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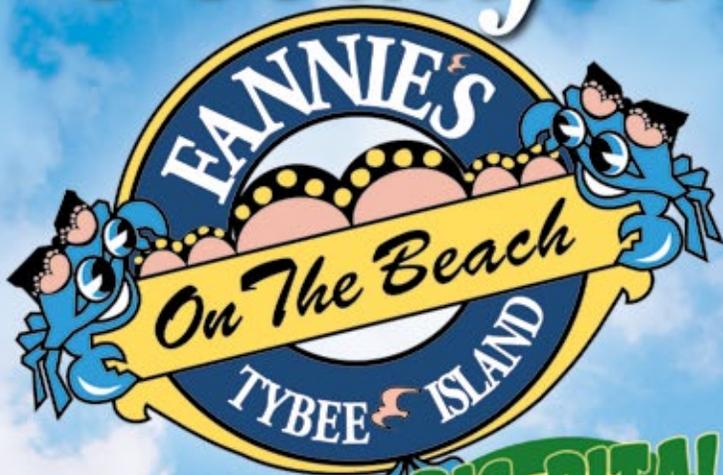
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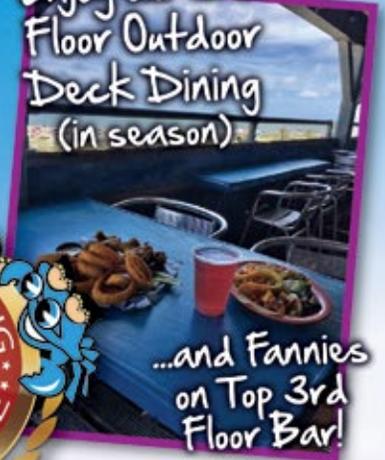
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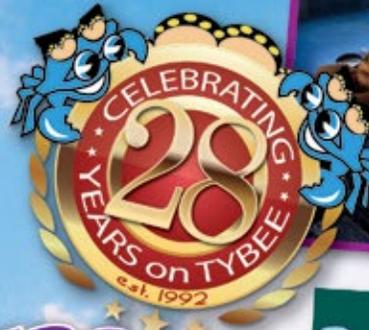


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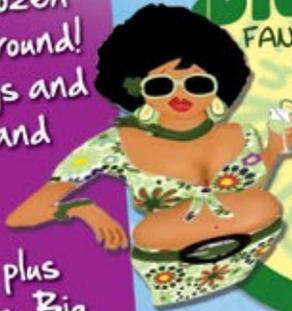
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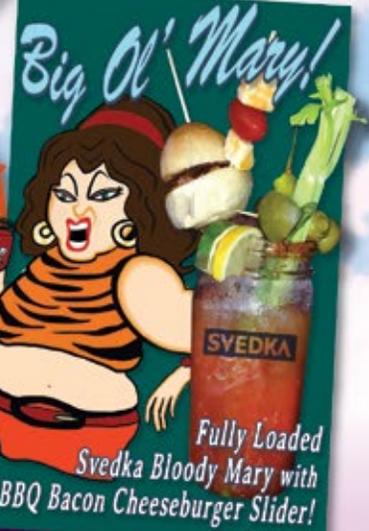
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From MS...ALAIN...EOUS

Happy Birthday, America!!!! Let's all take a minute and be thankful for whatever you have that makes you happy, whether it's family, friends, your health, your house, your fur baby or shopping on Amazon for items that you don't need.

Let's get to July! Still kind of wonky getting things scheduled and due to our print schedule, we are a little behind, but make sure you check our Facebook page for daily updates on social happenings and good food as we receive them from the City and local businesses. Our Social Goddess, Betsey, is on top of it!

Moving on to the **Name Nick's Boat Contest**, we have decided to run it for another month due to Covid-19. So, keep those boat names coming!

You know we love contests here at the Beachcomber and this one is silly as it gets and I love it! **Bonnie Parker**, owner of **Mattress Gallery & Sleep Shop**, is so enamored with the new pink flamingo on her ad that she wants to name HIM! The winner of the **Flamingo Naming Contest** wins a free pillow! You don't realize what a good pillow can do for your life until you have one! Email or text your entries to me by July 15 to info@tybeebeachcomber.com or (912) 675-5261! Let's be creative and also PG-13ish.

As always, we try to mix things up and add new stuff. This month, I had another epiphany, which as we know could go either way, but this one is great! A new article called **Pervy Pet of the Month**. I started off with my own **Purl the Girl** or The Big Stretch. I captured that perfect picture of her where she is all allure and what are you doing later saucy looking! Get a picture of your pervy pet to me with a description of their likes and dislikes. The winner each month won't receive anything but the glory of having a picture of their pet in the island's premier magazine! Let's see how many pervy pets we have out there!

Contest #3! **The Traveling Beachcomber! Chris and Jane Hall** packed us off to the Turks & Caicos for their 30th anniversary (now 31 years!). Thank y'all for taking us with you! We haven't been there before! Off to A-J's with you!

Let's get it on! Wash those hands. Make me drink. Turn page. Y'all know the drill...



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BAD ADVICE FROM A FLOR-IDIOT

By Jimmy Prosser

So your vacation has come to an end, you've eaten your way across the island, tipping poorly as you went. You got sunburned on our beach and left your trash in the sand. You blew through every flashing crosswalk, then parked in someone's front yard because you didn't want to pay to park elsewhere. You instagrammed the entire saga to make your midwestern friends jealous. You were near a palm tree for four days before piling back in your SUV to drive back north. Sadness fills your heart as you cross the Lazaretto but it doesn't have to be sad. You can move here!

Whattt? Tybee is a melting pot of people from sad places coming to live at the beach. We have that guy, and that one, look over there, she was miserable in her hometown; now she's miserable at the beach. The. Beach. Y'all. Let me walk you through this. Moving to Tybee is easy, affordable, and the right decision for you.

Tybee Island was founded by the French in 1947 and since has blossomed into a magical paradise almost overnight. Tybee is home to an ever growing economy with countless industries. Finding a job in your specific field is a breeze. We have restaurants, we have hotels, we have gas stations, and we have bric-à-brac shops. Tybee is home to the largest medical complex west of the Lazaretto (ok, it's a dentist office, but close enough).

Tybee is ever expanding and constructing new housing developments. Phase two of the Hampton Complex is on track to be finished this year. At any given time you can pop over to www.tybeearapartments.com or www.liveattybee.org and view the massive selection of current available, and ever so affordable apartments on the island.

"Traffic seemed really heavy," you point out. Nonsense you simple fool. Butler and First are for the hoi palloi; as a local you'll be granted access to our inter-island expressway to move quickly from one end of town to the other. Once you get the hang of using our elite monorail system you won't even be concerned with the expressway. If you call BS then consider this, you just happened to visit the only five days of the year the island is busy, you should have come last week, or next week. Oh well, you'll just have to take my word for it.

Tybee has a wide range of academic institutions, spanning from free range early child care development all the way up to our impressive University of Tybee. "Go Flying Tigers!" Surrounded by scholars and entrepreneurs, you'll be sure to grow into the best version of yourself.

I hope I have given you an idea, gave you some hope, and squashed all your fears of moving to Tybee. The city needs you. The island needs you. Please, please move here. I can't wait to be your neighbor, and your best friend.

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Foodie Finds

By Margie McLellan

American Flag Poke Cake



With the 4th of July quickly approaching, I thought I would share a fun, easy and delicious cake that would be a great dessert for those backyard bar-b-ques that we will be having with family or friends.

Ingredients:

Cake:

- white cake mix
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 (3 oz.) box strawberry flavored Jell-O
- 1/2 cup cold water

Frosting:

- 1 (8 oz.) tub Cool-Whip
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Topping:

- 1 pound strawberries, cut into triangles
- 2 cups blueberries

Directions:

1. Make cake as directed on the back of the box for a 9"×13 pan.
2. Let the cake cool for 20 minutes and "poke" the cake with a large fork until the entire surface of the cake is covered.
3. Mix together the boiling water and Jell-O until the Jell-O is completely dissolved. Pour in the cold water and mix well. Pour over the cake.
4. Cover the cake with plastic wrap and refrigerate for three hours.
5. Combine the Cool-Whip, cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla and beat with a mixer until smooth. Spread on top of cake.
6. Top with strawberries and blueberries and keep in the fridge until ready to serve.
7. Enjoy!

BEACH RULES

By Margie McLellan

Welcome to summer on Tybee Island! Whether you are a tourist or a local, I'm sure you will be spending a fair amount of time on our beach. With that in mind, please be aware of our beach rules. They are located at each crossover and are posted for your safety. This year there are a few new rules we all need to be mindful of:

1. **Social Distancing – Yes, even on the beach we are asking everyone to practice social distancing and to gather in groups of 10 or less. Let's all do our part to keep ourselves and others healthy.**
2. **No smoking on the beach between 14th and 16th Streets - We are trying to keep our beaches clean. Please pick up after yourselves.**
3. **Obey the lifeguards – They don't just sit in their chairs to look cool (even though they do). They work hard to keep us safe.**
4. **Swim within 50 yards of shoreline – You endanger not only yourself, but those that have to save you.**
5. **Litter must be contained – Leave only your footprints. Please!**
6. **No glass or breakable containers – It's all about broken glass, folks.**
7. **No pets – No one wants to step in doggy poop or get bitten.**
8. **No motorized vehicles – The beach is an awesome place to ride your bike, not so much for motor vehicles.**
9. **Do not remove any live marine animals – sand dollars, starfish, etc. Let's respect our ecosystem. Live and let live.**
10. **Stay out of the dunes – Our beautiful dunes are there for a reason. They are our first line of defense against coastal storms and beach erosion. Believe me, we are still having nightmares about Hurricanes Matthew and Irma.**
11. **Surf and fish only in designated areas – It's all about safety!**
12. **No fires or camping on the beach – We have a beautiful campground for that.**
13. **No disorderly conduct, kegs, or nudity – We are a family beach, just saying...**

Beach Warning Flags

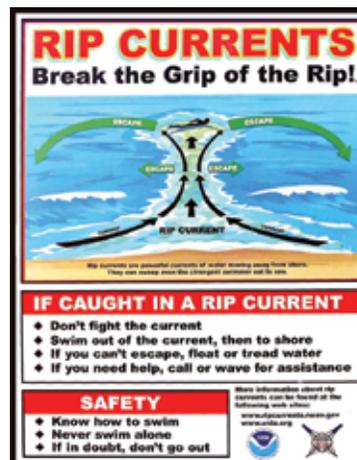
The Beach Warning Flags are located at the Lifeguard stations. They let you know the condition of the water. Please pay attention to them:

Green Flags - This is good and it's safe to go in the water.

Yellow Flags - There is a medium hazard.

Red Flags - The rip currents are strong and you should keep a close eye on your children.

Purple Flags - Dangerous marine life, usually jellyfish.



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By Alaina Loughridge & Mike Manitta

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Summer Bites

Food is the key to summer good times and do we have the scoop for you! We picked our top 10 restaurants to offer you their favorite go-to appetizer to get your foodie on and have a great day at the beach! This job is hard, but Mike and I went out and represented. Here is our list of favorite summer appetizers that will not only make you fat and happy in all the right ways, but will make sure you are beach body ready! Alright, that last sentence is a lie, but it's going to be great! Are you ready? Let's eat!

1. I started at **Fannie's** and **Ellen (chef extraordinaire)** brought out a surprise: **Ahi Tuna Tostada**. I didn't know Fannie's did sushi type items, but I'm down to try anything. This fresh sesame seared tuna over guacamole on a crispy wonton, drizzled with wasabi crema, topped with seaweed salad shindig is awesome! I made a big old mess of everything as I was trying to shovel all of it into my gullet. Perfect crispy wonton topped with a big ol' fat piece of tuna and the wasabi isn't too strong! Perfect mix!!! Amen! I justified my diet with the deep-fried wonton being topped with the seaweed salad. Ask for extra napkins. You can find Fannie's at 1613 Strand Avenue. Call for details: (912) 786-6109.

2. I went off to **A-J's** next, which if you have followed me at all, you know I am an A-J's freak show!!!! Their **Buffalo Shrimp** is just out of this planet when you pair it with their signature cocktail, **Watermelon Margarita** with a sugar rim!!! Well, I just died happy! So good! Get ranch and blue cheese for dipping because they have the good stuff! You dressing people know exactly what I'm talking about. I was feeling frisky that day, so I also ordered their **Conch Fritters**. Y'all, if you don't then you have missed out on life! Look on the back cover for A-J's information!

3. Moving on to **Spanky's** Life, their **Crab Dip** is phenomenal! Now, I used to work at Spanky's, so I know all their secrets and I can say with utmost authority and knowledge that if the staff can get at that crab dip, it's gone! It is just cream town delish! The cooks throw in some secret stuff (which I know, but cannot divulge under pain of death) (get me drunk and I will tell you everything), but there is definitely a kicky of cayenne, which is just a kick. It won't leave you on the floor. The best news is that you can eat this yum town with either Pita bread (yes), tortilla chips or bread! I love options!!! I'm telling you, get it! You can find Spanky's on Strand Avenue, just across from the Pier. Call for details: (912) 786-5520.

4. Now, off to **Nickie's**! The man himself cooked his favorite appetizer! Yep, **Calvin** got off the couch to make me his world class **Reuben Rolls**! I was nervous. No need. Everything you want in a regular Reuben sandwich without the sandwich but instead a nice, fat, crispy egg roll. The 1000 Island Dressing comes on the side, so you're not dealing with a mess unless you want to. Of course, I had dressing dripping off my chin by the time all was said and done, but if you are gonna eat, you better do it right! Placed on a bed of lettuce, these rolls will have you in your happy place! A definite must have! Nickie's is at 1513 Butler Avenue. (912) 786-4444.

5. I was still feeling saucy, so off to the **Wind Rose Cafe** for their world class **Mushrooms**! Now, I'm not a fan of mushrooms unless ... well, you know. But this is my job and I'm a team player! **Master Chef Andrew** (think Gordon Ramsey's mouth and attitude) has made me a fan! Light and crispy, this beer and spice battered meaty mushroom is fresh and perfect! Not too much batter, but a whole bunch of mushrooms! Dip those bad boys in some horsey ranch sauce, which is a perfect ratio of horseradish to ranch situation, and share it with a friend. Hell, yeah! Wind Rose is at 19 Tybrisa Street. (912) 786-6593.

6. I left the South End and headed North! I know! But **The Quarter** was calling and everybody knows The Quarter is Wing Time in Wing Town! I'm not sure who created the **Lemon Yaki Wing**, but I want to marry them! A perfect blend of lemon pepper

and soy! I was hesitant as I'm not a huge fan of soy sauce, but this was enough to let you know it was there hanging out, but not crashing the party! Dip that in some ranch and Katie will be handing y'all some extra napkins! They have other flavors, but whatever! Get your wing face on now! 601 1st Street. They are open till late late, so do not hesitate to call (912) 786-8966!

7. **Beachview Java & Juice** was the next day and totally worth waking up early for! Now, I realize that **Sausage and Gravy Biscuits** are not an appetizer, but I am enamored with this dish and it's perfect to get you started just right. Throw in a **Mimosa** and how could you possibly have a bad day! Beachview offers a variety of yummy dishes and coffee choices. You can find them at 1701 Butler Avenue. (912) 786-5500

8. If you have never had the **Crab Stew** from **The Crab Shack**, you have dropped the ball! Offering huge chunks of local Blue Crab Meat with secret seasonings, this stew has a bite to it, but just enough to make you smile! The Crab Shack has a seafood happy menu and offers one of the best views in town too! Stop by 40 Estill Hammock Road or call (912) 786-9857 for all the details.

9. **Raw Ingredients** has always been, since day one, hour one, a super favorite of mine for a quick bite. Super fresh and healthy choices garnish their menu, from build your own Sushi Rolls, to Salads and Bowls and even burritos. The choices are immense and the combinations are endless and you leave feeling like you actually did something kind for your body. Today I went for the **Spicy Tuna Lettuce Wraps** and boy were they scrumptious. Spicy tuna layered in a crisp romaine leaf, topped off with fresh tomato, avocado and mango. So fresh and delicious, makes for a happy tummy. Raw Ingredients is located at 8 Tybrisa St, and you can phone in an order at 912-499-4178. Make sure to stop by for some feel good food.

10. **Bubba Gumbos** has been one my favorite spots on earth since I first stumbled upon it almost 20 years ago. Located at 4 Old Highway 80 on beautiful Lazaretto Creek, it's one of the best spots to soak up some true Tybee atmosphere while taking in some scrumptious eats. Nothing beats sitting on the deck, soaking in the scenery, and feasting on some of the freshest seafood available anywhere. From Gumbo to their catch of the day, and of course let's not forget fresh Georgia shrimp, there is always something delicious and unique up for grabs. Today I had to try their **Seafood Mac and Cheese**, which was absolutely heavenly. Macaroni and Cheese loaded with crab, scallops and shrimp, topped with the fresh fish of the day, which was Mahi, it just doesn't get any better than this. Creamy and decadent with loads of seafood, I licked the bowl clean. Take an afternoon and treat yourself or call ahead at 912-786-4445, you deserve it

Well, we are stuffed! You can get your stuffed on too if you follow our advice! All of the above restaurants have, of course, more excellent food on their menu that you definitely need to check out! Don't wait! Get your Summer Bites on now!





Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

SAND DOLLAR CRABS

You never know about Sand Dollars on Tybee. Sometimes you find one and sometimes you don't see any. A Sand Dollar is actually a type of sea urchin that has become flattened and its spines are reduced to very short tiny spines that cover the lower surface, creating a felt-like fuzzy bottom surface. Soon after it dies, these tiny spines fall off, so the bottom will be smooth just like the top side. A dead, white, sun bleached, smooth Sand Dollar is one of every beachcomber's favorite treasures to find.

Live Sand Dollars slowly burrow through the sand, usually about an inch below the sand. Most live just offshore of the low tide zone, but sometimes they move shoreward into the intertidal zone. Here, it might create a slight, subtle bump or hump in the wet sand when the tide is out.

If you are fortunate enough to discover a live Sand Dollar, it's worth taking a close look at it before returning it back below the wet sand near the water line. With your fingers, carefully scrape away the sand from above the Sand Dollar so that you can gently lift it out of the sand. They are so fragile and break so easily, you want to handle it carefully. Gently rinse away the sand and take a good look at the tiny spines, and you can see them moving in slow waves. It's by using those tiny spines that the Sand Dollar is able to slowly plow through the sand.

When we find a live Sand Dollar during our Tybee Beach Ecology Trips, I'll usually look closely at the underside to see if it is home to a pair of tiny Sand Dollar Crabs. These tiny crabs often occur in pairs crawling around in the tiny spines on the bottom of the Sand Dollar. Sometimes there may be only one, but there could be three or four. Look carefully, and be sure to examine closely inside the slots of the Sand Dollar. The tiny crabs like to

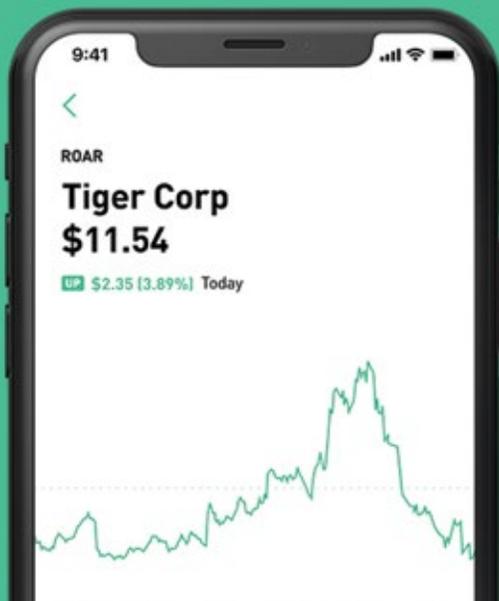


move into these spaces when they feel exposed. If I remember right, this is the smallest crab in the Western Atlantic Ocean.

Although it has been suggested that the tiny crab might sometimes nip at the short tube feet of its Sand Dollar host, it is more likely feeding on mucus and tiny organisms that live between and on the surface of sand grains. As such, the Sand Dollar Crab is considered a commensal rather than a parasite. Commensalism is when two species live in a close relationship, and one of the species benefits, and the other species is neither helped nor harmed. In this case, the crab benefits by having a place to live, but the Sand Dollar is neither helped nor harmed by the crab's presence.

So, when you find a live Sand Dollar on Tybee, handle it gently; but take a close look at its underside and check for the smallest crab on our side of the Atlantic Ocean. I get excited every time I see one! And then be sure to carefully return the live Sand Dollar back under the wet sand.

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Robinhood 

Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

MEN IN TIGHTS

Mel Brooks has already made one parody movie entitled *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*. The year was 1993 and you had Wesley from *The Princess Bride*, Dave Chappelle, and Patrick Stewart, all on screen at the same time. Brilliant.

And now, nearly thirty years later, we have a real-life Mel Brooks-ian parody playing out in the stock market. May I present - Robinhood: Men in Tights (the reprise).

Robinhood is an online discount brokerage. Their selling points are zero commissions, fractional share ownership that you can only trade with other Robinhood users, and a tag line that goes something to the effect of: "We'll give you your first stock for free."

The meteoric (but unfounded) rise of the stock market between late March and early June coincided nicely with a meteoric rise in new Robinhood stock positions (up over 200% this year). Turns out, day trading is a fun hobby if you're sitting at home with a stimulus check and no sports to bet on! It's even more fun when you think markets can only go up.

The stocks most popular with the Robinhood crowd seem mostly to be the ones that got really beat up in the lockdowns - airlines, cruise companies, etc. Also Ford, GE, and Aurora Cannabis. Not kidding about that last one, it's in the top-10 most popular stocks on Robinhood. I'll save most of the commentary on what I think about such investments and instead just give some facts:

- Fact: Bond holders get paid before stockholders in bankruptcy.
- Fact: Stocks (equity) go to zero and are worthless in bankruptcy, since the company is bankrupt because it owes more to bond holders than it has in assets.
- Fact: Hertz filed for bankruptcy in May, and the stock dropped to about \$0.50 a share.
- Fact: It then shot up to \$5.50 a share, which is about an 880% gain. On two separate days, it was up more than 100% for the day. For a stock that is quite literally and demonstrably worth \$0.
- Fact: the number of Robinhood users owning Hertz jumped from 43,000 to 73,000...after it filed for bankruptcy.

Ditto for Chesapeake Energy. They haven't officially filed for bankruptcy at the time of this writing, but their senior bonds were trading at about 3 cents on the dollar. Bond holders with an actual claim on Chesapeake assets were only expecting to recover about 3 cents for every dollar lent to Chesapeake. Per the first fact above, that means the equity position in the company is quite literally worthless. And yet, it jumped from \$7 to \$77 in a week.

Back in March, Zoom Technologies (ticker: ZOOM) was a penny stock that jumped 240% on no news...just people buying it thinking it was Zoom Video (ticker: ZM).

More recently, there was a penny stock for a Chinese company called Fangdd (ticker: DUO) that jumped 1,000% in a day (not a typo) on no news, probably thanks in part to a similar 1,000% (not a typo) jump in Robinhood owners. It came back down the next day. Oops, wrong "Fang" stocks.

The original Robinhood was about stealing from the rich to give to the poor. Unfortunately, it looks like this newest iteration is doing a bang-up job of parodying that as well.

If you find yourself tempted to join in with this Robinhood's merry band of men in tights, make sure you hold on to those purse strings.



America: A Celebration of Independence

By Charles Markey

At least one of the Founders thought that Independence Day would become important. When the Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776, John Adams, who more than any other single Founder was responsible for that vote, was ecstatic. “America’s declaring of independence from Great Britain,” he told his wife Abigail, marked “the most memorable Epocha in the History of America.” He hoped that the day would be celebrated by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary Festival. “It ought to be commemorated,” he said, “as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other, from this Time forward forever more.”

Although Adams was wrong about the day (two days later on July 4, Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence), he was right about the celebrations, at least through much of our history. For us today, July Fourth is still an important holiday, and we can be thankful that no one is suggesting that we move it to the closest Monday. Yet the day no longer seems to have the solemnity and significance that Adams hoped it would have. To be sure, we have lots of parades, games, and fireworks, but much of the meaning of these festivities seems to have slipped away from us.

This is too bad, for July Fourth, 1776, is not only the most important day in American history, but because the United States has emerged as the most powerful nation the world has ever known, it is surely one of the most important days in world history as well. The Declaration legally created the United States of America. It announced to a “candid world” that Americans were assuming “among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God entitle them.” But it did much more than that. It stated all governments everywhere were supposed to derive “their just powers from the consent of the people,” and that when any one of these governments become destructive of the people’s rights and liberties, the people could alter or abolish that government and institute a new one.

These words have served as inspiration for people everywhere. Colonial rebellions against imperial regimes throughout the world have looked to the Declaration to justify their cause. In declaring Vietnam independent from France in 1945, Ho Chi Minh cited the American Declaration of Independence. Members of Solidarity in Poland and dissidents in Czechoslovakia invoked its words to oppose Soviet domination in the 1980s. The Chinese students who occupied Tiananmen Square in 1989 used its language. And maybe there are some participants in the Arab Spring who are aware of our Declaration of Independence. It certainly has become one of the most influential documents in world history.

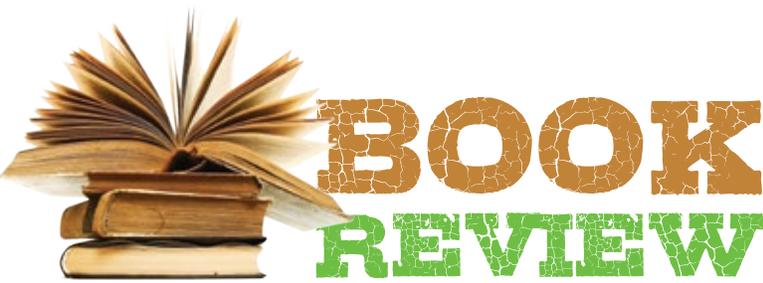
But for Americans, the Declaration has a special significance. It infused

into our culture most of what we have come to believe and value. Our noblest ideals and highest aspirations—our beliefs in liberty, equality, and individual rights, including the right of every person to pursue happiness—came out of the Declaration of Independence. Consequently, it is not surprising that every reform movement in American history—from the abolitionists of the 1830s, to the feminists at Seneca Falls in 1848, to the civil rights advocates of the 1960s—invoked the words and ideals of the Declaration. It was Abraham Lincoln who made the most of the Declaration, particularly its assertions of human equality and inalienable rights. “Thomas Jefferson, the principal drafter of the Declaration,” said Lincoln, “had the coolness, forecast, and capacity to introduce into a merely revolutionary document, an abstract truth, applicable to all men and all times, and so to embalm it there, that today, and in all coming days, it shall be a rebuke and stumbling block to the very harbingers of re-appearing tyranny and oppression.” A century later, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. took inspiration from this abstract truth embodied in the Declaration.

For us Americans, the words of the Declaration have become central to our sense of nationhood. Because the United States is composed of so many immigrants and so many different races and ethnicities, we can never assume our identity as a matter of course. The nation has had to be invented. At the end of the Declaration, the members of the Continental Congress could only “mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.” There was nothing else but themselves that they could dedicate themselves to—no patria, no fatherland, no nation as yet. In comparison with the 235 year-old United States, many states in the world today are new, some of them created within a fairly recent past. Yet many of these states, new as they may be, are undergirded by peoples who had a pre-existing sense of their ethnicity, their nationality. In the case of the United States, the process was reversed: We Americans were a state before we were a nation, and much of our history has been an effort to define that nationality.

In fact, even today America is not a nation in any traditional meaning of the term. We Americans have had to rely on ideas and ideals in order to hold ourselves together and think of ourselves as a single people. And more than any other single document in American history, the Declaration has embodied these ideas and ideals. Since it is our most sacred text, the day July 4, 1776, that gave birth to it ought to be understood with all the significance and solemnity that John Adams gave to it.

So this July 4th, now more than ever, we as a whole need to embrace the hopes and dreams of our forefathers and unite as one to truly make this nation what they had hoped for.



By Nell Klein

THE SUN DOWN MOTEL

By Simone St. James

I remember the old adage, “Don’t judge a book by its cover,” but that is exactly what I did when I saw *The Sun Down Motel*. As a child growing up in Savannah, I spent many hours traveling to Florida on Highway 17 with my family to visit relatives and to see the sights. We often spent a night in one of the many small roadside motels, and I have many happy memories of places I’ve stayed and people that we met along the way. I’ve always loved traveling the back roads and seeing these old motels and wondering what they looked like in their heyday and the stories they could tell. The cover of this book beckoned me and I couldn’t resist, even though I had no idea what it was about. I just knew that I had to read it and it certainly didn’t disappoint. The story alternates between two main characters, Viv in 1982, and Carly in 2017, and this is their story.

In 1982, 20-year-old Viv can’t do anything right, as far as her family is concerned, so she decides to leave home and seek stardom in New York City. Short on funds, she resorts to hitchhiking, but somehow, along the way, she gets in the wrong car and ends up being dropped off on the highway in small town Fell, NY. The only building for miles around is the Sun Down Motel, so Viv goes inside to inquire about a room and ends up with the job of night clerk starting at 11:00 that night. We soon find out that after a couple of months on the job, Viv disappears without a trace, but what leads up to her missing will take us awhile to find out.

Next, we have 20-year-old Carly in 2017, the niece of Viv, who won’t rest (or finish college) until she solves the 35-year-old mystery of what happened to her mother’s sister in 1982. So, Carly heads to Fell, NY to find the answers. Carly starts at the Sun Down Motel (where they last knew Viv to be) and, lo and behold, she ends up with the job of night clerk, same as her aunt 35 years before. Small world, huh?

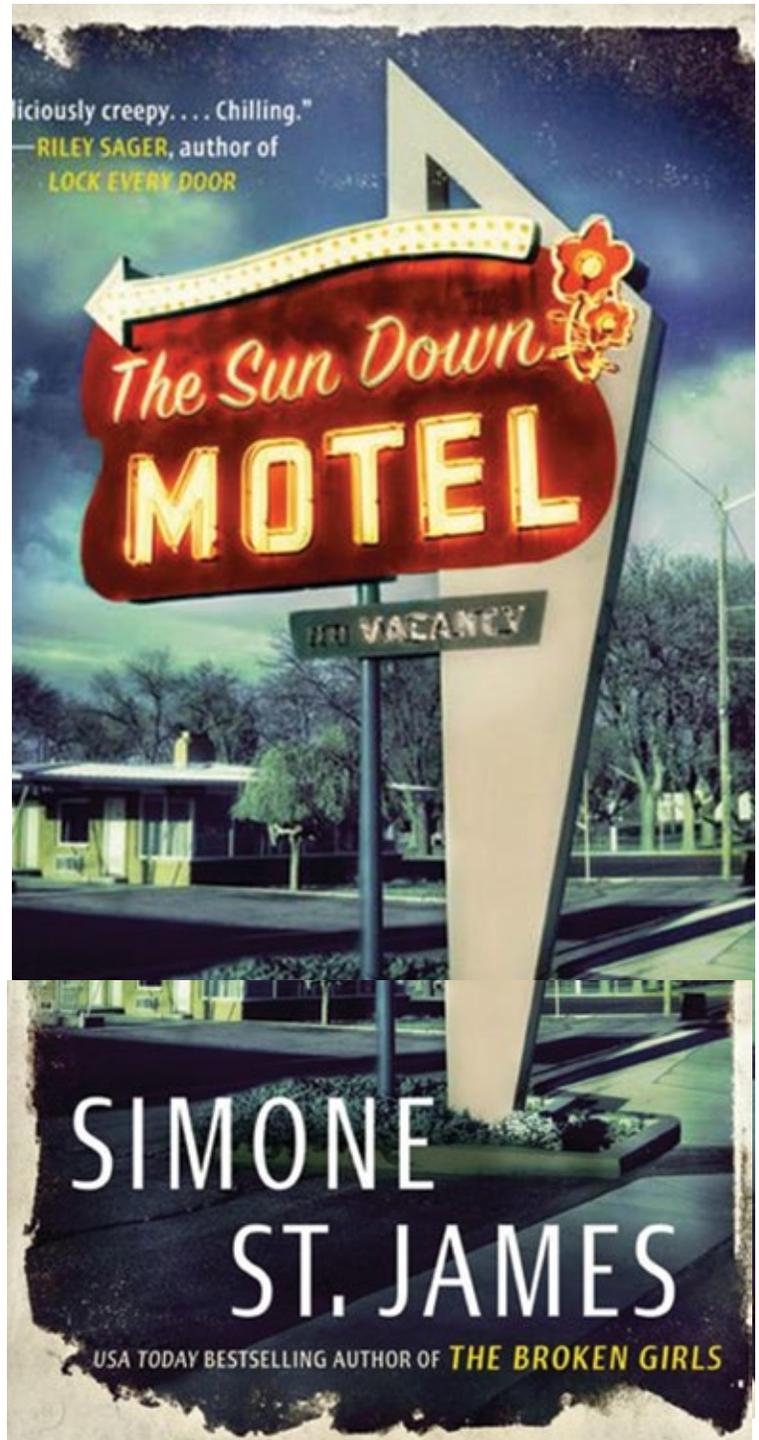
The motel hasn’t changed much in all those years, except the original owners are dead and its being run by their disgruntled son who could care less about the place. From the outside it looks about the same as it did 35 years before (with a bit of wear and tear), but absolutely nothing has been upgraded in all that time.

There’s no wifi or cell phone reception and they still use a rotary phone, along with a phone book (which Carly had never even seen before).

We soon discover that all of the excitement at the motel happens on the night shift. There are very few customers, but the ones that do stay there are up to no good, although they are alive. The others, well, let’s just say that they’ve been there a long, long time (if you catch my drift). So, Carly and a few friends from along the way, help her unravel the secrets of the motel and the mystery of what happened to her aunt Viv so many years before.

I give this book five roses. It’s creepy, unsettling, suspenseful and it will draw you in hook, line and sinker from the first pages and won’t let go. I loved it and I know you will too!

Until next time, read a book. If it’s a good read, pass it on!



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Bartender Chronicles

By Gage McKnight

It was the worst of times and there were no signs of a light at the end of the tunnel. Restaurants were beginning to slowly open with limited seating, bars were continuing to do to-go drinks, and the tourists were flooding in as if the island was their last hope. To understand the full extent of the story I'm about to share, you have to first understand what it meant for the locals of this beautiful island when the governor decided to reopen the state. We were money hungry, desperate for social interaction, and most importantly, concerned for our safety (seeing that it's such a very tight community, we knew that if one of us had fallen ill, then we all would). What we weren't prepared for is what happened next.

The beginning of the end had fallen before us, and anyone and everyone from all over the entire east coast had already planned their perfect escape to Tybee Island, which meant two things for those of us who live here: 1.) Money was about to start flowing, and 2.) So was Covid. As our new normal was setting in, there was only one thing we could do, deal with it.

More and more people were coming daily, wide varieties: young, old, families, couples, etc. It became very clear that the more people that were here, the more aggressive they were becoming. No one wanted to wait for anything, if they wanted food, they wanted it right then and there, same with alcohol and beachwear. It had appeared as if Covid had completely disappeared and no-one had a care in the world about it.

Luckily, MOST of the local business owners are particularly smart people and care more about their employees and making our safety first priority. Notice how I said "MOST." Masks and gloves became mandatory, specific jobs became open for sanitizing after every guest, and the amount of people per square feet was in effect. Unfortunately, the safety procedures we have put into effect has not stopped the ignorant from being even more ignorant.

The story that I have chosen to impart on you today is one of many, but unlike the others, this one involves various components that every misogynistic American male and white trash woman will love. The air was brisk and the sun was shining, the restaurant had filled very quickly, almost too quickly. Customers were flying in and not mass of people were filling respecting 6 ft. apart.

The long and grueling weekend nights serving the undeserving by the masks and the lack of tables children and grandparents, fighting claiming what they thought was the 'steaks' were high (you will reading). My section had filled up until closing time. Almost everyone manner, but there is always some a high volume restaurant. But I

So specifically, my last table of time of their lives, calling me by my with their children. Well, I had run they were the last of my section to the two minutes it took me to do

them the wrong way and caused a severe strain of bipolar to emerge from within them. I returned to let them know that the kitchen was starting to plate their food at that moment and it would be on their table shortly.

Well, I was almost immediately and rudely interrupted by the shrill of the woman (whose voice was so loud only a dog could understand), that because her husband was Latin and of color, it made me a racist because their food hadn't been delivered to them within 15 min. after I put the order in. She demanded to speak to a manager, mind you, and as she yelled for me to get a manager, the leftover fireball in her flapping jaws was also flying at my face so much that if I would've stayed there for 30 more seconds I could've had a full second hand shot in my mouth.

I ran to get my manager. We got to the table, and he politely calmed them down and assured them that we would be taking care of their entire bill. But if you're reading this and you know me, then you know that I couldn't let myself be portrayed as a racist, so a few cuss words later I finally got my point across and went to smoke a cigarette.

I came back shortly after to check on them and make sure that the food that their racist server brought them was A OK. Their tune had almost immediately changed, and all of the sudden they loved me. I felt weird about it but you know, it had been a long weekend and I just took the nice where I could.

As soon as I walked away, they start their own mini MMA fight and it only escalated from there. After about 10 min. of letting this happen - for pure enjoyment and entertainment - I decided to see if they needed anything else so I could get them the hell out of there. Well, boy did I walk up on that at the wrong moment. I couldn't tell exactly what the said argument was about, but I guess she thought it was serious enough to grab the steak knife off his plate and cut his finger tip off (Get it now? "The steaks were high").

Don't worry, justice was served. She was caught and arrested, he found refuge with his child that night, and I was left with the mess to clean up.

So, like I said in the beginning, it was the worst of times, and there wasn't any sight of a light at the end of the tunnel. With a second wave approaching and morons still flooding the island, I hope that everyone is still practicing safe sex, safety procedures, and just know that with the abundance of people flocking here, no one will miss them as fast and it's easier to hide a body when you're on the beach! May the odds forever be in your favor.



so much flying out. An unexpected the parking lots and clearly not

was almost at an end, days and masses who seemed to be unphased due to safety issues, with their neck and neck to get a table and "theirs." It was a Sunday night and find humor in that as you continue for the 600th time with an hour left had gotten their food in a timely sort of wait on food when you're in digress...

the night appeared to be having the first name, taking shots, and playing down to check on their food because receive their order. Somewhere in that, the wind must have blown

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July Fishing Forecast

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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. 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 the best chance at hooking a large fish. Always try to match your bait to the bait you are seeing around. Speckled Sea Trout, Redfish, Black Drum, Whiting, Bluefish, and Pompano should all be around as well.

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 someday 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 freelined, 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.



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Shrimp are starting to move into the creeks and the fish are responding. Flounder, Speckled Sea Trout, and Redfish are all feeding. Tarpon will make a rare 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. This is the best time of year for Flounder; they have been eating Mud Minnows. I fish a popping cork with a leader just long enough that my bait won't tangle up in the oysters and other structures. Always keep an eye out for a stray Tripletail that are around as well.

OFFSHORE

Fishing remains great with Vermillion, Snapper, Triggerfish, Black Sea Bass, Grunts, Porgies, Grouper, Amberjack, and many other species. This year we are allowed to keep American Red Snapper for 4 days. Wow, they are so kind to give us so many days. July 10th, 11th, and 12th, then the 17th. One fish per person, no size regulations. I wish everyone luck on getting offshore to catch all the wonderful fish out there.

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/BigFishCharter.

SHOPS AT TYBEE OAKS



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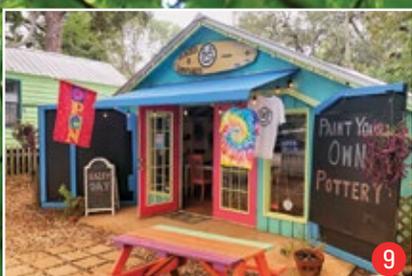
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TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk



Does anyone remember the canceled Irish Heritage parade? Seems like a lifetime ago. I went to the council meeting to voice my concerns about the cigarette ban on the beach. I think it was Item 16 on the agenda. The big topic was 'should we have the parade or not?' I thought it was a no brainer, considering everywhere else in the world the parades had been canceled. There was this one lady, from what I gathered was an actress, and used her 5 minutes to scare the crap out of anyone listening by screaming, "DO YOU WANT TO DIE?!" all theatrical and shit. Mayor Shirley had to rein her in a few times cause, well, because she was full on "YOU CANT HANDLE THE TRUTH!" mode. Then she made a very dramatic exit out of the building. I was like, wow. Anyway, the vote was 3 to 2 to have the parade.

I was sitting with the Tybee Beach Clean folks. I used my 5 minutes to talk about all the litter and made the suggestion that any litter should be a \$1000 fine.

Two days later was Parade Day. Rumors were flying that the parade had been canceled. The parade floats were lined up and ready so I put my money on the parade was happening. Largest crowd I have seen in my ten years of Tybee. The parade was canceled and the parade happened. That kind of describes 2020. I was happy to work the parade cause I needed money. No joke, that is always the busiest time of the year.

Next week's council meeting was an unscheduled emergency meeting. All the business owners were there. We were told that only 10 people could attend. I was like wtf? Why? What changed in 5 days? Is there a pandemic? Long story short, they let us all in. We couldn't sit next to each other. We found out Tybee was shutting down until April 9th. I already knew that date was going to come and go.

After two weeks of sitting home drinking, I came to the conclusion I didn't have nearly enough money to live that life. I decided to go get a job delivering pizza for Papa John's. I was hoping for Wilmington but ended up at Skidaway and Victory. Busiest store in Savannah. Thank God for Google maps. I had a really good time working with the people I met at that store. I haven't worked that hard for \$100 in a long time, but I did bring home a lot of pizzas and had the cash I needed for the necessities of everyday life.

It was also nice not to be on Facebook, sitting in front of the TV, not watching the news all day. For anyone who doesn't know what it feels like waiting on a hurricane, waiting to see what the world pandemic was doing had the same eerie feeling.

May 3rd Georgia was in Phase One of reopening businesses. I asked my Magic 8 ball, "Will we be busy?" It answered, "Be ready." Let's just say we went from Phase One to Phase Ten in one day. Tybee has been tilt since that day. I was so happy to be driving a Breezy car with people and not pizza. I worked 14 days straight with no complaints. During this whole time of new normal I really didn't change the way I live my life. No mask, no gloves, not compulsively washing my hands. Just no hand shaking or tongue kissing anyone and everyone.

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PERVY PET OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Alaina Loughridge

Pearl the Gurl

Meet Pearl the Gurl aka The Big Stretch. Recently rescued from the Humane Society, Pearl loves Temptations Treats, long body stretches, and lounging. She trips out on shit that no one else can see and often looks at me as though I have touched her inappropriately, which I have not. Either way, she does not approve of nudity. She sleeps like a dude and has zero problem with setting her ass on my face, arm, head and chest or any other body part I own. She doesn't like strangers, people in general and loud noises. We are really one and the same.





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JULY HOROSCOPE

By Gage McKnight

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) - The name of your sign says it all. Cancer. Just like every relationship you have had and will have, your toxic emotional energy is so draining that it takes a Pedialyte Popsicle from The Sand Bar for only \$4.00, to literally hydrate us back to normal. If you really thought of anyone but yourself, and wanted to do us all a favor, then you would kill the pity party and kick rocks. This month you should try folding up all of your clothes into a box with handles and move on out of the life of everyone who has ever come in contact with you. Happy trails! I hear Russia is paying people to live there at this point.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) - You're so full of yourself aren't you? How self-entitled could you possibly be? The rants and rumors about Leos are not a conspiracy, you all are a bunch of stubborn asses, and no one can correct you without your inner Manson coming out. You're too lazy to do the dirty work yourself, so you have to find mindless followers to do it for you. The parasites that hide under the scum of the earth are a higher class in social status than you. God said she will pray for you this month.

Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 24) - Vindictive, Vicious, and Vivacious, three words that describe myself. Three words that describe a Virgo: oblivious, aloof, and dimwitted. You can't help that you were the result of two crackheads who free based while you were in utero. On a more uplifting note, you have some positive news coming your way, and no, it's not the result of your STD tests. Good luck is actually coming towards you in this very moment. As a matter of fact, I hear that the study your roommate signed you up for, for missing chromosomes, came back as a plus and you are about to receive a check for \$50! Good job!

Libra (Sept. 25 - Oct. 23) - Oh Libra, poor loser Libra, you have spent your entire life in following into others footsteps, always thinking 'one day I'm going to make it big,' only to be shot down time after time. You have been hoping and praying that one day someone will notice you and take you where you think you deserve to go. Well guess what Libra, this is your month! You will finally be recognized and taken to exactly where you are meant to be! Ever heard of the phrase puts the lotion on the skin? You are in for the best time of your life, you go girl!

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) - Error Msg 110: The number you are trying to contact is no longer in service.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) - The fact that you treat everyone who is kind to you like shit right after you get your attention fix from them, is just savage, and not in a woke way. The reason you are the 12th month of the year is because you are the lowest of the low. If I had a dollar, wait no, 5 cents for every time you build someone up just to tear them right back down, I would be able to Steve Jobs the next Bill Gates. Redemption is the next chapter in store for you. You will find love where you never thought you could even imagine. Maybe a coworker, perhaps your boss, or maybe you will just ruin your life and regret all you are missing out on. Stop being an ignoramus and take your head out of the sand pile you have built around it. Grow up buttercup or be alone forever. Your choice.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Another month, another horoscope. Capricorn, this month the universe decided that you deserve nothing but the worst. I'm talking the worst of the worst. If you have a pet, it's running away; if you are in a relationship, they are cheating (probably with your best friend). Just keep in mind that this month your life is going to be a living hell. I for one can't wait to pop my jiffy, sit back, and laugh at you relentlessly.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 20) - The fact that the dead jellyfish all over the shores of Tybee have more personality than you, says a lot about you. The only thing changing this month for you is your hairline. Even your hair has gotten bored of being on your head and decided to jump ship. Maybe you should try doing something exciting this summer, like buy a boat or invest in toys that you can find in the pet aisle of your local grocery store. Seriously, get a life before you end up as the creepy old person that children make up theories about on their walks home, or before the FBI makes you a person of interest in a major felony. Whatever you decide to do, make it count!

Pisces (Feb. 21 - March 20) - Listening to you speak is like what I can only imagine a therapist has to go through from a recently released convict. News flash Pisces: NO ONE CARES! You are the type that craves attention so badly that you are the poster child for Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy, and ultimately you just end up performing some sort of degrading act and are back to your normal. We get it, you have severe Daddy issues, but for the love of God, this month will you at least try to be a self-respecting alcoholic like everyone else on this island? You were hurt, someone bruised your ego, etc. Man up and get the frack over it.

Aries (March 21 - April 20) - Dear Aries, your time is nigh, much like your alcoholic foster mom who kept you around just for the monthly checks and free labor. As 2020 comes to its halfway mark, you seem to be lost. Don't be discouraged, the rest of the year for you will be much like the first half - alone, quarantined and getting rejected on Facetime calls. Actually, if you wanted to make a change for the good, then you should empty your cupboards Fatty, and give it to the people who actually need to eat, not because they are bored like you.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20) - You have always been one to defend your loved ones honor. You are a 'real blood is thicker than water' type believer. You would literally die for those of which you love, always putting everyone's needs before your own. Unfortunately that means that you forget to take care of yourself from time to long ass time. Your hygiene has taken a back seat sitting along your physical appearance, so in result your dating life has too. This month you should put your backwards ass way of life friends on the back burner and focus on the twins it looks like you are carrying. Summer has arrived Taurus and unfortunately so has your gut.

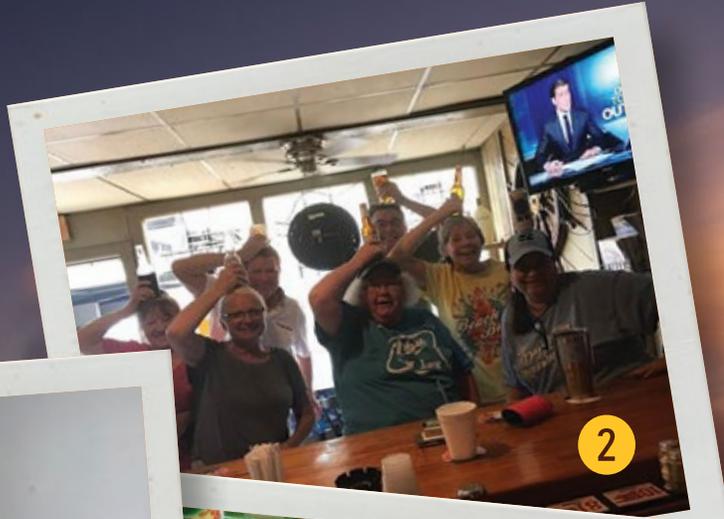
Gemini (May 21 - June 21) - Do you ever look at your very best friend and think 'God, I am the luckiest person in the world to have found someone that is so compatible with me?' Like every relationship you have ever had, has had the highest of highs and lowest of lows? Like things just happen to you as you will them into existence? There's a good reason for that actually. Your best friend is yourself in a mirror, your relationship is just your left hand, and everything happening your way is just the night nurse at the local psychiatric hospital you were admitted to 15 years ago. Your round of shock therapy should be wearing out as you finish reading this, so as you look around and realize you are still in your padded cell, its ok, just breathe and wait for your pills to kick in.

LOUNGING WITH LOUGHRIDGE

By Alaina Loughridge



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1 want to take a minute to give a shout out of appreciation for our *Breezy Riders* owner, **Ron Goralczyk**. Not only did he go out of his way to help those in need during this crisis, but he also worked his ass off doing it. He cleans up pretty well too! Love that shirt!

2 So, apparently some bartender wasn't doing their job and all these thirsty yahoos were making a scene. However, David Muir is on ABC World News Tonight and when David speaks, I'm in, baby. I love that man!

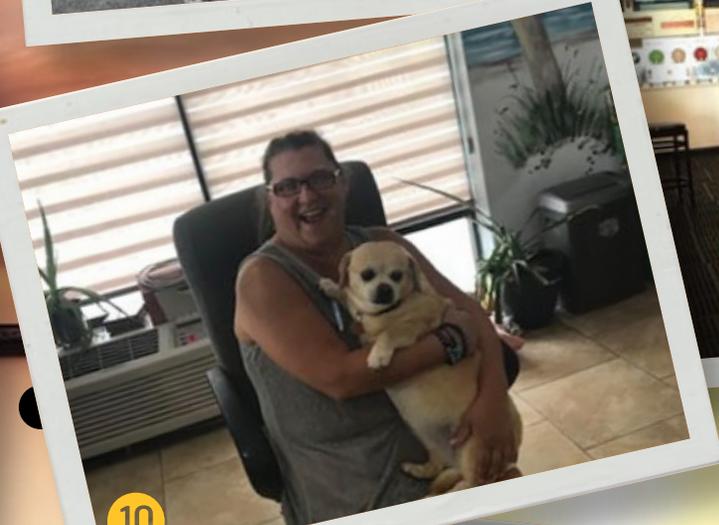
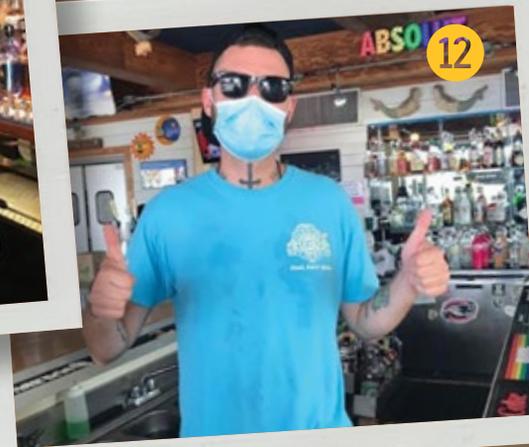
3 Some of us went into Quarantine and came out the other end looking pretty much the same. Jeremy went into Quarantine with black hair. Black. Two months later, this is what is going on. Jeremy!!! WTH happened to you? Whatever it was, you're still smiling! Must have been something magnificent or horrifying. Stop by *Spanky's* and ask. LOL!

4 Here is the deal: If you can guess who this is, you get to go on a date with him. If you are a dude, y'all can go to the Quarter and eat wings. If you are a lady, you are on your own and you're gonna have a great time!! I promise...

5 **Kristen Jansen** was in town and insisted on going to *Huc-A-Poos* to have pizza and get a picture with **Eric**. Don't tell anyone, but she's had a crush on him since she was 7 years old. Guess what she named her baby? **Huck**, of course!

6 Totally busted **Katie and Josh** at *The Quarter* drinking! I put the photo in black and white so Tommy Barlow could catch up with the rest of us! Just kidding, Tommy! You know your people are the best! Just put your spectacles on so you can see it clearly.

7 Speaking of drinking on the job, I caught **Bridget Lindsey** and her Natty Daddy! Classic moment and no, she wasn't drinking it, but that face says it all! Thank you, Bridget, for just being you!



8 Caught these two lovebirds in the parking lot! If you don't know **Fidget and Bo Price**, you better figure that out. It must be you. Good people!

9 The coolest cat in the room trophy goes to **Al** with **Tybee Turtles**. You can't phase him on stun! Al is always around for your taxi needs and will get you to and fro with a smile on his face!

10 Look at that pretty girl sitting behind the desk at **The Dunes**! So cute. Oh, and then there is her mamma, **Joy**. LOL!!! Both are beautiful and if you want to pet Halo, stop by and say "Heeyyyyyy!"

11 Talking about pretty ladies, check out this hot girl at **Tybee Time**!!! When was the last time you saw her behind the bar? Next time you round that corner, make sure you stop by and get your daiquiri from **Bethany**! She will treat you right!

12 Well, well, well! Look who is bartending at **Fannie's**!!! I'm not sure whether I should be delighted or terrified and I have a feeling that is what people think when they see me at the Wind Rose: Sit and stay or run as fast as you can! You should definitely be a good boy and sit and stay! **Gage** will treat you right and definitely make you giggle.

13 Ladies and Gentlemen, what we have here is a pickley situation: Do you attempt to pick up the shot or do you get a straw - seeing as how the shot is bigger than the glass! It's a conundrum and **Joey Elswick** is taking this situation seriously! No alcohol abuse! Love you Joey!!!

14 I was there and I'm not even sure what the hell is going on: Apparently **John and Joey** are having a contest of some sort that involves chest hair and nipples and **Spec's visiting friend** is face perfect! Welcome to Tybee buddy! HaHa.



Noisy but Nice Neighbors vs. Not so Nice Neighbors

Imma not saying we were perfect. Okay. We may have consumed a few cocktails. There may have been a little raucous laughter and one person talking at an increased volume to drown out other voices talking at normal volumes. But, trust me, it was not crazy. It was three adults and three kids hanging out on a back porch, playing darts and enjoying each other's company. We weren't even playing music.

And then the police showed up.

Don't get me wrong, I generally like it when a good-looking man wanders up to my back porch. And if my neighbors are going to call the cops on me, I'd appreciate it if they would request Officer Jones make the house call. TIPD seriously needs to keep this guy under wraps or there will be a whole slew of women committing crimes on the island hoping to get arrested by him. But...I digress.

Officer Jones was the epitome of courtesy and nicely asked us to keep it down. We apologized at once, gave him the latest Beachcomber where the police department was profiled, and sent those loud children to bed. But I was more than a bit peeved.

I clearly remembered my freshman year of college when they got all of us little 18-year-old dorm-mates together and told us that if our neighbors were too loud, we were not to go straight to the RA and complain, but knock on their door and let the offending neighbor know that they were offending. Nine times out of ten, we were told, they will apologize and the noise will stop. If not, **then** you involve the RA.

How do property-owning, responsible, grown-ass adults not know this?

I'm not saying the cops should never be called. Of course they should be called for violations. That's the whole purpose of the cops. But before you involve them, you need to grow some cajones, and try to solve your own damn problems.

Do you know how hard it is to be a police officer? Of course not! Me neither! I am way too much of a coward to even consider it. And you probably are too. But, I can use my imagination and my imagination tells me that they have it rough. They are not babysitters for adults. They are not your crutch to use because you don't like confrontation (most of us don't). They have actual peace to maintain.

You know what would have happened if my neighbor would have peeked over their fence and asked us to keep it down? Apologies galore! An immediate end to the noise! And Officer Jones could spend his time doing something productive for the island.

Imma not saying that you should never send men in uniform to my front door. Imma not saying that. But if you do, it better be a stripper....

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SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Welcome back Sports Teaser fans! Sorry about the brief hiatus that the world put us on, but hopefully this will be a restart that won't be interrupted again anytime soon! It's still hard to believe that sports and pretty much of the rest of our normal lives was interrupted on March 12; everything just stopped and ground to a halt. Currently, with a better handle on how to slow down the COVID-19 virus before we get a vaccine, some sports have resumed, and others will do so soon with restrictions. Although I don't have much to recap for the last 3 months (other than the reruns of past sporting events -- FYI when FOX ran the Falcons Super Bowl debacle a while back, the local channel in Atlanta showed a movie -- good move!), we do have some exciting things to look forward to in the world of sports!

NASCAR has restarted without fans, having about two races every week to get caught up even with a limited schedule. Being the first live sports event to come back, there are probably a lot of new racin' fans simply because it was the only thing on. It seems like the Daytona 500 and that horrible wreck that Ryan Newman essentially walked away from, was a long long time ago.

As you know, I'm a fairly rabid golf fan and the PGA tour is restarting the middle of June with a limited schedule for the rest of the season. The first few events will have no spectators or sponsors allowed. However, as of this writing, the state of Ohio has authorized spectators to be able to attend The Memorial tournament in mid-July. Unfortunately, the British Open was canceled for this year and will resume in 2021, but the other three majors have been rescheduled with a November Masters on the calendar. I know who will be watching golf and football that weekend. And eating pimento cheese and egg salad of course!

The NBA, MLB, and NHL have come up with some plans to play a limited season starting this summer. The NBA will finish its season and playoffs with Mickey Mouse in Disney World. Many of these events will not have spectators, which will be awkward, but at least they'll be playing.

College football is planning to start as normal but, as we know, things can change if there are any other health concerns that pop up. Many colleges really need the television money to keep their athletic departments in the black. I think they will play football this fall but if the students are not on campus that presents a problem. In addition, the NFL plans to start as scheduled. All these plans are subject to change and hopefully will proceed!

The last few months have been challenging for us all to say the least. Everyone has been touched by this pandemic to some degree. I have several friends that contracted it and have recovered. I know of some that didn't. Sports has always been a diversion for many and will come back like most parts of our lives but most likely for now, a different way. The term "new normal" is often used to describe where we are heading. Let's hope it's a close to the old one!

Enjoy the restarting of sports and I look forward to covering some "action" in the August column. Be safe and stay healthy!

Main Street Matters

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

BYE BYE MALLWART

You'll never find my husband sitting on that red husband bench outside of Seaside Sisters boutique.

To him that might as well be called the sissy bench. He didn't rise to the rank of Commander in the U.S. Submarine Force for nothing. True to his alpha nature, he's willing to lead the charge down aisles of colorful, sparkly merchandise – touching, sniffing and chatting his way to the cash register. While he appreciates the two-day delivery benefits of on-line shopping, he'd prefer to brave an in person shopping expedition.

In fact, one weekend not so long ago, he grabbed his car keys and headed for the door, saying he had to run to the hardware store. When I asked what he needed to get, his shameless response was, "I don't know yet." He just needed to go figure it out in the midst of nails, paint and the smell of sawdust.

He and his ilk are the very reason why brick and mortar shopping, despite dire predictions, will never go away. People will always crave the social interaction, sensory stimulation and sense of accomplishment that comes from shopping in a store. The better the store can make the experience, the more likely people will navigate away from online retail toward a local shop.

I recently attended a webinar on Main Street retail trends, which touted "experiential retail," as the secret to success for traditional retail establishments. This is when a store offers other activities in addition to selling, and shoppers do things at the store in addition to buying merchandise. The retailer is offering consumers an enjoyable experience along with their shopping excursion. This experience distinguishes the store from others and gives shoppers a reason to return again and again. Any store, no matter what they sell, can add a special experience.

You might not think buying a winter coat is a fun experience, but one outerwear shop, mentioned in the webinar, added a cold room so customers could experience how the product performed without waiting for the first winter storm. Now they're snowed under with business from people who want to frolic in fake frosty weather.

One of my favorite craft stores, My Favorite Things®, is headquartered in sleepy Eustis, Florida. Early on the founders realized the 20,000 residents in Eustis were not enough to keep them in business selling papercrafting supplies, so they set about creating a unique experience. The family that founded this store grew from a tiny, rented space to owning their building – a historic, two-story brick building that serves as a downtown Eustis cornerstone. It's a treat to visit the historic storefront.

They mix retail and warehousing under their roof. Customers who visit the store get a peek at the rows and rows of merchandise waiting to be shipped out. That's pretty cool to see if you're a craft geek. They serve as a community gathering spot, hosting sell out classes by well-known crafters at the store. People like me drive from miles around to attend these classes, and we're so charged up on the experience we end up charging up our credit cards with more merchandise that we hope will draw out the experience once we get home!

Their online sales have earned them a global customer base and a strong online community of fans all over the world. When you buy online, your package arrives with a jelly bean and a handwritten note signed by



the person who packed your order. People get upset when the jelly bean is left out of the order.

My Favorite Things has mastered experiential retail, and is a textbook case of how small businesses can survive in these tough times.

Experiential retail is perfectly suited to a Main Street, where businesses tend to be locally owned and more flexible. The big box, multi-national chains are less able to adapt to this experiential retail trend in a timely fashion, and thus they're purging stores or going belly up.

In these uncertain times, shop owners have to play a mental game of Pimp My Store, asking themselves how they expand their shops beyond the expected, reach out to far away fans and customers, and make customers want and need to visit the physical location. What unique and enjoyable experience can you offer your clientele that the big box and the online store can't undercut?

That brings me back to why you won't find my husband on the sissy bench. He was more than happy to accompany me into Seaside Sisters that day when I went to a book signing by Mary Kay Andrews, a bestselling author who happens to be one of my favorites. There was free wine, home-baked goods, and a friendly welcome by Joey, the shop dog.

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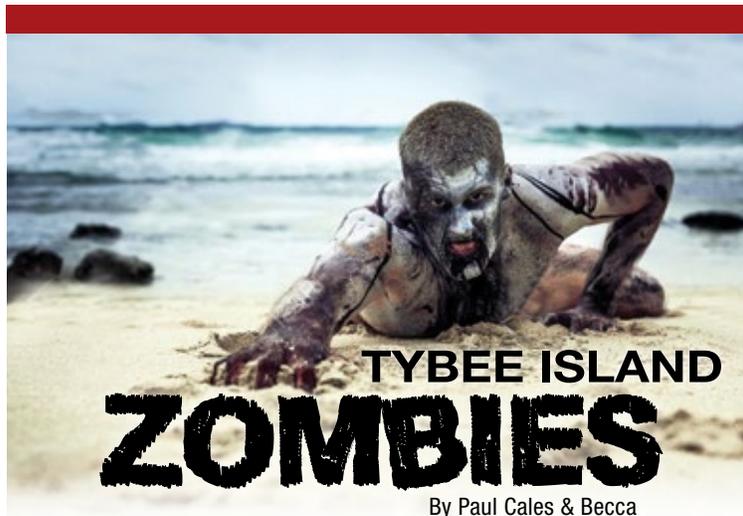
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By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the June 2020 Beachcomber.
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CHAPTER 35 FINGER FOODS DAY 10.5

Richie pulls the police car up to the side entrance of the American Legion. As he slams on the brakes, dust rolls past the cruiser and he exits the vehicle. He walks around to the rear passenger door and opens it. *"We're home, Crabber!"*

"Can you PLEASE get these damned handcuffs off me?"

"I don't think that's a good idea just yet," Richie says, as he grabs Brian by the elbow and pulls him out of the car. *"Let's get inside where it's safe then we can discuss it, pal."*

"Jesus dude! We're in the middle of the apocalypse and you've got me in handcuffs."

Richie guides Brian up the steps toward the bar entrance. As he reaches for the doorknob Brian yanks his arm away from Richie and runs back down the steps toward the police cruiser.

"Damn it, Brian! You're going to make this harder than it needs to be!"

Richie shouts, and begins chasing Brian down. When he is within a few feet, he lunges at Brian. His forearm crashes into the base of Brian's neck and sends him face first into the right quarter panel of the car. Brian falls to his knees. Blood, pouring from his nose, pools on the ground in front of him.

"Son of a... My nose!" Brian exclaims. *"You broke my damn nose!"*

"Well son, you shouldn't have tried to get away. I'm the police!"

"Why the hell do you have me in cuffs anyway, asshole!"

"Now you're in cuffs for resisting arrest and fleeing. You're making things worse for yourself Brian. All you have to do is comply!"

"Dude. There is no police force. There is no law. There is nothing left but a bunch of damned zombies!"

Richie reaches down and helps Brian to his feet. *"Just because there is a bad virus going around, and people are looting, rioting, and going a little crazy, doesn't mean there shouldn't be law and order,"* Richie explains to Brian. *"And order there shall be!"*

As they reach the top of the steps, Richie looks at Brian closely. *"Damn Brian. You really did a number on your nose there. You've made your face look like a professional wrestler after a steel cage match. And your shirt! It's covered in blood. You're a mess, Brian."*

Brian, realizing he won't be able to flee in the state he is in says, through gritted teeth, *"If you take these cuffs off me, I could maybe clean myself up a bit."*

"In due time, Brian. In due time." Richie opens the door, pushes Brian through, then locks the door behind them. *"Joe-T! We're home!"*

"Oh god!" Brian says, then gags. *"What's that smell? Jesus dude, it smells like roadkill in here!"*

Joe-T, still tied to his chair behind the bar, stirs in his bindings. When the smell of fresh blood makes its way through the bar to him, he begins to snarl.

"Oh shit!" Brian whispers. *"Do you hear that Richie? There's one of those things in here with us. Untie me so I can help you take care of it."*

Richie looks at Brian, confused. *"Nah, my friend. That's just Joe-T."* He grabs Brian's elbow and guides him around the end of the bar so they can see Joe-T in his chair by the beer cooler.

Brian gasps, *"He's a zombie! What the hell, man?"*

"He's my best friend and you'll not refer to him in such a demeaning manner." Richie shoots Brian a stern look and then sighs, *"You clearly don't understand what's going on, Brian. He's just got a virus. He'll get better. Everyone gets sick from time to time. When you get the flu, you just need to take care of yourself while it runs its course. This will run its course just like any other illness. I just need to keep him hydrated and fed and he'll get better. I even put Motrin in his food, so he doesn't moan so much from the pain."*

Brian's eyes go wide as he listens to Richie talk. *"You're one sick..."*

Before Brian can finish his thought, Richie smacks Brian hard on the side of his face. *"You'll mind what comes out of your mouth, boy! A little respect goes a long way."*

Brian takes a few steps away from Richie. *"Respect? Dude are you serious right now? It smells like death in here. You're the one who doesn't understand what's going on here. Joe-T is dead, or undead, whatever. He's snarling at us! You don't see what's wrong with this picture? He's not going to get better. You should put a bullet in his head and end his misery!"*

As Brian finishes this monologue Richie, realizing Brian is not going to come around to his way of thinking, unsnaps his pistol, pulls it out, and tosses it in the air. Catching it by the barrel, he crashes the butt of the gun into the side of Brian's head and knocks him out cold.

Brian begins to come back around and hears Richie's voice, *"Wakey, wakey..."* Richie says.

Brian opens his eyes. When he tries to stand up he realizes he's tied to a chair behind the bar facing Joe-T. *"What? What the hell man!"* he exclaims, and begins to struggle against his bindings. Joe-T snarls and clacks his teeth in Brian's direction. Brian's arms are no longer cuffed but are bound behind him with a rope. His legs are tied together and there is a rope tied around his chest, securing him to the chair. Brian swings his head in a circle and groans. *"My head! Jesus, dude. Have you lost your ever-loving mind?"*

"No," Richie says. *"And you need to learn a little respect. You're in our house, Brian. Joe-T doesn't like your language OR your attitude."*

Brian puts his head down and mutters under his breath in anger, *"When I get loose from this chair, I'm going to straight up murder this sicko..."*

Before Brian can finish, Richie spins toward him. *"Excuse me, Brian. What was that you're saying? We can't seem to hear you."*

"I said... Let. Me. Go!"

"I don't think that's a good idea considering how you've been behaving since we arrived. Besides..." Richie claps, *"We haven't even had dinner yet! While you were taking your much-needed nap, I was back in the kitchen getting some grub ready for us."*

"I'm not hungry," Brian says, then closes his eyes for a moment. His head is still woozy from the blow from Richie. *"I think I might puke."*

"Here, Brian," Richie says, and brings a glass of water to Brian's lips.

"Have some water. You're going to need to stay hydrated if you want to stay healthy."

Brian gulps the water as fast as Richie allows until the glass is empty. He didn't realize how thirsty he was. Richie sets the empty glass on the bar and walks around behind Brian, out of his sight.

"So, *what are you cooking up?*" Brian asks, and tries to turn his head to look at Richie.

Richie pulls a pair of clipping sheers from his utility belt and grabs Brian's left pinky and ring fingers. "*Oh, just some finger foods.*" And with one swift and powerful squeeze, Richie cuts Brian's two fingers off.

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Behind the Tape...

By Sgt. Richie Dascal



Hello everyone and welcome back! Seems like things are slowly but surely getting back to business as usual out here. I hope everyone is finding a way to get some enjoyment out of the summer, even without Beach Bum, Orange Crush, and Fourth of July fireworks. As I'm sure none of you are surprised, a little pandemic didn't slow us down any at the police department. And now that things have reopened, we're busier than we have ever been.

Since the reopening, it seems like everyone is hitting the booze way harder than normal. I'd say in a given day 90% of the people we talk to have been drinking. Just a few weeks ago we dealt with two friends who had come here on vacation. They started the night off strong by getting in a light fist fight in their rental. After that they followed this up with another fight in front of the bars. After that they came back to their rental, ready to go to bed, but had to fight each other in the street one last time. At this point enough was enough, and they both had to go to jail. The next day we had to go over to the rental property, because in the span of maybe five hours they had it, they were able to completely trash the inside and get blood from their fight on everything. Then to add to the mystery of what exactly they had been doing that whole night, three weeks after, someone found one of their wallets on the roof of a condo on Atlantic Ave. behind Sandbar.

At this point you might be saying, "Richie what are we supposed to learn from this story?" And I can confidently say, "I have no idea." We all know normal people don't act like that but we also know not everyone that comes to Tybee is normal. Anyway, hope everyone has a great month, at this time there's no ETA for when VIP might start back up, but we will be keeping everyone informed.

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LOVE, NOT ACTUALLY

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

The Question this month is: Do you sleep with each other on the first date or no?

Girl's Advice:

This is a good one and has several different answers depending on the situation. Off we go... If you are hooking up on Tinder, Grinder, Ashley Madison, or Hinge, be prepared to get funky. Shave your parts and wear your best undies. If you are being set up by your parents and their new neighbor's son/daughter, then no funky. In fact, don't shave or wear pretty anything in case you get seduced by some crazy part of your libido. Maybe the fact you are not at your best will tamp your lust down to allow you to think rationally. Just NO!

Now, if you got hooked up by Match.com, that means you are looking for that ever after thing. No funky for you that same night.

However, if you are just out and about doing your thing with a condom in your pocket, I say hell yes to having a good time with that stripper. Or that cool bartender who just gave you the eyeball. Or the tourist who is here on their own.

On a personal note though, I don't care who you are, sex in the bar bathroom is just not cool. Oh, and don't _____ where you eat. That is gonna come back and bite you in the ass.

Boy's Advice:

Ok ladies, this question is mostly for ya'll. If you didn't know it before, guys are looking for one thing first, and it's neither coffee and conversation at Tybean or a peck on the cheek good night. You're skewed sense of dating may have been developed by watching too much Carrie Bradshaw or 50 First Dates while eating chocolate ice cream and crying your eyes out because your boyfriend would rather hang out with the boys. By the way, he's probably NOT hanging out with the boys. He's probably hanging out with a chic who puts out on the first "date."

The real question here is, who are you? Are you the type of girl who wants a man in her life who is going to treat you with dignity and respect? Or, are you the type of chic who likes the bad boys and wants to be treated like a Tinder date twice a week, only to be left alone with your feelings of insecurity on a Friday night and a bowl of Ben and Jerry's that is salted with the tears of shame and regret?

If you're too dense to pick up what I'm putting down, I'll give it to you straight, as painful as it is for me to say. Sex on the first date is not a date, it's a "hook-up." Hook-ups have expiration dates. It may last just that night, or it may continue under the guise of a relationship for a few months or so. It will end, and most likely, it will end badly. Not sleeping together on the first date will lay the groundwork for a relationship that can be built on.

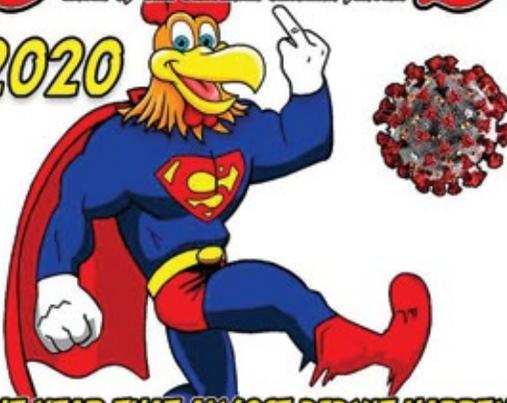
Girls, if you're into the prior, I'll be at Tybean Wednesday night. I'll bring the booze for the coffee, I'm too cheap to take you to a restaurant or proper bar, but I'm just the type of guy you're looking for.

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Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms

The Art of Social Distancing

As an introvert, I am an expert on social distancing. I've been practicing social distancing since my very first playdate. So when the CDC came out and said we all, as a society, had to remain six feet away from each other, I turned my ball cap backwards, marked my face with war paint, cracked my knuckles and announced: Game On (very quietly and only to myself).

Here are some social distancing tips for all you extroverts out there who want to kill the rest of us with your Covid cooties...and small talk:

1. Bring a book with you everywhere you go. Most people are loathe to talk to someone reading a book. Most people... Some will still be persistent. What are you reading there? I've heard a lot about that book? Any good? There is an easy remedy to combat this...

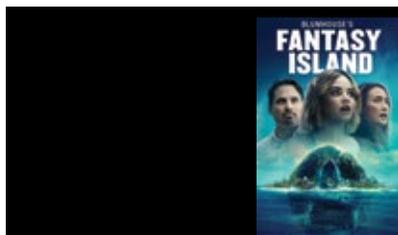
2. Wear headphones. Ha! Foolproof. There aren't many who will try to break through this line of defense. For extra, extra protection: combine tips 1 and 2.

3. Scan and avert. This one takes practice. Sometimes you're in a situation where you can't read or have headphones on, in these cases you scan and avert. Say you're out grocery shopping. What you want to do is keep your head down, avoiding eye contact for as long as possible. When you do have to look around so that you don't knock over a display of potato chips, quickly raise your head, scan the area for potential small talkers, then if you see one (or God forbid, someone you know) avert your eyes at once! If, by chance, someone with a friendly face catches your eye, turn and run the other way.

4. Learn to say no. Or learn to lie and say yes when you really mean no. So, maybe you have friends who are totally over Covid and want to hang out. Us introverts have two ways of dealing with this. Of course, you could just say no right off the bat, but...sometimes extroverts can be persistent and hound you until you turn your no into a yes. The easiest course of action is to say yes to a social interaction and then get out of it later. Some handy excuses: I totally forgot, I lost my keys, my car won't start, I was stuck at the bottom of a well, I have a fever and lost my sense of smell and am short of breath and... *cough* *cough*...wow I just don't feel good.

5. Embrace the 21st century. Ah...life is so good for us introverts here in the 21st century. We have Uber Eats for when we don't want to talk to restaurant workers, self-checkout for when we don't want to talk to cashiers, and Amazon for when we don't want to talk to anyone. You can sit securely in the cocoon of your home with all your technology and have a contact-free existence for as long as our government overlords see fit. Ah...so quiet, so clean, so people-free....

With all this stellar advice, we can surely kick this Covid mess to the curb and soon it'll be time for us to get together again and have a party! I should go ahead and tell you right now that I'd love to go to this party, but I'm pretty sure I already made plans for that day....



MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge

FANTASY ISLAND

I was flat out excited to see the new **Fantasy Island!** I watched it as a kid and Ricardo Montalban was so charismatic as the debonair Mr. Roarke, owner and entertainer of Fantasy Island: Whatever your fantasy is will come true in this paradise! Oh, and we can't forget Herve Villechaize as Tattoo and the unforgettable line, "The plane!! The plane!!!" Yeah, no. The first scene where the girl is running for her life and ends up hiding behind an office desk with no back panel really did not give me good vibes. Naturally she gets caught because she's stupid. It really did not help that she looks exactly like Lady Brienne of Tarth from Game of Thrones, albeit younger and shorter. That threw me for a loop and I don't think I recovered from it. Moving along...

I really didn't like any of the characters. Lucy Hale, as Melanie Cole, is the main character visiting the island and her attitude is just snotty brat. The two guys that come together are super irritating, as they are always high fiving and are just dumb, the single guy seems a little bit too over the top, and the last girl by herself is just sad depressed. They all have their fantasies they want fulfilled, ranging from a never-ending party, to changing a regretful decision to revenge. and lastly, a military adventure. Naturally, none of their fantasies happen as planned and in all the wrong ways. That's where that whole line of 'be careful what you wish for' comes from. Well, that and Candyman Part 1 and 2.

You won't know any of the other actors off the top of your noggin. Mr. Roarke is also a huge disappointment. Played by Michael Pena, whom you have seen before in various whatever movies as a supporting character, but Mr. Roarke is too big a personality for Mr. Pena. He did his best, but nope. No gravitas. No mojo. None of what we want from Mr. Roarke (hey, it's my fantasy and I do what I want).

The good news is there are a couple of twists at the end that are actually not bad. I didn't see them coming and neither will you. Then... the actual last line of the movie redeemed a good part of it – not the whole movie, but I felt like a better person having not exactly wasted my time on this movie.

As rum is the drink of the islands, I give this movie one bottle of Barbados Private Estate 1780 at an unemployment check amount of \$10,667 per bottle, because the last line of this movie was pure epic town, 1 bottle of Brugal Papa Andres Rum running at \$1,971.99 per bottle, because the twists at the end were pretty good, 1 bottle of Bacardi because it's alright and 2 bottles of Skol Rum because the cast sucked and with these prices, I now understand why rum is just a bad liquor. I'm going to throw in one cup of bar mat rum because had that girl been Brienne of Tarth, this movie would have been freaking amazing!



Alright, y'all! If you are an avid reader, you will realize this is the second time I have written about this particular person, but I can't get enough of him! You've heard the phrase, 'when they walk into a room, every head turns.' Well, when **Travis Isreal** walks into a room, the crowd goes berserk! I had a scheduled meeting with him and I had my back to the door. When he walked in, I didn't even have to turn around to know who it was as the bar went nuts trying to get to him! Everyone wants a piece of this absolute light up your life, joyful person who literally changes the vibe up in the room! I've never seen him down or unhappy. Always smiling and just looking at him makes you want to smile no matter what is on your mind. Travis is the whole package of just a good people with good heart! Let me tell you more!

He is waaayyyyy old school Tybee! He is so old school that he worked at Strickland's Grocery as a kid. Strickland's was where the Atlantic Co-Op used to be. Or for the real newbies, it's across from the Park of 7 Flags. That was his first job when he was in third grade and he started mopping the floors. His mom, Carol, was the first through third grade teacher at what is now the 'old school cafeteria' and his dad, Carl, was the head of maintenance at the retirement center. Dad was in the Coast Guard and was very much involved in Tybee and her history. He instilled that in his kid and having Mom as your teacher makes sure you don't get into any trouble!!!

Travis has worked at a variety of places growing up, including MacElwee's, starting as a dishwasher, then cooking and then on to The Hunter House as a cook. He also worked as a lifeguard at the waterslide! In 1994, he joined the Coast Guard and was a Machinery Tech until 2001. After he got out, he traveled for a minute just figuring out life. It wasn't too many years that passed that he returned to Tybee and started working at Sundae Café. He then moved on to North Beach Grill bartending and even did a stint with Dan/Chad at Bernie's (if y'all know, y'all know about that).

In 2018, Travis got onto **A-J's** and here we are.

I asked Travis the Questions of Life:

Passion: Football is the only thing that speaks to me ... and my mom!

When I grow up: I just want to talk shit and have my balls swinging. I am Tybee Pride!

Future: Grow old gracefully, flirting and killing it.

Spirit Animal: Wolf. No explanation required.

Travis' **go-to drink** for both himself and for you is a bottle of **Miller High Life** and a shot of **Jameson**. Sounds pretty good to me!

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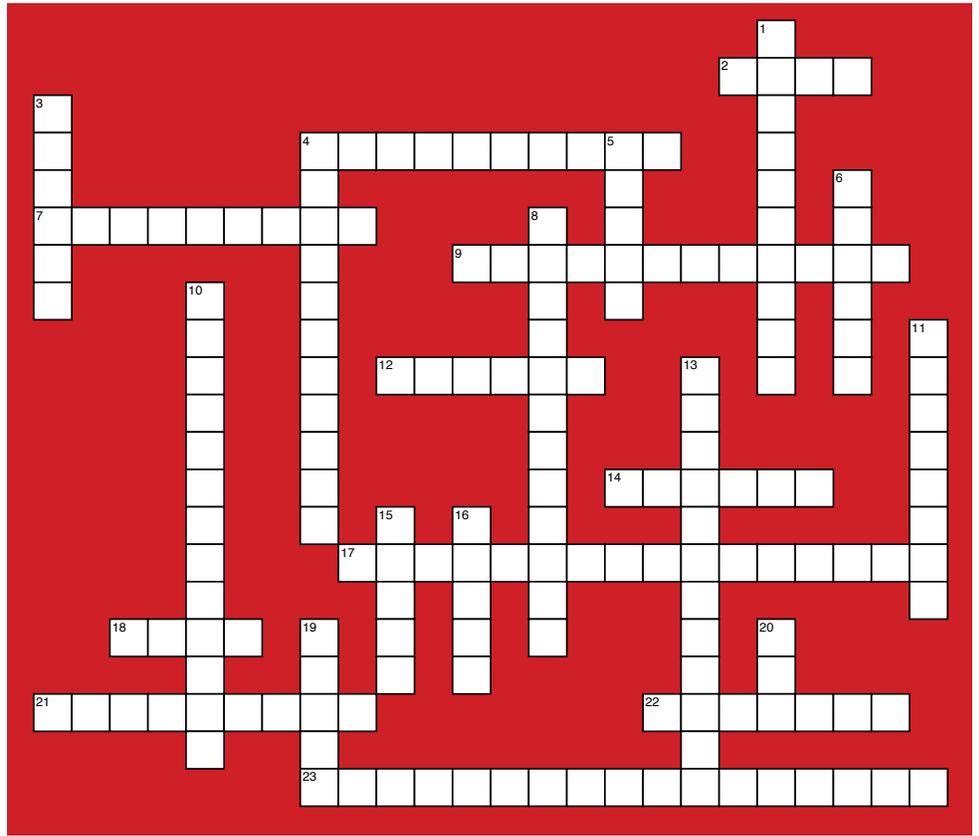
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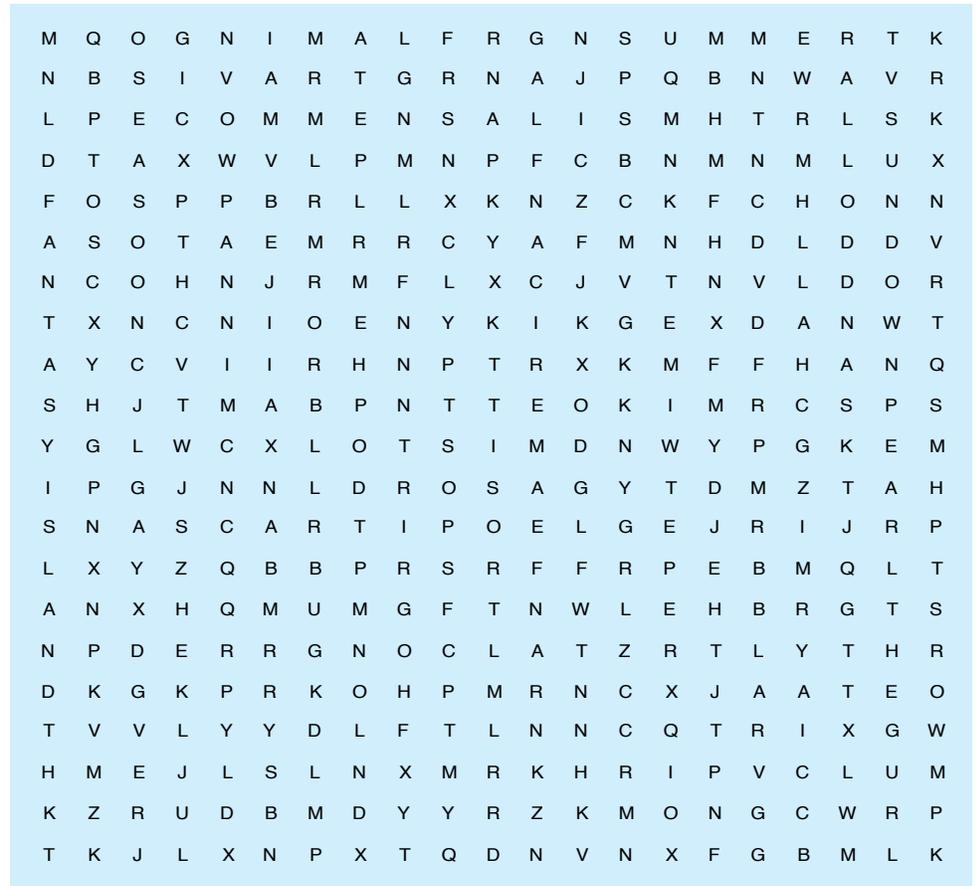
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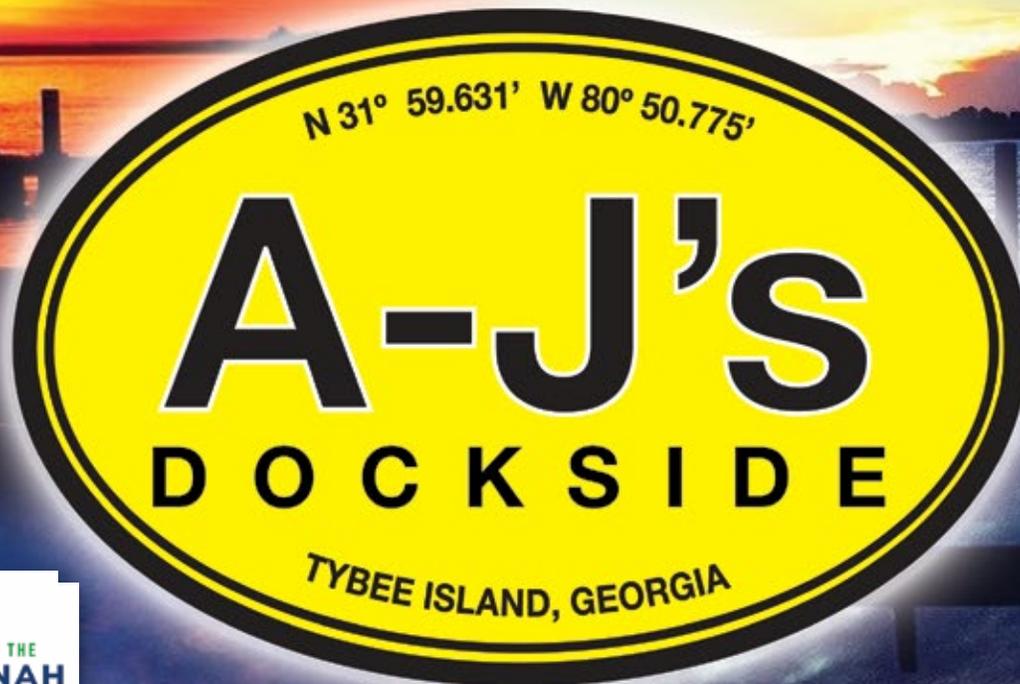


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