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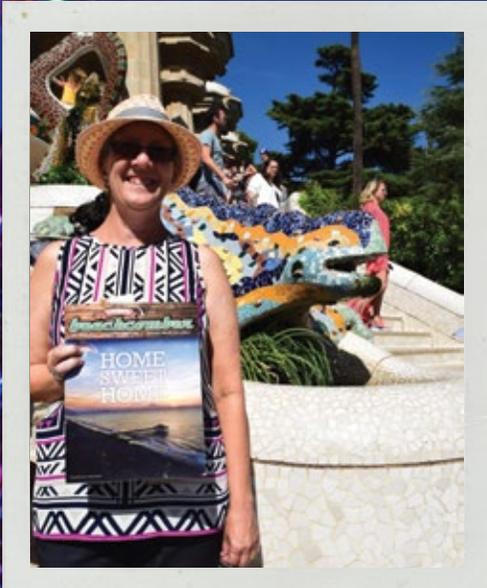
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Ms...Alain...eous

From the EDITOR

Well, this year slid by like a rock star! Just yesterday I was complaining about the heat and the traffic and now I'm wearing a hoodie with my shorts and I can walk down the middle of Butler without fear of being run over. I also just turned off my air conditioning! Time is flying my friends and now we are heading straight to the North Pole for Christmas time! For those of you that have already started decorating (me), bless your hearts! Never let the naysayers get you down!

I am delighted to announce that YES!! The Beachcomber is having a **Second Annual Pickle Party!!** For those of you that don't recall last year, December is Contest time! Y'all know how we love our contests. For the second year in a row, we will be placing Christmas Scratch 'n Sniff stickers in every edition of the Beachcomber. However, in ONE edition, there will be a Pickle Scratch 'n Sniff sticker. If you are the lucky finder of said Pickle, you will win a \$250 professional photography session with renowned photographer Wen McNally!!! Last year's winners were Brian and Kasey Jordan and this year's winner could be YOU!! The magazine will be stalked by me personally and will remain on Tybee for distribution (sorry subscribers). Due to this contest, I have been cracking the whip harder than usual on our long-suffering writers to get their articles in earlier so I have time to sit down with 4,500 magazines and fondle each and every one of them. I don't have Jimmy this year, so it's going to be tough. Johnny & Cheryl, Betsey & Joy ... where are you??? I will let you know next month if I've survived or no. Anyway, good luck!!

The winner of this month's **Traveling Beachcomber** is **Brian and Karen Gilbert**, who packed us into their luggage for a trip to Barcelona, Spain!!! Haven't been there before, Gilbert Clan! Thank you for the ride along and the shout out!! A-J's awaits you! Have I mentioned their Watermelon Margarita before...? Delish!

So Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Holidays! Cheers to one and all! Remember this is the season to be a decent human being! If you can lend a hand, do it. If you can provide for someone, do it. If you need a hand, just know that Tybee is the place to be. Lots of places will be open to welcome you like the family you are with food and friends! Don't spend this time alone when there is so much going on!!

Now, flip the page and let's get to it!!

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A Special Place at Christmas

By Janine Manning

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING, THAT TYBEE ISLAND IS SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE.
AND NONE MORE SO THAN AT CHRISTMAS, WHERE YOU CAN GET OUT OF THE RAT RACE.

OCEAN BREEZES, SANDY TOES, STROLLING ALONG THE BEACH, SOUNDS OF PEACE.
SMILES AND "HOW ARE YOU" AND MAYBE SOME HOLIDAY NOG AT LEAST.

VISIT WITH FAMILY, GIVING, SHARING, MEETING STRANGERS, NOW YOUR NEW FRIENDS.
TAKE IN THE COMMUNITY, SHOPPING, DINING, PLAYS AND CONCERTS, IT ALL BLENDS.

JOINING IN THE FUN THAT IS SO UNIQUE TO THIS ISLAND'S LIFE AND ITS WAYS.
YOU WILL FIND HOW RELAXING IT CAN BE IN ALL OF THE DAYS.

THERE IS A SANTA HERE AND THERE AND SOME WITH THE BIGGEST HEARTS.
BEHIND THE FESTIVITIES, KINDNESS PREVAILS AND ALL DO THEIR PART.

TWINKLING LIGHTS, MUSIC TO BE SEEN AND HEARD, DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.
WITH SPECIAL TIMES TO LOOK TO THE HEAVENS AND BE GRATEFUL FOR THE REASON.

NO DOUBT, YOUR HEARTS WILL FEEL LIGHTER AND WILL ENJOY ALL THERE IS TO DO OR SEE.
IT IS TIME FOR CHRISTMAS ON MERRY TYBEE! GO WITH FLOW AND LET IT BE!

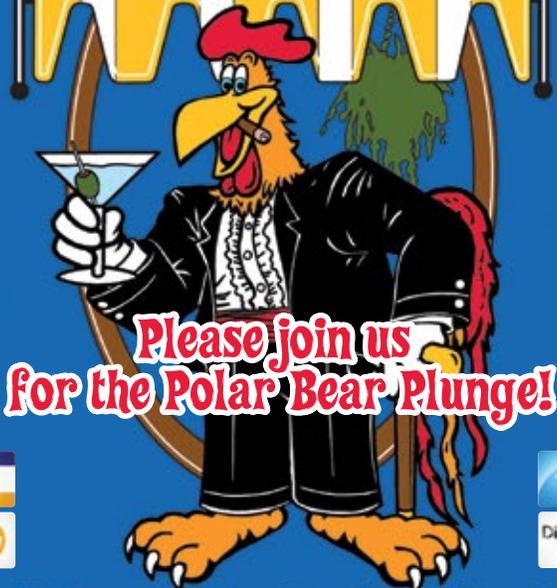
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Behind the Tape...

By Sgt. Richard Dascal

Welcome back again everybody. Hopefully Thanksgiving went well and you're all gearing up for Christmas. The weather has definitely cooled off, which I'm enjoying. I told you guys I would have a good story for you and boy do I ever.

So, if you have to take medication, know the effects of it beforehand. And if you know the effects, make good choices when taking the medication, because telling us 'this is a symptom of my medicine' is only going to get you so far.

I was working night shift a few months ago. It wasn't particularly late, maybe 8 o'clock. I decided to stop at Memorial Park to use their bathroom real quick. There were still people hanging in the park and kids playing on the playground. When I was walking out I saw a van parked with some clothes and towels hanging off of it. I saw what looked like someone slouched over in the front seat. I went up and checked on the person and sure enough, they were asleep behind the wheel. I woke them up and asked if they were okay. They were acting pretty weird and said they had taken medication that makes them tired and gives them diarrhea, thus the clothes on the side of the car.

I figured the person might not be able to drive, so I asked them to come out of the car to make sure. As soon as this person got out, I realized they were naked from the waist down. At this point we had someone passed out from pills, in a public park where kids are playing, and half naked. So the medication excuse will work in some situations, but this wasn't one of them. The person went to jail that night.

Well I hope everyone has a good Christmas and New Year. Make sure you're locking your car doors.



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- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Do a Beach Sweep
- 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)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Take in a live performance or movie at The Tybee Post Theater
- Go see a live theater production at the Black Box Theater
- 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



Bartender Chronicles

By Gage McKnight

Where to begin... Well, my first year working Pirate Fest was very... hmm... well, exciting. Not in your typical super exciting 'I'm making all of this money' or 'You get a car! You get a car! Everyone gets a car!' kind of way. No, my excitement came out of pure hatred and confusion. You see, I work at a very popular well-known restaurant, so naturally we were all "prepared" for this particular weekend... or so we were lead to believe.

The weekend started out pretty smooth and unexpectedly calm... until Saturday night, aka 'The beginning of the end.' The restaurant I am employed at is very high volume, so of course they staff accordingly (no competence required). That being said, we had 6 employees on the floor, but by the time the first wave hit, we lost three of these unfortunate, weak souls. So the events I'm about to explain to you are 100% real and could not be made up. Trust me.

Three servers had just walked out, the restaurant was full of obnoxious, drunk patrons (pirates), so the only thing to do to keep from losing my mind was thinking of traveling back in time for a Quaalude. I immediately got a 9 top, a 4 top, a 6 top, and finally, a 15 top. All at once. If you know me, well then you know my biggest fear in life besides hair loss is birds. I got the 9 top and 4 top situated and turned around to go to the 15 top when I realized that they had the two biggest, most demonic looking parrots that Satan could've have sent from hell. So naturally, I said, "Hell no," and turned to go help the 6 top instead. Mind you I'm very busy and only have milliseconds to breathe.

I greeted and asked the 6 top what they would like to drink to start off with. Well, with no sense of urgency, they just gave me the most dumbfounded look I think I probably have never even seen on a two year old. After a few seconds they started throwing hands at me as if I had just landed in Area 51, and then it finally dawned on me - ITS SIX DEAF TOURISTS THAT HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'M ASKING THEM! So here I was, stuck between deaf people and birds (again, my biggest fear). So I did what any self-respecting server would do and threw some paper down on the deaf table, then turned around and threw paper down on the bird table (so I wouldn't have to get near them and their squawking demons).

About 30 minutes went by and all of my tables wanted to cash out at once (thank god, because that's not difficult at all). I got back to the deaf table to divide their checks, all separate (just can't make this shit up), imagine how fun that was. While I was figuring that out, Satan's bird decided to FLY AT ME!

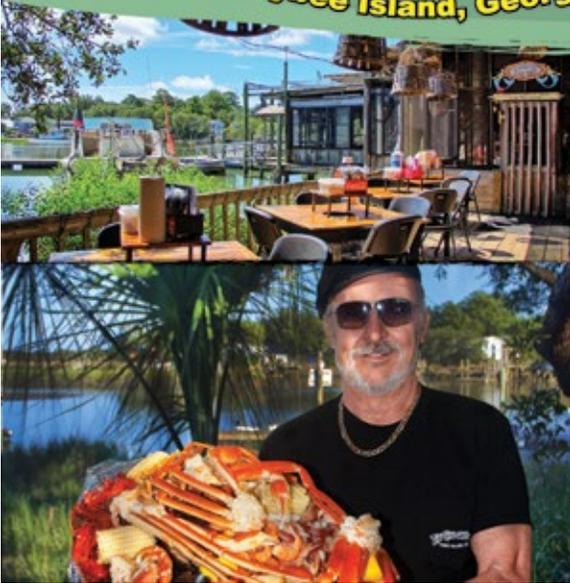
I don't care why those three weak bitches quit before I went through all this, but I stayed, I conquered and I can honestly say that the three things I learned from this experience was:

- 1.) Never trust a bitch with a pet bird;
- 2.) A deaf person holding up five fingers is not, in fact, an invitation for a high five; and
- 3.) I think I have a pirate fetish.

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Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

The Year in Review

Fare thee well, 2019! It's that time of year when we're inclined to look back on the year that was and reflect on how to make the next year even better - and yes, you can do that with personal finance as well. So here's a look back at everything Rogue Waves sent your way in 2019.

We started the year with some personal finance best practices - pay yourself first and get that emergency fund in order with 3-6 months' worth of expenses before even thinking about doing any investing. With your emergency fund in good shape, we then looked at what to do with that excess savings and the question of investing versus paying off debt.

Then we switched gears a little bit for the Summer School Series where we got into some of the fundamentals that underpin investing - economic theory, time value of money, and stock and bond valuation principles.

As things quieted down in the fall, we sent a couple interesting perspectives your way - arguing that college wasn't worth it and rethinking the point of diversification in your investments. How's that for some rogue waves in your personal finance!

That was actually a lot as we look back on it all. Did you miss something in there? Well lucky for you, past Rogue Waves are all available in the online editions of The Tybee Beachcomber!

So, what comes next? Well, for starters, try and ignore any forecasts you hear about what next year will be like in the markets. Nobody has 2020 vision in this field (ha! also groan). The best thing you can do for yourself is to revisit those personal finance basics from the beginning of the year, because they will always be relevant.

Did anything happen this year that will make your budget different next year? Did you move? Get married? Start a family? Get a raise? New job? Make sure your budget is updated and appropriate for the new year - and make sure that budget includes paying yourself first!

Part of that budget assessment may need to take place right now - not "before the end of the year" right now, but "right now" right now - because as of printing time, you've only got a couple weeks left in most benefit enrollment periods. So take a look at those 401(k) contributions (and bump them up by 1 or 2%!), healthcare, insurance, and any other optional benefit elections (parking, commuter passes, childcare, etc.) to make sure you're all set for the coming year.

If 2020 is the year that you want to get serious about your finances, we're here to help. Whether it's budgeting, paying off debt, investing, or just a retirement readiness checkup, drop us a line! We'll help you get your finances looking 20/20 in the new year (sorry, couldn't resist). russ@atiwealthpartners.com.

Happy Holidays!



TYBEE LOVE

By Alaina Loughridge

Photos courtesy of Travis Sayre, Sara Cromer, Mac McLellan, and Art Greene

This is the time of year that most people dig deep into their pockets and donate to their favorite cause; to help their fellow man that needs you to reach down, grasp their hand and pull them to their feet. Thankfully, we live on Tybee where we are known for our generous hearts and willingness to go above and beyond for our neighbors. This year is no different and we are going to cover but just a few of these on-going efforts:



- **The Crab Shack** and **Nickie's** put together the **Junkanoo Benefit** to help those folks in the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian stopped by on his most unwelcome visit. Unless you were out of town, you must know about the Harley Davidson and convertible Mercedes Benz that were donated to raffle off in an effort to raise funds for Junkanoo. Thanks to Mike & Iris Scarborough and Sonny Denmark, respectively, for those donations. Spec Hosti won the Harley and Lex Bazemore won the convertible during the drawing of these items at the benefit The Crab Shack hosted. Virginia Ward said, "You could literally hear a pin drop when Lex Bazemore – the



raffle winner of the Mercedes convertible said 'Let's do it again,' (as in auction/raffle off the car again) and then the crowd went absolutely berserk!" The car was auctioned off again and Gary Williams, who is the best husband ever, paid \$13,500 cash for his wife to have a run around car! All told, between the efforts of **Calvin Ratterree** of Nickie's and **Jack and Belinda Flanigan** of The Crab Shack, coordinating, and the love of a lot of people donating their money, time and love, this benefit has raised over \$55,800!!! JUST WOW!!!! There is still time to donate to this cause and to help Junkanoo and the Bahamian people. There is an open account at Sun Trust bank and any and all monetary donations are welcome.



- Moving on to **Rivers End Campground**. This year River's End is accepting donations for both the **Rising Tyde** food bank, as well as **Toys for Tots**. They are collecting both canned goods and toys at their office location at 5 Fort Avenue. For further information, please call 912-786-5518.

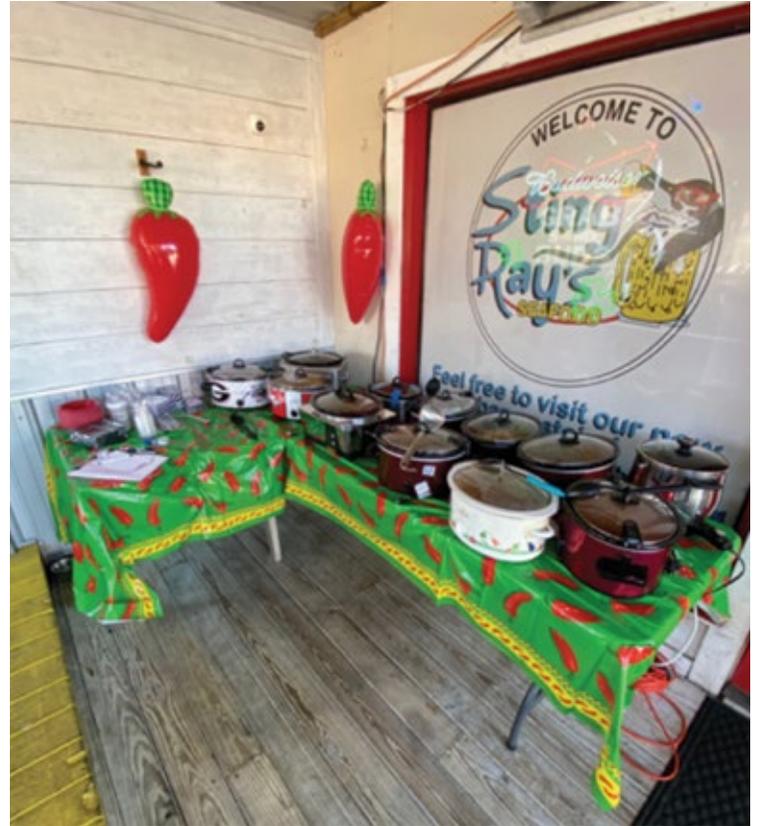


- **Lee Ann Marsh**, one of our fabulous **Century 21 Solomon Properties** realtors, is hosting this year's donation drive for **America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia**. Through December 19th, any of the three Century 21 Solomon Property offices (802 1st St., Tybee, 32 Bull St., Savannah, and/or 205 Johnny Mercer Blvd., Ste. F., Savannah) are accepting canned and non-perishable food items. Please contact Lee Ann directly for any questions or additional information at 912-786-5466.



A Catch Up to recent fundraisers:

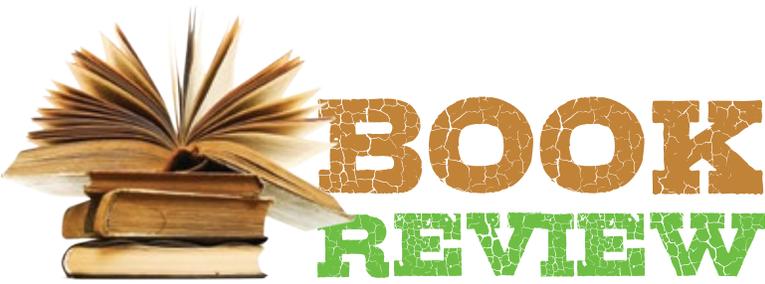
- The Fresh Air Home Sunset Soiree hosted by Mary Kay Andrews on October 26th was a huge success and a really good time! The Home is still reaching for their final financial goal though, and if you want to donate to the cause, please contact Viviane DuBuc at Viviane.dubuc@comcast.net for all of the details.



- **Sting Ray's** held their first annual **Chili Cook Off** on November 2nd. With 16 entries and big prize money on the line, not to mention with Georgia playing that day, it was a packed house! John Ganem came in first with Big Dawg Barn (Mark Andrews, Ray Wade, Larry King and Randy Meade) nipping at his heels. Third place went to Phil and Eddo Hall, who were so delighted with their wooden spoon! The real winner though was the **Tybee Post Theater!** Sting Ray's raised \$500 for them!

So Happy Holiday's y'all! With the holidays upon us, just keep in mind those that might not have as much as you. If you can donate, do it. If you cannot, you cannot. Cheers and good will to all!





By Nell Klein

LEAVE NO TRACE

By Mindy Mejia

This book takes place in the Boundary Waters, which is the deepest, darkest, most remote wooded area in northern Minnesota. It seems that Josiah Blackthorn and his nine-year-old son, Lucas, have disappeared and are presumed dead after a camping trip in the great wilds of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

Fast forward ten years, and nineteen-year-old Lucas Blackthorn is arrested for breaking into a wilderness outfitter store and assaulting the owners of the establishment. He won't talk about where he has been or where his father is, in fact he won't utter a word to anyone. He has shown violent tendencies so, not knowing what else to do with him, Lucas is admitted into a mental institution, Congdon Psychiatric Facility.

Maya Stark, who is a speech pathologist at Congdon, is assigned to Lucas' case. Her superior, Dr. Mehta, feels that Maya is the only hope that the boy has to be able to return to society. It seems that prior to graduating college, Maya had some deep, dark secrets of her own and was a patient at the same facility, which we will learn all about later. In the meantime, Maya sets out to communicate with Lucas and his first words are "I know you." Creepy, but at least she got him talking!

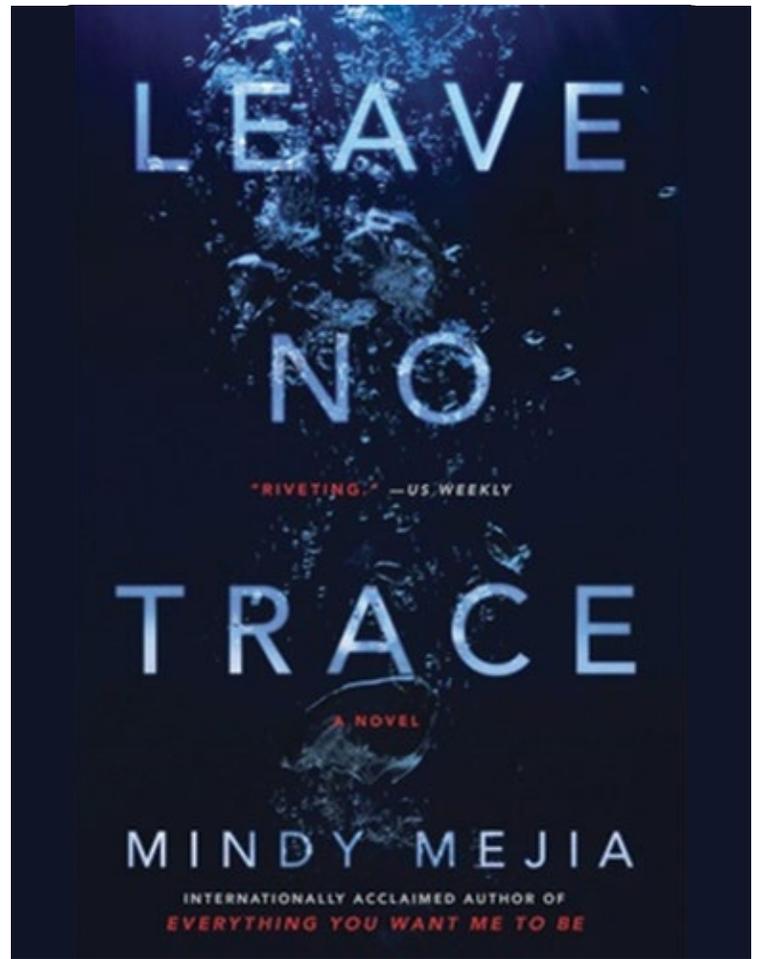
We find out that his father, Josiah, is sick and in need of medical supplies (hence the breaking and entering charge). Maya works out a deal with Congdon and Dr. Mehta to send out a search party for Josiah, but after some problems, actually a lot of problems, the idea is scrapped. Maya then decides to take matters into her own hands, although she is risking her career and possible jail time in doing so. So, Maya kidnaps Lucas and together they set off into the unknown to help Josiah.

We find out along the way, that Maya was abandoned by her geologist mother, who was mentally unstable. She went missing and was last seen in the same area and about the same time as when Lucas and Josiah disappeared. Maya believes that Lucas may know something about her disappearance after his first words were "I know you." We eventually find out what all this means, but Maya only wants to know what happened to her mother.

This book is visually captivating. You can see the pristine country through the author's eyes as if you were there. Of course, I had to google it, and the pictures of this part of the country are breathtaking. I can't begin to imagine living off the grid like Lucas and Josiah, but in my youth I could possibly have gone on a camping trip there. Maybe for a night or two. Maybe.

Anyway, I was sucked into this story and I couldn't put it down until I found out all of its secrets. I give it five roses and I believe you will too.

So, in the meantime, Happy Holidays! And read a book! If it's a good read, pass it on.



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Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

LION'S MANE JELLYFISH

Now that the water is colder and the days have gotten shorter, we are seeing changes in our marine flora and fauna that indicate winter has arrived along Tybee's coast. Because of our location in the Carolinian Province of our western Atlantic biogeographic region, Tybee is an exceptionally good place to see seasonal changes in the species of animals and seaweeds that live in our nearshore water. (Seasonal changes and geographical distributions of marine species have always been one of my main interests and areas of research.) So with the establishment of winter environmental conditions here, we will be finding cold water species, typical of more northern latitudes, that have now extended southward as far as Tybee Island.

Among these cold water animals are a couple of jellyfish. Last winter I wrote about one of these, the Mushroom Jelly (Tybee Beachcomber, January 2018) that is the biggest jellyfish we get along Tybee. So this winter I want to discuss our other wintertime jelly, the Lion's Mane Jelly.

You may have seen reports about Lion's Mane Jellies being huge. They do indeed grow to be six feet or more in diameter, but these big individuals occur in the cold, open (pelagic) regions of the Atlantic way north of us. Around here, pretty much at the southernmost limit of its distribution range, our Lion's Mane Jellies are generally four to six inches in diameter. And that's just fine with me!

Our Lion's Mane Jellies usually have some reddish-brown or rusty-looking color to them. The bell portion of its body is flat and circular, with slightly scalloped edges. It gets its name from the arrangement and size of its tentacles. The tentacles are grouped in bundles that are arranged in a circle underneath the bell just inside of the outer edge. This dense arrangement of fairly short tentacles makes them look like the hairy mane



that encircles the neck of a male lion.

Although the huge, pelagic Lion's Mane Jellies of the far north can apparently sting pretty badly, our small Tybee ones don't sting much at all, at least to me. For me, their "sting" is more like a slight irritation. When I'm handling one during our winter Tybee Beach Ecology Trips, I won't be feeling anything; not even a tingle. After a few minutes, I might notice a tingle or a slight itching sensation, usually between my fingers where the skin is more sensitive. Shortly after that, even the tingling and itching will disappear. So I don't fear the Lion's Manes.

Because they occur here during winter, our encounters with Lion's Mane Jellies are usually when we find them washed up on the wet sand as the tide goes out. They will usually look dead. But often if we place it in a bucket of seawater, after a while we will notice that it is still alive and "swimming" or pulsing around in the bucket. So if you see some of them this winter, don't fear them. Try seeing if it is still alive and if it will show you how it swims. And then you can rescue it by turning it back loose in the ocean!

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THE Fish Whisperer



Captain
Nick Shreves

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, 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 Skates, Shrimp is always the best choice. Sheepshead are all about Fiddlers, so make sure you have plenty, they will steal your 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 day. 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. To find the larger schools, some will troll jigs for the Speckled Sea Trout. Mud Minnows and jigs fished real slow tend to catch me more fish than anything else. For Redfish, I use the same baits but fish the mud flats around the low tide on the warmest day I can. These fish will be hiding from the Dolphin, so find areas where they can't get to. Sheepshead are around as well, so 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're catching Sea Bass, you may also catch lots of Grunts, Porgies and maybe a few Flounder. The Bull Red Drum are on the reefs as well right now. Sheepshead have started to move out to the reefs as well. Lots of Black Drum are on the reefs and can be caught with Shrimp or Fiddlers.

OFFSHORE

Out here the Bottom bite is still great, but fish like Vermillion Snapper are closed till January. This time of year the big Wahoo and Blackfin Tuna, along with a stray Yellowfin Tuna, 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 lifetime.

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.



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

By Amy Callaghan

By the time you gander at this article, it will be two years of living tiny! Whoop whoop! I can speak for myself when I say that I love most of our tiny life. Robyn and I are living at an organic farm called Greenbridge Farm. The owners of the farm are Michael Maddox and his lovely wife, Annette. We have two other tiny house dwellers around us, a couple living in a yurt, the other a family of 3 in a modified school bus.

Finding the farm has been a pleasant escape from campground life. If you work on the farm you can have as much of the produce as you'd like. There are also chickens running around that my dogs have yet to identify as playful or a threat. I worked on the farm a few times and for the sake of my back, I have no problem paying for my potatoes or onions anymore. One time the owner grabbed a big black snake instead of a yummy egg! No thanks, I'm not that brave for some eggs.

Rent is affordable and we can stay indefinitely. It's a quiet haven from the rest of the world. We have everything a camper needs for full functionality, except cable (Netflix and chill age). We have mobile internet, and as long as it's charged, we have Wi-Fi. There's been little to no problems and we have racked up the gigawhosamawhat without buffering constantly or being slow. We've taken it to the beach and out of town without the camper. It's been the trustiest sidekick for everything technological, I'd say even better than the old router we used to deal with.

On top of it all, our two furry sidekicks, Frank and Opie, now have acres to go on walks and a fenced yard where they get freedom off the leash.

Now for the parts that I don't like most about tiny living:

1. When you hear of grey tanks and black tanks, that means one is equivalent to dirty dishwasher, the other is ugly and I'm ready to never think about again. We have a washer dryer combo, it's been an amazing

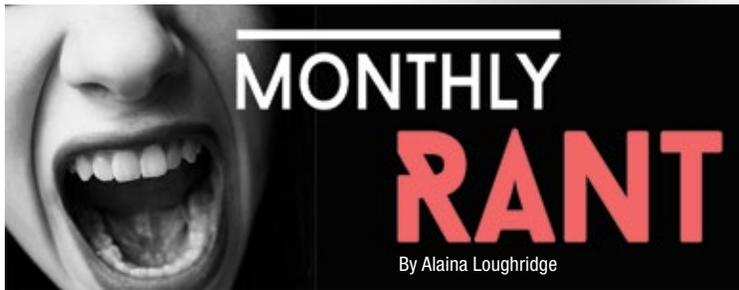
purchase. It uses a lot of water for how small it is. What that means for the grey tank is you have two small loads of laundry and a decent shower until one grey tank is full. When you're in your birthday suit about to take said shower, but it's turning into a bath of dirty dishwasher, you truly understand the word inconvenient.

2. We had big dreams of taking our big bad mamajama home everywhere we could. Vacations galore, boon docking in the middle of nowhere, because why the eff not! One, its 40 feet long and weighs over 15,000 pounds. We weren't good at the math during that time, but just so you know, Robyn has excelled since! We were awakened from our big dreams when it cost almost \$200 in gas to move our home a whopping 70 miles.

3. The biggest pain when it comes to tiny living is finding a place to park and also have full hook ups (electricity, water, sewer). Prices are insane and availability is not as common as we were lead to believe. I stumbled across the farm on page 2 of the googles (complete desperation when you go there!) from an article that was written almost seven years ago. Sometimes persistence pays off kids!

4. Cleaning is quicker than previous homes, by a landslide! Only complaint is that there's so many crevices that tiny web making occupants can dwell. Of course no visible tenant while cleaning, but I know my dogs didn't make that insect trap, so I'm left to presume. Frank wishes in his wildest doggy dreams that he's the house bug killer!

Some crazy decisions had to be made and sacrifices a plenty on both our parts during this adventure. Going on two years and stronger than ever, this has been an eye opening experience of a lifetime. We now know more of what we want and don't want for our future together. There's so many aspects of downsizing and feeling a sense of simplicity, yet there's more to it than we honestly thought.



Robocalls

Robocalls. What in hell? Why? You would assume/think that after the first 20 times they call and you hang up that they would get the hint that you are simply not interested. The more they call, the more uninterested I become. Well, uninterested isn't quite the word. Perhaps raging hell bitch mad. You block one number and they change one digit and call you back. That seems like harassment to me.

I will explain, whether you want to hear it or not, a typical day on my phone:

- Blue Cross/Blue Shield or Open Enrollment likes to call me every weekday at 9am. I'm already insured by them so?
- Early afternoon, Google is there to tell me that my business name is not performing as well as it could, and should be listed higher. Well, I Googled the Tybee Beachcomber and we are the whole entire first page. Not quite sure how that could be better, but thanks for calling me during lunch. EVERY. DAY.
- After Google is my auto warranty call. Now, I'm almost positive they haven't seen my truck, because it's not worth the paperwork involved to warranty that leaky bitch and by the time all is said and done, not one insurer on this planet would give me a warranty with my current transmission situation.
- Late afternoon is the time for my school loan calls. Well, I barely graduated high school and I've never been to college. Let me tell you this: You send me a degree, and I will pay my loan. A Masters in Psychology with a Minor in Mathematics should get me there. And, happily so.
- This doesn't even count the calls I field at my place of employment. Work is all the same calls with Safe Touch thrown in. Don't even get me started on those #\$\$#@\$\$##@\$%!!! That is a whole other rant and more than likely a weekend in jail/restraining order/felony in progress.

I have tried hitting a variety of numbers, mainly 2 and 9, which seem

to get a response of some kind that they will remove me from their call list. Well, that is a lie. I have also gone to the donotcall.gov website and signed up for the service that allegedly removes your number from these call lists. The website states that you need to renew this information every 30 days. That is a lie. You need to renew that information every 30 seconds. I have blocked numbers to no avail. I have waited for a human being to come on the line. This one Google guy is probably getting a restraining order on me. I told him that if he didn't remove my number from their call list, I was going to burn down his house with him and his family inside. I know. I wasn't having a good day and I do feel kind of bad about that.

I saw on WTOC that millions of people are affected by these robocalls. That's awesome. Not really. This blows. I Googled Robocalls and the first thing to pop up was an opportunity to get on the robocall band wagon for a mere 7 cents a minute. After that was a number of sites that guaranteed robocall free for a price. Ugh. Why should I have to pay anyone to leave me alone? My attitude and potty mouth should be sufficient. They are wasting their money as far as I can tell, although somebody clearly is buying something to keep it going and I really wish they would stop. As far as the people that are getting robocalls from China, that doesn't even make sense. If you can't understand what the people are selling, why would you buy it?

I'm over it and I'm also over that Real Housewife of Somewhere crying hysterically and screaming at some cat meme on Facebook. ENOUGH! I'm emailing our State Representative, Buddy Carter, and asking him to do something about this. Google Buddy Carter and send him an email. There has got to be a way to penalize these companies to make them stop. They pay me more attention than my boyfriend. Le Sigh. Now, back to that cat meme...



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Did our elders ever imagine that there could be a website where you could push a button and a battery operating flying apparatus would drop off a product later that day? Did our previous generations ever fight with their neighbors over who had the best Christmas decor? Did they wander the aisles of a big box store, throwing items in a cart, while mashed up against other humans trying to nab the best black Friday gift?

Um, no.

Remember the days of Christmas being magical? Waking up and ACTUALLY knowing, not thinking, knowing that Saint Nicholas really shimmied down the fireplace? I do. I vividly remember bells falling from the tree on Christmas Eve, squeezing my eyes tight while thinking, "HE'S HERE!"

Magic.

It's up to you to make this magic happen, as others before us made it happen. But what is magic or even the spirit of Christmas as an adult? It's hard, since we have other responsibilities to process the 364 days before Christmas.

But it's as simple as the wink of an eye and a twist of the head.

Making someone's Christmas IS the magic. It doesn't have to just be the kids.

Here is list of things to cross off your Scrooge list to help you get into the holiday spirit:

- 1. Decorate your house.** Whether its one strand or fifty, put some lights up. Coming from someone who didn't celebrate for a few years, you'll be surprised how merry a few twinkling lights make your evenings. And poo poo all that 'wait until its December.' Put it up and enjoy your southern tradition of having our lights up for too long.
- 2. Entertain some family or friends that have become family!** When you're feeling a blue Christmas, call your people. I have many fond memories of my mom and dad calling friends or aunts and uncles to come over for some Christmas cheer. Surrounding yourself with people that really matter is what the season is all about! When they are leaving, tell them you love them. You will never, ever know what those words mean to the ones you love.
- 3. Be generous with your time or money.** Maybe the holidays aren't about Christmas dinner or presents to you, but there will always be that person out there who doesn't have a third of what you have. We have responsibilities as humans to co-exist, and until we don't, let's show others the empathy of a memory. We've all been burned and made to feel like a fool, but no one can take away the memory of magic. It's nice to be reminded of that, even if the memory is awakened by a stranger.
- 4. Peace.** Find a little extra peace for yourself. The year behind you brought you bills, bosses, and other things, so do yourself a favor and go out to the beach, crumble it up in an imaginary ball, and let it go. Here comes 2020! Can you ACTUALLY believe its 2020? It's like we are all living in a sci-fi movie, but as far as I know, we are all still flesh and blood. No artificial intelligence other than our phones recording us going viral helping other animals and humans when needed! Post your videos too.

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What's happening in December By Mom

12-1 thru 12-9 Toys for Tots River's End Campground, 5 Fort Ave. Please join in the holiday spirit with the River's End staff to collect Toys for Tots. A collection box for Toys for Tots is available.

12-2, 12-9, 12-16, 12-23, 12-30 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.

12-6 Lights on for Tybee & NEW Night Lighted Christmas Parade 6-10pm at the Roundabout on Tybrisa and Strand. Holiday lights, music, dancing, shopping, dining and a PARADE!

12-6 & 12-7 The Boys Next Door 7pm on 12-6, 2:30pm & 7pm on 12-7 at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This is a Savannah Arts Academy dramatic theatrical production. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

12-6, 12-13, & 12-20 Coffee with the City Manager 9-10am at Tybean Art & Coffee Bar at Tybee Oaks, 1213 US Hwy 80 E. City Manager, Shawn Gillen, will be on hand to answer questions, concerns, compliments and comments. Be prepared to buy your own cuppa joe.

12-7 7th Annual Girls Night INN 5-9pm at Beachview Inn & Spa, 1701 Butler Ave. The teachers of the Tybee Maritime Academy will benefit from this year's fun event. The Christy Allen Band will be performing. Go to www.beachviewtybee.com or call 912-786-5500 for more info.

12-7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Survivors, veterans, and people from all over the world take time to remember those lives that were lost on 12-7-41 in an attack by Japan forces.

12-8 Lighted Boat Parade 7-8:30pm at The Crab Shack, 40 Estill Hammock Road. Call 912-786-9857 for more info.

12-9 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.

12-10 Human Rights Day "All Human Beings are Born Free & Equal in Dignity & Rights." 70 years ago the UN established the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

12-13 A Carpenter's Christmas 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Lisa Rock and her band will perform the wonderful Christmas music of the Carpenter's. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

12-14 Oyster Roast at Fort Pulaski 2:30-5:30pm at Fort Pulaski, Hwy 80. This fundraising event is put on by the Friends of Cockspur Island Lighthouse. The funds will go to the continuing efforts to preserve Cockspur Lighthouse. Go to www.lighthousefriends.com for more info.

12-14 3rd Annual Tybee Christmas Cabaret 7pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This is a performance that is not to be missed. If you are not in the Christmas spirit, this will get you there! For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

12-14 12th Annual Tour de Lights 6:30pm at A-J's, 1315 Chatham Ave. Decorate your bike or golf cart in fine holiday style and join others as they head out to Tybrisa and back to A-J's. Fun times and a wonderful family filled event.

12-14 & 12-15 Art Show and Sell At Tybee Arts Association, 7 Cedarwood Ave. Go to www.tybeearts.org/ or call 912-786-5920 for more info.

12-15 Cirque du Canines 3pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Fun-filled show with the canine stars of the circus world. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

12-19 Girls' Night Out: "Holiday Inn" 7pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire star in this Christmas classic film. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

12-20, 12-21 & 12-22 "Last Christmas" 3pm & 7pm on 12-20, 7pm on 12-21, 3pm & 7pm on 12-22 at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This is a holiday film for the family. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

12-22 Winter Solstice Winter Solstice, along with being the 1st day of winter, is also the shortest day for sunlight.

12-25 Christmas Day! Although the date of Christ's birth is unknown, Christmas has been symbolically celebrated on December 25th since the 4th Century. MERRY CHRISTMAS, Y'ALL!!!

12-29 "Pavarotti" 3pm & 7pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Ron Howard provides this documentary film on the man who brought Opera to people. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

12-31 2020 New Year's Eve Fireworks 11:59pm at the Pier & Pavilion, 1 Tybrisa St. Gather your friends and families to join in the celebration of fireworks to ring in the NEW YEAR 2020!

BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge

Lighthouse Inn Bed & Breakfast



I've always loved the look of the Lighthouse Inn Bed & Breakfast and was so enamored with it, that porch was where we shot our sixth Beachcomber cover shot. Susie Morris Lilies was kind enough to let our team traipse through her Inn with dog in tow (RIP Sampson Shearhouse Monroe)! I still remember that shoot like it was yesterday. That porch is truly what everyone in the world thinks a porch in the south should be and/or is: A huge wrap-around with the sun on its face, holding wicker furniture, southern comfort and hospitality. Slowed down living. Languid days soaking up the sun with the fan lazily twirling above you. Wine glass in hand. Yes, please!

When Pam Goronkin mentioned that she had recently bought the place, well I had to know more. I hadn't been there for several years and lots has happened since then. I had a chance to catch up with Pam about this new adventure of hers and was easily swept away in her enthusiasm and love for her new lot in life. Not only does this lady look 'lit from within like a lighthouse,' she radiates just sheer joy at this new opportunity to live and love her life and everyone in it, whether that be old or new friends.

Born in Tennessee and raised in Indiana, Pam spent her last 25 years in Minnesota raising her kids and living the cold winter dream of every northerner this time of year. She had been coming to Tybee periodically to visit family throughout the years and always loved it here. When the kids

left and empty nest syndrome hit hard, along with those chilly Minnesota winters, Pam was out and who can blame her? With a kismet planetary alignment that only God knows how it happens, Lighthouse Inn was for sale and Pam, missing a house full of kids and craziness, cooking, voices, laughter and joy, walked in the door and was flat out sold.

To give you the backstory, the Lighthouse Inn B & B was built in 1910 by Fort Screven personnel for a Lieutenant. This was back during Fort Screven's heyday. The bakery was across the street and the cafeteria was just down the way. Officers lived in their own housing with the enlisted men in the bunks. Throughout the years, it went from being the Lieutenant's home to being home to a chaplain, a bandleader and many more. It has been added to throughout the years by the various homeowners who have all had different ideas about what would look best or be best for the home family. That leaves lots of nooks and quirky crannies and interesting architectural waves and flows to admire.

It's hard to say exactly who occupied that particular home throughout all the years that have passed, but in circa 1997, Stewart and Susie Lilies bought the place and turned it into the Lighthouse Inn Bed & Breakfast. They ruled the roost for the next 20 odd years. Selling it on in 2017 to Tony and Liza Banguilan, was the year of the renovation! Updating everything from the wiring, plumbing, propane, gas, saltwater swimming pool, tiny house addition in the back for the owners, adding porches, granite countertops, and a good shaking up, the place took on a whole new look and feel.

Never having owned her own business before, Pam emphatically states she never could have started out properly without the help of Liza Banguilan, who spent hours teaching Pam the books and the ins and outs of running a B&B. That is no easy task. However, Pam was meant to be there and it's obvious down to the linens and the paintings on the wall. Everything has her homey and comfy touch.

Lighthouse Inn B & B has a total of 4 rooms. One king and three queens, each with their own unique appeal and feel. Each has their own fridge, flat screen television and full bathroom (2 with claw foot!!!). There is private parking and bikes, beach chairs and beach towels are provided. There is a limit of 2 adults per room and no one under 18 is allowed. This creates an intimate couple retreat that is perfectly centered. The beach is right there, you are on Tybee, Savannah is an Uber ride away and it's Southern living. Even when the weather is being difficult, it really isn't a bad thing being stuck indoors playing on the grand piano or reading a book or putting together a puzzle and drinking wine with your bestie.

The backyard is stunning! Between the beech trees and the saltwater pool, nestles a pergola that is ideal for whiling away hours of just doing nothing. Or, you know, you could get married there too. Have a hell of a wedding reception. Listen to live music. The possibilities are endless.

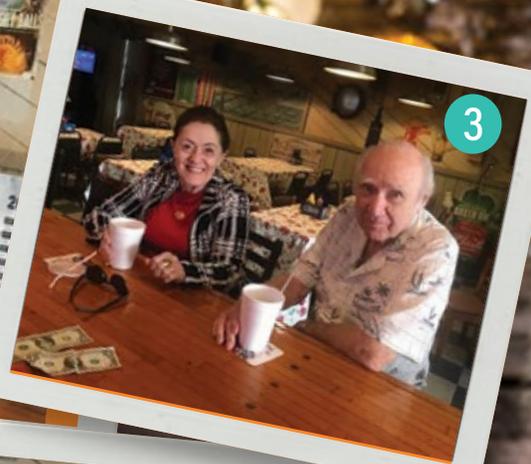
Have I mentioned breakfast yet? Well, it is all homemade with a little help from our locals - Farmer's Market, Tybean, 80E Gastro Pub and Davis Produce. There is always meat on the table, fresh fruit and produce. It's not a buffet. It is a sit-down plated service call to clan and on Sundays it's Pam-Cakes Day: A buttered roasted sweet potato Pam-Cake. Nothing else can be said about that. Happy Hour is every night from 4pm to 6pm and there will be red and white wines, cheese, veggies, good conversation and good vibes.

Pam is always delighted to have a house full of people. She is fascinated by people and enjoys hearing their stories of how they ended up on Tybee. She also loves to cook and clean, so this is clearly her forte.

People from around the world come to Tybee, but Pam doesn't forget us. If locals want a staycation away from the kids and the ugh of our own houses, go directly to her website (tybeebb.com) or call her directly at 912-786-0901 for a 10% locals discount. You can always just drive by too. Located at 16 Meddin Drive, Lighthouse Inn is so cool and the history is fascinating. Check it out!

LOUNGING WITH LOUGHRIDGE

By Alaina Loughridge



Welcome to **Turkey Tuesday** at the **Wind Rose**! Yes, they are still going strong contrary to some rumors floating around. Nell is still cooking (see Waldo above) and all the cool kids came in one Tuesday to get their comfort food on. I think it's the Bartender on Tuesdays. LOL!!!! That would be a lie.

1 There are so many questions about this picture: Where's **Nell**? Where's **Waldo**? What are you doing? How much RumChata have you had? You can catch Waldo here every Tuesday slinging Turkey. Catch her now before she really, really, really retires!

2 Here is **Minnesota aka Jon** and **Chuckles aka Chuck** enjoying their daily dose of abuse from the bartender. Thankfully, the food and the cocktails make up for the attitude that must be endured during the entire proceedings! Don't feel sorry for these boys! They can dish it out too!

3 **Rose and Bill** are two of my favorites! Not only for their valuable assistance in getting this book out every month, but Bill's dry sense of humor always makes me laugh! I'm so happy I got Bill to smile!! Kind of ...

4 We got my favorite Chatty Cathy, **Mac** on the left and our **Drone God, Billy**, on the right! Look at those happy faces. They come in every day for lunch like clockwork!

5 Totally not taken on Turkey Tuesday, but this picture of **Gage** was too cute not to put out there. Well, maybe cute isn't the right word? Comfortable? Festive? Ridiculous? Any adjective you choose, I want a set for myself! Size extra winter fat please.



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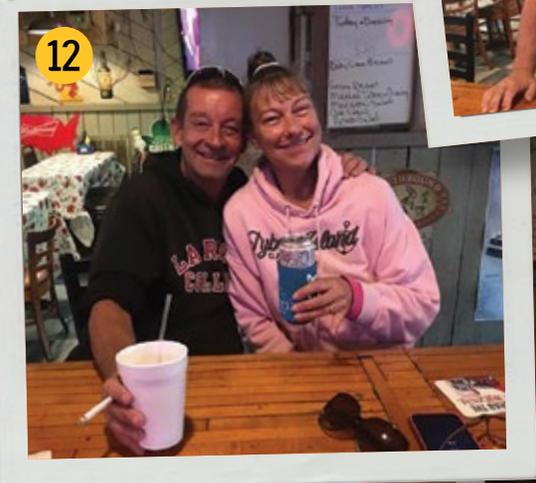
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- 6** Greg from the *DeSoto* took time out of his busy schedule to stop by for a quick bite.
- 7** Love me some **Kim and Cam**!! Always smiling and delighted to be anywhere together! Cute couple alert!!!! **Howard** was doing a drive by and was in the right spot at the right time!
- 8** Totally caught **Bob and Jerry Garcia** at the bar! LOL! That's not Jerry - it's **Gerald**, the Pig & Shrimp Guy. Good news is **Gerald's** is going to open hopefully mid-December! The construction is almost over and now Gerald is actually going to have to get back to work. Chop Chop! I want that Cuban sandwich!!
- 9** This guy showed up at the bar about noon and just never left. **Alex Biagetti** was so cool, we didn't care. Although he did go shopping without checking with the rest of us - that won't happen again. However, we are going to let it slide because he's from Massachusetts and that entire state is frozen so ...
- 10** So two crazy people from **Coco's** walk into the Wind Rose with a Wet Willie's daiquiri talking trash. That's the punch line, y'all! You know I love **Rodney**, my bff, and this guy to the right is **Jason** who couldn't stop talking about our very own Jimmy Prosser. Ah, guess who is being missed!

- 11** Looky at who I caught smiling? **Bruce**! And his gorgeous wife, **Heike**! It must have been the Turkey!
- 12** **Ray and Elise** look equally delighted to be at the Rose! They both have the day off! That's unheard of. They are two of the hardest working people on this end of the island! Cheers to you both!
- 13** Everybody knows these two people! It really isn't a party until **Leslie and Jaime** get there! Good times and giggles!
- 14** **Jeff Kramer**, island renowned architect, has that surprised look on his face because we still had Turkey left and he had two minutes to spare! Just in time, Kramer! It does pay to call ahead.

All the specials that you've come to know and love are still being cooked up, using Nell's recipes. Just because her Monday and Friday are on Tuesday, doesn't mean the love has left the building. Stop by and see whose sitting at the bar. You might be surprised. Or horrified. It could go either way and that, my friends, is the beauty of it all!



Update From Tybee's Mayor

By Mayor Jason Buelterman

Congratulations to all of the candidates who ran for office in the recent Tybee elections. We had three candidates for Mayor and twelve for City Council. It isn't easy to put yourself out there and do all that is necessary to run for office, so we owe all of them a big thanks. Our voter turnout was by far the highest in the County. Garden City's was 18.4%, Pooler's was 19.6%, Port Wentworth's was 20.4%, Savannah's was 25.6%, and Tybee's was 51.8%. It is such an honor to represent a community that is so engaged. My term will end at the end of this year. Best of luck to our new Mayor, Shirley Sessions, and the newly elected council members—Barry, Nancy, Jay and Spec. I am sure they will do a great job for Tybee.

This is my last update in the Beachcomber. Thanks to Alaina and her team for making sure Tybee has a print publication to provide everyone with information about our community.

There are a few projects I want to give everyone an update on. First, you may have noticed new poles going up near the Bull and Lazaretto Creek bridges. These are new power poles that Georgia Power is installing. These will replace the old wooden poles and will be installed from the Bull River to Lazaretto Creek bridges. We expect to get a detailed update from Georgia Power soon and will share this information via the City's Facebook page and website so that everyone is aware of what, if any, impacts there will be on traffic. This project will help ensure that the one power line connecting Tybee to the mainland is not susceptible to damage from high winds. You may recall we lost power for several days after Hurricane Matthew when several of these poles were knocked down.

Several months ago, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) raised the causeway between the two bridges. Since that time, we have had several exceptionally high tides. While the causeway wasn't closed, water did encroach onto the eastbound lane. GDOT, with the help of Tybee Police, identified the areas where the causeway wasn't raised as high as the contractor for the project was supposed to raise it. These low spots will be raised soon. This will cause some traffic inconveniences. We will work with GDOT to keep everyone notified so you can plan ahead.

On November 7th, the Savannah District of Army Corps of Engineers awarded a bid to Great Lakes Dredging for the upcoming beach renourishment and dune building project. The total contract is for \$13,800,335.95. The State contributed \$1,859,635 and the rest of the money came from the federal government. This project is badly needed and is the culmination of years of careful planning and coordination between the City, the State and the Army Corps. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen. It was truly a team effort. Unless we are successful in getting the federal government to extend our shore protection project beyond the 2023 expiration date, this could be the last federally funded renourishment project. It is absolutely imperative that it is extended. Tybee has provided funds to the Corps to complete a study that we had hoped would allow for this extension but we must be vigilant in keeping this moving forward. If Tybee was forced to pay for these projects with local funds, the impact on our community's budget would be massive. As part of the upcoming renourishment

project, we will be adding dune crossovers in several areas. These crossovers help ensure we protect our dune field while at the same time allowing for safe access to the beach. This includes both 16th and 18th Street. As you know, these access points have been closed since Hurricane Dorian. These crossovers are being funded with State funds. After Matthew and Irma, we worked with State Representative Jesse Petrea, State Senator Ben Watson and former Governor Nathan Deal to secure \$5,000,000 to help rebuild our beach and dunes. These funds are paying for the previously mentioned \$1.85 million contribution to the renourishment project and will fully fund the new crossovers. If you see Jesse or Ben, please thank them for their efforts to secure these critically important funds.

By the time this article is printed, several streets should be in the process of being repaved. This project is being funded with state transportation funds. The streets being paved include portions of Old Highway 80 (this is the road that connects Highway 80 to the Lazaretto Creek area), Inlet Avenue, 5th Street, 17th Street and Lovell Avenue. The project should only take a few weeks.

The Marine Science Center construction project is moving forward. The project continues to be on track for completion in March.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as Tybee's Mayor! I know you will show Shirley the same level of kindness and afford her the same degree of respect that you have shown to me. The people of this community have been so incredibly good to me these last fourteen years. Many people have thanked me for my service but I am the one that owes you a HUGE thank you for the privilege of getting to serve as Mayor of such a wonderful little community

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CONCERT CALENDAR

By Mike Manitta

- 12/6-8/19 - Phish – North Charleston Coliseum - Charleston
- 12/13/19 - A Carpenter's Christmas – Tybee Post Theater
- 12/13/19 - Colter Wall – Victory North
- 12/14/19 - 3rd Annual Tybee Christmas Cabaret – Tybee Post Theater
- 12/14/19 - Savannah Burlesque Festival – Victory North
- 12/27/19 - Future Birds Friday – Victory North
- 12/29 - 31/19 - Widespread Panic – Fox Theater – Atlanta
- 12/31/19 - Funk You – Victory North
- 1/11/19 - REHAB – Victory North
- 1/11/20 - Paul Thorn Band – Tybee Post Theater
- 1/15/20 – Tedeschi Trucks Band – Macon City Auditorium
- 1/17/20 - Hawthorne Heights & Emery – Victory North
- 1/19/20 - Taj Mahal – Ponte Vedra Hall - Florida
- 1/25/20 - Citizen Cope – Victory North
- 1/30/20 - Todd Snider – Victory North
- 1/31/20 - Kansas – Johnny Mercer Theater
- 2/7/20 - Lost Dog Street Band – Victory North
- 2/7-8/20 - The Eagles – State Farm Arena - Atlanta
- 2/8/20 - Mother's Finest – Victory North
- 3/6/20 - The McCartney Years – Tybee Post Theater

My Wellness Journey

By Melonie DePalma, Holistic Health Coach



My favorite definition of “Good Health” is from the wonderful self-healing author, Louise Hay, who described health as feeling good, sleeping well, and having balance. She argued that, “For us to become whole and healthy, we must balance the body, mind, and spirit. We need to take good care of our bodies, and have a positive mental attitude about ourselves and about life.”

I will share with you my last 12 months of shifting into more self-love. I ran into quite a few locals at a fantastic ‘Gathering for Love’ a few months ago, and it was requested that I write about my weight loss, or as I call it... My Wellness Journey. And who doesn’t love to write about themselves and their successes! As I’ve shared before, I have been studying health and nutrition, and coaching others for 15 years; with that experience you would think I would be able to easily stay feeling fabulous and fit... Well, with each of life’s decades I’ve been handed different challenges in each one.

Since my partial hysterectomy three and a half years ago, it brought hormonal changes, with side effects of energy loss and weight gain of 42 pounds.

I seem to be learning new things with each decade, with the change of each chapter reaching toward optimal health. This chapter I have become my healthiest version, mostly through superfoods. You say SUPER...WHAT... that does not mean SUPERSIZE!

• su-per-food noun • A nutrient-rich food that 92% of Americans lack in their diet, and considered to be a key component to health and well-being.

Superfoods are defined as foods that are thought to be nutritionally dense and thus good for one’s health. Blueberries, salmon, kale and acai are just a few examples of foods that have garnered the “superfood” label. I define superfoods as foods that are nutrient dense and help keep your body in balance. Eating nutrient dense food is important for healthy hormone levels, metabolism, mood, skin health, and vitamin absorption.

We all have different shapes, habits, and bodies. The most important

thing that I’ve noticed with self and clients is that we need food that gives us fuel to have the energy to move.

With all the advancements in research and studies, things have changed tremendously in the last 20 years and so has my body. My goal was to incorporate things that would help me fight aging, feel fit and increase my energy. As important as exercise is, I did not want to make that my priority for the first few months. So I stayed with my normal few times a week bike ride, stretching/yoga and beach walks. I wanted to show that you can lose weight and feel more energy by incorporating the right foods first. Once we get to that place that we have more energy, then the exercise comes much easier.

I accomplished losing 40 lb. in a year and my goal was to feel fabulously fit by 45!! I DID IT by adding a green juice in the morning with adaptogenics and protein with collagen in the afternoon. Nine months into eating well, my energy level began to rise and the exercise came easy. Yoga is my personal favorite form of exercise and with my newfound energy I invested in a Yoga Swing. I know what you’re thinking and YES - FUN and challenging!

One thing that I figured out that really helped me is to get to a place in your mind that food is your friend. It’s your fuel. You want to get to where you see food as your support of feeling your best, where you can go out to eat, enjoy and not be hard on yourself. Remember, it is a wellness journey not a pit stop. The truth is that just like everyone has different goals, everyone has to take a different road to get to their ideal body or energy to feel the best version of self. My road seems to be quite curvy (no pun intended) and with each curve a new lesson in self-love is realized.

It really is about removing the things that no longer serve you, even if they once did, to make room for all the new, better, and more authentic things that bring out the best in you. As I did with a green juice every morning and protein shake. Remove waste, hold space, and re-create your life with a body detox, powered by nutrition. I know it sounds like a sales pitch, but it truly works by going beyond the usual diet and weight loss goals and make a lifestyle change. Customization is KEY in any wellness journey. Get support that makes you accountable for your health goals.

There’s no “one-stop shop.” No cure-all elixir. This is why fad diets don’t make EVERYONE lose. Try out different ways of eating, like high-protein, vegetarian, alkaline, anti-inflammatory, then journal how you feel after eating this way.

My start with the “before” was how I felt, how I wanted to feel, my energy level... write it down and visualize feeling your best, moving around, and fitting into your clothes comfortably. Wellness doesn’t work when it’s one size fits all. We’re all living in our own unique bodies, further complicated by different life journeys, different choices we make. You already know this.

It’s important to do what makes you happy and do what makes you feel your best. If you don’t like the protein shake, try a different version. If you don’t like lifting weights then don’t, but don’t not do it because of what someone else says or thinks or because you think you’ll get massive or they don’t ‘like it.’ Some people that see you are making positive changes in your life will not support your changes, it scares some. Let me share, people who belong in the next chapter will celebrate your efforts of improving self.

Keep trying different foods, stretching, yoga, running and don’t ever worry about what anyone else thinks of you! It’s YOUR Journey - make it one that feels amazing down to your soul.

Sending love and light.

KATE'S CHRISTMAS TREE

By Janine Manning

*Kate was really bummed about the Charlie Brown tree the family had last year!
So she just told her mom and dad, this was it, we're getting the best tree, never fear!*

*We're going to a Christmas Tree Farm, and it's just down the way.
We have Kate, Mom and Dad, brother, all the grandparents and the dog too, for the day.*

*Mom was driving most of us in one car, while Dad and Kate headed over in the jeep.
Twists and turns and we found our way there, to try to find a tree to keep.*

*The Christmas Tree Farm is the all-around place and simply the best!
We were greeted with smiles, a campfire, hot chocolate, holiday music, no jest!*

*Good thing we had on boots and rain gear to keep us warm and dry.
The Farm sent us on our way with a measuring pole and a marking ribbon to tie.*

*We hoofed it here, there, and I'm sure we were all over quite a bit of land.
We looked at that tree and this tree, studied each one, and got sap on our hands.*

*I'm not sure how long we were out there, tromping everywhere.
Pretty soon, all the trees looked pretty much the same and it was starting to wear.*

*Suddenly, there it was! The very tree that my granddaughter Kate said, "That's it!"
The Farm Staff cut the tree and hauled it over to the campsite to shake it out a bit.*

*Then came the fun part of loading the umpteen foot long tree on top of the jeep.
Ropes here and there, sliding it one way to another, we were in deep.*

*Loading success and with some serious trepidation, to home we headed out.
Down the twists and turns we went with fingers crossed, and what was the worry all
about?*

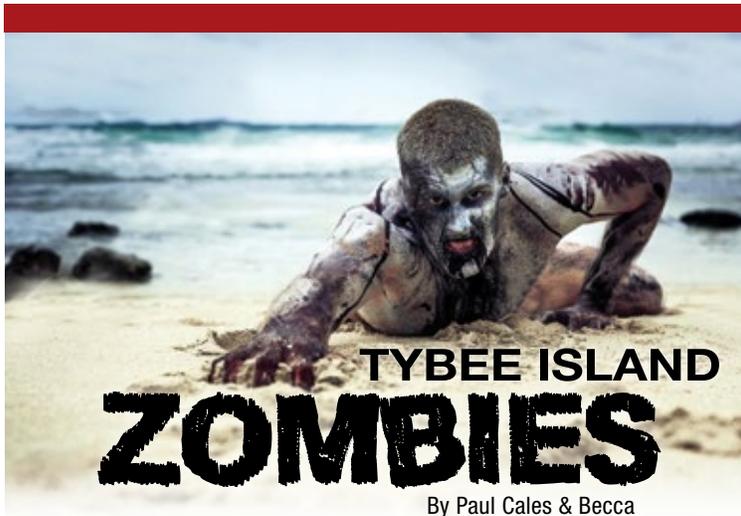
*Off with the ropes, and into the yard, the umpteen foot tree laid on the ground.
Trimmed the base, thought about its entry to the spot where it was bound.*

*In it went, and "Stand Back" as the bands were taken off the tree!
What a magnificent tree now that the branches were free!*

*Lights and decorations, took quite a long while to get it all done.
At last, Kate had her tree and best of all, we all had fun!!*

Merry Christmas Everyone! Good Luck in finding your special tree!





By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the Nov. 2019 Beachcomber.
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CHAPTER 30
WINKY MAKES A FLAG
DAY 10

"EVERYONE GET DOWN!" Eric shouts. All thirteen people in Huc A Poos hit the floor.

"See?" Brian sneers. *"I told you there's a tank out there."*

"I think it's stopped," Paxton says, alert. *"It sounds like it's sitting on Highway 80."*

"Probably about to open fire on us," Brian says. *"I freaking told you."*

"Everyone stay calm," Eric says.

"Stay calm?" Paxton exclaims from the floor. *"Did you hear what Brian said? They shot at him while he was on Little Tybee."*

"What the hell are they doing out there?" Katherine interrupts.

Eric looks at her. *"Let's keep our heads here, guys. They could be assessing the situation. They have thermal sights; they could be seeing how many of us are in here. This is still Tybee, we're all neighbors."*

"I don't think thermal sights can see through walls," Brian says.

"You think we should make ourselves known to them?" Paxton asks the group.

"Not yet," Eric says. *"Let's see what they do first. It's not like we have an easy exit. The ramp is blocked off by zeeks and the parking lot is full of them. Unless we're jumping into the bus and trying to outrun a tank, we're stuck here. We're at the mercy of the folks in the tank."*

"Bullshit!" Brian says and stands up. The others begin to do the same.

"I'll shoot whoever is poking their head out of the top of that tank!"

"With what?" Paxton says, emotions running high in the whole group.

"The pistol?" He points toward the .38 sitting on the bar in front of Eric.

"There's no way you're going to be able to hit someone out on the highway from here."

"NO?" Brian snaps proudly. *"I'll sneak around to the top of the stairs and pick them off from there."*

"No one. Is shooting. Anyone," Eric says sternly, trying to retake the conversation and calm the group down.

Katherine puts her hand on Brian's shoulder. *"I'm sure you could shoot someone from here... but think about the rest of us. If you shoot at them, they'll think we're the bad guys and shoot back. They've got the bigger guns. Shooting at a tank is just plain stupid."* The rest of the group nods, all keeping quiet to avoid making the situation more heated than it already is.

"Shut up, Bunger," Brian says, losing his cool. *"You guys don't understand. You haven't been out there. You've been hiding in here, singing Kumbaya with Eric and ignoring the truth of the situation. The world has gone to shit. You have no clue how to handle it."*

"Excuse me, Mister Rambo," Bunger scoffs. *"I think we know exactly what is going on out there and I think you're part of the problem. We invited you in and you're causing trouble already. It's time for you to be quiet."*

"That sure is a lot of tough talk from a 'Breeder,'" Brian sneers. *"Are you going to make me shut up?"*

"Excuse me?" Katherine retorts. *"What the hell is that supposed to mean?"*

"There are two types of people after the apocalypse," Brian snaps, pointing in Katherine's face. *"Shooters... and people who are primarily used to cook, clean, and repopulate the planet."*

Katherine takes a step forward and slaps Brian square in the cheek. *"I know you're not saying..."* She begins, before Eric raises his voice for the first time.

"Stop it right now you two!" He snaps.

Paxton, who has been listening to the tank and not the argument, speaks up. *"What the hell is that tank doing out there? It hasn't moved in ages."*

"I don't know," Eric says. *"But we should get back down."*

"What about the ramp?" Paxton asks and moves his attention to Eric. *"No one is guarding it."*

"If something does get through, I'll give it the business," Bunger says, trying to break the tension with confidence and humor.

"Shut up, Breeder," Brian sneers at her. *"You're not giving anyone the business."*

"I swear to God, Crabber. If this goes to hell, I'm shooting you first."

"I WISH you had the balls to point a gun at me," Brian says.

Eric loses his cool. *"STOP IT RIGHT NOW!"* He takes a breath. *"The gun is staying right here on the bar. If anyone shoots anything it is going to be a zeek. We. Do. Not. Shoot. At. People."*

"You say that now. Wait until the tank starts shooting at you and your own."

"You don't know that they're going to start shooting at us," Katherine says, and throws up her hands in frustration. *"We don't pose a threat to them."*

"What about that gun?" Paxton says, and points to the gun hanging on the ceiling that they've all been looking at for years but never paid any mind to.

"What?" Eric says. *"The machine gun? That thing doesn't have any guts in it."*

"That's a shame," Bunger sighs.

"And I don't see anyone with any .50 caliber ammo, do you?" Eric takes a breath. *"Winky, go grab a clean apron and a broom out of the kitchen. We're going to make a white flag."*

"You're seriously going to surrender to them?" Brian asks, animated.

"We don't know that they're even a threat!" Bunger shouts at him, exasperated.

"We're not surrendering," Eric says. *"The white flag will let them know two things. One, that we're in here and alive. Two, that we pose no threat to them. Win, win."*

"Like they think we're a threat," Paxton laughs. *"They have a damn tank."*

"You people really don't have a clue," Crabber Brian says, eerily calm.

"You being an ass isn't helping the situation," Bunger responds.

"We need a plan, people," Brian says.

"We have a plan," Winky says, and returns with a broom, an apron, and some tape held aloft before him.

"You talk a big game, Brian," Eric says. "But I don't hear you offering up any logical suggestions. You need to focus."

"Here you go, Eric!" Winky says triumphantly, and holds the make-shift flag aloft.

"Thanks, Wink," Eric says, and takes the flag. "Now the question is where to fly this bad boy?"

"I'll crawl out to the top of the steps and strap it to the rail," Katherine says. "They should definitely be able to see it from there."

"You're seriously doing this?" Brian says, aghast. "They might not even know anyone is in here."

"That's the first smart thing you've said all day," Paxton says, looking at Brian for the first time. "I think he might be right about this. What if they don't realize we're in here? They won't know that the flag just got put up."

"I'd rather there be a chance that they know we're in here than not," Katherine says, and grabs the flag from Eric. "The last thing we need is to die in gunfire meant for the dead."

"Go ahead, Katherine," Says Eric.

"Wow," Brian says, disrupting the flow of events. "Sending the breeder out there. I think I made a mistake trying to help you guys."

Katherine, looking over her shoulder at Brian says, "You can leave any time you like, Brian." She gets on her stomach and low crawls out the screen door to the deck and slithers all the way to the top of the stairs. She hangs the flag and returns to the group inside the bar.

"Good job, Breeder," Brian sneers.

"I swear to God, Brian," Katherine snaps, and begins moving in his direction. She stops short... there is a loud rattling sound. It's the sound of the coax machine gun coming out of the tank. "Oh, what is that?"

"It's the gun on the tank," Brian snaps. "I told you so." He snatches the gun off the bar.

"Oh, hell no," Katherine shouts and lunges at him, trying to get the gun from his hands. They both fall to the floor as they wrestle for control of the pistol. A muffled explosion stops everyone in their tracks before they can begin to attempt to separate them. Katherine's eyes grow as wide as dinner plates and Brian's face wretches as he yells out...

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Main Street Matters

By Michelle Owens - Executive Director, Tybee Island Development Authority/Main Street

MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET

Ever notice how the best Christmas movies always start with a wide angle shot of a charming, cozy downtown where happy shoppers scurry to and fro, and friendly shopkeepers wave hello?

The hero or heroine of the story always owns the local bakery, bookstore, diner, antique shop, candy cane factory, bed and breakfast or equally quaint mom and pop shop. And in spite of some great life adversity he or she might be facing, the resilient shopkeeper still creates a magical place that serves as the center of community life.

By the end of the movie a miracle occurs. Adversity is overcome just in time for a happy holiday ending and we viewers are left wishing that we too could feast on homemade candy and hot cocoa all month long without gaining a pound.

As far-fetched as life in these seasonal Shangri-las might appear, it's actually within grasp. No magical pixie dust required.

You just need to don your gay apparel and go find your favorite cluster of locally owned and operated businesses, figuratively, and often literally, referred to as Main Street.

Main Street needs your support, especially at this time of the year, when everyone's tempted to order online or shop at the closest mega chain store. When you spend locally, your money boomerangs around the community like the gift that keeps on giving. In fact, a 2018 study by American Express found that for every dollar spent at a small business in the U.S., approximately 67 cents stays in the local community.

That's because the merchants of Main Street are your neighbors or your neighbor's kids. They donate countless gift cards, door prizes, and man hours to local causes, even if it means less take home pay for themselves. They know their customers first-hand and stock the shelves accordingly.

When the kid next door needs a summer job, they hire him, even if he is all thumbs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that since the end of the Great Recession, small businesses have created 62 percent of all net new private-sector jobs.

Just like those shopkeepers on our favorite Christmas movie channel, local merchants take time to learn your name. When you say "gimme my usual," they know what that is. They give service with a smile amidst the myriad pressures and worries that accompany small business ownership.

The merchants of Main Street are the heart of the community. They give us fun places to go after home and work. We need these "third places" to hold tight the fabric of community and cultivate our sense of belonging. Countless urban planning studies recognize that sidewalks are great in a community, but people don't use them if they don't lead to a destination like Main Street.

Imagine a town without a Main Street. It's worse than a year without a Santa Clause! Worse than being banned from reindeer games. Like a lesson worthy of George Bailey, we'd quickly learn it's not such a wonderful life.

The National Main Street Program and **Small Business Saturday** (held the Saturday after Thanksgiving) are two ways that we show support for small businesses. Our Tybee Island Main Street program supports small businesses all year long, so if you already shop local and want to do more, check in with us at City Hall to see how else you can show support.

When you get ready to buy goods or services, please don't go over the river and through the woods to shop somewhere else if you can find it right here at home.

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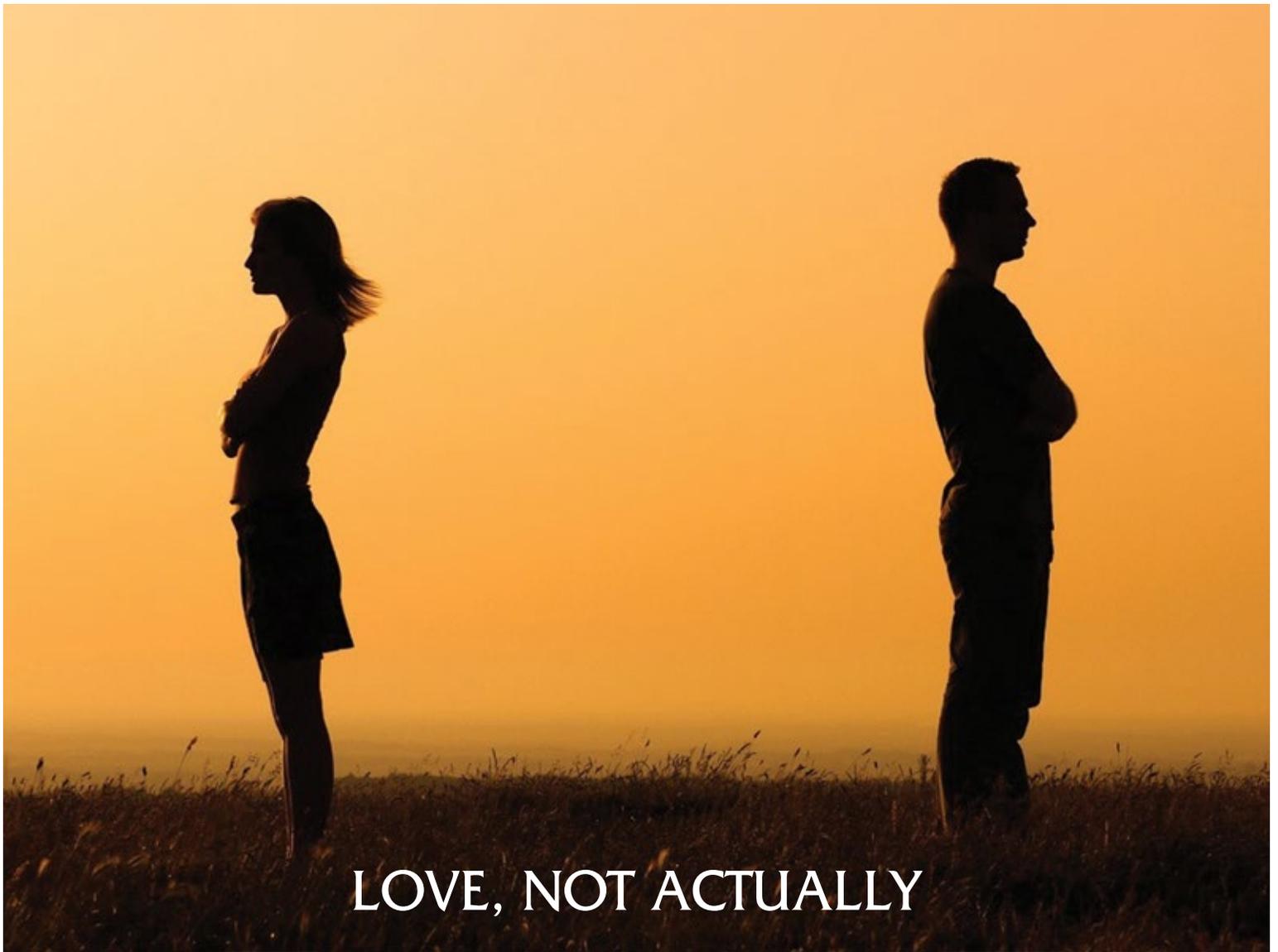
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A Love Advice Column by a Boy and a Girl Who Should Not be Giving Love Advice. Ever.

The Question this month is:

**My boyfriend and I just broke up. How soon do I have to politically correctly wait until I get back in the dating game and start dating his dad?
By, Keeping it in the Family**

Girl's Advice:

OMG!!! I love this conundrum! A number of questions come into play here and you left out a bunch of factoids. Who broke up with whom? Is the son an ass? Are you an ass? Is the dad hot? How many other kids are involved? How old are you? How old is he? Does Dad have money?

Setting ALL OF THE ABOVE aside, here is what you should do. Totally get it on with Dad. You only live once and if the son was halfway good in the where-it-counts department, then Dad should be too. Additionally, if Dad has the money, you marry him and get written into the will, a la Anna Nicole Smith style, and then shove Junior's face in it. Have zero shame. Get it girl! On a private side note, you may have to move out of state.

Boy's Advice:

The short answer is NEVER! That's just gross and on so many levels too. First off, what kind of girl wants to bang their ex's dad? Second, what kind of morals does one have to have to be that crude? Can't you just leave well enough alone?

I mean, we had a relationship, it went well for a while. We had good times and bad, but for whatever reason, it's over. Walk away from the relationship a smarter person and don't exacerbate the situation by banging my dad. Besides, how awkward would it be the next time I pick your mom up for a game of hide-the-salami and we run into each other? What am I supposed to say? Hi Dad. Be careful, she likes to get kinky.

RECYCLING ON TYBEE

By Monty Parks

Three years ago, a friend of mine was complaining that his recycling bin was emptied in the trash truck. I did not believe him. But he kept complaining about the recycling going into the trash, and finally, I started looking into his claim. He was correct. Recycling material was going into the trash.

The more I read and researched, the more it seemed that the whole recycling business was in chaos. The chaos was international. This international situation reached all the way to Tybee. Now, fast forward three years to today.

The main problem with today's recycling market is contamination. Currently, single stream recycling, the practice of throwing everything together in one container, results in contamination. Food stains, mixed material, improper material, and other sources results in rejection of recycled material by the buyers and recyclables going into the trash. Even small amounts of contamination results in the rejection of large loads. Commercial recyclers are frustrated with increasingly difficult demands by buyers. Shipments overseas are down to less than 5% of what they were three years ago.

Here on Tybee, our problem was also that 100% of the material from the beach, tons of material, was all going into the trash. All those aluminum cans and plastic water bottles from summer weekends on the beach, all of it was going into the trash. We pay for that to be hauled off island as trash.

So, just a few weeks ago, we opened a recycling center at the DPW area here on Tybee. This new recycle center is our response to the international situation with recycling. The center is also our response to the fact that all the material off the beach was going into the trash.

We have gone small with Tybee's recycling center. We are sorting all material carefully. We are also asking residents to sort material before dropping it off. Once we have verified that material is clean and sorted, we are then baling the material on site. The goal is 100% clean, sorted premium recycle material. The goal is that no more residential recycle material goes into the trash. We also aim to recover tons of material off of the beach. Plus, we will provide a recycling option for those residents in the condos that have no recycling today.

There are now drop off trailers for residents located at the entrance to DPW, next to the fire station and next to the life guard shack by the pier. The ultimate goal is to stop charging Tybee residents for recycling services and stop the single stream recycling with Atlantic Waste. We want to bring the recycle business back in house and under Tybee control.

I am asking residents to start using the trailers provided to drop off material. I am also asking businesses to use the trailers. There is a Facebook page, TybeeRecycles, which has information and details. We need your recyclable material to feed the baler, to feed the Beast. There will be volunteer opportunities for anyone interested in helping this program.

This is an exciting direction for Tybee. This is new, this is different, and already, we have seen that this approach works for our community. Thanks for your help as we move Tybee forward.



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Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge

December's Bartender of the Month is making me laugh right now and I haven't even told you his name. Being amusing is his game and he is good at it. Mostly self-deprecating, **Crosby** is the guy and he will make you lol even if you don't want to. He has a first name, but no one knows it, not even him, as it's been so long since he has had to use it. When you are on Tybee and hiding from U.S. Marshals, you don't need anyone to have that information anyway. I had the pleasure of sitting down with this guy in his home office of **Salt Island Beer & Fish** and pretty much day drinking and giggling my afternoon away as he hilariously related his entire life to me. I'm going to tell you everything. Well, everything I remember anyway.

Mr. Crosby was born and raised in Hoboken, Georgia, which was laboriously explained to me as a suburb of Waycross because no one will know where the hell it is. After spending his tiny tot and voice dropping years there, he graduated from high school and attended Waycross Junior College, obtaining his Associates in Physical Therapy. Moving to Savannah in 2007 to attend Armstrong University, Crosby kept pursuing his dream of obtaining his P.T. degree. Well, life happens and after working at a number of different industry jobs, he met a girl and moved to Tybee!! How many times have we all heard that before? I think it is how most of us got here!

Having worked in food services since the tender age of 14 years old, beginning at Krystal, Crosby has been everywhere from Boar's Head to Applebee's, Garibaldi's and Abe's on Lincoln. I had to ask about Krystal though, because we have to know. Crosby totally confessed that other than Taco Bell, Krystal is the only fast food that he still craves and will go out of his way for (not like Breezy Joey out of the way, but you know...). That gives the rest of us encouragement that Krystal's isn't as ugh behind the scenes as we all envision it to be.

Moving along to the Questions of Life:

Tybee Life: 3 years

Passion: Making people laugh

Grow Up: Standup comedian and then changed to Duke McAuthor (same difference? You be the judge)

Spirit Animal: Otter. They are fun to look at, but pretty annoying once you get to know them.

Super Power I have: The Irish Good-Bye – I can dip out of a situation before anyone even realizes I'm gone.

Super Power I wish I had: The ability to never have to do laundry (pretty sure that's just called being rich and buying new stuff every day).

Crosby's **go-to drink** is the **Wobbly Crosby**, which is a Mint Julep that Crosby adds a secret ingredient to. It might be dirt. I'm not sure and I don't care. It's delish!! What I am sure of is that Breezy is never a bad idea and Crosby is very good at his job! You have to go see Crosby. He is just a legitimate fun guy. He loves what he does and he loves Tybee and her people. That shows in his personality and he will make sure you have a good time at his bar!



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MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge

The Peanut Butter Falcon (Another Tybeewood Movie)

Once again, this intrepid reporter was willing to take one for the team. Especially on **The Peanut Butter Falcon**, starring Shia LaBeouf, who single handedly ruined the fourth installment of the Indiana Jones movies with his cringe worthy performance as Indy's son in Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. Not to mention, he behaved like a total drunken idiot while he was in Savannah filming this movie last year, by getting slapped with a public intoxic charge, along with a disorderly and obstruction charge. That having been barfed out, I laid on the couch with disrespect in my heart and a grimace on my face. Also, wth is up with the name of this movie??

Well, I am happy to report that I was proved wrong. Not that Shia is completely exonerated, but he is well on his way. Starring newcomer Zack Gottsagen, an actor with Down syndrome, the movie begins with Zak busting out of an assisted living facility to pursue his dream of becoming a pro-wrestler. Zak hooks up with Tyler (Shia), a crab pot thieving low life with a heart of gold underneath that scruffy exterior and off they travel the Georgia backwaters and coastline in a very Twain esque era fashion. Meanwhile, Dakota Johnson as Eleanor (from 50 Shades of Grey – and yes, she has her clothes on this entire movie), is in hot pursuit to get her patient back into the home where he belongs. She is not the only one after the two boys though, as Tyler stole from the wrong fishermen and they too are tracking them down.

This one is really a heart tugger, but I did have a couple of problems with it and you will too. However, check it out when it hits the rentals for \$2.99 and you will not be disappointed.

I give this movie 1 bottle of Kentucky Tavern because the ending is so Hallmark that I just can't, 1 bottle of Old Crow because the name of this movie is eventually explained, but not soon enough to make me happy, 1 bottle of Evan Williams because the thought of a boxing throw-down ring in the middle of the woods does kind of make me laugh, 1 bottle of Maker's Mark because the all the actors were good and I don't want to punch Shia in the face anymore, and 1 bottle of 1926 Macallan that auctioned off for a paltry 1.9 million because the shots of Tybee are excellent and we live here.



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Foodie Finds

By Frank Kelly

Frank's Rum Punch



I first tasted this delicious concoction at the 2018 Girls Night Inn. There it was in a big, huge beautiful bowl being ladled out for all the ladies. I was immediately enamored and refused to leave the punch bowl all night! This is a guaranteed holiday tradition that you will look forward to every year! The following recipe makes one full gallon pickle jar of happiness!

Cheers!! --- Alaina

Ingredients:

- 1 qt. of white rum, we use Ron Matusalem
- 1/3 bottle dark rum, not spiced
- Large can of pineapple juice
- 1 qt. Welch's Passion Fruit
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SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Ho Ho Ho Sports Teaser Fans, shall I dare say it? Can you believe it? Santa is on his way and Christmas is almost here. (Finish the turkey leftovers yet?) I know everyone has been nice this year, certainly not naughty, so hopefully your tree will be packed with presents underneath for the big day. No coal, nobody likes coal!

Sadly, December means that we are almost at the end of the college football season. We have some big conference championship games coming up and bowl games and the playoffs, but as usual, the season comes and goes too quickly. We wait all year for the fall and football and now it's almost over.

Quite a bit has changed over the season as we know, with the emergence of LSU as a potential national champion. Clemson, as we all thought for the most part, is right there at the end with their march through the mediocre ACC. The mighty Crimson Tide suffered a loss to LSU and now are hoping to get in through the back door and it looks like Ohio State will for sure. Georgia still has a clear path, as well as a few other teams, but everything will shake out with the conference championship games the first part of this month. My prediction for the final four team's standing are: LSU, Ohio State, Clemson and Oregon.

If Georgia wins out and then beats LSU however, they would be in of course as SEC champs. That can happen but the defense will have to continue to play at the high level that they have been and the offense will try to figure out how to get some touchdowns and not field goals. The lack of red zone efficiency for the Bulldogs has been a problem all year and that's got to change. You're not going to beat LSU or Clemson or Ohio State kicking field goals. That I know.

It would appear that Georgia would be headed for a great bowl game if they were to lose to LSU ending up in the Orange or Sugar bowls. If that's the case, let's just hope they decide to show up versus last year's Sugar Bowl "effort" against Texas. It will be a great end to the college football season no matter what happens I feel, but it sure would be great to have the Dogs in the mix once again!

On to the NFL where the local teams aren't faring as well as I had thought before the season started. The Falcons have all sorts of problems and it has shown with their lousy record. Despite beating the Saints to get their second win of the campaign, it looks like another year of missing the playoffs. It will be interesting to see if they start to look for Matt Ryan's replacement in the next draft or so as he's not getting any younger. The Jaguars have had a middling season and will get Nick Foles back. A playoff run might be in order but I'm thinking they will get to 8-8 and that won't be enough. The cream of the crop seems to be Green Bay, San Francisco and Minnesota in the NFC with Baltimore, New England and maybe Houston in the AFC. Kansas City has struggled this year and look fairly average, especially on defense where they have given up a lot of points and yards. That's not a good recipe as we all know! I will admit that my LA Chargers pick for the Super Bowl was pretty off, ok way off! More on the NFL playoffs in January.

Finally, have some golf down under in December with the President's Cup. Some fella named Tiger is the team captain and will also be playing I hear. A few people might be watching the matches I would gather. Tiger TV is always good and a great early Christmas stocking stuffer... I like red!

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season! See you in 2020!

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December Horoscope

By Gage McKnight

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21) Your utter lack of tact and diplomacy should ensure that everyone dislikes you, but for whatever reason, you have a fiery, magnetic personality that draws people in. Like a moth to a flame that is. As a Sagittarius, it is your tendency to overestimate pretty much everything about yourself. You never screw up because in the land of your own mind, you can't do anything wrong and someone else is always to blame.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19) You have the personality of a tree stump. Of all the signs, you are the most whiny and boring. You will always see the glass half-empty (or more), and nothing will convince you otherwise. You are the buzz kill at parties and you can suck the light out of the sunniest day. Some say you're shy... you're actually not, you're completely self-absorbed and anti-social. You aren't an introvert, you're an.... oh, never mind. Suffice it to say, you have zero social skills and spend a lot of time alone because you are your own favorite person.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18) You do what you want when you want and laugh in the face of any semblance of order. The only time you don't do this is when others happen to be running late. At that point you get all cranky and moody and wonder how anyone could have the audacity to inconvenience you. You are manipulative, moody, melodramatic and probably pretty much any other negative M word there is, or any other letter of the alphabet for that matter. If you were born with this sign, the future doesn't look good.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20) You are very bitchy and unreasonable to most people and others don't really like it when you seek to help them, since you are only doing it for selfish reasons. Your over-sensitive and pessimistic nature, combined with your self-sabotaging perfectionism means you are destined for a life of mediocrity. You will never be truly successful at anything, because doing that would require you to get out of your own way and that's just not in your nature. The motives of a Pisces are never pure and they often come with a price. Munchausen anyone?

Aries (March 21 – April 19) When you're not busy annoying the will to live out of everyone around you with your aloof, know-it-all condescension, you spend a great deal of time engaging in reckless, impulsive and undisciplined behavior. When a project needs to be done, you're the one who will systematically "half-ass" it, leaving it sub-par and unfinished for everyone else to attend to while you set off on your next adventure. You're the person that makes the workplace a truly wonderful place... when you leave.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) Your possessive nature and tendency towards jealousy also make you prone to stalking and never knowing how to take "no" for an answer, in anything, ever. You mistake the term "frugal" with "cheap"— meaning you don't date much. You are not only cheap and self-indulgent, you tend to be rude as well. Another reason many of you live in your mother's basement well into adulthood.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) Gemini people are so naturally intelligent they bore easily, which is really just a lame excuse for being flaky and undependable. What you lack in organization, you make up for with almost limitless energy. No one can create a chaotic workspace with as much enthusiasm as you. Your dual personality means you are bi-polar moody with no direction, boundless energy and a tendency towards intense anxiety. In other words, you are a high-strung basket case and most people think you're truly crazy.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) You are moody, oppressive, chronically pessimistic, hyper-emotional, and suffocatingly clingy. If that weren't enough, you are also prone to being a nag and will find something in any situation to unceasingly complain about. You see every tiny challenge in life as Everest and are a chronic victim. No one on Earth has known the troubles you've seen. Everywhere you go, a violin should be following you playing a sad song.

Leo (July 23 – August 22) Your sexiness and good fashion sense is, of course, what truly matters in your superficial world. Forget the ocean, you're about as deep as a birdbath... one that hasn't been filled in a while. Your controlling nature, obsessive need for attention, constant demands and lack of patience make your good looks the only thing that keeps you alive. But guess what? Leo's age like Kaitlyn Jenner's plastic surgery.

Virgo (August 23 – Sept 22) You're fussy, hyper-critical and stubborn. This, coupled with your wholly anal retentive nature and inability to ever be pleased, make you easily one of the most excruciatingly painful people to ever have to work or live with. No matter your age, your stunning lack of personality makes you the epitome of the grumpy old man screaming at the neighborhood kids to get off his lawn.

Libra (September 23 – October 22) You actually have an amazing gift for playing other people. Most see you as indecisive and sort of gullible, but that's not always true. You are actually quite clever and able to show people exactly what they want to see in order to charm them into giving you your own way. It's almost as if you aren't stupid at all and are actually very, very manipulative, despite appearances to the contrary. Hmm... how about that? Well played Libra, well played.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21) Scorpions are by far the worst of the worst. Narcissism, jealousy, rage, blind ambition, and shrewd intellect with no compassion, you've got it all. It's like a smorgasbord of pure evil. No one is as manipulative, cunning, secretive or power hungry, and nobody holds a grudge like you. Scorpions often sneak up on their prey before stinging them and the people with this sign are no different. Even when they are smiling in your face, they are plotting your demise, unless they have a use for you, then you may be safe for a while.



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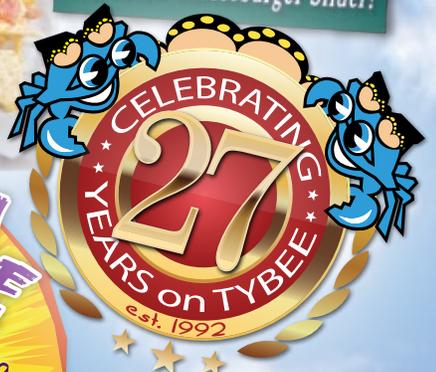


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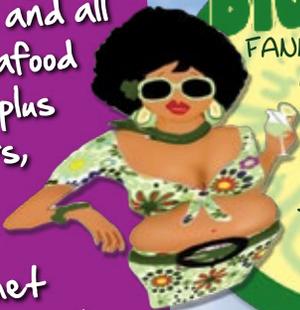


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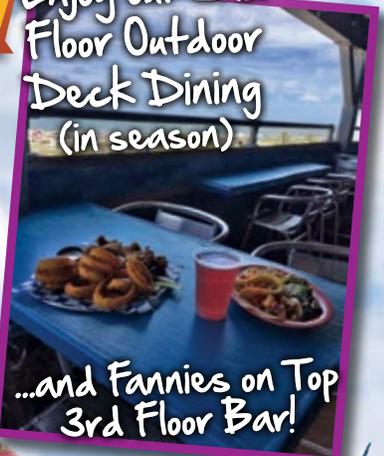
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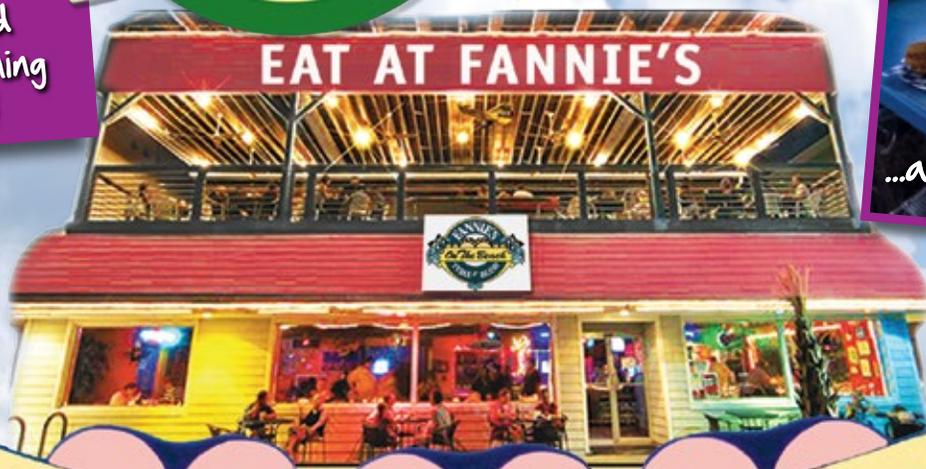
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BAD ADVICE FROM A FLOR-IDIOT

By Jimmy Prosser

Have we done hobbies? No? Splendid.

Here are a list of hobbies and what they say about you as a person:

- **Kite Flying** - No one enjoys being around you. I could elaborate but why waste my time, ya damn kite fliers.
- **Wheel Throwing** - Now I love to throw pottery. The wheel, the moist clay squishing out of your fingers like a handful of mushy strawberries. Is there anything more relaxing? I bet not. Also, I think I confused the word stressful with the word relaxing. Throwing is NOT relaxing.
- **Fishing** - If I had to guess, fishing dates back decades to the early/ mid 1940s. It consists of losing bait in the ocean while drinking beer. One time I caught a snake. And I never fished again. Don't pick a hobby that involves snakes.

- **Knitting** - Once known as Lady-Stick-Finger-Dancing is the art of taking rope or string and making something out of it, like a quilt, potholder, trivet, or ball of yarn. This hobby is quickly becoming extinct as it's extremely boring. And you can't text and knit. One of them has to go - and we all know texting is here to stay.

- **Sports** - I was going to break this down, but let me summarize all sports relatively simply. You move the "ball" away from you by hitting/ kicking/throwing/passing/ dribbling, and then proceed after it. This goes on for a predetermined amount of time. And then the sport is finished. Apply this equation to Baseball/Hockey/Basketball/Football/Soccer/ Rugby/Golf/Volleyball/Lacrosse/Croquet/Badminton/Pickle Ball/Tennis/ Bocce Ball/Beer Pong/Corn Hole/Squash/Polo/Tetherball/Gaga Ball/ Putt Putt - they're all the same. You're not unique. And yelling at the television does not affect the outcome of the game. Y'all are giving me a damn headache.

- **Wine Tasting** - Bitch please, you just want a reason to get drunk and wear pants.

- **Jet Skiing** - You grew up poor, worked hard, now you have some money and don't know how to invest it wisely.

- **Crafting** - Crafting is the art of taking unrelated items and combining them to make an item or gift that no one wants. I still have every made item I've ever received. They live in a Rubbermaid tub with a warped lid labeled 'closet.'

There you have it. Be kind to one another. Also, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, but most importantly have fun returning all the gifts you don't like!

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A-J's Dockside - Happy Hour 4-7pm, Live music Friday thru Sunday, Lunch 7 days a week 11am-5pm, Dinner 7 days a week 5-10pm. Time to start deciding about decorating bikes and golf carts for Tour de Lights December 14th! Check for updates on our Tour de Lights Facebook page. 1315 Chatham Ave.

American Legion Post 154 - Canteen open 5pm Monday-Saturday, First Monday Pizza Night 5-7pm, Bar Games Tuesday and Thursday 6-9pm, Line Dancing Wednesday 7pm, Thursday Dinners 5:30-7pm, Bingo (come early!) and Karaoke Friday 8-10pm. Open to everyone. 10 Veterans Dr.

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Bubba Gumbo's - Happy Hour 4-7pm with \$1.00 off wells, beer and wine. Sunday \$1 raw or steamed Oysters, Monday 50 cent wings. Thursday alternates between live music or trivia. Just show up. You're going to have fun. 3 Old Highway 80

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Nickie's 1971 Bar and Grill - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm. Live music with Ray Tomasino Monday and Wednesday at 7pm, Roy Swindelle Band Sundays and Tuesdays at 7pm, 8 Ball Pool Tournament Thursday at 9pm, Karaoke Thursday and Friday at 9pm, Live Music Saturdays at 9pm. Sunday rib eye steak and shrimp dinner for \$14.95. 1513 Butler Ave.

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Sting Ray's Seafood - The home of Blue Crabs, Beach Music and Beer. Live music. 14th St. at Butler Avenue.

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

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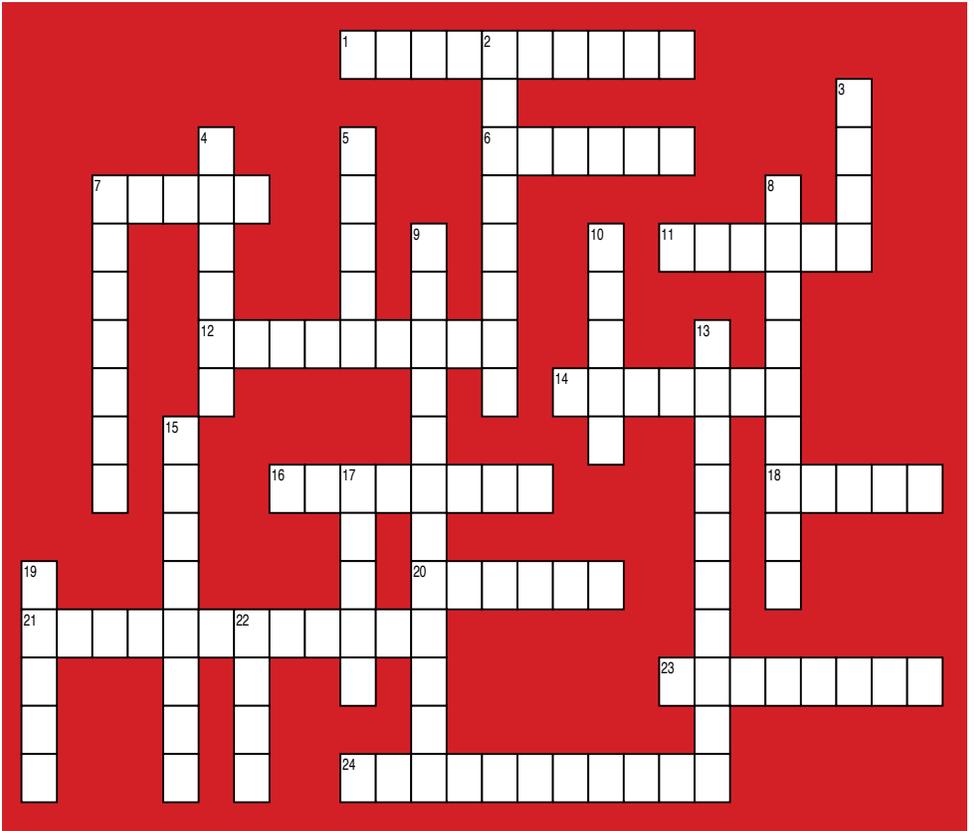
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ACROSS

- 1 Girls' Night Out movie
- 6 Bartender of the Month
- 7 Number one bait for Black Sea Bass
- 11 _____ on for Tybee
- 12 This jellyfish is featured in Beach Walks (2 wds.)
- 14 Bad Advice discusses this
- 16 Small _____ Saturday
- 18 The _____ of Christmas
- 20 _____ Tuesday at The Wind Rose
- 21 The _____ Falcon (A Tybeewood movie)
- 23 The Crab Shack and Nickie's held a benefit for them
- 24 Tiny Living is staying at this farm

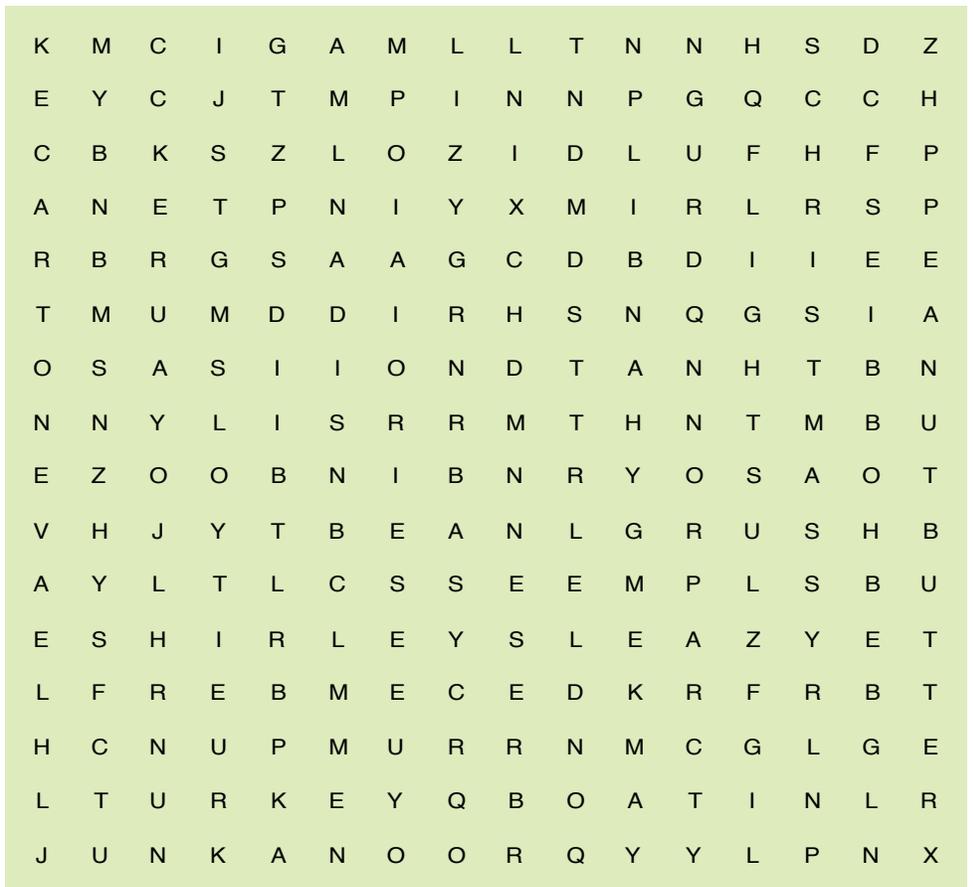
DOWN

- 2 12th month
- 3 River's End is collecting these for Tots
- 4 The Beachcomber is having this contest this month
- 5 Bartender Chronicles biggest fear in life
- 7 Tybee's new mayor
- 8 This parade will be held at night
- 9 Book Review (3 wds.)
- 10 Winky makes a flag with this in Zombie story
- 13 This inn is featured in Bizz Buzz
- 15 Frank's _____ (Foodie Finds)
- 17 He wants you to be nice, not naughty
- 19 Traveling Beachcomber winners went here
- 22 This parade will be held at The Crab Shack



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Word Search



APRON	HOLIDAY INN	RUM PUNCH
BIRDS	JUNKANOO	SANTA
BOAT	LEAVE NO TRACE	SHIRLEY
BUSINESS	LIGHTHOUSE	SPAIN
CHRISTMAS	LIGHTS	SQUID
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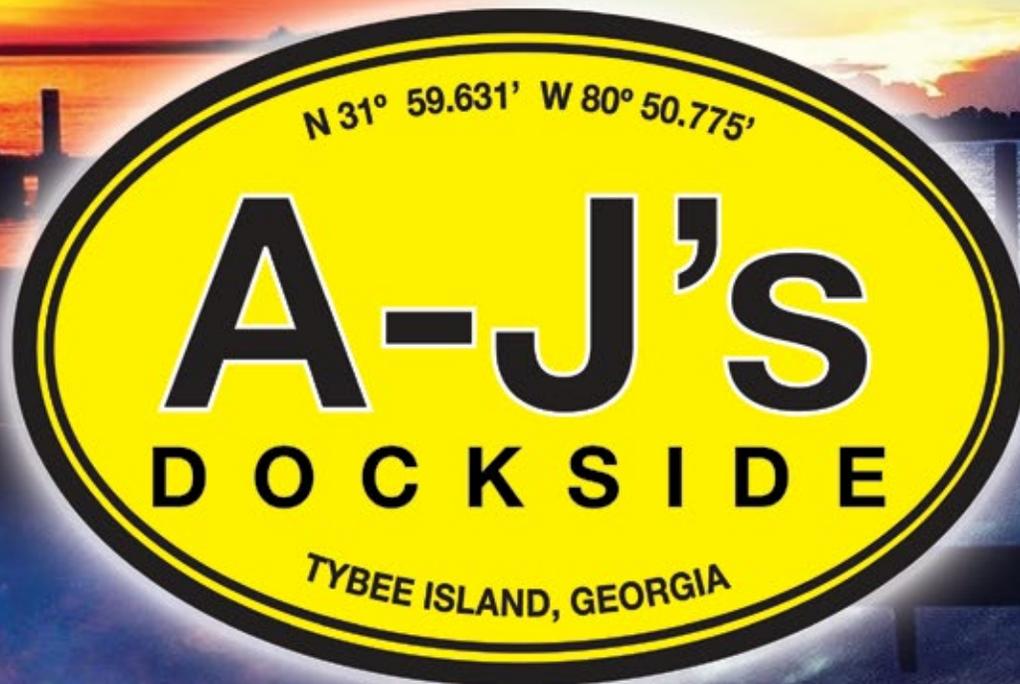


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