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# From the EDITOR

**Merry Christmas!!!** Or if you prefer, Happy Holidays, Warm Wishes, Whatever! We at the Beachcomber wish everyone a great December filled with lots of love! And WOW!!! The end of 2018! I hope we can all sit back and reflect on a year well played. If not, just sit back and be glad you can. Next year is a new plan with a whole 365 days to try to figure it out again! So, let's wrap up December with cheers, high spirits and good people!

As you can see, the December cover is a play on the googly-eyed phenom that has hit Savannah. I love it and yes, there have been some haters, but come on!! It hurts absolutely no one and it all started with revolutionary war general, Nathanael Greene, who we all know by now that he's been googled! With all the chaos in the planet, let's celebrate our googly-eyed bandit as good clean fun and hugely entertaining! Also, no lighthouse was hurt during this photo shoot!

Moving on to a total whacko fun **Beachcomber Christmas Contest** (don't judge us, yes we love contests) that should bring back some great childhood memories, we have placed **Christmas Scratch 'n Sniff stickers** on the Features Page of every magazine (that was one hell of a party by the way!). There is either a Noel, a Snowman or a Joy scratch 'n sniff in every single magazine but one. In one magazine there is a **Scratch 'n Sniff Pickle**. If you find that pickle, you will win a \$200 gift certificate for a photoshoot with the fabulous and renowned Wen McNally! I can guarantee you that the pickle is on Tybee (sorry subscribers)! Bring me that pickle!

To wind up 2018, our **Traveling Beachcomber winner** goes to **Ed & Fran Harrington** who are seen here clutching our Home Sweet Home edition whilst standing between two rather fierce looking soldiers at the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel in the Demilitarized Zone South Korean side. Just WOW!!! We've never been there before! I don't even think I would have the brass knuckles it requires to get up there for that picture!

Alright kids! Make me an eggnog, kick up your feet and let's get to reading! Check for a pickle while you're at it!



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**It's Christmas and that means December! Wait, I've been drinking, flip that. I thought it would be fun to help get y'all into the holiday spirit! Failure to follow my instructions precisely may result in female erectile dysfunction. Proceed with caution.**

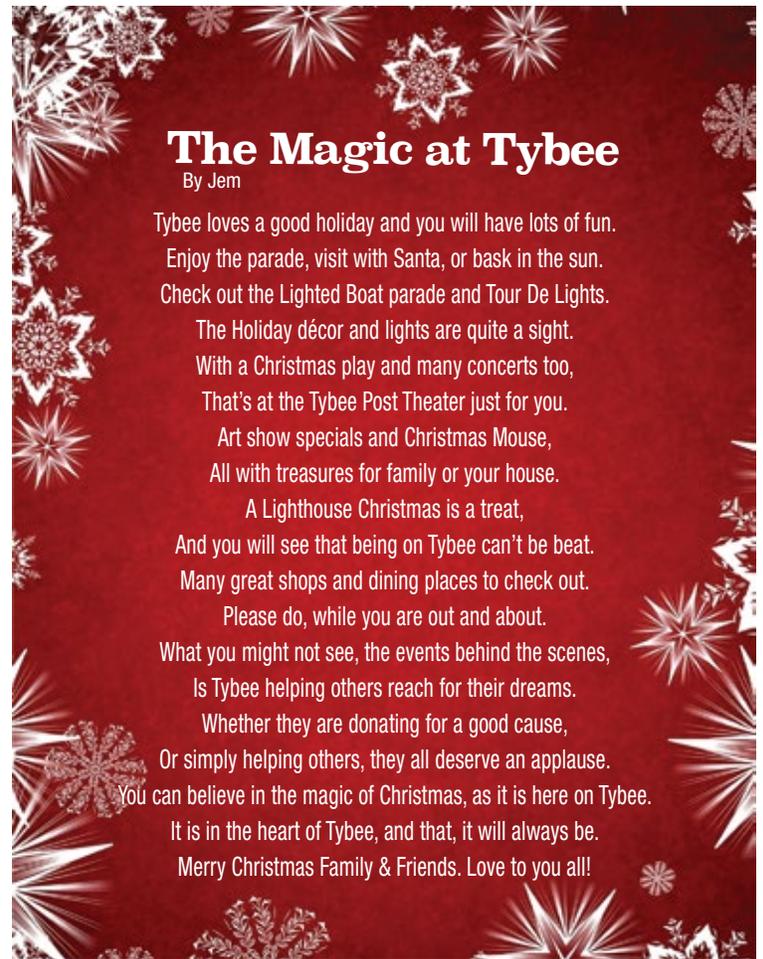
- **Step One: Your tree.** It doesn't really matter what kind of tree you use, as long as you decorate the ever living crap out of it. Technically it's not possible to over-decorate a tree. And you know what would make it fancy? Real live candles burning on it. Majestic.

- **Step Two: You really should try the Santa lifestyle.** Nothing is classier than Old St. Nick riding a reindeer and slithering down a chimney. I don't know where they keep reindeer in Georgia, probably the Oatland Island Wildlife Center. *(Fun Fact #1: That's also where we keep our tornados. Ok, no joke, they need help to reopen, so get on it!)*

- **Step Three: (Moving forward with haste) Christmas is like 65% presents and 45% stuff roasting on an open fire.** Typically nuts, but its 2018 and people are straight up allergic to nuts. But you know what people aren't allergic to? Batteries? Has anyone ever tried roasting those while listening to stories of Christmas past? *(Fun Fact #2: I have a completely irrational fear of batteries, I can't touch them without gloves on, don't know why, don't ask.)* Speaking of presents, the only way to show a person you love them is by spending money on them. Actual fact right there.

- **Step Four: Winter sports.** We live in Georgia, so that means surfing, kayaking, fishing, and of course drinking. Speaking of drinking, two of the more disgusting, I mean popular, Christmas drinks are Eggnog and Wassail, which is why we sing 'here we come a wassailing.' It loosely translates to, 'watch out, we're drunk and have karaoke on the mind.' Wassail is made of all the liquor you didn't finish this past year that will expire on December 31st. *(Fun Fact #3: Probably.)*

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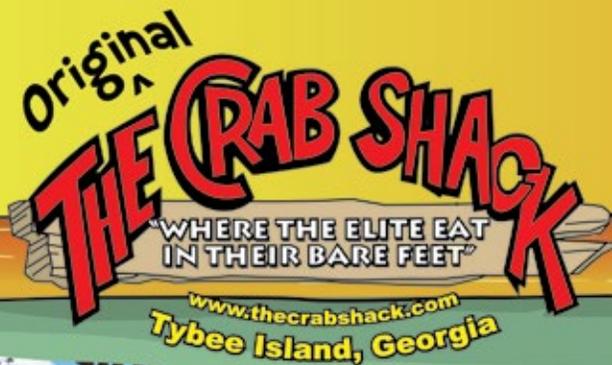
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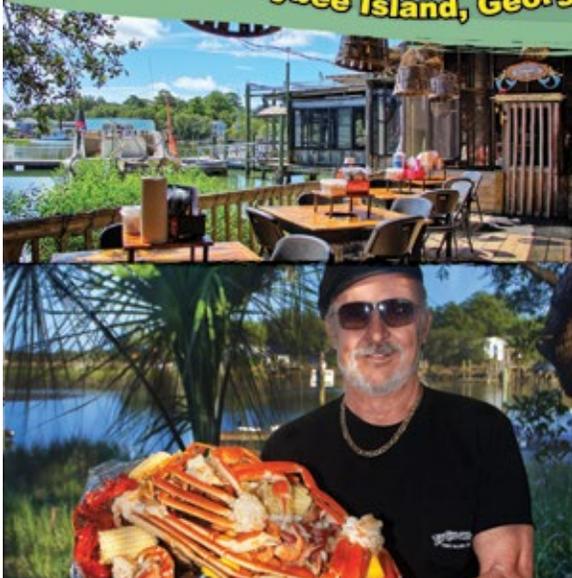


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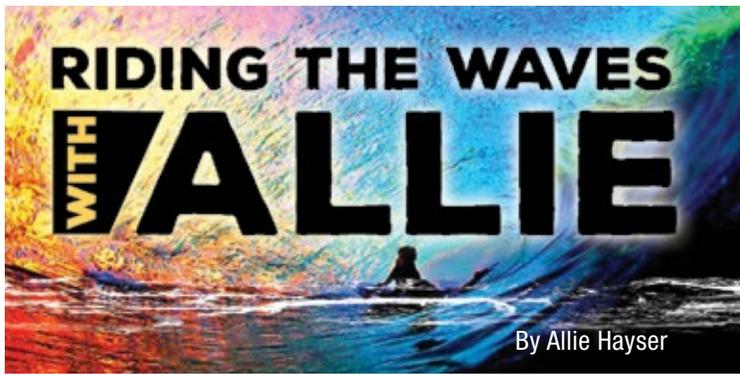
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- Walk the beach
- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise and a sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Rent a golf cart
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
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- Stroll through our Park of 7 Flags (at the end of Hwy. 80)
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints



## Stoke-worthy Stocking Stuffers

People have scraped their rotten pumpkins off their porches, feasted on all the turkey, and are now dressing up their palm trees for Christmas! Winter is the best time of year for the local surf community because there aren't swimmers, summer crowds have fled the cold waters, swells start showing up more regularly, and all of those OG surf pals that hide all tourist season come out stoked to be back at it! Nothing in the world feels better than a wide open lineup with all of your pals and actual waves to be had!

With holidays and swell rolling in, with the added pressure of gifting and traveling, I've compiled a list to spoil the surfer friend in your life or spur up some inspiration of some experiences to share with them:

### The Most-Wished for Gift:

- Top of the list for most surfers in our community would be a **Local-made Custom Surfboard**. You can contact a local shaper and see if they have any time for an order. With custom-made boards, I would definitely consult the gift receiver to see what kinds of dimensions sound particularly dreamy to them... If getting a custom board isn't in the stars, it's just as magical to find a **local used board**. Boards aren't cheap because there's a lot of love, talent, foam, and precision involved so maybe you're more interested in something on the cheaper end of gift giving...

### Everyday Surf Supplies:

- There's rarely a day that I don't have to ask someone for some surf necessities like **wax**, a **board comb**, an extra **leash**, a **leash rope**, or a **fin tool**... Wax runs out, combs get lost, leashes get broken, and fins need adjusting, so anyone would be happy to check their stocking to find any of these hiding there.

- **Wetsuit**, **Booties**, and **Gloves** only last a season or two (mine's five seasons overdue) before they get too loose, so these are definitely a safe bet for a gift. Make your bet even safer and ask for their size, thickness/warmth needs, and any brand preferences before gifting!

- For the after session, there are these fancy **Rinse Kits** and **Wetsuit Dryers**. Rinse Kits are the best idea for those who drive from in town and the showers at north beach are cut off. It's a fancy little portable shower that holds a couple gallons of water in an insulated bucket. It can hold hot water and help defrost your feet and hands before making the drive home! Wetsuit Dryers are a literal lifesaver for those that might want to hit a second surf session in the day, or are waking up for an early dawn patrol. There's no cold that feels the same way as putting on a wet wetsuit at 6am before hopping in cold water. Sure you can hang your wetsuit in the sun, near the campfire, or by a heater, but this dryer helps things dry without melting or warping your wetsuit. Throw in some **Wetsuit Shampoo/Freshening Soap** with that order. No one can resist

peeing in their wetsuit when it's freezing out there and by the middle of winter, you can smell it!

- Another useful gift would be some "Fix It" items like **Ding Repair** and **Wetsuit Glue**. Dings happen as easily as looking at your board the wrong way...dropping in on a party wave...or riding our beach break waves alllllll the way into sand. Boards are either made out of Epoxy or Fiberglass and these Ding Repair kits come in different packaging for the type you will need. Wetsuit glue is a lifesaver for when the seams come undone or your fins cut a little hole in the fabric of your wetsuit. The rush of cold water is not pleasant, but it also can weigh a surfer down, retaining the water weight in their suit, so having glue on hand can help you last longer in the cold.

### Movin'-N-Groovin' Supplies:

- For those living on the island, I strongly recommend a **Bike Rack** or **Surf Wagon**. Saves gas, less hassle with parking and tying boards down, and a great workout. To make transport easier without dinging the heck out of the boards, get a **Surfboard Bag** or **Sock**. These come in all shapes and sizes, protect against UV Rays, and give the boards a little extra padding against bumps and bruises.

- Additionally, everyone loves a **Cooler** or **Wet/Dry Bag** to pack into your beach day wagon or car. A great daily surf planning guide like a **Tide Chart Calendar**, a **Tide Watch**, or even a subscription to an online report like **Surfline** can make great functional and thoughtful gifts.

### Shared Experience and Adventures:

- My personal favorite for gifting/receiving gifts from my friends involves experiences, shared treats, and travel rather than physical gifts. Nothing is better than a hot honey latte and scone on the boardwalk from **Tybean Art and Coffee Bar**, a warm breakfast at **Sunrise** or **The Breakfast Club**, or a cold beer and slice of pizza from **Huc A Poos**. Gift certificates to **Tybee Businesses** in the off season are a real treat. It's the best gift of all to share those sessions and treats with them. Supporting local businesses, especially in the slower and colder season, is the main goal I keep in mind when it comes to gifting and holidays.

- Mention the words...**Surf...Trip**...to any surfer in town and you'll see their eyes light up. Plan a trip for the holidays to find some swell and camp somewhere! Maybe you have the funds to buy them a plane ticket, cover gas money, treat them to a road meal, or just taking time off work, feeling all stoked, and share some surf-trippin' adventures with them! If anyone's going, count me in?

There's no place like Tybee for the holidays, can't wait to see y'all out there and on it!



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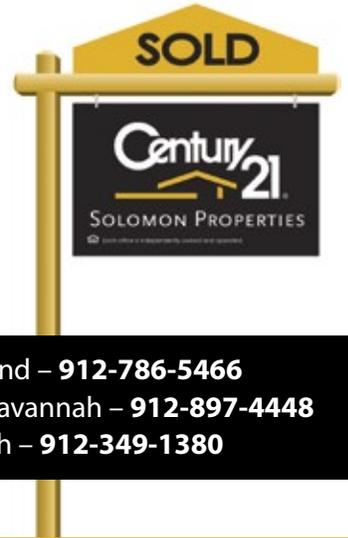
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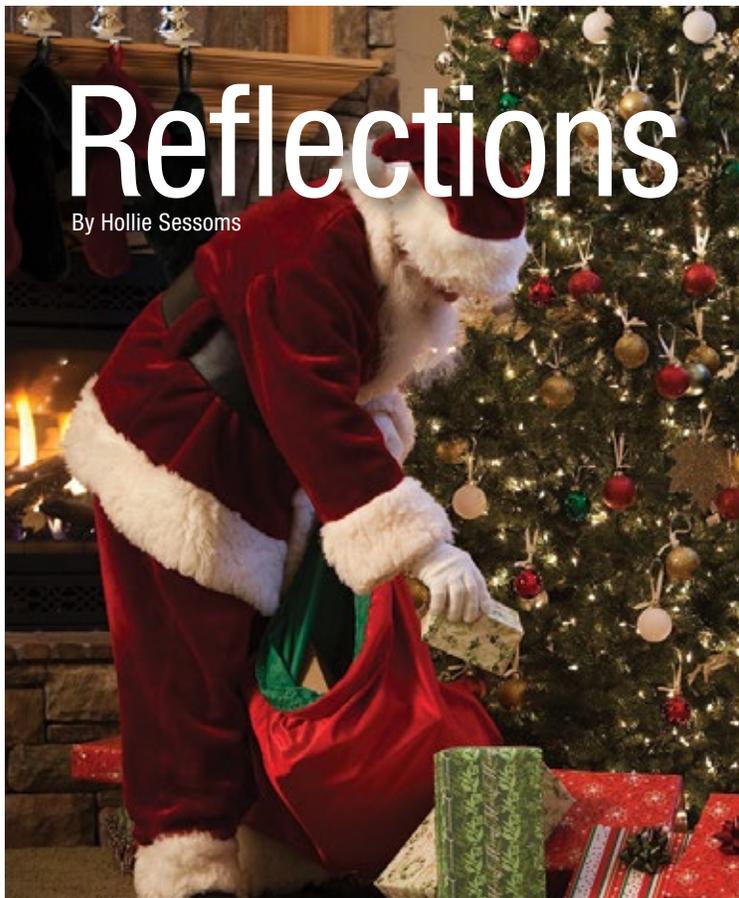
By Cpl. Richard Dascal



Hey everybody! Hope all of you are enjoying your holiday season. Things have started to slow down for us and now we're just waiting on the cooler weather. As always, you guys know this time of year we always ask you try to remember to lock your doors, turn on your outside lights, and put any valuables you have inside. If you plan on traveling this holiday season and need us to keep an eye on your house, just give our dispatch a call and they'll let our officers know to ride by and check on things throughout their shift.

All this talk of securing your things leads me into my story for the month. Being such a small island, our officers get to be very good at spotting people who are out of place. It's not so easy during the summer, but during the winter we're pretty accurate. A few weeks ago, one of our officers was operating radar on Butler Ave. when he saw a person who looked out of place. He kept an eye on the male from his car and sure enough, this guy wandered towards a house that's under construction. It was clear from his clothing that he wasn't a construction worker. A few seconds after going in, the same person came out with a few things more than when he went in. At this point our officers intervened. Ultimately, the subject was arrested and transported to Chatham County Detention Center.

The moral of the story is, we can recognize when something's out of place, but there are only a few of us working at a time. So, if you guys happen to see something that doesn't look right, please call so we can check it out. It could be what stops one of your neighbors, or even you, from becoming victimized. I hope you all enjoy the rest of your holiday season!



# Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms

## There is a Santa

It seems that every year though I get older, one thing never changes—my love for Christmas. I love Christmas unabashedly and unashamedly. There's something in the air this time of year, something extraordinary and sparkling—smelling of love and laughter, togetherness and generosity. Every year, with every shift in my life, Christmas shifts and changes for me as well, but my love for it never decreases.

Sometimes all you need for true happiness is a tree in the corner adorned with sparkling lights, carols on the radio, and eggnog spiked with rum. Sometimes all you need is your family around, a surprise waiting to be unwrapped, and sugary treats baking up nice and brown in the oven. Sometimes all you need is Christmas and the love that accompanies it.

Much of this love for me is wrapped up in Santa. And not Santa as in Ho-Ho-Ho jolly old man in red, or maybe, yes, maybe that, but also Santa as in the spirit of giving, the spirit of kindness and understanding, the spirit of yes-I-saw-that-you-were-not-so-good-but-hey-no-one's-perfect-and-it's-all-cool-I-still-got-you-something. I still get such a thrill out of channeling my inner Santa every year and picking out the most perfect gift for all the special people in my life. I still get a thrill over pretending to be Santa to my teenage children who know it's all an act, but still play along to placate me. I still get a thrill over eating three-fourths of the cookies left out for me.

No matter what direction my life takes (and it's taken lots of directions), Christmas will always have a special place in my heart. A thing I look forward to for eleven months and then drink deeply of one month of the year. A place I go to renew my heart and find the goodness still shining in mankind.

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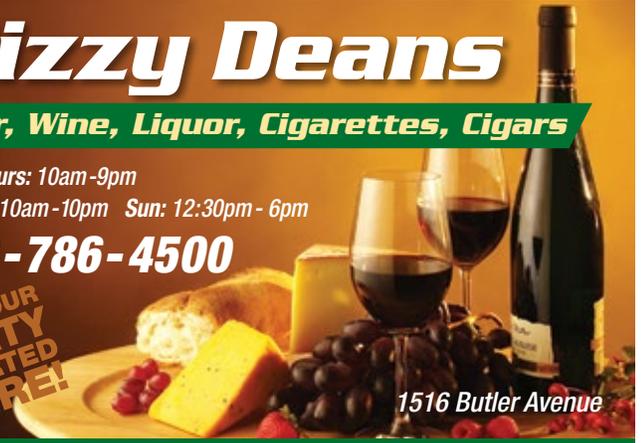
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# Top 10 Best Christmas Movies of All Time

Per Alaina Loughridge

I'm sure there is going to be a disagreement about my top ten pics, but I have solid validation for each and every one and if you want to pick a fight about it, text me and tell me where to meet! I will bring my squad (just me) and try to talk you down with a fruit cake and a bottle of booze. Let's get it on...

1. **Love, Actually.** I don't care if this movie comes on in the middle of July with a thousand commercials, I will drop whatever it is I am doing and pop a squat. Starring so many people, you must know of at least one of them, this movie will make you laugh while you cry and stabs you in the heart with just being a human. It follows many different lives and wraps it all up at the end. Not all with a pretty bow, but with a life bow.
2. **How the Grinch Stole Christmas (animated version).** Dr. Seuss was the man! He blessed us with so many wonderful characters and that's not even mentioning the Green Eggs and Ham recipe that has been passed from generation to generation! I grew up looking forward to the Grinch succumbing to the tears of Cindy Lou Who and saving Christmas for one and all in Whoville. From child to adult, some things never change!
3. **A Christmas Story.** If you don't like this movie, there is something seriously wrong with you. When families were still together and an air gun present means life and prestige to a young boy, what could possibly go wrong? (Do not stick your tongue on a frozen pole – just saying)
4. **Trading Places.** Back when Eddie Murphy and Dan Ackroyd were truly hilarious, this movie is just great debauchery! Jamie Lee Curtis, Don Ameche and Ralph Bellamy round out this fun Christmas tale of a black homeless man switching places with an uptight white guy straight from Harvard. It's just fun and LOL!
5. **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.** The Griswold's won the tourney with this movie and it just goes to show you that every family is super dysfunctional, but will pull out all stops when one of their own is having a hardship. Lots of relatable laughing to follow.
6. **Elf.** This one is easy as Will Farrell reminds me of Jummy Prosser and I love that kid. Love this movie too. Fun and frivolous, but makes you remember why Christmas is simply the best holiday ever.
7. **A Charlie Brown Christmas.** I was forced to include this because it's been around since the dinosaurs and it really is a classic. No one can screw something up quite like Charlie Brown and his friends.
8. **Miracle on 34th Street.** Best watched with a steaming cup of hot cocoa, topped off with a healthy dollop of Kahlua. It's been around forever and is a must see for family good times and warm, fuzzy feelings. If you don't believe in Santa, you will after this classic.
9. **It's a Wonderful Life.** Same as Miracle. My favorite Jimmy Stewart movie about family and friends. It's almost like Gone with the Wind, without the fire, the war, and the not giving a damn. A classic!
10. **Scrooge.** Albert Finney stars in this classic Christmas musical, based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Great music with all your favorite Christmas characters, including Ebenezer Scrooge (Bah! Humbug!), Tiny Tim (God bless us everyone) and The Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future.



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By Jimmy Prosser - Photos by Wen McNally

## Salt Island Fish & Beer

I am ecstatic that I get to present to y'all The Food Spy at **Salt Island Fish & Beer**. This new restaurant is mind blowing! If you haven't been there yet be sure to cancel your plans and get there ASAP! Owners Eric and Emily Liebtage have taken their passion for food and beer and turned it into the new up-and-coming social scene on Tybee. Every dish, craft cocktail, and microbrew has been hand selected with quality, flavor, and presentation in mind. I could give them praise all day, though I need to get on to our experience! Our Food Spy's Photographer, the Lady who looks excellent in red, Wen McNally, the always dashing Sean McNally, and my lovely editor and holder of the company credit card, Alaina Loughridge, accompanied me. Let's dig in!

We started off with two of their fabulous select cocktails: **The Lady in Red**, their seasonal sangria, which was full of apple brandy, orange and mixed berries. It's common to see Sangria on a lot of drink menus here on the island, but this was perfection! Not too sweet, not too strong, I can see how it would be easy to get carried away ordering a couple rounds. This was the perfect start for what was to follow. Our next drink (which we did order multiple rounds of) **The Ginger and MaryAnn**, three types of rum, Aperol, and pineapple, all served in a frosty copper mug. I have to describe this as a coconut and pineapple love, perched atop a happy cloud of rum. We could not get enough of this! Then the food started coming...

Owner/Chef Eric did not disappoint. First out were **Fried Green Tomatoes**, sitting on a Korean BBQ sauce/remoulade drizzle and served with a skewer of some of the fattest, freshest local Tybee shrimp. The tomatoes were lightly battered in a seasoned house-made cornmeal. The sauce was sweet and spicy and the tomatoes were just firm enough. A toasty start to an incredible evening!

(I have to interrupt before I move on to the next dish, Salt Island has a great off the menu drink option for you, and this is the only place you'll hear about it, so tell everyone - **The Tybee Handshake**, a frosty 16 oz. mug of Mexican Cerveza and a shot of tequila for \$6. It's one of the hottest deals on the island. Be sure to grab your friends and shake some hands!)

Moving on to **Smelt Fries**, this one you're going to have to trust me on. Smelt is a little fish, eaten (mostly) whole. It's battered, fried with the skeleton intact, and served with a zesty lemon caper aioli. Now fear not, the bones are tiny and meant to be consumed. The smelt itself is salty, and boasts a stronger flavor, but makes for a great snack to share. This dish was quickly devoured by all of us. I highly recommend you pair this app with their **Lord Grey Sour Ale**.

A southern favorite with a great twist is their ho'made **Beer Cheese Hush Puppies**, served with a maple bacon jam - that was the Jimmy Jam! Round it out with a cold bottle of **Cooter Brown**, an American brown ale that sets off the pups and was a huge favorite of Sean's, who reluctantly allowed us a sip of his new fave.

One of the biggest things about Salt Island is that everything is made right there in their "scratch kitchen" on Tybee. Only scratch ingredients and fresh, never frozen, meats and local seafood come in their doors. Every sauce, batter, mix and seasoning are a tried and true recipe of Salt Island, and it absolutely shows in the products they serve. I should also mention that I live across the street, so I frequent this place a lot. This has been great getting to try new dishes on their ever-evolving menu, and getting to tell you about some of my already favorite items like the mussel. Big beautiful **PEI Mussels**, pan sautéed in Dijon and (Coastal Empire) **Tybee Blonde**, with garlic and tarragon, this is my go-to dish! A big, lightly toasted piece of focaccia is served on the side for sopping up all the delicious juices at the bottom. If you've never tried mussels, this is the place to do it at! Add in a glass of **Piattelli Malbec**. Perfection.

Our two entrée courses came next, **Golden Tile Fish**, a local sweet, flaky white fish, served with a fall succotash of ripe and firm vegetables, and a beautiful pesto sauce that you will want to put on everything! If you love fish, you'll love this dish. If you don't really care for fish, you'll love this dish! It was gone so fast I hope Wen got a good picture of it! I'm sure she barely caught a picture of the glass of **Loire Valley Rose** that was so chill and crisp it was gone!

After that was a **Clam and Shrimp Linguini** - a special that is making its way to the everyday menu. Sapelo Island clams, those big beautiful Tybee shrimp, over, you guessed it, house made linguini. The pasta was al dente, and the seafood heaven, beautiful wild mushrooms, and a sauce that was made by angels. Share that with a bottle of **Gotas de Mar Albarino**.

A lot of these dishes may sound more grown up, but fear not, Eric and Emily have two awesome children, Stella and Otto, and their restaurant is always family friendly! They even have a kid's corner so mom and dad can relax and enjoy themselves, all while watching the children play and color on the chalk wall! Promoting creativity in their menu, with heavy staff input, and a corner for kids to play and express themselves, I'd be remiss if I neglected to mention they offer bi-weekly craft nights that include a complimentary drink with admission to the festivities (most crafts are \$10 or \$15 dollars, it's a great deal). These events have proven to have large turn-outs so get there early! Check out their Facebook page for all of their up-to-date information.

Dessert is still a work of art in progress. Homemade ice cream is coming soon, as is a number of other tasty treats. To make up for this huge transgression, Eric brought IT out. Yes. IT... Simply one of the greatest dishes I have ever had, I would put it in the top five plates of my lifetime. **Crab Stew**. A creamy, feel good stew loaded with Georgia Blue Crab, this dish rendered the four of us speechless. No one could articulate how pleased we were with this. My eyes rolled back in my head. I want to order this by the barrel.

All and all, this cozy 1920's Tybee Cottage with an ocean view (and ample off street parking) is now home to one of the greatest culinary experiences in Savannah. So to Eric, Emily, Kim, Lydia, and the rest of the staff, thank you. You've taken Tybee's food scene to a whole new level.

Go check out Salt Island Fish & Beer located at 101 Lovell (by the anchor on the corner). They are open Sunday, Monday and Thursday, noon to 9pm, Tuesday and Wednesday, 4 to 9pm, and Friday and Saturday, noon to 10pm. Happy Hour is every day from 4-6pm, seven days a week! No reservations required - just get there!





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# Tiny Living WITH Big Things...And Loving It

By Amy Callaghan

The day has finally come! By the time you're reading this article, I'll be setting up winter camp at our very own River's End Campground! We will be up front and to the leftish this year, so if you see us outside come join the soirée! We are parked next to some friends we met last year, Mark and Lisa. Can't wait to see them and more of the Tybee and Savannah family, since what seems like an endless stay in Statesboro, Ga. For the peeps that aren't informed, we've been out in BFE while Robyn finishes his degree at Georgia Southern. I am so fortunate to have been able to stay in business on Tybee with the talented April Solomon at Sea Strands Salon.

The most exciting news is that Robyn is graduating college December 7th, 2018! There will be a party at Huc A Poos that night after 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come celebrate this awesome victory with us! Trust me, you can't miss the 6'7" buff Lurch. Just don't bombard him with too many shots or "what's next" questions. He's got until March to figure it out, so let's not rush the fun!

Let me catch you up as best I can on the Rona, Gerdi and companions saga. If you're just tuning in, Rona is our 2006 Dodge Ram 3500 dually diesel beast of a truck. Gerdi being the forty one foot long, 450 sq. foot fifth wheel pull-behind camper that's become our first home we own. The companions include two cuddly pit bulls, Frank Zappa and Opie (the most amazing rescue boys from our local Savannah area), Robyn (husband, hunky side-kick, tamer of the most untamable coiffure), and yours truly, Amy Callaghan (aka Batman or Amy hair).

On to the part that I've been drinking, I mean avoiding - Rona. If you ask me about the truck, you'll be greeted with the deepest guttural UUUGGGHHH. Rona has been the bane of our existence. PERIOD. We haven't really been calling her by name, use your wild imaginations as to what she's been called lately. She's been in and out of the garage at least 6 times over the year. Long story short, she has a lot in common with Frankenstein's monster. I'm not going to list everything that was replaced, we would all be making that guttural noise while crying on the floor and that's no bueno. Let's just say she's alive for now. Moral of the story is don't be an idiot. Get a CARFAX on any vehicle you are going to purchase, trust me it's worth the couple of bucks to know something versus a couple of grand to find out later. Could've saved me from now crying on my kitchen floor with an open bottle of champagne at 1am. Which reminds me of my favorite persons quote, Cameron Spencer, "Always keep a bottle of champagne in your fridge. That may be the exact reason you're celebrating. Because you have a bottle of champagne in the fridge."

We went from renting a three bedroom house to renting campground lots while we owned what we were living in. If we wanted to, we could take our whole home on vacation. No pet sitting bills, forgetting that favorite shirt, or did we seriously forget our deodorant? We haven't taken it on vacation yet because adulting has got in the way, but we could if we wanted. Plus the bill for that would be a whole other jerk to think about right now.

That being said, let's ease y'all into this bottle with gleeful feelings and go-getter attitudes.

Not everything has been rainbows and butterflies, but overall our home, Gerdi, has been an absolutely wonderful life style change! You've probably heard me shout this after too many shots, but I really mean it this time, I REGRET NOTHING!

December 18th marks our one year living in OUR tiny home. It doesn't matter if you have 2000 square feet or 450 square feet, we can all agree on one thing: A year really flies right before your eyes. A lot has happened



and I haven't documented like I thought I would, you know blog, vlog or even just journal something. No, that's still too many deadlines for the deadline queen. I can't even write a story on time each month for this magazine, let alone an interwebs thingy mavlogger.

There's been at least 3 purges of our crap, and every time we have a glorious dance party after. The chores have been cut even more than they were before. Weird fact, I thoroughly enjoy cleaning my home. I find satisfaction in knowing I did the work thing, to make that thing not a dusty thing anymore. However, it got to a point that I no longer enjoyed dusting all the things. You're probably noticing the repetition of that word and I hope it annoyed you. It truly annoyed me that I couldn't remember why or how I acquired the things, I just had a lot of things. If you feel similar towards these things, I hope this 'things' part helps you out.

One method that kind of worked for us in getting rid of things, is pick a drawer/cabinet/counter/whatever that is overflowing or underused, and put everything in a box. Within 30 days, if you used something, find it a permanent home and what's left in the box, toss (unless it's important documents for taxes!). Which leads us to some of the flaws of this method. You have too many days to change your mind and keep the unused things for no good reason other than spite, or the off chance you might use it again in 5 years. Another issue is you forget the box's original intent and you add everyday items like tax papers. Said box is shoved in an empty cabinet to accommodate a lovely cobweb family.

Another option is to pick up a knick-knack you've been dusting since you can or can't remember and ask yourself: Do I love it? Is it useful? Do I really want to keep dusting it? Does it have sentimental value? If the answer to all or most of those is no, CHUCK IT AND DON'T LOOK BACK! I don't miss my dust collecting knick-knacks one bit! I realized I bought crap to fill in empty spaces, and it was so unnecessary. I wanted to incorporate these cute things to show my style. My style and preferences have simplified so much in a year. I don't like having things on my entertainment center and cluttering up my bookshelves. I want to just see the books and pictures of family I have and not all the unnecessary things I had.

I am now enjoying my favorite beer in my cozy living room of less things I liked and everything I love. There's been a sense of liberation in my new style of living. We still look at each other frequently and say with joy and content that this is our life. We are making our life happen and happier. We really don't need the tiny things that collect on shelves. We want the memories, friends, family, and laughter surrounding us. With all of my heart I truly hope you are all surrounded by that during the holiday season. If you need a friend I'll be at Rivers End.



I've always been a fan of the Volkswagen van. Not the new, boring box Euro-vans, but the old school look. You know, the 21 window vans that roll down the street cranking old Beatles tunes complete with a surfboard on the roof and covered in peace signs. So you can imagine my absolute delight when I recently discovered that VW is going to release a new VW van that pays tribute to the old school surfer van. I have no idea what it will look like, but I'm certain it will be a hit.

I realize car manufacturers are cashing in on my nostalgia. The Mustang, the VW Bug, the Camaro, the Bronco, the Challenger - all old classics, but you can avoid the irritation of drum brakes and no air conditioning and just grab a new one, complete with air bags and GPS. It's awesome.

Cars are not the only thing to be cashing in on old trends that are coming back. I thought Mars bars and Nehi sodas were gone forever, but they are back. It's a beautiful thing and it gives me hope that I might be able to wear my 80's parachute pants in public and scream "Hammer Time" without causing major embarrassment for my wife and daughter. Maybe it's just because I'm a little older now, but it seems like all the good stuff is coming back in style.

There is one thing that has never needed to come back because it's always been in style. And that, my friends, is the mustache.

The stash has never been out of style. I mean, you see old school pictures like Teddy Roosevelt and Pancho Villa rocking a stash. You see new school dudes rocking the stash. The stash is timeless.

But I realize there are a lot of stash styles out there. If you are considering how to style your new stash after participating in no shave November, you might appreciate a historical perspective of the top 'stashes in history.

**So without further ado, let me introduce you to the top 5 mustaches in American history:**

**Number 5: Yosemite Sam.** If you are looking at your face and you realize that you a.) Have amazing red facial hair, and b.) Enjoy wearing cowboy hats, and c.) Like saying the word 'varmit' then you need to go for the Yosemite Sam stash. It's big, it's red and every woman and some men will appreciate the time you have put into your facial hair. The Yosemite Sam comes in at number 5 in the all American mustache history.

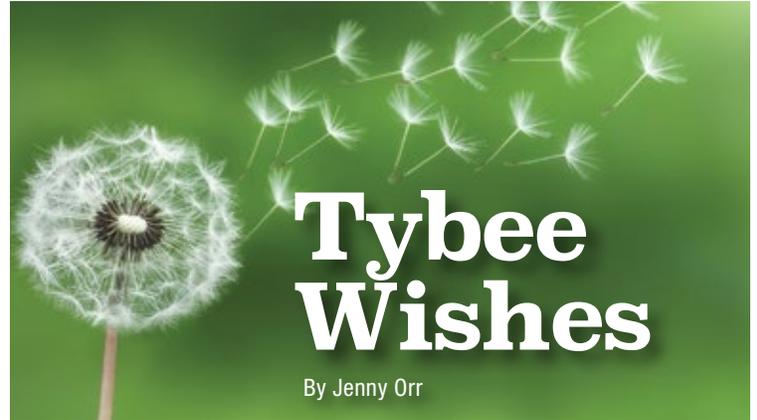
**Number 4: Ron Burgundy.** America's favorite weatherman is rocking the timeless stash. It helps if you are a Will Ferrell fan and like scotch scotch scotch.

**Number 3: Gardner Minshew.** Now this one might be a shocker for Tybians, because you may not know Gardner Minshew. Mr. Minshew is a legend who also happens to be the starting quarterback for Washington State University. I'm telling you the man is rocking a serious stash, has his team sitting pretty at 8-1 and has started a stash craze across the West Coast. If Gardner wins a national title, he could quite possibly move up the list.

**Number 2: It's a tie. Tom Selleck and Sam Elliott are so rocking hot!** But

if either one lost the stash, you'd never recognize them. Tough to say who wins in a stash-off, so we put the boys in a tie for second place.

**And in first place, the undisputed best stash of all times belongs to ... Santa Claus!** He's jolly, he makes us all happy, and he's rocking the full stash/beard combo. Without question, Santa wins the best stash in any contest. So here's to making the most of your no shave November facial hair and Merry Christmas to all!



There are so many reasons why our Island is unique and special. Mostly it's the people who call Tybee home. As long as I can remember, and way before then, Tybee has always taken care of its own.

Several years ago a group of locals got together and started **Tybee Wishes**. It started out with the sale of T-shirts to pay for musicians to play at the Tybee Nursing Home. John Branigan and Roma Jean Harper were literally selling the T-shirts from their car trunks outside of *Fannie's on the Beach*.

After numerous discussions with Belinda at *The Crab Shack* about doing one or two big events each year to fund a reserve, I used the name Wishes that is throughout the US and opened an account for Tybee Wishes with a deposit from John and Roma from T-shirts sales, \$590.

The first big FUND RAISER we held was for Roma when she finally needed the help. Over the years Tybee Wishes has had chair lifts, electric chairs and such donated and has been able to help locals who needed them. We have received donations from many locals to help specific people and just to keep the reserve funded. Even the *Lazaretto Boat Club* donated 1/2 of the profit from its annual Oyster Roast to Tybee Wishes. When Roma passed away, she instructed that the remaining money from her fundraiser be donated back to Tybee Wishes.

**Tybee Festival Association** is the Fund Raising arm of Tybee Wishes. Any profits from Tybee Pirate Fest and Mardi Gras Tybee go directly to fund Tybee Wishes.

Not only are these events great for our local economy, but they are also a chance to help one of our own. Tybee Festivals is funded by sponsorships from our local businesses, along with a major sponsorship from the City of Tybee itself. It is so important that all of us in business on Tybee support these local events.

My goal in working so hard for Tybee Festival Association is to be able to fund and keep Tybee Wishes going strong. We have a great board of directors made up of some of the best Fund Raising people Tybee has seen in a long time (Belinda Flanigan, Kay Dowell, Claire Price, Carrie Traeger and myself)!

We need help in getting a non-profit status for Tybee Festival Association / Tybee Wishes. WE need all of our business people and residents to help and get involved in these great events and what they can accomplish for our community.

Tybee Festivals is looking for a few new Board Members and needs your support through your involvement and volunteerism. If you are interested, please respond to [Tybeefestivals@gmail.com](mailto:Tybeefestivals@gmail.com).

Happy Holidays!



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# Main Street Musings

Chantel Morton, Development Authority/Main Street Program Staff Director

As the season of giving and spreading joy continues, we continue to count our blessings! **TYBEE FOR THE HOLIDAYS** is in full swing and the Community of Caring boxes are filling up, the tree is lit downtown, parades are happening, and holiday parties are filling our calendars! Hopefully, you are enjoying the winter so far and taking some time for yourself too.

Does taking time for yourself mean having someone else make a meal or two for you and the fam, especially on a holiday day? Well then, check out the list of restaurants that will be open under "holiday dining" at <http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com/holiday-dining/>!

As mentioned, Community of Caring donation boxes are filling up. Community of Caring has become a tradition since it was created in 2009 as a coordinated effort to spread joy. This time of the season is one of sharing with others, and the joint effort of merchants and residents has brought more joy to neighbors, animals, and children with donations year after year. Donations for Tybee's Rising TYde Community Food Pantry, animal shelters, and children in need can be taken to ten (10) businesses across the island now until New Year's Day. Please keep in mind that toys will be picked up in advance of Christmas so they can be delivered to Toys for Tots and other agencies. A list of needed items and participating donation locations is available at <http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com/community-of-giving/>.



The first weekend of December is filled with family fun! Friday, December 1 at 1pm is the annual **Tybee Island Christmas Parade**. Mr. and Mrs. Clause will safely ride atop the Tybee Fire Department truck as they are led from downtown to the Tybee gym by candy-giving elves and festive floats. Once they arrive at the Gym, the Tybee YMCA will host photo time, refreshments, and activities for all to enjoy. We look forward to having everyone share their holiday music and costumes on their decked out parade floats.

This weekend will also be your opportunity to experience House of the Christmas Mouse at the Arts Center and the annual Holiday Market at the American Legion.

After that, lit parades, live shows and more continue thru New Year's. Details about such activities for the public, church services, etc. can be found at



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

Take time to enjoy "Tybee time" and remember why those of us who live and work here are "lucky enough" and those who visit love returning.

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By Mike Manitta

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- 12/20/18 - Lindsey Stirling – Johnny Mercer Theatre - Savannah
- 12/21/18 - Stardusted Circus Winter Solstice - Tybee Post Theater
- 12/22/18 - Bob Seger – Infinite Energy Center – Duluth, GA
- 1/10/19 - Three Dog Night – Johnny Mercer Theatre – Savannah
- 1/11/19, 1/12/19 - Drivin' N' Cryin' - Tybee Post Theater
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# Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

I apologize for the delay y'all, but I did finally stagger around the corner to *The Sand Bar* and found myself the most delightful bartender! Before she even opens her mouth, you know she's going to be fun, definitely debaucherous, and good times are sure to follow! Did I mention she is also a ginger? I know!!! Those redheads can go either way on you, but **Blair Whalen** is a keeper! Here is the deal...

Blair (or Ginger Snap as we now affectionately call her) was born and raised in Savannah with four sisters (I know!!! Her poor mom!). She did her school thing and dabbled around in college long enough to obtain an Associates in Psychology (which means she can get into your brain with a wooden spoon and stir the pot). While she was cooking the books, Blair was working here and there as a waitress, managing a hair salon, clerking at hotels both here and in Savannah, wandering around here and there like we all do just trying

to figure life out. In 2016, Blair moved to Tybee permanently to just see what the fuss was all about. Well, Tybee is awesome and Blair is happy to be a part of it! Here are the guts:

#### Tybee Life: Just a minute

**Passion:** Anything and everything music - singing, playing instruments, dancing (ask her about her favorite polka tune!)

**Grows Up:** To become better at 'adulting.' No not the pervy adulting, but the being a grown-up bit. Pretty sure we are ALL working on that! Do let us know if you figure it out, dear.

**Spirit Animal:** This was a tough one – Blair picked a Peacock because they are colorful when they want to be and will bite you if they don't like you.

So, Blair's go-to drink is **Tequila**. You don't know what you want? Tequila. You want something pink and refreshing? Tequila. You want that fab drink that the bartender down the street served you, but you don't know what's in it? Tequila. You are having a bad day? Tequila. You are having a good day? Tequila. I like it!!!

The best thing about Blair is her ability to absolutely slay a joke! She can tell the best joke and you will be crying with laughter in your tequila! I asked her to tell me a joke I could print. She said she would think about it. We drank and she thought. She's still thinking about a printable joke! Love this girl! Fun, sassy and can make you giggle like a school girl. Go see Blair and get your own joke! Don't piss her off though. She is, after all, a red head!

# FRAMES WITH JAMES

By Jimmy Prosser



It's the end of the year, and I thought it would be great to go out and get some pictures that reflect on 2018, but that sounded like too much work, so here's more of the same!

- 1 Ran into **Abraham** fishing on the pier! He caught a 41" Red Drum, who was then photobombed by this man who looked like, but did not smell like Santa.
- 2 **Jamie**, the new bartender at **Benny's**, was holding down the fort as they prepared for Karaoke to start!
- 3 **Alaina** caught up with **Amon** for a happy reunion. As usual, Amon is still holding her up! Don't let go girl!

- 4 You guessed right! It's **Brian and Becky** up at **Coco's** for Trivia. Fact: Coco's offers free trivia every Tuesday! Come up and check it out!
- 5 **Miss Deb** dressed as Crazy Eyes for Halloween at the **Wind Rose**. I absolutely love this costume and so did Deb, judging by the look on her face. It's never too late to be crazy.
- 6 Though it's practically winter, don't let that get you down. Pop into the **IGA** and hang out with **Summer**, she's always in a great mood!
- 7 LOOK IT! It's **Jenn**! Always makes my day to see you! You can catch her pretty much everywhere on the island! Like trying to run over Alaina and me as we frolicked in traffic. Also noted, she's rockin the IGA shirt, which is some of the best clothing on the island.



**8** Crystal and Rudy pretending to look busy at *T.S. Chu's*. They were "working so hard" I didn't have the heart to tell them their tree is upside down. Make sure you go in and see how they managed to decorate this tree

**9** Marshall and Ian posed for a photo while working at *Raw*. If you haven't been there, I highly recommend trying it out, you're going to love it! These boys really know how to not cook a fish!

**10** Robbie, Darlene and Lauren were able to pose for a quick pic! I feel like it should be common knowledge but isn't, the *Rock House* is more than just a bar, they also have a great menu and some delicious food.

**11** I headed to *Stingray's* for a drink and was able to snap a group shot with Rebecca, Edward, Pattie, Olivia, and Lauren. What a happy looking group of people!

**12** I was able to distract Sean, the manager at *Wet Willie's*, while his faithful employees took complete advantage while his back was turned.

**13** Yogi is one of the best people around. So you can imagine my delight when I ran into her, and then joined her at *Agave*.

**14** This article involves a lot of walking, and I can be a tad lazy. Thankfully Luis was there to give me a piggyback ride! The expression on his face is "terror."

**15** A quick pit stop at *Nickies* to check out the scene. As usual, these good looking fellows were front and center, L to R Calvin, Tommy, Robbie, Mike, and Bobby.

I hope everyone has a happy, safe, and wonderful December. Remember be kind to retail workers, and tip your servers!

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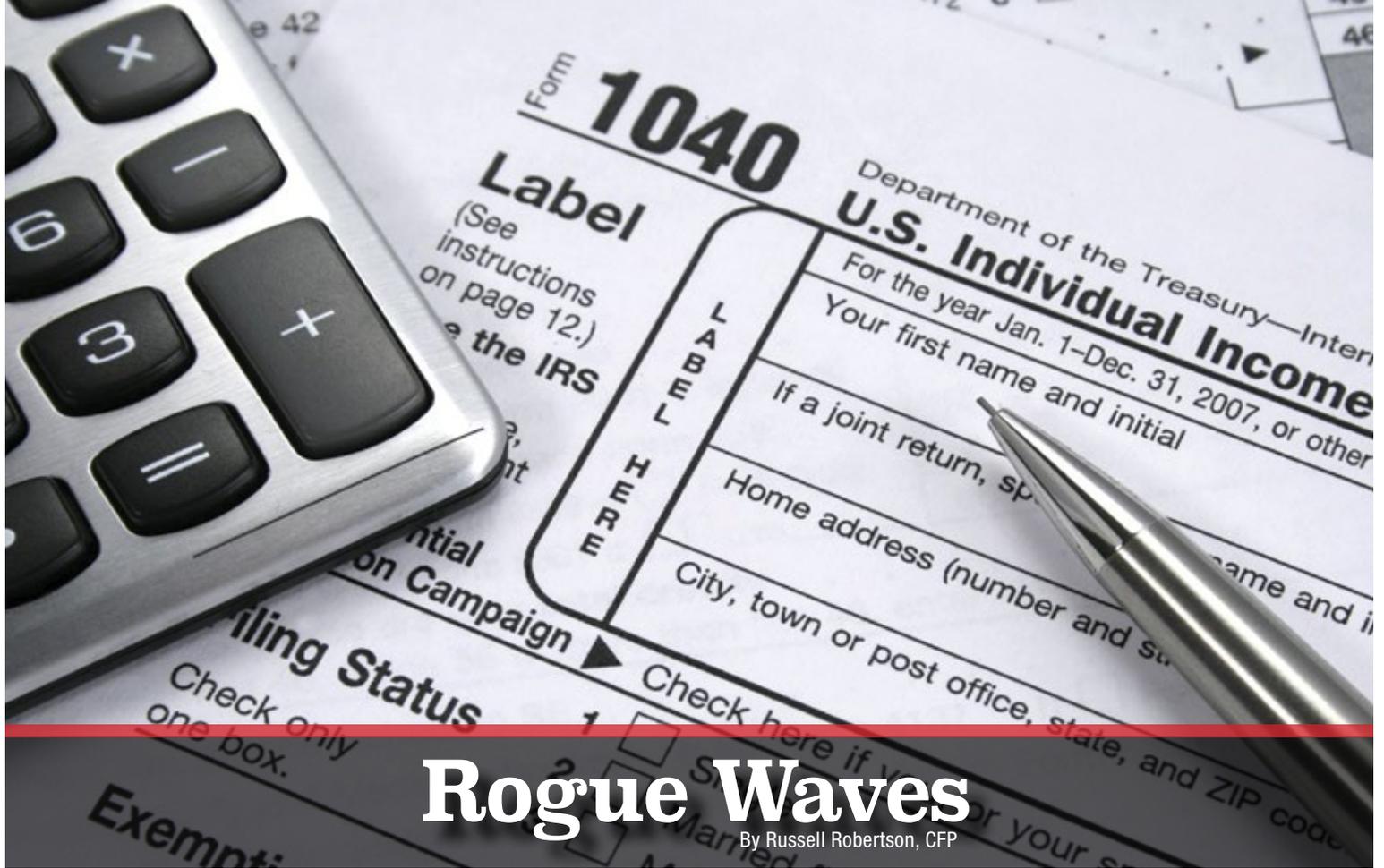
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# Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

## What's in a Year?

Calendars are pretty arbitrary, especially when it comes to investing. I mean, sure, the development of the calendar as a means of tracking the passage of time makes sense, especially when it is based on observable patterns like, say, phases of the moon or positioning of the sun. But to use January 1st as the starting point for measuring investment performance is meaningless. I could just as well tell you about your portfolio's performance since the first new moon after the vernal equinox - you'd probably look at me like I was crazy, but really there's no difference between the two. They're both arbitrary points in the flow of time that are equally irrelevant to you as an investor, unless you actually invested your money on that particular day. And since the market is closed on January 1st, that is exactly nobody. Ever.

There does exist, however, an institution that is so rigidly fixated on this January 1 construct as to make all of us beholden to the turning of the calendar: the IRS. Time is not continuous to the IRS. It is broken into very distinct, self-contained chunks that run from January 1st to December 31st and have (almost) nothing to do with any other January 1st to December 31st chunk. Given that structure, December is the perfect time to take a look at your tax situation while you can still do something about it. By the time April comes around and you file your taxes, you're basically a historian.

### Here are three things to check:

1. If you are self-employed or a 1099 contract worker, the IRS expects you to make estimated tax payments as you earn income. Since there is no tax withholding from your paycheck, if you wait until April to pay all of your taxes, you will owe a penalty. You can generally avoid this by having made estimated tax payments of 90% of this current year's taxes or 100% of last year's taxes, whichever is smaller.
2. The standard deduction for an individual is now \$12,000 instead of \$6,350, so a lot of people who used to itemize on Schedule A will now just be taking the standard deduction. Take a look at where your deductions are for the year - if you're close to that \$12,000, try and find something (a charitable contribution, perhaps?) that you would do next year anyway but could bring forward into this year to get over that hurdle.
3. Losses in your investment portfolio can be used to offset capital gains or even ordinary income (up to \$3k). The IRS won't let you take the loss if you put the money back into the same (or substantially the same) security within 30 days, so find something similar (but slightly different!) to park your money in for a month so you can stay invested but also take advantage of the realized loss to lower your tax bill.

Before signing off for the year with a "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night," I wanted to take a moment and say thanks for coming along on this Rogue Waves adventure. I hope you've found yourself amused, entertained, and even educated from time to time. There's a lot to this investing/financial planning thing, and if you ever want more than a monthly article, please do feel free to reach out. My main office is in Atlanta, but I'm on the island pretty much every month at some point and am more than happy to get together. Drop me a line at [russ@atiwealthpartners.com](mailto:russ@atiwealthpartners.com). I'm looking forward to it.

Okay, stroll over. Happy benefits election season!

# Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

## MOON SNAILS & HOLES IN SHELLS

If you do much shell collecting on Tybee Island, one of the things you quickly notice is that many of the bivalve shells have a nice, neat, round hole in them. It's not a chip or broken place, but is a perfectly round, smooth, beveled hole. It's just right for making a necklace.

Those holes were not original features of the bivalves (clams, cockles, Arks, Coquinas) that produced the shells. Those holes are the result of the activities of certain snails. And it is one of those snails, the Moon Snail, that I want to discuss this month.

Moon Snails, also called Shark-eye Snails, are fairly common on Tybee's beach, usually burrowing under the wet intertidal sand. Because they are normally an inch or so deep, their subtle trail and bump are often overlooked until you know what to look for. But their empty shells are among the most common Gastropod (snail) shells that we find shelling on Tybee. The shell is generally round, light brown, and has a wide round opening or aperture.

When burrowing through the wet sand, the Moon Snail is hunting for food, particularly for bivalves that live in the upper layers of the sand. While burrowing through the sand, the Moon Snail's body will extend out through the shell opening, and it will use its muscular "foot" to plow through the sand. If you find a live one, place it in a container of seawater for a few minutes and it should open up and start gliding around. You will be amazed at how big its body is when it is extended out of its shell, and you'll wonder how all that body can fit back into that small shell.

When it locates a bivalve down in the sand, the Moon Snail wants to eat the meat inside the two shells, but the Moon Snail doesn't have any way to pry the two shells apart. But what the



Moon Snail does have a tongue-like structure inside its mouth called a radula. The radula is hard and has rows of numerous small sharp teeth-like structures, so it is like a file or rasp. It will extend that radula out and drill a hole through the clam's shell. It probably also secretes an acid substance that helps soften the clam's shell and makes the drilling easier and faster. Once the hole is drilled, the Moon Snail extends that radula and proboscis through the hole and inside the clam where all the meat is. Down inside there, the radula is used like a knife or food chopper slashing around, and it chops up the meat and makes soup out of it. And then the Moon Snail just slurps it out through the hole!

So that nice neat hole in the bivalve shell wasn't part of the original design of the clam that made that shell. Instead, that hole was pretty much the last thing that happened to that clam's shell! So you can probably thank a Moon Snail for drilling that hole in that shell for you.

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By Nell Klein

# Tybee Days

## One Hundred Years on Georgia's Playground Island

By Ellen Lyle Taber and Polly Wylylly Cooper

Although I consider myself a “Local” having lived on Tybee for a mere 23 years, and considering that I was raised in Savannah and spent my summers playing on Tybee Island, I didn’t realize that I really didn’t know much about the history of the island. This wonderful book changed all of that. *Tybee Days* is a look at the families who visited, settled and worked on the island from the 1860s to the 1960s (before the old pier burned down). Although *Tybee Days* was originally published in 2009, chapters have been added and a new cover gives it a fresh new look. I was fascinated with the stories and fabulous old photos that *Tybee Days* is full of. Let me tell you about a few of the things I learned.

The book begins with the history of the island itself. In the 1840s, day trips from Savannah by steamboats beckoned visitors to Tybee to enjoy the sun, sand and salt water. Ladies carried baskets of seashells back to their homes in the city. When the Civil War broke out, these excursions ceased as the steamboats were needed for the war effort. After the Civil War the daytrips resumed and by the 1870s, plans were being made to establish seaside resorts. After a few failed attempts on neighboring islands, Tybee persevered. In 1876 Tybee became so popular with visitors that the train from Savannah was completed in 1887. The promise of a day of fun at the beach was provided for a mere 10 cents each way. As many as 12,000 day trippers rode the train each summer.

Tybee Road officially opened in June 1923 and was paved with oyster shells. There were always waiting lines at the Bull River Bridge, so Bridge tender Tom Williams and his wife set up a roadside cart to sell deviled crabs to people waiting for entry on the bridge. They later opened Williams Seafood there in 1935 (I ate many meals after church with my family there! It later burned down in 2004). The newfound popularity of the motorcar finally ended the need for the railroad, but it lasted until 1933. A bus line was established in 1932.

During the Prohibition in the 1920s and 30s, Tybee residents maintained open gambling and drinking. Alcohol was smuggled in and Tybee always stayed a step ahead of the revenuers. Big Bands from New York and California played in the Tybrisa Pavilion and Tybee’s social life never skipped a beat. Although Prohibition ended in 1933, it never began on Tybee in the first place!

In a chapter based on what kids did with their leisure time, I learned about a house that has always fascinated me on Izlar Ave. (and my dear friend Doug White lives in). Ernest Izlar, who came to Tybee in 1889 at the age of 13, was known as the Pied Piper of Tybee. He owned the Sea Breeze Hotel and a boarding house on what is now Izlar Ave. Children sat around his

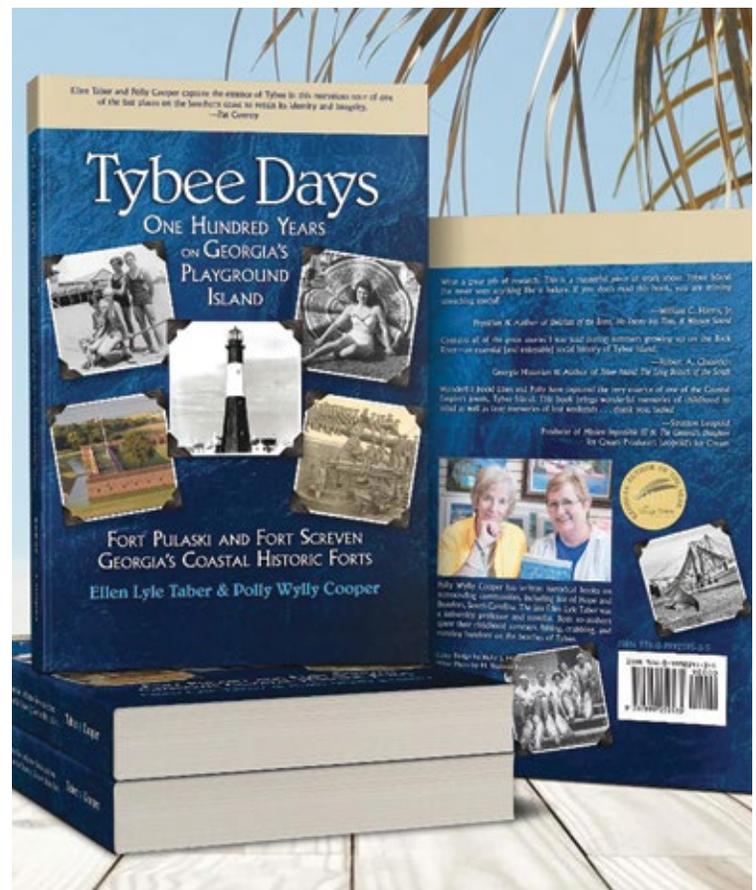
rocking chair on the front steps to hear about his many adventures of riding porpoises, pet sharks and how he put salt in the ocean. But the children weren’t around long, as their families boarded up and moved to town for school. There were only 176 families as year round residents in the 30s.

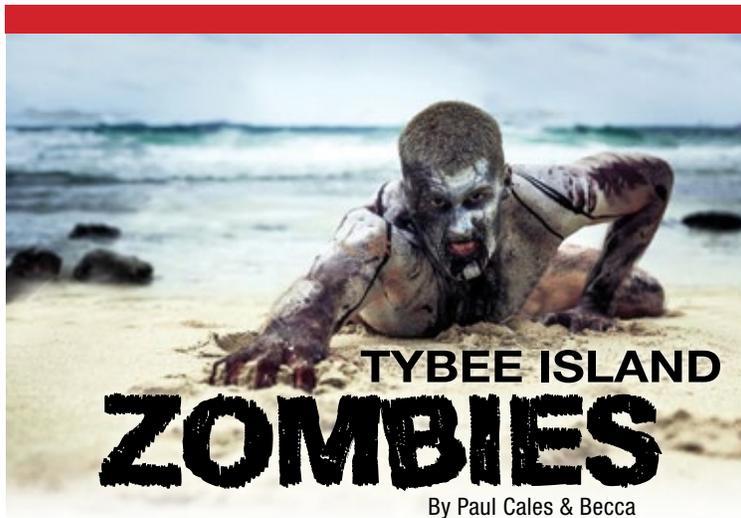
Two chapters are devoted to T.S. Chu. He established his famous department store in 1933. Mr. Chu also helped start the Small Business Association on the island and persuaded Cecil Day to open the first Days Inn on the island. He also helped a young refugee named Jim Yao. He had no money but he knew how to cook. Mr. Chu convinced the SBA to loan him \$100,000 to start the Dragon Palace on Butler Ave., which he ran until it burned down. The Sunrise was built in its place. Mr. Chu helped many people over the years, and never bothered to make anyone pay him back. A stack of IOUs was found in the family safe after he died. Also, the Optimist Club was formed in 1950 and Mr. Chu became president in 1958.

Chapter 4 was a little hard to read after our scares with Matthew and Irma. It seems that there have been much, much worse hurricanes to hit this island. The terrifying tales of death and destruction of October 1893, August 1940 and October 1947 are any wonder that anyone lives on this island at all!

But we do live on this island and we’re darned happy to be here. This book is full of nostalgic pictures and stories of the past that will make you look a little differently at your surroundings. I remember many buildings that aren’t here anymore, but there were so many more over the years. I give this book 5 roses and I highly recommend it for newcomers and anyone who thinks they are a “Local.” You have a lot to learn and you won’t be sorry investing in the time to learn it.

*Have a very Merry Christmas and read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on!*





Continued from the Nov 2018 Beachcomber.  
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## CHAPTER 17 – JOEY’S NOT AFRAID, HE’S JUST LAZY DAY 6

*“Dude!”* Johnny exclaims, *“Who the hell was that?”*

*“Sounded like Crabber,”* Becky says.

*“And it looks like he’s got friends,”* Tony adds. *“I saw at least two more people with him. One’s a girl.”*

*“How do you know that?”* Joey asks.

*“I saw long red hair.”*

*“Could have been Ginger Mike,”* Joey states simply.

*“Could have been,”* Tony sighs.

*“How the hell did Brian find us?”* Cheryl asks.

*“I have no idea,”* Tony says. *“But the fire decoy worked like a champ. Great job, Johnny.”*

*“Every once in a while he has a good idea,”* Cheryl laughs.

Smiling big, Johnny snaps back, *“Aww! Thanks a lot babe!”*

*“Well guys, we’re going to need a pla...”* Tony begins, before being interrupted by the ear shattering roar of jet engines flying just over the tree tops followed by several explosions.

Johnny’s smile dissolves. *“Shit, man. That’s Wilmington Island.”*

*“You don’t think we’re next, do you guys?”* Becky asks.

*“I doubt it,”* Tony says. *“Tybee may be next, but Little Tybee is uninhabited, save us and those idiots we just ran off.”*

*“The zeeks actually ran them off,”* Becky interrupts.

*“Do you really think Tybee might be next?”* Joey asks.

*“I don’t know,”* Tony says, *“But we need to warn Doug that the bombing is getting closer to his apartment.”*

*“You’ve seen Doug?!”* Joey asks excitedly.

*“Yeah man. He’s holed up at his place with Nomi. At least he was three days ago. We’ll have to go and get him. I haven’t been able to reach him on the walkie talkie since we left his place.”*

*“Umm... so let’s go and get him,”* Cheryl says, already annoyed with the delay.

*“Someone is going to have to stay here and keep guard over our luxury penthouse in the sky,”* Johnny says.

*“Agreed,”* Tony answers. *“I think this is a two-person job. Traveling has proved difficult and the more people there are, the higher the risk. Joey, up for an adventure?”*

*“I mean... I guess. I kind of like being safe here in the trees...”*

*but whatever.”*

*“Jesus Joey,”* Becky sighs. *“I’ll go.”*

*“No, I think Joey needs to go,”* Cheryl begins. *“He’s not afraid, he’s just lazy. Right Joey?”*

*“Okay, okay, I’ll go! But I’m definitely not going to be the one shooting Doug if he’s a zombie. He’s MY bartender when I’m not behind the bar, and shooting him would just be wrong...”*

*“Jesus Joey. If he’s a zombie, I’ll shoot him,”* Tony snaps and then looks at the rest of the group that is staying behind. *“While we’re gone make sure you guys have three hundred sixty-degree security with guns at the ready. Whoever that was knows where we are and that we have firepower. Don’t be afraid to use it.”*

Tony and Joey then collect some provisions just in case they don’t make it back to camp for a while and point Captain Nick’s boat towards Lazaretto Creek. They silently ride and watch the shoreline as they approach it until Joey speaks up, *“Damn. This is some crazy shit.”*

*“I know, man. Remember when we used to sit around and talk about what we’d do if zombies took over the world?”*

*“They haven’t taken over the world just yet,”* Joey muses. *“The government must be alive and well. We’re still hearing jets roaring overhead. Someone has to be giving the orders to bomb.”*

*“I suppose you’re right. They bombed Savannah first, then bombed Wilmington. They may have contained this thing already since they’re working their way towards Tybee.”*

*“What makes you think they have it contained?”*

*“Well... I think this whole thing started on Tybee. I also think that Marissa just may be patient zero.”*

*“Seriously?”* Joey asks.

*“Well... she got bit by something in the water, we took her to an ambulance at Alley 3, and the ambulance never left. We found it in the morning covered in blood and there were no bodies anywhere around. It was enough blood for the slaughter of at least three people.”*

*“Jesus!”* Joey exclaims.

*“And we’re pretty sure that Tybee is cut off from the mainland.”*

*“Well, why don’t we swing around to the Bull River Bridge to see if it’s still there?”*

*“Sounds like a plan, brother,”* Tony says and pushes the throttle to three quarters full. The duo settles in for an uneventful ten-minute ride to the bridge that separates Wilmington Island from the Tybee causeway.

As they approach, Joey squints and puts a hand up to his forehead to block the glare of the sun. He points to the bridge with his free hand. *“Do you see that Tony?”* There are 2 M1A1 Abrams main battle tanks nose to nose on the bridge, completely blocking access between Wilmington Island and the causeway that leads to Tybee. How the hell do you get past two tanks that are barricading the road?

*“Rules of engagement. They were probably operating under limited fire. They could only shoot if they were shot at first.”*

*“That’s not very smart during a zombie apocalypse,”* Joey observes.

*“It’s typical. I was in Egypt during a joint arms training mission with the Egyptians back in ’97. Operation Bright Star they called it. We took small arms fire from the hills. Hit the side of my tank. We weren’t allowed to fire back. That’s how the army works. They probably weren’t allowed to shoot. I wouldn’t be surprised if there*

isn't any ammo on board."

"What kind of tank were you on?"

"You're looking at the kind of tank I was on, man."

"Dude!" Joey exclaims, "So you can drive those things?"

"Not only can I drive 'em... I can load 'em, shoot 'em, maintain 'em, and most importantly in the present moment... disable them."

"Disable it?"

"Yeah, man," Tony says, as he pulls the boat up to the dock adjacent to the bridge. "We wouldn't want anyone taking them before we can get them back to Tybee, now would we?" He hops off the boat, ties it off quickly in a manner clearly meant to be temporary, and turns back to Joey. "Be careful. There may still be some zeeks hanging around. All I have to do is jump on the tank and take the negative disconnect bar off the battery bank in each tank."

"Well hurry it up. I don't like having my ass out here in the open. Even without the zeek problem, they're bombing the island we're currently standing on."

"Give me a minute and watch my back," Tony says, and jumps onto the back deck of the first tank with a crescent wrench in hand. He yanks on the battery bank hatch and disconnects the negative bus bar. Jumping on top of the turret he looks inside the tank. There is a zeek inside that can't find a way out. Tony opens the loader side storage box and grabs a sledge hammer. With a swift swing of the hammer down into the turret he dispatches the zeek. He then slides into the loaders' hatch and checks the coax M240 machine gun for ammo. "Holy crap! This bad boy is fully combat loaded!" he shouts to Joey, excitedly.

"Hurry it up man!" Joey gives him as an answer.

Tony looks into the turret of the second tank to make sure it's clear before jumping in. Once inside, nostalgia hits him and he inhales deeply to soak up the scent. Only an M1 smells like this. The scent of rounds fired, hydraulic fluid, fuel, and grease. Joey's scream snaps Tony back to the here and now. He quickly pops his head out of the Tank Commander's hatch, looks toward Joey, and says, "Dude, what is it?"

"An ass ton of zeeks is what it is!" he shouts, pointing at the small horde that is approaching.

"Jump up here. We'll be safe."

"The last guys in that tank probably thought the same thing,"

Joey says, and puts a hand to his hip.

"Damn it Joey, get up here! THEY'RE COMING!"

To be continued...



## Historic Preservation on Tybee Island

By Desiree Wood, Director of Education & Membership

### A Lighthouse Christmas

Those of us who work at the Tybee Island Historical Society spend a great deal of time researching and thinking about how to teach others about what life was like for the people who lived on this island during various periods of history. One of the keys to the successful interpretation of a site like ours is to do as much as we can to insure that our guests make a personal connection to the site and its exhibits. With those things in mind, the staff and volunteers at the Tybee Island Historical Society created an annual **Tybee Lighthouse Christmas Tour**.

The tour is set during the period of time when the last Lighthouse Keeper, George Jackson, lived at the Light Station with his family in the 1930s. On the outset, it might seem as if a depression era Christmas Tour may not have very much to offer in the way of cheer, but in a time when our holiday celebrations are decidedly lambasted with commercialization there is plenty of charm to be found when revisiting a simpler time.

The grounds are beautifully decorated with the adornments that the Jackson family would have been able to find in their own natural surroundings. The grown-up guests comment that seeing the evergreen boughs and the handmade decorations lit by candlelight in the Head Keeper's Cottage brought them back to the much simpler holiday celebrations of their youth, and the children that visit are shocked to learn about the ways that gift-giving traditions have changed over the years.

Many of our volunteers give very generously of their time. Not only do they research and select their own vintage costumes, but also many of them memorize monologues and scripts to help them interact with our guests in ways that are, not only historically accurate, but entertaining. It is certainly a great deal of work but it seems that both our volunteers and the guests enjoy themselves immensely. Last year's tour was a great success and we hope to continue the Lighthouse Christmas Tour as we move into the future, and if you should find yourself in need of entertainment or volunteer opportunities, please keep the Lighthouse Christmas Tour in mind.

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# TAXITALES

By Joey Goralczyk



## DanChad

We certainly attract an eccentric population to our little slice of drunken paradise we call Tybee. Seems like a lot of them are from Ohio (for some reason). Anyway, scores of people set up camp here every year, and a lot of them get chewed up and spit out, but a few of them make it. You don't need to know a backstory cause they're here now and dammit, they're cool! A wise man once told me that Tybee is the end of the road, there is nowhere left to run. He is not wrong. You think you know somebody, and then a SWAT team kicks in their door for a bank robbery in the 80's. Or you quiet neighbor gets in a knife fight with his roommate. Recently, a very well established local business "owner" fooled us all into thinking he was someone he quite literally wasn't.

Just to lead off, normally we don't use real names or single someone out. But, considering the name we knew him as wasn't, in fact, his real name, and it's all a matter of public record now, I feel perfectly ethical in naming names. I met Chad Faire the first year we ran Breezy. I picked him up at a corner bar on the south end, sober. He said he was headed north. He was wearing an oyster house shirt and diamond-studded Gloria Vanderbilt sunglasses. We chatted and I would say we hit it off pretty well. I was told he was the new general manager of said oyster house and would be buying it himself very soon. I asked where he lived and he said just drop him at the first Chu's, that was close enough. Cool. I complied, he gave me a \$20, said he'd be using us daily and to save his number. Done and done! Nice to meet you Chad.

That routine repeated itself thru a few years. He truly became one of my favorite customers and a really good friend to my whole family actually. Even my little sister liked him. I think I can speak for a large

portion of the island and say he was very well liked. My family became regulars at the oyster house, just to go see him. He didn't seem to do a lot of managing though. Bartending yes. Serving yes. He even cooked on occasion. Never thought about it, but he was the owner allegedly. We partied together, drinking Irish breakfast till we puked. We would have house parties and dinner with him. We did slap-bets, wherein the winner of a bet gets to slap the hell out of the loser. He was a drunken kleptomaniac too. If he was wasted, no salt shaker or ashtray was safe. I imagined his house was a large collection of petty contraband, though I never saw it. He was always very helpful and generous. He helped me bail a few really good friends of ours out of jail. I really liked the guy.

Alas, when I made that fateful trip for burgers and got into a little trouble, Chad was the first to offer me a job. I didn't even have to ask. I went from court one day to train at the restaurant the next. When your friend becomes your boss it can get a little strained, but we were still tight. He took care of his employees and I was blindly loyal (obviously). Did notice some weird things though. Like, if he was the owner, why did the "former owner" spend so much time there? It seemed like he answered to her a lot. I soon found out that he was the owner of the company, but not the building. Okay, that's not what you said 4 years ago, but whatever. Also, why is your reclusive boyfriend Dan getting so many calls and mail at the restaurant? Strange, but again whatever. The 4 story house he "bought" was also clearly a rental. Everyone knew it. Maybe Chad was just proud. Surely my good buddy wasn't actually a pathological liar and con man, right? You can't fool EVERYONE, right?

So one day, out of the blue, I showed up at work, and my co-worker told me that Chad was out. Whatever do you mean? He owns the place. No, no he doesn't. He was the GM and he got fired. Well, that sucks. I'll call him. No answer. What the hell? A week or two went by and a sheriff's officer came in, looking for Dan, except the picture was of Chad. I was completely aghast. I could not believe it. We gave them his phone number and they knew where he lived. I went home and told my family. Also shocked, my dad called him, as did I. He answered and we told him what happened. He said it was a mistake and he'd be back in town later that week. I've never seen him again. Amazing. He fooled EVERYONE. Chad was Dan, and Dan was Chad. Danchad. He made off with a large amount of cash, which he just straight up stole from people who considered him family. I really don't know what else to say. We were all friends with a con-man. He finally got busted in Key West a couple of weeks ago and made headlines. It's kinda surreal to read that story. Dude was a fraud. I guess Tybee isn't the end of the road. There is Key West!

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# The Millennial Gift Guide

By Jenny Ellis

Hi Tybee! It's your 'resident' millennial here to share some holiday shopping advice for your favorite millennial. Not sure what to get your niece, nephew, grandchild, or even millennial aged employee? Millennials can be hard to shop for and you like to hit your gifts out of the park. You may be feeling left behind in the digital age and feeling self-conscious about your gifting skills. Don't fret! You can literally complete all your holiday shopping this weekend and have a stress free December not worrying about what to get them! For the record, this millennial has worked retail and fashion her whole professional career and is not fond of Christmas gift giving but that's a whole other article. P.S- If you don't want to read this article and want the cliff notes, get them an Amazon gift card.

**RULE #1: Absolutely NO CLOTHING, HANDBAGS, OR SHOES!!** We can barely make that decision every day and we know ourselves pretty well. Unless we have dropped a MAJOR hint, like sending you a link or image of the exact item, stay far away from this category. And may I politely remind you that socks do not count as gifts. Last year, my boss gave me socks with veggies on them, after making literally over a million dollars for her business, and I gave them to my dog to destroy. If your favorite millennial is a clothing, handbag, shoes kinda rock star, then a gift card to THEIR favorite store is fine. There are also subscription based clothing companies that will send you a new outfit every month, check one of those out for your ever evolving fashion millennial.

**RULE #2: Lay off the "gag" gifts.** Gag gifts = you have no idea who I am. If you are a chronic gag gift giver, your millennial friend is not looking forward to exchanging gifts with you. I know you've seen me with a few red solo cups in my day, but that does not mean I want to open my cupboard and see a reusable 32oz red solo cup from you because you think it's funny. Gag gifts literally go in the donation pile because I already have too much shit in my

house and I cannot take on any more wasteful plastic items that I will never use. If you are the class clown looking to spread some laughter, how about some tickets to a comedy show? Or a great comedian's autobiography? Or movie tickets so I can choose what I want to laugh at. Think outside the box you funny guy and stick with experiences over wasteful items that are the foundation of American consumerism, which millennials hate.

**RULE #3: Experiences!!** Most people, even millennials, have 1 or 2 skills they are really good at or enjoy experiencing. For my boyfriend, its fishing. For me, I love to cook & learn about food. I have a friend of mine that makes jewelry. There is always something! Think about this skill or hobby and make it a themed gift. A quick Facebook or Instagram stock could tell you what they love to do because they will always post it! My only advice is do not go too specific and always supply a gift receipt. In the example of my boyfriend, he has every piece of fishing gear in the world, so instead of pretending that I know anything about that, I choose to give him a new experience, like a charter with his friends. For me, a fun cooking class would be a great gift! Follow this formula for literally anyone, especially millennials. Other ideas are gift cards to manicure/pedicure to their favorite place, tickets to a wine/food pairing, skydiving for your insane family members, or even a few professional cleaning services would be exciting (if they don't take it the wrong way). I think you get the idea. Something that would be normally out of their monthly budget is always a nice gift. Groupon & living local can be great resources to purchase experiences at a discount so check those out this weekend.

As mentioned in the above cliff notes, if all else fails, an Amazon gift card is one of the best ways to win the hearts of your millennial loved ones. Follow the rules and formulas above and you'll be the most coveted gift giver in the eyes of your favorite millennial.



# Tybee Christmas

By Micheal Elliott

I don't know who stuck the dead Christmas tree in the sand between the 14th Street crosswalk and the Ocean, but it remained up for days as the tides rolled in and out.

Brown with only a few needles, it was naked and bare, resembling a wooden tomb on the Beach with Seagulls standing information against the wind.

The day after it was planted, someone took empty Pabst Blue Ribbon cans, stuck them on the end of a couple of branches and ... something happened.

The following morning the tree was adored with gold garland.

Blue, red and green ornaments mysteriously appeared.

A large white star fell from Heaven, landing on the brown dead top stem.

Silver tinsel blew in from somewhere and then suddenly, regally clothed branches caught each strand and wore them proudly.

By Christmas Eve it was impossible to tell the tree was dead as it sparkled in the bright sunshine and danced in the Ocean breezes and colorful wrapped boxes spread under its branches in the sand.

On Christmas morning a solitary figure wearing a kilt played "Amazing Grace" to the tree as others left their homes, vacation rentals, cottages and hotel rooms to watch.

It was the most wonderful island way to remind ourselves of peace on earth and goodwill to men and women.

And no one knew who did what to make the miracle happen.

Who lost their mind, taking a dead Christmas Tree to the Beach and planting it in the sand?

Who took their empties and used them to inspire real decorations?

How many contributed to bringing the tree back to life with decorations?

What was in the boxes and why place them there?

Why Bagpipes and how were they heard through the wind to beckon a collection of strangers from far and near to gather on the Beach as in worship?

Christmas on Tybee is quiet, quirky and generous.

The City kicks it off with Chamber of Commerce decorations and a street party, parade, institutional decorations and a real tree bolted to the concrete at the end of Tybrisa Street so the wind doesn't blow it away or it's not stolen. The only thing not decorated are the Stop Signs.

The Island Churches take it from there with formal services, choir cantatas, caroling and a reminder that it's all supposed to be about the birth of a child.

The Bars take over planning celebrations, parties and feasts that culminate on Christmas morning when special Potluck dinners are sponsored for everyone who has nowhere or no one. All the things the Churches talk about take flesh and the body of Christ shows up in multiple places at the same time.

Year-round residents remaining on Tybee end the day in clusters of afterglow in the Churches, Bars, hotel rooms, on the Pier or the Beach.

Christmas on Tybee is a crazy tapestry of planned, unplanned, family, singles, religious and not-so-much under a blazing canopy of stars with channel markers underneath floating on the Sea, roaring waves sloppily kissing the shore, Seagulls standing sentry on the Beach all mixed together in a magic gumbo of acceptance in a world increasingly intolerant of most everything.

If you've been on Tybee long enough you may remember that virtually all of the sand dunes between 14th and 6th Streets are built upon discarded Christmas trees.

In days of old, twenty years ago, everyone on Tybee threw their discarded Christmas Trees on the Beach to catch the sand and make dunes. It worked magnificently well and without any Government assistance, the Dunes are now four deep in some places where there once were none.

And every few years, one of them magically appears between the Beach and the 14th Street crosswalk to remind us what Christmas really is on this island.

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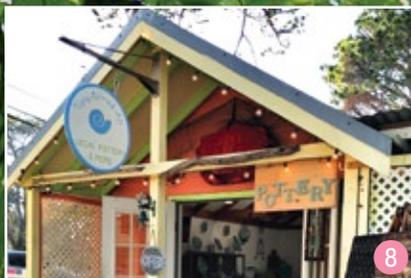
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# soul shine

## Following Your Passion

By Melonie DePalma, Health Coach

I have spent most of my adult years following my passions. After graduation I was shoved into engineering, which is what we all did in Detroit... some sort of auto industry work. I knew after one year in that I did not “fit” there. Financially my future could have been stable, but I knew in my soul that it was more important to be happy.

Years later, after traveling the country and waitressing to support my soul searching, I landed back in Detroit and was pulled to a job at a Gym. Hired on immediately as a coach, I climbed my way up to be a general manager of over five gyms and a personal trainer and weight management coach. Today I have graduated as a Life Health Coach that helps others meet their goals.

So I ask you to think about your passion in life (other than being able to live on the most beautiful Island of misfits in the world.

Even if you know what your “passion” is (as if there is just one thing you can be passionate about), there are so many other factors that matter. For example:

- Can you earn a living doing it?
- Would it still be your passion if you had to do it every day to make money?

The point here is not that you need to have firm answers to these questions before you even get started. But in a world where bills must be paid, vast sums of loans must be paid off, and competition is fierce, to neglect the more subtle nuances and practical implications of setting out to get paid to do what you love is dangerous advice.

Secondly, and more importantly, “following your passion” is not helpful because it makes it sound so easy. It’s hard, it takes time, and it takes serious dedication to the cause.

It means many late nights battling fear and anxiety, doubting yourself and wondering if you’re crazy, naïve, or unrealistic for pursuing the path

you’ve chosen. (Yes, I state this from personal experience!)

It often means having dangerously low bank accounts for much longer than you’d hoped, until you figure out how to get the income piece to work.

First, you have to understand legacy: what you care about, what you are driven by, and what change you want to create in the world, for others and for future generations. This goes far beyond locking yourself in a room with a journal and pen. It involves deep introspection to be sure, but also LOTs of conversations, fact-finding, and testing your assumptions about what will allow you to work with a deep and personal sense of purpose.

Understanding your legacy starts with the understanding that you will probably never arrive at a singular answer as to what is meaningful to you (if you do, it won’t last forever). But you can reach progressive levels of clarity that will lead you to more fulfilling opportunities—which will in turn influence and alter your vision of meaningful work. It’s a never-ending cycle of self-discovery and self-creation.

Second, you need to seek mastery by understanding what skills are valued by the market you want to be working in, what skills you can and want to become excellent at relative to your competition, and how you can align the two.

Third, you need to seek freedom: cultivating and exchanging in such a way that you will progressively gain the ability to do work that is in alignment with your gift, on your own terms.

Freedom can mean working less, working remotely never leaving our Island, working with influencers and leaders, or working on projects with greater creativity and impact. What freedom (or impact, for that matter) means to you is for you to discover and decide.

All told, finding meaningful work is a continually unfolding process. Think about what comes easy to your soul, your soul work. Listen to your heart and soul and enjoy the path of discovery.

# Life's a Beach Events

## What's happening in Dec By Mom

**12-1 Tybee Island Christmas Parade** 1-3:30pm The Tybee Island Christmas Parade starts at the 14th St. parking lot. It will head up Tybrisa and on to Butler. The parade ends at the Tybee Gym where kids can spend time with Santa.

**12-1 Little Women of Orchard House** 7:30-9:30pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The Youth Ensemble is back with their annual holiday production. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**12-1 & 12-2 House of the Christmas Mouse/Art Show & Sale** 10am-5pm at Tybee Arts Association, 7 Cedarwood Ave. For more information go to [www.tybeearts.org](http://www.tybeearts.org) or call 912-786-5920.

**12-3, 12-10, 12-17, 12-24, & 12-31 Historic Fort Screven Battery Tours** 9-10:30am at 30 Meddin Dr. The Tybee Island Historical Society is presenting this walking tour of the Fort Screven Batteries. Call 912-786-5801 as reservations are required and for further info.

**12-7 10th Annual Tybee Island Lighted Boat Parade** 7-9pm at the Crab Shack, 40 Estill Hammock Rd. Starting out with a Hot Dog & Chili Bar, this is free for everyone with a Second Harvest canned food donation. Boats head out at 7:30pm. Enjoy the show and stick around for the awards. For more info go online to [www.thecrabshack.com](http://www.thecrabshack.com).

**12-7 First Friday Family Frisbee** 6-8pm at Memorial Park. Meet up at the YMCA for pick-up Ultimate Frisbee in the park. Free to the public. Call 912-786-9622 for more info.

**12-7 Tybee's First Annual Rockin' Blue Christmas** 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Rock & Roll, Rhythm & Blues, Americana, Soul, and Christmas music. Entertainment provided by Bottles & Cans, The Magic Rocks, and many Special Guests. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**12-8 11th Annual Tour de Lights** 6:30-8:30pm at AJ's, 1315 Chatham Ave. Decorate your bikes and golf carts in Christmas Holiday style. Prizes, raffles, live entertainment, and more. Check online at [www.ajsdocksidetybee.com](http://www.ajsdocksidetybee.com).

**12-8 & 12-15 A Lighthouse Christmas** 6:30pm, 7:30pm, and 8:30pm at the Lighthouse, 30 Meddin Dr. Travel back in time to experience a simpler time of life and holidays in the 1930's and 40's. Please call 912-786-5801 as reservations are required and for further info.

**12-8 & 12-9 Art Show & Sale** 11am-5pm at Tybee Arts Association, 7 Cedarwood Ave. For more info go to [www.tybeearts.org](http://www.tybeearts.org) or call 912-786-5920.

**12-9 Shark! "The Meg" & Shark Talk** 3pm and 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The Tybee Post Theater and the Tybee Marine Science Center team up to bring you this film along with Doug Duch, a local shark tooth diver, providing information about Sharks! Proceeds will benefit both the Tybee Post Theater and the Tybee Marine Science Center. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**12-10 Red Cross Community Blood Drive** 2-7pm at the Old School Cafeteria on 5th, just off Butler. Save time by going online to [www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass).

**12-15 2nd Annual Tybee Christmas Cabaret** 7:30- 9:30pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. A Christmas Variety Show that local and Savannah performers provide a wonderful holiday program. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912- 472-4790.

**12-16 ATC on Tybee Presents...Fly More Than You Fall Meets Sun Records: Nat Zegree in Concert** 3pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. ATC on Tybee is presenting its 3rd performance in a concert series that represents a collaboration between the American Traditions Vocal Competition (ATC) and the Tybee Post Theater. Prepare for a rockabilly good time. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**Dec 17 TIPD VIP Luncheon-Neighbors Helping Neighbors** 11am to noon at the Cafeteria. If you need some assistance or want to help, contact Richard Dascal at 912-484-8833 for further info.

**12-20 Shop Late Till 8 at The Shoppes at 1207** 5-8pm at The Shoppes at 1207 US Hwy 80. This event is every 3rd Thursday through December. Visit Seaside Sisters, Kelly & Co., and Justabreeze Art & Framing.

**12-21 Stardusted Circus Winter Solstice** 7-9pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. An evening of light, magic and wonders. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

**12-25 Merry Christmas!!** Merry Christmas Y'all!!

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

**AGAVE SPECIALS**

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

Menu subject to change.

# THE Fish Whisperer



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## Dec. Fishing Forecast

### PIER FISHING

Now is when we see a decline in the number of fish caught off the pier. The water has begun to cool fast and the majority of the fish have moved south. For those still looking to soak some bait, you still have a chance. I have seen Dogfish, Cleannose Skates, Sheepshead, Whiting, the rare Bull Red Drum and Black Drum bite this time of year. For the Dogfish and Red Drum, cut bait or whole fish, such as mullet are the best baits. For Whiting, Black Drum and Cleannose Skates, shrimp is always the best choice. Sheepshead are all around and they love fiddler crabs so make sure you have plenty, they will steal bait.

### INSHORE

Now this bite all depends on how the weather is. In December we are known for being 80 one day and 30 the next and this can make the inshore tough to figure out. The trout will still be feeding but look in the

deeper holes near the current rips off the Oyster rakes. This time of year mud minnows and jigs, fished real slow, tend to catch me more fish than anything else. For the Redfish I use the same baits, but fish the mud flats around low tide on the warmest day I can. These fish will be hiding from the Dolphins, so find areas where they can't get. Sheepshead are around as well; look around every bridge or dock, these are fun fish to catch and land. They will put your line to the test on every bite. Fiddler Crabs fished on a Carolina rig right next to the structure will produce the bites.

### NEAR SHORE

This time of year is all about the Big Black Sea Bass. You've got to head out to 55 to 65 feet of water and you will find the big boys. These fish will make for some fine eating as well. Squid has got to be the number one bait and the local bait shop has plenty. While you are catching Sea Bass, you may also catch lots of Grunts, Porgies and maybe a few Flounder. The Bull Redfish are on the reefs out here as well, just make sure you take lots of care in reviving the fish before you release them. Red Drum may not be kept when caught outside of state waters. The rules change for Black Sea Bass once you are out of state waters as well, so make you your know the rules for where you will be fishing. Here's the website so you can check out the regulations <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/fishing/regulations>.

### OFF SHORE

Out here the bottom bite is still great, but fish like Vermillion Snapper are closed till January. This time of year the big Wahoo can be caught off our coast out in the stream. I know it's a long run, but you may catch the fish of a life time. Good luck to those that take the chance to get out there and try.

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





# SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

'Tis the season for ... sports! Welcome back fans of the Sports Teaser (pretty sure I have enough fingers to count you all). It's December and that means the onslaught of college bowl games, some hoops, some hockey and a lot of Christmas Parties (and headaches). It's the most wonderful time of the year, or something like that. Let's get on with it, shall we?

Of course we are close to the end of the regular season in college football and for the most part, the teams that we talked about at the beginning of the year are right there in the middle of it still. That will probably change by the time you read this, but Alabama, Clemson, Notre Dame and Michigan are the 4 playoff teams as of Nov. 9. Georgia and Oklahoma are the next 2 and a few others like West Virginia and Ohio State are still in contention. The way I see it, only 5 teams in this bunch control their own destinies if they win out. They are the top 4 currently and Georgia. If Alabama or Georgia wins out then that team would get in along with Clemson, Notre Dame and Michigan (assuming all of them win out as well).

We do know that Bama and UGA will play December 1 in Atlanta for the SEC Championship. That was determined after Bama beat LSU and UGA beat Kentucky, making it the earliest in the season that we have known the championship matchup since its creation in 1992. If only it is as competitive as the National Championship game last year, we will be in for a great game (Editor's note: GO DAWGS!). For you Georgia fans, the team's post-season destination will most likely be the College Football Playoff if they win out, including beating Alabama, or a New Year's six game if they win out but lose to Alabama. Maybe the Sugar vs Oklahoma, maybe UCF in the Peach or something not as stellar should they lose more than one of their last four, but let's not talk about that. At least it

won't be Shreveport, Memphis or Birmingham like during the dark days of Ray Goff and Jim Donnan! We are in for a great rest of the college football season, bowl games and the playoff. And then, poof, it will all be over and we'll be waiting for September all over again.

The NFL is a little more than half way through the season at this writing and the elite 4 teams seem to be KC, New England, New Orleans and the LA Rams. Pittsburgh and the LA Chargers seem to be coming on the AFC while Philly, Chicago and Minnesota will try to challenge in the NFC. And don't count out Atlanta after 3 straight wins and the offense seemingly humming again. But DO count out Jacksonville; what a disaster. Nah, they didn't need to draft a QB last spring, Blake Bortles is fine.

Baseball just concluded and what a great season the Atlanta Braves had with a 90 win campaign. Everyone agrees that they were a year ahead of schedule and should be a team to be reckoned with for many years to come with their abundance of youth. With a few more arms both starting and in the bullpen and maybe a power hitter, watch out! It was great to have some watchable baseball in September and October for sure. The Red Sox won 108 games and then went 11-3 in the playoffs to win it all and it wasn't even that close it seemed. Pitchers and catchers report in just a few months!

College and pro basketball have both tipped off. It looks like Duke, Kansas, Kentucky and Gonzaga are the teams to beat... surprised?? In the NBA, well ... hmmm ... they just need to start the season on Christmas Day and play 60 games or so. That being said, let's talk about hoops after Christmas, cool?

Happy Holidays to all and enjoy the gift of sports this season. See ya in January, brrrrr.



# Update From Tybee's Mayor

By Mayor Jason Buelterman

As we approach the holidays, I wanted to give everyone an update on a few important projects.

Highway 80 from the Bull River Bridge to the Lazaretto Creek Bridge was supposed to be re-paved by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) this fall. It has been delayed to the springtime due to a delay in another project on I-16 that took longer than the contractor expected. The project cannot be done in the winter due to the need to pave when the temperature is warmer. We have been assured by GDOT that the project will be done at night so as to avoid traffic interruptions. The pavement will be raised almost a foot in some lower areas to reduce the odds of road closures due to flooding. GDOT is considering some changes to the way the lanes are marked. If we hear more, we will let everyone know so you can provide input.

Tybee citizens and Tybee YMCA staff were recently put on a committee that was tasked with suggesting improvements at Jaycee Park. They came up with some excellent recommendations. For example, they suggested providing shade elements at the playground and repurposing the basketball court into one or more pickle ball courts. These ideas were shared with the public at a meeting on November 13th, held specifically for the purpose of obtaining input from the public so stakeholders could share their thoughts, opinions and suggestions on the committee's plans. After this input is received, modifications to the plan will be made if needed and final plans will be presented to City Council. The goal is to enhance the recreational aspects of the Park while not in any way detracting from the feel of Jaycee Park. It is one of the most beautiful parks in the country and we certainly do not want to detract from the wonderful work that was done by those who designed the Park decades ago.

The landscaping in the median on Highway 80 between the Lazaretto Creek Bridge and Byers was damaged by both Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. Salt water killed many of the grasses that were planted a few years ago and the Crepe Myrtles that had been there for decades. We obtained a permit from GDOT in late October and will put the project out to bid soon. Back in June, we placed sufficient funds in the budget to pay for a complete make-over of the median. Our goal is to have the project completed by springtime. The new plants will be drought tolerant and more resistant to the elements. This median is one of the first things we all see when we come onto the Island and we want to make the entrance to Tybee something we can all be proud of. Kudos to Councilwoman Wanda Doyle for leading the charge on this.

Congratulations to the Tybee Youth Council for hosting the first ever Georgia Youth Council Symposium a few weeks ago! Over 70 young people from all over the State met on Tybee to discuss issues facing youth in Georgia. They met in structured discussions to come up with ideas and solutions to some of our pressing problems. They also learned about how politics and government works at the ground level by hearing from mayors and city council members from the area. Many thanks to the Georgia Municipal Association for helping to make this happen. Thanks also to Tybee IGA, Huc-A-Poos and Hotel Tybee for generously supporting this event. And thanks to Councilman Monty Parks for donating his time as a deejay to make it even more fun for the kids. Finally, thanks to our Clerk, Jan Leviner, for her leadership on this initiative. It will become an annual event hosted by cities with youth councils all over the state and it was through Jan's work that this opportunity will be provided for all of these great kids.

Our City Manager, Dr. Shawn Gillen, and I look forward to speaking at the Chatham County Metropolitan Planning Organization's transportation board meeting on December 12th at 10am about the need to fast track the replacement of the Lazaretto Creek and Bull River bridges. This organization makes important decisions about how to use monies allocated to our region by the Federal and State governments for transportation projects. If you want to show your support for this endeavor, the meeting is open to the public. They meet at 110 East State Street in downtown Savannah.

Enjoy the holidays! As always, feel free to contact me should you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. I can be reached on my cell at 912.844.8427 or via email at [jbuelterman@cityoftybee.org](mailto:jbuelterman@cityoftybee.org).



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## Michael David Jacobs

By Kim Voigt

**August 29, 1946 – October 21, 2018 (age 72)**

Michael David Jacobs was born in 1946 in Savannah and moved to Tybee as a child.

Mikie was a regular at many eating establishments back in the day, especially the counter at Breakfast Club so he could catch up with the local guy's gossip. He also loved Mexican food, the hotter the better. If you were lucky enough to be his guest, you were prepared for him to whip out his sweat rag, kept handy for such occasions. He was known to often return birthday gifts, in order to purchase a buffet lunch and movie tickets.

Mikie also had an appetite for travel, and left many times to find himself, which actually got him as far as Macon once, only to return to Tybee. He was also one to give you the shirt off his back, and likely would request it back, but only if you could spare it. You could find him down on 16th Street parking lot, reading the newspaper before the dunes got too big to see the ocean, or listening to music in the back yard, drinking a cold beer. Mikie laughed at himself easily and believed Jesus laughed harder. Humor got him by, when all else failed.

Mikie, you will be missed terribly on Tybee.



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# Bartender Chronicles

By Welsley Turner Franco

I know it's been a minute since I've written Bartender Chronicles, but I was waiting for an epiphany that would be different than the usual bitchery of don't shake your ice at me, point to your drink like I don't know where it's at, and/or just be a bad customer. I had such an epiphany while sitting on my porch watching my backyard. Two squirrels were doing a mating dance and it came to me! When you are cheating on your significant other DO NOT come to my bar!

It happens. You meet someone you want to pregame with before you get down to betraying your vows at the local motel and you come into my bar. You are a regular and you walk in with NOT your wife/husband and expect me to be all down with the game. Ugh. NO MAN!!! I am out! I will serve you with flat out disgust and distaste simmering under the surface of opening my mouth and saying something awful to you. Don't you dare allow your suckiness to ruin my day and then try to justify your suckiness and pathway to hell trying to get my approval. I hate you!

The squirrels brought it all back. This has been a few years ago, but I remember it clearly because UGH! This married man (whom I loved and equally loved his wife) came in with a lady. She was nice, pretty and pleasant. I was hoping and praying that it was a business meeting. Nope. His hand went up her dress and I don't know what kind of business he had, but I'm fairly sure it wasn't Pimping and Pandering, LLC. A thousand questions ran through my mind: Does she know? Should I tell her? Should I punch him in the throat with a baseball bat? Where is the wife? WTF? How should I act? I felt dirty and I wasn't even doing anything wrong! Nothing could hide the flat-out disgust on my face and the husband seemed to realize this as he paid quickly and skedaddled on out the door.

The next week when he came in with his wife, it really took everything I had in me to not say something. Now, granted, we bartenders see people who shouldn't be there (hiding from significant others, parole officers, employers, etc.) and I get that and will protect my peeps. I also get phone calls asking if 'so and so' is there (and no, I haven't seen them all day). You can understand the dilemma. But when I love both of you and you shove it in my face to choose, I am going to burn your house down (unless your ex gets it in the settlement). Don't drag me into your show. Now you know.

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# Foodie Finds

By Jem

## Chocolate Kahlua Cake



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- 1 box chocolate cake mix (unless you have time to make a homemade cake)
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 (6oz) package of instant chocolate pudding mix
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup Kahlua liqueur (don't drink it!)
- 1/2 cup water

### Topping:

- 6 Tbsp. Kahlua liqueur (this is for the cake!)
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar, sifted



### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine first 6 ingredients (make sure you didn't drink the Kahlua), in a mixing bowl and blend well. Pour into a greased and lightly floured 9 1/2 inch bundt pan. Bake 45-50 minutes or until cake springs back when lightly touched. Combine the topping ingredients. While cake is still warm in pan, poke holes in cake (lots of holes); pour the topping mixture over the cake. Allow cake to cool in pan at least 2 hours before removing.

Now, if you want...you can have the rest of your Kahlua! Or, enjoy it with your cake! Merry, Merry!

## On Going Happenings

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

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

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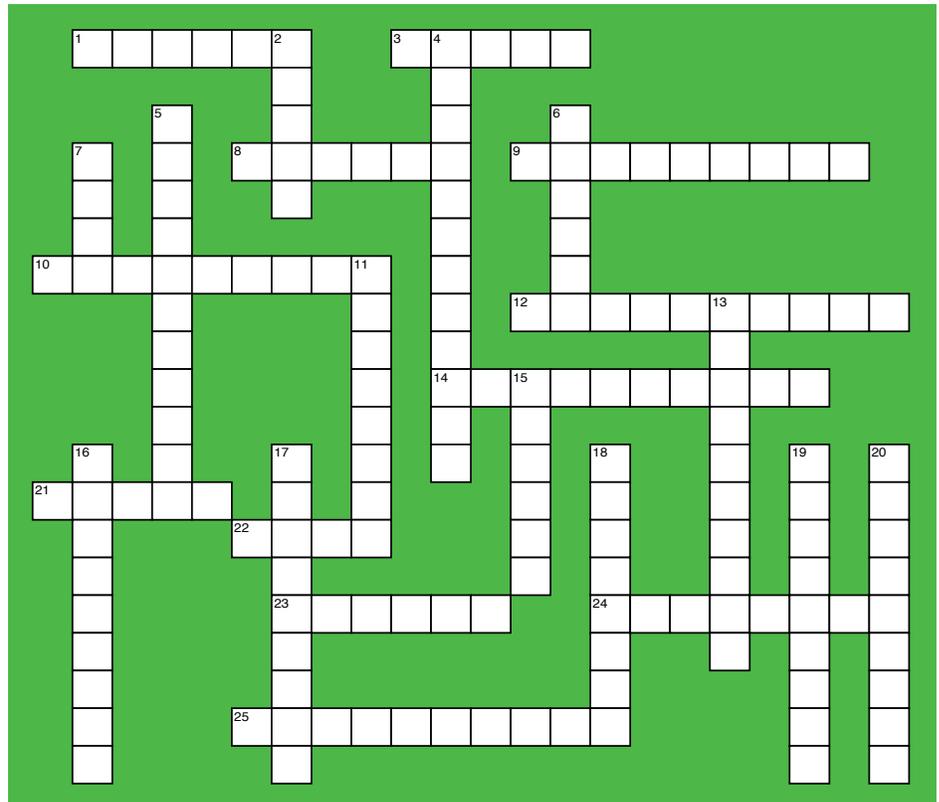
# Cross Word

## ACROSS

- 1 Tour de \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Bartender of the Month
- 8 Find this sticker in The Beachcomber to win
- 9 Scrooge says this at Christmas (2 wds.)
- 10 Book Review (2 wds.)
- 12 Food Spy locale (2 wds.)
- 14 The Historical Society is giving a tour here
- 21 House of the Christmas \_\_\_\_\_
- 22 Bad Advice says its not possible to over-decorate this
- 23 According to George, Tis the Season for \_\_\_\_\_
- 24 Final month
- 25 J. Beebs ranks him first for the best stash (2 wds.)

## DOWN

- 2 Nick's number one bait for Black Sea Bass
- 4 Number one Christmas movie per Alaina (2 wds.)
- 5 Jenny shares gift ideas for this group
- 6 Chocolate \_\_\_\_\_ Cake
- 7 He's not afraid, he's just lazy
- 11 The Moon Snail is also known as this (2 wds.)
- 13 Traveling Beachcomber winners went here (2 wds.)
- 15 He stole Christmas
- 16 It's a \_\_\_\_\_ Life
- 17 The most wonderful day of the year
- 18 Tybee for the \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 Allie says this is the most wanted gift for riding the waves
- 20 Tiny Living has set up for the winter at this campground (2 wds..)



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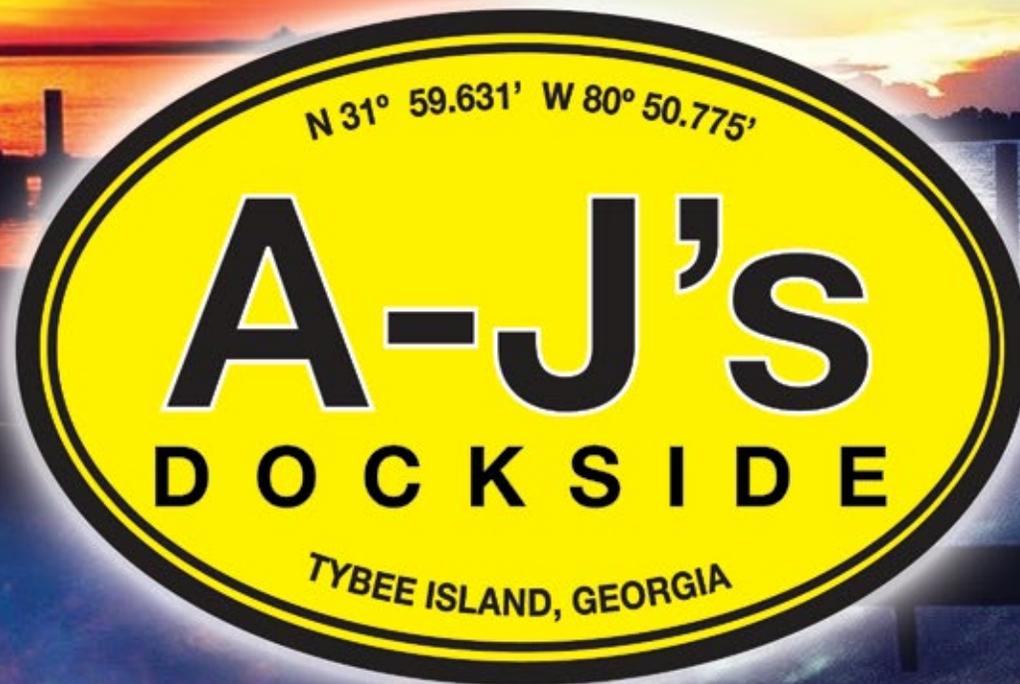
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