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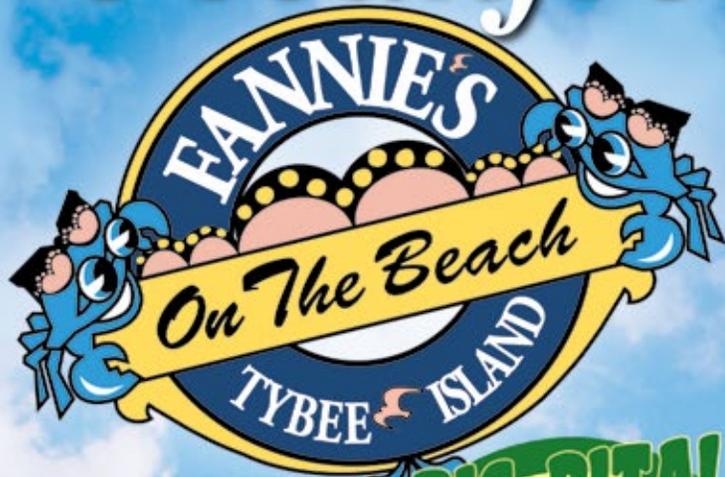
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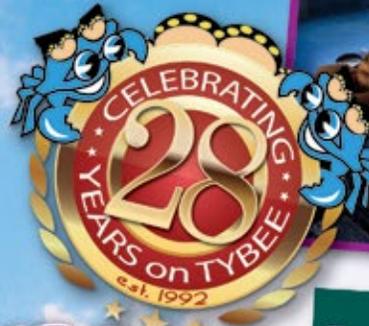
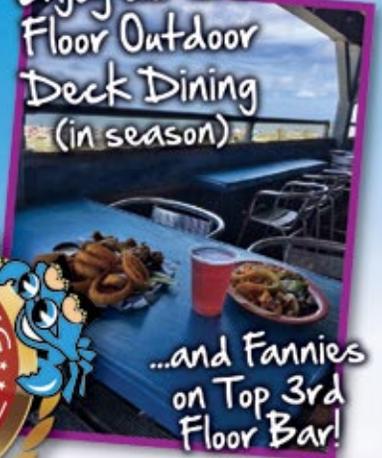
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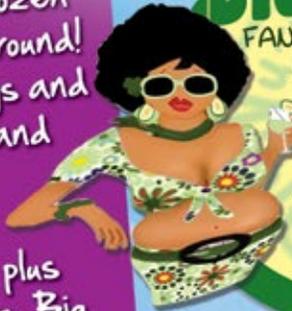


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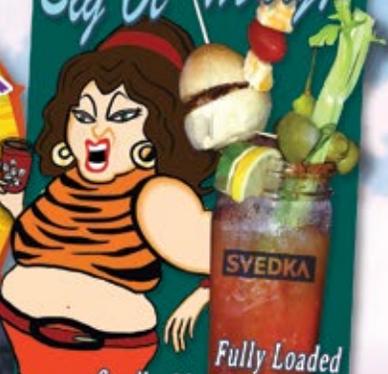
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From **Ms...Alain...eous**

Not sure what's going on, but I feel like I should be saying Happy Memorial Day already!! Or maybe Happy Halloween?? 2020 is already flying by, but let me try to slow it down just a bit! So, let's start with our Fifth Birthday!!!! Holy _____ (noun)! What a ride! The fact that I'm not in prison says a lot, but it's still early, so either hold your breath or knock on wood!

The **Cover Shoot** was a blast and I want to thank **Bee Gee Herrington** for being our Logistical Goddess all these years! Without her brain, we would still be wandering around the pier! Also, thank you to **Nell Klein** for being the best Project Manager ever! When that lady tells you what to do, how to do it and where to lay down, you do it without question because she's fierce! **Billy Harrell**, our Drone God, was the key to the lock and took a great picture in not great weather! Also, a shout out to **Calvin Ratterree and his crazy crew** for showing up and making this shin dig complete. Yes. I lost \$5 to Margie over this. Yes. I paid it. Twice! To everyone else that gathered in the cold, and wet, Thank You!!! **Keith and Jen Drazek** are the best BC fans and are always at every event! **Anne Delaney, and Francis and Shirley German** made the show too, as well as **C.J. Markey**, my new BFF (don't tell him) has also been roped into my particular show of madness! Thank you one and all! If I missed your name, I do apologize. Stop by you know where for shots!

Now, let's move along to **Mardi Gras!** It's coming on February 22nd and it's gonna be great!!! As of the BC print deadline, there is still a lot of unknown times so just check in with everybody on Facebook and we will get you coordinated! All you really need to know is bring your beads, your boas and your booty shaker! Everything else will fall into place!

This month's **Traveling Beachcomber winner** is a WOW!!! **Lisa Lepofsky** went hiking the Inca Trail to the Cretaceous dinosaur tracks in the Maragua Crater above Sucre in Bolivia!!!! O.K. What do you even say to that??? How freaking cool!!!! Lisa, write us a story about your travels, please!!! What an adventure!!

Alright, y'all! It's Freaky February and we have an extra day to Leap into for debauchery and mayhem. Let's get it on!





IT'S SHART TANK 2.0

By Jimmy Prosser

An article where I share all my bad ideas, and boy oh boy, this one's going to be a doozy:

- Have you ever said to yourself, "Jimmy (if your name's not Jimmy you probably haven't said it), what's the deal with humidity?" Well, it's like water for the air. And it makes up 92% of the air in the south. Hundred dollar idea. Sell the humidity to Arizona. They have plenty of room for it. Like introducing sno-cones to a parrot. Arizonians will love our humidity.

- Quick! Say the first word that comes to mind: _____! Brilliant! Now available in a cream.

- Sloppy Jose's. Ground beef - with taco seasoning, salsa, sour cream, shreddy letty, little onion, some 'maters, cheese, and guac on a bun. I know, I know. It takes the taco out of tacos. But I promise you, a taco on a bun - or 'Sloppy Jose's' as I call them are incredibly delicious. First the gays were published, then they reinvented the taco. Is there anything they can't do? Procreate.

- Who here is happily in love? If you're reading this the answer is probably not I. But I have an exciting new idea! A dating app for people who don't apply themselves. It's called SadLove, where all you sad people can find other sad people. You don't put your best attributes in your profile, you put your worse, kind of an "it only gets better from here" approach to dating. Your loins will thank me. And your mother will too. I'm a match maker. And a Sagittarius (actually I'm a Libra but Sagittarius just flows better).

- Ok - the cleaning and sterilizing power of bleach, but for your personality. How will it work? Science or Psychology. Maybe both. I'm the idea guy, not the figure things out guy. Take for instance, someone with a crappy personality, maybe pick a name, any name, at random. I'm thinking of an old south end bar hag, let's call her "Miliary." Couldn't her personality be better in every way possible? Yes. I'm a genius, I know.

There you have it, all of my loving and adoring fans. The next great publicly traded company starts with one of my ideas. And you (only you) can get in on the ground floor. Please send me cash.

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- Remember to leave only your footprints



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By Mike Manitta - Photos by Wen McNally

CHAMACOS TACOS & SURF

It's always exciting to all us Tybee locals to find some new food on the island, since that makes us one notch closer to not having to leave the island to add variety to our dining options. God knows we don't like to leave our little four Mile bubble unless we absolutely have to, so this eclectic, cozy little spot gives us one more reason to stay put.

Chamacos Tacos and Surf is a very welcoming, family friendly establishment that is part restaurant and part surf shop. It also serves up some killer cocktails for Mom and Dad to enjoy while the kids are keeping busy between Ping Pong, Foosball and Corn Hole. Located at 1311 Butler Ave, it's a super short walk from our downtown shops, as well as the beach.

The guys spoiled Wen and I with a sampling of virtually everything on the menu and we definitely dove in full force. We started with **Chips and Salsa**, accompanied with **Guacamole, Aguachiles and Queso with Chorizo**. I tried with all my might not to fill up on chips like I always do, but it was terribly difficult because that Queso is one of my favs and was absolutely delicious, as was that homemade Guacamole and Salsa. The Aguachiles was super interesting, Shrimp marinated in cucumber, lime, cilantro and jalapeno, topped with red onion, cucumber and avocado. I pretty much just piled up a mix of whatever I could pile on a single chip and went to town. I finally pumped the brakes, mostly because I cleaned up the queso, and the tacos started arriving in a caravan.

The first round was the Shrimp, Carne Asada and Baja Fish Tacos. The **Shrimp Taco** was super tasty marinated shrimp with pickled red cabbage and jalapeño ranch sauce. The shrimp were cooked perfectly and well complimented the red cabbage with a slight kick to it. The **Carne Asada** was served up with marinated skirt steak, topped with chopped onions and cilantro. The steak was bursting with flavor and grilled to perfection, life is good. We finished this round with the **Baja Fish Taco**, which is beer battered Mahi Mahi with fresh cabbage and a white sauce, as well as a couple dashes of their la muerte sauce. I was super excited to check this one out because I keep hearing everyone rave about it and I was not disappointed. The fish was crunchy outside and tender and moist inside and you could feel that heat from the hot sauce, scrumptious!

Round Two, Ding! Next up, we had Barbacoa, Nopales and Picadillo. The **Barbacoa** is beef brisket cooked with cloves, ancho, guajilla and chipotle peppers and topped with pickled red onions, radishes and roasted habanero. The brisket was tender and flavorful and I really dug the flavors of the pickled veggies on top. This next one really strikes my curiosity, **Nopales**, is grilled cactus, marinated in chile and lime, topped with a jicama slaw, served with guac and cilantro. Who'd a thunk? You could really taste the lime and the flavors married well together. Very interesting. Last the **Picadillo**, stewed ground beef, potatoes, onions, jalapenos and tomato, topped with chopped onion, cilantro and cotija cheese. Who doesn't love meat and potatoes, super tasty!

Last, the knockout round, Pollo a la parilla, Veggie and Carnitas. I was getting pretty full by now, but chicken tacos are usually my go-to, and the **Pollo a la parilla** was sure to please. Grilled chicken with guac, chopped onion, cilantro and cotija cheese, super tasty chicken that makes my tummy



feel yummy. Next, we tried the **Veggie**, chile dusted zucchini, portobello, roasted poblano, onions and garlic, with guac, chopped onion, cilantro and cotija cheese. Super packed full of veggie goodness and flavor, this one just makes you feel good. Lastly, we checked out the **Carnitas**, pork shoulder cooked in citrus, cola and spices, topped with chopped onion and cilantro. Moist and delicious, I enjoyed that tropical hint in the pork, balanced with the spicy kick of onions and cilantro.

They also have some simple flavors that you can add to, like a cheese quesadilla, add meat or shrimp and the "picky kid taco," simply chicken or steak, and cheese if you desire and that's it! There's also a variety of soft drinks available and yes, don't get nervous, there are a selection of Mexican beer and Margaritas for the adventurous. We Sampled a **Margarita**, as well as a **Michelada**, which is hot sauce, clamato and spices with a beer on top. Kinda like a Mexican Bloody Mary, you need to try it.

For the nature of completing my job, I somehow found the strength to sample a **Churro** for dessert. This is such a tough gig. Crunchy on the outside and tender in the middle, drizzled with chocolate and honey. They were so yummy!

Chamacos is located at 1311 Butler Ave, near the corner of 14th Street. They also serve Brunch on Sundays from 11-3, with an entirely different menu, including breakfast tacos, huevos rancheros, churro French toast and more. Also, Taco Tuesday is in full effect with a dollar off all tacos and two-dollar tallboys of PBR and Tecate. There's also a variety of surfing supplies, as well as Chamacos merch, so make sure you pop by and visit this eclectic little spot and check out the great food and good vibes.



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By Alaina Loughridge



KELLY & COMPANY

Welcome to 2020!! It's time to get body and mind healthy and happy and what better way to do that than to treat your body like the temple that it is. The place to start is Kelly & Company, An Essential Oil Experience. Not just a pop up over-nighter with questionable products, our Kelly Swope actually knows what she's talking about, and her products actually work. Let's get the scoop!

Kelly was born and raised in Pennsylvania and grew up with an interest in essential oils and aromatherapy. She explains it as 'just a natural part of me that wanted to always know more about the product and new ideas for a better overall healthy life.' Married and raising children, Ralph, Courtney, Chelsea and Chloe (in that order), kept her busy. One day she was reading a book by Mary Kay Andrews and the description of the drive between Savannah to Tybee got her and the family in the car and on a vacation to Tybee 15 years ago.

After Kelly completed her Aromatherapy Certification from Aromatic Wisdom Institute, she was ready to open her own business. She found a niche in Tybee and went for it.

Here, Kelly shares 5 ways to experience the benefits of using essential oils, perfect for newbies and experienced veterans alike:

1. Aromatherapy Inhalers - Inhalers are easy to use and travel well. Inside each inhaler, which is the size of a lip balm, a cotton wick is loaded with an essential oil blend—all you need to do is remove the cap

and inhale! Head Comfort is one of Kelly's best sellers, good for general headaches and also for alleviating head pressure and clearing sinuses. Other varieties include Outdoor Sensitivity (allergy season will be here before you know it!), PMS, and Deep Sleep.

2. Soothing Muscle - Available in lotion or body oil, the Soothing Muscle essential oil blend helps with aches and pains. The anti-inflammatory properties of Frankincense and Cypress are combined with warming Black Pepper and cooling Peppermint. Pairs well with a neck or body wrap, which are filled with flaxseeds and lavender buds.

3. Sleep Products - You've got to sleep, and sleep well, in order to keep on winning every day! Kelly offers a variety of products to help—inhalers, a diffuser blend, sprays, and roll-ons. 'Lavender is very relaxing, and has sedative properties. It is in all of our sleep items.' Rest, relax, and restore when you get your best night's sleep ever.

4. Soap - We all shower (and if you don't, get to it). Kelly & Company uses essential oils to scent their soap, which promote emotional balance.

5. Essential Oil Blends - 'Essential oil blends can be used for so many different things. If you're feeling a bit under the weather, put some Pirate's Elixir in your diffuser—it's a great immune-boosting blend. You can use essential oils for emotional benefits, too. Some of our blends include Calm, Focus, Motivate... the names correspond with their purpose!' The blends can be used in diffusers or with diffuser jewelry (Kelly offers both in her shop), or as part of your own DIY spa day. Not only can the right blend can help you feel better, it can also help you understand that relaxing is an actual possibility and not just something other people do. With your body and mind in the right frame, you are on your way to a happier life.

Kelly's shop also offers fun coffee cups, beachy items to make you smile and the best t-shirts. The message in a message t-shirts are her favorite and Tybee Happy with the BE and the HAPPY highlighted are just fun!

Kelly & Company is located at The Shoppes at 1207 Hwy 80 next to Just a Breeze frame shop and Seaside Sisters. Stop by and see how this lady can help you feel a better you. Why not feel uplifted, invigorated and ready to go out and conquer the world? Or maybe just conquer the beach walk! Feel your best always!

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Mardi Gras aka Fat Tuesday

By Margie McLellan

Most of us associate Mardi Gras as a big party, with parades, beads and debauchery. Well, apparently we are not far off.

Although Mardi Gras is a Christian holiday, it dates back thousands of years to pagan celebrations of spring and fertility rites. It's celebrated in many countries around the world, mainly those with large Roman Catholic populations, on the day before the religious season of Lent begins.

What does Mardi Gras mean? *Mardi* is the French word for Tuesday, and *Gras means fat*. In France, the day before Ash Wednesday came to be known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday. Traditionally, in the days leading up to Lent, merrymakers would binge on all the rich, fatty foods that remained in their homes, in anticipation of several weeks of eating only fish and different types of fasting.

Although the first American Mardi Gras took place in 1699, when French explorers landed near New Orleans, it wasn't until 1837 that the first recorded New Orleans Mardi Gras took place, a tradition that continues to this day. Now, that's a lot of partying!!

Not to be outdone, Tybee has its own 'Mardi Gras Tybee Style.' It's only natural since we love parades and our island is full of fun loving characters. The island will be arrayed in purple, gold and green flags. There will be a Parade and Street Party with live entertainment and more. I'm sure there will be some good people watching!

The fun will start on **Saturday, February 22 at 2pm** with **Tybee's Mardi Gras Parade**. It will begin at Memorial Park and continue down Butler Ave. to the Round-about at the end of Tybrisa. After the parade there will be a costume contest. The winners will be crowned the 2020 Mardi Gras Tybee King and Queen.

So grab your purple, gold and green beads and come join us for a fun Mardi Gras Tybee Style!

Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

SPIDER CRABS

We have lots of different species of crabs here in coastal Georgia and the Low Country. I came to recognize this through many years of teaching marine invertebrate zoology during my professor days. But it's been through lots of exploring while conducting Tybee Beach Ecology Trips over recent years that I've become amazed and impressed with the diversity of crabs we have around here. There are a few species that I'll see only once or twice a year, and it's usually around the same time of the year that they make a short, quick appearance around Tybee. Others are likely to show up at any time of the year.

One of my favorite Tybee crabs is the Spider Crab. They are fairly docile and slow, and their pinchers are small, so they are safer to handle and are friendlier in a beach touch tank than are our Blue Crabs. In some aspects, they look almost like something prehistoric, but I think Spider Crabs are kind of funny or comical looking. A Spider Crab has a large, round, plump main body covered with a rough upper surface with lots of bumps. Sticking out from this big body are ten skinny, jointed legs. So it does have a sort of giant spider-like appearance. Unlike our Blue Crabs that have back legs that are flattened and are used for paddling and swimming, the Spider Crab's legs end in sharp points (except for the first or front pair of legs that have those tiny pinchers). Lacking any paddles, Spider Crabs are not swimmers, but they are good at walking around and holding on to hard surfaces like rocks, or for digging themselves into the sand.

Along with being slow and harmless, another reason I like Spider Crabs is because they like to decorate themselves! Often a Spider Crab will grab pieces of sponges, seaweed, or bushy Hydroids and Bryozoans, and place these fragments on top of its body. The rough surface of its exoskeleton



is like Velcro, and these objects will become stuck on the fuzzy top of the crab's body. In reality, the Spider Crab is attempting to camouflage itself. But as a result, Spider Crabs are included in a group known as "decorator crabs." Being a slow-moving species that likes to sit still, having this camouflaging activity and ability makes it be less noticeable to predators.

In general, Spider Crabs prefer living on hard or rough bottoms where they can cling to and walk over the surface. Being slow and having tiny pinchers, Spider Crabs feed on small animals growing among the turf of sessile invertebrates that form the fuzzy or hairy-like "fouling community" often seen covering rocks and dock pilings underwater.

Some readers might remember a previous article about Cannonball Jellyfish (Tybee Beachcomber, August 2018) that described how sometimes small Spider Crabs are found living inside Cannonball Jellies. So that's another place you might find them on Tybee!

Dr. Joe Richardson (Ph.D. Marine Sciences) is a retired marine science professor with 40 years of research and teaching experience along GA, the southeastern coast and Bahamas. Besides research, he conducts Tybee Beach Ecology Trips (www.TybeeBeachEcology.com)



By Nell Klein

THE INVITED

By Jennifer McMahon

Many months ago, I read a book by Jennifer McMahon called *The Winter People*. In fact, I'm pretty sure I did a book review on it. Although I try not to review the same author more than once, I couldn't pass up sharing this book. It was just that good. So, if you're in the mood for a really spooky story that has lots of haunted history, small town gossip and even whispers of buried treasure, then this book is a must read.

In 1924, Hattie Breckenridge was hung as a witch by the townspeople of her small town in Vermont and her body was discarded in the bog where she made her home. She left behind her daughter Jane, who she told to run and hide in the root cellar hidden on their property.

Fast forward to 2015. After the sudden death of her father, Helen and her husband, Nate, decide to leave the rat race of their life in Connecticut and move to the country. They find 44 acres for sale in Hartsboro, Vermont and decide to build their dream home on the land. Half of the property is wooded and the western part consists of Breckenridge Bog, which local legend says is haunted and is also where Hattie made her home.

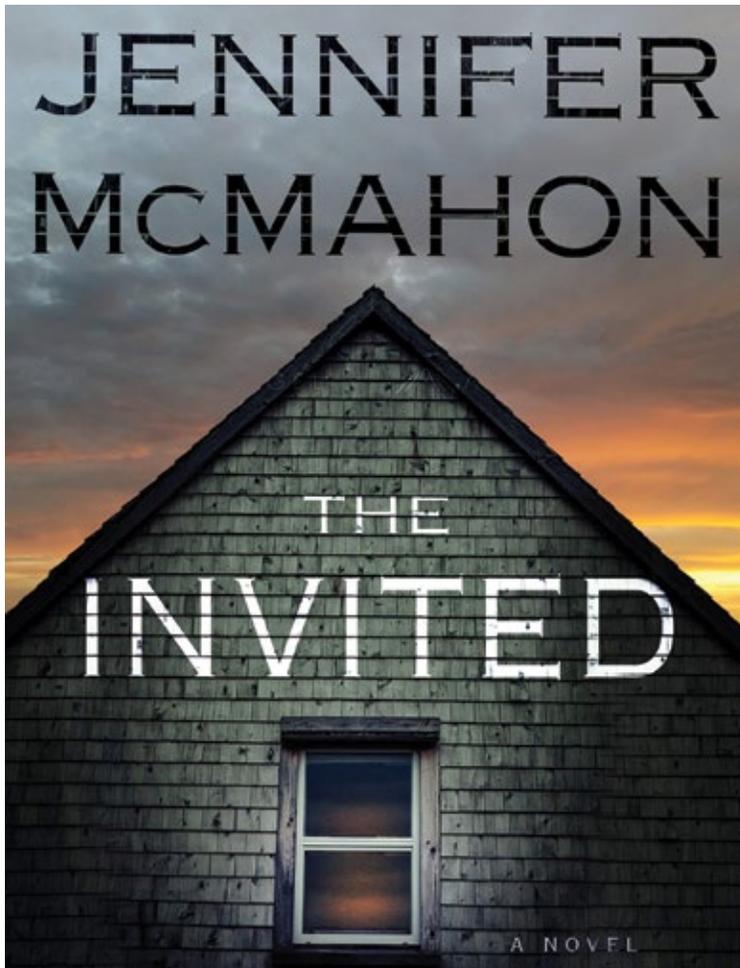
They decide that they want to build their home by themselves. Helen's father was a builder and Nate, the math and science man, attended an owner-builder workshop and volunteered at Habitat for Humanity to learn all he could. Helen, an American history teacher, also decides to find objects of local history to include in their new home. She finds bricks from a local mill that burned down, a mantel from an old home and a beam cut from an old tree from their property (which is the same tree that Hattie was hung from!).

Quickly, strange things start to happen. Things go missing, Helen hears screaming from the bog at night, and Nate sees a white deer that he becomes obsessed with taking a picture of, but it disappears whenever he gets near. In the meantime, Helen delves into the history of the land and begins searching for any information on Hattie and her descendants that she can find.

Helen and Nate also meet Olive, a strange local girl whose mother is missing and her Aunt Riley who works at a local salvage yard. Together they help Helen and Nate with the building of their home and they also help Helen in her quest for answers about Hattie. Helen soon learns that other women in Hattie's life had met a terrible fate and she is convinced that Hattie is trying to communicate with her and warn her of danger.

I'm not sure if I believe in ghosts, but this book will keep you on the edge of your seat wondering where all this is headed. But, in the end, it's a really spooky tale that may make you question your belief in the spirits. I give it 5 roses, because I think it deserves every bit of praise that I can give it and I think that you will agree.

In the meantime, have a Happy Valentine's Day and read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on!



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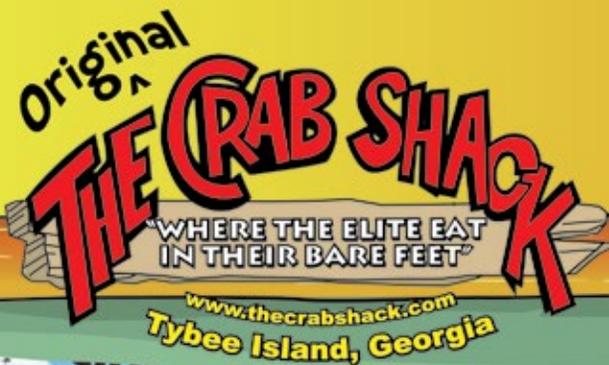
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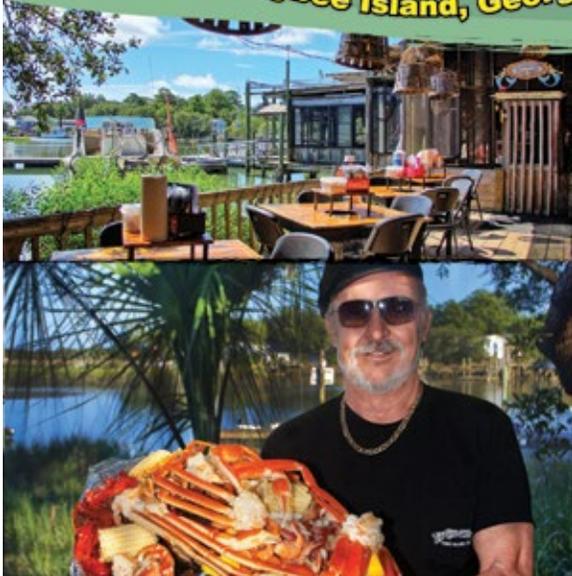


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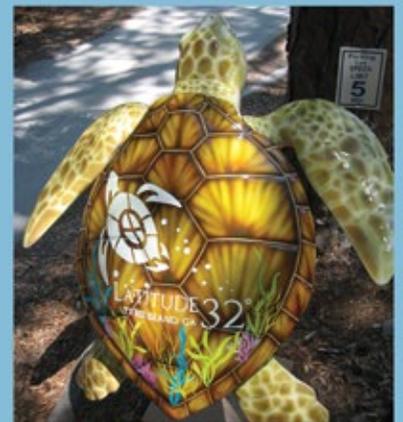
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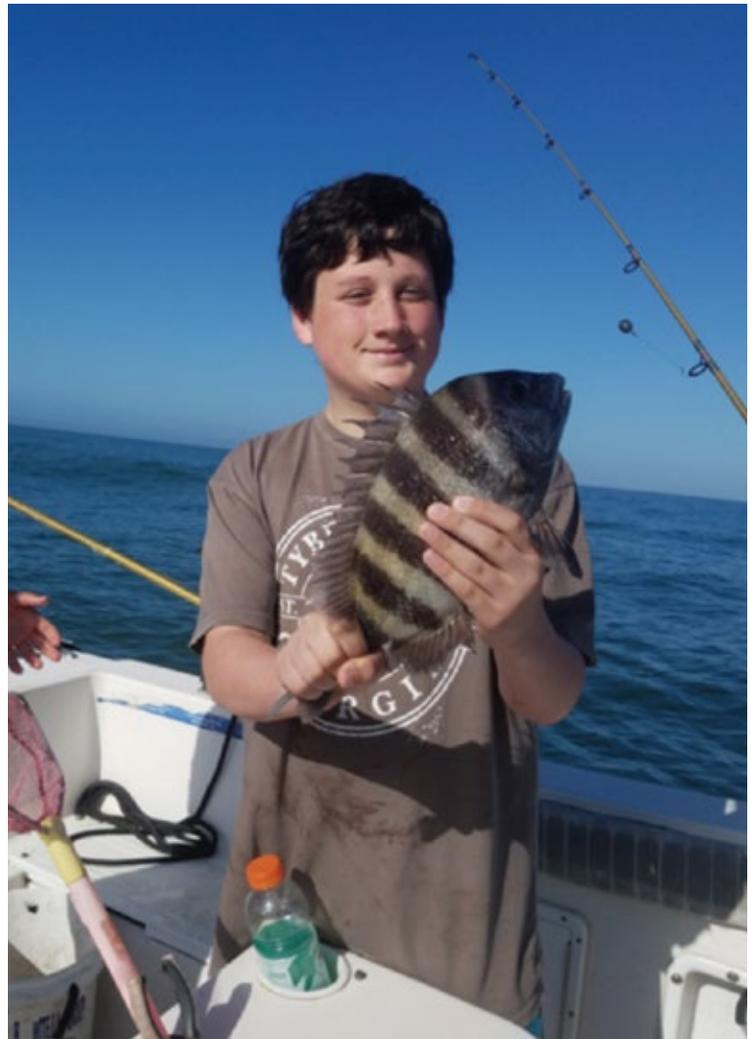
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Feb. Fishing Forecast



INSHORE

Inshore fishing is going to be tough this February as water temperatures are below average and we have had a few fish die due to the cold weather. DNR is also asking for voluntary release of all Speckled Sea Trout over 18 inches. The larger fish release more eggs and produce more fish for you to catch in the future. Sheepshead are still around munching on Fiddler Crabs, Barnacle's and Oysters. These fish love to be around structures and if its low tide you will see the white marks from them feeding along the pilings. Pay attention to this and you will find the bigger schools. Speckled Sea Trout are hanging out in the deeper holes waiting for food to come to them. The Red Drum can be found in the shallow mud flats sunning themselves on those warm afternoons.



NEAR SHORE

Nearshore the Black Sea Bass should be heading to deeper waters with the colder water that has set up in our region. Sheepsheads have moved out to the reefs and are ready to eat every Fiddler Crab you offer them. For Sheepshead, use a rod with a fast action tip so you can see their light bite. A Carolina style rig with an ultra-sharp live bait hook gives you the best chance at putting these bait stealers in the fish box. I tend to take at least 100 crabs per person as these fish will steal your bait very often.

OFFSHORE

Offshore fishing has remained really good for those willing to make the run out deep. All you have to do is to wait for a day with nice weather and go, the fish are hungry. Triggerfish, Red Porgies, Vermilion Snapper and lots of Grunts are all feeding heavy. Squid and Boston Mackerel are great baits for all these fish. Amberjack and Barracuda can be found near the towers and are best caught on live bait jigs or trolling large lures. Then for those with the gear, high speed trolling is producing plenty of Wahoo as well. These fish can be found along the big temperature breaks found near the stream. Check out your sea surface charts and watch your temp readings and you have a great chance and catching one of the fastest fish in the ocean.

Thank you for all your support and hope you all have tight lines and full fish boxes. To join me on a fishing trip, call me at Big Fish Charter (913) 230-4625.

In the Kitchen with.... **Daniel Simmons** **Sundae Café**

By Alaina Loughridge



Alright y'all. I was getting bored with myself and Bartender of the Month, so one day I was sitting and contemplating with my new bff C.J. and somebody else whom I can't recall. Why not Chefs of Tybee??? We have a lot of them and to be frank, who doesn't like to eat??? Epiphany to follow and here we are with one thing leading to another: In the Kitchen with ... Now, who will be our first victim??? Why not Daniel Simmons of Sundae Café?? But it gets better because he started at Hunter House!!!! I know! Super excited and a terrific interview to follow. Let's get it on...

I got a chance to sit down with Daniel and was delighted to hear that he is truly a Tybee guy. Born and raised here, he attended old school Myers (which is way old school), then on to old school Johnson, and then graduated from New Johnson. For those that know what I just wrote, you know. Old school. Daniel started at Hunter House as a dishwasher at 15 years old. Not long after that, he was behind the line. For those who have no clue what behind the line means, let me school you: It is being thrown to the wolves. You work the grill, the fryer, the salad line, the sauté line, and then the you-get-this-out-right-now-or-my-table-is-gonna-freak-out-and-leave line! Ah, the food industry! Good times!!

Food has always come natural to Daniel. Watching his mom cook a four-course meal for five people barely using a paring knife, and his

grandfather's original cast iron pan got him on his way to starting his life career. The cast iron pan was his start. "It just comes naturally and to hold yourself to those standards and their happy with what you feed them is just instant gratification," Daniel says, and hey, who are we foodies to argue?

So, getting back to Hunter House, Espy Geissler trained him from 15 years old with a lot of just OJT (on the job training) into what turned out to be a character filled family residence where Daniel learned. And when someone needed the day off, he was there to fill in behind the line. 12 years later, Hunter House closed circa 2009. A few before then, Kevin Carpenter (of the Kevin Carpenter legacy) asked Daniel to come fill in part-time at Sundae Café. Now, 13 years later at Sundae Café, one of two Kitchen Managers who can literally make ramen noodles look like filet mignon, Daniel is a Cooking God!

I had to ask the Questions of Life, because that is what the BC does:

Tybee Life: Born and bred until Tybee dead.

Passion: Making people feel happy with food! (Food!!)

Grow Up: He told me and it's FREAKING AMAZING, but I can't tell you. Seriously sworn to secrecy. Y'all know I suck at that so realize it is killing me not to barf my guts out, but just know it is going to be EPIC!!!! (Call me and give me money)

Spirit Animal: Whale Shark! Super calm and graceful. Will approach people to investigate. Just calm and chill. You don't mess with me and I won't eat you.

Super Power He Has: Avoidance of ugliness. You project ugly, he can literally vanish in front of your face. None of that is going to hinder his inner chi.

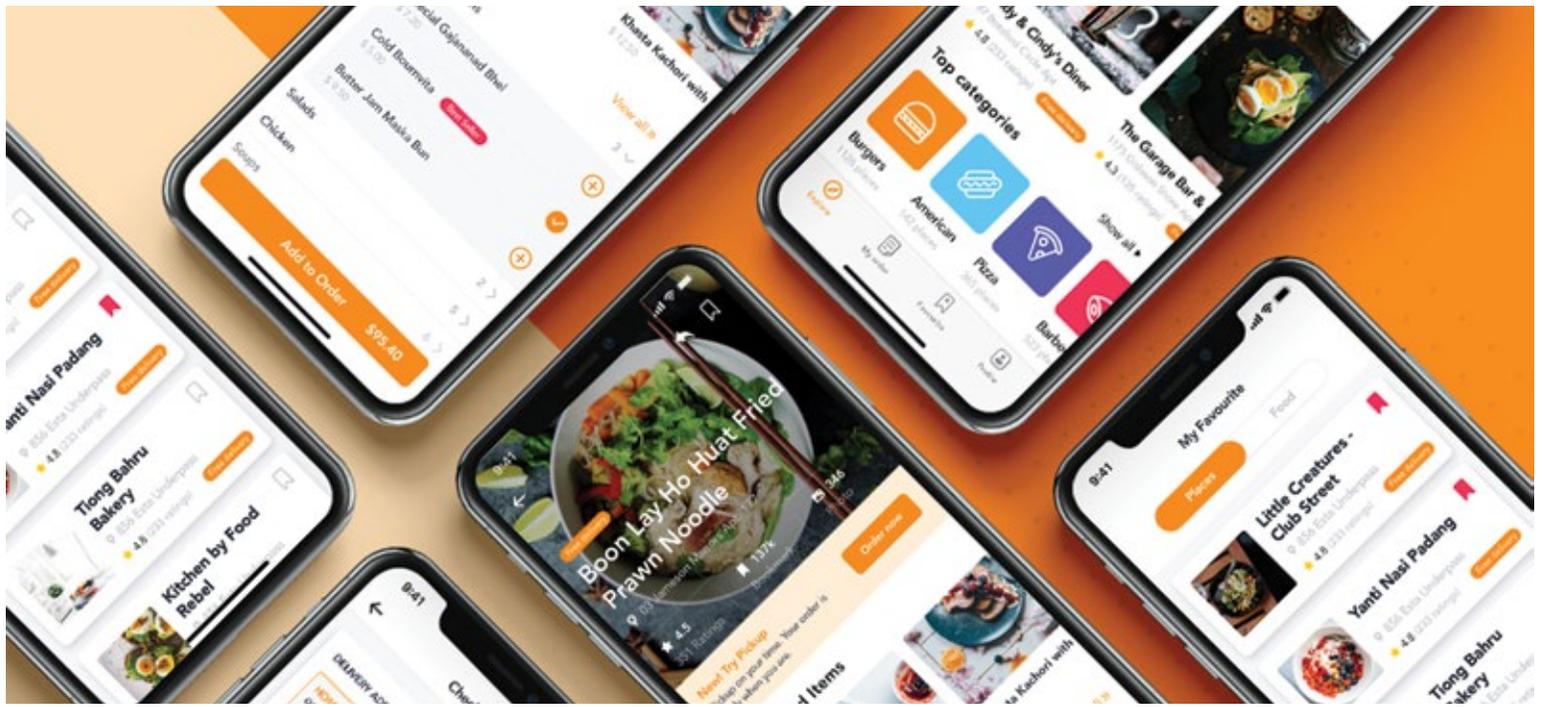
Super Power He Wants: Aqua lungs. Nothing more be said about that.

Now, here is what we are all waiting for - The Daniel Simmons secret recipe go-to of all time:

Daniel's Cast Iron Steak

On high heat, in a CAST IRON SKILLET, throw in one spoonful of real butter and a skootch (a tablespoon or less) of veggie oil. Wait until its bubbling. Slap one IGA rib eye steak (bone in or out) and sear for four minutes. Now, you need to season this beast with salt and pepper (more salt to bring out the moisture, but don't get crazy), a four-time seizure of onion salt and the same with garlic powder. Flip it over and throw on your raw onions and baby Bella mushrooms. Cook at same heat for four minutes. DO NOT FORK YOUR STEAK Y'ALL! After four on each side, remove the steak and set to the side. Don't cover it or paper towel it or touch it. Leave the veggies cooking on the same heat for an additional five minutes. After your shrooms and onions are caramelized, throw them on your steak and take your plate to the couch for a happily ever after!

Sigh. Chef of the month. Now, we need to discuss how he can come cook for all of us individually! I'll bring the vino! Who's hungry???



Food Delivery Apps

I want to take a moment and discuss a trend that hasn't taken off on Tybee yet, but I know is popular in Savannah, Whitmarsh, and Wilmington: Food Delivery Apps.

When I first moved to Jacksonville, I took a job at a restaurant as a waiter since that's pretty easy work to come by, especially since I have years of experience waiting tables and doing most jobs in a restaurant, such as hosting, dishwashing, managing, fry cook, bartender. It was just my interim job until I got into a bank where I prefer to be. I know, can you picture me in dress shoes and a button down shirt every day? You probably can't.

At this restaurant that will remain anonymous, we offered online ordering off our main website, Door Dash, Post Mates, Bite Squad, Uber Eats, and Grub Hub. Occasionally, I would be the scheduled person to handle those orders. Each service has its own iPad/Tablet that the order would come through on. I would enter it in the computer, send it to the kitchen, and when the food was up I would let the corresponding device know the food was ready and that it should call a driver to come pick it up.

Here's what I don't like - first of all, most FOH (front of house staff) make less than minimum wage, as little as \$2.13/hour. These apps do not allow the person ordering to include any type of gratuity for the person in charge of properly entering your order, collecting and bagging your items, and making sure it's correct to be delivered. The drivers do not tip us either. Where I worked, to make up for the difference if I was on the "to go line," I was paid \$12/hour. That's fine.

My other biggest concern was that these are complete strangers, in their personal vehicles, delivering the food. Vehicles you never see the inside of. I'll touch on that in a moment. The apps also showed me a picture of who was coming to collect the food. Around 50% of the time that person would not be the one picking it up, instead they would sit outside and send in their five year old child, or a friend they brought along.

Speaking of the vehicles, picture yourself on Tybee. You call and order AJ's, then call Breezy to pick it up. Breezy is a licensed cab company. Their cars are relatively empty, the back seats and floors aren't piled with personal belongings, and you know who your driver is. Plus, I guarantee Ron doesn't let just anyone drive, he has ethical and moral standards for his drivers, and you can expect someone professional will get your food to you in one piece.

Now back to this restaurant in Jacksonville. I had a driver come in for Uber Eats, pick up the food, take the bag with \$40+ of food and head straight to the bathroom where he spent five minutes doing god knows what with that person's food in tow.

Now, here is where I have a problem. This driver collected the food, I marked it as picked up, and it's out of my hands and control now. If he needed to use the restroom beforehand, he could have. If he picked up the order and then had a sudden urge to go, he could have easily asked, "Can I leave this here for a minute?" Unfortunately, he took this person's food into the stall with him while he relived himself.

Restaurants DO NOT EVER take food in to the restroom. That is a very serious health code violation. Ask yourself, would you like to eat a \$40 meal a stranger took into a stall so it could sit on the floor while he took a poop in front of it? I bet you'd answer no. I worked this job for a month and these behaviors were all too common.

I love the idea of someone delivering food to me, but unless you personally know the delivery driver, or that the restaurant itself has screened these people, do not use these apps. And if you do, proceed with caution. If your food looks tampered with, it probably was. I also ran into problems on busy nights. The food would come up, I would let the device know it was ready for delivery, and it would message me and say someone would be there in 90-120 minutes. Cold, soggy food that's toured the restroom with a complete stranger is nothing I would want to put in my body. Avoid these apps when they become available. They're not worth the convenience.



Our Mother

Helen E. Wilson

Blessed us: Jan. 24, 1931

Blessed Heaven: Nov. 28, 2019 (Thanksgiving)

By Pam Smith

To my brothers and me, she was “Ma” or “Mom,” to her grandchildren, “Grandma,” and to her great-grands, “Granny Ma” (although at the age of four, Camryn nicknamed her “Mini Ma”). In high school she was “Liz.” Our friends called her “Mama Helen.” When she worked at Tybee Elementary School, she was one of “The Lunch Ladies.” All through her life she had many names. Her full name at birth was Helen Elizabeth Emlott. She was named for both her mother and grandmother. Thus, she was called “Little Helen.” So when she was pregnant with me, her dad begged her to PLEASE NOT name me Helen!

She loved to Dance. As her generation would say, “She could really cut-a-rug!” I used to love watching my mom shag at Doc’s and the old DeSoto.

She loved Gardening. She enjoyed being outside working in her yard. I guess that’s where I get it from.

She loved Thanksgiving and Christmas. At least for the holidays, she would have ALL her family together. It was the most important thing to her, to be surrounded by her family.

She loved her friends. Mom was the driving force in the creation of “The Tybee-ites Reunion.” It was designed to reunite the friends she had grown up with on Tybee. They came from near and far to see each other and share their memories. They would hold their reunions every 5 years. She had quite a few photo albums of their times together.

And she loved Tybee. You would know this just by walking in her house and seeing all the lighthouses and old Tybee pictures everywhere. She even designated one of the rooms in her house as “The Tybee Room.” She wouldn’t hesitate to tell you that she grew up on Tybee, in a bragging manner. It was almost always as if she “owned” the island to herself!

She was active in the PTA and held every post while her children were at Tybee Elementary.

She belonged to the Optimist Club of Tybee for nearly 30 years and was still a member. She held office as President of the club at one time and participated in many conferences. She was all about kids, whether it be donating to certain charities or actively participating and devoting her time to a cause.

If I know nothing else, I know this...she will be missed. She was our Mom and no one could ever replace her. Thanks for the memories!

Life’s a Beach Events

What’s happening in February By Mom

2-1 2020 Critz Tybee Run Fest 6pm on 1-31. An island wide event of multiple races that started 1-31 and ends 2-1. Proceeds from the event go to local organization that promote education and healthy lifestyles. Go to www.critztybeerun.com for more info.

2-1, 2-2, 2-7, 2-8, & 2-9 Designed Women 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Kansas City’s Late Night Theatre is back on Tybee. Come see this hysterical version of the 1980’s sitcom of Designing Women. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-2 Groundhog Day We all enjoyed the Bill Murray film of “Groundhog Day.” But, did you know that there is the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club? It was established in 1887!

2-3, 2-10, 2-17, & 2-24 Historic Fort Screven Battery Tours 9-10:30am at 30 Meddin Dr. The Tybee Island Historical Society is presenting this walking tour of the Fort Screven Batteries. Call 912-786-5801 as reservations are required and for further info.

2-9 Free Pass Day 9am-5pm at Fort Pulaski, Hwy 80. It is the Georgia History Festival’s Super Museum Sunday. Enjoy!

2-14 Valentine’s Day Happy Valentine’s Day Islanders! Valentine’s Day was named for a Christian Bishop who was martyred on 2-14, AD 271. Prior to that, it was a pagan fertility festival. I will take our current version as is. Thank you very much!

2-17 President’s Day President’s Day was established in 1885 to honor our first President, George Washington. Mr. Washington was born 2-22-1732, based on the Gregorian calendar. However, according to the Julian calendar (used when he was born) his date of birth was 2-11-1731! What a difference the calendars make. In any case the day, chosen by Congress, now encompasses all Presidents.

2-22 Tybee Island’s Feral Cat Project-Marti Gras Dance 7-11pm at the American Legion, 10 Veterans Dr. This fundraiser for the Feral Cat Project will have live entertainment by the Christy Allen Band, catering done by North Beach Grill, costume contest, silent auction, raffle, door prizes and cash bar. Call 912-777-3289 or text 912-667-2788 for more info. Tickets will be available at the door as well as Seaside Sisters.

2-22 2020 Mardi Gras Tybee It all starts on Tybee Island! 12pm to 2pm, TBA, 2pm, Parade, 3pm, TBA, 4pm, Costume Contest. Sorry about all the TBA’s (meaning To Be Announced). We all need a vacation. So don’t forget to wear your purple, gold and green!

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By Joey Goralczyk

CARLOS

It's certainly not unheard of for us to pick someone up from the police station. More often than not, if you've made it there in the first place, you aren't in any condition to be walking away. Breezy is mostly judgement free, so don't feel bad if you need to call once you've attained your freedom. What's better than a friendly face to help you flee a memory you wanna forget until your court date? As a matter of fact, there is a good chance that TIPD will call us for you. It just occurred on New Year's night, come to think of it.

It was a fairly quiet evening. The Bulldogs were playing in their bowl game so everyone was kind of idle until it ended. I received a call from TIPD. As I went to answer, I couldn't help but wonder what fresh hell I was about to get involved in. I appreciate all that our wonderful police force do for us, but never care to speak with them. Tends to end badly for me. The voice on the other end was friendly enough though. She politely said, "We just got a call from someone who said you could come get Carlos. We picked him up earlier, but we are ready to let him go home." I racked my brain to think if I knew a Carlos.

"Okay??? Do I need to bring bail?" I asked.

"No. We just have him behind the counter right now. If he stays overnight we are supposed to take him to county, and we don't want to do that," she replied. This was just not clicking in my mind. Maybe I was sleep deprived, but I was confused.

"Okay? So I'm just coming to pick him up. Cool. Does he have cash for the ride?"

"Well, no Joey. He's a dog"

"OH! Well this makes much more sense now! I know him. I'm on my way," I said. My fog of confusion lifted. Almost immediately after I hung up, I got another call. This time the voice was panicked sounding.

"Joey? Thank goodness it's you. I got a weird problem and really need your help."

"Let me guess, does it involve a dog?"

"Yeah, it does. How did you know?" Call it a hunch.

I got there shortly afterward. Carlos was so happy to see me. I've been in that position, so I get it Dawg. We worked out the formalities and I signed the little jailbird out. She asked me if we did this often. Not for my four-legged friends, but this was not my first rodeo here. Of course, who walked him out to me? The same wonderful officer who walked me out last time I was back there. And he had the biggest smile on his face you've ever seen. Better to be on this side of it, for sure. Happy New Year officer! Carlos, let's roll. I got him home. He licked my face as he left the backseat and went upstairs.

Let's just hope that neither one of us are repeat offenders this year.

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LOUNGING WITH LOUGHRIDGE

By Alaina Loughridge - Photos by Alaina Loughridge, Betsey Jenkins, Becky Powell, Billy Harrell and Mac McLellan



1 I know I know!!! Christmas and all, but have you ever tried to catch **Robyn and Swanee** sitting still??? Impossible, yet I did it after 25 takes!!!! Not sure who the guy in the middle is, but I got him sitting still too!! Mission accomplished!

2 Y'all can be jealous, but I get to hang out with this guy that will literally take anything for the team! **Mac** is the name and laying down is his game. Don't know how Margie and I can live without him.

3 Got sand, y'all????

4 You only turn 21 once and its **Matt Kenter's** turn to start being legal! So, that's me, **Matt and Matt's daddy, Tony Kenter** with **Keith Drazek** photo bombing

in the background! Bless his heart, his first shot was a Buttery Nipple! Let the adult games begin!!! Thanks to **Becky Powell** for that awkward picture! You're the best, Mom!!

5 This is me (again, and I know, but what can you do?) handing \$5 over to **Margie** for a lost bet. That bet being **Calvin** wouldn't show up at our February cover shoot. Turns out, he did and so did all of his friends ... in the rain. Couldn't have done that show without that crowd!! Thank you!!



6 Totally caught **Buddy Carter** in the **Tybee MLK Parade** cruising the boulevard! Welcome to Tybee and you should have worn sneakers! I've walked in parades before and those wing tips are going to be tough!

7 Another shout out to politicians at the **MLK parade**: Our very own **Mayor Shirley Sessions** looking glam with our **ex glam Mayor, Jason Buelterman** and **Richard Shinhoster**, Vice Chair of the Savannah NAACP! Good times!

8 Cheers to the **Lees**! Sometimes it can go either way when you finally run into Facebook friends on the street. Thankfully, it went great and now we are Friends Friends!

9 Speaking of Facebook Friends, if you are not a friend of **Royal's** on FB, you really are missing out! This guy has the most hilarious posts! However, if you are in anyway delicate, have standards, morals or principles and values, do not be his friend on Facebook or in person! Just kidding, Royal. Kind of.

10 **Jamey** is the best bartender ever and is usually kicking ass and taking names at **Tybee Time**, but not today!!! Caught her Lounging with Herself and looking fabulous slack-assing literally on the bar!!!

11 Look who I caught on the North End of the Island!!!! This was a super shock because **Gordo and Jaime** do not travel outside of their south end radius! **Paul Thorn** at the **Post Theater** did it! Now we know their kryptonite!

12 Um ... Do you think that David knows that Joy and Chief want to steal his shirt?

13 Got Sand Part 2! Well, I guess this is a good thing it's happening in January and not June! It's going to be great!!

14 **Anne Delaney** is always on the down low ... until it's her birthday and then everything is thrown out the window! Jamming out with her squad, **Grant and Becky Powell and Teresa Nettles** ("T" y'all) on the far left, anything goes on birthday day!!



FROM A BACKWOODS SOUTHERN LAWYER

By Franklin Edenfield

TILL DEATH (OR LAWYERS) DO US PART (Some would argue that death and lawyers are unduly repetitious)

A really good marriage is an absolutely wonderful thing, but we have to accept the reality that fifty percent of marriages in the United States today end in divorce. You can never plan for it (nor frankly should you), but there are certain things both of you can do to make it a small skirmish instead of an outright take no prisoners battle. Here are some suggestions:

- 1.** Both of you do not need to lawyer-up immediately. It is a simple fact of life that when the lawyers get involved, things get complicated and more adversarial. Matters also tend to slow down and a divorce is one of those situations where time is not on anybody's side.
- 2.** There are any number of lawyers in the Savannah area that are certified mediators and before both of you prepare for an all-out battle, a good faith effort to settle under the guidance of a trained mediator (who does not represent either side) is an excellent first alternative. It will definitely save you money and the intangible value of an early settlement is simply incalculable.
- 3.** The two of you have more assets now and they will disappear quickly. At the beginning of this process the two of you have what amounts to a bucket of assets that will immediately start to dwindle. The lawyer, or lawyers, will reach in and take their share. Every expense the two of you had living together will now effectively be doubled and unless one of you is Bill Gates' illegitimate child, the bottom of that bucket will soon become very visible. The more you fight, the sooner that happens. You will never 'win' a divorce and, if that is your goal, accept the fact that in the end you will be sorely disappointed, emotionally depleted, and broke.
- 4.** Don't ever ever forget the children. It is a sad reality that in the vast majority of divorces, children will be involved. The younger they are the less they will understand what is happening. It is both of your jobs to try and make this as painless for them as possible. Don't make them weapons; don't use them as bargaining chips, and under no circumstances, try to force them to take sides. Children don't have a 'side' – they still love both of you and all they know is that suddenly their world will not be the same as it was yesterday. Do everything possible, particularly compromising, to settle the issues of custody, child support, and visitation at the outset. Take the children out of the equation and then the two of you can go about the business of dividing bed sheets and dish towels.

A divorce is never painless but it does not have to be a complete bloodletting. You had a life before the divorce and you will, by necessity, have one after. The quality of that life and how soon you begin to live it is up to you.



Memo From The Mayor

By Mayor Shirley Sessions

Happy February!

Wow, Tybee-“time” now has a whole new meaning for me...there simply doesn't seem to be enough “time” to do all that our city council and staff want to do together in making Tybee better, but we're working on it!



A recent overnight trip to Washington DC to meet with our Representative Buddy Carter and his staff, Senator David Perdue's Chief of Staff and a visit at the Savannah District Washington Headquarter's office of the Army Corps of Engineers, was my first opportunity to begin the process of discussing a couple of issues that are critical to Tybee's future. Everyone was gracious, helpful and genuinely concerned in working together to accomplish Tybee's efforts to extend our Federal Shore Protection Agreement - better known as “beach renourishment project.” By the end of 2023, our initial 50 year partnership with the Federal Government, in which our beach was replenished with sand at usually 7-8 year intervals with a shared cost percentage - 60% by the Federal Government and 40% by local funding, will expire.

One option that we hope may extend this agreement for another 15 years is a special Army Corps program, referred to as the 1037 Study. This will be decided by the Army Corps using specific formulas involving a variety of details on beach/dune dynamics. Other beaches from Miami, Florida to New England coastlines are impacted by the same issues we are dealing with and they too are waiting to see if the 1037 Study will help extend their contracts for receiving funding to renourish their shores. I will keep you abreast of this issue as we receive information on decisions and timelines.

Another critical Study to determine the future of Tybee's beach renourishment is called the FUNDING PHASE TWO of the CHANNEL IMPACT, which is stage two of the PHASE ONE CHANNEL IMPACT STUDY which was completed by the Army Corps in 2006. The Phase One Study confirmed that the man-made Savannah shipping channel was responsible for roughly 78% of our erosion shoreline. The meeting with our elected officials in Washington was asking them to proceed with the Phase Two Study, which would determine what the Federal

Government would do about this issue. Our representatives, both State and Federal, have been generous and supportive in helping fund the renourishment projects to keep our beaches healthy and protect our island, as well as sustain and grow our economy. We appreciate them and hope to continue a mutual partnership long into the future.

I was happy to present all of my new and seasoned friends that I met with in Washington a special “Tybee Bomb Squad” cap, with a little explanation note about the “Tybee-Bomb” – they loved it! Thanks to Tybee's own, Joe Inglesby, for creating these caps! (PS - You can purchase a Tybee-Bomb cap or shirt at Seaside Sisters.)

Special thanks to Representative Carter for attending Tybee's Inaugural Ceremony for new council and mayor at the historic Post Theater.

Cheers!

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Celebrating FIVE Years of The Tybee Beachcomber!

By Margie McLellan

Wow! Can y'all believe The Tybee Beachcomber has reached the five year mark? Some days it feels like it was just yesterday that we started, other days it feels like it's been a lifetime. But I wouldn't trade one moment of it (well, that's a lie, there are many moments I would trade).

Just to give you a little background history, I'll take you back to the time before the magazine was a reality. I had met Alaina, our fearless leader, several years back when she wrote for another Tybee magazine. My son, Rob aka Turtle, was the layout and design guy and I helped him with the editing. Anyway, I mentioned to him how much I loved reading this one girl's articles (happened to be Alaina). Next time we went out together, we ran into her and Rob introduced us and we became friends. Most of our conversations revolved around her writing, then one night she mentioned to me that she was interested in starting her own magazine. I was excited and urged her to do it.

Several months later, I got a call from her. She was serious about the magazine, and wanted my help. Of course I said yes. So we set up a meeting at my house with Alaina and Rick. Apparently the two of them had discussed this whole magazine thing, and Rick had all the skills (as we all know) to do layout and design (they had run into each other at the liquor store, of course, and decided to do go for it).

Our meeting went great – we decided on a name that Alaina had come up with, The Tybee Beachcomber, and Rick was going to make a cover page to take around to advertisers on Tybee. It was an almost naked Santa, sitting on the beach, drinking.

Alaina took that Santa and ran with it. I have to insert here that we have the most amazing group of advertisers, many of which were sold on that first naked Santa, and have been with us from the beginning. A few offered words of advice and a few were a little dubious about our magazine making it. But we took their advice and forged ahead. Alaina

worked her butt off and made enough money for one issue. We were so excited!

Next came picking out stories to write about and finding writers to write them. I have to say that was so much fun. Most had never written before but were willing to try. We have the most amazing group of writers and we are so impressed with them (even though every month I have to delete certain words that are not printable, even from Alaina's articles). Most of our writers are still with us, some are gone, and we've picked up new ones, and are always willing to give anyone a chance.

But this month we are celebrating Alaina! She is the genius that constantly comes up with ideas and epiphanies during the night and calls me the next day. I've learned to let her roll with it. She writes the most amazing articles every month. She is also the one that has to harass our writers when they are late. And she gives the most awesome Christmas party on Tybee for all our writers. She truly knows how to thank everyone for their hard work. Also, have to give big kudos to Rick. I have no idea how he makes our magazine look so great every month. He has a true gift. Next time you run into either of them, thank them for their hard work.

Another great group of people are you, our dear readers. We appreciate all the feedback we get from you. After all, you are the reason we are here.

It takes a lot of people working together to put out each issue, and all are committed to doing the best they can, from the writers, to the photographers, to our delivery people, to our advertisers. I would say we work like a well-oiled machine but that would be a lie. But we do always manage to pull it off.

So, here's to another five years of making The Tybee Beachcomber the premiere magazine on our island!

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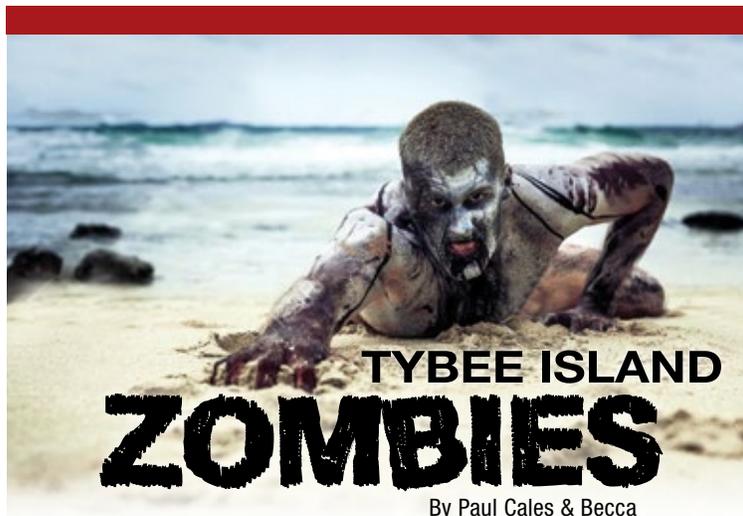
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CHAPTER 32
TRACK GREASE
DAY 10

"Let's go Joey!" Tony shouts. *"Run those bastards over."*
Joey cranks back on the T-handle and the engine whines.
As the tank lurches forward, Rudy yells over the sounds of the tank, *"They're crawling all over the van. It's surrounded and it's going to be impossible for them to get out of the parking lot."*
"Move it Joey!" Tony shouts again.
Joey maneuvers the tank through the parking lot, running over at least fifteen zombies. He drives past the van clearing the left side of the van. A few of the undead break away from the main pack and follow the tank.
"Some of them are chasing us," Rudy says.
"Driver stop," Tony commands. *"Put it in neutral and wind the engine up!"*
Joey places the transmission selector to neutral and revs the engine. The infected that are directly behind the tank are hit with a blast from the exhaust and their skin begins to melt off of their faces.
"Holy shit, do you see this?!" Rudy exclaims.
"That's 1500 degrees coming out of the back of the tank. It'll take care of a few of them," Tony says, before noticing a few infected making their way around to the sides of the tank, clawing and scratching at the ballistic skirts as they move.
"Joey, pivot the tank to the left as hard as you can."
Joey pulls on the T-bar hard and the tank spins in place to the left, crushing the zombies that were there.
"You're going to have a mess to clean up when we're done here, Joey," Tony laughs.
"At least he doesn't need to grease the track. The dead are taking care of that," Rudy says.
"Oh gross!" Sara shouts.
"Joey, stop!" Tony commands.
Joey stops the tank. After two and a half rotations, they are facing the van again.
"Shit," Rudy sighs. *"They're still all over the van."*
"Where the hell are they coming from?" Joey asks. *"It's like they're multiplying."*
"I think it's the noise of the tank. All this commotion must be drawing

them in," Tony answers.

"I can't see anything from down here," Sara says.

"Hang tight, Sara," Tony says. *"We'll get them."*

"They're climbing onto the front slope of the tank!" Joey shouts to the group.

"Rudy, button up," Tony says. *"Let's get these hatches closed!"*

Rudy and Tony get the hatches closed on the top of the tank.

"This whole situation is messed up," Tony sighs. *"Tanks aren't good for combat like this."*

"We can't just leave them!" Sara shouts.

"Everyone hold on!" Tony says, and grabs the tank commander's control. He spins the turret of the tank, using the gun tube to swipe the undead off the front slope of the tank.

"That worked!" Joey yells. *"You got them off the tank!"*

Tony swings the gun toward the van so he can see what's happening inside it. *"They're still stuck. Oh god! They broke through the driver's window!"* Just as the words leave his mouth he and Sara, looking through the tank's sights, can see JT fighting off the zombies. As he's punching one of the undead, another zombie grabs his arm and latches onto it with its teeth. Blood covers the side door and JT retreats back inside the van.

"JT GOT BIT!" Sara screams.

Tony opens the tank commander's hatch, grabs the charging handle for the M2 machine gun, yanks the handle to the rear to load it, and slides back inside the tank to grab the controls with one smooth motion. *"Caliber 50!"* he announces. With his eye pressed firmly to the .50 cal sight, he depresses the fire button and the M2 roars to life. Being careful not to hit the van he decimates the crowd of zombies that have congregated on the right side of the van.

"Damn, that thing is loud," Rudy says.

"What?" Tony sneers with a grin on his face. *"Alright Joey. Slowly drive past the van. I'm going to try and pick off the last of them."* Tony pops the tank commander's hatch, grabs the M4, and as Joey passes the van he shoots the remaining five zombies in the head.

"Good shooting, Tex." Rudy says.

"It's not over yet. JT's been bitten," Tony sighs. *"Joey stop."*

As Joey halts the tank, Tony swings the gun tube back toward the van. *"Oh god, oh god, oh god..."* Sara chants, as she and Tony watch through the gun sights. Chaos erupts inside the van. The glass on the inside of the van turns crimson red.

"They're gone, Rudy," Tony says. *"Load a heat round."*

Rudy shoves his knee into the ammo door switch and the ammo door slams open. He grabs a 120mm heat round and loads it into the breach block. He grabs the arming handle and throws it up into the armed position as the ammo door slams back shut. *"UP!"* Rudy announces.

Tony reaches past Sara in the gunner's seat and switches the gun select switch to HEAT. He leans back into his seat and takes aim with the main gun. Knowing that he has an untrained crew, he glances around the turret. *"Rudy, back against the wall. Sara, watch your arm"*

Rudy presses his body as far away from the main gun breach block as he can. Sara, whose arm was resting against the breach, puts her hands in her lap and plasters her face into the gunner's sight.

"This is gonna be loud," Tony informs the group. *"ON THE WAY!"* Tony pulls the trigger and the main gun fires. The breach block slams to the rear of the turret and ejects the spent aft cap of the HEAT round. The van explodes into a fireball, spewing the van's contents in all directions.

"JESUS CHRIST!" Joey yells.

"We should have come sooner," Tony sighs. "We knew they were in there and we waited."

"We did everything we could," Rudy says. "Don't blame yourself."

"For some reason I feel like I should be blaming that bastard Crabber Brian."

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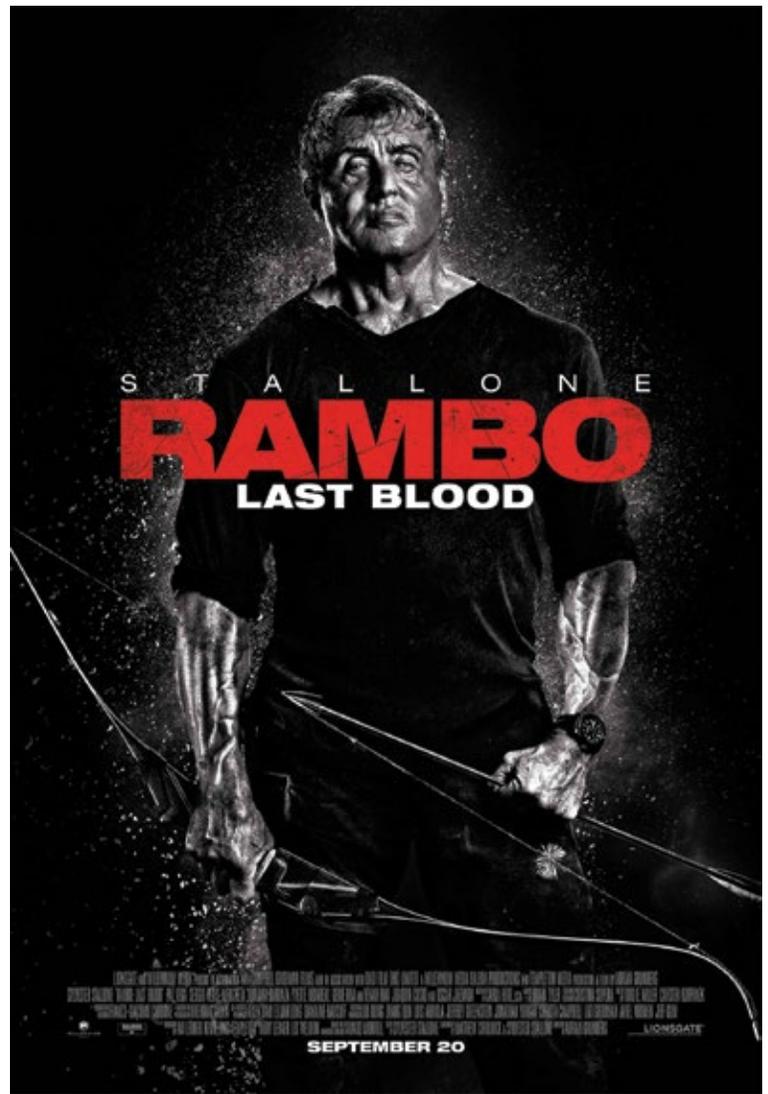
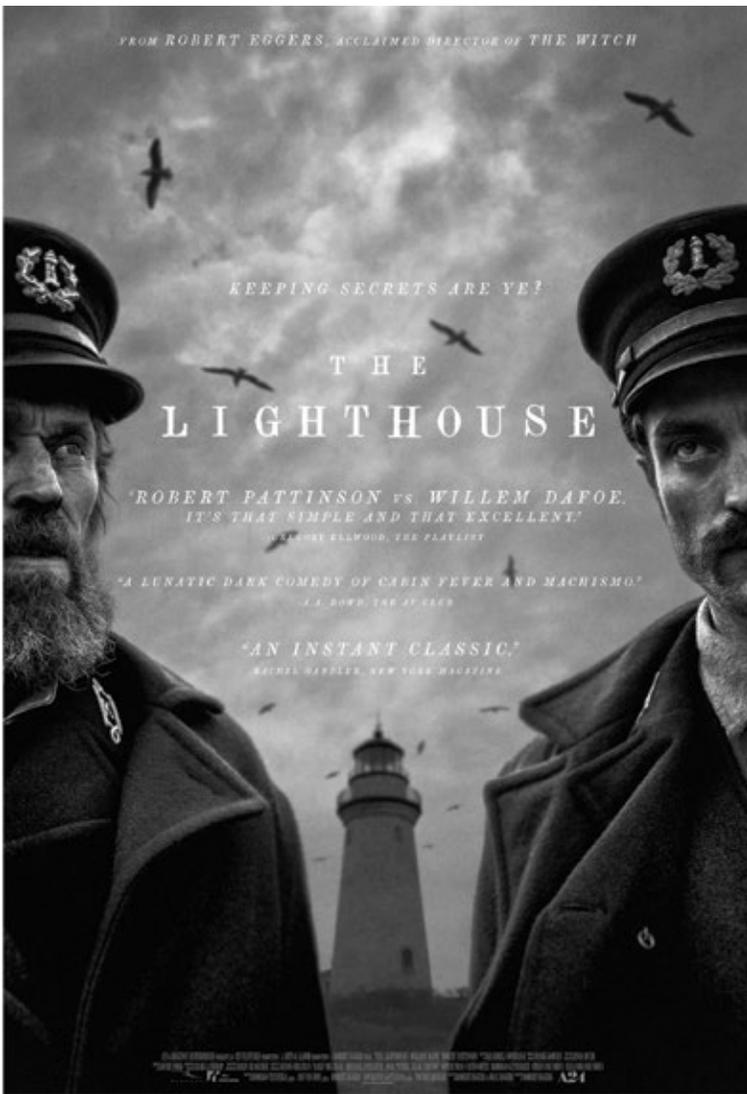
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MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge

THE LIGHTHOUSE & RAMBO LAST BLOOD

Alright. So, before we get started here, I need to give y'all a bit of background on how all of this went to shit. Margie and I were flipping through the movies, trying to figure out what to watch that is still relevant and what our people need and want to know. Right out of the gate, Margie wanted me to watch *Maleficent*. I fenced that because I really just was not in the mood and Margie can talk all day long and I still do what I want (that is a flat out lie). I selected *The Lighthouse*, not knowing anything about it, but I figured Tybee has a lighthouse and so why not?

Here is the why not! The info blurb says, "Two lighthouse keepers try to maintain their sanity while living on a remote and mysterious New England island in the 1890's." After reading that, I was so down. What they failed to mention was that this pic is in black and white. I am not about black and white at all. Say what you will, but I'm out. I suffered through 20 minutes of disappointment in the storyline, the characters and the color. Negatory. I do a lot for this book, but I will not do that. Bye.

So, I give this movie 5 bottles of pond water because they lied to me. I cannot stomach a liar even though I myself am a pathological liar. Sue me.

Then, still in a movie watching mode and to defy Margie, who had absolutely forbade me from watching *Rambo Last Blood* because I guess she's got a grudge against Sylvester Stallone and the previous 27 films of Rambo, I clicked myself into it. I've seen every Rambo movie and it is what it is, man. Blood and guts with a patriotic flair of 'Yo, I got this.' That having been said, here I go.

After 20 minutes, I picked up my remote to make sure that I was still watching what I thought I was watching. Unfortunately, I was. I do not know what Sylvester Stallone was thinking when he signed up for this, but I am at a complete and total loss for words (lie). The storyline is Rambo is now ranching it out and has developed a soft spot for his housekeeper and her daughter. So, the daughter gets kidnapped by the Mexican Cartel and just ugh to follow. It was seriously the Hallmark Channel meets the ID Channel. I did not finish this movie.

I give this movie 1 bottle of Hope, because it might have a great ending, and 4 bottles of Despair, because I'm pretty sure it doesn't.

Maleficent anyone??



Main Street Matters

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

If you were a crazy person, who would you stalk?

Everyone has some unobtainable paragon of greatness they love so much they can't get enough of that person. It might be a fictional superhero or the original Charlie's Angels (those successive angels don't count). Could be someone who died before you were born, or a time traveling outlander in a kilt. Let your imagination go free on this one.

Now imagine this object of your obsession paid a visit to Tybee Island and through some epic twist of fate, you got to legit stalk them by playing tour guide for the day.

"Well hello, James Alexander Malcolm MacKenzie Fraser, welcome to Tybee Island. May I call you Jamie?"

You want to wow this person with the best of Tybee so they'll come back and hang out with you again. What places, stories, and facts would you share with them? What's so special about this island, that the locals are willing to endure flooded roads that sometimes cut us off from the mainland, an invasion of outsiders during peak season, and months where we sit in the dark of night and tiptoe around sea turtle nests?

"Why yes, Jamie, we do have to turn off the lights. It's the Tybee turtle law. Would you like to see our hatchlings?"

A similar fun and inspiring visioning exercise was recently completed by the Tybee Island Main Street Board of Directors, during our annual planning meeting. As we tried to determine how to best serve everyone who loves Tybee during the upcoming year, we pondered the island's unique features and characteristics. We know we have the best beaches. But what else have we got?

This awesome group of volunteers devote countless hours toward improving the quality of life on Tybee by hosting events, promoting local businesses, and beautifying the area. They have lived and/or worked on Tybee Island for many years, and know the quirks, nooks and crannies well. Their contributions were compelling and in some cases, unexpected. Here's a roundup of our top 3 Tybee assets:

We're hyperlocal

A whopping 99.9 percent of our businesses are "unchained." No franchises or big box retailers operate here with the exception of one fast food restaurant. The spirit of entrepreneurship is strong on the island, as is the inclination to buy local. This means the shopping experience you get on Tybee is unlike any you'd get elsewhere. As someone pointed out, even most of the bartenders on the island are locals! I once read a book called "The Geography of Nowhere," in which the author William Howard Kunstler asserted that local cities and towns were all beginning to look like nowhere in particular because their landscapes consisted of blocks and blocks of the same chains and franchises. That's not Tybee.

We're candy-coated

Tybee cottages are gems from the past that give the island a fun and funky flavor. An article in the 2019 Holiday edition of Southern Flavor magazine captured the essence of Tybee architecture with its description: "You'll know you've arrived when you cross the Lazaretto Creek Bridge and are met with an explosion of tropical color. Everything on Tybee seems candy-coated, and cottages are surrounded by white picket fences and hammocks arranged between palm trees." Geez, who'd ever want to leave that behind?

We're Tybee Strong

Tybee population dwindles from 30,000 in peak season to 3,000 during off season, but community festivals, events and celebrations still draw a crowd. We love to show up and support one another regardless of politics, religion or – dare I say it – fashion choices. Despite what some outsiders may think, Tybee is a very family-oriented and caring community. As one of our visioning participants stated, "It takes an island."

Those are just our top three. I know there are many more to be shared. Our board is curious to hear what you have to say. Who would you stalk? What would you show them to keep them coming back again and again? Let us know on our Facebook page, Tybee Island Main Street.



PAUL THORN BAND

BENEFIT FOR TYBEE WISHES

MusicProfile

By Alaina Loughridge

I had the absolute pleasure of sitting down with Paul Thorn before his show at the Tybee Post Theater last week to get the scoop on the man behind the microphone, as well as being the writer of two of my favorite songs, *"It's a Great Day to Whup Somebody's Ass"* and *"I Don't Like Half the Folks I Love."* Combining a mixture of Americana, Southern Rock, Country Blues and Blues Rock, Paul Thorn is a perfect combination of foot twitching, head bobbing, bass ripping, throaty vocals, down home good vibes and just a great time with a beer in your hand! Here is the history.

Born in Wisconsin, but raised in Tupelo, Mississippi, Paul's daddy was a Pentecostal Minister and Paul started out singing in the choir. Growing up he got into boxing and was 14 years old when he got into his first 'professional' fight. At 25 years old and with a ranking of 29th middle weight world champ and a record of 14 - 4 under his belt literally, he

decided to retire his boxing gloves after his fight with the famous fighter Roberto Duran. Wow!!! Good thing for us as Paul dipped right back into music.

Playing all the local clubs and building up his repertoire, Paul was finally discovered by a family member of the drummer for The Police. He opened shortly thereafter for Sting! Sting!!! What a trip that must have been. When I asked him what that was like and if he was nervous, Paul said, "I'm not nervous with anyone. Going into the ring makes me nervous." Well, that's fair. Paul has also opened for such notables as Huey Lewis & The News, Bonnie Raitt, Toby Keith, Jeff Beck and more. But this is not about them. It is about their good taste in their opening act though!

Quickly getting signed on with A & M, they produced his first album. When things went a little sideways, Paul hooked up with his old friend Billy Maddox. Having met his best friend when they were just 17 years old, Paul and Billy started self-producing and writing music. Purely on a handshake this friendship and partnership has turned out 13 more albums, all received well by the fans and the critics, and the duo and the band members are continuing strong.

Having interviewed my fair share of bands (four), I have never seen

a band group like this one, all staying together for such a number of years. Since 1997 is a long time, and I had to ask what his secret was to keeping the show on the road and from people not bailing out. Paul said, "Respect each other. Have private rooms. Be kind and respectful to everyone around you." That should be a daily exercise for all of us.

Paul Thorn is so beloved by his home city of Tupelo, MS, that March 27th has officially been named Paul Thorn Day!! So, how freaking cool is that?? Paul stated that "I thought you had to get assassinated" to win an award of that caliber! He has also been awarded the Key to the City twice! Twice! Not to mention the Mississippi State shaped guitar he was gifted as well, and it's because he gives back to his community and treasures his roots. Paul said because of all of this hard work, he has gotten out of a few speeding tickets!

Asked about his biggest influences, Paul always goes back to the Church. Followed by John Prine and Kris Kristofferson. Paul is a huge fan of his fans and you can tell. He is very thankful for those people in front of him that clap him and the band on and keep supporting the band. It takes a lot to keep the show on the road and the touring is the toughest part. Away from his wife and two daughters is the real hard part, but the fans make it worth the while to the extended leave from home. He says, "Everyone has been given a skill. Music is mine," and he will continue to share it with us as long as he can.

After my interview with Paul ended at Agave, the nine people at the table behind me were enraptured!! "That was Paul Thorn?! What did he say? Were you interviewing him? What is going on? We traveled from Cleveland to be here tonight to see him!" The Hunger, Busch, Kmetz and Ranney Family were all about it and have followed Paul for many years. I asked them to tell me why and their answer was, "He is a real

human being and you can tell in his music and his live shows. He is a storyteller. Oh, and his music is awesome!!"

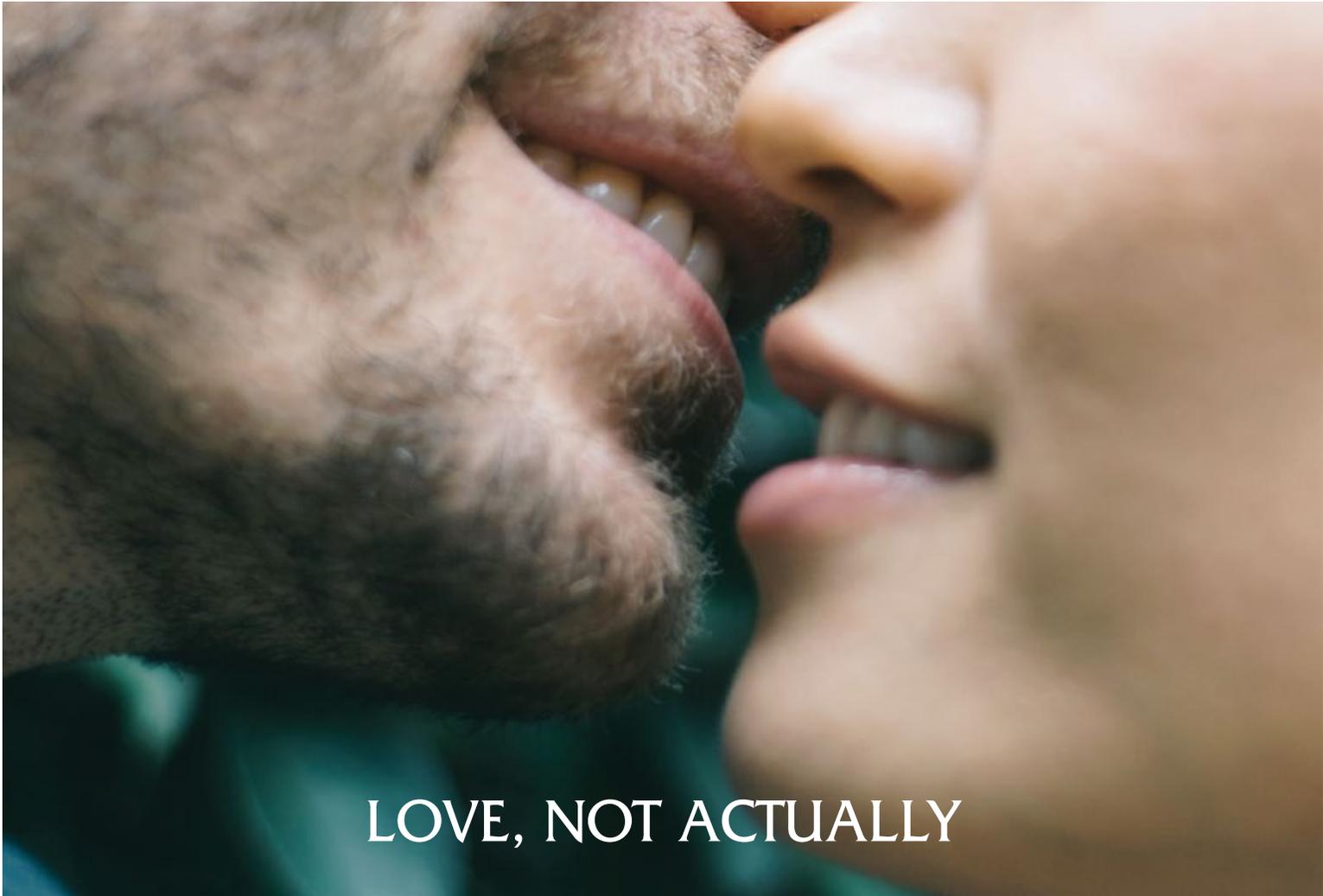
So off to the concert I went and I have to give a brief shout-out to the opening band - The Part Time Blues Band were bad ass!!! They totally set the scene for the Paul Thorn Band by getting everybody in the theater amped up and ready to go! When they come back to Tybee (and they will), the entire island needs to be there. They were that good!!

Back to Paul! That man and that band can rock a stage! Just a soul thumping shake your ass good time was had by all, and at the end of this amazing show, when Paul cruised down the aisle hugging people and shouting it, well, that is truly a man that appreciates his fans and his fans appreciate him! What a show!! If you aren't smiling and shaking a body part by one song in, then you have a problem. All the songs are relatable and have that bass thump that just gets you up and out of your chair. What a great time!!!

On that note, we all have John Branigin to thank for this fantastic show at the Post Theater! In memory of his wife, Judy, who passed away this last year, John produced this whole show (except the sound and lighting) and coordinated it all. To top it all off, in Judy's name, Tybee Wishes received a donation of \$7,500 and the Tybee Bar Church received a donation of \$1,500!!! Thank you so much John for all of your hard work in getting this show together and let's all raise a glass to Judy Branigin! Great lady that left Tybee way too soon.

Paul Thorn is coming back to Tybee soon, so when those tickets come up for grabs, y'all better grab! Part Time Blues too!!! I'm telling you Tybee, don't miss round two of these bands! Great time had by everyone! See you at the next show!





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:

I came home from work early the other day to see my boyfriend close his laptop. While he was taking a shower, I decided to see what he was looking at on his laptop and more importantly, why he closed it so quickly when I walked in the door. To my surprise, he was looking at porn. When I checked his browser history, there was a ton of porn. Should I consider this cheating and leave him?

Boy's Advice:

Wow! I can't believe someone is asking this question. Yes hun, you should leave him. He doesn't need someone in his life that's going to snoop instead of simply asking him what he was looking at. You probably look through his phone when he's in the shower too. Of course he was looking at web pages full of ill repute. He has YOU as a girlfriend after all! This is going to come as a surprise to you, but it has to be said. It's normal for a guy (and a girl for that matter) to look at erotica. 99% of us do. Wanting to look at naked people is natural and healthy and THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH IT! Unless, of course, it's affecting him in a negative way. Or maybe he's just disgusted by how you've let yourself go and wants to look at something that's going to turn him on. Either way, you should probably just sit down, watch it with him, and y'all can talk about the first thing that "Pops up."

Girl's Advice:

O.K. First of all, I would like to start with I completely agree with what HE said until he got to the 'you've let yourself go' statement, but let me get to that in a minute. Here is the rock-solid truth - if you go looking for shit, you're going find it and it's not going to make you happy. Keep your roaming fing fingers out of his phone and out of his computer. Everybody has their secrets and you just mind your own young lady and stop hunting out his. If you are that insecure, become a nun. God is not going to cheat on you. That having been barfed out and moving right along, porn is porn man. It's 2020. Get with it or find someone that shares your values and y'all can have boring sex for the rest of your life.

Now, as far as the 'letting yourself go' comment, my cohort in writing here clearly has some issues, as he beat that bitchy statement to a pulp last month as well. Like women are the only ones that 'let themselves go.' Ugh. Men are equally to blame and just because the term is 'dad bod' doesn't mean they ain't fat. So, if you have let yourself go, get an at home rowing machine and do it naked. Then you can see what "pops up".

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Tybee Blue / Tybee Green

By Tim Arnold

BUBBA GUMBO'S *As Local as Local Gets*

(Warning: you're going to read the word "local" a lot. Like 10 times).

Dinner at Bubba Gumbo's isn't just a "local" thing, it's a hyper-local, authentic, and an unpretentious dining experience. Co-Owners Caitlin and Gordon run Bubba Gumbo's with sustainability and quality ingredients at the core of everything they do—especially when it comes to the seafood they serve. They select the day's catch, sourced only from a few locally licensed fisherman that pull up to the marina behind the restaurant, and use only the freshest shrimp, caught within 5 miles of Tybee (hence hyper-local). This clean local seafood is then imaginatively prepared in a restored but rustically charming (and a bit slanted) 1940s-era fishing shack situated over the salt marsh at Lazaretto Marina. Don't be surprised if the local otter makes an appearance while you're dining.

The original Bubba Gumbo's was first opened by Caitlin's father in 1997, and the locally born and raised Caitlin reopened the restaurant with her brother in 2015. Chef Gordon was born in Canada and grew up in Scotland, where he owned and operated a café. While attending university in North Carolina, he visited Tybee Island on vacation and never quite left, living at the Marina and partnering with Caitlin in 2018. Their newest venture involved the recent opening of a seafood market adjacent to the restaurant, BG's Seafood Co-op, featuring local fish and shellfish, fresh off the boat.



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Takin' Care of Beach Business

By Robyn Rosner, Facilities/Special Events Coordinator

The majority of the year Tybee has quite a bit to keep up with regarding our beaches, from preparing for hurricanes to saving sea turtles, all in addition to accommodating the 30,000 non-resident visitors that come to sink their toes in the sand while soaking up some sun. Not just the summer sun for that matter, over the years the visiting crowds have started arriving earlier each spring and keep on coming later into the fall. This leaves a smaller and smaller "off season," and even over this few month time frame during the winter, the City doesn't take a break from tending to the busy-ness of the beach.

For those of you who have noticed some loud beeping noises, bright lights, massive machinery, and an overall large amount of activity happening along south beach compared to the usual calmness one would expect at a beach in the middle of winter, I am here to share the beach's latest business.

First let me clear up any confusion by addressing what is NOT happening. I'm sure these are only a few of the ideas our vivid little Tybee imaginations have thought about...

- For those that reside on the south end (especially in my case, as we just moved from the oh-so quiet north end), as I laid in my bed awakened by beeping and dumping noises at 4am, I thought maybe Atlantic Waste may have looked at the number of complaints from 2019 and in response started a new 24 hour non-stop pick-up service.

- For those easily star struck looking at the Breakfast Club for Adam Sandler, along the Back River for Miley Cyrus, down front for Will Smith, or in the Sheriff's Office Bookings for Shia LaBeouf... you won't be finding any Hollywood movie stars under those bright lights shining on the beach at night this time.

- For those that see beyond the beach and notice an influx of interesting ships sailing closer to shore than usual, do not let the fear of Deja vu consume you, that is not a casino boat! Nor cruise ships looking to cram a mass load of tourists on our little island.

So, now that we have confirmed that Tybee is not becoming a cruise ship

port, there isn't another film set on the beach, and Atlantic Waste has not started a 24 hour pick-up service, I can provide some details about all of the hustle and bustle behind the business that is currently happening on the beach.

Though it may seem a disruption to the small season where we finally acquire some peace and quiet, what may seem a noise nuisance is actually helping our beloved beaches. Those passengers on what seem strange ships are actually quite the opposite of cruise ship tourists and working hard to help our beach. All of these out-of-place factors are contributing to our beach nourishment, which by the time you are reading this is anticipated to have completed the dredging phase.

As I mentioned in a past article, the preparations that were made for the threat of Dorian remained in place throughout the remainder of hurricane season. Any of these preparations made to the beach accesses continued to remain that way, as the beach nourishment work was set to begin in such a close proximity, it only made sense to address these areas after, as crossover work was already scheduled to begin once dredging was completed. What does this mean to us? The Tybrisa beach access will soon be accessible again! As well as other crossovers being re-built and/or enhanced. The crossover work plans are being finalized and work will begin this month (as long as the dredging was completed as anticipated by the end of January).

In addition to the crossovers, other beach nourishment work that will begin after completion of the dredging phase includes constructing and building to restore dunes and planting of the dune vegetation. While the dune work has anticipated completion before Sea Turtle Season begins May 1st, not all the beach crossovers the City intends to improve will be accomplished. Those that are not completed will still have accessibility to the beach until the work recommences once the "seasons" fade towards the end of fall.

Whether hurricane season, sea turtle season, tourist season, or even the "off season," all seasons bring business as usual at the beach, and the City is takin' care of the beach business... every season!



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Love! On A Budget

By Jenny Ellis

I'm not going to beat around the rose bush, some guys & gals are just down right uncomfortable with romance. Naturally, that poses a problem for February's favorite holiday, St. Valentine's Day. Being as it is one day before my birthday, I never cared too much for the day, but as I get older, I love seeing love celebrated in all different ways, except of course with cheap ass chocolates and half dead gas station roses. Don't do that. That being said, you don't have to spend a hundred bucks on teddy bears and sugar rimmed strawberries to show your undying love. Here are some thrifty, yet swoon-worthy, Valentine's Day goodies guaranteed to tickle your partner's heart and soul.

If you are the classic Romeo or Juliet and want to confess your burning love by bringing your schnookums flowers, might I suggest checking out Costco or Sam's Club? Costco has 2 dozen long stem roses (year round!) for about \$17 and they last up to a week with clean water and natural light. If roses are too formal for your little love bug, lilies are gorgeous, smell heavenly, and last for up to 2 weeks! My finance brings them to me on his quick Costco stops here and there and I love having fresh flowers around that he picked up, no matter what day. You can buy them ahead of time online too!

When my sea of love is overflowing, I like to share those feelings by cooking or baking my boo-boo's favorite meal or sweet treat. Truly a way to a man's heart is his through a good southern girl's cookin'. I try to pick a more complex recipe, something that isn't on the weekly or boring roundabout of usual recipes. Nothing says I love you like a hot bowl of ooey gooey homemade pasta or a slightly more expensive juicy steak, followed by a sweet treat. My go-to is a lava cake, they are quick & easy to make and oh so yummmm. Cooking at home is so much cheaper and a whole lot healthier. You should always save room for some hanky panky after!

How about taking that sunrise stroll you haven't done in forever? You always think how nice it would be. You always see everyone's pictures on Facebook and think, I live right here, why don't I go? Once, after a few long & busy months at work, my doctor actually prescribed me being barefoot on the beach at least twice a week. It's easy, it's free, and it's the ultimate romantic environment. This is perfect for the valentine that has a hard time showing affection. All you need to do is take your lover by the hand and walk. Talking is not necessary. Might I recommend stealing a kiss or two, just don't get caught becoming one under the pier.

Last but certainly not least, is my favorite, massage. Getting a massage from your partner is absolutely the ultimate. If this makes you nervous, here is an easy guide. Go and get yourself some candles, like 10, turn down the lights and get that slow jam music playing on the nice low speaker. Invite your valentine to indulge in a glass of red wine or bubbly while you prep your area. I promise, a slow, romantic massage from your partner is all you need to wow your valentine. It's free, full of thought (which is all we want anyway!), and this route has the optional happy ending, which I highly recommend.

If you are going for the gold this year, try to squeeze in at least 2 of the above. Out of pocket, you're looking at a total of \$20-\$75, depending on your food choices. Speaking on behalf of most women, we want to know it was a thought and it's nice to see a little follow through. Truly, it has nothing to do with money and as you can see, even if you pick the completely free options, your chances of getting lucky is quite high! Doesn't matter how long you've been together, show your pumpkin pie that they are still the apple of your eye.



February Horoscope

By Gage McKnight

BLACK HEART EDITION

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19) - You've already started planning your "Anti Valentines" party that no one ever shows up to because you're consistently the 5th wheel with every friendship you have ever had (due to the fact that you're a self-sabotaging monster, whose only true friend is the frozen pizza in your freezer) but don't fret, your pity party this year will include the cat that you just adopted to justify the fact that: 1.) You're unlovable, and 2.) He's just not that into you.

Pisces (Feb 20 - March 20) - The gods have really been looking out for you this year. The prison pen-pal you've been writing to ever since your spouse left you is finally being released and is ready to swim up your stream Pisces. I would advise that this Valentine's Day you invest in furry handcuffs, lube, and life alert because you won't be getting up. Next year I would suggest letting tequila and Calgon take you away.

Aries (March 21 - April 20) - Don't be surprised this Valentine's Day when your partner finally admits that they have been sleeping with their co-worker for months now. Knowing your annoyingly peppy personality, the world is shocked that this hasn't happened to you a thousand times over. That being said, this Valentine's it's time to take off the pearls/tie, throw on some leather and put your annoying high energy to use. And if you can't find anyone who wants to be around you (this is 99% bound to happen), then do us all a favor, put an ad on Craigslist for someone to sneak into your house and smother you with a pillow.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21) - Your ego has always gotten the best of you, from over compensating with a nice car, to paying for your own pleasure. God forbid someone mention the little blue pill you need to take. But this Valentine's Day the stars have aligned just for you. Not only will you meet someone who can stand to be around you, but it also could turn into something long term. I'm sure you will have an amazing life with your cellmate, they've been waiting a long time for you.

Gemini (May 22 - June 22) - Your bipolar nature and charismatic personality can grab anyone's attention, but when someone admits feelings, you run away like a campy 80's female at Camp Crystal. With you it's kill or be killed and this Valentine's Day the only dinner that will be served are your organs on Hannibal's plate. You're a psychotic POS and the only way to teach you a lesson is to have your body served ala carte while everyone laughs.

Cancer (June 23 - July 23) - If you weren't too emotional I would talk about the fact that everyone knows about how awful your relationships are with everyone and anyone around you, due to your ability to make EVERYTHING about yourself, but the stars are being kind this year and saying that you will have an amazing Valentine's, even if you cry yourself into a coma (if I were you, I would choose coma).

Leo (July 24 - Aug 23) - Being someone who is supposed to have the heart of a lion (hahaha) you're such a pansy, your family literally avoids telling you how sickening you are to be around. We are still unclear whether it was that you were dropped too many times as an infant, or your brain just never fully developed. But I'm sensing a break for you this Valentine's Day. No chocolate box or lingerie could prepare you for this night, another screening of Forest Gump with your mother. Please. Get a life.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sept 23) - You're the person all of our parents warned us about as children, not a predator, but a sleazy serial dater. Maybe you do it for money. Maybe you do it just out of boredom, but every god awful country break up song is about you. I'm sure this Valentine's Day you will surprise the person you met last night at the bar with a wonderful stay at the nearest Super 8 motel. Don't forget to leave money for plan B, or whatever STD test they will need after being with you, on the nightstand before you slip out the next morning.

Libra (Sept 24 - Oct 23) - Once a loser always a loser. You were always picked last for the dodge ball team in grade school, and still to this day you're consistently picked last in every aspect of your life. Which is why you were voted most likely to peep through your neighbor's window every night. This Valentine's Day I suspect that you will be reciting "it rubs the lotion on its skin or else it gets the hose again" to your mail ordered spouse.

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22) - The amount of penicillin needed after a date with you is life threatening. You spend your nights drowning in alcohol, because anyone with the slightest bit of self-worth won't come anywhere near you. So this Valentine's Day, when you're stumbling out of the bar and back into your hole, just remember that if you're feeling sick, then just lie on your back and pass out.

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21) - The season of cuffing and love is among us. Too bad you won't get to experience any of it, because your controlling and repulsive nature just radiates off of you like the smell of opening up 5 month old milk. The only action you're getting this Valentine's Day is a knock on your door from the sheriff's department, delivering a protective order from your ex. Sicko.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20) - Love. A four letter word that you could never understand, because even your own parents couldn't stand your self-entitled ass. So honestly, the only thing you should be looking forward to this Valentine's Day is leftover Chinese food and bad pay per view porn. Sounds like a typical Friday night for you.



Creating the Life of your Dreams, Creating the *Year* of your Dreams

By Melonie DePalma, Holistic Health Coach

Coming out of January we had a lot of motivation to eat healthy, to be positive... so let's roll that motivation into February!

Resolutions are made with the best intentions, and although we usually start off strong with the motivation, make some major changes to our health and lifestyle choices, we tend to divert back to our old ways over time.

Last month I touched on journaling. Today let's go BIGGER! Creating a vision board!

Entrepreneurs, athletes and anyone ready to invest time in themselves use visuals to train their focus and stay on target, and this is a great way that you too can visualize what you want 2020 to bring you. This exercise is one of the most powerful mind capabilities, which is visualization.

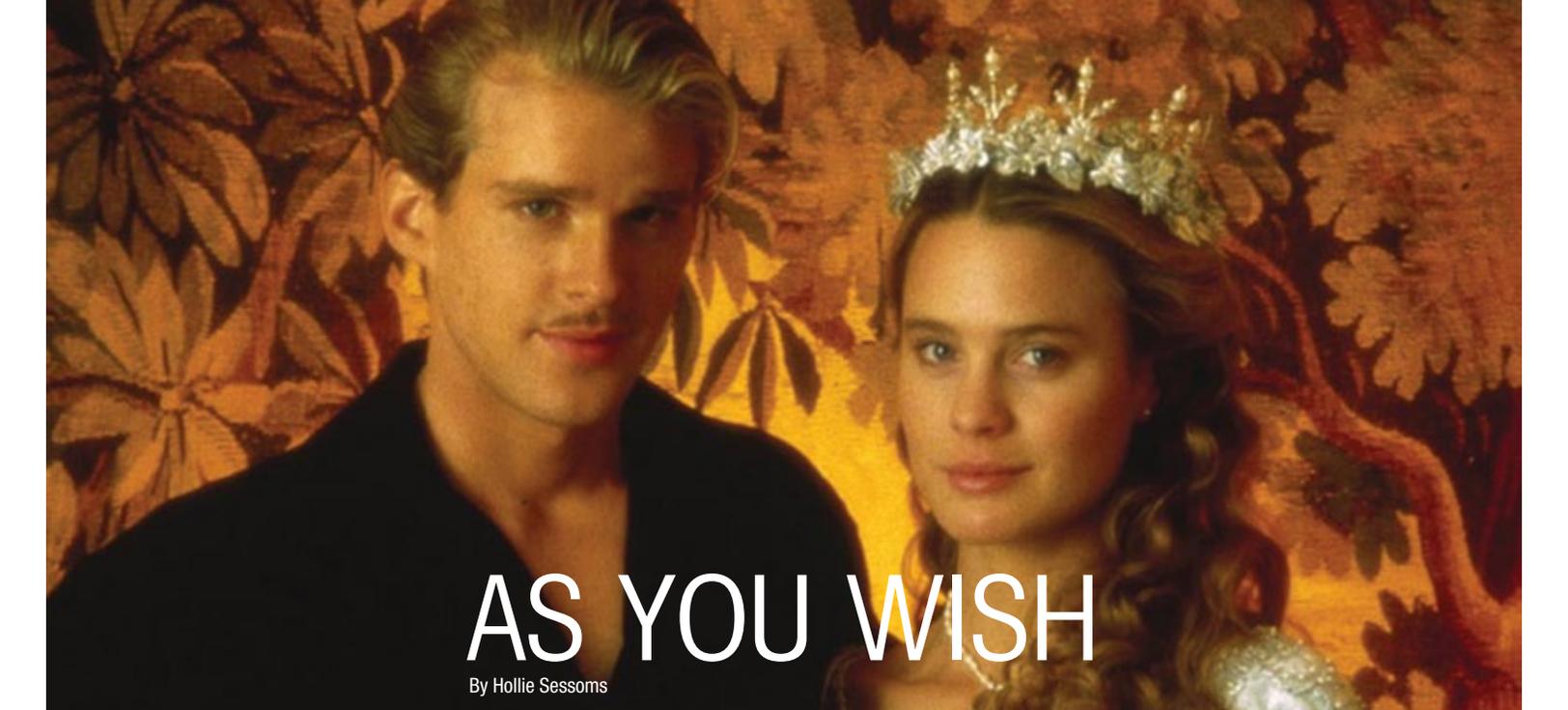
Compelling images in the form of a vision board is extremely effective at influencing your mind and harnessing your intention to bring about positive change in your life. A vision board can be pictures, it can be actions, words, products, or places representing what you want in your life. I have found with people that are either spoiled, or as we say "born with a silver spoon in their mouth"... or well-born types, these people get most things they desire, they don't have second thoughts about living debt free, or second thoughts about having that new car they dream of, they visualize it and believe. It's really that simple.

A vision board will help keep motivation driving directly towards your well-thought-out desires and they strengthen your decision making process. Think of them as a road map and a very present reminder of what your actions should work towards. Visualizing helps your mind believe that these things that you desire have already come true.

To make your vision board, invest some time clarifying what your goals are and decide what part of your life this will represent and for what. IS it short-term or long-term goals? You can make several mini boards for each area with a goal, or a large board, or a magical manifesting mobile. A dear friend of mine, Joanne, creates beautiful manifesting mobiles. As they hang in the air you can focus your intentions to make your dreams come true. Get a few magazines or print some pictures from the web and cut out words, use your own sketches, pictures of your dreams and plans, glue or pin them to a board that you can display in an area you will look at EVERYDAY. Then meditate on these images for a few minutes each day. As these visions become reality, acknowledge the success with check marks or stamps recognizing the achievement. Just truly BELIEVE.

The secret to having it all IS believing you already do.

What you think about, you bring about. Sending love and light. I hope all of your dreams come to fruition.



AS YOU WISH

By Hollie Sessoms

“Wuv, tru wuv,” (read in voice of Impressive Clergyman from *The Princess Bride*) “will fowow you forweva.”

You know, I always trusted *The Princess Bride* as a child. How could a movie with a Dread Pirate Roberts in love with a Princess Buttercup that has had my generation shouting, *Inconceivable!* for decades steer me wrong?

Alas, nearly twenty years into my marriage (or mawage, whatever you prefer) and I have found that tru wuv has not followed me forweva—more like fondness with a bit of adoration mixed with a healthy dose of contempt and just a dash of outright disgust at times; emotions running the gamut from giddy happiness followed by boredom, maybe a little bit of depression and then a sudden burst of animal attraction and then back to boredom. On and on in a cycle until we die, I presume.

Valentine’s Day seems particularly ridiculous for those of us who have been married for too long. What’s the point? Why do I have to put myself among the hordes of lovers wandering the aisles of gigantic teddy bears (who in the world even buys those?) and a worrying amount of pink and red cards? Do we really need to spend all this time and energy still telling each other we love one another? I mean, I endure your dirty underwear on the floor and you mindlessly picking your nose while surfing the internet and I’m still here! Obviously, there’s some of that love stuff involved! Don’t make me say it!

Still, I admit, it’s a nice idea to stop and pause in the midst of our lives and remember why we chose one another. So, in that spirit, here are some fun ideas for married couples to do on Valentine’s Day:

- **Watch a movie together all the way to the end without falling asleep.** Guys. I know this seems impossible. But I haven’t watched a movie all the way through without falling asleep since I was a teenager, you might be saying. Hear me out. Sometimes movie producers put these twists at the ends of movies, but you never know if you conk out ninety minutes in at that unattractive angle with your head all ailt, your mouth ajar, and a bit of drool running down your face. Maybe you can’t stay awake because you’re not watching the right kind of movie, maybe you need a movie that’s a little more...ahem...titillating. So, this Valentine’s Day, slip into something comfortable, grab your lover, snuggle on the couch and turn on that Winston Churchill documentary. Fascinating guy. Really.

- **Have an adventure.** You can start by going to the store together (you know which one I’m talking about) and go down that aisle you’ve always been curious about, but never ventured down before. So many fun things can be found on the international food aisle! Ever tried cha soba noodles? How bout tikka masala sauce? Vegemite, anyone? Expand those palates!

- **Shake things up in the boudoir.** Bedroom life can get a little stale for married couples. So ladies, do something a little crazy on Valentine’s Day. When you get in the bed, pull back the covers, slide one leg in, then the other, and then...you know where I’m going with this, right?...don’t put your cold feet on his legs for once. Because there’s nothing sexier than letting your man keep all his body heat and not leaching it away with your frozen toes. Gentleman, to really spice things up, slip into something a little saucy, like one of those Breathe Right nose strips, so your lady doesn’t have to listen to you snoring all night, because nothing is as hot as getting a full night’s sleep and being well-rested the next day.

- **Make a coupon book for each other. Good for one back rub.** Good for one.... Never mind. This is the stupidest thing I’ve ever thought of. Go back to what you were doing....

In conclusion, with a little help, Love doesn’t have to fizzle out as our relationships age. Because after all:

Love is but a rose in bloom
That casts out all gloom
We never know where love may hide
So we keep our eyes open wide
No more rhymes now, I mean it!
Anybody want a peanut?
Gah!

Behind the Tape...

By Sgt. Richard Dascal



Hello everybody! I hope the New Year is treating you well so far. Same as every year, the winter is quickly coming to a close and we have lots of events coming up throughout 2020. The first really big one is going to the Irish Heritage Parade so everyone start preparing yourselves for that.

I was looking for a good story to tell you guys this month and this is the one I landed on. Let me start by saying, never drink and drive. It's expensive, it's dangerous, and there are too many of us out here for you to consistently get away with it. That being said, if you've been drinking all day and suddenly need something from the gas station a block away from your hotel, just walk.

So there I was, parked near Tybrisa St. and Butler Ave. during one of our event nights. My partner and I were counting down the minutes until it was time to go home, when this genius who was staying at a nearby hotel decided to drive the wrong way down Inlet. Not only this, he decided he needed to roll his window down and ask us if he was going the right way. Long story short, he blew about three times the legal limit and went to jail that night. Court ended up costing him about eight thousand dollars and he told us he lost his job because of it. So make good choices.

As I'm sure most of you have seen we have several new faces at the PD, you'll probably see them riding around learning the ropes. We also have another two in the police academy, so expect them around the beginning of April. Feel free to introduce yourselves to them. They are all very nice and happy to be working at Tybee.

On Going Happenings

Agave Bar & Grill - Happy Hour 5-7pm, 2 for 1 12 oz. Margaritas, Monday & Tuesday 16oz. drafts \$2.50, 32 oz. drafts \$4.50, Taco Tuesday \$2 off any order of 3 tacos. 402 1st Street.

A-J's Dockside - Happy Hour 4-7pm, Live music Friday thru Sunday, Lunch 7 days a week 11am-5pm, Dinner 7 days a week 5-10pm.

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

Beachview B & B/Java & Juice - Now serving breakfast with a full service coffee bar and organic juices Monday thru Friday from 7:30am-12:30pm ish and Saturday and Sunday from 7:30am-2:30pm ish. Live music on weekends from 9am to noon. Corner of 17th St. and Butler Ave.

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

Bubba Gumbo's - Open Wednesday thru Monday. Happy Hour 4-7pm with \$1.00 off wells, beer and wine. Sunday \$1 raw or steamed Oysters, Monday 50 cent wings. Thursday trivia 6pm. Just show up. You're going to have fun. 1 Old Highway 80.

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

Fannie's on the Beach - Open every day at 11am, serving Lunch and Dinner. Award winning Sunday Brunch too! Oceanfront indoor and sidewalk seating year round. Ocean view Dining & Bars on 2nd Floor and 3rd Floor Open Air Decks (seasonal). Live music Thursday thru Sunday (seasonal). 1613 Strand Ave.

80e Gastropub - Open Mon - Thurs 3-10pm, Friday 3-11pm, Saturday 12-11pm and Sunday 12-10pm. Sunday Brunch 12pm-3pm, Singer/Songwriter Open Mic Night with Spec Hosts every Tuesday at 7pm. Wednesday is Italian Night and Thursday is Teriyaki Stir Fry Night. 725B First Street.

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

Spanky's - Daily cocktail and beer specials. Home of the Original Chicken Finger! 1605 Strand Ave.

Sting Ray's Seafood - The home of Blue Crabs, Beach Music and Beer. Live music. 14th St. at Butler Avenue. Tuesday Service Industry Night - \$2 Tacos and drink specials, 6pm to close.

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

Wind Rose Café - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm. Daily Lunch Specials. Live music with Tony Abruzzio every Drunk Bitch Wednesday from 4-7pm. 19 Tybrisa St.



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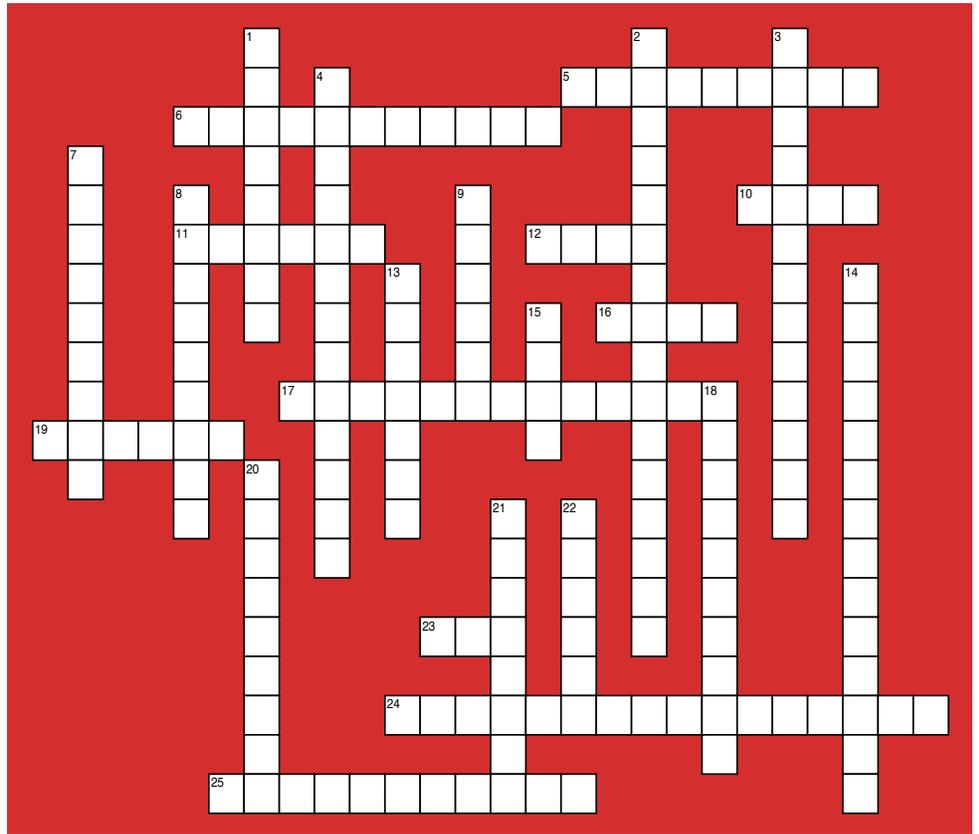
Cross Word

ACROSS

- 5 On this day we will find out if we have 6 more weeks of winter
- 6 It's as local as local gets (2 wds.)
- 10 As You ____ (a story about tru wuv)
- 11 She had to pay Margie \$5 for a lost bet
- 12 ____! On a Budget
- 16 Number spelled out on cover
- 17 The mayor discusses this project that is going on at the beach
- 19 Joey picked him up from the police station in Taxi Tales
- 23 In zombie story, JT gets bit here while fighting zombies
- 24 Fish Whisperer says DNR is asking for voluntary release of this fish if its over 18" (3 wds.)
- 25 Free pass day here on Feb. 9 (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 Second month
- 2 Monthly Rant subject (3 wds.)
- 3 Movie Review that was in black and white (2 wds.)
- 4 Love holiday (2 wds.)
- 7 Wear your purple, gold and green beads for this parade (2 wds.)
- 8 Music Profile (2 wds.)
- 9 Beach Walks discusses this type of crab
- 13 Backwoods Southern Lawyer discusses this subject
- 14 Movie Review with Sylvester Stallone (3 wds.)
- 15 Traveling Beachcomber winner
- 18 Book Review (2 wds.)
- 20 Rogue Waves encourages us to renourish this
- 21 Food Spy went here
- 22 In the Kitchen with... _____



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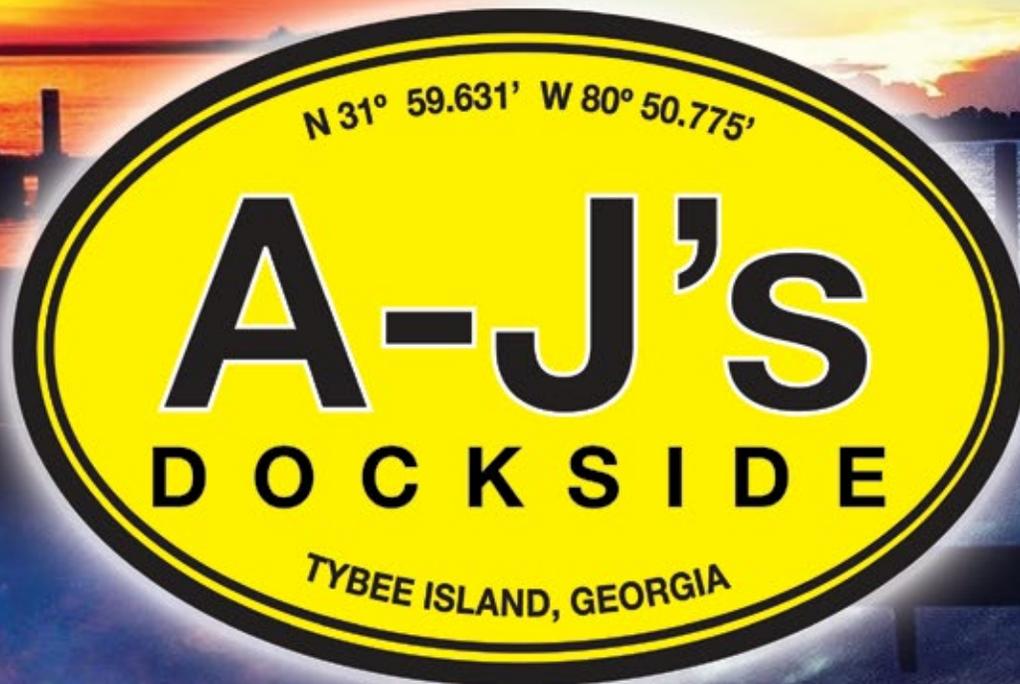


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