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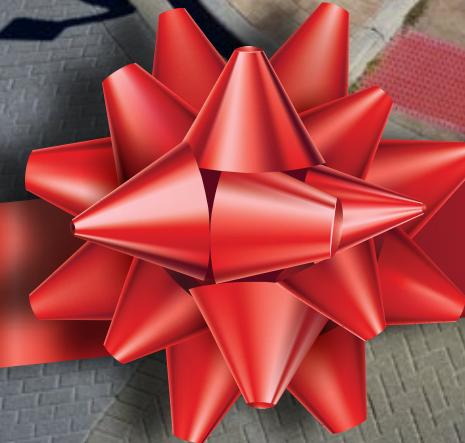


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# From MS...ALAIN...EOUS

Alright Boys and Girls! This is it! The end of an era and phew to that!! 2021 is gonna be great, but let's get December 2020 ON!

Once again, I had one of my drunky epiphanies and the front cover is the proof of that. Since no traveling is allowed, I did a Call to Clan! Let's get some happy social distancing going on at the round-about at the end of Tybrisa! Good times right there and I would like to thank our **Drone God, Billy Harrell** for such an awesome picture. If nothing else, we have a sense of humor here on this island! Also a shout out to Drex and Miss Mary for their assistance!

This is also the month of the ... wait for it ... **The Beachcomber's Third Annual PICKLE Contest!!!!** So, to all the old readers and the new, we have to switch things up this year. Due to that China Beer situation, the actual Pickle Party has been canceled and there will be only one. One sticker to win it all. There will not be Scratch 'N Sniff's in each magazine. If you find the PICKLE Scratch 'N Sniff sticker located in ONE magazine, you will be the BIG DILL WINNER! A fabulous prize awaits you that I have yet to determine, but it's going to be great!! Sorry subscribers, I gotta leave you out, but feel free to stop by and throw ice at me. I am also super disappointed to say the actual Pickle Party will not be happening either. I'm saddened by this, but my liver is dee light ed!

Also happening in December is our annual **Tybee Beachcomber Christmas Party** for our awesome writers. I would like to ask Breezy Ron to not break my foot this year and for everyone to be on their best behavior! LOL!! Our staff is awesome and I love every one of them. Merry Christmas to the backbone of this rag! Simply could not do it without every single one of you that I dog cuss and scream at for 11 months out of the year!

Now ... on to the **Traveling Beachcomber!** My favorite part of this is to know people drag all of us around with them to wherever they travel on the globe! This month's winner is **Alan Robertson** who 'went native' in Santorini, Greece along with his pal, **Kevin O'Neil**, who is perched on the ledge above Mykonos, Greece! That must have been a part tayyy!!! Love it! Thanks y'all and welcome to A-J's!

So, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays, Happy End of 2020! Pour me a drink and let's get it on!!! Turn that page ....



**December 2020 Tide Chart**

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3	Th	9:51a	8.8	10:11p	7.3	4:16a	0.2	4:52p	0.6	7:09a	5:19p	8:11p	10:00a
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- 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
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- 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

# *Looking For Christmas Love*

By JEM

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOME CHRISTMAS LOVE EVERYWHERE.

IT'S NOT IN THE CLOSETS, THE CUPBOARDS, AND NOT HERE OR THERE.

HAS 2020 DEALT US ALL THE FINAL BLOW?

I WON'T GIVE UP MY SEARCH, THAT I KNOW!

IS IT IN MY CAR, THE JEEP, OR EVEN IN THE GARAGE?

THE BACK YARD, THE FRONT YARD, OR HAS IT ALL BECOME A MIRAGE?

I HAVE SEEN CHRISTMAS ITEMS FOR SALE IN ALL THE STORES.

DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT AND IT'S ALL A BORE.

SENDING OUT SOS TO ALL MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WE'RE ALL WONDERING IF WE'VE GONE AROUND THE BEND.

IS CHRISTMAS LOVE LOST AND NEEDS TO BE FOUND?

PUTTING UP POSTERS, CHECKING SOCIAL MEDIA, NOT EVEN A SOUND.

THE CHRISTMAS BOX IS NOT REVEALING ANY HINTS OR CLUES.

I HAVE TO SAY, THIS GIRL IS GETTING A LITTLE BLUE.

HOLIDAY MOVIES, FAVORITE MUSIC, EGGNOG AND FOOD,

JUST ISN'T THE SAME WITHOUT THE MOOD.

LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION FOR WHERE TO LOOK.

MAYBE A LITTLE READING IN THE GOOD BOOK.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT BUT, WHAT WAS LOST IS NOW FOUND.

IT'S IN MY HEART AND THE LOVE ABOUNDS.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL THE FOLKS ON TYBEE!**

# Foodie Finds

By Nathan Frisby

## Cajun Seafood Medley & Sausage Ceviche Lettuce Wrap



### Ingredients:

1/2 lb. Cajun sausage  
2 cucumbers  
3 Roma tomatoes  
1/2 lb. Georgia Shrimp  
1/2 lb. Calamari  
1/2 lb. baby Scallops  
1 red onion  
2 fresh squeezed limes  
5 oz. of Feta Cheese  
1 bunch of parsley (finely chopped)  
3 Leaves lettuce

### Directions:

- Chop tomatoes, cucumbers and onions.
- Dice sausage.
- Peel shrimp.
- Clean scallops.
- Boil scallops, shrimp and calamari until done.
- Sauté sausage until done.
- Let everything cool for 10 minutes in the refrigerator.
- Combine all ingredients.
- Squeeze lime juice in.
- Add parsley.
- Mix everything together really well.
- Add mixture on top of lettuce and sprinkle the Feta cheese on top.
- Make sure you are cooking with love!

That's it. Super easy and super delish!!



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# Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

## WHAT IS NEXT?

As we write this, the market is in the middle of a face-melting rally. And yes, that's the technical term for it. To recap: in the three weeks before the election, the market lost 7.5%. There were widespread expectations of a "blue wave," and the market didn't like seeing the specter of inflation in all the anticipated government spending given Democratic Executive and Legislative branches.

Since Election Day, the market is up 11%. In a week. Initially, the market rallied on the much ballyhooed "blue wave" not materializing. If there's continued gridlock in DC, then it falls to the Federal Reserve to try and stimulate the economy. Which means more QE. Since all QE really does is drive up stock prices, the market was happy.

And then this morning, Pfizer comes out with a positive announcement on their Phase 3 trial, and the market rips. Small caps up 8%. Airlines up 16%. Cruise lines up 23%. Movie Theaters up 60%. Retail up 24%. Even Hertz (still bankrupt, by the way) up 25%. Face melting.

The problem here is that nobody really knows anything.

On the election front, we don't have, in this country, an official institution that "calls" elections, so the media proclaiming a victory is, in point of fact, meaningless until the various states clear the various legal challenges, certify results, and the Electoral College meets. That's December 8-14, for those curious.

But let's assume that the current outcome of the election holds. We still won't know the composition of the Senate until January, when Georgia holds not one but two Senate runoff races. If they both go Democrat, then the Senate is 50-50, with the VP being the tie-breaking vote. Not quite what was meant by "blue wave," but there's still a chance Democrats could control the Executive and Legislative branches of government, which is what sent the market down 7.5% before the election in the first place.

As for the Pfizer announcement, it's certainly good news. But forgive us if we'd like to see actual peer-reviewed data instead of a presser. Basically, Pfizer has 43,000 people in the study, and these interim results of 90% efficacy are being announced after 94 total cases of COVID were reported among the 43,000 in the study.

Here's what we don't know: 94 out of 43,000 is 0.22%. Were all 43,000 even exposed to COVID? It makes a pretty big difference if your trial patients are in COVID hotspots versus, say, Taiwan, where there have only been 577 cases on an island of 24 million. Is the 90% efficacy constant across age groups? Does the vaccine reduce the severity of the disease if you do still get it? Does it reduce the infectiousness?

Again, let's take the results at face value and assume a 90% effective vaccine. The expectations are that you could produce enough to vaccinate 25 million people this year and maybe 600 million next year, or a combined 8% of the world's population by 2022. Access to the vaccine may be compounded further by reports that it has to be stored at -60 to -70 degrees Celsius. That's apparently not the easiest thing to accomplish. Meanwhile, the US is accruing new cases at 100k per day, and New Jersey has just forbidden indoor dining. Again. And everything is trading like bankruptcy risk is off the table.

When everything is priced to perfection, anything short of perfection is bad news. So as we turn the calendar and put 2020 behind us, let's celebrate the fact that given everything we've seen this year, markets are up double digits. It might be a good time to book some gains and adjust those risk exposures, because while there are high hopes 2021 will be better than 2020, it almost certainly won't be perfect.

# FOOD SPY

By Alaina Loughridge with Adjectives by Crosby - Photos by Crosby



Ladies and Gentlemen: Please fasten your seatbelts, lower your tray table, tuck in your bib and let's get it on!!! **Pier 16** is flat out awesome! From the building to the staff and we haven't even gotten to the food yet!

**Natasha Navon** nails every dish down to the garnish. Let's take off...

We began with the **Pier 16 Rockefeller Oysters**. Laid out on a bed of rock salt, these bad boys are nice and plump! Loaded on top and baked to perfecto is spinach, parsley and parmesan. Take your little fork and slap that oinker on top of the lightly toasted bread point. Spread on the clearly homemade cocktail sauce (which is a perfect blend of horse and ketch), and shovel that into your mouth. I've never really been a true fan of oysters, but y'all, I'm converted. That happy appi was paired with the most beautiful cocktail, **The Mermaid Lemonade**. Vodka based yum town with melon liqueur. It is a beachy lemonade and tastes like it looks. You could truly pair that cocktail with anything ... like a piece of lettuce ... and still be enamored.

The **Southern Fried Green Tomatoes** were next and this is not your usual two patty slappers on a plate. This is an avalanche of an appetizer. Big and fat, these maters have an accompanying remoulade that is just bad ass. The goat cheese on top is plentiful and hand crumbled. The batter is light and crispy and the tomatoes really shine. They are firm but gooey at the same time. Does that make sense? Just try them and you will be like, "Oh. I understand," and then you will order another.

The **Seared Tuna Tartare** was coming in hot and heavy. Holy Tuna Town! That tuna was so fresh I thought I saw a heartbeat. The accompanying Wasabi has got a kickola to it that will make your eyes bulge in all the right ways. Served on a bed of fresh greens and drizzled with that Wasabi, as well as a teriyaki glaze, we paired that with **Watermelon Goddess**. Well, damn kids! That was like shopping in your favorite watermelon patch as a kid, but with liquor - rum heavy, tart and fruity! Yes please, I would like another!

Now, Natasha had set the menu, but we saw the **Arcadia Strawberry Pecan Salad with Goat Cheese** on the menu and requested please, please, may we try it??? Oh goodness! Yep and yep! Loaded with everything you want in a salad. Extremely fresh and crispy, this colorful entrée has candied pecans (which Crosby ate all of before I could get to them), and makes you feel like you're on a diet, but cheating too. Arcadian lettuce is

the brute of lettuces, but is so well tied together by the sweet of the fresh strawberries, candied pecans and dried cranberries. Served with a fab Raspberry Vinaigrette, you can eat this all day and not be a cheater. This was paired with a **Mint Mojito** (they offer 8 different flavors – from the classic mint to a pineapple jalapeno with an Old Bay seasoned rim) and seriously, this minty scene is just a big, refreshing slap to your noggin.

Moving along... **Shrimp & Grits**. Now, I'm from Oregon and they call it Cream of Wheat there. I've never ever been a fan. I am now. Seriously, Cajun Georgia Shrimp and cheddar stone ground grits, served with cherry tomatoes, scallions and nice big pieces of bacon. The tail was on, but already deveined and clean. Huge too. Lightly seasoned and grilled. This is a nice size dish. Truly a meal all in itself. It wasn't all meaty either.

Y'all still with me cause there's more! **The Low Country Boil**! It is possible to screw up a LCB. Not here. The shrimp are huge and happy plump. The sausage equally so. The corn is spot on and everything is seasoned lightly. Timing is definitely on point! Can't really wax too lyrical on the LCB. It was just damn good. We paired it with a bottle of red! Truly a perfect meal.

As Crosby and I were rubbing our round bellies, this ginormous plate of **Whole Fried Flounder** (minus the head – thankfully) landed with a thud on our table! Big and Big! Covered lightly with a Beurre Blanc (white wine sauce, y'all), mashed taters and the seasonal veggies (green beans at that time), this scene was all well worth the price. The flounder is bone in, but that is not problematic. Skim your fork across the top and flip it over to get out of the bone. Now, I'm going to take a hard minute to discuss these mashed potatoes. They are simply the best mashed potatoes ever. EVER! From the texture to the taste to just damn flat-out best taters ever. I know. You just gotta go get them and then you will understand these mashed potatoes are the best you will have in your existence. Crosby and I got into a major fork fight over them. Ask Crosby about his black eye and the tine punctures in his chest.

Not done yet. Dessert - First **Key Lime** I have ever seen in a tiered wedding cake looking situation. It's more cakey than limey, and it's a rich cakey. The candied lime and glaze on top is just perfect. Not your usual, but definitely a must have. With whip cream on the side, just yes to it. Just say yes.

The **Strawberry Cheesecake** was served up too. By this time, Crosby and I had hit the wall. However, I will never let you down! The crust was buttery goodness with a traditional cheesecake. Puree is ample and perf for dipping and scooching. That was matched up with an **Espresso Martini**. Dude, fork me! That was so good we just sat there in silence for a moment contemplating our inner fat and happy.

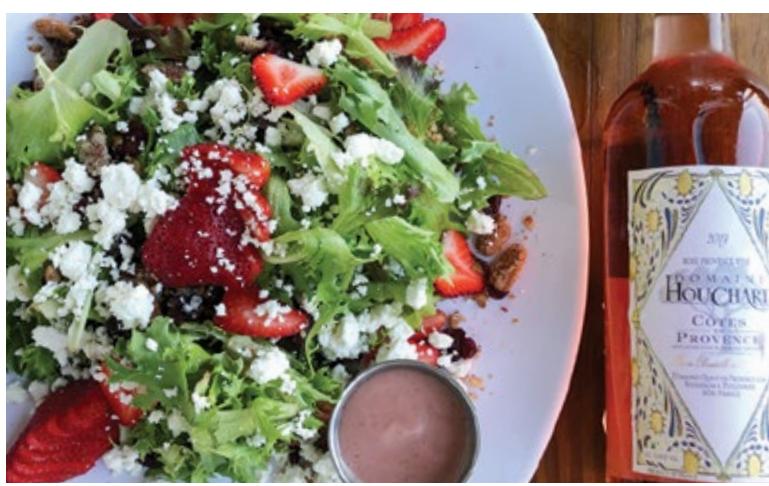
Not only is the food excellent, the service is too. It doesn't matter who stops by your table, whether it be the owner, the bus boy, or the manager, they all want to know how your meal is and if you need anything. Not one of them shoves it off on the server who is busy at the time. If you need extra napkins, the owner is going to get you extra napkins.

Now to the building... huge and airy. Spacious and view spectacular. You have your choice of sitting downstairs, upstairs, inside, or out. Upstairs is enormous and the view! You can look down at all the little people while sipping your cocktail and contemplating your inner belly time.

All the dishes are very well thought out and are super creative. The dish sizes are plentiful and you eat with your eyes first. Not one bad bite to be had. Chef Natasha clearly spent some time with her menu and you can tell. She also clearly spent some time with her staff.

Open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4pm to 10pm, and Friday through Sunday from 12pm to 10pm (they are closed on Tuesdays). They are going to be starting a Specialty Night as well as a Coffee Bar soon so make sure you stop by, call or check their Facebook page for all of the details. Located on the corner of Butler and Tybrisa, you can't miss this place, nor should you.

Huge shout out to **Chef Natasha, Kelby, Ryan and Morgan**!!! Y'all are spot on your game!! Crosby and I are still recovering!





# BOOK REVIEW

By Nell Klein

## CHRISTMAS IN SAVANNAH

By Hope Callaghan

As always, I try very hard to find the best possible book to review for our readers. Sometimes it's harder than others, and this time it was downright difficult. I wanted something to get people in the holiday spirit without being too Hallmarkish. I wanted something with a little mystery and intrigue.

I found "Christmas Cupcake Murder" and thought it would fill the bill. The book boasted "holiday mystery with recipes." What could be so bad? Yikes! It was terrible. There was no murder, just an old man with amnesia and the answer to everything was "let's go bake some cupcakes!" I bet everyone in the book weighed 300 pounds! The only redeeming thing in the book was the recipes. They sounded pretty darn good. So, what was I going to do? I went online and was thrilled to find "Christmas in Savannah" and it turned out not too bad at all. I actually enjoyed it!

Carlita Garlucci is the widow of a member of the mafia in New York. On her husband's deathbed he makes Carlita promise to leave New York with their four children and get far away from the "family" business, so she moves to Savannah, Georgia. Her daughter, Mercedes, and son, Tony, follow her to Savannah, leaving behind her son, Paulie, who was never in the "family" and her son, Vinnie, who stays behind to follow in his father's footsteps.

It's Christmas time and all of Carlita's children and their families are going to meet at Carlita's home in downtown Savannah for the holidays. The story begins when Carlita's boyfriend, Pirate Pete, who owns a dinner cruise ship called "The Flying Gunner," invites all of Carlita's family and friends aboard the ship for dinner and dancing as they participate in the Christmas Boat Parade. Everything is going great until Roxy, a mafia bodyguard who is hired to protect Vinnie and his wife, Brittany (who is the daughter of mafia boss Vito), come on board. Brittany rubs everyone the wrong way and before long she pulls a gun on one of the guests, so Pete locks her up in a bathroom for the remainder of the cruise.

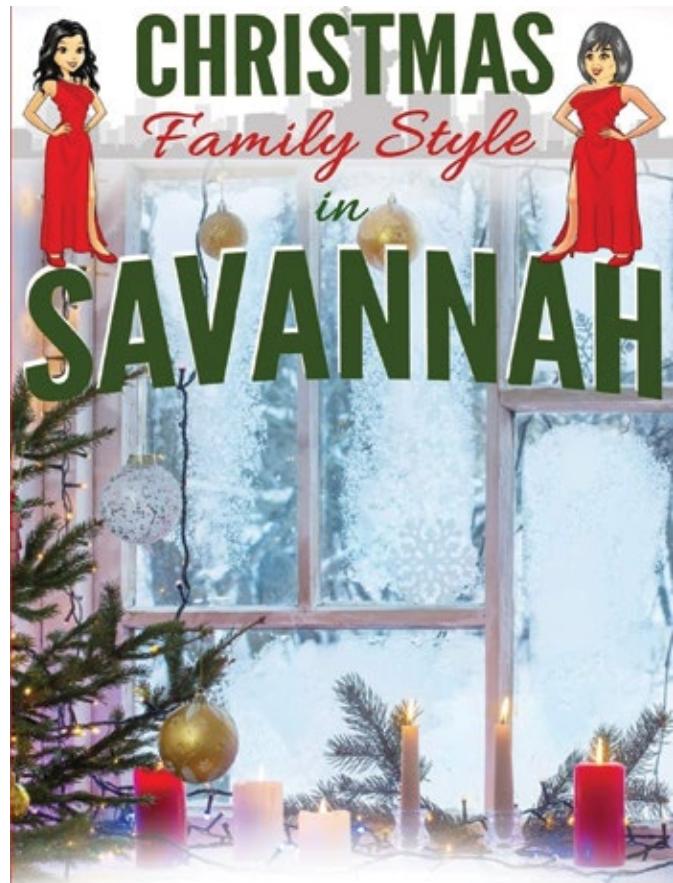
Everyone has a great time after that, but when the cruise is over, Roxy is gone! Somehow, she has escaped from the locked and bolted bathroom and all hell breaks loose. When Roxy's body washes up on the banks of the Savannah River, the police are called in and everyone on the ship are considered suspects. And when Vito finds out about Roxy missing, he sends one of his goons, Jersey Joe, to find out what happened and "take care" of whoever the guilty party is. Of course, Carlita and her family and friends do their own detective work and figure the whole thing out before the cops do (but not before Jersey Joe, who takes matters into his own hands, if you catch my drift).

I found out that this is the fifteenth book in the "Savannah Series" by Hope Callaghan. It seems that the Garlucci family, especially Carlita and her daughter Mercedes, have gotten into some sticky situations since arriving in Savannah in previous books. I take it that the sons of the family have always come to their mother and sister's rescue. I doubt that I will hunt down any of the previous books, but I did enjoy this one. I really liked all of the characters (and there are a lot of them!). It took me a minute to keep all of the family members and friends straight, but in the end, I think I got it right. There wasn't a whole lot about Savannah in this one, but maybe the author figured all her readers had enough information about Savannah from her previous books. She did mention the Waving Girl, the Visitors Center and Pirate Pete owns a restaurant called "The Parrot House" complete with tunnels underneath, so we know where that is!

I give this book three roses. It wasn't a great book, but it was very entertaining and I was a little surprised by whodunit. The one thing it did though, was got me into the Christmas spirit! Now I'm ready to enjoy the holidays and hope and pray that this is the last Christmas that we have to live wearing masks!

I hope that you all have the merriest Christmas ever and look forward to a great new year!

*In the meantime, read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on!*



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# TAXITALES

By Joey Goralczyk



## Name Dropping

Name dropping is fun. It definitely can get things done on Tybee. I've been guilty of it, I must say. It's better to drop someone else's name than to use the old "Do you know who I am?" which I've also been guilty of. It happens in the cab all the time. Martin once said the company uniform should be a t-shirt that says 'I know Ron and Joey too.' The best is when they don't realize who they are talking to when they drop one of our names.

It's always funny when it happens to my mother on dispatch. She doesn't take it well. Just last night we got a call from a seafood restaurant with a ride to the south side. It's not that we don't go off island, but when we are busy on the island it makes no sense to leave. Tybee first! Anyway, she told him it wasn't happening and referred him to someone else. A minute later we got another call from the manager there and he proceeded to tell her that Ron or Joey would do it and he was gonna let them know about this. Bad Idea. Anyone who has met Mom knows where this is going. Obviously he got laid into pretty well, but the line that won the conversation was "Okay, You tell MY HUSBAND and SON that I was a bitch to you. I CAN'T WAIT to hear what they say!"

We are both terrified of Mom, and when she's dispatching, she's the boss. I won't even pick you up and take you a block without letting her know, because she won't like it. So I would suggest if you hear a ladies voice on the other end of the Breezy phone, know that she knows Ron and Joey too.

My favorite example would be earlier this summer. It was a busy Thursday night and just Stephen and I were working. Again, we leave the island when possible, but this was not one of those nights. I got a call from someone wanting to go to Garden City. This guy was a whip job to begin with and not my favorite, so I said no way and recommended another alternative. Yet again, I got a call back and was told that this man was best friends with the owner of the company and that he would want me to do it.

"Really???? You're best friends with the owner?"

"Yeah, I've known Ron for years."

"That's odd? I didn't know y'all were so close. You would think I was aware, considering I'm his SON."

"You're his son?" Long pause...

"I guess I'm busted. I feel pretty dumb right now."

"I bet you do!"

How satisfying. Nothing like completely catching someone in a lie. Just for the record, Dad said he wasn't even sure who I was talking about. So yeah, busted.

If you're gonna play the name drop card, make sure you are talking to someone who's not related to Ron.

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# Reflections

By Hollie Sessions

## 2021 (Covid) New Year's Resolutions

Where do you see yourself on January 1, 2021? On an exotic windswept beach, the sun on your face, a well-muscled man on your arm, head thrown back, caught mid-laugh at the sheer awesomeness of your life? Or in your recliner, watching an empty Time's Square on the TV and brushing more Cheeto crumbs from your shirt as you brace yourself for another round of lockdowns? It's hard to prepare for the New Year in the Age of Covid. But, we can still have resolutions, they just need to be a little more...appropriate...for our strange times.

**1. Resolve to Think Outside the Box.** Sure you have goals, you have ideas for how your life should turn out. You've thought about your future. You've worked towards things. But don't be so tied to those ideas. What if, instead of meeting the man of your dreams you instead socially distanced yourself from all new people for all time? What if, instead of trying for your dream job, you instead stocked toilet paper at your local grocery store? What if, instead of getting your finances together, you got into even more debt? Keep open to new things.

**2. Resolve to Make the Most of the Situation.** We all remember last

March. We all remember the run to the store to stock up on Lockdown Snacks. We all remember how we ate all those snacks within a few days. We all have that reminder around our belly of this. But...also, we are highly encouraged to wear masks now. Make use of that mask! Wear it all day long to stop yourself from stuffing the hole in your face with more cookies. Two birds. One stone.

**3. Resolve to Help Others.** You know... I've been thinking. No matter how hard it seems I have it during this time of Covid, I'm sure there's someone out there who has it harder. So I'm resolving to do something nice for someone else this coming year. I am pledging to help Sutter Homes. I will continue to sample each and every one of their wines, as much as it takes (I'm willing to go the distance), to help them in these trying times.

**4. Resolve to Move More.** In 2020, I really didn't move enough. Even my Fitbit gave up. It probably thinks I'm dead. In 2021, I resolve that instead of moving from the bed to the couch every day, I'm going to instead move from the bed to the dining room table. Baby steps.

**5. Resolve to Make More Human Contact.** We all know it. Humans are scary and kind of gross. They breathe and sweat and even cough... like...in the same air that we are going to intake. Crazy stuff. But also, we need humans for trade and caretaking and continuation of the species. Of course, they sometimes carry viruses and viruses sometimes kill people. But they're warm and cuddly and weird in the best possible ways and full of hope and some humans can even make you laugh and be happy you're alive on cold nights when you feel so alone. Remember in the New Year, that this life we're all fighting and sacrificing so hard for is worthless without all those other humans to share it with. They're scary, but also essential.

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By Jimmy Prosser

I was struggling to come up with a topic for this month, and mentioned my frustrations to a coworker. I said, "If you were to write in to an advice column what would you ask?" Without missing a beat she said, "How to dispose of a dead body." I'm not sure what's more alarming, her response, how quickly she answered, or the fact that she's currently in the middle of a divorce.

**So here it is, Alicia wants to know, before her divorce is finalized, how to dispose of a dead body.**

- **Shallow graves.** Tybee is covered in sand. It would be incredibly easy to bury a body on the beach, and if the weather is nice I doubt it would draw any unwanted attention as burying people on the beach is good clean fun. I would make sure to put sunblock on the corpse and sunglasses to give the illusion of a good time.
- **The ocean is another great spot to dispose of a body.** If you take it out far enough and dump it, the chances of it washing ashore are slim. Plus - boat ride - those are always fun. The nice thing too is you don't have to have an extra life jacket if your first mate is a cadaver.
- **Make some "Chili."** Add the ground "beef," onion, and garlic to a Dutch oven and sauté for 7-10 minutes until brown. Next, add tomatoes, beans, and chili seasoning stir to combine. Bring chili to a boil reduce heat and simmer for 10-15 minutes.
- **Sharks!** Lemon Sharks are big, and mean, and ugly, and much like the name implies, they are necrophiliacs. Meaning they only eat dead things. The Lemon Shark is also known as the vacuum of the sea. It takes care of all your problems. They hang out on the Lazaretto Creek and are available for hire.
- **Crab Pots.** Speaking of Lazaretto Creek, there is nothing like a decent sized crab pot to place a body in. The problem with that though is you are going to kind of have to hack it up a bit to get it to fit. Just do the best you can. The crabs will do the rest. Also, don't attach a bobber to it so no one will randomly just pick it out of the water one day thinking it's one of theirs.
- **Mine Shafts.** Another thought too is a good old mine shaft. Part of your problem with that though, well technically all of your problem with that, is going to be finding the mine shaft. Once you do though, you are golden and scot free!

• **A Pig Farm.** Moving right along with another brilliant idea is the good old-fashioned way. Part of your problem with that though is finding a pig farm. There has got to be one somewhere in Effingham County area. Pigs eat everything down to the bone marrow. You're never going to get caught ... unless you get pulled over in your convertible with the body being transferred to said pig farm in Effingham County. Anyway good luck with all that!

I hope I've helped Alicia through her divorce, and who knows, maybe I'll be an accessory in a missing person's case. Anyway, Merry Christmas!

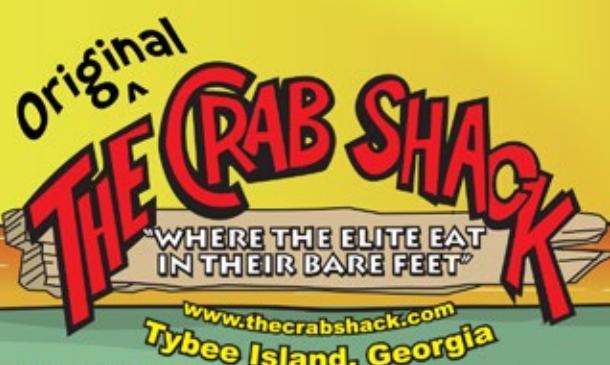
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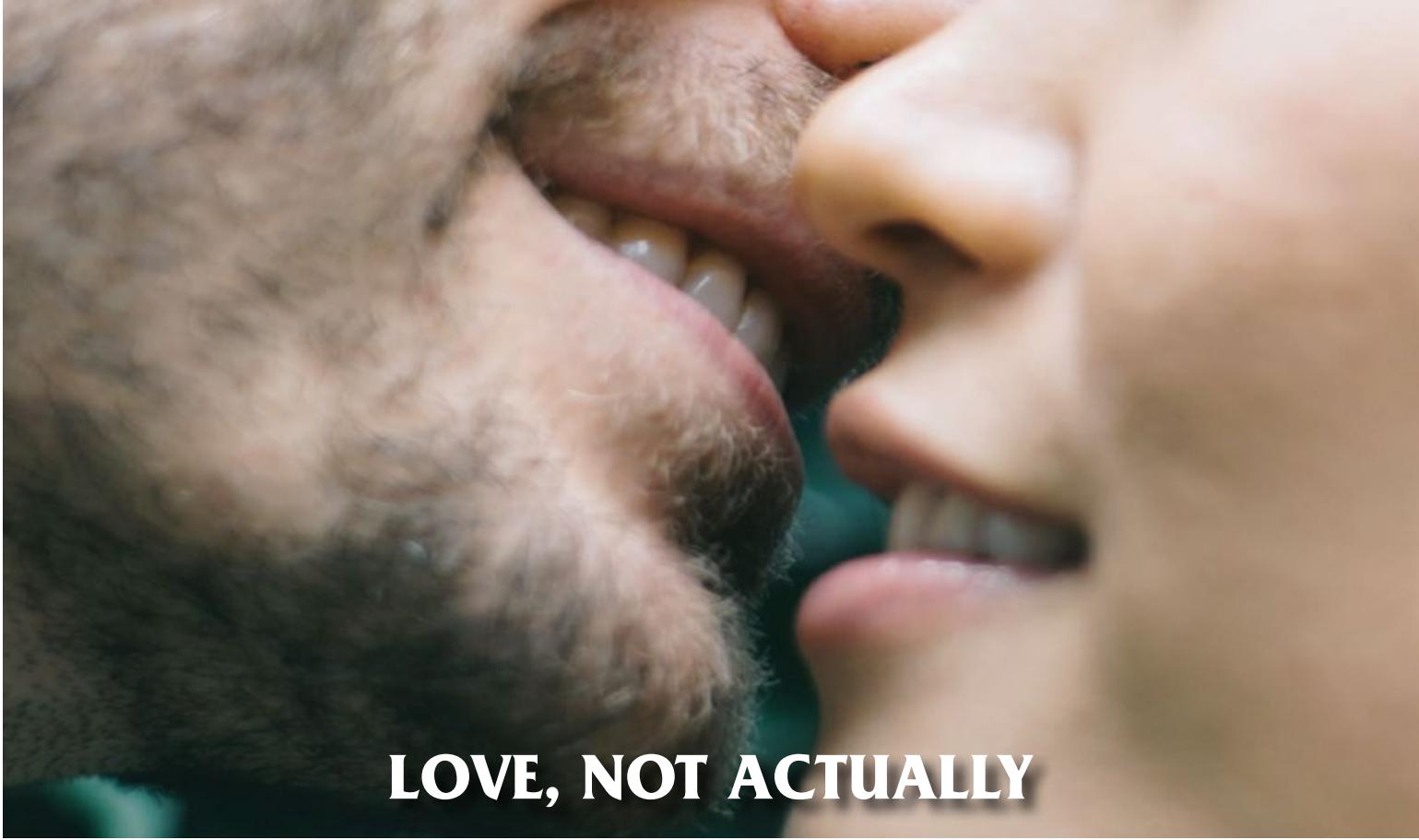


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# **LOVE, NOT ACTUALLY**

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

**The Question this month is: When to stick a fork in your marriage or relationship?**

**Girl's Advice:**

Ah, good times right here. Having had the delightful pleasure of going through both a divorce and the ending of a long term bf/gf situation, I can say with total heartfelt clarity and absoluteness: It blows. Regardless of who calls it, it's hard to walk away from someone that knows your heartbeat.

Now, when to call it? With my divorce it was all me. I was depressed and life was just too much. I hated him. I hated me. I was not going to do this for another forty years or until I murdered him and spent the rest of my scene in prison. All my options were sucky. I wanted to be happy and my gut balls knew it. No kids were involved so that definitely made me leaving in the middle of the night easier.

Now, if there are kids, ugh! It's gonna really suck, but if you are that unhappy and life is just depressing, grab the kids and go. Those creatures sense things are amiss and it's better to raise a kid who knows what the hell is going on versus a kid who gets to see you unhappy and miserable forever and then refuses to support you in the nursing home because their childhood sucked.

As far as the long-term BF situation, it was a mutual forking. Sex was just becoming dull and there's no need to go on with that. When the thrill is gone baby, the thrill is gone. Trust your innards. Painful? Oh hell yes. Worth it? Yep!

**Boy's Advice:**

I'm sure a girl came up with this ridiculous question. Yup, I said it, and I'm not backing down either. I'm sure that before you submitted this question, you googled it, took a few idiotic Cosmo quizzes, and confided in your girlfriends about it. First off, googling something like this is actually not too bad of an idea if you want to read all about what some pretentious twat from a hoity toity chic magazine thinks about her personal relationship experiences. I mean seriously, it's like taking advice from the show, *Sex in the City*. Do you seriously think you have anything in common at all with Carrie Bradshaw? Your life is so totally different than some chic flick writer living in the Los Angeles writer's guild scene. Wake up to reality.

Your friends aren't going to be any help either. Ask one friend who actually likes your husband/boyfriend, and she'll tell you, "Stick it out, you're just in a slump." If you ask your friend who doesn't like your husband/boyfriend, you'll get the opposite answer, "Dump his loser ass!" Either way, you're right back to where you started.

Personally, I look at relationships like the amazing Marie Kondo looks at clutter. Pick your significant other up, look at them, and ask yourself, "Does this person spark joy in my life?" If the answer is no, get rid of them. If the answer is yes, I have to ask, WHY THE HELL ARE YOU WASTING MY TIME WITH A STUPID QUESTION LIKE THIS?

# LOUNGING WITH LOUGHRIDGE & CRU

By Alaina Loughridge and Crosby



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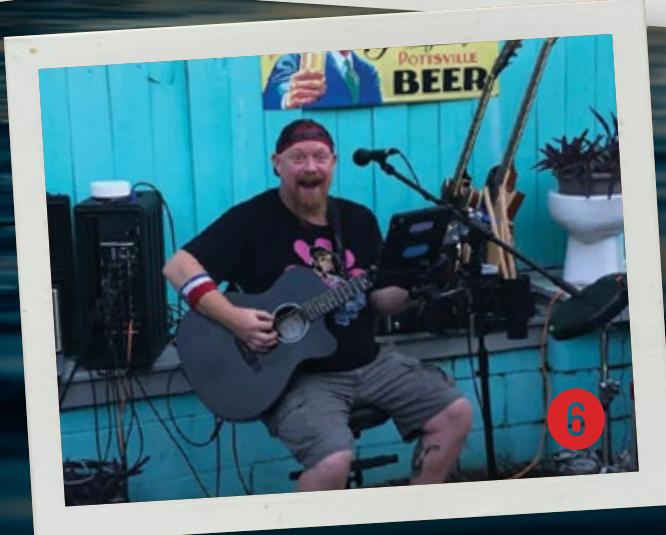
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1 Look at the fabulous crew at **Wet Willie's** gearing up for a beach sweep! Thanks y'all for your hard work and community spirit!! Call A Cab's for everyone!!

2 Check out **Bob-O** rocking the microphone with **Henny, Mike and James!** You never know who you are going to run into at **Benny's** during Open Mic Night!! Jam on, Gentlemen!

3 Don't forget to stop by and see **Alan** at the **Praline Store!** There are so many cool things for stocking stuffers and retro treats and just stuffing your face. Good times!!

4 **Mike** is giving his best blue steel. This man is always having a good time regardless of what he's doing.

5 **Jason aka Winky**, is one of the loudest yet best friends you could ever have. Hopefully the proposed noise ordinance doesn't get him.

6 **Jeremy** entertains the crowds week after week on Wednesday evenings at **The Sandbar**. If you haven't heard him yet, what are you waiting for?

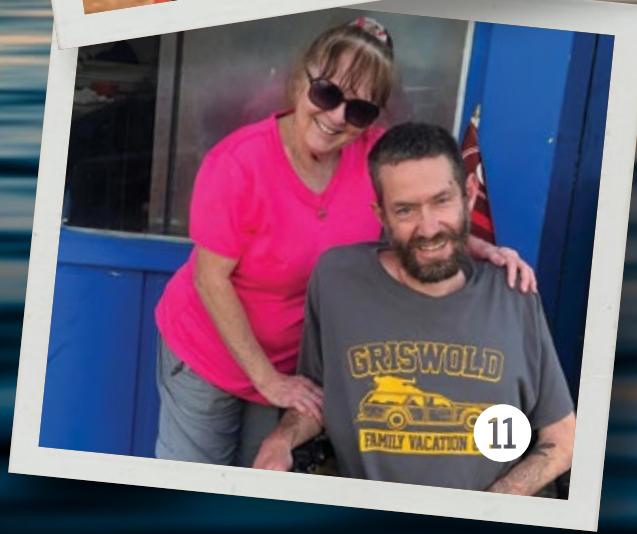
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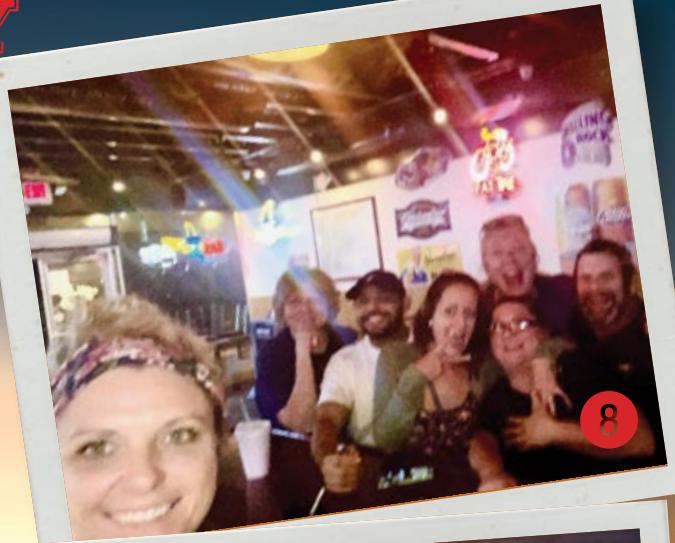
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**7** Minnesota, Brad, & Emily are having fun on a recent football Sunday afternoon at *The Wind Rose*. Always have a good time when B & E visit, can't wait till next time!

**8** Part of the **Beachcomber Team** having a great time with new and old friends, JJ, Amy, and Joy at *Tybee Time*. Love you **Rachel** for the photo bomb, even though you look better than the rest of us!

**9** The resemblance is so spot on that you can't hardly tell who is who. Pretty sure that's **Joel** with a great **Jon** costume for Halloween.

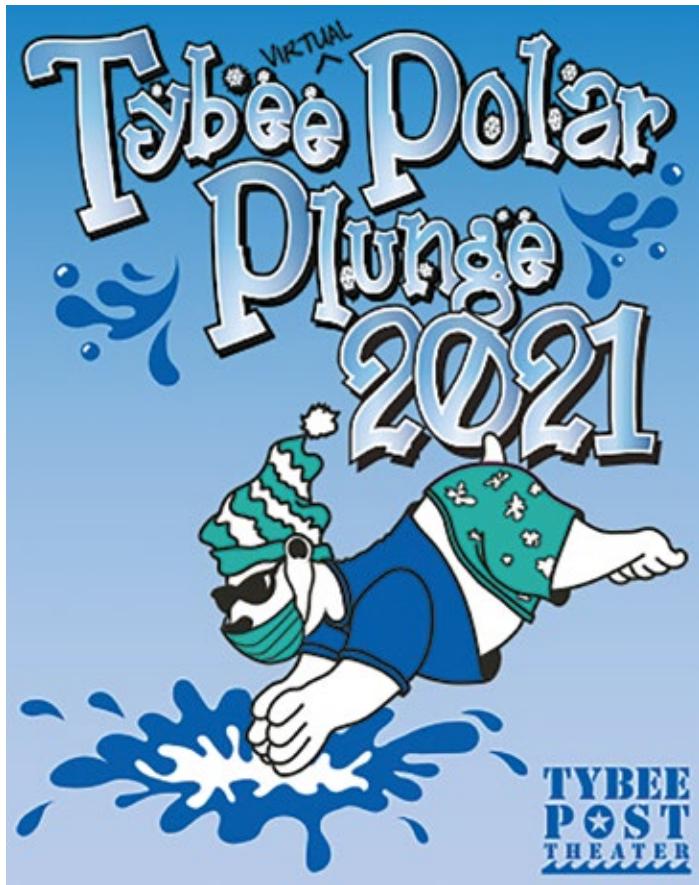
**10** Sometimes pictures need filters. This one of **Travis and Ike** prove exactly why. Looking good Ike.

**11** **Nell and Howard**. Tybee, and more specifically Tybris icons. Make sure you try out Nell's lunch specials at *The Wind Rose Cafe*, they're a can't miss for sure.

**12** Even though **Bill Cummins** was unfortunately not at his own fair at *The American Legion*, a great time was had by all. **Bruce and Pam** are clearly having a very large time! They weren't the only ones! **Rose Cummins** really knows how to throw a party!!

# 2021 Tybee Polar Plunge Goes Virtual

By Melissa Turner - Photo by Billy Harrell



We couldn't let a year go by -- not even this year! -- without the return of the world-famous, Guinness-World-Record-setting Tybee Polar Plunge! So, it's back! With a pandemic twist!

This year, the Tybee Post Theater's big annual fundraiser is going virtual! You can take the plunge anywhere you want! It's still on New Year's Day at high noon, but you pick the body of water. From Long Beach to Long Island, and yes, anywhere along the Tybee beach, we don't care!

For the past 22 years, the annual New Year's Day Tybee Polar Plunge has been held at the Tybee Pier and Pavilion, where several thousand brave souls have gathered to stampede together into the chilly waters of the Atlantic Ocean en masse. This year, due to the ongoing pandemic and restrictions on large gatherings of people, the Tybee Post Theater decided the event would go on, but go on virtually.

Yes, the Theater wants the fun to continue! But it wants everyone to be safe, so in an abundance of caution, it will not organize the mass gathering on the Pier and will not corral wristband-wearing participants at the edge of the ocean. Instead, you are encouraged to participate wherever you are -- from Lake Michigan to Lake Pontchartrain. And there are those five miles of beautiful sandy beach right here on Tybee! And then the Theater wants you to send in your videos and pics, and it will post them for all the world to see.

You still have to register, because this is a fundraiser for the Theater, but also because every registration comes with that oh-so-valuable souvenir long-sleeve Tybee Polar Plunge T-shirt! And this 2021 shirt is going to be a collectors' item like none other! The adorable Polar Bear mascot is wearing his mask as he takes a dive into the cool waters of, well, anywhere! And you know everyone signs up to just get that cool commemorative T-shirt. You can wear the shirt and proudly proclaim you took the icy plunge -- even if you didn't!

Register early online, by phone, or in person -- but do it now -- and get your shirts before the Plunge. The Tybee Post Theater has a new Facebook Group, where it will post your pics and videos. There will be prizes for plunger in various categories: who plunged into the coldest water, who plunged at the farthest point north from Tybee, who plunged from the farthest point south, etc. You'll have to send pics that prove your point of entry!

And yes, the virtual plunge will still promote the legendary Gang of Goofs costume contest, because we all know some of you just love to dress up! So, gather up your gang of goofy friends and family, dream up your wackiest costumes and parade wherever you are -- be it the balmy Tybee Beach, the chilly shores of Lake Michigan, or the temperate Gulf of Mexico -- and compete for great cash prizes! Again, the celebrity judges will pick the gangs with the best costumes -- based on your photos -- and award winners.

So don't hesitate! Make the leap! It's fun! It's exhilarating! It's a great way for the whole family to start the New Year!

**When is it?** Fri. Jan. 1, 2021, New Year's Day, 12 noon

How much does it cost to register? \$25 registration adults; \$15 kids under 12.

**How can I register?** You can register online at <https://tybeeposttheater.org/tybee-polar-plunge/>. Or you can call the Tybee Post Theater office Monday-Friday from 9 am to 3 pm and place your order over the phone, or register in person at the box office during those same hours. That number is 912-472-4790.

**How do I get my T-shirt if I registered online?** You will still need to pick up your T-shirt at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Avenue, Tybee Island, GA. Or the Theater will mail your T-shirt with an additional Shipping Charge. The sooner you register, the sooner you will get your shirt!

**Where does all of the money go?** The proceeds from the Tybee Polar Plunge go toward the programming and operations of the Tybee Post Theater. This historic movie house, built-in 1930 by the Army stationed at Fort Screven, has been restored and reopened as a performing arts and movie venue for Tybee Island's residents and visitors.

**Is my donation tax-deductible?** Yes. The Tybee Post Theater is a 501 (c) (3) tax-deductible organization. \$19 of the \$25 registration fee is a tax-deductible contribution.

**Where do I send my photos and videos?** You can email them to the Theater at [info@tybeeposttheater.org](mailto:info@tybeeposttheater.org), or you can post them yourself on the Theater's Virtual Tybee Polar Plunge Facebook Group

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## SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Happy December Sports Teaser fans! Can you believe it's almost Christmas? Yes Christmas. In 2020. It's on the calendar but remains to be seen if Santa will be able to make it. One positive is no Mall Santas and their "quirks" this year! How will he socially distance from your chimney? Do you need to leave the presents in the garage for a few days and open them on the 27th? And with a mask on, how will you know it really is Saint Nick and not a drunken neighbor? Stay vigilant, add a little something extra to your eggnog, and let's get to talking sports.

Football, football, football. Now that Georgia's season is over (let's don't talk about Jacksonville... ok, I will in a minute) let's talk a little bit about the real teams and the real boys that will be competing for the national championship. Alabama and Ohio State seem to be the cream of the crop as many thought, and despite Clemson losing to Notre Dame, I believe they are right in the thick of it, along with the Irish. It's really hard to see anybody else knocking on the door other than maybe Florida with their high powered offense. If there's one thing to be learned, if you don't score points, you're not gonna beat the big boys. Alabama, Clemson and Ohio State don't kick field goals. They score touchdowns. It's really embarrassing and unfathomable that the University of Georgia is in the position having no quarterback in a program that is considered elite. I think Kirby Smart is the right coach, but he has really not handled the quarterback situation

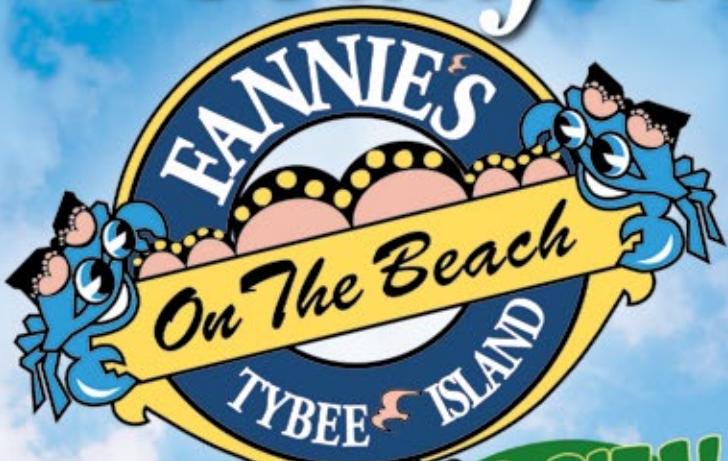
well. Hopefully, with young talent redshirted and coming in, that rectifies itself in 2021. We are just weeks away from the conference championship games and 37 bowl games. This year the College Football Playoff semifinals will be New Year's Day.

In pro football there's not much to talk about locally. Atlanta has 3 wins and should have 6 or so after some painfully gut wrenching losses along the way. Jacksonville has 1 win and will be competing for the first pick of the NFL draft. I'm starting to think Justin Fields might be a better fit at Jacksonville than Trevor Lawrence. Hopefully, they'll have a chance to have that option. Pittsburgh and Kansas City seem to be the prohibitive favorites in the AFC while Green Bay, New Orleans and Seattle are in the NFC. We've had two Brees versus Brady matchups and they have gone easily to Brees both times. It might be the end of the line in Tampa for Tom. Good thing he's only renting.

Of course it wouldn't be the Sports Teaser without this writer opining about the Masters. By the time you read this column, the tournament will be over but remember that there will be another one in just a few months in April. The tradition, unlike any other, will be quite different with a November time slot. The PGA Tour has done an outstanding job at keeping COVID under control within the moving bubble after more than tournaments since June. Nonetheless, I will be reporting on the quality and quantity of the pimento cheese that I devoured during the tournament in the January column.

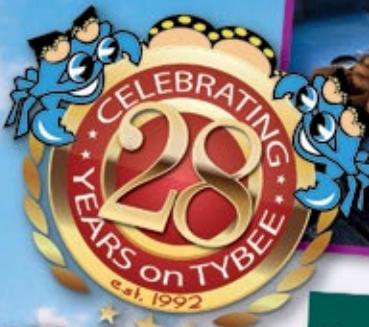
I want to wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and a Merry Christmas. 2020 has brought a lot of curveballs, twists and turns, but it looks like we're going to get through it. A vaccine is the best Christmas present anyone could hope for. Be safe and we'll see you next year!

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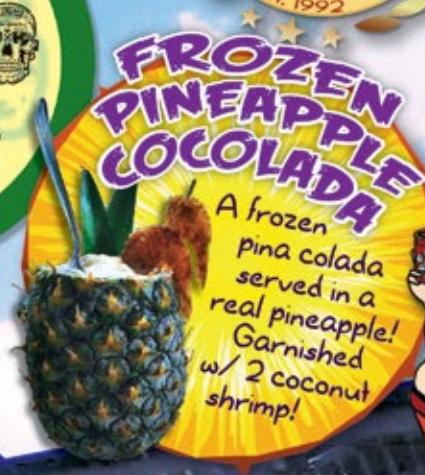
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# Bartender of the **MONTH**

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Dana Boyle

If y'all read the Food Spy about **Cockspur Grill** in our October edition (and you're dead to me if you haven't), you will know I adore me some **Sarah Conneff**! This girl can sling a cocktail like no one else! Her **Sarah's After Supper Martini** is THAT cocktail!!! She's changed up since then, but I got to have a confab with this pretty lady and here are the details...

Born and raised in Savannah, our girl graduated from Islands High. She attended Armstrong for her realtor license and is obtaining her associates in Marketing at Savannah Tech. The whole time she was shucking and jiving as a bartender at a variety of locations, including The Crab Shack, Sting Rays and B & D Burgers! Our girl has got some drive and definitely a willingness to work and get the job done.

Meanwhile, her Godmother had started a nonprofit organization with her horse farm called Pegasus Riding Academy for disabled children and veterans in Thunderbolt. Sarah is a huge part of this organization and loves her horses and helping people enjoy their horsey experience.

I asked Sarah the Question of Life:  
**Passion:** Horses!! Loves all animals!

**Tybee Life:** Forever  
**Spirit Animal:** A Goat!! Always happy and jumping around. Carefree.  
**Super Power She Has:** Making people laugh  
**Super Power She Wants:** Super Sonic Hearing. Girl, that one could go either way!!

Sarah's new go-to sipper is an iced coffee martini that we shall call the **Sarah Tini** and is damn good. The fact that you will be buzzed and not able to go to sleep will not be an issue for you. Vodka and Bailey's with other secret goo will make you just flat out delighted to be alive!

Even though our girl is gonna sell some serious real estate both here on Tybee and in Savannah, don't count her out of the bartending biz! She's too good to leave! Definitely stop by and see her at Cockspur Grill, located at 725 1st Street, next to the first Chu's. Get your Tini on!



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# Life's a Beach Events

## What's happening in Dec. By Mom

**11-26 thru 1-1 All day free parking!** You can park for free all day in any city space. Regular rates will resume on January 2.

**12-4 Christmas Caravan** We might not have a parade this year, but we will have a Christmas Caravan. Be on the lookout for a decorated, musical caravan of vehicles winding through your neighborhood on this evening after sundown. We'll be carting around some special guests from way up North. When you see flashing lights and hear Christmas Carols, you'll know we're coming down your street. We encourage you to watch from your yard, porch or a city park. Our map route will be published soon.

**12-4, 12-5 and 12-6** The first weekend in December, at 3pm and 7pm, The Tybee Post Theater will feature "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" on Friday, "A Christmas Story" on Saturday and "Elf" on Sunday. You've seen these movies time and time again on your televisions, but there is really nothing like the theatrical experience in your own historic hometown cinema with family and friends. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for further information at 912-472-4790.

**12-6 Business Decorating Contest** The Santa Trophy and bragging rights are up for grabs again this year for the Best Lit Business on Tybee.

**12-21 First Day of Winter** And the shortest day of the year!

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

**12-31 New Year's Eve** What better time to kick 2020 out the door?!?!

# The Power Guy...

## Randy Lewis aka The Trouble Man

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Greg Newman

Have you ever just sat back and thought about the absolute pure beauty that is power? The ability to flip a switch and see. To push a button and have the glorious feel of cool air upon your Georgia summer sweat? If you have any kind of grateful bone in your body, you will thank Georgia Power every day and be thankful you were born in this century! While you're being grateful to Georgia Power, you should also say a shout out and thank you to Tybee's very own "Power Guy," Randy Lewis, who is, sad to say, retiring December 18th, 2020.

Randy has always wanted to work for Georgia Power. ALWAYS! He just didn't know it until he saw a guy on the pole! Born and raised on the east side of Savannah with his four brothers, Randy did the things: High school and dabbling in finding something he wanted to do forever. He tried roofing, electronics, general contracting and nothing appealed to him until he saw that guy on the pole ... a Line Man for Georgia Power. Randy went immediately to Savannah Electric & Power (as Georgia Power was known at the time) and applied. He then persisted to check on his application every two weeks for a year. One and a half years went by and no line jobs were available. Randy continued to apply and continued to check every two weeks. On October 19, 1981, he got the news he had been waiting for years to hear: You are hired!!!! Grace Arnold was, at that time, the head lady that knew everyone and everything. She got to know Randy well over the application and checking years. The day he was accepted, Randy was not the only power employee happy! Arthur Gignilliat, the President of Savannah E&P even came personally to welcome Randy to the job!

For the first two years of the job, Randy set poles. Literally, there is a ladder to climb at the power company. They want you to start at the bottom and learn the pole. He graduated to Ground Man, then to Apprentice Line Man, followed by First Class Line Man, Journey Line Man, then finally to his final position, Trouble Man. This took years. You need to learn your craft. Power don't play and this is a serious job! So, after years of learning and training, Randy has been Tybee's personal Trouble Man for the last 10 years! Randy knows his pole and he knows his power!

Throughout all of this, Randy did the family thing. He married his high school sweetheart, Cathy, and they have two children, Levi, who is now 30 years old, and Stephanie, who is now 33 years old. They moved to Tybee on August 23, 2012 and we have him to thank since then.

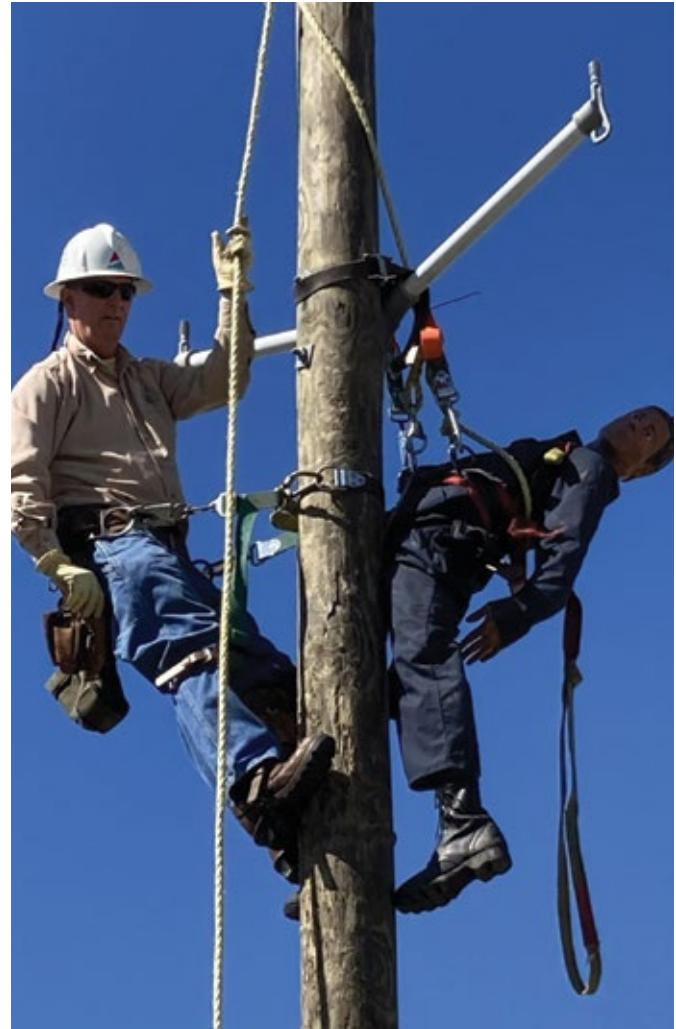
Remember Hurricane Matthew? That big jerk that set Tybee on its ass? Well, Georgia Power was not being idle when they saw that beast coming. Days before Matthew arrived, our power company was already organizing staging areas and contacting outside power companies and states for their assistance (yippee Alabama Power!!). Well, our Randy was first on the scene after it was safe to come here. That is what a Trouble Man does - assess the scene and advise the staging crews of the needs of the situation. While Randy was on Tybee checking out the scene, he ran into Jason Buelterman, via helicopter, who was also checking out the scene! First responder indeed!

That bitch Irma was easier, as there was little to no wind. However, she still ran riot front and center, and thankfully the power company had lots of people on retainer. They literally have a continental organization that gets together to help and share each other's equipment and personnel. The logistics and behind the scenes situation are pretty spectacular when you think about it!

It's not just hurricanes and natural disasters though. Every day the power company is doing something. With one substation on Tybee, one large station on Wilmington and 15 or so in Savannah, there are always problems going on, and the salt air does not help the general scene of longevity on anything. Have you checked your own brake lines lately? Looked at your bicycle? Yeah, there is always something that can have a deeper impact on our day to day lives that we don't even recognize while they are happening.

With all of this dangerous work going on, literally thousands of voltages flowing through the lines, both above and below our heads, Georgia Power does not play. Everyone knows CPR, everyone pays attention to what they are doing and knows exactly what they are doing through years of training. Yes, they can and have gotten your cat out of a tree, they have saved your Thanksgiving Dinner, they have missed their families for your family, and they have contributed to the community in the best and worst of times. So, a huge SALUTE to Randy Lewis and his years of service, as well as to all of the other power employees, both local, Savannah and around the country that help us out in our worst of times

Now that Randy is leaving the job that he 'never woke up not wanting to go to work' (omg who does that??), he and Cathy are planning on traveling and pursuing a life of leisure. So Tybee, on December 18th, let's raise our collective glasses to Randy Lewis and say a huge, heartfelt THANK YOU for being our Trouble Man! For keeping our lights on! Happy travels Lewis Family!!! Who's going to miss who more???



# Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

## SHELLY SAND, BLACK SAND, GREEN SAND

Tybee Island has great sandy beaches. And the sand itself has some interesting features. This month we're going to take an "interdisciplinary" look at three examples involving some biological, chemical, physical and geological oceanography!

Our beaches are dynamic and constantly moving. The shape changes with every tide as the quartz sand grains and limestone shell particles are moved by the waves. When and where the water is rougher and faster, the small sand grains stay suspended in the moving water, and only the larger, heavier things settle to the bottom. Around here, these larger heavier things tend to be shells and shell fragments. Depending on water speed, different size particles settle out onto the bottom. That's why you see beds of shell "hash" composed of similar size shell pieces. When the water was moving across that area, the speed was just right that it allowed this size and weight particles to drop to the bottom while smaller, lighter particles stayed suspended and moved on to quieter/slower locations where they then dropped out. This is called sediment sorting.

When a shell bed gets covered by smaller sand particles during the next few tides of slower water, you won't even know it is down there unless you dig a little and discover that layer of broken shells.

Near the high tide line, you will sometimes see a patch of black sediment among the surrounding light-colored sand. This black deposit is actually thousands of tiny particles of ilmenite. These ilmenite particles are tiny, shiny, black ovals. Although smaller than the surrounding quartz sand grains, the ilmenite particles are relatively heavy. Due to water and wind sorting, these heavy particles tend to settle out in the same location, and this accumulation produces the patches of black. Ilmenite is composed



of titanium iron oxide, and is one of the primary sources of titanium that is used to make high-strength lightweight metal alloys. Some ilmenite is used to make titanium dioxide that is a reflective white material used as a pigment in many products.

During low tide, you will sometimes see expanses of green-looking sand scattered among the otherwise brown wet sand. But, it's not actually the sand that is green. The green color is due to millions of tiny single-celled flagellated green algae, kin to Euglena. These microscopic algae are so small that they swim in water, coating individual sand grains. Being algae, they require light for photosynthesis, but they don't like the intense sunlight on top of the sand. So they usually stay slightly below the surface where the light level is optimal for their need. Sometimes on a cloudy day, or if something (like a pair of flip flops) is reducing the light intensity, the tiny algae cells swim up to the surface seeking more light. As a result, the sand will look green.

We've got such a great beach on Tybee! Even the sand can be interesting!

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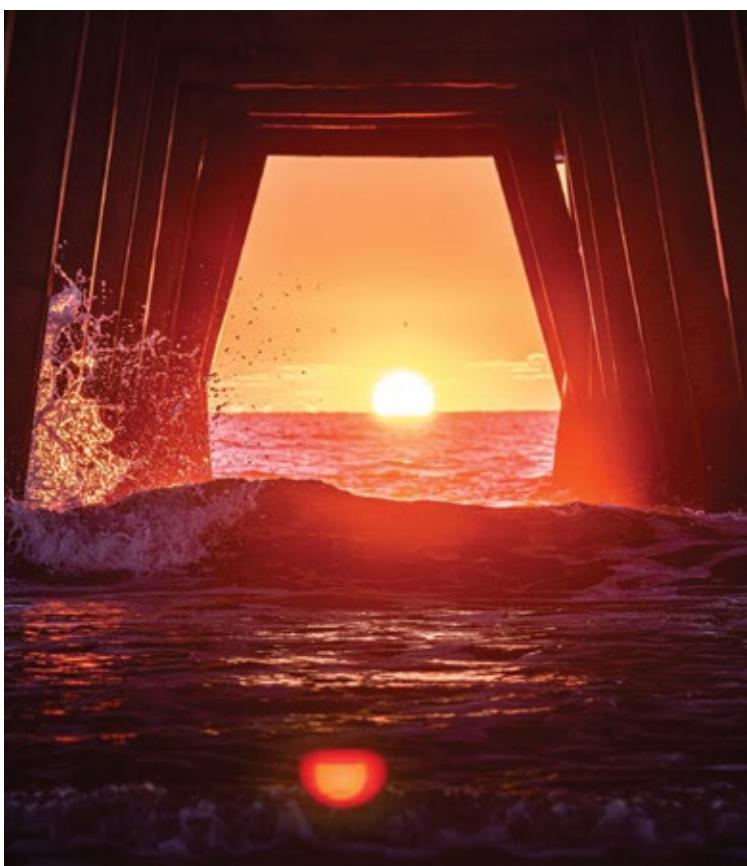
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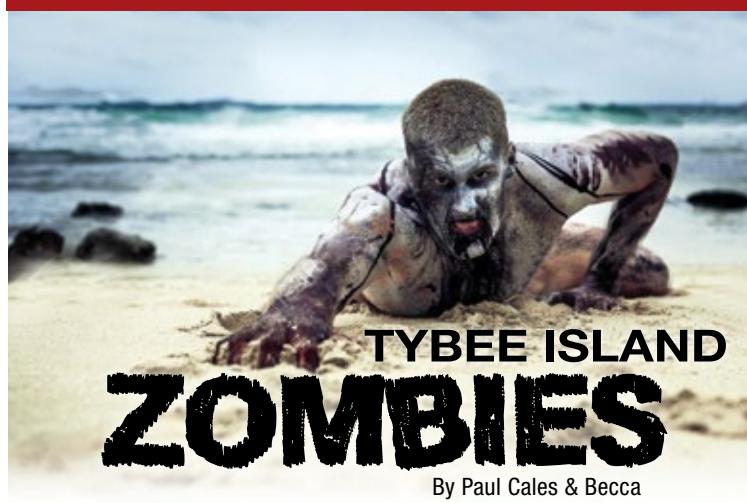
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# TYBEE ISLAND ZOMBIES

By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the November 2020 Beachcomber.  
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## CHAPTER 40 - WHO'S SETH OTT? DAY 11

"How much of the government is left?" Tony asks Travis. Everyone around the table puts down their drinks and cookies. It has become easy to swiftly shift from simple enjoyment of community to serious survival planning. An apocalypse of any sort does that to people.

"Quite a bit, actually," Patch says, awkwardly grabbing everyone's attention from Travis to himself. "The President, Seth Ott, formally the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, is at Raven Rock."

"What's Raven Rock? Where's Raven Rock?" Sara asks.

"It's a huge compound under a five-star hotel near Camp David... carved into a granite mountain," Patch answers hesitantly. The group around the table looks to Travis every time a question is asked. Travis, who has come to trust him, takes the looks and redirects them to Patch so he can answer. The trust between the surviving members of this community is difficult to breach, and he treads carefully if not lightly.

"The government built it in the late forties or early fifties as a back-up site for the Pentagon... in case the cold war went hot with nukes. It supposedly, and now apparently, is able to support tons of people inside secured chambers under the Black Bass Hotel. This site, along with several other sites sprinkled throughout the United States, including Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado, are the ones now running the country along with NORAD. It's a military state now... and we all have to come to terms with that."

"NORAD?" Sara asks. "Like the people who track Santa Claus on Christmas Eve?"

Tony quickly takes a sip of his drink and speaks up. "Yes, Sara. That NORAD. But this Raven Rock place is an impenetrable fortress inside of a mountain. All of these places are." He turns his attention back to Travis and Patch. "How many are left do you think?"

"Well," Patch begins. "As far as I can tell, only Cheyenne and Raven Rock are still in communication with anyone outside of the government. I'm sure there are more, but I've only had contact with those two. They were sending out messages on the short-wave radio. Information gathering mostly." Patch takes a slow sip of his drink before continuing. "The weird thing is that many of the places that responded to their messages went radio silent almost immediately after responding."

"You're telling me that if you talk to the government on the radio you're never heard from again?" Johnny asks.

"Sounds like they've been rescued to me," Joey nonchalantly says, and reaches for another cookie.

Becky snags the cookie out of his hand and gives it to Travis. "Or silenced," she says to the group. Then, under her breath to Joey, "Save the cookies for the guys who have been at sea for weeks, will ya?"

"Or were they overrun?" Tony muses out loud.

"I can tell you this." Patch begins. "There was a group of folks I was talking

to on the radio that were located on the north side of Key West about five days after the world went crazy. They told me that they found the frequencies that were broadcasting from Raven Rock, so I listened. Raven Rock asked these folks where they were and how many people were with them."

"Where were they? And how many people DID they have?" Sara asks promptly.

"They were at the airport," Patch answers. "Double fenced and pretty darn secure. There was about thirty or so surviving there until..."

"Until what?" Sara interrupts.

Patch makes eye contact with her. "Until the bombs started falling from the sky."

"Wait," Johnny speaks up. "You mean to tell me that these folks talked to the government, gave them their location, and then were bombed?"

"That is precisely what I'm telling you. This isn't the only group that this happened to either. The people we were talking to in San Diego also went silent after telling Cheyenne where they were."

"This doesn't make any sense," Tony says. "Why would the government kill survivors?"

"Okay..." Patch begins. "My theory is that if there isn't any food around for the zeeks to eat, then they will all die. Haven't you guys noticed that these things get stronger and faster the more they eat? And they get slower and more lethargic the less they eat?"

"Yeah, we've noticed that," Tony says. "But I don't see what you're getting at."

"My theory is that if the infected can't eat, they can't remain a threat."

"Wait," Becky interrupts. "You're saying that the government is killing people in order to starve the zombies?"

"Yes," Patch responds solemnly. "The sooner the food supply is gone for the zeeks, the quicker the government can get rid of the pestilent scourge that has infected our planet. It's a simple logistical issue."

"No way," Joey says and shoots Becky a look as he grabs another cookie from the dwindling pile in the middle of the table. "I'm not buying it."

"That's your prerogative. I'm just telling you my hypothesis based on the facts I have."

"I'll take Government Conspiracies for 1000 Alex," Joey scoffs.

"Okay," Tony says. "Let's look at this situation as if we were in charge of the government and its mighty military. If my problem is zombies and I take away their source of food, then... holy shit. This does make sense."

"Not you too," Joey groans.

"No seriously," Tony replies. "Think about it. We humans are the real problem. We feed the zeeks and in the process make more zeeks. If you want it all to stop, you've got to kill the hosts."

"Wait!" Becky says, and slams her cup down on the table. "This is insane. Once all the people are gone there's no country left to run. I mean, how many people could possibly be safe in these government facilities?"

"As many as a hundred thousand," Patch says swiftly.

Johnny's eyes pop open. "In two mountains? Come on man!"

"Not in just two locations," Patch sighs. "The government has, since the beginning of the cold war, been planning for nuclear annihilation scenarios. This is basically the same thing, albeit on a much slower timeline."

Joey takes a deep breath. "I have read that there are contingencies in place to rebuild after an attack. They know exactly how many people will be needed and what skill sets they will need to have"

"Right!" Patch exclaims. "There are plans in place. So why wouldn't they implement them now? I certainly would."

Sara has a cookie hanging in the air from her hand. "But killing innocent people who are just trying to survive?"

"I'm not condoning it by any means," Patch says. "But we, the survivors, are and will continue to be the problem until the threat is eliminated."

"That's why you switched ships and haven't been using the shortwave," Tony says.

"Yes," Patch answers. "If we can hear them on shortwave, they can hear us. I didn't want to appear as a threat. Once they find the Cutter Charles David Jr., hopefully they'll think we're all dead and won't come looking for us."

Becky puts what's left of her cookie back on the plate in the center of the table. "What did you do to the Charles David?"

"We ran it into a cruise ship off the coast of the Bahamas. And don't worry, the ship was infested, we checked," Patch says.

Travis lets out a laugh. "Talk about a ghost ship. It was still under power, cruising through the Caribbean on auto pilot and full of zeeks. We set the cutter

on its course directly into the port side of the cruise ship and hopped onto that gorgeous yacht that we just parked in the Back River here."

"Aren't you worried that the government can track the Independence to us?" Tony asks.

"It's a stealth ship... with its transponders removed."

"You're welcome!" Travis laughs.

"This is a lot to take in," Joey says. "I'm not sure your hypothesis is correct, but you're making a seriously strong case for it."

Tony clears his throat. "If this is true, and NORAD is still up and running, that means that military satellites are probably still working. They're going to find the Independence once they realize it's missing."

"Eventually," Patch says. "But who knows when that will be."

"We need to hide her then," Travis announces and looks at his friends and neighbors. "So where are we going to hide a four-hundred and twenty foot ship?"

"In plain sight!" Joey exclaims. "We'll just camouflage it."

"Oh," Patch begins. "You guys have a four-hundred-foot tarp handy?"

Becky scoffs. "No. But we have all the palm fronds, sea grass, and reeds we want."

"We have a lot of work to do people," Tony says, and stands up.

As everyone follows suit and gears up to collect the necessary supplies to hide a military stealth ship from satellites, the radio crackles to life.

"Hey assholes!" The group hears as they all stand frozen in the kitchen.

"Guess who else has a radio now?"

"Shit!" Doug says from the doorway as he enters the kitchen. "If he says a single thing that can compromise our location, I'm going to murder him in a very slow and painful manner."

"Who is that?" Patch asks no one in particular.

Everyone in the room answers simultaneously.

"Crabber Brian."

To be continued...

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## Behind the Tape...

By Sgt. Richie Dascall

Welcome to December everyone. I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving and are enjoying the winter season. It's noticeably slowed down around the island, which I love to see, especially after this past summer. But I'm sure you all have guessed, the winter coming has not slowed down the drunk and stupid that always seems to find its way out here.

Quite recently we found ourselves dealing with a lady who had a little too much to drink and decided that was the best time to try and resolve some of the issues her and her boyfriend had been having. Our dayshift officers got to the house and could immediately hear her screaming from the street and saw where she had thrown beer cans and a Yeti cup at the neighbor's house. After some talking, it became clear the only problem in the situation was the person yelling, and she did not live at this house.

So, trying to help as best they could, dayshift officers tried their best to get her to leave, help her find a ride, even let her dog stay at the police station while she figured out the next step. Unfortunately there was zero cooperation and she wouldn't calm down. She even tried to open another beer while she was talking to them. Eventually she had to be arrested and was not happy about this. She kicked and screamed the whole five hours she was in jail.

This whole situation happened towards the end of dayshift, so night shift helped out to make sure this lady sat for long enough to cool off. After the five hours was up and she had stopped screaming, yelling, and generally acted calm, she was released.

Well, wouldn't you know, she went right back to that house. And night shift was called there shortly after. And just like déjà vu, she wouldn't cooperate and leave, wouldn't calm down and stop yelling, and ended up right back in jail.

The moral of the story is if something has gotten you arrested once, it'll probably get you arrested again.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season. I know I say it a lot, but please make sure you're locking your car and keeping an eye for suspicious activity. This is the time of year for break-ins and we'd like as few as we can this year. If you need anything, feel free to reach out.

Have a Merry Christmas.



## SAVANNAH WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER

By Richie Dascall & Photo by Richie Dascall

If you take a quick trip to Thunderbolt, Georgia and get onto Roland Ave., the first thing you're going to notice are all the industrial storefronts. The area is full of auto body shops, counter manufacturers, and construction companies. But tucked into the end of building 2213 is the Savannah Wildlife Rescue Center. This nonprofit helps with medical treatment and rehabilitation for orphaned animals. Immediately, once you walk inside, there are three cages full of possums, raccoons, and squirrels. A mural behind the front desk is of a raccoon that I later found had a story behind it.

I was able to sit down with the director of the rescue, **Jeannie Paddison** to find out a little more about what they do there. Jeannie is a native of Savannah, and has been with the rescue for three seasons now. I began by asking the obvious question, "What do you guys do here?"

Jeannie told me the main job of the rescue is to Rescue, Rehabilitate, Release, and Educate. The nonprofit is staffed totally by volunteers and interns. Normally they have a staff of 95 volunteers who come in at least two shifts a week to help. But with COVID, they're down to 30 staff members.

Jeannie explained to me how their main focus is orphaned animals. They have three licenses that let them house and rehabilitate every animal you could think of, except cougars and bears. They were housing six species when I stopped in. Most of the animals they had in at the time were baby squirrels, who were being prepared to be released back into the wild.

I asked Jeannie how she got into this line of work. She told me she's been rescuing animals since she was a child. Her first rehab was a baby raccoon named Mandy that she rescued from a construction site near her childhood home. The mural of the raccoon on the wall is a likeness of Mandy. And for 43 years since, she's been working with animals, trying to help them.

I asked what the craziest sort of animal she's had in the rescue. She said once she had to house a monkey that had gotten loose from a ship on the Savannah River. She said that exotic animals are rare in this area, but they are able to house them if they need to.

Jeannie was nice enough to show me around the rescue and some of the animals they are currently housing. In the front there's a possum, four raccoons, and a whole bunch of squirrels. In the back there's a skunk, recovering from a leg surgery. All of these animals had clearly taken to Jeannie and seemed happy to be picked up and held by her.

Being a nonprofit, they run completely off donations and money earned from benefits. **Sea Wolf Tybee**, located at 106 S. Campbell, is hosting benefits for Rescue all through December.

It was a pleasure to meet Jeannie and her staff and see the sort of work that they are doing at the Savannah Wildlife Rescue Center and how passionate they are. Hopefully, this organization is able to continue their work for many more years.

# In the Kitchen with.... Gordon Card Bubba Gumbo's

By Alaina Loughridge



I love food and if you do too, this is where to start - following **Gordon Card**, head chef at **Bubba Gumbo's**. This man can make anything from Spam to Ramen Noodles an absolute masterpiece, so imagine what he can do with real food. Well, follow along for all the information you need.

Born in Ottawa, Canada, by Scottish parents, Gordon and the family traveled extensively. Throughout his formative years, there was always a restaurant job, literally from sweeping the floor to owning the floor (more on that later). Landing in Wilson, NC, Gordon attended Barton College and received a Bachelor's in Science Education, as well as a Bachelor's in Fine Arts. Those degrees were followed by several years of teaching middle and high school fine art.

Needing a break, Gordon ended up in Scotland, working on his ancestral roots ... and cooking. For three years he owned and operated Gordy's Café located in UIG, Skye, Scotland. Honestly, how cool is that and which one of us wants to go live that dream right now? When Gordon's brothers, who own Savannah Taste Experience Food Tours, asked him to cross the pond for a vacation, Gordon didn't hesitate. That was in 2012 and Gordon just never went back.

Over the last several years, Gordon has cooked and bartended for a number of Savannah restaurants and catering companies. One day he found himself living on a boat at Lazaretto Creek and getting to know the lady that owned and operated Bubba Gumbo's. Well, one thing led to another and now he and Caitlin Burns are thick as thieves, running one of Tybee's premier fresh seafood restaurants, along with a fantastic seafood co-op. Lots of work? You bet your ass it is and both Caitlin and Gordon have poured their heart and soul in this establishment.

**Of course, I had to check with him about the most important Questions of Life:**

**Passion: Pottery, Train Sets and Darts – and not in that order. Depends on the mood.**  
**Grow Up: Not gonna do it.**

**Spirit Animal: Wolf. Loyal, protector, leader and pack animal. Fierce in protection of family.**

**Super Power He Has: Telling awful Dad jokes and making people fat and happy!**

**Super Power He Wants: See 10 minutes into the future! Yikes. That could go either way!**

Learning the guts of his cooking skills from his dad, it was more of a 'let's see what we can create based on what we have and no trips to the store.' If that isn't on the job training! Working in a restaurant most of his life also filled in the gaps of food and just a natural love of what to do with what you have and the potential to make things greater than what they started out as in the fridge crisper.

Right now, Gordon is happy with his life and growing family. His thoughts for the future are learning new foods and maybe opening a new restaurant in Europe. You never know what life is going to bring to your table.

In the meantime, while we have Gordon and the family here, let's enjoy the talents! Coming soon is a cooking class for people like myself that have no idea how to pair this with that or cook that until the flames go out or until the fire department shows up. It's going to be awesome! Keep in touch with Bubba Gumbo's Facebook page for all of the details. See you there ... or just follow the Fire Department in my case!! Bubba Gumbo's is located at 1 Old Tybee Road, right on the Lazaretto Creek. They are open daily, Monday thru Thursday from 3-9pm and Saturday and Sunday from 12-9pm.

Of course, I asked about his go-to recipe and this one is a doozy! Having learned this treasure as a kid, it has stuck with him forever and is delicious. However, it's gonna take a minute, so buckle up baby, off we go! Introducing Gordon Card's Alfredo Cocktail St. Jaques...

## Gordon Card's Alfredo Cocktail St. Jaques

### You will need:

Butter

Flour

A whole lot of vegetables of your choice that make you happy

Onions

Fresh Minced Garlic

Heavy Cream

Cheeses: Asiago, Parmesan & BellaVitano

White Wine – a good white wine

Bread Crumbs

Scallops

### Dark Roux:

Slow cook your butter and flour until the whole situation smells like popcorn. I know it sounds weird, but just do it.

### Chicken Stock:

Lots of vegetables! Whole peppers, carrots, celery, garlic, chicken bones and of course, water. Let those veggies marinate for at least three hours. You can totally crockpot it if you are on a schedule.

### Alfredo:

Start with caramelizing your onions (puree), get your fresh minced garlic going, add your dark roux and then chicken stock, throw in your heavy cream, slowly add your Asiago cheese, Parmesan Cheese, BellaVitano Cheese, then add your white wine (if you don't want to drink it alone, don't use it). The wine will thin your Alfredo for the right consistency.

### The Main Goo:

Sear your scallops, drizzle your Alfredo scene on top and add seasoned bread crumbs and some extra Parmesan. Broil for a couple of minutes until the top is nice and brown and the cheese has melted.

Serve the whole scene up with Crostini's bread bits for a soaker and pour the remains of the wine into your glass. Din Din is done done!!!



# Main Street Matters

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

## Trick or Treat! We Need a Little Christmas

I'm not ashamed to admit this. Okay, well maybe a little, but here goes. I've been binging Christmas movies and carols since Halloween. Been doing some Christmas shopping too.

That's an early start, even for me – a stark defender of holiday boundaries. Usually, October is for free candy and scary costumes. November is for stuffing your face and busting a gut. December is for baby Jesus in a manger, Christmas movies and presents.

But in a twist of irony, the year 2020 was less about perfect vision and more about a vision-impaired, jumbled mess of time where clocks were useless and calendars irrelevant. It's been a Mr. Magoo of a year for all of us, as we bumble through our new pandemic lifestyles. So it's no wonder holiday boundaries are blurring together worse than the alphabet on my last eye exam.

Somedays, in an attempt to make sense of it all, my evening prayers sound more like a psychotic plea for help. *"Dear heavenly Father, thank you for blessing me with an opportunity to work from home right now. But can you tell me please, is this Monday or Saturday? Is this a new workday or the one from yesterday? I can't tell because I'm still at my computer and my pajamas are the same. Amen."*

In an epic holiday mashup, stores hauled out the holly, filled up the stockings and decked the halls right alongside the fake cobwebs and candy corn displays. Halloween clearance and Black Friday sales collided with Christmas open houses, weeks before Thanksgiving. And cable networks premiered holiday movies well before the first sugar high hit trick-or-treaters. Not quite a nightmare before Christmas, but close.

For this year only though, I'm o.k. with binging a 60 Hundred Days of Christmas movie marathon and singing Johnny Mathis songs in October. *"We need a little Christmas, right this very minute...need a little Christmas now!"* But holidays better go back to normal when things go back to normal, whatever that means.

We need festive twinkling lights, ugly sweaters and matching footy pajamas more than ever and earlier than ever because this has always been the one time of year where we strive a little harder to have fun and be grateful – to be full of hope, humanity, kindness and inspiration. Lord knows we all need that right now.

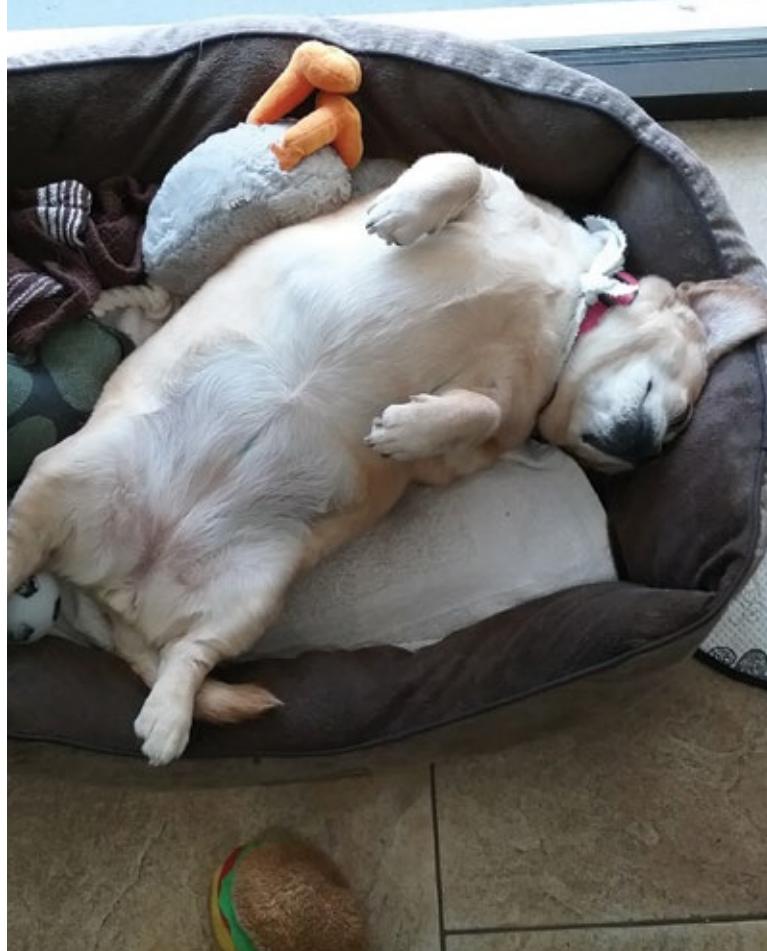
You know who else needs this early celebration? Your local merchants. They took a lickin' but kept on tickin' in 2020. Put them first on the list when you start your Christmas shopping. Even if you don't feel comfortable shopping in person, please find a way to support them. On Tybee, our economy is hyper-local. These business owners are our neighbors and friends. We want them to stick around.

They have become more savvy and flexible in an everchanging environment. You can buy gift cards online or order gifts over the phone and have them delivered from almost any business. They've adjusted their models to be safe and accommodating, whether you come in person or reach out from a distance. Some will even bring an order to your front porch if that's what you need.

Above all else, remember, even though we'll miss out on our parades and parties this year, our super-sized holiday season is going to be fantastic! Case in point, I'm about to go watch my next holiday movie, *It's a Wonderful Nightmare on Elm Street*.

But before I go...from my family to yours, Merry Thanksgivoweenmas!





# PERVY PET OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Joy Baker

## Halo

Two years ago, I adopted Halo!! She loves hanging outside rain or shine. She totally loves belly rubs.

I take her to work every day and all the guests at the hotel love on her. She is so funny, she just waddles over to them and plops down, instantly showing her belly. They love it!

When I initially adopted her, she had to pass three things: 1.) The landlord, 2.) Work, and 3.) Getting along with my mom's dog, Mia. She passed all three and I couldn't be happier with my pup!

The funny thing about me getting her from her previous parents was they did not like her snoring. I freaking love it!!!

Halo does not like being left alone and will eat my furniture and anything else she can get her teeth into!



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# THE Fish Whisperer



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## Dec. Fishing Forecast

### TYBEE PIER

Now is when we see a decline in the number of fish caught off the pier. The water has begun to cool 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, Sheepsheads, 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. Sheepsheads 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. December is known for being 80 one day and 30 the next day and this can make the inshore tough to figure out. The Trout will still be feeding but look in the deeper holes near the current rips off the Oyster rakes. 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 Dolphins so find areas where they can't get. Sheepsheads are around as well, so look around every bridge, or

docks. 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.



### NEARSHORE

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. 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. Black Drum are thick on the reefs and can be caught with Shrimp or Fiddlers. Great time of the year to be on the reef when we get some decent weather. Lets all hope that December is less windy than fall has been.



### OFFSHORE

Out here the bottom bite is still great, with a large variety available to catch. 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**



# DECEMBER HOROSCOPE

By Gage McKnight

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)** - The only positive event that happens at the end of the year is that it's the end of Sagittarius season. As if this year wasn't horrible enough, we have to end celebrating a bunch of morons with the IQ of a rubber duck. You are absolutely the most valid of the group, and bring nothing to offer but an empty shell of a human. A freshly planted tree has more than you, just as a new born baby has more brain cells. Maybe in 2021 you should try picking up a book and instead of using it as décor, you actually open it, right side up, and go left to right with your eyes and obtain some knowledge. Who knows, maybe you will learn to write as well, but I'm not holding my breath.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** - Being abandoned by your spouse, being car jacked, and then testing positive for Covid are not the worst things that will happen to you this year Capricorn. You see, we still have four weeks left of this year and the stars are showing a lot more shit coming your way. Oddly enough, you will find someone with lower self-esteem than you have, with Daddy issues that will fall into bed with you after about 8 shots of tequila and you will get to wake up with the herps. Don't worry though, 2021 is looking really good for you.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 20)** - Despite the fact that you're a walking ad for why you should use birth control and that you're a constant reminder to your parents on how they failed in life, 2020 has done all the damage it's going to do to you and brighter skies are ahead. So you can finally stop fantasizing to that picture your parents took of you and the cousin they forced to go to prom with you, and get back out there and find a real date!

**Pisces (Feb. 21 - March 20)** - You may not believe this, but you're not as attractive as you think you are. Just because the dates you manage to score online are always good looking, doesn't make you fortunate looking. Why do you think they always want to meet up at the local bar? Because they have to get drunk enough to even consider letting you near them. So stop being so damn cocky and confident and consider getting some dental work done. 2020 hasn't done enough to you, and we can only hope this last month will get you where you need to be.

**Aries (March 21 - April 20)** - It's cuffing season Aries, but unfortunately no one can stand to be around you. So this is the only advice I could pull from the stars this month, quit your job, sell your house, go to the liquor store, and move very far away from everyone you've ever met, throw your shitty personality out the window, and start over in a remote location. So remote that if you were to go missing, we wouldn't have to hear about it on the news. Happy New Year!

**Taurus (April 21 - May 20)** - Consider the end of 2020 a very sad ending for you. This year was the first time in your life another human stayed with you for longer than five minutes, whether it was willingly or not, quarantine was rough. The only thing you can really hope for is another shut down, and that's just sad Taurus. Put down the box of Little Debbie's and the \$2 gas station wine, invest in a gym membership and possibly a plastic surgeon, and 2021 could definitely potentially be your year.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** - Oh Gemini, I know you're upset that 2020 is coming to an end, seeing that it was just as manic and screwed up as you are, but don't worry, my friend. In 2021 you will find new and exciting ways to push everyone you love into so much emotional distress, you will end up very much alone, just the way you like it. It's very difficult to deal with your main personality, but to deal with all of them? You might as well just save everyone the trouble and pull the plug (interpret that as you wish).

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** - You sad little puppy dog of a human, Mommy and Daddy didn't give you enough attention as a child, so now you're going through life acting like one. Even therapists have dropped you from their clientele because you're so far beyond help from therapy. If 2020 has done anything for us, it was quarantining you away from everyone. Maybe you should consider staying in quarantine for the rest of your pathetic days.

**Leo (July 23- Aug. 22)** - Dear Leo, go home, lock your door, pull the curtains shut, and stay there. No one likes you and never will. I dare you say that you're just as disgusting as a Scorpio.

**Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 24)** - 2020 has not been so kind to you Virgo, or your beer gut. Your liver has never taken such a beating, and neither has your spouse. Put down the bottle, run a few miles, and stop going to the bar and spending what little funds you have left from a settlement that happened years ago. Your psychotic behavior and foul odor are beginning to drive the rest of us to drink, because the moment you begin to speak the bar clears out and the poor bartender, who is now deciding if he gets paid enough to deal with you, is now in the corner crying and drinking Jameson. That's the effect you have on people. Do better, and please for all of us, take a shower.

**Libra (Sept. 25 - Oct. 23)** - The fact that someone can be so vain and yet so hideous at the same time, takes true talent. Congrats Libra, you truly are talented at least one thing in life. When your parents and teachers told you that you could be anything you wanted when you grew up, they didn't mean to become the most obnoxious human on the planet. Your constant bragging and over-grown toenails has everyone not only horrified, but nauseous as well. The real question here is how can one be so confident when they literally have to pay people to sleep with them? The harsh reality is that you're unlovable and you should get that rank breath of yours checked out by medical professionals. Good luck next year Libra, maybe 2021 will find someone genuinely brave enough to tolerate anything that is you.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24- Nov. 22)** - When we had Covid spread around the U.S., we were really hoping it would take you, and only you, out. Dammit.

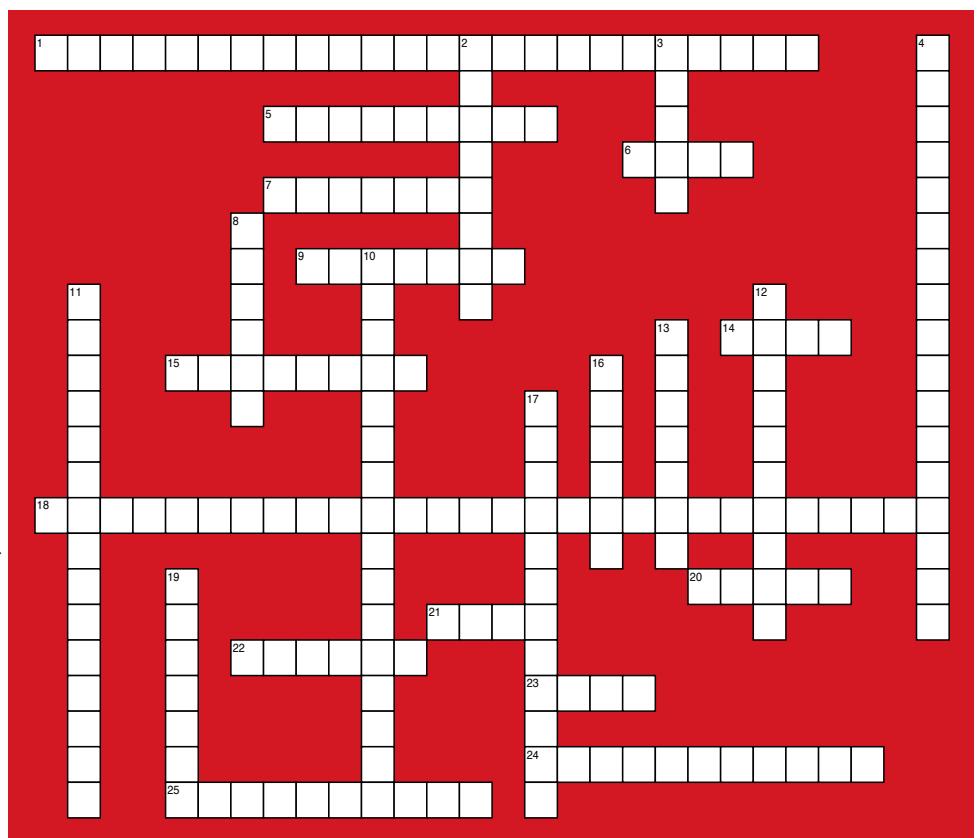
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- 18 This non-profit helps with medical treatment and rehabilitation for orphaned animals (4 wds.)
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- 21 Pervy Pet of the Month
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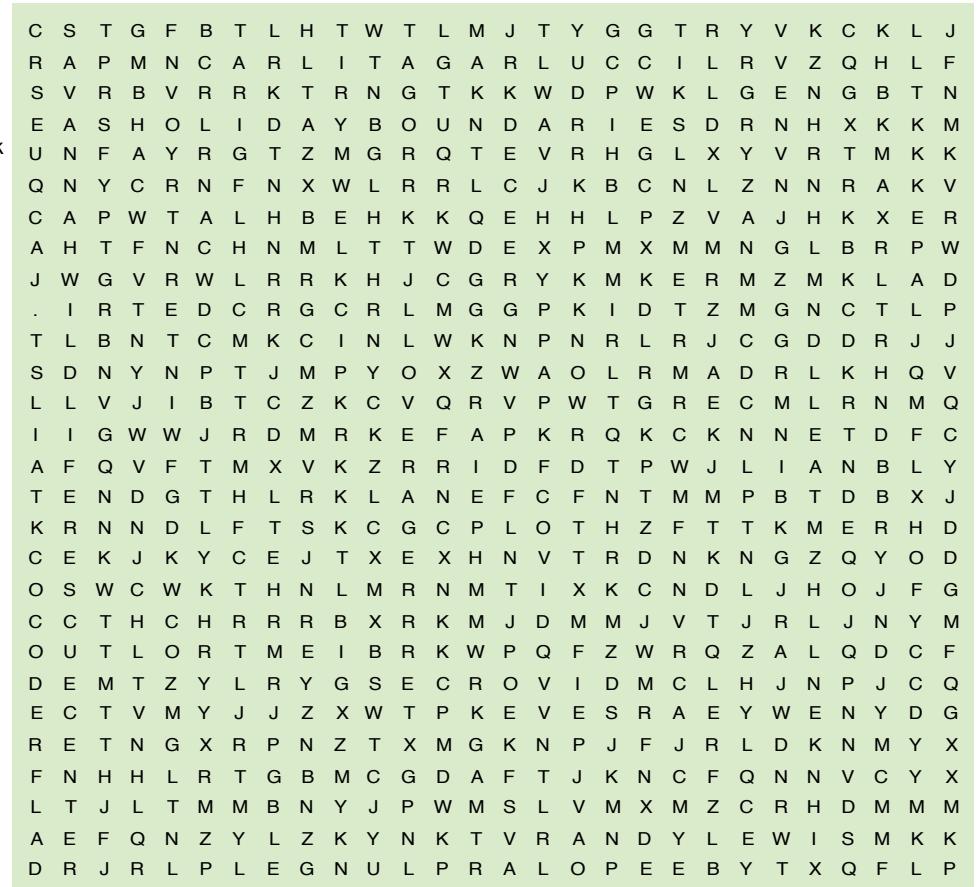
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- 8 Traveling Beachcomber winners went here
- 10 It's going virtual this year (3 wds.)
- 11 She's the widow of a member of the mafia in Book Review (2 wds.)
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- 13 Subject of Love, Not Actually
- 16 Season
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- 19 Fish Whisperer says that Inshore Fishing depends on this



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CARLITA GARLUCCI	PARK
CHRISTMAS	PICKLE
COVID	PIER
DECEMBER	RANDY LEWIS
DIVORCE	SARAH
GORDAN CARD	SAVANNAH WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER
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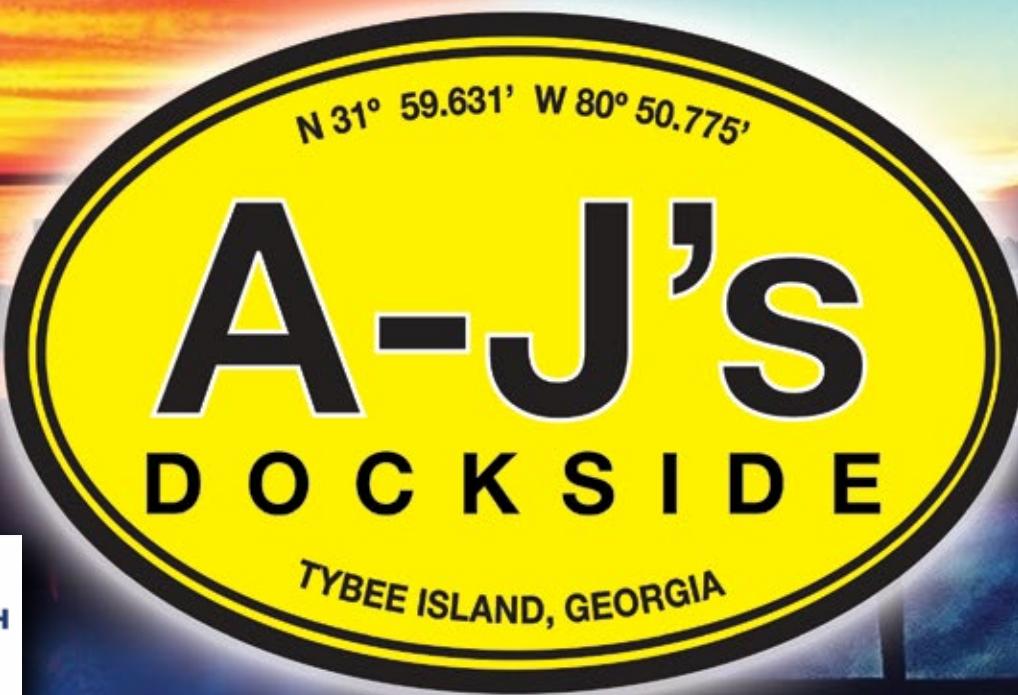


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