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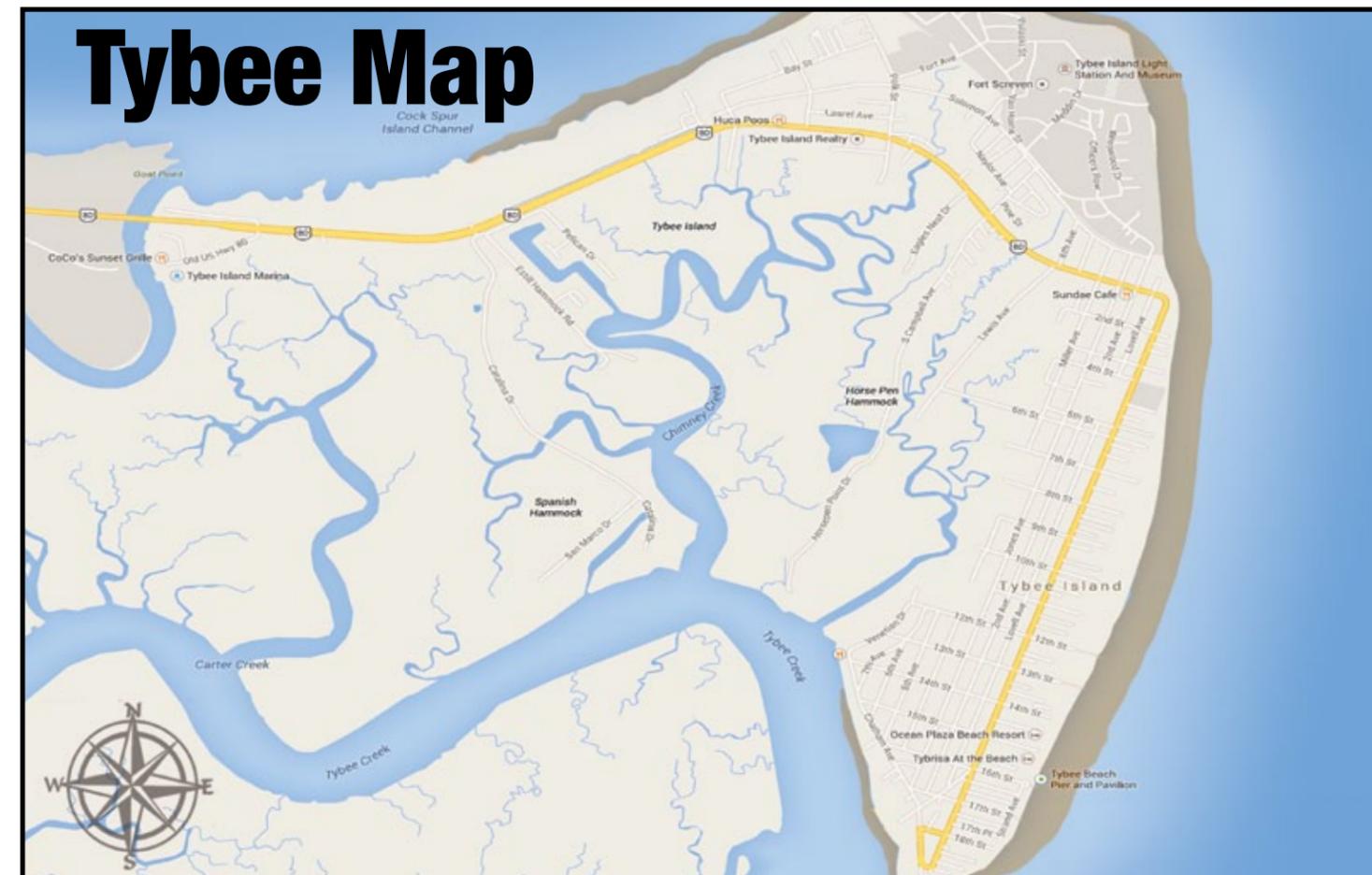
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From the
EDITOR

Alright y'all! It's America's 242nd Birthday and we are going to have the best month EVER!!! Now, let me tell you how it's gonna go down... But first I am going to rant for a paragraph and I know Taxi Tales has covered this, but it needs repeating. The traffic on Tybee has gotten beyond out of control. The crosswalks are kind of like a question of, "Do I want to die today?" as a pedestrian and, "Am I gonna run someone over?" as a driver. People, this is not difficult! I'm not your mom! You know what to do. Not to mention the amount of paperwork and jail time and/or hospital time involved. Weekend ruiner fo sho!! So, pedestrians - book your ass across the street with everything you have as fast as possible. Drivers - the ped cross lights are truly blinking for a reason. Just stop. Breathe. Change your spirit animal to a turtle. Slow still gets you there (insert note to self here, as I almost ran over someone today and then cussed them out). Anyhoo...

I am beside myself to announce that **Virginia Ward**, of The Crab Shack, has written a terrific story on her journey to Cuba! And what a story! Starting back in the 60's, this lady has earned her right for a feature story and coverage of her journey. I've always loved the thought of Cuba because it has been so Taboo for Americans for so long, that it makes you want to go simply because you are not allowed to. Well, finally!! Virginia got her wish! She also wins the **Traveling Beachcomber** award because she and her daughter, Jacqueline, rocked that monthly Benchwarmer like no one else and they deserve to go to A-J's and dine like Queens (is that a conflict of interest between A-J's and Crab Shack?? - Nah. We are all friends!!).

So, read on my faithful people! Keep on doing entertaining things for us to write about and behaving badly! Also, mind all rules of the road please. Now ... make me a cocktail and turn the page ... and **Happy Birthday America!!!**



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BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge

Stay Tybee VACATION RENTALS

With all of the opportunities of places to stay out there, it really is difficult to make a decision on what is going to work best for you and your family as you take the vacation of your dreams here on our little piece of paradise. Numerous vacation rentals offer a variety of things to reel you in. Keeping that in mind, I had an opportunity to sit down with **Clay Brewer**, owner and hands on operator of **Stay Tybee Vacation Rentals** and what a fresh perspective he gave on what his company is all about!

Born and raised in Augusta, Clay moved to Tybee with his parents, Charlie and Sandy Brewer in the late 90's. Charlie worked for Georgia Power and was also a Tybee City Councilman. Sandy was a Tybee paramedic and that is where it all began. Someone asked Sandy about managing their rental property and off they went!

As Sandy and Charlie built their rental management company, Clay earned his degree in Business Administration and Marketing and was playing professional golf. When Mom called for help, Clay decided it was time to retire from golf and move to Tybee full time. It made sense. The whole idea fit his personality of helping people and he knew what to do

to promote his family's idea of not being the biggest, but simply the best: Provide really awesome vacation homes for visitors without affecting the people that live here.

Now 20ish years later, Stay Tybee Vacation Rentals proudly boasts 21 properties here on Tybee. From condos, cottages, and full houses, Stay Tybee provides quality vacations for families, corporate groups, wedding parties, and others. Spread throughout the island, you will find the biggest sleeps 16 and the smallest sleeps four. Some homes have pools, some have ocean front access, and all are completely up-to-date with Wi Fi, full size kitchens with modern appliances, and all have any amenity you could wish for. The 24-hour service is the icing on the cake.

Clay says, "Tybee is not Myrtle Beach (thank God) and we do not want it to be. All of our renters agree and go through an extreme vetting process. Mine and my family name is this business. We are going to do right by Tybee and our renters." What a reassuring statement what with all of the latest uprising of STVR's arriving in droves all over the Low Country and not all of them with the same courtesies in mind. Most of the newly arrived Airbnb's, VRBO's, STVR's and anything new that has cropped up in the last few years have little to no accountability. When you rent with Stay Tybee, you get Clay's personal cell number. Wow!! How many owners do that??

Stay Tybee is always looking for new homeowners to join the family and that is what it is: A family. Beginning with Charlie and Sandy, now run by Clay, his wife of 20 years, Kelly, and their four great kids, Chandler, Logan, Fisher and Riley, the Brewer's believe in family, Tybee and its residents are one of their own. It's nice to know that Southern Gracious still exists and family is still important to many.

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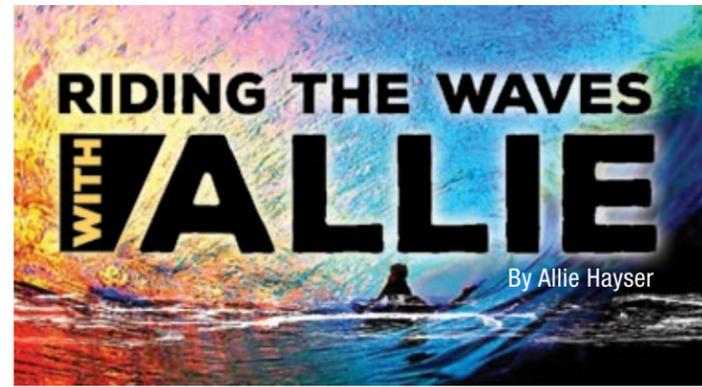
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SURF ESSENTIALS

Happy Summer Y'all! Here's some tips for packing that bag with sun and surf essentials:

Board: I'm a huge fan of "any board will do." For beginners, it is easier to work on the specifics of the pop up, paddling, and committing to directions on the wave face with a bigger board. Summers are pretty low energy out there unless there is a good ole storm rolling through, so many surfers of all levels find it more fun and groovy to break out their longboard logs for their surf sessions. But as I said, any board will do ... no excuse to not get out there. Lots of practice and you will be able to ride that board in your garage.

Fins: I'm in love with riding a single fin. It's most common on longboards and is the traditional configuration of the earliest boards and surfing styles. Lots of stability, faster to paddle because there is less drag, more control, and slow gentle turns. Twin fins (using only two fins) are great for more maneuverability without sacrificing speed and are commonly seen on shortboards or "fish shapes" (still short, but way thicker than a shortboard). There's plenty of other fin setups but I'll leave it with the most commonly seen setup, "the thruster," found on all types of boards. This setup uses three fins which increases reactivity of movements, stability, grip on the water surface (traction), and maneuverability.

Wax: Sticky Bumps is my go-to, but there are plenty of other companies: Mr. Zogs, Mrs. Palmers, Famous, etc. Wax provides traction for stomach while paddling, feet when popping up and riding, and your booty when sitting and balancing. These waxes come in a variety of temperature specifics. You'll need to buy a base coat bar of wax, a tropical temperature wax bar (for water above 75°F / 24°C), a wax comb for reviving previously applied wax and increasing texture/traction, and finally a "pickle wax remover," sold online and in surf shops, that allows you to completely clean off all old dirty wax off your board. Wax can really weigh down your board as it accumulates over time.

Leash: It is a must around here to wear a leash in the summertime. There are too many kids, tourists, and fellow surfers out there to let your board go willy-nilly to the beach. It's a hard surface with a sharp fin. You aren't a "kook" for using one. There are so many companies that make leashes, but I prefer Dakine and FCS. It should be at least as long as your surfboard and some people like it another 1ft longer than that, allowing you room to wipeout or fall without hitting the board. Too long of a leash will tangle and aggravate you more than it is worth. Make sure your board has a leash string too (the shoestring-looking piece that connects board to leash)!

Sunscreen: We aren't strangers to the sunburn game. Choosing the best sunscreen is a personal preference, but I always look for durability, sun protection, and good ingredients. You don't want to have to paddle in every hour to reapply and avoid sunburn, only to have it wash into your eyes. With the water reflecting the sunlight from the top of the water, you are getting extra sunshine under your hat. Sunscreen washes off and so do the chemicals that it is made with.

There are chemical barriers to sun exposure, like oxybenzone, avobenzone, octisalate, octocrylene, homosalate and octinoxate. According to the EWG (Environmental Working Group), these chemicals commonly used in sunscreen are endocrine disruptors which can interfere with hormone and cell signaling systems and lead to developmental, reproductive, neurological, and immune issues. Oxybenzone is a huge skin allergen for many people. From an ecological point of view, the chemicals can cause young coral bleaching and accumulate in our oceans. I prefer mineral barriers to the sun which include ingredients like zinc oxide or titanium dioxide, physically covering and protecting your skin. My favorite is Avasol right now, especially the sunscreen stick which covers your face like clay! Look for coated, non-nano options with ingredients larger than 150 nanometers, the smaller nanos can get inside ocean dwelling invertebrates and can "blow up their cells"(oxidative stress in sunlight). Epic, doomy, but true!

Clothing and UV Protection: Another way to reduce environmental impacts and future skin cancer scares would be to get some clothing with UV protection. Companies like Patagonia, Coolibar and REI are rated with UPF, or Ultraviolet Protection Factor, and can help you stay out for your whole surf session. Using a rash guard can protect your belly and ribs from getting scuffed and rubbed up from the wax on your board. For the ladies out there, Gbombs, Seesurf suits, one pieces, cross backs, etc. are your friends. These are great at keeping everything in place so you can just get rad, go as hard as you can, and wipeout without losing your clothing. Plus some are made with UV protection! Grab a towel or two for changing, sun naps, and drying off. Thunderstorms come and go so frequently that you could invest in a dry bag (or your ziplock) so you can stay out there when the rains come and enjoy the glassiness that follows. Bring chicken salad, water bottle, PBRs, cheez-its, and whatever else allows you to recoup after a workout. Lastly, do your part and manifest some summer swell in our future so the odds are more in our favor. See y'all out there!

Tybee Island Bucket List

- Read the Tybee Beachcomber!
- Fourth of July fireworks on the beach
- Walk the beach
- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise and a sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Rent a golf cart
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Take in a live performance or movie at The Tybee Post Theater
- Go see a live theater production at the Black Box Theater
- Stroll through our Park of 7 Flags (at the end of Hwy. 80)
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
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American Legion

By Jerris Bryant

On July 9th, at our regular meeting, we will have installation of new officers for the 2018/2019 year; Ron Vollmer will be installed as the Commander of the Legion, Wanda Doyle for the Ladies Auxiliary, and Chuck Bolen for the Sons of the Legion.

Go to our website, (www.tybeeislandamericanlegion.org) to see all upcoming events, dinner menus, pictures, historical news, and so much more – you will click from page to page and be mesmerized by the quality and quantity of the material. The website was designed and is maintained by Jacque Dorazio, who also does our exciting event posters.

What's happening at the Legion in July:

- **July 5th** - Fried Chicken Dinner that includes potato salad, baked beans, and roll for only \$10.00 per dinner. All dinners are open to the public.
- **July 12th** - Homestyle Dinner – watch for posters.
- **July 14th** - Annual Tybee Prom
- **July 19th** – Sons of the Legion Fish Dinner - \$10.00 per plate.
- **July 21st** - Sons of the Legion Breakfast.
- **July 26th** - Sons of the Legion Shrimp Dinner - \$12.00 per plate...
- **Bingo** starts every Friday at 8pm sharp with a jackpot game of \$500.00. Cards go on sale at 7pm and the public is welcome. The concession stand always has our famous Legion burger, along with hot dogs, fries, and desserts.

Potential new members, if you're interested in joining a fun-loving, hard-working group that cares and loves not only our veterans, but also the residents of the island, call the Post or drop by for more information. The Legion and Auxiliary meet on the second Monday of the month with social hour and dinner starting at 6pm and the meeting at 7pm. The Sons of the Legion meet on the third Monday at 7pm.

The Legion Hall is available for rent for weddings, birthdays, class reunions, meetings, or any other special event. You do not need to be a member to rent the hall.

Important Dates in History:

- July 1, 1863** - Beginning of the Battle of Gettysburg during the American Civil War.
- July 19, 1863** - During the American Civil War, Union troops made a second attempt to capture Fort Wagner near Charleston, South Carolina. The attack was led by the 54th Massachusetts Colored Infantry, commanded by Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, who was killed along with half of the 600 men in the regiment. This battle marked the first use of black Union troops in the war.
- July 24, 1943** - During World War II in Europe, the Royal Air Force conducted Operation Gomorrah, raiding Hamburg, while tossing bales of aluminum foil strips overboard to cause German radar screens to see a blizzard of false echoes. As a result, only twelve of 791 Allied bombers involved were shot down.
- July 16, 1945** - The experimental Atomic bomb "Fat Boy" was set off at

5:30am in the desert of New Mexico, creating a mushroom cloud rising 41,000 ft. The bomb emitted heat three times the temperature of the interior of the sun and wiped out all plant and animal life within a mile.

July 24, 1945 - At the conclusion of the Potsdam Conference in Germany, Winston Churchill, Harry Truman and China's representatives issued a demand for unconditional Japanese surrender. The Japanese, unaware the demand was backed up by an Atomic bomb, rejected the Potsdam Declaration on July 26.

July 27, 1953 - The Korean War ended with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years.



Behind the Tape...

By Cpl. Richard Dascal

Hey there everybody! Hope all of you are having a nice summer. It took a while to get here, but now it's hot enough to cook an egg on the sidewalk, so make sure you drink some water when you're out and about. First off let me apologize for missing last month's article. As I'm sure everyone can relate to, life gets hectic sometimes and things fall through the cracks. So, I'm sorry I missed you guys but I'm happy to be back strong this month.

To start with, several of us went to Police Week in Washington D.C. during the month of May. While I understand it's probably not everyone's idea of a family vacation, it was something amazing to see. If you ever find yourself with a group of cop friends who ask you to go, it really is an enjoyable time. I would absolutely make the trip again.

But besides that, here we are with the summer just cranking away. Beach Bum came and went, and the crowds didn't seem nearly as large as they have in the past. I attribute most of that to the questionable weather this year, but none the less, it seems like everyone who attended had a good time. On our end, the whole event went very smoothly. In years past I can remember some very serious crimes taking place at this event, but this year we were able to make it through without anything more than the stuff we would see on a normal weekend.

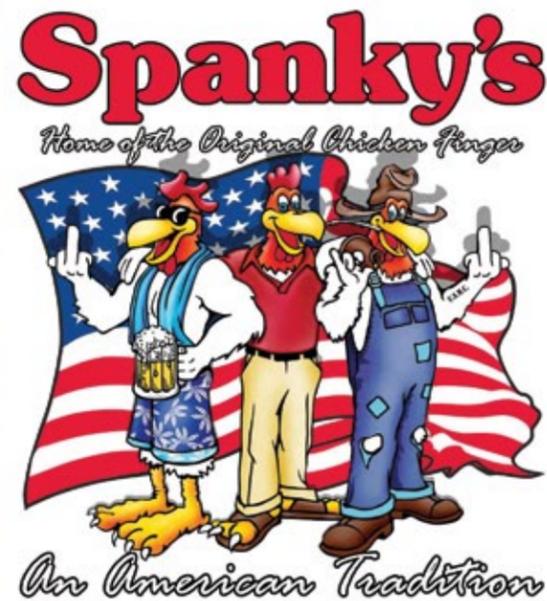
But in typical fashion, it's always on a Thursday at about 2 in the afternoon that we see our problems. Just a couple of weeks ago, while I was working on the beach, I was stopped by Ocean Rescue about a group of people. Apparently they had been fighting with each other and making things uncomfortable for the other beach goers. My partner and I went to talk to these people, where we found four very drunk people. Besides how they were acting, the two empty bottles of Southern Comfort were what we in police work call a clue. Having dealt with this same situation at least a hundred times, I was almost positive this was going to end with these people in handcuffs. But surprisingly, they didn't even try to argue when we told them it was time to leave. And as these drunk rednecks struggled to carry their styrofoam cooler off the beach, that was the first time I had ever received an applause for my work.

As some of you might have noticed, there are some new colorful signs at all the beach entrances. They don't list all our beach rules, but they hit the high notes. Also, you may see our Beach Ambassadors set up near the traffic circle on the weekends. They're there to help answer any questions people may have as it relates to the beach or the island in general. So, if you find yourself being asked a question by an out-of-towner you don't know the answer to, feel free to send them that way.

Hopefully the next month goes smoothly for everybody. Before you know it, Pirates Fest will be here, and we'll be sliding back into chilly weather. So, enjoy the outdoors while you can and as always, if there's anything we at the police department can do for you, don't hesitate to ask.

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Update From Tybee's Mayor

By Mayor Jason Buelterman

Since early May, a lot has happened relative to the long overdue replacement of the Bull and Lazaretto Creek bridges and improvements to the causeway between the two bridges. A more up-to-date cost estimate for the project has been developed. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$112 million. In order for the final steps in the permitting process to be completed without delay, the City Council approved spending up to \$275,000 of City funds to acquire the right-of-way needed to construct the project. Most of the land needed to construct the project is located just to the south of the Bull River Bridge and just to the north of the Lazaretto Creek Bridge. We are working with Chatham County officials to get the County taxpayers to pay for half of the cost of right of way acquisition. Such a contribution from City and County governments also shows that there is a strong local commitment to getting this project completed.

In my column last month, I mentioned that I would provide information about who to contact to advocate for constructing the project as soon as possible. I would encourage you to contact the board members of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO). The easiest way to do so is to email the director of the CORE MPO, Mark Wilkes, at wilkesm@thempc.org and request that he forward your email to his board members and urge the board to prioritize the Highway 80/Bridge Replacement project.

On another note, the City has completed the installation of new signs at the foot of the public crossovers to more clearly lay out the rules and regulations at the beach. They also will help identify locations more clearly so that those here on vacation can quickly and accurately describe where they are if they make a call for emergency assistance. Go check them out at the beach if you haven't already.

With the Fourth of July upon us, we are encouraging anyone who witnesses fireworks being set off at the beach to contact the Tybee Police Department at 786-5600. Fireworks are not allowed to be set off at the beach because of the risk of dune fires which could spread to homes or businesses. The only fireworks on the beach should be those that are part of our annual Fourth of July celebration. This year, once again, the fireworks will take place on the evening of the Fourth. This is the same night as the Savannah fireworks show. We do this purposefully to lessen the overall crowd level. Our Island has a limit as to how many people we can safely support.

Kudos to Tim Arnold and his Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers for all of their hard work picking up trash left behind by some of our visitors. In the summer, they meet weekly at 7 pm on Sundays at the Marine Science Center. Volunteers are encouraged to come lend a helping hand. The Clean Beach organization provides trash grabbers, buckets and gloves to those who come out to assist. Check their website (tybeecleanbeach.com) for more details. I URGE our visitors to LEAVE ONLY YOUR FOOTPRINTS behind at the beach. Trash left behind not only impacts the beauty of our beach, but can harm marine life. If you want proof of the impact that trash, especially plastics, can have on marine life, go to YouTube and search "turtle straw removal." You will see a video of a mature sea turtle that ingested a plastic straw and how marine biologists managed to get it out. After I saw it recently, I will never use a plastic straw again.

Many thanks to Kim Trammell and Rene DeRossett for their work, once again this summer, coordinating the children's theatre camp at the Black Box Theatre. They have provided this wonderful experience for our Island's kids the last few years. If you see them around the Island, please tell them thanks for all they do.

Have a safe and enjoyable July! If you ever have any questions, concerns or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact me at jbuelterman@cityoftybee.org or on my cell at 844-8427.

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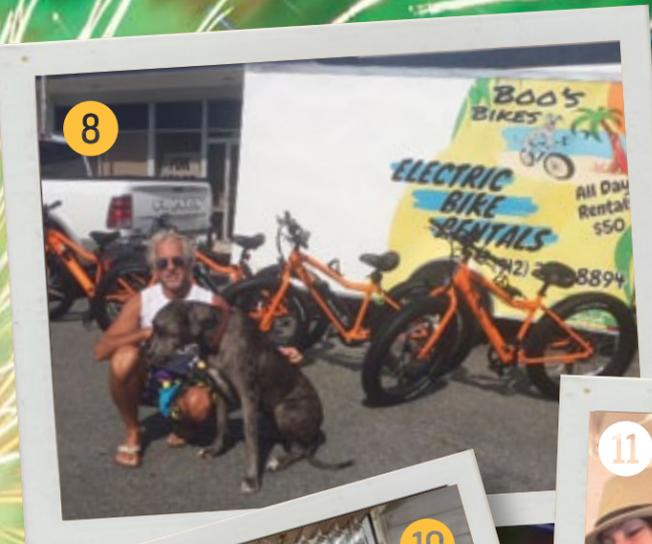
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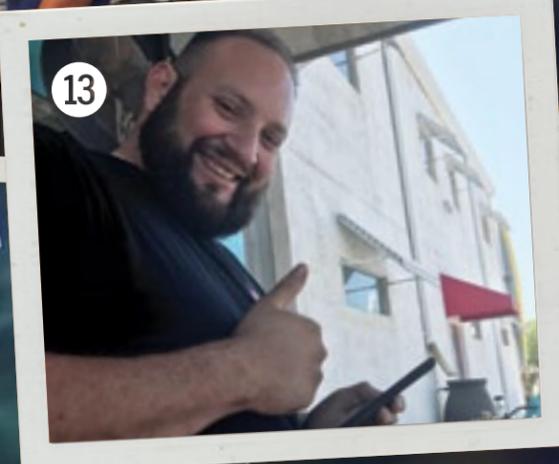
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This has been a big year for new businesses on Tybee. I'm super excited to introduce you to several new establishments on Tybee. I wish them all great success. Of course I can't forget some of my other favorite spots!

1 Made a quick stop over to **Beachside Colony** and ran into **Tami, Jennifer, and Kay!** These lovely ladies will help make your stay on Tybee one to remember! Call them up if you need a homey place to stay!

2 **Coco's** always says Fun is the best thing to have, and I think this staff photo goes to prove it! Everyone came out to wish **John** best luck in his future endeavors. Love your hat John. Go Braves!

3 **Tina** flew all the way from Oregon to check out our little island and see the Atlantic Ocean for the first time. It's clear to see she had fun! Once again, Tina can't keep her hands to herself. We miss you already. Come and visit us again soon!

4 I stopped in at 106 S. Campbell to the new home of **Escape Tybee**, an interactive puzzle room for all ages. **Lara and Bryan** are the masterminds behind this. I can't wait to grab my squad and get our adventure on. Visit Escapetybee.com to make your reservations!

5 **David and Brad** of the **Tybee Island Fire Department** were reluctant to pose for a picture. But I'm persuasive. Thank you for all you do! Love me some firefighters, and might I add, what a clean fire truck!

6 I popped in to the **Shoppes at 1207** on Hwy. 80 and caught **Kelly, Tammy, Susan, Crystal, and Joey** off guard, not that you can tell cause they all look amazing (including the dog). If you haven't made it over to these shops, stop what you're doing and get there now!

7 I stopped in to **Nickies** for a quick drink and met my new best friend **Kasey**. We could not stop making each other laugh! You have to go in and meet her! She's a prime example of what makes Tybee, Tybee.

8 I checked out **Boo's Bikes** and met **Mack**, the proprietor, and **Boo**, the CEO in charge of customer relations. Boo's Bikes offers electric bike rentals. I took one for a spin and have to say this is something new and fun for Tybee. What a great way to get around! Check them out right at Inlet and Butler, next to Tybee Pizza.

9 Ran in to an awesome group out for lunch at **Café Miss Korea**, when I walked up they were just starting their desserts from **Tybee Bakery**. This spot is located opposite Tybee Oaks. I highly recommend stopping in and checking them out. One of my favorite places on the island!

10 **Eric and Emily**, the owners of **Salt Island Fish & Beer** were happy to pose with their children **Otto and Stella**. They recently took over the site of the late MacElwees. What a great addition to Tybee. Their food is out of this world. I recommend going there for dinner tonight!

11 I went by **Tybean** early in the morning, the heavenly smell lifted me off my feet and carried me inside like a cartoon character smelling a pie in a window. **Beth, Beth, and LeeAnn** (now known as Beth #3) were busy making drinks, which made for a great action shot!

12 Congratulations to **Rose and Dwayne** for finally tying the knot! Took y'all long enough. Dwayne appears to be checking out his wife's ... uh ... mosquito bite. Yes, that's it!! Mosquito bite.

13 **Luis** at **Agave Bar & Grill** is multi-tasking. He's taking our order while giving himself a 5 star review on Yelp.

What a great time it was meeting both new and familiar faces out and about on my Tybee journey. Hope everyone has a great summer!

Sundae Café

You know, as far as jobs go, I have a pretty good gig going. It is imperative that I provide my faithful readers with everything true, up-to-date and pertinent to their gastrointestinal delight. It is my job. Tybee, I have not failed you before and I am not failing you now. Wen McNally, photographer extraordinaire, was my dinner companion on a dark and stormy night, and off we went to **Sundae Café** (to my true faithful readers, my lovely assistant, Jimmy Prosser, was otherwise occupado, much to his dismay).

This experience was so magical that I am going to start with the dessert (viva la Sheila Spivey style!) The **Praline Cheesecake Graham Cracker Pecan** encrusted delight was only bested by the cocktail that came with it: **Pecans in the Sand**. An Orchata Cinnamon Cream Rum mixed with Sugar Island Coconut Rum, Rivulet (a pecan liquor, hence the name) and rimmed with ginger bread sugar; served in a martini glass. My God. I seriously could bathe in that. I would end this article with that alone, but I would be doing a disservice to the rest of this O Face. Wen and I had a serious fight over this one. We parted friends ... I think.

Moving backwards, **A.J Baker** (owner and Chef God) put together an Al La Carte for us straight off the menu that required a moment of silence. **New York Strip** (mid rare, thank you), with a specialty **House Asian Persuasion Sauce**, **twice baked mashed potatoes with bacon** (BACON!!!) and **cheddar** (CHEESE!!) sprinkled on top, **fried onion strings** and a **Butterbean Succotash**. This was served with a Cabernet from Calli called Storypoint. Everything was so spot on. Each item went perfectly well with its plate family, and if you are not a carnivore after eating this, you will be. The Strip was succulent (no other word will describe). The mashed taters were just perfectly balanced with the Succotash and the onions. I could eat this dinner plate every night for the rest of my life and be just flat out delighted. Naturally, the wine was exactly right, perfect, and a belly rub followed shortly thereafter.

Now, prior to the NY Strip, was the **Special of the Night** (they change weekly, but the Fresh Catch does change nightly). So out rolled this fresh caught **Halibut**. Next to this masterpiece was a medley of **summer veggies** (the good ones, not the gross ones – and y'all know exactly what I am talking about), and an **orzo** (pasta grains of rice) drizzled with a light basil oil. So, yeah. I just died. Happily. Served with Saint-Hilaire Sparkler, it was divine (There is a story that goes with the Saint H. Make sure you ask Jame about that one. Super entertaining and involves Thomas Jefferson). The Halibut was super light, and if you load your fork with that, the veggies and the orzo, and then slide it through the basil, your tongue will fall over.

Now, I know I am not supposed to be biased, but I adore macaroni and cheese with an obsession that is not proper. You can ask my mom. She will tell you flat out that I have a problem. So, when A.J. wheeled out the **Lobster "Mac n Cheese"** with **pan seared Sea Scallops**, tossed with **Penne Pasta in a Rich Lobster, Smoked Gouda Cream Sauce** with **Sautéed Spinach**, tears actually came to my eyes with the thought of what I was about to shove down my gullet. Having delivered that secret, I may as well tell you I am not a fan of scallops: They are big and greasy

and ugh. However, my mind set has been switched. I happily scooped up that scallop, forked in some Penne Pasta with cheese literally everywhere, rounded up some spinach and it was the perfect balance of everything you want in a meal. Oh, did I mention I washed that down with a terrific Sauvignon Blanc? Yeah. My Scallop mind-set is now as one with my mac and cheese obsession.

Moving on to the appetizers. Our second one out of the gate was the **Seafood Cheesecake**. Yes, it sounds kind of funky. A seafood cheesecake? Well, let me explain. This masterpiece is created with shrimp and lump crab with a hint of smoked gouda and cream cheese in a garlic butter crust that is actually made with Ritz crackers. On the side is a fresh mix of field greens and there is a drizzle of Balsamic on the side. Put this appetizer on your Bucket List because if you never try it, it truly is your loss. Again, try each item separate but then slide your fork through all the greens, the Balsamic and a nice big bite of Cheesecake and your mouth will love you! A lot of people will let the side of field greens slide by. Don't do it!!! Include it all on your fork! I promise you will not be disappointed and greens will offset that cheesecake part of this artery clogger (although at this point, your diet is out the proverbial window – diet schmiet. Who cares).

Our first appetizer up was the **Sushi Nachos**! Well, Howard Viar would fall over if he ever got his mouth around this sushi dream! Six pepper spiced sushi grande tuna served on house made wonton chips with fresh guacamole, Pico de Gallo and microgreens drizzled with a very light Wasabi Aioli. I say a very light Wasabi because not only is Wasabi an ass kicker, but I am a total spice sissy and these Nachos went down like a ... well, they went down. I have to be in a mood for sushi and this app did not care what mood I was in. It was excellent! However, lots of food, so make sure you save room for your entrée and that dessert!

Oh, did I mention that the Sushi Nachos were served with a **Cucumber Cosmo**? Not gonna lie (I do lie to all of you on a daily basis but not about food), I am not a cucumber fan in alcohol. Gross. That's for those hippie vegetarians. Well, I'm now converted! Jame Collins lit this martini up!! Made with Crop Organic Vodka and white cranberry juice, fresh sliced cukes and cranberry rounds, this Tini was an energizing refreshing delight! I even ate a cucumber slice!!! That says a lot!

In all honesty, there were a couple of dishes and drinks that I eyed with all of my skepticism. You want to mix what with that? Trust me. Sundae Café knows exactly what to pair with what and everything was just fantastic.

Drop whatever you are doing and get to Sundae Café now. Not only is dinner a special treat, they also have daily lunch specials that are super affordable, equally delicious, and one of a kind. If you are new, just follow the cop cars for lunch (located at 304 First Street in the Chu's Shopping Center). The lunch specials are Monday - Friday from 11am to 3pm. Dinner is 5pm to 9pm, Monday - Saturday and they are closed on Sundays (gotta love the irony on that one). Also, if you are a newbie, do not let the exterior fool you. Yes, they are located in Tybee's version of a strip mall with a gas station attached, but excellent things come out of places that you would least expect it. Did I mention you are on Tybee?

I hugely recommend reservations for evening dining. Well, just make the reservation because Sundae Café is some of the best food in town and the only thing that comes frozen on their menu is their ice cream. All the locals know this and just randomly stopping by for lunch is cool, but dinner is a wait my friends, without your reservation. However, the bar is well stocked, the staff actually do like you and it shows. Not to diss anyone else, but if Jame Collins is behind the bar, you can mark that item off your Bucket List now.



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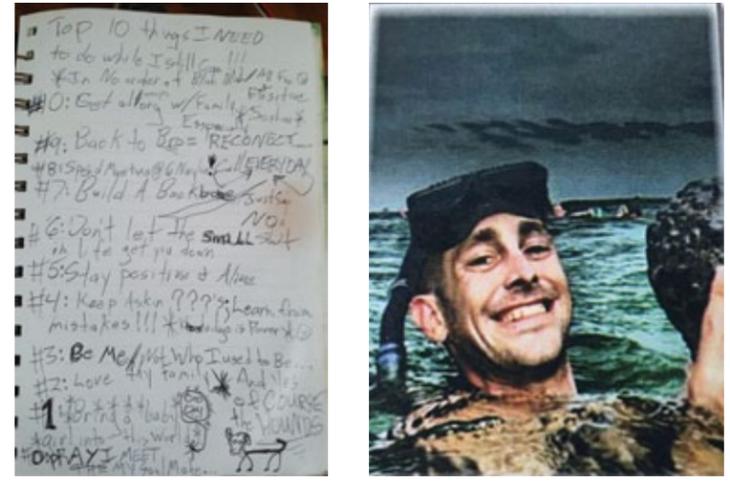
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When someone dies so unexpectedly, it just rips the heart out of family and friends. One year later and we are now getting to the point where we can smile when we talk about Jesse. Smile and remember the really good times and what a great guy he was! For those that didn't know Jesse, let me fill you in. Born and bred on Tybee, he ran with the Tybee kids back in the day and his house had the cool parents. You know, the parents with the 1/2 pipes, trampoline and skate ramps out front of their house, the ones with the cool cars and the mom and dad that were just those awesome people.

Jesse ran with the all the Tybee kids and they all recall and miss him like he just walked through the room yesterday, from the Harmon Brothers to Kurt Roseberry, Phillip Hoang, the Jackson Twins to the Bragg Brothers. Jesse was a life force to be reckoned with. Hugely down for any and all adventures, Jesse would rip your lazy ass off the couch to get you out fishing and then cook the catch like a world class chef. He was always inspired to get his friends into other fun and always always had the cutest girls. That must have had something to do with Jesse and his brother Josh being called "Legendary Surfers" by all who saw them together and separate (which was rare that one was seen without the other) in both surfing and skateboarding.

Jesse would literally give you the shirt off his back. He loved his doggies, Frosty, Zeus, and Lil Bit. Frosty, the biggest Pitbull you would ever meet, was really sweet-natured and looked like the Hound of the Baskervilles charging ahead, pulling Jesse 90 mph down the streets of Tybee on his skateboard. He and Frosty were both Tybee characters!

Growing up on Tybee, one of Jesse's many passions was cooking and he was a dab of this, dab of that kind of chef. No recipes here, just natural know how. He worked at most all of the restaurants on Tybee and he learned from these greats to make a meal that was just perfect.

Jesse was a good man. Any friend will attest to that. It is so unfortunate that he was taken from us before his time. Isn't that just the way, though - the good ones go quick. It makes you think about our hours left on this land. If not, it should. Hug your family and friends. Say I love you often and mean it! Life isn't guaranteed and none of us make it out alive. Live huge! Like Jesse did.

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Tybee's Big Butt Problem

By Tim Arnold and Kathryn Propst
Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers and Fight Dirty Tybee

Tybee has a big butt problem. Yeah, we know what you're thinking, but we're talking cigarette butts and lots of them. Why should you care and what can you do about it?

The Problem, Part 1—Butts are plastic and toxic

Butts are the #1 littered item on the planet. Modern cigarette filters are made of plastic fibers. The plastic doesn't biodegrade; it just breaks up into smaller and smaller bits that never go away. And there's a long list of chemicals that leach out, especially in water. Just one butt in a liter of water is enough to kill a small fish.

The Problem, Part 2—Habits are hard to break

Everybody knows it's hard to quit smoking and it's also hard to break the littering habits that go along with it. Flicking that butt out of the window or onto the ground and grinding it down with a shoe seems so... natural. NOT.

The Solution, Part 1—Awareness

"I didn't know they were plastic." We hear this a lot, especially when we say that we send butts to TerraCycle for recycling. That's right—a company in New Jersey separates out the paper and tobacco and processes the filter fibers into pellets that are made into other plastic things like pots and benches. We've sent 110,000 butts collected from the beach to TerraCycle. Plus, we've got about 84,000 more—some ready to get shipped off, and some on display, like the 30,000 at the Tybee Island Marine Science Center.

The Solution, Part 2—Responsibility

This is everybody's problem so it's everybody's responsibility to solve. If you smoke cigarettes, don't litter your butts. Get an ashtray (use a mint tin or a can or a shell), field strip 'em and put them in your pocket, or walk 'em to a trashcan. Break the litter habit. If you're a business owner, provide ashtrays or receptacles for your patrons and clean up around your business. If you see someone smoking, ask them nicely to not toss the butt or give them your ashtray. Anyone can help remove butts and other litter from the beach by joining the **Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers** (tybeecleanbeach.com). It's a great group and a lot of FUN!



The sand is a tempting ashtray! But butts contribute to plastic pollution and leach toxic chemicals into the water.

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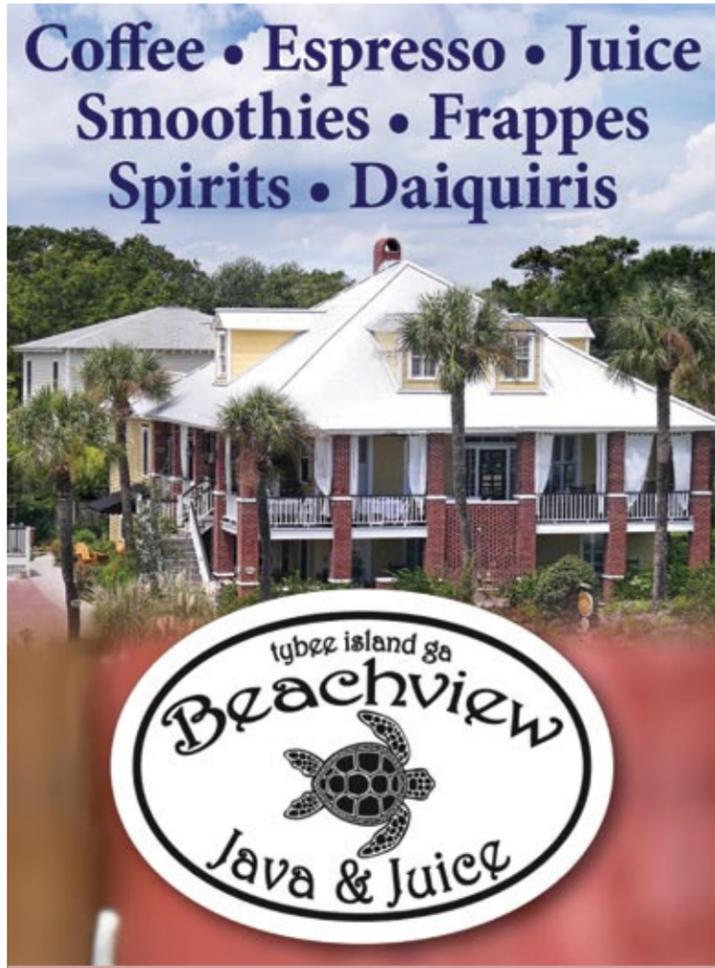
This "orb" of about 30,000 butts collected from the beach is on display at the Tybee Island Marine Science Center.

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Butts fresh off the beach, collected in about 1 hour in May 2018.

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GO LOCAL Music Profile

By Micheal Elliott

Monty Park's Tuesday Night Acoustic Jam



Like every other kid in the 60s, music and rock stars were the guiding lights of adolescence as everyone seemed to have a guitar, drums or harmonica ... even if they couldn't play them ... they dressed like they did.

The latter half of the Twentieth Century, and the first part of the Twenty-first, life was all about the music and the players.

Now as "spoken word" is layered over computer generated rhythms replacing "music," rock legends die in mass, Gibson Guitar files bankruptcy and the generation of players who never played discover themselves.

That's part of it.

The other reality is islands breed music. Music loves islands. And Tybee Island loves music.

It's hard to walk around the Island without music drifting overhead from Fannie's, behind AJ's, through the doors of Nickie's, the Rock House, Doc's, The Sand Bar or on the deck at North Beach Grill.

As great as it collectively is ... and it's GREAT! ... perhaps the best occurs in the out of the way Beachview Bed and Breakfast on Tuesday nights when a diverse group of musicians collect to share the music ... with each other ... for free. Fortified by the camaraderie, the new guys light into Robert Earl Keen's "Feeling Good Again" ... quickly joined in with Joey on bass ... Bob on harmonica ... Chip playing lead ... Greg's rhythm guitar and harmonies and ... when it's good it's glorious ... and if it's mediocre it's fun!

At least they keep coming back. From everywhere. Year after year.

The anchor is a group of ever changing "locals" ... some from as far away as Richmond Hill or Pooler and others who ride bicycles with guitars strapped to their backs. The result is a weekly family reunion of sorts bound together by playing music.

It started when Roy Swindelle was the house player at Doc's Bar, trying to get business in on a weeknight. "I thought of an open mic night but I am

not really keen on those. At the time Ian Parmee was visiting from England and he told me about these types of jam sessions in the UK. I did a little research and found out there were a few of these in the area, but they were all bluegrass. So ... I started the Jam night at Doc's. The original concept was about the musicians and the music," Roy explains, "and NOT about the audience or the spectators. Doc's back room was perfect for that. On the first night I had actually prepared a song book if nobody had any songs. Never used that. In the beginning, we were also very active in helping others to get better."

One of those attending was Monty Parks. "I attended a Jam in the back room of Doc's Bar organized by Roy and Martha. Some nights it was magical. I was working crazy hours but made it as often as I could ... I couldn't hold a candle to the talent there."

That's funny because Monty grew up with music, first in the school band before picking up a guitar and joining a band.

It was all about getting better by playing music with others.

Then Roy and Doc's parted ways. The Jam fell upon hard times, eventually moving to the Old Tybee School Cafeteria, which didn't work. Monty explains, "A few of us felt the Jam was important and should be continued. It's a great place to play music with others in a low key atmosphere. After all these years, it remains what it's always been ... a place to play music with others and get better."

"I met Roy at Doc's one night after the Jam," explains Matt Marshburn, whose stage name is Cousin Itt. "He invited me to come and try it out, and I did. I had never played with others, still in my first year of learning to play, but the Jam was exactly what I needed, a small group of very nice and great players. I learned a lot. We played every Tuesday until Docs closed. Then we moved it to the old school. I thought it was over then. Sometimes it was just Monty and myself. Then we went to The Sand Bar for a bit. Docs reopened and we returned. Most of the original players have left but the joy of playing never did. No matter who was there or where we played."

Cousin Itt now has a regular gig at the Rail Pub in downtown Savannah. Monty Parks is a professional entertainer throughout the region and a house player on the Savannah River Boat, and Roy Swindelle remains the Godfather of Savannah's live music scene. Other regulars perform on stage or in singer/songwriter shows throughout Georgia, churches, nursing homes and community events, taking the skills honed in the Jam and sharing it with others. The rising tide of music elevates the skills of all the players. "It's always been about the sharing of music, musical ideas, and helping each other achieve whatever goal they were trying to reach," Roy says.

Monty explains, "Some folks like to share songs they've written, some practice lead guitar, others sing along and everyone uses the Jam as motivation to practice and get better. Some people have dreams and some are happy to just be with others who love the same thing they do ... playing music." It really is, and always has been, about people who love to play live music gathering together.

On occasion, people collect to listen, though it's rare because they merely stumble upon it. Derick and Michelle Hodge from Conyers, Georgia, attend every time they're on Tybee, which is often. "We love live music," she explains, "the jokes and camaraderie everyone has. When everyone goes around the room taking turns singing, it's fun, relaxing and it's the greatest vibe and everyone's so talented ... of course this is from two people who have no musical talent." Derrick adds, "It's just great to see live performances and hear someone playing instruments in these days of manufactured so-called music these days."

People come and go but the joy of playing never leaves.

And once each week on Tybee Island, a gathering of normal folks who practice real hard are transformed into rock stars for a little while, sometimes while others listen but mostly just for each other, they live the love of music. It's a part of island life that makes Tybee so damn special.

The magic's in the music and the music's lovingly cared for every Tuesday night on Tybee Island at Monty Park's Acoustic Jam.

Havana Daydreamin'

By Virginia Ward



It was September 1962 when I reserved space on Robert W. Groves Senior Class trip to Cuba. Every graduating class went to Havana. It was a rite of passage and it was MY time! However, The Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962 squelched any possibility that our class could go in that direction in spring of 1963. DANG!

Fifty-five years later, our government normalized relations with Cuba, so in September 2017, I gladly plunked down the cash to reserve Cuba for spring of 2018. My daughter, Jacqueline, and I began planning every detail of our jaunt across the Florida straits. Then, in November 2017, our new President announced tight new restrictions on American travel to Cuba and reversed the normalization policy. DOUBLE DANG!

No more “people-to-people” travel, only the sanitized version of a Cuban visit accompanied by a US Government approved tour company with itineraries strictly scrutinized and approved by our administration.

Because we are creative and somewhat grandfathered by the date we had made our original reservations (but mainly because we were determined to go), we opted for a cruise ship registered in the Bahamas without all the restrictions imposed on American vessels and airlines. GREAT CHOICE! We would forgo staying in hotels in Havana and sleep on our ship but have the freedom to roam as we wished, as long as we were back before curfew (not unlike what a high school senior class trip might have required).

We reserved a Chevrolet convertible with a guide and a driver for a day. All three were drop dead gorgeous so what’s not to love already? Our Italian driver spoke no English, but our guide, Leandro (Leo) a Havana native, spoke near-perfect English AND Italian. We were off to all the hot spots after we assured them we wanted to see everything. No subject was off limits. Questions were answered as if they had never been asked before; as if it was important to give us ALL the information we needed on any queried subject. We learned so much from Leo, who seemed to be a history buff as he offered up many colorful stories about Cuban history that pre-dated “the revolution.” “The Revolution” was a much-discussed topic simply because the buildings, monuments, parks and such all harkened back to Che, Fidel, Emilio, and the lasting impact their revolution had on Cuba and its people.

Things we learned:

- There is no toilet tissue provided; you may find an enterprising woman offering up a “double wrap around her hand” worth of tissue in exchange for a few pesos. There were no toilet seats in the places we went – not even for a few pesos. We adapted. Few toilets flush, but there are buckets of water that make it happen if needed.
- The statue, **Cristo de La Habana**, overlooking the Havana bay was designed with one hand to hold a good cigar and the other a glass of rum (he was joking but it did look so); Cubans call our President “45” and not by his name. Cubans refer to “travelers” and not “tourists.” They don’t like the word “tourist” (come to think of it, I like “travelers” better too!).
- Their leaders are respectfully and endearingly called by their first name; Jose’, Che, Fidel. All Cubans live under a Communist regime, but not all Cubans consider themselves “communists.” They are free to practice any one of their “isms”: atheism, Catholicism, or Santeria (okay, so the last is not an ism). Leo said he just draws a smiling face on his ballots on Election Day. “No point voting, because it won’t change anything” (sounds so American).
- Cuba is at least 20 years behind when it comes to pop or American Culture. Rollerblades are the new HOT thing right now. Yawn. Leo, a musician who plays with a flamenco group, had no idea about Jimmy Buffet. What? No Havana Daydreamin’. Everyone has a land line. Not everyone has a cell phone. No one has an Apple Phone. Wi-Fi is sketchy and very expensive when it is made available by the government. Speaking of available, everything is not. Food is available in their markets, but not brands we recognize and not in the vast quantity we enjoy.
- Money is scarce. CUC is Cuban convertible pesos which is used by travelers to pay for goods and services. Another is CUP or Cuban pesos, which

are worth about 25% of the CUC. This is the medium of exchange used by the Cuban people. Most Cubans are paid about \$25.00 a month by the government. Doctors are paid twice that. Those who can, supplement their income with music or tourism related activities. The few Cubans who are celebrities or who are wealthy, pay the government about half their income in exchange for the right to earn it. They think Americans make \$2,000 a month. We did not dispel this myth. Why?

- The buildings Fidel commandeered in 1962 and gave to the people are still lived in by the descendants of the original recipients. The buildings are rife with deferred maintenance and some are simply falling apart. There are no building materials, or money to repair. You may not buy or sell your apartment, but you can move in with family or assume an apartment when a family member dies (sounded somewhat like our own DAV Island to me). Leo and his bride of one year, Lucre, moved in with his elderly aunt and will take over the apartment one day. Sections of his building are already gone, having simply become unsafe over the years.
- The buildings are often rundown, and some downright derelict, but everything is CLEAN. No trash, debris, papers, gum wrappers, cigarette butts, bottles or cans littering anywhere! There are no signs against littering; we never saw street cleaners. The Cubans have such pride about themselves and their surroundings that everything is kept neat and in as good condition as possible with their limited resources

We spent time people watching from an open-air sidewalk café table, at one of the hotels we weren’t supposed to patronize. Cuban Rum and cigars came from another. Our government doesn’t want us to spend money at any Government/Military owned store. Shopping from street vendors results in black market prices for goods that may or may not be the real thing ... and usually are not.

We toured the monument to the Russian missiles, and the Bay of Pigs and saw the downed US spy planes displayed. Leo apologized to us. He wasn’t even BORN when these things kept me from going to Cuba in 1963, but he apologized.

We spent much time in areas that resemble ghettos in America, but which are normal housing arrangements for the Cubans in Havana. There was no sense of fear or lack of safety because the people were happy to see us; always offering a smile, a wave, a friendly “Ola!”

Cubans are happy to pose for a photo if they are not wearing a military or police uniform. These two groups are simply not photogenic, so don’t even go there, or your camera will stay there.

Before we traveled we were told by OUR government where not to sleep, where not to shop, where not to eat, where not to tour, subjects not to discuss under penalty from OFAC. Once we arrived, we were told by the Cubans, “people we love you, we are glad you are here, we want to show you our city, our country, our lives.” Leo felt, as we did, that the only way things will ever change is for people to do what we did and spend time together, each learning about the other.

My daughter just returned from a trip to China. We could go to Russia tomorrow with no eyebrows raised. Yet, that 90-mile trip from the tip of Florida has Washington’s boxers in a bunch to this day.

The Cuban people are proud, but they are suffering. I felt WE should be apologizing, but I did not. While they don’t have I-pads, American Idol, wi-fi, Jimmy Buffet, or miles long shopping malls filled with far-too-many-choices, they have pride in themselves and in their surroundings and are blooming where they are planted. They make their own bread, and they make great music and they drink the best rum in the world! They are happy with what they have rather than yearning for what they don’t. Maybe they are not suffering as much as I think?

I have one word about Cuba. GO. We are making plans for our return trip, which will include areas outside Havana, visiting farms and cities in the inland area of the island, meeting, talking and enjoying more smiling happy Cuban people. And I plan to take in all the beauty at the Bay of Pigs and laugh. It didn’t keep me away. It just delayed my trip. In the meantime until I can go back, I’ll be Havana Daydreamin’.





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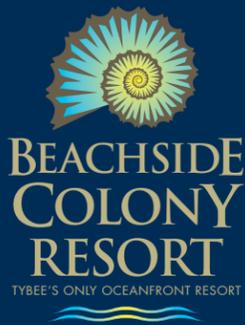
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Once you've set up your Walmart umbrella and your \$4,000 Yeti cooler full of off-brand bottled water on the beach, you've finally made it. Staring out at the ocean, the brownish grey water glistening, small children screaming, and the sound of waves knocking sunglasses off of peoples faces, it's time to relax. But how can you relax with all the damn nature around? Here's what you can expect to see while on the beach this summer:

Birds - (Birds of a feather, shit all over the place together). One of my favorite creatures is the Brown Pelican, often dubbed "The Tybee Airforce." These large birds can often be seen flying in formation around the island, occasionally swooping down to ruin a fish's day (*Fun Fact #1: Have you ever wondered why, when birds fly in a V formation, one side is always longer than the other? Well, that's because there's more birds on that side. HA!*). Damn I crack myself up. Another common bird on the beach is the seagull, also known as a parking lot gull, or, as I overheard one tourist say on the pier "Hey Ma look, it's those birds they got in Chicago." I lost IQ points just being in the vicinity of that specific exchange.

Jellyfish - These little bastards are neither jelly nor fish. They're like plastic bags of anger, they just do nothing, and then they sting you. It hurts. Some people like to be peed on when they're stung. Nothing helps take my mind off the pain other than a golden shower. Though ask Siri, or a life guard, and they will tell you to rub vinegar on it, but that's probably just to cover up the smell of pee. You are also going to want to remove all the "tentacles" with a pair of tweezers. The tentacles in question look and feel like cactus fuzz. If you find a dead jellyfish on the beach, bury it in a shallow grave and erect a cross over it to alert people of its passing.

Dolphins - Also known as "The Squirrels of the Sea." Once you've lived here long enough, they just become part of our daily lives. Like going to the post office or complaining about golf cart traffic (*Fun Fact #2: There are at least two dolphins that live around Tybee*). Dolphins spend most of their days in the water, until it comes time to feed, then they throw themselves onto the shore line and order take-out from A-J's, Bubba Gumbos, or Coco's.

Sharks - If you're afraid of the ocean, then we definitely do not have any sharks at all. So reading any further would be futile (*Fun Fact #3: We have a lot of sharks*). Sharks tend to only eat people who litter. This is a proven fact. If you drop trash on our beach, a shark will rip your arms and legs off,

and you'll probably be miserable. If you litter a lot, an alligator will swim over from Hilton Head Island and get you on the beach. These animals work together to combat littering.

Sand Gnats - Also known as "No See 'Ums," are the thing that is currently biting you while you read this. They are much like mosquitos, if mosquitos had Napoleon Complexes. I recommend picking up some No Natz at literally every store on the island. Ask your server or bartender, they probably have some you can borrow. Seriously, we could not live here without No Natz.

I hope you enjoy your day at the beach. Remember, pick up your trash. Pick up any trash you see.

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Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

GREEN WATER AND SILVERSIDES

By Dr. Joe Richardson

Not to creep anybody out, but when you're out there waist-deep in Tybee's surf, you wouldn't believe all the little fish around you. Don't worry, they won't hurt you, but as abundant as they are, it's amazing that you never notice them. Although we don't eat them, they are very important ecologically. With their tiny mouths, they feed on tiny, microscopic algae and animals (plankton); and then they are big enough to be food for pan size fish and birds. Those bigger fish and birds would never be able to eat things as tiny as plankton.

As the water warms up this month, more and more different species of small fish will show up in the surf zone eating plankton. Some of them, such as little Bumpers, finger Mullet, and baby Pompano, are just youngsters of what will become larger fish. But one of the most abundant and year round resident species is the Silverside. They only grow to be about 3 inches long, so they remain an important plankton eater their entire lives.

One of the main reasons you never notice Silversides swimming around you is because of their color pattern. They are green on top, and their belly side is shiny white. Although they swim close to the surface, when you look down on them, their green backs blend in with the green water, so you don't see them. And if you were underwater looking up at them, you wouldn't notice them because their shiny white belly blends in with the shiny white surface. Lots of our inshore fish, even larger ones like Spanish Mackerel,



Bluefish, and adult Mullet have this color pattern of green on top and shiny white below, to help them become almost invisible in our green inshore water. This type of coloration is called counter shading.

A Silverside gets its name from the mirror-like silver band running along each side. There are a few ideas about why this highly reflective stripe is an advantage. One is that many species of fish that live close together in schools have shiny reflective parts so that when a member of the school moves one way (e.g. to the right), everybody in the school can easily see the change in reflection and also move to the right. This visual communication allows the whole school to move at once as a coordinated unit. Another explanation why schooling fish, especially small ones like Silversides, have shiny parts is to confuse predators such as Bluefish and Spanish Mackerel when they charge into a school. As the Silversides flee for their life, scattering in all directions, those silver stripes reflect flickers of light going on and off all around the predator and hopefully distract it from being able to target any one individual.

For a little fish, it has a number of good adaptations (little mouth for little food, color pattern, and silver stripes). And now that I think about it, maybe that is why it is so abundant around here!

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Some baby Bumpers with green backs and shiny white bellies

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By Margie McLellan

Dill Pickle Pasta Salad



Calling all Dill Pickle fans! You are going to love this Dill Pickle Pasta Salad. If you felt you needed an excuse to eat more dill pickles, this salad has got your back. But seriously, who needs an excuse to eat more pickles. AMIRIGHT?? My love of pickles is only slightly overshadowed by my love of cheese. Lucky for me, this Dill Pickle Pasta salad has got both.

Ingredients:

- ½ lb. dry pasta –Shell, Rotini, or Penne (about 3 cups)
- ¾ c. sliced pickles
- 1 c. diced cheddar cheese
- 3 T. finely diced onion
- 2 T. fresh dill
- ½ c. pickle juice

Dressing:

- 2/3 c. mayonnaise
- 1/3 c. sour cream
- 1/8 t. cayenne pepper
- 4 T. pickle juice
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Dressing:

1. Boil pasta according to package directions. Run under cold water to stop cooking.
2. Toss cold pasta with about ½ c. of pickle juice and set aside for about 5 minutes. Drain and discard pickle juice.
3. Combine all dressing ingredients in a small bowl. Mix well.
4. Toss all ingredients in a large bowl. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

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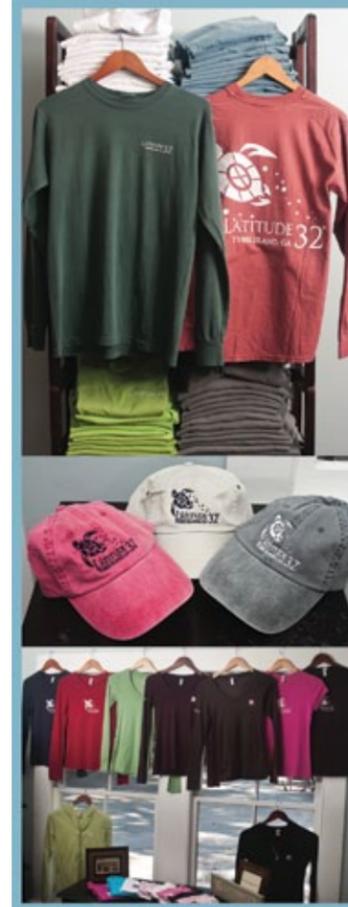
Roots are hard for people like me, people who were raised like gypsies, moving house every few years, leaving friends, schools, and towns behind without a second thought. Origins are hard for people like me, people who don't know how to answer the question "Where are you from?" because it's too complicated, too involved, we would have to tell life stories to answer that question and no one is interested in hearing that. Home is hard for people like me, people who pick up regional accents in a matter of months—Southern one year, Yankee the next—and don't really know for sure what our true voices sound like.

But I have left this country, traveled to other lands in the world, enjoyed their food, their people, the beautiful things they have to show, breathtaking sights. I have loved every minute of being gone from here, yet couldn't wait to get back. I have sat with excitement as plane wheels lower and hit, one bump, then another, and a third, then smooth rolling—back in America. Even I know what home is.

We all know how divided the country is now. We all see the arguments on Facebook, Twitter, the news channels even pitted against one another. Everyone thinks they're in the right, and the other is undoubtedly in the wrong, holding so tight to our belief sets that we won't let any other opinions in. But we share one thing in common—we all call this place home. Let's face it, we're not going anywhere, there's nowhere else we would rather be.

This Fourth of July is an opportunity for us to come together and rejoice over this one thing we have in common. A time to remember how hard our forefathers fought to bring this country into being and how hard we should still fight to keep it together. A time to reflect on all the things, both foreign and domestic, that have tried to drag us to our knees, but have failed. A time to celebrate that no matter how different we are, we can all agree that a hot dog and an ice-cold beer go pretty good with fireworks and that we look damn good in stars and stripes.

So, this July Fourth, make sure you hug a liberal, shake hands with a conservative, buy lots of cocktails for people in the middle like me who think all y'all are nuts, breathe in the sweet air of freedom, and enjoy this place we all call home. 'Merica.



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TYBEE ISLAND ZOMBIES

By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the June 2018 Beachcomber.
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Chapter 12 – Brian’s Got a Gun Day 4.5

Jay is holding Carrie in his arms. The wound Howard inflicted to her chest has finally stopped bleeding. Tony and Rudy have just returned to camp after burying what remained of Howard in the wood line.

Nate looks over to Tony. “Is it done?” he asks.

“Yeah, man. It’s done,” Tony says, before looking towards Becky. “How’s Carrie?”

“Jay has her calmed down. The bleeding has mostly stopped.”

“How long do you think she has?” Nate whispers.

“I don’t know,” Tony answers, while watching Jay stoke Carrie’s hair while rocking her back and forth. “A day? A couple hours?”

“You guys still going on the recon mission tomorrow?” Rudy asks.

“That was the plan, but considering what happened to Carrie I think we should just play it by ear,” Tony answers.

Nate stands up. “I’ll be right back,” he announces to Tony, Becky and Rudy before heading over toward Carrie and Jay. “How’s she doing, Jay?” he asks softly as he squats down to eye level with the pair.

“She’s hanging in there.”

Nate notices that her breathing has become labored and she is shaking a bit.

“Why are you guys talking as if I’m not here?”

“Sorry hun,” Nate says. “I thought you were asleep. How ya feeling?”

“Like a train hit me. This thing is burning like hell.”

“Can I have a look?”

“Yeah,” Carrie says, and lifts her bandage away so Nate can see it. He sees the greenish puss that is oozing from the wound and black vein lines extending away from the bite. Without even flinching he says, “It doesn’t look that bad, hun. Then asks, Do you mind if I look at your face in the light?” as he pulls out his flashlight.

“Nah man. Do what you want.”

He turns the flashlight on and points it at her face. Her eyes have become jaundiced and there’s a red haze around her pupils. Her face has gone from sun kissed and rosy to something resembling grey clay.

“How do I look, man? Hot as always?”

“Oh yeah, babe. You’re still a looker.”

Carrie lays her head back against Jay’s chest and closes her eyes slowly. Nate turns toward Jay with a grim look on his face and shakes his head slowly from side to side. Jay returns the look and nods down toward his right hand. In it is his buck knife.

Nate leans in close to Carrie and whispers, “You hang in there, girl. We love you.” Before he stands, he places his 9mm next to Jay’s right hand. Jay nods in understanding. Then Nate returns to the group. They are continuing their conversation when Nate interrupts, “Guys, I really don’t think it’s going to be long now.”

“Are you sure?” Tony asks. “It’s only been a couple of hours since she was bit.”

“I’m not a zombie doctor, you idiot!” Nate returns, finally losing control of his emotions. “No, I’m not sure!”

“Guys,” Becky interjects. “You have to chill.”

“Look,” Nathan begins, his voice calmer. “All I’m saying is she’s in really rough shape and getting worse. I think you were right, a bite is a death sentence.”

“Shit,” Tony says. “Should we...?”

“No,” Becky interrupts before his thought is spoken. “We need to wait until she asks us or until she turns.”

“You’re right, Becky,” Rudy speaks up. “You’re right.”

After a brief silence, when everyone looked toward Carrie in silence, Tony begins again. “Okay. We need to keep a lookout for those things. Now that we know those things can get over here from Tybee we’re not as safe as we thought. We need to consolidate the two camps and have two people on guard duty at all times. Becky and I will take the first shift, Rudy and Nate the second, Jay and Bri... Wait... Where’s Brian?”

“Oh,” Rudy answers. “He walked off a few minutes ago. Went over there.” He points toward the other tents.

Nate looks toward Tony with eyebrows raised.

“Jesus Christ, what is he up to now?” Tony says.

“I don’t know man,” Rudy begins as he stands up. “But I’ll go find out. I guess I’ll be Brian’s baby sitter again.”

“Do you think he’s messing with our stuff?” Nate asks.

“Probably,” Tony says, sighing. “But most of the food and guns are on the boat or in the cache.”

“I left one of the...” Becky begins before Rudy interrupts.

“Found him!” Rudy announces, as he walks back toward the group with Brian in tow.

“I see you’ve been rummaging through our tents,” Tony says.

“Yeah,” Brian responds. “And the only gun I could find was this SKS. Where’s all the other stuff?”

“Safe, that’s where the other stuff is,” Tony quickly returns.

“What gives you the right to go through our shit, man?”

“I’m not sitting here all defenseless against those things,” Brian replies calmly. “Why’d you guys hide all the food? The guns? The ammo? It’s like you’re planning on leaving in the morning and not coming back. What the hell? Just gonna leave us here to starve to death or get eaten?”

“No, Brian,” Nathan says before Tony can start shouting at Brian. “We just wanted to make sure that if we got into trouble on our recon we would have enough supplies with us to hold out for a bit.”

“I’m calling bull shit!” Brian shouts.

“Guys,” Becky says. “You have to chill.”

“Dude,” Tony takes a deep breath before continuing. “We’re not leaving you guys here. We aren’t taking everything with us. Rudy knows where to find the supplies and, if needed, he knows how to get them. And, before you even ask... No. We don’t trust you.”

“You guys are assholes,” Brian says. “I’m going to the beach to make sure there aren’t any more zombies coming out of the water.” Brian stops to talk to Jay on his way to the beach. “How’s she doing, man?”

“Shhhh,” Jay whispers. “She’s hanging in there.”

“Think she’ll be alright?”

“Would you keep your voice down, man? She’s sleeping.”

“No, she’s not. Unless she sleeps with her eyes open,” Brian says and looks her in the eye. “How you feeling, Carrie?”

She doesn’t respond. Jay touches her neck to check for a pulse. “Man, I think she’s gone,” he sighs.

“Then why is she looking at me?”

Carrie snarls and reaches out for Brian. Jay grabs the 9mm and places it to the back of her head and squeezes the trigger, but nothing happens. She jumps to her feet, crouches, and leaps toward Brian.

Back at the camp Nate asks the group if they think they should take the gun away from Brian.

“Nah, man,” Tony answers. “Let him have it. I don’t think he even knows that the magazine is empty.”

“He has to have bullets on guard duty, right?” Nate asks the group at large.

“I don’t want to be around him if he has bullets,” Becky offers as an answer.

“Jay will be with him,” Tony says. “If we’re all going to survive this we’re going to have to put a little trust in him.”

The crack of a gun stops the conversation in its tracks. To be continued...

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TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk

July 2018, summer is in full swing. The island has been completely invaded by the tourists. What that means to the locals - no Tybee Market and no leaving the island on Saturday and Sunday. Why you ask? We have seen you all navigating the streets of Tybee looking for your vacation spot. Little secret, our addresses on Tybee are the same as in your home town. For instance, say you are looking for 1012 Butler. It is going to be between 10th and before 11th, and definitely after 9th. I remember a Breezy fare from the big city that is New York. Manhattan to be specific. I asked him for his address here on Tybee and he said it was between 9th and 14th on Jones Ave. I finally got his address, 1210 Jones and kindly explained to him how our numbers work. Having been to the big city myself, I know that is how it works.

I try to stay on Jones in the summer time. I had much rather deal with the slow-as-a-snail golf cart and the bicyclist that obviously can't read. C'mon man, there are signs at every block pointing to the bike path. And you golf carters doing a top speed of 14mph, be courteous and pull off the road and let the cars pass. Better yet, get on the bike path. A lot of us driving around are trying to get to work so we can feed you and keep you hydrated. I beg of you, move out of the way. I have been warned by the power not to run anyone else over or give your cart a little nudge as I'm cruising the streets. First couple times I did it no one said a word, but the last couple times, I was told they may have to write me a warning. I don't like trouble people, so please obey Tybee Law.

So, we have covered the bikes and the golf carts. Now for the dreaded pedestrian. You do have the right of way at all times. However, help us help you by pressing the button on the cross walk. Those flashing lights are a big help to those drivers actually paying attention. Please look both ways to see if all cars are coming to a stop. I don't believe this technology is unique to Tybee, but I see a lot of vehicles and pedestrians confused on what to do. I myself will always stop, whether you press the button or not. I understand that we lack sidewalks on the most of the island, but that doesn't mean walk 7 wide down the street of your choice. I don't want to run you over but it is becoming a struggle. Don't look at me like wtf are you doing. It is a street people and the cars are legal to drive on them. They are actually made for the cars and/or trucks that use them to get to where we are going. You folks on the south end, bouncing from bar to bar, need to be more careful when stepping onto Butler, crossing where ever you please. If I almost run into you when you step out like that, don't wait for an apology from me. You will hear some words coming out of my mouth you may have never heard before. Sorry is not one. Don't step in front of my cab at 3:30am, looking for the Gentleman's Club. The only thing my crew and I are trying to do at that hour is to get everyone home for the night so we can get home ourselves.

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Sunday, July 15th at Benny's there will be an epic Jams for Sam event. Beginning at 2pm, all of our favorite players will be jamming out! Jason Bible, Brandon Coleman, Gordy Hill and Monty Parks are but just a few.

As the music is playing, there will be a Pool Tournament, Dart Tournament, BBQ & Boston Butt Plates for sale, 50/50 raffles and Baskets of Cheer! Please come out and help support Sam. You know he would do it for you!! Any questions, please call Benny's at 912-786-0121.



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July Fishing Forecast

PIER FISHING

Fishing has only gotten better and now that the warm waters are here, the number of species has only increased. I have seen Mullet swimming in the surf and this time of year the schools of Menhaden will be here. Warm waters with lots of bait equals lots of predators. So look for Jack Crevalle, Spanish Mackerel, and for the lucky few, maybe even a Tarpon. For these species, live bait near the schools of bait is a choice and always try to match the hatch. Speckled Sea Trout, Redfish, Black Drum, Whiting, Bluefish, and Pompano should all be around as well.



INSHORE

Shrimp are moving into the creeks and the fish are responding. The Flounder, Speckled Sea Trout, and Redfish are all feeding. Tarpon will make an appearance as well. Live bait and artificial baits are both producing. This time of year there is nothing like being on your drop with the sun rising on a calm day, pitching a top water plug, and watching the fish explode on your bait.



NEAR SHORE

There are a lot of options when it comes to the nearshore fishery. King Mackerel, Cobia, Spadefish, Spanish Mackerel, Barracuda, Black Sea Bass, Triggerfish, Tarpon and sharks are all fish that can be targeted on a daily basis. With the warmer waters, somedays you can even luck out and find a stray Mahi or Wahoo coming to the nearshore areas. Everything will be following the bait fish. Watch for the schools of Greenies and you can have a fishing bonanza. It won't take you long to find out if the fish are near. For those not wanting to travel far, the Tarpon, Spanish Mackerel and sharks will be all over the beaches of the barrier islands. Fish the schools of Menhaden or Mullet. For the Tarpon I like to fish three live baits, one on top free-lined, one on the bottom and then one right in the middle. Tarpon can be real spooky and it's always best to be quiet when getting close to a school of them. Once hooked, these fish go ballistic. They will put on an airshow like no other fish out there. This helps them escape, so be prepared to lose a few.

OFF SHORE

Finding a temperature break, weed line, birds, flying fish or a current rip is going to be the way to success. The fish can be really scattered this time of year, as they are all hungry and looking for a meal. If you are equipped to high speed troll, it is a good way to cover ground and find fish at the same time. High speed trolling takes specialized gear, so make sure you have everything before you head out and give it a try. The bottom fishing is fantastic this time of year. Grouper, Vermillion Snapper, Triggerfish, Amberjack, Black Sea Bass and many other porgies and grunts will keep you busy all day long. Every year we get a short window for Red Snapper that we all look forward to this time. Let's all hope we get a few days in the near future.

Thank you all for your time. If you would like to join me on your own fishing excursion, call me at Big Fish Charters (912) 230-4625. Check us out for recent reports on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BigFishCharters.

Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in July By Mom

7-1 Paranormal Cirque 4:30pm and again at 7:30pm at 4801 Meding St. (Formerly Coastal Empire Fairgrounds) in Savannah. Cirque Italia presents Paranormal Cirque with a mix of circus, theater, and cabaret. For more info go to www.paranormalcirque.com or call 941-704-8572.

7-3, 7-10, 7-17, 7-24, 7-31 Tuesday Jam Night at Beachview Bed & Breakfast Come hang out and listen or join in and jam out. Starts around 7. Beachview B & B is located at the corner of 17th & Butler.

7-1 thru 7-6 South Beach Walks, Turtle Talks, & Marsh Trek 2-3pm is the South Beach Walks, 3-4pm is Turtle Talks, and from 4-5pm is Marsh Trek. These events will be at the Marine Science Center, 1509 Strand Ave. Call 912-786-5917 for more info.

7-2, 7-9, 7-16, 7-23, 7-30 Tybee Island's Farmers & Artisan Market 4-7pm every Monday through October at the lighthouse, 30 Meddin Dr. Fresh veggies and artistic treasures will be available. Don't forget to shop local.

7-3 "Ferdinand" 3pm and 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Tybee Post Theater is launching its Family Friendly Movie Series. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

7-4 "Coco" 3pm and 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Coco a film of the Family Friendly Movie Series. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

7-4 July 4th Independence Day Fireworks 9:15pm at Tybee Pier & Pavilion. A spectacular fireworks show to help us celebrate our Independence Day!

7-5 Tybee Beach Sweep - South Beach 7-8pm at the 17th St. beach entrance. Come join the Tybee Clean Beach volunteers to help Fight Dirty Tybee. For more info go to www.tybeecleanbeach.com.

7-5 "Wonder Woman" 3pm and 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Wonder Woman a film of the Family Friendly Movie Series. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

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

7-6 IMPROVHUB Showtime! 7:30-9:30pm at the Tybee Arts Association, 7 Cedarwood Ave. For all events and information, call Tybee Arts Association, 912-786-5920.

7-7 Tybee City Limits: Eric Culberson Band, Kris Youmans Band

8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Eric Culberson Band for the Blues, with Kris following with Her Mighty Fine Band doing country. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

7-10 "Despicable Me 3" 3pm and 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Despicable Me 3 a film of the Family Friendly Movie Series. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

7-11 "Peter Rabbit" 3pm and 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Peter Rabbit a film of the Family Friendly Movie Series. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

7-13 & 7-20 Sunset Tours At the Lighthouse at 30 Meddin Drive. Experience the after-hours tour and the view of Tybee. Call 912-786-5801 for more info.

7-14 2018 Tybee Prom - Swan Song 7pm at American Legion Hall, 10 Veterans Dr. This event is the 6th and final Prom to be held. The Prom is a fundraiser for the Island's Feral Cat Project. For further info, call 912-484-7355.

7-14 & 7-15 Art Show & Sale 10am-5pm at the Tybee Arts Association, 7 Cedarwood Ave. For all events and info, call Tybee Arts Association, 912-786-5920.

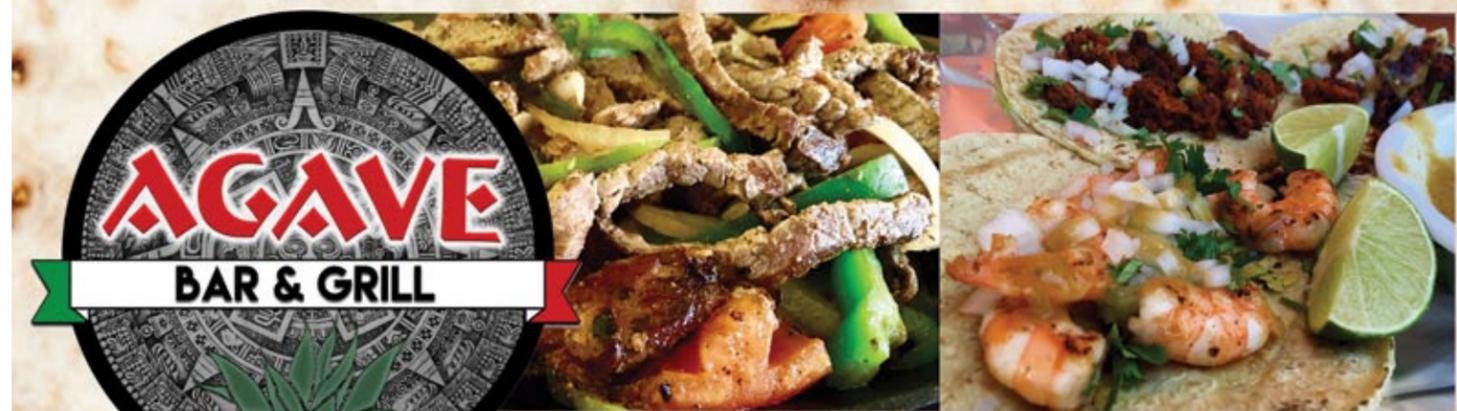
7-15 Jams for Sam 2pm until. Come to Benny's and help raise some funds for Sam Adams. One of us needs y'all. Multiple bands, including Jason Bible, Brandon Coleman will be jamming out. Baskets of Cheer, Pool and Dart Tournaments and FOOD! For further info call Benny's at 912-786-0121.

7-21 Grateful Dead Presented by the Charlie Fog Band 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Charlie Fog Band playing tribute with the great rock and roll of the Grateful Dead. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

7-21 Movies in the Park - 2018 Series 8:30-10:30pm at Memorial Park. Movies from June through August, every 3rd Saturday of the month. *Dolphin Tale* is the movie for this month. Free to the public. Don't forget your chairs and/or blankets.

7-27 American Legion Coloring Book Contest Ends Today! Stop by the Legion and get your turtle to color today!! Open to all ages and prizes will be awarded!

7-30 TIPD VIP Luncheon-Neighbors Helping Neighbors 11am to noon at the Cafeteria. If you need some assistance or want to help, contact Richard Dascall at 912-484-8833 for further info.



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Chicken Soup
Shredded chicken broth filled with rice, pico de gallo, a sliced avocado. Mexican salad and tortilla bits.

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Seafood Molcajete
Grilled shrimp, fish & scallops smothered in rancho sauce on a steaming molcajete. Served with rice and Mexican salad.

Camarones Tosinos
Jumbo grilled shrimp wrapped in bacon with jalapeño peppers and grilled onions. Served with choice of rice or beans and Mexican salad.

Shrimp Chimichanga
Stuffed with grilled shrimp and onions. Served with rice, beans and Mexican salad. Smothered in queso sauce.

Shrimp Cocktail
Steamed shrimp mixed with pico de gallo, slice of avocado and special cocktail sauce.

Camarones A La Diabla
Grilled shrimp mixed with onions and smothered in spicy tomatillo sauce. Served with rice, Mexican salad, and tortillas.

STEAK

Carne Asada
Steak served with rice and Mexican salad and tortillas.

Chile Colorado
Thin slices of steak smothered in tomatillo sauce. Choice of rice or beans with Mexican salad and tortillas.

Bistec A La Mexicana
Thin slices of steak served with rice, beans, and tortillas. Includes tomatoes, jalapeño and onion.

CHICKEN

Pollo Loco
Grilled chicken breast, served with rice, Mexican salad and tortillas.

Chicken & Shrimp
Grilled chicken and shrimp served with rice Mexican salad, and tortillas.

Mole Poblano
Grilled chicken breast smothered in mole sauce and topped with sesame. Served with rice and beans.

VEGETARIAN

Veggie Fajitas
Peppers, tomatoes, onions, mushrooms and zucchini. Served with rice and Mexican salad.

Black Bean Burrito
Lettuce, black beans, sliced avocado, pico. Topped with queso.

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Children's Menu Available

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Quesadilla Texana
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THE SPORTS ANALYST

By Dank Aaron

There's been some great moments in Atlanta Braves history: Hank Aaron's 715th homerun to pass Babe Ruth for the all-time homerun record; 14 straight Division titles; World Series win in '95; but MY all-time favorite Braves moment is the time I pissed next to legendary Braves announcer, Skip Carey!

I previously told you that my buddy's father-in-law had season tickets (since 1966) – four tickets, 11th row behind home plate. Yeah, we did some major league heckling and they heard every word!

So, perks of the season tickets were that my buddy would get box seats about 12 times a year. Mind you, this was the mid-80s. The Braves SUCKED! No one was going to the games, so WE had box seats 12 times a year and four 11th row behind home plate tickets to every game.

One evening, about 10 of us were rockin' the box seats. Cool set-up. We had three rows of seats, plenty of room to walk around. They start you off with a 12 pack each of Bud, Bud Light, Coke, and Diet Coke. Then you can order anything you want to eat, and they bring it to you!

Eight of the folks we were with were not very hungry. They were indulging in a substance that makes you talk a lot and end up doing a lot. My buddy (we'll call him Chris) and I ordered a couple slices of pizza and started slammin' some Budweisers. When the slices arrived, we bellied up to the front row of the box and added our own pizza toppings, (psilocybin) mushrooms. Oh yeah! 35 minutes later, we had our arms propped up on the ledge, circling the stadium with our kaleidoscope eyes, shit-eating grins on our faces. Wow! The colors!! I highly recommend it. Meanwhile, everyone else was walking around, doing more, and talking more (Remember when I was 3?).

During the 7th inning Stretch, I eased on out to the bathroom, which was between our box and the WSB Radio Booth. While I was standing there, doing my thing, in stumbled Skip Carey (this was back when he was still drinking). He pulled up right next to me, I finished, turned, and saw him. "Skip!" I yelled. He replied, "Hell yeah, what's up?" I told him, "I've been listening to you for years!!"

Man, I was Lit Up!!

He mumbled some shit, we shook hands (no we didn't wash our hands), and he was gone.

I went back to the box with my story of peeing next to Skip Carey. Hell yeah! Couldn't get a word in though. Everyone was still talking a lot and doing a lot. So I sat back down next to Chris and continued our Atlanta Stadium Psychedelic Viewing Party!

On yeah, the Pirates beat the Braves 1-0 on a bases loaded walk in the ninth. **GO BRAVES!**

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Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally



I had the absolute pleasure of sitting down with July's Bartender of the Month, **Hunter Mullen**, found only at **North Beach Grill!** You take one look at this guy and he just looks fun. Not only do you want him to be your bartender, you want to have a beer and several shots with him after he gets off work. This guy is truly happy and wants to share his happy with you. Let me fill you in...

Raised on Wilmington Island, Hunter has been a Tybee boy forever and literally hung out with and was one of the ultra-cool Tybee kids. You know, those kids with skate parks in their front yard, fake i.d.'s, and they know all the right people to do all the bad things we all want to do as teenagers! What a life! So, Hunter graduated from Johnson High and moved on to Georgia Southern looking to obtain a degree in Logistics. The degree

never actually happened, but the Logistics certainly did. He started working at North Beach Grill 10 years ago and it just clicked. You have to love a good 'click' story!!

Starting out as a bar back and then graduating to server, Hunter finally made bartender because what else were Katherine and George going to do with him? He is the epitome of that smiley, happy, beach bum, life is just grand, and he will get you out of your worst mood whether you want to be rescued or not. He works at the Tiki Bar out front and work he does! Flat out busy being the first person you see as you enter the NBG steps, everyone stops by to see him and get a cocktail.

I asked Hunter the questions we all want to know (and yes, ladies, he is single ...):

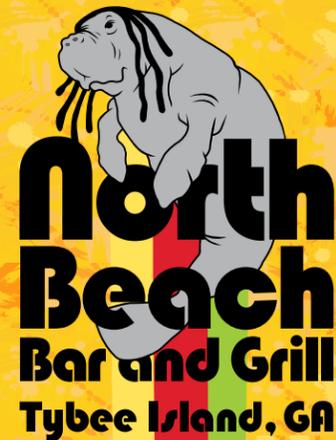
Tybee Life: Technically forever. He plays softball on the Poo's team for crying out loud!

Passion: Beach life. Not really a surfer or skate boarder, but the sand between your toes is a sport.

Grows Up: Why bother with all that decision making. Life is great!!

Spirit Animal: This took a minute and he had help. Hunter decided on the Cheetah! Super-fast and bad ass. Lean and mean but never changes his spots. What you see is what you damn get.

Hunter's go-to drink is **Spartan Blood**, his own personal creation. Now, I won't give away any secrets here (yes, I totally will, just catch me on the street and I will spill my guts), but this pink bigger-than-a-normal-shot cocktail will kick your ass. I was super skeptical, as it involves three vodkas and rum (ugh! Mixing liquor? Pass.), and some other secret ingredients. I took one sip (gulp) and I didn't give a shit about anything. Seriously. All my worries were far away, but this happy bartender was right in front of me grinning and looking like nothing bothered him. Yeah. Get there and become a Spartan. What worries could you possibly have hanging out on the beach with a true, legit beach bum? Absolutely NONE!!



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| July 1 Tha Soul Mate | July 12 High Velocity | July 21 Matt Eckstine |
| July 4 Sassy Cats & the Toms | July 13 The Dimes | July 22 Stee & the Ear Candy Band |
| July 5 Willie Jackson & the Tybee Blues Band | July 14 Phantom Wingo | July 26 Lazaretto Creek Band |
| July 6 Tell Scarlett | July 15 The Cicada Brothers | July 27 Trainwrecks |
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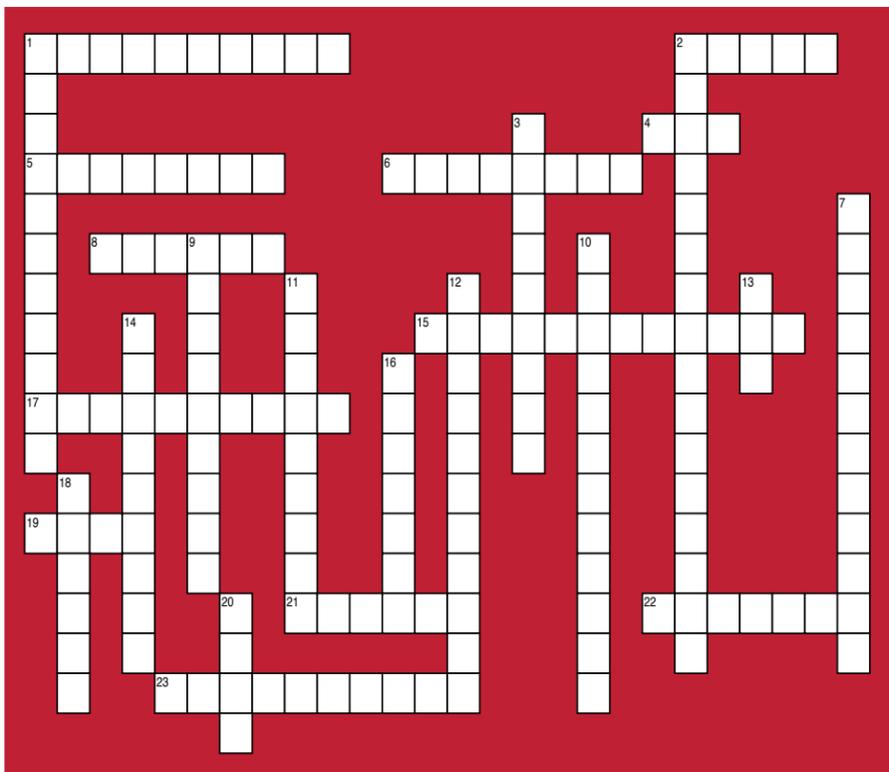
- 1 Food Spy locale (2 wds.)
- 2 He's got a gun in zombies
- 4 Go Local Music Profile discusses this night
- 5 Traveling Beachcomber winner
- 6 Visitors to Tybee
- 8 Take this after-hours tour of the Lighthouse
- 15 Legion is holding this contest for all ages (2 wds.)
- 17 Allie gives us tips on surf _____
- 19 Tybee's Big _____ Problem
- 21 _____ Daydreamin'
- 22 Ms...Alain...eous rants about this out-of-control problem
- 23 Pasta Salad featured in Foodie Finds (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 You may not notice these little fish swimming around you due to their color pattern
- 2 They set up at the traffic circle to answer beach related questions (2 wds.)
- 3 Light show on the beach
- 7 We celebrate this day on July 4
- 9 Bizz Buzz (2 wds.)
- 10 He gets inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame this month (2 wds.)
- 11 Bad Advice describes them as plastic bags of anger
- 12 Movie in the Park (2 wds.)
- 13 He will be the new commander at the Legion
- 14 Fish Whisperer says warm waters with lots of bait equals this
- 16 _____ - Our Home
- 18 Bartender of the Month
- 20 7th month

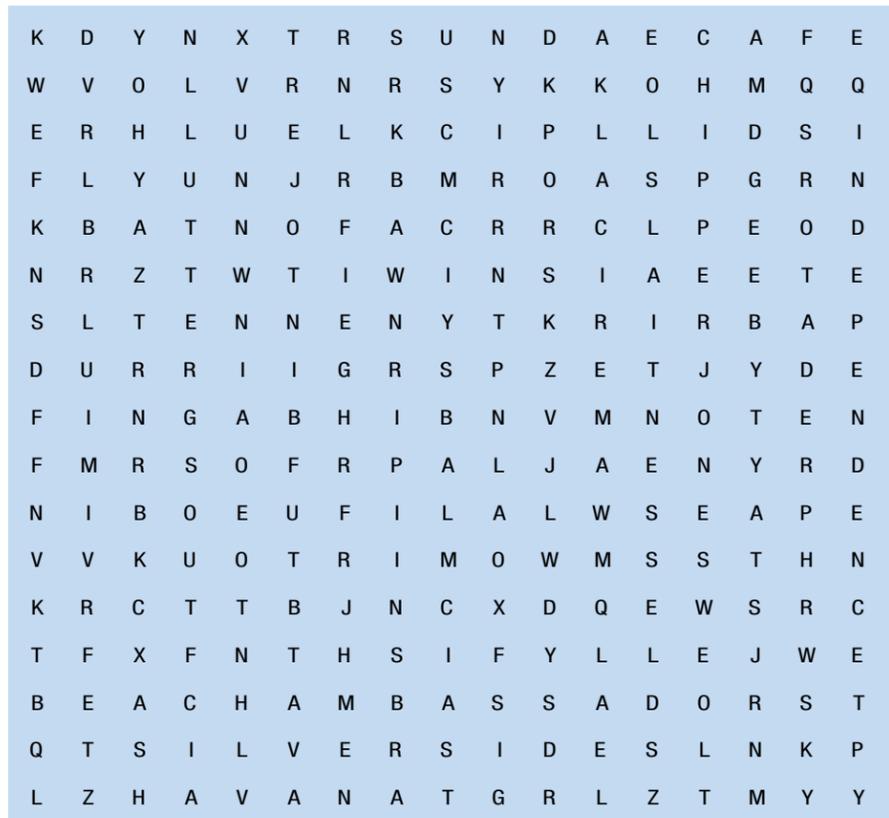
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