okay. All you CAN do is expose someone to something they don't know, like a band. How do you know if no one ever shows you, right? Shortly after my first Grateful Dead show experience, I found myself back at "Dead Night" listening during the first set. It was "*Brown Eyed Women*" and for some reason I was really HEARING them that night. The song is by no means, in my opinion, one of their most profound, but it is catchy and I had heard it many, many times, but for some reason it really stuck with me. What it really made me do was really listen to more songs and more songs and before you knew it I WAS a fan. It's all



about a connection, you can't make someone "get it."

When talking about the Grateful Dead, you can, of course, find fans and non-fans. The non-fans are usually way more vocal, cracking jokes, etc. That's okay too. It doesn't have to be everyone's cup of tea. Most true fans seem to prefer it that way, in my experience anyhow. I'm not here to talk so much about the facts of every incarnation of the Grateful Dead (The Warlock's, Mother McCree's Uptown Jug Champions, Further, etc)... or the fact that they may or may not be the pioneers of the jam band genre. I'm not trying to change anyone's opinion but I think what you cannot deny is that they have had a connection with their fans like no one

There's a Smooth Blonde on the Island



else before them. When Jerry Garcia passed, right as the band was reaching its thirty year mark, the reaction was global.

Many fans turned it into a way of life, Dead Heads touring along with the band, selling their wares. It turned into a family and I can't say as I have seen that effect with any other band. I'm sure this seems extreme to some but it was still all about the music, and for whatever reason it doesn't seem to get dated. You also cannot deny that they seem to inspire and connect with a new fan base with every generation over the last fifty years.

The four surviving members did some reunion shows around the 4th of July to celebrate their fifty year mark. Bob Weir, Phil Lesh, Mickey Hart and Bill Kreutzmann were joined by Bruce Hornsby, Trey Anastasio and Jeff Chimenti to treat the fans to one more go around. Tickets were hard to come by, but thanks to technology all of the shows were available for streaming. The shows were well received and definitely performed for the fans. I didn't see it as marking some sort of ending. I saw it as a celebration. It's more like a feeling that will never end. All of the surviving members still tour, with their own bands and sometime with one another. Then there are the tribute bands, countless, touring all over the country. So to me, the celebration is constant, and a true testament to the effect they have had on their fans. Of course it's not ever going to be the original line-up again, unfortunately we are all mortal and nothing can last forever. I think it's hard to deal with change in our lives, maybe because we are trying to deny our own aging and mortality.

But I can't imagine a day when there won't be a cover band touring and I'm sure Bobby and Phil will be kicking it until their last breath, that's all they know how to do.

In the meantime, all we can do is keep celebrating. Keep that feeling alive. *"Keep on truckin,"* be glad for what we were able to experience and share your tales. Music has always brought people together with a common thread; you go to a show and you already have something in common with the person next to you. I appreciate it and say *"Thank You...For a real good time."*



From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

Temperamental Sunshine of the Cluttered Mind

This month holds a very important milestone as it marks the anniversary of the month that I 'washed ashore' on Tybee. The immediate proceedings are now water under the Lazaretto Bridge, but to say that I was unaware of what I was 'signing up for' is an understatement. With the benefit of hindsight, I don't recall making the conscientious decision to stay here this long, but rather hung around to see what happened next- and Tybee never disappointed! After living in other seaside towns such as Charleston, SC and Oahu, HI, I had to adjust to the notion that making a living at the beach is not all about surfing and keeping a tan. While I can still do neither, my time on Tybee has provided an appreciation for balance and perspective, nonetheless.

On Tybee, as in life, those who can quickly adjust their perspective to mutually understand the difference between 'hosting the party' as opposed to attending them are already assured to receive their next invitation. Understandably, this is also a key indicator in the prediction of how long one will work/live on Tybee. This can often become confusing due to the aspects of our daily lives, which is why balance is so important. Otherwise, this place is 'Survivor' without a vote, without an appreciation for perspective and the ability to balance the aspects of island life.

Since I'm being a social critic, the recent witnessing of a literary trend to describe Tybee, and her citizenry, as an 'effervescent' people is neither factual, nor complimentary. It may even be perceived by some to be nuance to explain something in which they have no conceptual understanding. Every time I hear this descriptive term used as a form of endearment, the person using the term, their publication, the folks who hired them – their parents, children, and any remaining loved ones - immediately lose all credibility. We are not Alka-Seltzers, and we do not dissolve in water. It surrounds us and we're not threatened by this (this is why it's so hard to get us to leave during a hurricane). My immediate thought when I hear this term used in this manner is that the writer was writing this sitting in their bathroom and looked within their medicine cabinet to find their next thought. Maybe I need a change of perspective, but I can't understand what this is supposed to mean? Perhaps I need an Alka-Seltzer, or I could start writing this from my tub?

This ranks right up there with the common misconception among folks that live in other locations that out-of-towners often feel qualified and/or compelled to tell us. This inevitably includes how 'lucky' we are, and ultimately how we should feel this way because we are 'living in paradise.' Certainly, there is a strong correlation between the proximity to saltwater, and the happiness factor that we all associate with our lives, and how we live them. Yet, every seaside community

deals with higher costs of living, low wages, and every dime store economist and her sociologist sidekick tells us that this is prevalent due to more and more people seeking to relocate to locations such as Tybee every day. Others may argue that this phenomenon is a byproduct of capitalism, the culmination of a conflict theory centered upon greed, the 1%, Big Brother, and/or their collective preying upon the human condition. Meanwhile, for those of us living on the island the tide rolls in and back out, sometimes the fish bite, and sometimes it rains... Perspective, y'all!

Ironically, it took me travelling to the other side of the world and back to appreciate perspective and balance. Yet, Tybee has made it an art form. Too bad I didn't learn to surf when learning the difference between a change of perspective- and a change of scenery. I'm just glad it wasn't Nebraska...

Maybe it's time I took a vacation?

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- 8/7, 8/8 **My Morning Jacket** - Fox Theatre - Atlanta
- 8/7 **Lady Antebellum/ Sam Hunt/ Hunter Hayes** - PNC Pavilion - Charlotte, NC
- 8/8 **Hootie and the Blowfish** - Family Circle Stadium - Charleston, SC
- 8/9 **Steely Dan/ Elvis Costello** - Chastain Park Amphitheatre - Atlanta
- 8/12 **Culture Club** - Fox Theatre - Atlanta
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- 8/14 **Phish - Walnut Creek Amphitheatre** - Raleigh, NC
- 8/15 **Peter Frampton/Cheap Trick** - Frederick Brown Jr. Amphitheatre - Peachtree City, GA
- 8/20 **Tim McGraw/ Billy Currington** - Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena - Jacksonville, FL
- 8/20 **Umphey's McGee** - The Fillmore - Charlotte, NC
- 8/21 **Alabama Shakes** - Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre - Alpharetta, GA
- 8/21 - 8/23 **Phish's Magnaball** - Watkins Glen International, Watkins Glen, NY
- 8/22 **O.A.R.** - Family Circle Magazine Stadium - Daniel Island
- 8/27, 8/28 **Corey Smith** - Georgia Theatre - Athens, GA
- 8/28 **Motley Crue/Alice Cooper** - PNC Arena - Raleigh, NC
- 8/29 **Loverboy/ Rick Springfield** - Chastain Park Amphitheater - Atlanta, GA
- 8/30 **Motley Crue** - Phillips Arena - Atlanta
- 9/2 **Madonna** - Phillips Arena - Atlanta
- 9/5, 9/6 **Widespread Panic** - Ascend Amphitheater - Nashville - TN
- 9/10 - 9/13 **Lockn' Music Festival** - Arrington, VA
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- 8-1 **Savannah Live!** 8-10 pm Live Variety Show at the Savannah Theatre, 222 Bull St. Savannah. This show will be multiple dates in August. Call 912-233-7764 for more info.
- 8-2-8-16 **Savannah VOICE Festival** Classical singing of opera, musical theatre and song at Westin Savannah Harbor Ballroom, 1 Resort Drive, Savannah. Go online to www.savannahvoicefestival.org for more info.
- 8-7 **Disney Live! Three Classic Fairy Tales** 7-8:30pm at Johnny Mercer Theatre, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah. Presented by Stonyfield YoKids Organic Yogurt. Join the fun with our favorite Disney characters as they perform, Cinderella, Beauty & the Beast, and Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs. Call 912-651-6550 for more info.
- 8-7 & 8-8 **Dog Days of Summer** 4-10pm on 8-7 (with free sign up 10-11am) and 10am-10pm on 8-8 at Rousaki's Riverfront Plaza, 115 E. River St., Savannah. Join in on the many events with your doggy(s) and don't forget the leashes. Call the Savannah Waterfront Association at 912-234-0295 for more info.
- 8-7 **First Friday Fireworks** 9:30 start time for Fireworks on First Friday. Event is along River St., Savannah.
- 8-7 **Starland's District First Friday Art March** 6-9pm starting at any of the participating locations of the First Friday Art March. Go online to www.artmarchsavannah.com for more info.
- 8-8 **Free Family Day: I Love the 90s** 1-4pm at Jepson Center. "Come as you are" to the museum for a 90's dance party and more. 207 W. York St., Savannah.
- 8-22 **7th Annual YFace Healthy Kids, Walk and Health and Wellness Fair** 9am-1 pm at the Bandshell in Forsyth Park, Savannah. Free admission to the Fair. Entertainment, healthy snacks, and family fun. Call 912-257-0127 for more info.



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WHAT TO DO FOR KIDS AND YOU!

By Elizabeth Jones

Featured Activity for AUGUST!

Summer is almost over and it's the hottest month of the year. It's time to pack in every ounce of summer fun before we go back to school. I've thought up some things that can keep us cool while achieving that fun, but of course we still have to get in as much sand and sun while we can!

FEATURED ACTIVITY FOR AUGUST:

Savannah Telfair Museum and Jepson Center

The Savannah Telfair Museum is definitely on the top of my list of things to do with the kiddos this month.

Adults: \$12, Children under 5: Free

Students (K-College): \$5

Military: Active, reserve, veterans, and accompanying family members free through November 10, 2015, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Fifth Third Bank (Georgia).

Stroller Tours (Explore the 90's)

August 20, 9:30-10:15 (3rd Thursday of every month)

Artwork for infants 2-18 months and their parents, touchable toys and complimentary coffee and tea

Included with museum admission, free to members

Telfair Tots (Explore the 90's)

August 20, 10:30-11:30 (3rd Thursday of every month)

Ages 2½ -5 and their parents will enjoy a special tour, story time, and an art activity for \$5 per child and regular admission price for adults

Register for Telfair Tots and Stroller Tours at

<http://www.telfair.org/learn/family-programs/>

WCWM (What Can We Make)

Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 1-4pm

Jepson Center

Price included in admission, Kids and their parents will develop critical thinking skills using their imagination

Free Family Day! (I Love the 90's)

August 8th, 1-4pm

Jepson Center

Enjoy a 90's Dance Party, make your own temporary tattoos, and take the one minute sculpture photo challenge.

Summer Events

THINGS TO DO IN AUGUST!

Movies in the Park (Earth to Echo)

August 15, 8:30pm

Come enjoy a family friendly movie at Memorial Park. This activity is one for the whole family to enjoy, especially after a long day at the beach. The movie will be projected on the side of the Tybee Gym and will begin as soon as it's dark enough. Come early to get a good seat.

This event is provided by City of Tybee Island's Development Authority and the Main Street Program and Partners.

Savannah Children's Museum

Closed Sunday, Mon- Sat 9am-2pm

Ages 18 months+: \$7.50 per person

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Stroller Tours and WCWM at the Telfair Museum



On Going Happenings

AJ's Dockside - Happy Hour 4-7pm. Live music. Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm. 1315 Chatham Ave.

American Legion Post 154 - Canteen open 5pm Monday-Saturday, Bar Games Tuesday and Thursday 6-9pm, Line Dancing Wednesday 7pm, Thursday dinners 5:30-7:30pm, Bingo and Karaoke Friday 8-10pm, *Ron Denning* on August 29. 10 Veterans Dr.

Benny's Tavern - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 10am-7pm. Live music Monday thru Wednesday 7-10pm, Open Pool Tuesday 7pm, Pool Tournament Wednesday 8pm, Karaoke Thursday thru Sunday 9pm. Kitchen open daily from 4pm until? 1517 Butler Ave.

Bernie's Oyster House - Happy Hour Monday thru Thursday 4-7pm. Live music Friday & Saturday. 13 Tybrisa St.

Bubba Gumbo's - Happy Hour 4-6pm daily, \$1.50 off beer. 3 Old Hwy 80.

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

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

Marlin Monroe's - Live music on Weekends. Bloody Mary Bar every Sunday at 12:30pm. 404 Butler Ave.

Nickie's 1971 Bar and Grill - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 11am-7pm. 9 Ball Pool Tournament Sunday 7pm, Texas Hold Em Tournament Monday and Tuesday 8pm, 8 Ball Pool Tournament Thursday 7pm, Hell Yeah Trivia Thursday 8pm, Karaoke Friday 9pm, Live Band Saturdays 9pm. August 1st *After Hours Band*, Sunday Aug 2nd *Roy & the Circuit Breakers*, Sat 8th *South Paw Band*, Sat 15th *GA Fire Band*, Sat Aug 22 *Downtown Sheiks*, Sat 29th *Mainstreet Band*. 1513 Butler Ave.

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Behind the Tape...

By Officer Marella Eaton



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Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in August By Mom

8-2 Mexican Fiesta The North Beach Bar & Grill is hosting this fundraiser for building a Skate Park at Lake Mayer from 2-6pm. Food, Games, Drink Specials, Silent Auction and More! \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Come support a great cause! 33 Meddin Dr., Tybee Island.

8-7 & 8-21 Sunset Tours After hours tours of the Lighthouse at 30 Meddin Dr., Tybee Island. Call 912-786-5801 for reservations.

8-8 Jimmy Wolling Band 7pm at the North End Tybee Beach, 3rd Walkway. 32 Meddin Dr., Tybee Island.

8-8 Save the Planet Party 3-9pm at Huc A Poo's. Fundraiser for local businesses to make the switch from plastic bags to paper and reusable bags. Live music provided by Flying Bacon Cheeseburgers, American Hologram, The Charlie Fog Band, and Kota Mundi. Games, crafts and more. 1213 Hwy, 80, Tybee Island.

8-13 Red Cross Community Blood Drive 2-7 pm at the Old School Cafeteria by the YMCA on Tybee Island. Visit www.redcrossblood.org for more info or call 912-356-5707 or 912-234-5325. You will need to schedule appointment.

8-15 Movies in the Park 8:30-10:30pm at Memorial Park every 3rd Saturday. Family friendly movies sponsored by the City of Tybee Island's Development Authority and Main St. program. This month's movie is *Earth to Echo*.

8-22 Yoga on the Pier 9-10 am at the Tybee Island Pier and Pavilion. Call Fleet Feet at 912-355-3527 for more info.

8-25 Fort Pulaski 9am to 5pm is Free Entrance Day at Ft. Pulaski. Hwy 80 between Savannah and Tybee Island.

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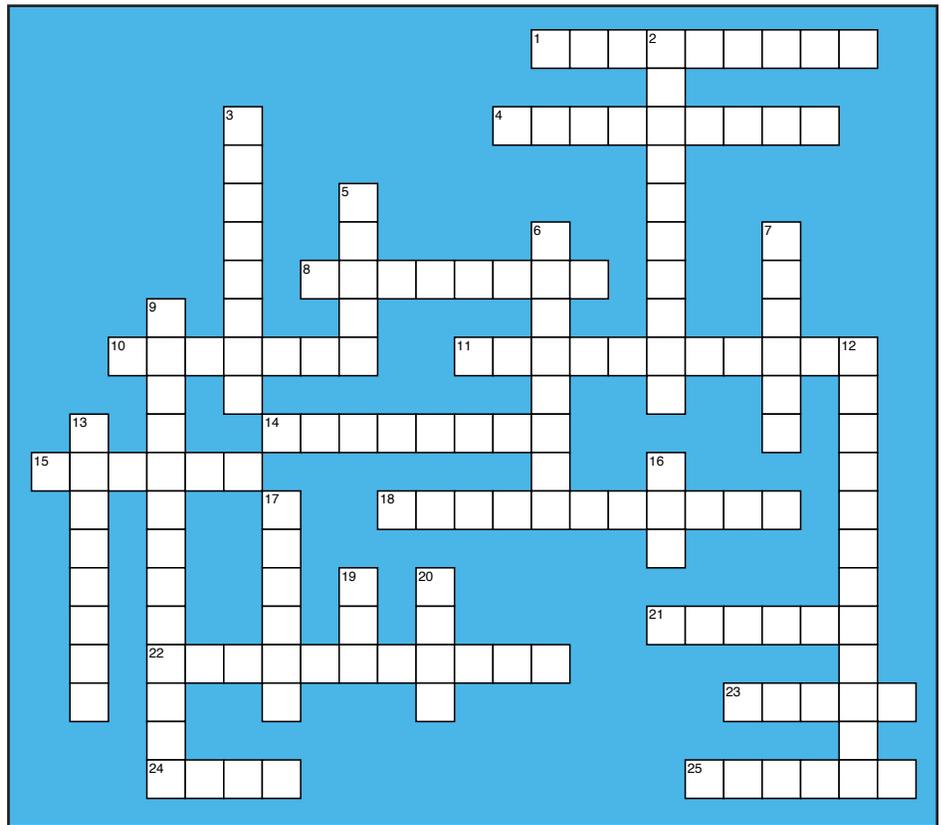
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- 4 Nick's favorite fish this time of year
- 8 Patrick is looking forward to this
- 10 Friends don't let friends eat this kind of shrimp
- 11 New dinner at the Legion (2 wds.)
- 14 Carlos lives here (2 wds.)
- 15 Person who carries everything to the beach
- 18 Fear of sharks
- 21 Starts back this month
- 22 Woody's time on Tybee has provided this
- 23 H2O
- 24 Earth to _____
- 25 Legion won several

DOWN

- 2 Newspaper in Book Review (2 wds.)
- 3 Telfair tour
- 5 You see this when you stick your head in Tybee's water
- 6 Joey's lucky shirt
- 7 Main ingredient in Foodie Finds
- 9 Last Days of The _____ (2 wds.)
- 12 They turn 50 (2 wds.)
- 13 Monthly Rant
- 16 ___ Days of Summer
- 17 8th month
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Home of the "Pop Rock Jello Shots" • Daily Specials • 4 Indoor HD TV's • Outdoor Patio, with 65" HD TV

AUGUST LIVE MUSIC!

1 - A Nickel Bag Of Funk at 10pm

6 - Marshpuppy at 6pm

7 - DJ Master Toby 10pm

8 - Annie Allman & Michael Moody at 6pm

20 - Marshpuppy at 6pm

21 - DJ TreStyle at 10pm

22 - Danni Cassette at 10pm

27 - Annie Allman & Michael Moody at 6pm

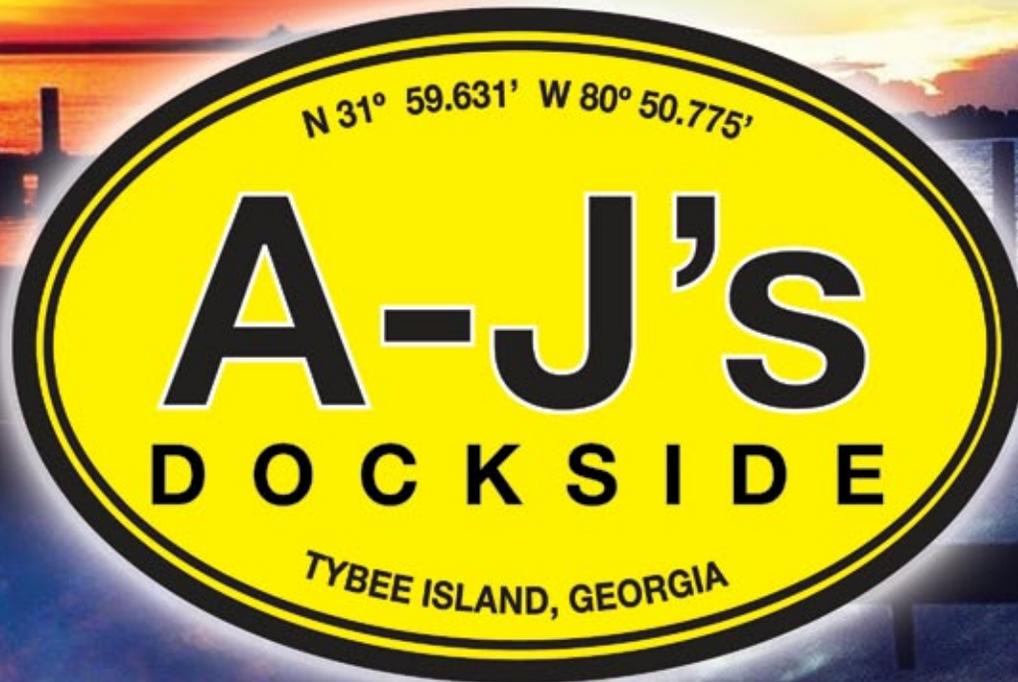
28 - The Orange Constant at 10pm

29 - Funk You at 10pm



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Join Us for the Best Sunset on Tybee Island!



SERVING BREAKFAST DAILY

Breakfast 8am - 12pm

Lunch 11am - 5pm Daily

Dinner 5pm - 10pm Mon. - Thurs.

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