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From the **EDITOR**

HAPPY SUMMERTIME Y'ALL!

For the visitors, welcome! For the rest of us hard working folk, work harder!! This summer is already wide open and if you ain't shucking and jiving, you are doing something wrong. You might need to go see Patty at the Wind Rose and get Patterized – get your mind right! HaHa!

So here we are already back in summertime swing! This month is all about the Bucket List and getting things accomplished that you have been putting off since you thought of it. Kind of like that list that has 'cleaning out your closet' on it. Ugh. No thanks. Let's be fun! That closet will still be there when you finish playing! So get out your pen and paper and make your list: What do you want to do in your lifetime? I want to go on a fox hunt (I will probably break a hip, but I'm gonna do it). I also want to have a serious conversation and cocktail with Harvey Keitel. Now that I gravely ponder this question further, I also want to get one of my stories printed in Cosmopolitan. So, what you got? We here at the BC have prepared a Tybee Bucket List for you to add to your current one but go further this year! Whatever is on your list is not impossible, it just may be a little more difficult.

Moving on to more or less weighty subjects, summer is here. Traffic is beyond a nightmare. Breathe people. Watch out for those crosswalks and if someone isn't moving as fast as you would like them to, just remember: You don't know their story. When you walk a mile in someone else's flip flops, well, you have their flip flops. The moral is, have some patience. Wherever you are going is still going to be there when you arrive (insert note to self here).

This month's *Traveling Beachcomber* winner is **Brandy Trout** and her amazing squad of **Cheer Savannah Allstars Seniors 3**. These pics are from the U.S. Finals Competition in Pensacola, Florida back in April, 2017. So proud of these girls and so proud of Brandy for getting them all to pose with the BC!!! You girls rock!!!

Now, stop dilly dallying and go make me a cocktail ... rocks, no salt please ... and flip the page ...

BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

TYBEE GOLF CARTS

Golf carts are rapidly becoming not only a must have, but a total way of life for Tybee visitors and residents. Not only are they cost effective and fuel efficient, but they maneuver easily - you can park that thing literally anywhere and that cart will get you, your clan and all of your beach essentials from point a to point z in time for any festivity or errand. Thankfully, with this boom in biz, **Tybee Golf Carts** is here to not only assist in the sales and rentals of these gems of the road, but they also have the best mechanic in all of the land.

Welcome to Tybee, **J.R. Taylor!** **Julie Livingston** has owned and operated Tybee Golf Carts since November 11, 2011. Rolling with the flow, Julie has added rentals and sales to her fleet on the corner of Campbell and Butler, and now with everything in place, it was perfect timing to add

a full-time mechanic to the team. Thus J.R. This guy knows what he's doing too!

J.R. has been working on engines since forever. In high school, he started working at *3 Guys Golf Carts* in Peachtree City, GA. Starting out as the lowest on the totem pole, when J.R. left for a change of scenery, he was the Head Tech Guru for one of the largest golf cart companies in the country! There is literally nothing he cannot do to your golf cart: Audio Systems, including subwoofers, marine grade blue tooth head units, super cool LED lights, auxiliary and under glow, and custom dash work. That is just the pretty parts. He can also speed you up or slow you down, rebuild and/or rewire your motor, as well as work on the rear differential. He works on all EZGO RXV's and brushless motor systems, which are top of the line. He can also work on any Club Car, Cushman, Evolution, W, Star, and everything else in between!

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| 2 | Sa | 11:24a | 6.1 | 11:46p | 6.9 | 5:35a | 0.5 | 5:27p | 0.8 | 6:18a | 8:25p | 11:48p | 9:37a | |
| 3 | Su | 12:10p | 6.0 | | | 6:13a | 0.6 | 6:07p | 1.0 | 6:18a | 8:26p | | 10:29a | |
| 4 | Mo | 12:31a | 6.7 | 12:58p | 5.9 | 6:54a | 0.8 | 6:51p | 1.2 | 6:18a | 8:27p | 12:28a | 11:23a | |
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| 6 | We | 2:07a | 6.4 | 2:37p | 6.2 | 8:27a | 0.8 | 8:39p | 1.4 | 6:17a | 8:28p | 1:41a | 1:12p | 3rd |
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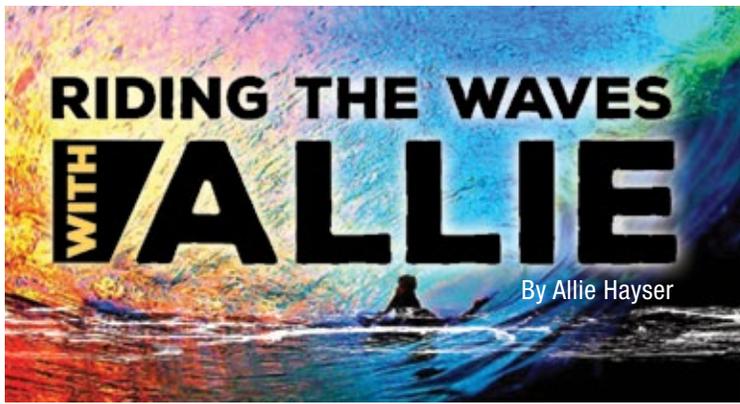
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UNDER THE BLUE VIEW: WAVE SCIENCE

There's a lot more motion and ocean going on than what we see from our beach chairs. Waves, swell, underwater geology, currents, tides, and winds: local beach goers and surfers can predict the best (day off) case scenarios by understanding how these impact Tybee specifically and checking popular forecasting apps/websites.

To understand Tybee from the ocean point of view, we should cover the motions first. Where are these waves coming from? **Waves** are caused by energy passing through water creating movement in a circular motion. Weirdly put: waves are energy movement, not necessarily water movement. From the beach, we see this energy movement crashing onto the sand or as whitecaps out in the surf. These unseen orbital motions of the oceans are being disturbed by the seafloor or caught by the surface winds, causing the waves to break.

Our little island home has predictable wind patterns throughout the year: Dec - Feb wind coming from the northeast and northwest, Mar - Aug wind from the south, Sept - Nov wind from the northeast. The winds in the winter and fall are much stronger and tend to lend us more surfing waves here on Tybee. When winds blow over the surface of the ocean, the frictional energy is transferred to the water and creates **swell** (a group of traveling waves).

These moving groups of waves, aka swell, are affected by changes in the topography of the ocean floor. Tybee Island lies in the **Georgia Bight**, a curved coastline that lies on the continental shelf. Our "bight" starts near the southeastern coastline of NC, extends to Cape Canaveral, FL, and the easternmost boundary hits the Gulf Stream. Many have wondered why Tybee doesn't get as much swell as Florida... Quick answer: wave energy hits the **continental shelf** (with its gentle slope), lots of friction occurs along the width of the shelf, and by the time it comes to our coastline ... the swell has lost intensity, energy, and the power it once had. Our continental shelf is 80 miles wide, but it tapers off to about 63 miles in St. Augustine, FL and even down to only 1.2 miles in West Palm Beach, FL.

For this reason our coastline is reported to have the lowest energy levels along the southeast coastline because the continental shelf is broad with a gentle slope ... but also that the surf mainly comes from the southeast, and waves tend to crash with a more parallel approach to the beach. So to the surfers out there, when waves approach from the northeast, there are stronger winds and less energy is lost to friction so there's generally a better bet that you should get out and on it!

When reading the surf reports, information about tide times, wind direction, swell period, swell direction, and wave height are necessary to get an idea about what the conditions will be like out there. Tidal currents are periodical and Tybee gets two low and two highs every 24 hours. **Tides** are HUGE, if you choose to take away something from this article, let it be this one. Tide height affects the amount of water and the depth at which the waves will be breaking on the beach (aka whether you'll wipe out into 3-4 feet of freedom ... or 2 inches of exfoliation). Timing is key as well...

you don't want to paddle out when the tide is too low because there might not be anything to ride!

Wind direction and **speed** affects the swell's direction and power, as well as the shape of the breaking waves. We have an east coastline, so westerly winds act as an offshore movement that can hold wave faces up longer before they break ... this also means you potentially have a longer amount of time on the wave/ride. Unfortunately, when these offshore westerly winds are super strong, it may make it harder for you to paddle into waves and catch them as you are almost having to fight the wind head on. NE and SE winds are also good directions for a day in the lineup.

Swell period refers to the time it takes for one complete wavelength (crest to crest or trough to trough) of a wave to pass a stationary point. Long period waves are larger, stronger, and more developed ... whereas short period waves are smaller and have less developed energy. When you are reading the report, you're keeping your eye out for longer period waves. Short period waves are more common in our waters and are usually a result of local winds. When you look to see the period of the swell, also check the **direction**. SE and NE are your friends.

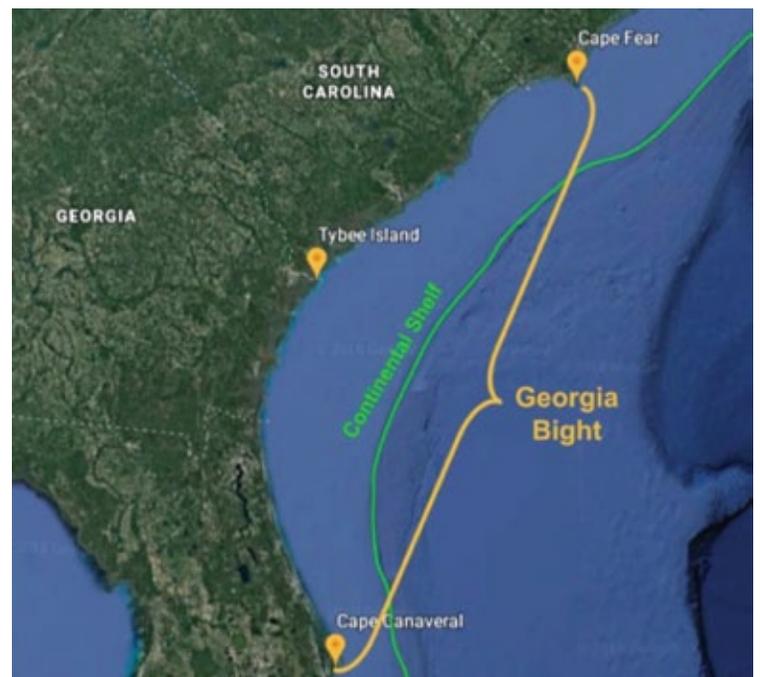
Wave height is measured from the trough (the lowest point) to the peak (the highest point) of the wave. We get data from the buoy out at Gray's Reef (Station 14008). The actual wave height when the waves finally make it to the beach is usually much less than measured out at the reef.

In your surfing adventures you will learn that, depending on the morphology of the beach, many breaks will "work" at different tides. Reading or researching a surf break that you will be visiting can help you understand what tide movements are optimal for the perfect session when you get there.

I hope this information proves helpful when you are planning your next paddle out, beach day, surf trip, or self-education of the conditions we have on Tybee Island. Knowing what surf conditions work best for our local surf spots comes with time spent in the lineup and relating your sessions to what the reports said for that day. Check out the National Bouy Data Center (www.ndbc.noaa.gov), *Surflife*, *Swellinfo*, *WindAlert*, and for some areas of the world, check local surf shop websites (they usually cater to the local conditions and make personal blogs or reports daily).

"The Best Surfer Out There Is The One Having The Most Fun." ~ Phil Edwards

Appreciate y'all!



YOUR TYBEE ISLAND

By Alaina Loughridge, Jimmy Prosser and Margie McLellan - Photos by William Harrell



THE TOP 12!

Living on Tybee Island has its shortcomings (not). We don't have to fit everything into a week or two. We just do beach life every day. But for those of you that have chosen Tybee as your vacation destination this year, we know that you are much more limited in your time here.

Of course we realize the beach is most likely what drew you here, but after spending the day at the beach with your family, you may be wondering what else Tybee has to offer. Well fear not dear readers, we have your back!

We have compiled a list of must-dos for you while you are here. Please take the time to check out just some of our island's fun and entertaining things to do. We all have our own bucket list in Life, but while you're here on Tybee, take the time to enjoy our bucket list:

- 1. The Lighthouse.** Yep. All 178 steps of it. But it is totally worth the climb when you reach the top and get to check out that view!!! There is a fascinating history behind this beautiful lighthouse and it still houses all of its original buildings, which makes it one of only a handful of functioning Light Stations left in the U.S. Located at 30 Meddin Dr. (closed Tuesdays).
- 2. The Marine Science Center.** Good times for any age! The Science Center showcases Coastal Georgia's natural resources and features a variety of live sea life and interesting exhibits. The helpful staff are bursting

with knowledge and love to share with all! Don't miss their interactive touch tank! Located at 1509 Strand Ave.

- 3. Captain Mike's Dolphin Tours.** The entire family is going to love love this boat trip! Seeing dolphins in their natural habitat is a memory you will cherish forever. The guides are knowledgeable and you and the entire family are guaranteed to see a dolphin. Located at 1 Old US Hwy 80. Call for reservations @ 912-786-5848.

- 4. Call Wen McNally for a professional photography shoot at the beach with you and yours.** Those memories are going to last forever (540-288-4970). If you are feeling frisky, call **RiverRat Productions**. **Billy Harrell** can get your family in a drone shot off the pier or actually anywhere. Make your friends jealous with drone video of your vacation! Super cool! (912-414-8414)

- 5. Rent a kayak from A-J's.** There is nothing like being at peace and as one with the water. No hauling or walking or anything. Go to A-J's, rent the kayak, put your butt in it and paddle off. The Back River offers scenic views of Tybee and the surrounding marshlands. We can't promise anything, but I've never gone kayaking without a dolphin escort, a sea turtle sighting, a manatee surfacing, wily otters playing, or all four! 1315 Chatham Ave. (912-786-9533).

AND BUCKET LIST



6. Deep sea fishing! There are a lot of options out there, but my go-to is **Big Fish Charters** with **Captain Nick!** That man truly is the Fish Whisperer and he can tell you what is on your hook by the way your pole bobbed in the water! Creepy, but true! Captain Nick and his first mate will happily clean your fish once back at the dock, and for \$9.95 a person you can walk into Bubba Gumbos and they'll cook your fish up (grilled, blackened, or fried) with two sides! Perfect end to a perfect day on the water! Call 912-230-4625.

7. Fort Pulaski. We are a historical site here. Savannah has been smuggling, gun running and fighting wars since way before you were born. Go check it out and get some history for the benefit of your entire family. This structure is incredible, built with primitive techniques, and this fort has survived hurricanes, floods, tornados, and the Civil War (kind of). Located US Hwy 80.

8. Beach walks with Dr. Joe. They say we know more about outer space than our own oceans, but after taking a stroll with this man you can deny that statement! Dr. Joe is a world of knowledge, from tracks in the sand, shells, and entire eco systems living in tidal pools. You're sure to walk away with a new outlook on the beach! Call him @912-596-5362.

9. Rent a golf cart and tour the island. There's nothing better than cruising Tybee, enjoying the palm trees, the cozy beach cottages, and the

fresh air. And there's not a better way to do it than in an open-air golf cart. Just stay off the main road, and you can safely move around the island while having fun too! **Tybee Golf Carts** located at 801 1st St.

10. Take a surf lesson from Turner Horton at Tybee Surf Lessons. Having learned to surf myself, I can tell you it's actually easier than it looks. I'm not saying it's the simplest hobby out there, but the first time you stand up on that board and ride a wave, you'll be hooked! What a great experience!!! Hang ten!!! (808-385-5364)

11. Farmer's Market at the Lighthouse (every Monday 4-7pm). This is a definite must check out, from local produce and Tybee Honey, to ho'made pies, sauces, crafts, and more. This is a great way to meet some locals and get the scoop on the island. Located at 30 Meddin Dr.

12. Go to the Tybee Post Theater. They offer such a variety – from live music to movies! Did I mention they also have a bar? Catch a friendly game show competition between two local businesses or a comedy show. The calendar is always booked at the Post, be sure to check it out and get your tickets ahead of time. Located at 10 Van Horn Ave.

Enjoy your Tybee Time while you're here ... and remember to leave only your footprints.



Update From Tybee's Mayor

By Mayor Jason Buelterman

As we get into the warmer months, we are all increasingly affected by traffic issues on Highway 80. It seems that almost every weekend there is a wreck and/or major traffic congestion on Highway 80. Therefore, I thought this would be a good time to provide an update on efforts to remedy those issues.

I had the opportunity to meet with the Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) a few weeks ago to discuss this issue and learned a lot from this meeting. GDOT continues to plan for the replacement of the two bridges (Lazaretto Creek and Bull River) and the widening of the causeway between the bridges. In September, GDOT will hold an open house to obtain more public input on the plans. After this meeting, the final environmental impact documentation will be sent to the federal government. If the feds approve, they will issue a "Finding of No Significant Impact" or "FONSI." At that point, \$90.3 million must be budgeted to fund the project. We have been working on this for years and are hopeful that we can get these funds allocated. Ultimately, the project as proposed is not what I had hoped for (a four lane solution), but it is a big improvement over what we have now. The plans call for two new bridges to be built adjacent to the existing bridges. The current traffic flow pattern is supposed to be maintained during construction. The new Bull River Bridge is projected to be built just to the south of the existing bridge (between the current bridge and the big Bull River condo building). The Lazaretto Creek Bridge is projected to be built just to the north of the existing bridge. Both new bridges will have one lane of traffic in each direction, emergency lanes on both sides and a segregated bike/pedestrian path (on the north side of each bridge). The causeway will, as currently planned, maintain its current traffic pattern (one lane in each direction with passing lanes on portions of the causeway). I asked that a median be added to the bridges to avoid head-on collisions and that consideration be given to addressing the way the passing lanes are currently set up. What we have now are backwards passing lanes. In other words, if you want to pass someone headed off of the island, you can't pass until near the end of the causeway and vice versa. It makes no sense.

In a perfect world, in my opinion, we would have two long bridges, each with two lanes, connecting Tybee to Wilmington - one of which would include a 10 foot wide segregated area for people to ride bikes, walk, jog, fish, etc. It would be safer, minimize environmental impacts and be good for the purposes of recreation. I have fought for that very hard but the bottom line is there is not enough money to pay for it. The costs would be twice or possibly even three times as high as the proposed project.

For now, my focus is on getting the proposed project funded. In my column in July, I will provide information about who you can contact to assist in this process.

Relative to interim improvements, the causeway will be paved between Labor Day and November 1 of 2018. It will be raised up to 8 inches in some of the lower spots to avoid flooding closures. Also, GDOT plans to install message boards just east of the Lazaretto Creek Bridge and about a mile west of the Bull River Bridge with up-to-the-minute traffic information. The messages on the signs will be monitored and updated by GDOT's centralized traffic monitoring facility in Atlanta. The staff at this facility also are responsible for signage on our Interstate

highways. There are a lot of these signs in the Atlanta area. I am told these will be installed before the end of 2018.

Finally, with the reformation of the Chatham County Police Department, we are working to increase the presence of officers on this stretch of road. The entire causeway west of the Lazaretto Creek Bridge is unincorporated Chatham County, which means it is the County Police Department's responsibility to patrol. Prior to the break-up of the Metro Department, it was Metro Police's responsibility. The Governor recently signed into law a ban on the use of cell/smart phones while operating a vehicle. We have asked the new Metro Police Chief how his team will enforce this new law on Highway 80 in light of the fact that statistics show more accidents are caused by distracted driving than by alcohol/drug impairment.

I hope that the information above helps explain what is being done to address safety issues on 80. This is an exceptionally frustrating issue because it significantly affects Tybee residents, yet developing solutions is out of Tybee's direct control. It is a state and federal highway on federally-owned property (the National Parks System owns the land that the causeway sits on) and is in county jurisdiction. To add to the complexity, it is surrounded by state and federally managed marshland, near Civil War-era historically significant areas and affected by federally impacted navigable waterways.

I hope this helped provide some insight into the status of improvements on 80.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached on my cell at 912.844.8427 or via email at jbuelterman@cityoftybee.org.

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By Rem

What's Good for you Doesn't Mean it's Good for Me

As spring is in full swing and with summer upon us, those of us that have been procrastinating (nothing new here) are stressing on slimming down for swimsuit season. Or not. We only have three short weeks before it's officially summer, and while we may be starving ourselves to look our best, our lawn, outdoor plants and houseplants are feeling quite the opposite. While we should have been in the gym since winter, we also should have been feeding our lawn and plants since early spring. The bad news is it's a little too late to shrink your ass in three weeks but you go, give it your best shot! The good news is, for your lawn and plants, it's never too late to make a dramatic visual difference in a short amount of time.



There are currently so many fertilizers available to choose from that we find ourselves at the store staring at all the bags and bottles wondering which ones we need. It can be confusing with all the different nutrient numbers and chemical or organic options but with a few key pieces of information it can be somewhat less daunting of a task.



First, those three numbers on the label are the N-P-K ratio (nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium). They are the three primary macronutrients and the numbers represent the percentage available in the fertilizer. While potassium is very important for achieving an overall balance in feeding your plants, there is a greater focus on nitrogen and phosphorus as they are directly responsible for growth and blooms. Often slight increases and decreases in these two numbers can correct and improve inferior plants. Although, be careful not to use too much and burn the plant.

Nitrogen (N) - promotes vegetative growth. When I think of nitrogen, lawn grass is the first thing that comes to mind. Lawn grass is perpetually in vegetative growth unless we stop mowing it and let it go to seed. Since most of us aren't planning on harvesting grass seed, lawns do not necessarily need a fertilizer blend. On the other hand, most other plants will need a fertilizer blend but some extra nitrogen for veggies early in the season gets things moving right along.

- Common nitrogen only chemical based fertilizer N-P-K ratio labels: 20-0-0, 34-0-0

- Common nitrogen only organic based fertilizer N-P-K ratio labels: 6-0-0, 12-0-0

Phosphorus (P) - encourages flowers, fruits and sustainable seeds. Blooming shrubs, trees, fruits and vegetables require a steady source of phosphorus. High phosphorus fertilizer is responsible for producing large, beautiful blooms, abundant flavorful fruits and vegetables and supplying seeds with essential nutrients.

- Common phosphorous only chemical based fertilizer N-P-K ratio labels: 0-18-0, 0-4

- Common phosphorous only organic based fertilizer N-P-K ratio labels: 0-7-0, 0-12-0

Potassium (K) - helps resist disease and ease stress due to temperature. Potassium is vital for superior quality fruit. Potassium is often available in combination with magnesium and sulfur which are important micronutrients.

I must mention good old **Calcium (Ca)** - a micronutrient that is equally as important as the big three and plays a critical role in the plants ability to take up nutrients. And tomatoes need calcium!!

Armed with your new N-P-K knowledge I have complete faith you will find the right fertilizer for the job. And when in doubt, go with a general blend ratio like 4-4-4 (my favorite) and check the label to make sure it includes some calcium, magnesium and sulfur in there as well.

The N-P-K ratios are substantially different for chemical and organic fertilizers. This is because chemical fertilizers release faster and organic fertilizers break down at a slower rate. It is everyone's own personal choice whether to use chemical or organic fertilizers. Since it is such a hot debate in many gardening circles I will leave you with this: store your chosen products in a cool, dry place and put a lock on the door. Nunya beeswax.



Gluten Free & Fake Allergies

Season is hitting, the island is packed, restaurants are overcrowded, and wait times are well past an hour. Having spent many years in the service industry, I noticed a huge change about 10 months ago - you all forgot you're deathly allergic to gluten. Yes, it's true, table after table after table, "If I eat gluten I'll literally die, like I will die, do you want that on your conscience?" they say in a threatening manner. "Oh, you have Celiac's Disease?" I compassionately ask. "What's that?" is the only response I've ever received. It's my first indication you're faking an allergy, which is a bigger problem than most realize.

I have worked at my fair share of restaurants, and can say honestly, every restaurant I have worked at has always treated allergies very seriously. If you do suffer from any allergies, it is vital to let your server know what you're allergic to and what will happen. If your throat will swell and you will die in 30 seconds, I recommend not touching anything in the building - as we're 27 minutes from the nearest hospital. I don't want to lose your business, but as Bob Belcher of the hit TV show Bob's Burgers said, "It's like the Hippocratic Oath of chefs ... to not make people sick on purpose."

Let me tell you a story that still, after years, boils my blood. I was waiting on a table in a very busy restaurant, a woman told me she was deathly allergic to shrimp, so I spoke with the kitchen; we had her covered. When I rang in her order, one of our chefs had to step off the flattop grill and scrub up as if he was preparing for surgery. Fresh gloves, new rags in place, counter sanitized, the dishwasher drained and new plates, cutlery, cutting boards, knives, and pans washed, to ensure this customer's safety. Tickets slowly start backing up, but to keep this customer alive, we were more than happy to do so (and subsequently, every restaurant I have ever worked in treats allergies the same way).

Her food was cooked separately, plated separately, and brought to the table separately. Everyone else received their meals. I walked by the table and noticed our allergy guest eating off the plate next to her, with shrimp on it. The deadly shrimp that will kill her. I run to grab Benadryl and a manager, we make our way over and ask if she needs an ambulance. Her response, "I'm not actually allergic to shrimp, I just don't like it." B!+¢#.

You backed up the entire restaurant more than 20 minutes because of a fake allergy. Herein lies the problem, people crying wolf when really, it's just a personal preference. If you don't like an item or ingredient, be up front, but to fake a life threatening allergy is beyond comprehension in my book. So next time the latest diet trend emerges, its fine to say, "I'm avoiding gluten, can you make any recommendations" but seriously stop, stop, STOP faking allergies that can kill people.

Breezin' AROUND WITH RON

By Ron Goralczyk



1 Congratulations to the winners of the *Tybee Island Dart League*. **Brian, Barret, Bruce, Joey, Michael, and Rita** have won it again. Two years in a row. *One Shot Too Many?* I guess they are talking about darts cause I didn't see any drinking. I guess that's how they do it in Savannah!

2 Second place went to *The Breakfast Shooters* from *80 east*. **Mark, Matt, David, Greg, Vic, Tim and Ricardo**. They all played extremely well. I mean, if you got points for the high diddle, they would have won. I know they drink cause we drank. Good time boys.

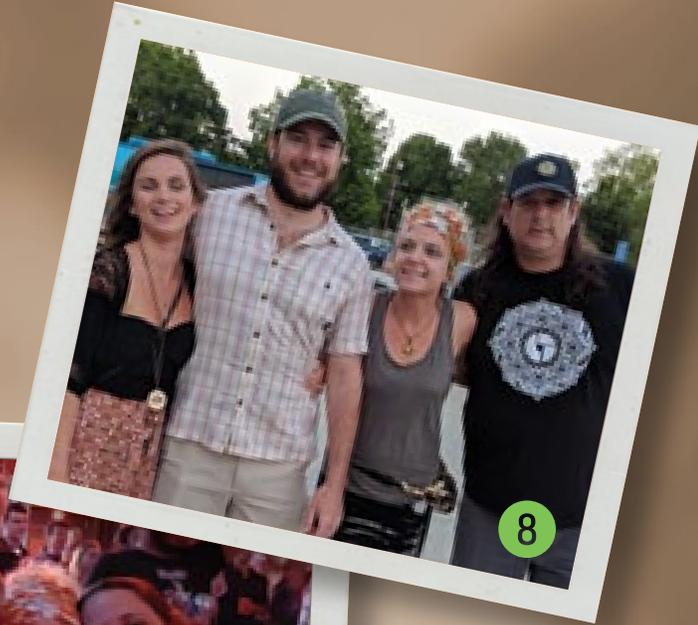
3 Third place belongs to *Darts and Roses* playing out of the *Wind Rose*. **Aaron, Mike Gordon and Nick** shoot lights out, but couldn't find the bull's eye when they needed it. Nick was the ton leader of the year. Maybe you should make them practice more Nick.

Except for Gordon he is alright. Aaron is not bad, so I guess Mike needs to practice more.

4 Fourth went to *Locals Only*, also from *80 east*. **Sam, James, Gus and Paul**. They were unfortunate enough to play One Shot too Many in the first round. I feel your pain guys, they beat my team badly both times we played.

5 *The Girl Gang @ Poos*. **Katherine, Jessica, Austin, Ashley, Maddie and Emily**. These ladies know how to party. Don't be fooled by the innocent smiles. I would love to tell some tales but this is a family magazine. Just kidding ladies.

6 Found these lovely ladies hanging out at *The Stage on Bay*. **Anna, Julie, Molly, Rachel and Tatum** were there to see George Clinton. They told me they had a blast. I will take their word on that. They Stage on Bay is a great venue.



7 So they say never meet your heroes and/or famous crushes. My friend **Tracey** got to meet and greet her all time crush **Bret Michaels** after the show. I'm telling you that dude had on more make-up than anyone else at the show. Remember those tee shirts that said 'I ran into Tammy Fay Baker?' Tracey's shirt looks like that now.

8 Funny thing about living in a small town is no matter where you go you will run into Tybee folks. **Stephen, Rachel, Kiley**, and I think that's the guy from **Hall Pass** were outside of the Stage scalping tickets. 2 for 40 or 3 for 65. Crazy math but it works.

9 I really don't know how **Tyler** does it, he is a bad ass attorney, still is in the Army Reserves, takes the best care of his lovely wife **Tracey**, and seems to go to more concerts than all of us put together. I haven't been to a concert without these two in years.

10 I saw **Jessy and Sandy** in an Uber on the way to the show. **Rachel** tried to get out of the Breezy and ride with. Not on my watch Rachel.

11 So this is one of **Breezy's** new drivers **John**. He may or may not be the one doing the fun rides at North Beach Grill. If you have the chance to ride with him, dollar bet says he will make you laugh. Happy to have you with us John.

12 These guys are too cool for Savannah venues. They must venture all the way to St. Augustine to see a show. **Mike, Mike, Andrew and Brian** - too cool for school. Mike and Mike are also **Breezy** day time drivers and we are fortunate to have them. You can find Mike behind the bar at **Docs** and you kind find Mike behind the bar at **Social**.

BUBBA GUMBO'S

Let me just start out by saying *Chef Gordon* at **Bubba Gumbo's** is *The Chef!* When we set up this shindig, I was thinking a couple apps, a couple entrees, a couple desserts and a thousand cocktails. Well, Chef Gordon was having none of that 'couple of' items and dished out so much food we are still full and that was a week ago! Let me start from the beginning.

It was a beautiful day at the beach and Wen, our intrepid photographer, and I found ourselves bellied up to the bar at Bubba Gumbo's. My lovely assistant, Jimmy Prosser, was our server that day, so that turned out to be super helpful as he knew all the specials and could repeat them over and over for my slow handwriting ass (insert cocktails were consumed here). We were in for a treat and little did we know...

Chef Gordon started us out with the **Smoked Fish Dip**. That day it was Spanish Mackerel and Blue Fish with flat bread toasted points (so much better than tortilla chips!!). The Dip was spot on full of fish, cream cheese and assorted spices. It took everything we had to put the point down. When the appetizers are fab and you know more is coming, it's a tough job, man!



The Bubba's Crab Cake

was up next and y'all know I'm not a fan unless I get some crab with my bread. Yup Yup!! It definitely has a delayed kicked to it! Meaty and not a lot of filler, it is served with a southwest style rémoulade sauce that will have you double dipping when everyone is looking.

While all of this was going on, Wen and I were sampling **Bubba's Tiki Punch**. Served in a custom mug, this house infused pineapple rum, banana liqueur (along with other yummy ness) delight was hitting all the right spots! Wen knows I tend to hog the cocktails and got right in there with her straw. Took a minute for me to get at it as she was reluctant to let it go, but yeah. It's that good.

Moving right along to the next dish: The **Mussels** were up next and served in a beurre blanc (white wine) cream sauce with assorted spices that was so good you thank God it's served in a bowl for slurping later. It is also served with a huge piece of flat bread to sop up that sauce that you can't get into every bite of mussel! That



sauce was other worldly! A moment of silence was held ... until the **Pineapple Mojito** arrived...

I love me some mojito and clearly Wen does too, as she made a dive for it - but I was prepared and fended her off with my empty mussel shell! Definitely minty (as it should

be), but not so sweet that you are dying for water to get it down. Super light and happy, I drank half of it before Wen could get at it. HA! So then a gigantic



fish appeared on a gigantic plate...

The catch for that day was the **Vermillion Snapper!** The entire fish. If you are squeamish, don't do this, as the head is attached and the eyeball is looking at you. However, if you can get by the eyeball part (put a napkin over it), the body is delish! It is a very light, sweet and moist bone-in fishy. Served



with steamed broccoli, it really is a terrific dish and again, it depends on the catch of the day, but never turn down this One in a Vermillion!

The food kept coming and the next dish was the **Atlantic Sharp-Nosed Shark Taco**. Now, they marinate this bad boy for 48 hours before serving it

to you and y'all know anything marinated is gonna be good. Simmered in a rum reduction sauce and served under a smattering of Caribbean jerk pineapple pico, this shark is a heavy meat with a good texture. The pico adds the propellant!

The Low Country Boil was our last entrée. I was pleasantly delighted to hear that the corn is shucked in-house (who even does that anymore?). You can clearly tell when you bite into that cob. Shucked with love. Bubba's LCB also includes mussels, which is a rarity. The potatoes are the new red ones and are flavored, as well as the sausage, which is a bit on the spicy side, but you will scarf it down. The shrimp is sweet and perfectly timed when dropped into that boiling water.



Wen and I paused for a moment ... until the **Bubba's Bloody** hit the table! WOW!!! Now I understand why people have them for breakfast - kind of like a coffee kick-start, but so much better! WooWee!! Made with Savannah Bloody Mary Mix, which was created by one of our own locals, it makes Zing Zang look like canned tomato sauce. Bubba's infuses their special cocktail with Deep Eddy's Vodka, onions and peppers for OVER A WEEK!!! The glass

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is rimmed with the Bubba's house spice and garnished with celery, okra, olives, lemon and lime, it was the best thing ever. Now, that was a straw battle there!

The piece de resistance was dessert: **Crème Brulee!** I am not blowing smoke up your tutu on this one. It was simply perfect. Scoops of whip cream on the side were where they were meant to be and all was good in the land.

Chef Gordon says that in his daily menu, 'everything is fluid' and when your catch is fresh every day, you better be fluid and figure out a menu with what you have in front of you! Good thing Chef Gordon's got this down and every day produces new specials that are not just the same old same old. "It depends on my mood and what comes in." Thankfully, the catch is always plentiful and the mood is always good!

What sets Bubba's apart from the usual is they literally catch their specials off the marina docks (aka their back yard) and WaLa! Dinner! That is just cool and you can definitely taste the difference. Everything is fresh fresh and homemade right down to their All Season. You just can't beat homemade love, homemade caught, homemade period.

Bubba's is a must check out!

Located at 4 Old Highway 80 (right next to the Lazaretto Creek Bridge), Bubba Gumbo's is open Monday through Thursday from 3-9pm and Friday through Sunday from 12-10pm. They also offer Happy Hour Specials and have one of the seriously few best views on Tybee. Drop in and see what Chef Gordon caught today!



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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:

- 1. 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.
- 2. Swim within 50 yards of shoreline** – You endanger not only yourself, but those that have to save you.
- 3. Litter must be contained** – Leave only your footprints. Please!
- 4. No glass or breakable containers** – It's all about broken glass, folks.
- 5. No pets** – No one wants to step in doggy poop or get bitten.
- 6. No motorized vehicles** – The beach is an awesome place to ride your bike, not so much for motor vehicles.
- 7. Do not remove any live marine animals – sand dollars, starfish, etc.** Let's respect our ecosystem. Live and let live.
- 8. 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 Hurricane Matthew and Irma.
- 9. Surf and fish only in designated areas** – It's all about safety!
- 10. No fires or camping on the beach** – We have a beautiful campground for that.
- 11. No disorderly conduct, kegs, or nudity** – We are a family beach, just saying...

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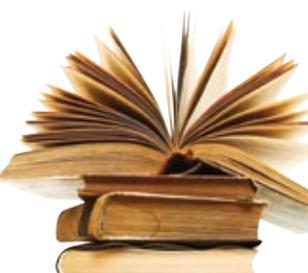
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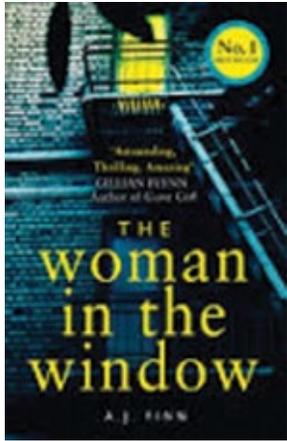
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BOOK REVIEW

By Nell Klein



The woman in the window

By A. J. Finn

Agoraphobia, among other things, is a fear of being outside the home. The most severely afflicted are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and are housebound, hidden from the world outside, as is Anna Fox. Dr. Anna Fox.

Anna is a child psychologist who hasn't left her house in 11 months. She spends her days watching the world from her four-story house in New York and watching old movies. She's also involved with others suffering from her condition on a website called the Agora. Her prescriptions, food and wine (lots of wine) are delivered to her door. Her doctor and therapist make house calls. She also has a tenant who lives in her basement who helps with odd jobs. Anna is well taken care of, thanks to her husband Ed, who she is separated from.

Anna knows the ins and outs of all of her neighbor's lives - when everyone leaves for work, when everyone comes home, and even who's having an affair. She becomes particularly interested in a new family, Alistair and Jane Russell and their son, Ethan. She becomes friendly with Jane when she comes for a visit and they spend the day together getting to know each other and drinking wine (lots of wine).

All is well until Anna sees something from her window one night that threatens to change everything.

The police can't find any substance to her story. She's told that she's imagining things. What she saw didn't really happen. She drank too much wine and was reliving one of her old Hitchcock movies. Anna thinks that maybe they are right and that she is going crazy. But then again, she saw what she saw, dammit! But how is she going to prove it? The book also has some pretty shocking revelations that will make you sit up and say, "Whoa, I didn't see that coming!"

This is an incredible first novel by A.J. Finn, whom I believe is destined for greatness (google his picture, he's a cutie pie!). The title of the book reminded me of *The Girl on the Train* and the book itself had a similar theme: girl drinks too much; girl sees something terrible; nobody believes girl. I wouldn't be surprised to see a major motion picture made from this amazing book. This is a definite 5 rose read, case closed.

So, until next time, read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on!



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American Legion

By Jerris Bryant

George Walker, our commander, is steadily improving from a stroke and he and his lovely wife, Belinda, were able to visit us recently for a short while. If you would like to send a card, the address is 11 Hanging Moss Road, Savannah, GA 31410.

Go to our beautiful 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 all of our exciting event posters. Thanks Jacque!!!

Help us support the troops! Soldier boxes are sent every quarter to Afghanistan (this unit is all male) and desired items are snacks of any kind that are individually packaged that can easily be taken into the field (beef jerky, crackers, cookies [love Oreo cookies in different flavors], hard candy, M&M's plain and peanut, another favorite is Werther's with chocolate), protein powder, good quality razors, shaving cream, nice smelling deodorant, full size shampoo, full size Old Spice and ACE body wash, good boot socks in army green, tan, or brown. Bring your donations to the Legion after 5pm and tell Linda or Joseph they are for the soldier boxes.

What's happening at the Legion in June:

- **June 7th** - Fried Chicken Dinner that includes potato salad, baked beans, and roll for only \$10.00 per dinner. All dinners are open to the public
- **June 14th** - Homestyle Dinner – watch for posters.
- **June 14th** – Flag Day
- **June 17th** - Join us for the annual Father's Day Steak Dinner that includes baked potato, salad, roll, and sweet tea for \$17.00 per plate with the Ladies Auxiliary selling desserts. With our new grill the wait time has been reduced to how long you want your steak cooked! Serving will be from noon until 2:30. **Reservations are requested** – call the Legion after 5pm Monday through Saturday. Open to the public.
- **June 21st** - Sons of the Legion Fish Dinner - \$10.00 per plate
- **June 28th** - 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 7 pm.

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June 6, 1944 - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.

June 10, 1942 - In one of the most infamous single acts of World War II in Europe, all 172 men and boys over age 16 in the Czech village of Lidice were shot by Nazis in reprisal for the assassination of SS leader Reinhard Heydrich. The women were deported to Ravensbrück concentration camp where most died. Ninety young children were sent to the concentration camp at Gneisenau, with some later taken to Nazi orphanages if they were German looking. The village was then completely leveled until not a trace remained.

June 14, 1775 - The first U.S. Military service, the Continental Army consisting of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress. The next day, George Washington was appointed by a unanimous vote to command the army.

Go Local Music Profile

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

JOE JARKA

Joe Jarka, a native of Syracuse, NY, started his music career like many others: Piano lessons at age 7. Keeping up with those throughout his formative years led to pick up garage bands, then on to 'They're Really Gonna Pay Us to Play' bands, which during the 80's, was a one-way path to spandex, eye liner, and aqua net! Aspiring rock star in the making.

In 1994, Joe decided to head south for a warmer climate and thus Savannah, GA became home. The party band *Double Down* was formed soon after and became a mainstay in Savannah's music scene for many years. It was during this time on a vacation in Denver, CO that Joe had his first experience seeing a dueling piano show. Immediately fascinated, he began incorporating some of those ideas into his own performances.

In 2000, Joe was hired to play at a brand-new establishment in downtown Savannah as one of their featured dueling piano players. This was a fantastic opportunity and for over 15 years Joe honed his craft alongside some of the most talented and creative people in show business.

Joe currently calls Tybee Island home and travels the world playing his laid-back style of cover songs, which is backed by his own piano playing, along with an occasional kazoo riff and a drummer if needed. I had a chance to check out Joe at *Flying Fish* and was pleasantly surprised at what a mellow, family appropriate good time was had by all. Joe has excellent range and will happily take requests, which appeals to everyone with a heartbeat.

That having been said, I must say my favorite part of this Joe Jarka phenomena is when he plays on the Breezy Bus on a weekend night. You call a taxi to get your squad from Point A to Point B, but who's to say you can't rock out while you do it? So, you climb on the bus and do a double take of 'what the ...?' And then promptly think, "Oh hell yeah!" Joe will have you bobbing your head and tapping your toes before you even grab a seat!

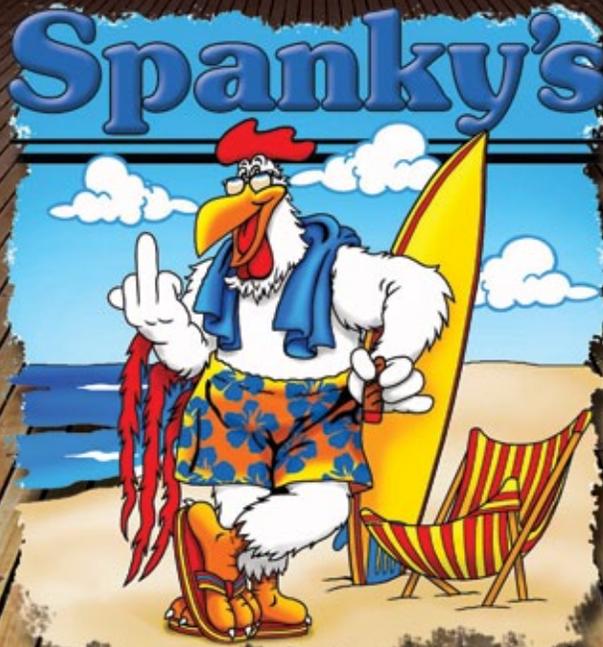
Oh, and did I mention the dueling pianos? If you have never seen this before, put it on your bucket list! Dueling pianos is just like it sounds: two guys/girls/each with their own piano, talking shit and bringing the crowd in to join the trash talk and festivities and great music! Totally interactive and such a good time! Yep ... Joe does that too!

Joe is available for hire around the planet. He has played weddings, cruise ships, private parties, birthday parties, taxi buses and anything else you can think of. Good times right there. Bring your friends and let's party Jarka style! Feel free to call Joe at (912) 398-9885 or reach out to him via Facebook. It really isn't a party until Joe gets to jammin.



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June Fishing Forecast

PIER FISHING

Spanish Mackerel, Bluefish, Whiting, Pompano, Speckled Sea Trout, Sheepshead, Black Drum Ladyfish are biting, and I wouldn't be surprised if a Tarpon showed up near the end of the month. A double dropper rig on the bottom with Shrimp is a simple setup that catches most of these fish. For the Trout, live Shrimp will produce more fish. As far as Spanish Mackerel, a Gotcha Plug or live Finger Mullet will be prime choices. If you see Tarpon around, try using live or cut Mullet and Whiting for a chance at hooking one up.



INSHORE

Now is the time the Flounder, Redfish, and Speckled Sea Trout are all feeding. This month is a great time to target the Flounder in the shallow waters on the creeks. Fishing the outgoing tide along any kind of structure will produce bites. Oyster rakes, dock pilings, jetties, or wrecks will all be prime spots. For Flounder, I like to fish a Carolina style rig, starting with a half-ounce egg weight on the main line tied to a ball bearing swivel, a twelve inch leader to a 2/0 to 4/0 Kahle hook, depending on the size of bait I am using. Live Mud Minnows and live Finger Mullet are my go-to baits this time of year. For the Speckled Sea Trout and Redfish, I fish live Mud Minnows under a cork.

NEAR SHORE

The waters are warm and every species of fish can be found. The King Mackerel are in full force. In my opinion there is nothing like having a drag screaming run with the fish taking 300 yards on line in mere seconds. These fish will get the adrenaline pumping for sure. Live Menhaden, Greenies, and Blue runners are the best baits for snagging that drag smoking King Mackerel. The reefs from 50 to 75 feet of water are also holding Cobia, Black Sea Bass, Triggerfish, Spadefish, and many other bottom fish to be found right now.



OFF SHORE

This time of year the temperature breaks are harder to find but they are around; sometimes it's easy to pass the fish. Many days I have seen the Mahi, Wahoo and Blackfin Tuna in close. Watch the water color and keep an eye out for bait schools, the fish won't be far from it. The bottom bite is still hot. Grouper, Vermillion Snapper, and Triggerfish are some of the few fish you can expect to see. Even while bottom fishing, don't forget to have one flat line out just in case some pelagic species show up.

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By Alaina Loughridge



THE BEACH HOUSE

As y'all know, I love me some movie review. That being said, after watching 15 minutes of *The Beach House*, I downed pen and paper and changed the channel. Ugh. Due to this pic being filmed on Tybee however, the *real* Editor of the Tybee Benchwarmer flat out told me to do it and no if, ands or buts. Sigh. It is Tybee, so I put it off for a week until Hallmark replayed it. I was an hour late clicking in, but I didn't care and neither will you.

Starring Andie McDowell, Minka Kelly and a surprisingly un-ageable Chad Michael Murray, this movie sucked from beginning to end. It very much mirrors *The Last Song*. We have a parent (Mom – Andie McDowell) dying from Stage 4 cancer and this is her last summer ever and she wants to spend it at her beach house with her ungrateful children. One pregnant, due in two weeks; the other daughter, named Cara as in 'car uh' is a total bitch and I wanted to throat punch her multiple times; and then the son, who is a thieving weasel, who wants to be soap opera hot, but just isn't.

The whole movie (most of what I saw) is just flat out Hallmark kitsch. Dripping with Southern False, all the actors must have spent their rehearsal sessions at the bar. Especially the pregnant one who was due in two weeks, gave birth in a hurricane, and was all spiffy with baby in tow approximately 7 movie hours later. Nope. Hallmark or no, come on! Everyone comes together in the end and la tee da.

I give this one bottle of Ultra Premium Ley .925 Pasion Azteca at a mere \$225,000 per bottle and if you are feeling groovy, throw in a cool 1.5 mil for the diamond encrusted bottle because the shots of Tybee are excellent and it really showcases the beauty of "Salt" Island. The turtle release and information are cool and well done. The bottom drops out here: I give the last 4 bottles of this catastrophe to the bar mat gods - some drop of everything you were pouring all night that has collected in the crevices of that Jameson bar mat. May it fill the four remaining bottles of this disaster.



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- Grilled Shrimp or Chicken Salad**
Choice of meat, tomatoes, peppers, onions, lettuce, spinach, shredded cheese, pico and avocado.
- Guacamole Salad**
Served in fried tortilla bowl, lettuce, tomato, guacamole and cheese.
- Fajita Taco Salad**
Served in fried tortilla bowl, choice of chicken, shrimp, steak, Peppers, onions, tomatoes, topped with mexican salad.
- Taco Salad**
Served in fried tortilla bowl. Shredded chicken or ground beef. Served with refried beans and guacamole salad.
- Chicken Soup**
Shredded chicken broth filled with rice, pico de gallo, a sliced avocado. Mexican salad and tortilla bits.

SEAFOOD

- 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 sneaked 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.
- Veggie #4**
Veggie fajita quesadilla served with rice and mexican salad.

Children's Menu Available

FAJITAS

- Fajitas Agave**
Grilled chicken, shrimp, chorizo, smothered with queso oaxaca and mixed with peppers, tomatoes and onions. Served with rice, beans, mexican salad and tortillas.
- Molcajete**
Grilled steak, chicken and shrimp smothered in rancho sauce on a steaming molcajete. Served with rice and beans, mexican salad and tortillas.
- La Parrillada**
Fajitas for 2, grilled steak, chicken and shrimp, carnitas and chorizo. Served with rice, beans, mexican salad and tortillas.

QUESADILLAS

- Shrimp Fajita Quesadilla**
Flour tortilla with grilled shrimp, tomatoes, peppers, and onions. Served with rice and mexican salad.
- Quesadilla Texana**
Flour tortilla with steak, chicken, shrimp, peppers, tomatoes and onions. Served with rice and beans.
- Quesadilla Supreme**
Flour tortilla with shredded chicken or beef and refried beans. Served with rice and mexican salad.

AGAVE SPECIALS

- Carnitas Tips**
Carnitas served with rice, beans, mexican salad, and tortillas.
- Enchiladas Poblanas**
3 grilled chicken enchiladas topped with mole sauce. Topped with queso and chopped onions. Served with rice.
- La Texicana**
Grilled steak, chicken and shrimp with bell peppers and onions. Covered in 2 flour tortillas and smothered in queso sauce.
- Special Chile Relleno**
2 chiles rellenos. Your choice of chicken or beef. Topped with queso and pico. Served with rice and beans.
- Burrito Grande**
Flour burrito with chicken, or steak and served with black beans and rice, jalapeños, pico, slice of avocado with french fries.
- Arroz Texano**
Grilled steak, chicken, shrimp with peppers, tomatoes, and onions. Served over rice and covered in queso.
- Agave Special**
Chile relleno, one tamale, one burrito and one enchilada, and one taco. Served with rice and beans.
- Enchiladas Verde**
4 grilled chicken enchiladas topped with queso and served with avocado.

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BAD ADVICE FROM A BEACH BUM

By Jimmy Prosser

What is the History of Tybee?

What a brilliant question. Tybee is like no other, a town so unique there is no way I can give you all the details in just one measly article, but that's not going to stop me from trying.

Tybee was founded hundreds and fifties of years ago, many believe by the French, some believe by the Spanish, others believe by wealthy merchants in the distant land of "Savannah" looking to get away from their children, and maybe contract typhoid as they ventured through the miles of marsh, over-populated with feral cats, dumped by horrible people venturing to the new world. "Free cat to good home!" they'd shout from their pilgrim wagons. "We're moving and we can't take it with us to our new apartment," they'd lie. The truth is for as far as anyone can remember, people have always dumped cats on Tybee. *(Fun Fact # 1: The aborigines were using cats as currency, they constantly reproduced, and made everyone wealthy, until the invention of inflation, I'm off topic).*

Tybee is native for "Salt" which turned out to work in their favor when the founders discovered they were actually on an island surrounded by salt water. *(Fun Fact # 2: Tybee does actually mean salt.)* With a new island to develop, and salt on the mind, the colonists made margaritas with salt, and built a lighthouse. Which explains why roughly 17 of our lighthouses are lying at the bottom of the ocean. Too drunk, and unable to stand, how would you expect us to build a lighthouse?

At some point pirates took over. But that's poorly documented seeing how the academic curriculum onboard a pillaging vessel was subpar. And mostly, paper and water don't mix, which pirates would have learned in science class, but the instructors were less than qualified. I digress.

Right around the time of The Civil War, The Civil War broke out! No one had any idea what to do. A fort was built, and quickly the north whooped some southern Ass, and took over. But the north being progressive, just freed everyone, and opted to not burn down Savannah. And lucky we are, otherwise the largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the South would have to move to another city, a less fun city, like Jacksonville, or anywhere in North Carolina.

Sometime during the prohibition era, the government outlawed alcohol, and if I can imagine Tybee then, like I know it now y'all, everybody was pissed. *(Fun Fact#3: Nay! Real Fact - don't touch our booze).* Our only way to and from the island, unless you commandeered a boat, was by train. Sometime after the turn of the century, but before my mom was born, Federal Officials would sneak out to Tybee by train to surprise attack and bust everyone for drinking. Now this train, she wasn't having it, our one and only train, with a whistle and the capability of moving at very slow rates of speed, had a plan; sabotage. The one and only whistle blowing slow train, carrying federal officials out to Tybee was eventually given a medal of valor for ensuring there was never a bootleg bust. For you see, our speakeasies, like The Wind Rose and Wet Willies, saw and heard the slow train blowing

it's whistle, they called everyone a Breezy, which was the name of the town horse, who took them all to the two brothels on the island, to hide. The feds has nothing on us!

BOMB. So this one time, in 1958, the United States Air Force may have accidentally "misplaced" a 7,600lb Mark 15 Nuclear Bomb by launching it from a plane as the plane crashed just off shore. No need to panic, the bomb has never been found, so it's likely that it hasn't fallen into the wrong hands. Or fins. Because, fish. *(Fun Fact #4: This is actually true, we're missing a very very large bomb).*

The Pier. Before our current pier, we had another pier, there's a yet again poorly documented story about what happened to it. I'm not going to tell you, and you can google all you want but you're not going to find anything on it. So there, how's that for a cliff hanger?

Happy summer y'all. Remember, 15% isn't a tip, it's an insult. Servers and bartenders make \$2.13/ hour.

Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

MERMAID'S NECKLACES

By Dr. Joe Richardson

A while back, during a Tybee Beach Ecology Trip, a lady asked me if we ever find “Mermaid’s Necklaces” on our beach. I had never heard of a Mermaid’s Necklace, so I asked her what they looked like. As she described them, I realized that yes, indeed we do see them on Tybee. I had just never heard that name for them, but I quickly decided that I liked that name! And sure enough, a few minutes later, we found one.

A Mermaid’s Necklace is actually the tube manufactured by a Plumed Worm. It’s named that because it has feathery-like gills that extend from each side of its body near its front end. Plumed Worms live in the sandy bottom, just offshore from the normal low tide line. As it digs its hole into the sand, it produces a lot of slime that becomes a paper-like tube or straw, so the worm can move up and down inside the tube, but sand doesn’t get in.

Even though its tube might extend a few feet into the sand and stick up an inch or two, the worm doesn’t stop construction with just this papery tube. The worm will extend out of its tube and catch shells, plant debris, seaweed, and anything else drifting by, and then attach these objects to the outside of its tube. So the upper few inches of its tube are reinforced with these building materials to give it added strength to hold it up into the water above the bottom. This firm structure sticking up above the bottom also provides



a surface for drifting seaweed to become attached, and for small animals to colonize and hide in. These small animals and seaweed then become food for the Plumed Worm. So the worm not only constructs a chimney for its own tube, but also produces a food magnet!

Occasionally, the top part of a Plumed Worm’s tube will get torn off, or old tubes will get washed out of the bottom, and they will get washed up on the shore. It might look like a small chain of shells, or it might look like a thick string of plant and seaweed fragments, or it might look like a thin rope of a combination of these things. The nice ones, that look more like a “Mermaid’s Necklace,” will be the ones constructed of a bunch of small shells.

During June we will be having some really low tides, and down near the water line you might just see some of these Mermaid’s Necklaces sticking out of the sand, in place. Just remember, there is still a Plumed Worm living down inside! So, only collect ones that have washed ashore. And then enjoy your new piece of jewelry from the sea!

Dr. Joe Richardson is a retired marine science professor with 35+ years of research and teaching experience along GA and the southeastern coast and Bahamas. Besides research, he conducts Tybee Beach Ecology Trips year round (www.TybeeBeachEcology.com) and frequently posts pictures of what they are finding on his Tybee Beach Ecology Trips Facebook page.

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Foodie Finds

By Nathan Frisby

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- 2 cups finely diced white or red onion
- 3/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup diced jicama (optional)
- 2 tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 1 mango, seeded and diced
- 1 jalapeño pepper or serrano pepper, seeded and minced
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 mangos - diced
- 2 lobster tails - chopped
- 1 lb. shrimp
- 2 cups of crabmeat



Directions:

Peel the shrimp and cut lobster tails into pieces, then sauté in butter and lemon juice. Once you see the shrimp and lobster almost cooked through, add crab meat and let simmer. Cook for another minute, drain any excess butter and put in mixing bowl. Mix all ingredients (don't be scared to get your hands dirty, have fun and have at it). Add more lime juice and salt to your taste and once all mixed in, cover and put in fridge for 15-20 min and your ceviche is ready.

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Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

Your Investment Horizon

We're several months removed from the shock of February now, and it looks like volatility has settled back in for the long haul. Perhaps that has some of you out there wondering if you should have listened to the old investing adage "sell in May and go away." Several years come to mind in recent memory where that feels like it would have been a sound philosophy; you would have missed the "taper tantrum" of 2015, the debt ceiling debacle of 2011, the other debt ceiling debacle of 2013, and the European debt crises of 2012 ... of pretty much every year.

But the statistics tell a different story. Markets are up during the summer months 63% of the time, with an average annualized return of 1.4%. True, 1.4% isn't much, but it's positive. And has been higher than any return you've been getting recently on your cash. Pay attention to this part now, because I'm about to tell you the sure-fire two-part way to make money off your investments: 1) diversification and 2) let it sit there for a long time.

Investing is a little bit like surfing, if your portfolio was a board and the market was the ocean. You're not going to ride any waves sitting on the beach, you're just going to get sunburned. And yeah, you might catch a couple right in the face on your way out to the break, but that's just part of the fun. Let your portfolio sit there. Maybe all it does is bob up and down for a while, but it will be ready when that perfect investment wave rolls in. And if you're just starting out, use something broad-based and low-cost, like a passive exchange traded fund (ETF) or mutual fund. You can get a nicely diversified portfolio for under \$100 that way. Stay away from the day trading and things that take more than 5 words to explain and that speculative position in Tesla because you read an Elon Musk tweet. Nobody goes to Nazaré to learn how to surf.

If your investing time horizon is five years or more, then spend this summer on the beach with a drink in hand and let your portfolio ride whatever waves might be coming. If your investment horizon is less than two years, then you're breaking sure-fire money-making rule number two. That's not surfboard money, that's pool float money. Stick it in a high-yield online savings account or a bank CD until you need it, and then spend the summer on the beach with a drink in your hand.

If you're looking at a two to five year investment horizon, you're in the slightly awkward position of needing to choose whether a shortboard or a longboard will give you the best ride given tomorrow's conditions. Solution? Bring both. That's the surfing version of diversification. Allocate part of your portfolio to less risky things that tend to hold value well if the market drops - money market funds, fixed income, perhaps gold - and part to riskier assets - stocks, primarily - that will appreciate if the market moves higher.

Trying to time the market is a fool's errand. What you need to do this summer is make sure your portfolio is correctly positioned given your investment horizon, and then go away. Just you go away though, not your investments. Summer is short enough as it. Get out there and enjoy it.



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TYBEE ISLAND ZOMBIES

By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the May 2018 Beachcomber.
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Chapter 11 – The Midnight Boat Ride Day 1

The fishing tournament to end all fishing tournaments is about to begin. Captain Nick is ready to prove once and for all that he is the better fisherman. Garrett, on the other hand, is simply looking forward to cheering Nick up and catching some fish. It's around 1 in the morning and Nick pulls back on the throttle and places the engine in the neutral position as his depth finder finds the ledge.

"Alright, G-man," Nick says. *"Toss that anchor off the port side."*

"Aye aye Captain!" Garrett answers with enthusiasm. The anchor splashes into the water and sinks, quickly grabbing the ocean floor. Once the anchor is secured Nick shuts the engine off. *"Alright, Captain! You ready to get some hooks wet?"*

"You're damned right I am."

"Groovy. Toss me one of those adult beverages we have in the cooler that are wrapped in aluminum."

"You're switching to regular beer then?" a concerned Nick asks Garrett. *"It's bad luck to switch drinks while you're fishing and you started off with an Angry Orchard."*

"I don't follow silly superstitions. I use skill, not witchcraft, to catch fish, brother," Garrett says as Nick tosses him a beer and heads toward his down rigger. *"What do you think you're doing rigging up your down rigger, Nick? This is a fishing tournament, not a charter. No riggers. Poles only."*

"It's my boat. I can fish however I want."

"It won't be fair if we don't use the same tackle and you only have the one down rigger. Besides, that's not real fishing."

"Okay, okay, okay. You're right. But the commercial guys would probably slap you for saying that. Poles only it is," Nick says as he begins to bait his hook. Once everything is in place he casts, looks at Garrett, and says, *"It won't be long now."*

Garrett takes his time with his first cast. He meticulously checks his reel, his line, steel leader, and hook to make sure everything is perfect. He baits his hook and casts.

"You sure do take a long time to make your first cast, G-man."

"It's not about speed, it's about the process. It's meditation. It centers my chi, brother man."

"We are very different fishermen, Garrett."

"One way isn't necessarily better than the other," Garrett muses. *"Hey, you feelin' better now that we've got hooks in the water?"*

"Much better."

"Good. I just hope your mood doesn't turn sour again when I start getting strikes."

"You catching more fish than me is simply not going to happen."

"We'll just have to wait and see home skillet."

About fifteen minutes after they cast their first lines the fish start hitting hot and heavy. The competition was tight. They were reeling in fish after fish. And then an hour in, abruptly, the fish seemed to just disappear. About a half hour after the fish stop biting Nick is getting a bit impatient. *"What the hell man? Neither of us has had a bite in ages. The tide is right, the seas are calm, there's no reason for the fish to have just disappeared."*

"Maybe there's a shark cruising the area. They like to scare off the other fish."

"Good point. You're probably right. Think we should move?"

"Nah man. We should just chill here. If a big boy ran the fish off, he's not gonna stick around long if there's nothing for him to eat."

"Another good point. You know G-Man, you might not be as lousy a fisherman as I thought you were."

"Aww. Well you aren't so bad yourself, Captain. What do ya say we crack open a couple fresh brews and wait for the fish to start biting again?"

"Sounds good."

Another hour and a half and a few beers pass without even a nibble on any of the lines.

"Well Captain," Garrett says after he downs the last swig of his beer. *"I don't think they're coming back."*

"If a shark did run them off they would definitely have come back by now. Let's head back towards the R7 tower. I know a good spot. If there aren't fish there I'd be surprised."

"Alright Cap. I'll grab the anchor."

"Look at you taking initiative. Okay, have a seat. We're going to haul ass."

"Let's see what this boat can do."

The two make good time getting to the R7. They anchor and begin fishing again. They fish for about an hour without a single bite.

"I think the fish are afraid of the dynamic duo!" Garrett says.

Nick shakes his head and says, *"I just don't understand it. If I'm not getting anything at the ledge I always head here and immediately catch something."*

"Wanna try another spot?"

"If we're not having any luck here or on the ledge I'm pretty sure we're not going to have any luck anywhere else."

"What about doing some inshore fishing at the back river?"

"There's no Mahi in the back river, G-Man."

"I know, but we could catch some blues. We were tearing the blues up during yesterday's charter."

"I thought we were out here to catch some BIG fish."

"Big, small, in between. I don't care as long as I'm catching something Captain."

"You're right. It's almost four in the morning. We'll head back in and try our luck closer to home."

The guys head back towards Tybee Island, slipping between Tybee and Little Tybee. As they're passing through, Garrett notices flashing lights at the Alley 3 boat ramp, points to it, and says, "What the hell is that, Nick man?"

"Looks like an ambulance. I hope nothing happened to anyone camping on Little Tybee tonight. I heard Becky was heading over there with Nate and Tony for a few days."

"I think Crabber Brian and Jay took a few people over yesterday."

"Well, if Brian is over there, there's no telling what happened. Trouble finds him even on deserted islands."

"HA!" Garrett bellows. "You got that right, brother man."

"Let's get a little closer to the beach," Nick says as his gaze moves over the scene. "I don't see any Coast Guard around. Maybe they need some help."

"Pull up to the right of the ramp and I'll hop off the bow and push you back out."

Garrett safely dismounts and heads over to the ramp. The ambulance has one back door slightly askew and the engine is running. He opens the back door and takes in the view of the white interior painted in blood. He steps back slowly and notices blood is sprayed everywhere on the concrete around him. He turns and runs back toward the boat and shouts, "Nick! Come pick me up! Something is VERY wrong here."

"I got you man!" Nick says and noses the boat back to the ramp so Garrett can board again.

Once aboard Garrett tries to explain what he saw to Nick. "Dude! There's blood everywhere! The inside of the ambulance is covered and it's all over the ramp!"

"Where are the EMTs?"

"That's the crazy thing. There's no one around. Just a bloody empty ambulance."

Nick tosses Garrett his phone and says, "Call 911."

Garrett dials and shakes his head. "It's saying some shit about heavy volume and to try again later."

"WHAT?"

"Yeah, Nick man. I can't get through on 911."

"Try TIPD."

"I did, man. It's going to voicemail."

"This is jacked up. Let's get this boat to the dock. I've got a really bad feeling about this."

"You don't say?"

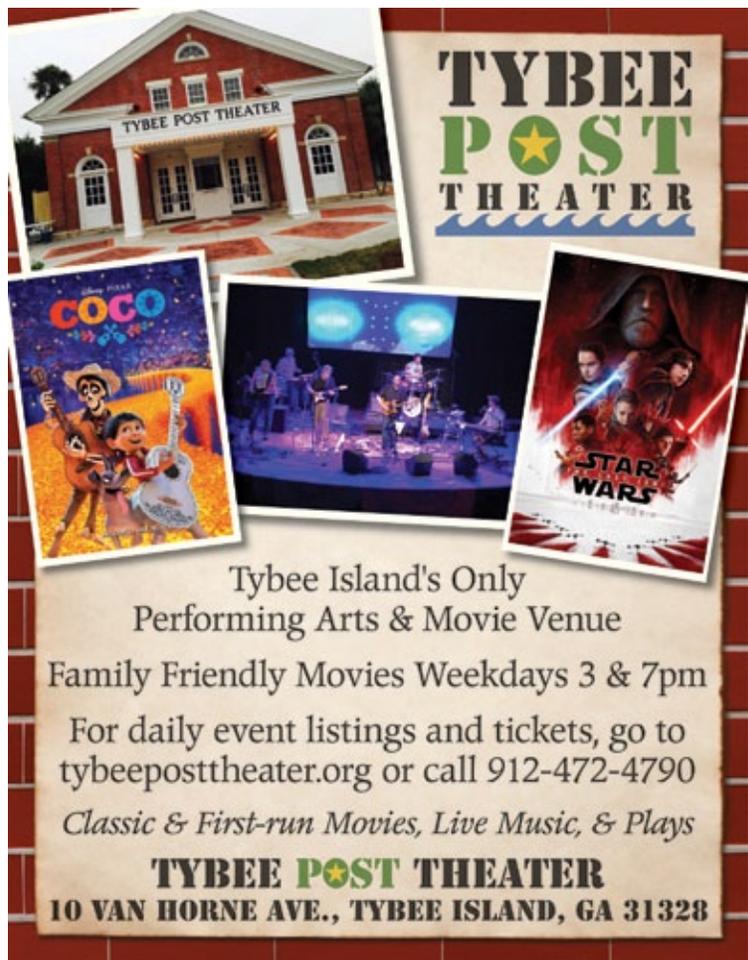
They make their way back to the dock, Nick eases the boat up beside it, and Garrett instinctively jumps off the boat and onto the dock to tie the bow line. As he's doing that he hears Nick say, "Is that Shakey?"

Garrett looks up and sees an old man sprinting toward them from the Bubba Gumbo's ramp. "Damn Shakey, I didn't know you could run that fast, brother." Shakey launches toward Garrett and latches onto his neck. In one swift movement, Shakey rips a huge chunk of flesh from Garrett's neck and blood spews from the hole that is left behind.

"WHAT THE HELL SHAKEY!" Nick screams.

As soon as the words leave Nick's throat, Shakey turns toward Nick, snarls, and leaps aboard the boat.

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TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk

All right, I must give our regular monthly readers an update on the latest fun ride. If you remember from a couple months ago, Joey wrote a story about the Mythical Fun Ride. He failed to mention that the one time I *would* have done it, I *would* have done the most perfect figure eight with 5 passengers, nobody *would* have spilled a drop, and a cop named Dusty *would* have pulled up seconds after the dust *would* have settled. Yeah, that's how my story would go.

So, like the Monday after Joey's article came out, I got a call from Fuzzy telling me he just got a call from a security company working the North Beach. Will Smith was filming. We had a car in the parking lot doing donuts, or fun rides like we *would* call them, if that really happened. Fuzzy told me that the security guy was calling the TIPD.

I called the security guy to apologize. He told me he had the best picture of the driver and a car load of passengers smiling from ear to ear - doing donuts. I wanted to ask for the picture but I didn't want my apology to sound insincere. So no picture. Ten minutes later a TIPD shows up at my house (I don't know why but my hands automatically went above my head when this happened). I immediately started apologizing to the officer. I told him it wasn't me and I had no idea what our driver was thinking. I did mention that there was a rumor that Breezy had done that in the past. I assured him that was the first car with Breezy on the door that had ever committed such acts. The officer was extremely understanding and polite. He gave us fair warning. When I called my little fun ride driver and asked him wtf were you thinking, he said, "Was that wrong? I'm sorry."

Recently I picked up a group of 8 at Crab Shack. When there is that many on a pick-up, it almost always takes time to get everyone to the bus. The first four got on. They recognized me from the article and told me how much they enjoyed the article. I'm always humbled by that. Never would I have thought I would enjoy telling my stories in print. My 9th and 10th grade English teacher, Ms. Schwartz, would never believe it. Anyway, we were waiting for the rest of the group and I was telling the lady and gentleman that had already loaded up that I was having a hard time coming up with new stories. I feel like you all have settled down or I have become completely immune to the shenanigans of my night shift. The rest of the group showed up. The last one to climb on board told me one of the Breezy drivers had almost ran his kid over. He told me that when he confronted our driver, he was told to get the f away from the car!

Me... "WHAT, WHAT, WHAT?" Honestly I thought - no chance. Our drivers don't go speeding through parking lots. I could tell by the reaction from the other passengers, the guy was full of it. He told me what car it was and I assured him I would get to the bottom of the situation. He told me he would deal with the driver himself. I told him to pack a lunch (we all look smaller sitting down). I called Stephen to ask what had happened at the Shack. I always ask my drivers what happened. Stephen's story made perfect sense.

The following night I picked up my good friend, Rob, from home. We were in the bus and he was riding shot gun. I informed him we were swinging by the wedding chapel to pick up a small group. Small group turned into a full load. Two or three destinations, but all in the same direction. Rob was cool and patient, it was still faster than a golf cart ride, and he never complains. Ten minutes later we finally rounded up the last of the group.

Jamie, evidently the princess of Mid Georgia, got to the second step of the Breezy Bus and says, "This is a real hot box." I said, "Hey, get in and sit down so we can bounce!" She looked at Rob and asked, "What's your name?" He said, "Robert." She fell in his lap. We took off for 6th Street. One stop now, everyone was going to the same address. The princess was more than frisky and vocal about her intensions with Robert and Ronald on the way. I heard her husband ask if she even knew he was on the bus. I heard him. She kept telling Rob that she was sweaty from dancing all night, "I'm sorry if I'm wetting your lap. It's not pee its sweat. I'm going to motor boat you Robert."

We arrived at 6th and she stood up. Rob said, "Ron, she pissed on me. You need a story Ron? She pissed on me!" I gave Rob a ride to my house so he could clean up, gave him a pair of shorts, bought him a pack of cigs and comped his ride. I also made him two pounds of potato salad. Totally worth it. His words not mine.

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For the Love of Liver

By Melonie DePalma

For the love of your liver, its time do a spring clean!

Tybee Folks, the beautiful weather is upon us. Finally coming out of hibernation from the longest winter I've experienced here, and with the minimum clothing season upon us, looking and feeling great to enjoy what our beautiful Island has to offer is top of my list.

Being a certified Holistic Health Coach, specializing in educating and supporting clients to meet goals in all areas of life, I'm going to share with you an easy way to clean up your liver. A person's health and well-being depend on how well their body removes and purges toxins. When our liver isn't functioning properly, your body is likely not absorbing, storing, or utilizing all the nutrients from our food, which can result in bloating, constipation, low energy, and stubborn weight loss.

With exposure to environmental toxins, alcohol, toxic body care products and processed foods, most people are in desperate need of a serious detox! A liver cleanse is a great way to do this.

To not scare you away from the detox word, the three typical goals of a detox are as follows:

- One is remove toxic food ... yes, this includes various changes in your lunches around town... Country Fried Steak Thursday, Chicken Fried Chicken Monday, and The Carnivore slice will ideally need to wait till after you give your liver a rest.
- Two is to eat a simple diet so that organs like the liver can focus less on digestion and more on detoxification.

- And Three is to increase your intake of water and foods that encourage the detoxification, so organs can do their job more efficiently.

Our liver is responsible for crucial functions like digesting your food, storing energy, plus removing toxins from your body (many ancient populations, including the Chinese, considered the liver to be the most important organ — hence the word “live” in its name). The liver protects our body from toxins that we put in our body, either deliberately or unintentionally, through food we eat or drink. As one of the hardest-working organs in the body, the liver works tirelessly to detoxify our blood, to produce the bile needed to digest fat, to break down hormones, and to store essential vitamins and minerals.

Adding foods like Bitter Veggies (radicchio, arugula, Bitter greens), Cruciferous veggies (broccoli, kale, watercress, cabbage), berries and sour citrus, these foods are detox superstars! I also cannot stress enough the importance of water, and a simple and easy way to insure intake is to add some herbal tea in your day (my favorite for flavor is Yogi Detox). I make it by the gallon, with honey for convenience and keep cold. Herbs like Milk Thistle, dandelion, ginger, are liver movers and protectors. By infusing water with herbs, grapefruit, limes, and lemons, you've got yourself a delicious way to get your water intake up to get your liver flushed. The length of a cleanse can last anywhere from a day to a full month, depending on personal preference and how limited the diet is.

Each individual's dietary needs and restrictions are unique to the individual. You are ultimately responsible for all decisions pertaining to your health.

Wishing you a Healthy Liver.

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Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in June By Mom

6-1 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.

6-2 & 6-3 The Great American Trailer Park Musical 7:30 pm on 6-2 and 3pm on 6-3 at The Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Don't miss this hilarious stage musical. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

6-1 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.

6-2 March For The Ocean 9am-12pm at Tybee Pier and Pavilion. Make signs on protecting the ocean and for on the March, or volunteer to help clean the beach. Free to the public. Contact www.tybeecleanbeach.com or email tybeecleanbeach@gmail.com for further info.

6-4, 6-11, 6-18, 6-25 Tybee Island's Farmers & Artisan Market 4-7pm every Monday through October at 30 Meddin Dr. Fresh veggies and artistic treasures will be available. Don't forget to shop local.

6-8 & 6-22 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.

6-9 Tybee City Limits: Americana Throwdown w/The Train Wrecks & Abe Partridge 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Americana Blues Bands at their best. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

6-15 Skate Night at the Y 6-8pm at the YMCA gymnasium, 204 5th St. Call the YMCA at 912-786-9622 for more info.

6-16 "All About Savannah," a Barbershop Musical 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Savannah's 13th Colony Sound will take you through the good ol' days. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

6-16 Movies in the Park – 2018 Series 8:30-10:30pm at Memorial Park. Movies from June through August, every 3rd Saturday of the month. **Free Willy** is the starting film of this yearly event. Free to the public. Don't forget your chairs and/or blankets.

6-22 Stardusted Circus! 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Bring on the Carnival with The Stardust Pixies and the all-new young Pixie Protesges! For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

6-25 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.

6-29 Underhill Rose 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Americana music with wonderful harmonies. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

6-30 Salute to Southern Rock 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Southern Rock Tribute to our military vets. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

The Five Second Rule

By J. Beebs

The other weekend I found myself trapped in a shopping mall, attempting to keep up with my daughter and wife. I decided after two stores that I'd be a much happier father if I didn't know what they were spending or how long it took to find it. So I abandoned my power shoppers in favor of one of those comfy massage chairs in front of Sears.

Any rate, I'm lounging in the chair, feeling sort of lucky that I managed to score one of these huge comfy chairs instead of the hard bench that a couple of other Dads had to deal with. I'm contemplating whether I want to stick a dollar in this pig of a machine for five minutes of "amazing electronic massage," when I was interrupted by a couple of teenage girls who were skipping out of Sears, laughing and giggling. But all their happiness was instantly destroyed when one of them dropped her churro. I can see it now in my mind's eye – this happy, giggling girl and the look of pure terror that crossed her poor face as her churro fell just out of reach, spinning ... sugar glistening as it fell, landing with a soft splat on the floor. But the look of terror and dismay was instantly replaced by a look of triumph, as she cackled, "Five Second Rule" while snatching the offending churro up off the floor and taking a giant bite of it. Both girls burst into laughter and continued on their merry way.

I was instantly mesmerized. Because we all know what the five second rule is. I remember when my sister and I went on the longest car ride in the history of our short lives to the Grand Canyon. We started in Phoenix, Arizona, happy and laughing, and zoomed off with the air conditioning on epic blast and not a care in the world. Three hours later, after traffic, the air was still on FRIGID ICE MAKING CONDITIONS, but we could barely feel it. We were hot, sweaty, and cranky and we both had to pee. Our promising road to adventure and the Grand Canyon had twisted us through an outer layer of hell, and I was certain the desert was radiating poisonous smoke as we navigated the bones of fallen travelers and scorpions. At some point, we finally arrived at a Visitor's Center and we dragged ourselves across the parking lot, taking small gasps of air like fish in oxygen poor water, as our sneakers melted on the asphalt. We dragged ourselves in to the visitor center and spent \$278 on two ice creams and two waters, and we were never so happy to spend that money. WE WERE ALIVE! But on the way back across the parking lot, while our ice cream was rapidly melting by the second, my sister's ice cream slipped off the cone and landed with a wet splat on the pavement. And to her credit, she didn't hesitate. She grabbed the scoop right off the melting pavement and slammed it into her mouth. "FifeSeconfRul," she explained through a mouthful of dirty ice cream.

Five second rule indeed. For those of you not familiar with this observable fact, the five second rule is a universal law that allows for a defined period of time where it is possible to pick up food after it has been dropped and exposed to contaminants. But the best part of the five second rule is that there really are no rules or explanation of when you can and cannot do it. And surprisingly, it's one of those things you can't really plan for. Sort of like Life – if just happens. Even when you think you have a perfect plan in place, the right set of circumstances comes along and you find yourself going rogue with no plans at all. The decision to enact the five second rule just happens, like a mysterious force of its own, in a spare microsecond. Which is how ice cream gets scooped off pavement and churros get recovered from mall floors.

Now if you're like me, you're now subconsciously thinking of food that you would never enact the five second rule for. And I thought I had the perfect item: gum. I mean who is going to grab chewed gum after it pops out of your mouth? So I conducted my required research at the pub, and you would be amazed at the stories. Soccer players kick gum back into their mouth. Kids throw gum right back in their mouth when it pops out. One my buddies just traded chewed gum with his brother. Whatever.

The Five Second Rule has quite a following. Mel Robbins, of CNN fame, recently released a book called *The Five Second Rule*. Now I'm not going to lie – I haven't read the damn thing as that's a few too many words for me and I don't really care about any of the three letter news channels. But I do understand that she is famous for saying such gems as "hesitation is the kiss of death" and "you can't control how you feel." Hey, I can relate! Who knows, maybe I would pick an up an enchirito off the Taco Bell floor in the right conditions. After all, no risk – no reward, right?

The real question is: will you?



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Diving Into the Shallow End of the Dating Pool

A Series of Hope, Despair & Laughter – Part 5

By Welsley Turner Franco



Having exhausted every avenue of potential suitors, been ruined by a variety of different plans gone awry and been beaten down by the system, I decided to take a poll of just exactly what in hell other single people are looking for. What does it take to get a date around here? Why is this so damn hard? What in the name of happily ever after is going on? So, slapping on my favorite flip flops, I hit the street looking for the truth. Here is what I found and it's not pretty.

As all of my faithful readers know, I have lowered my standards from several must haves to two: You must have teeth and a job. Let's see what others are looking for and this is in no particular order and from both men and women:

1. **Couth** – I get it.
2. **Don't be a raging alkie** – I get that too.
3. **Know how to kiss** – at my age, if you don't have that down yet, well, join a convent and call it.
4. **Huge boobs** – obviously from a dude, but I believe in fair reporting.
5. **Hates Nickelback** – no wonder this person is dateless.
6. **Bad breath** – word up on that on.
7. **No meth heads** – yup yup
8. **Hair maintenance** – both uptown and downtown. If you don't take care of yourself, who will?
9. **Be able to converse on a variety of subjects other than oneself** – I am completely down with that. Can't very well talk to a stump, now can we?
10. **No pill poppers** – self-medication is cool, but you also have to be able to function and not drool on yourself in public.

After conducting this intensive search for the truth, I have decided that everybody has their own idea of what they are looking for and it all just boils down to being in the right place at the right time. Unfortunately for me, that requires leaving my house (although my landlord does hire the best-looking men for repair issues. The A/C guy – I want to take a hammer to my unit once a week just to see that guy!). So, get out there! Go to the IGA and linger in the produce department. The laundromat is just down the road and has a plethora of who knows what hanging out. Another excellent option is the Tybean. If you find yourself a fellow coffee lover, you are half way married already. It is also conveniently located next to Huc A Poos which has booze and you can become very candid with your next love affair over a bottle of Jameson! Oh, now the options are endless. Take a deep breath and go!! Send me a full report.

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Skin Care 101

By Alaina Loughridge

In my early teens, 20s, and even into my 30s, I never really took my skin too seriously. Yes, it covered my innards very well and got the job done and made me look good! I did get the random sunburn here and there, suffered for a day or two, and went on without another thought about it. Well, now moving into my 40s, my life of wanton destruction is becoming more and more apparent.

Living on the beach and aging along has opened my eyeballs about sun damage. It is nothing to laugh about. We all love our time in the sun, and to a certain extent that Vitamin D factor radiating down upon us is good, but too much of a good thing is bad. I had a chance to sit down with my dermatologist, **Dr. Rebecca Campen** of **Campen Dermatology**, and she was kind enough to take the time to fill me in on sun damage to the skin.

This lady is smart! She is certified by the American Board of Dermatology. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a major in mathematics. In 1981, she entered law school at UGA and graduated in 1983. She entered Medical School at the Medical College of GA during that same year and graduated in 1989. She completed a residency in dermatology at the Medical College of GA in 1991. She has more studying and teaching accolades to her credit, and not to disabuse that, but I want to get to the nitty gritty.

You must protect yourself from the sun! Especially here in Savannah/Tybee, an SPF of 30 is best when you are out and about around town. When you are at the beach, 45-50 is best. Nothing below 30 is strong enough. You need to reapply every couple of hours, but more often if you are in and out of the water, and additionally, you can get skin damage from the sun's reflection from both the sand and the water. There is no waterproof SPF, but only water resistant. Think of yourself as your cell phone - you can dunk it and survive, but you hang out long enough and it is not going to work anymore.

Everybody has different skin types. For us fair skinned people, we are way more at risk than a darker pigmented skinned person. Darker skin does provide some protection, but is not fool proof. Melanoma is not biased. A lot of people do

not realize they are getting too much sun; especially those of us doing outdoor activities like golfing, yard work, etc. There is sun protective clothing available, and hats and sunglasses are a must, no matter what you are doing.

You should get a yearly exam at least once a year with self exams every month. If you are a mole mole like me, you need to really keep an eye on those and contact a dermatologist immediately if you see anything funky about a mole: a lopsided appearance or a jagged border, color changes, growth changes, and bleeding or itching. Early detection is HUGE and can save your hide. Literally.

Another thing we never think about is driving. That two hour drive to Jacksonville - did you wear sunscreen on your left arm and face? I bet you didn't because it didn't occur to you. Well, there is a huge influx of people suffering from a variety of skin cancers on their left side. Your window may have a tint on it, but that sun still gets in and can fry deeper in the skin that what you will see on the outside. Also, if you are on certain medications, they can make you more susceptible to sunburn. It is imperative that you read your meds and see if you are more at risk than usual.

Do not forget your kids! Use the sunscreen made for children and be overzealous with it. If your child is under 6 months, keep them out of the sun altogether. Remember the sun and water reflects sunlight. If you or your children do get sunburned, apply cool compresses and soothing, unscented moisturizers. An oral anti-inflammatory drug, such as aspirin or ibuprofen, can help reduce inflammation, and a one percent over-the-counter cortisone cream can also be helpful. Stay out of the sun for several days. See your doctor if there are severe blisters or if you develop a fever or chills.

Be smart about what you are doing in the sun and what level of protection you are using. Whether you are one year old or 85 years old, you are susceptible to a sunburn, which can lead to skin cancer. And remember, excessive sun exposure can lead to premature skin aging.

If you have concerns about something on your skin, go see a dermatologist. If you ignore it, the odds are good it will not go away. I highly recommend Dr. Rebecca Campen. For an appointment, please call Campen Dermatology at 912-356-3604.

(On a side note, I did not quote verbatim Dr. Campen, but broadly covered the items we discussed. Dr. Campen has reviewed this article for anything I have misstated. Any errors are entirely mine).

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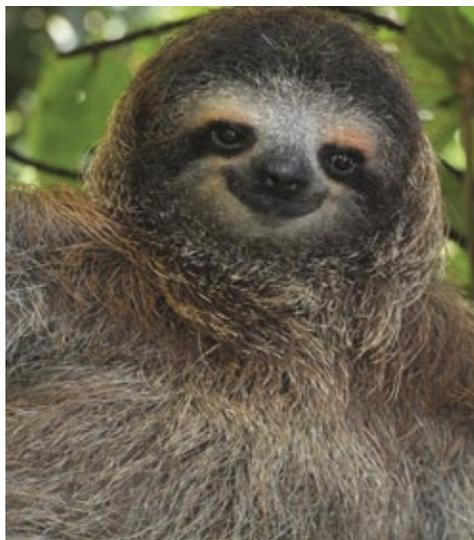
The advertisement for Sandcastle Inn features a large blue sign with a yellow castle logo and the text 'SANDCASTLE INN'. Two inset photos show hotel rooms with beds and lamps. A photo of a breakfast bar with a coffee pot and fruit is also included. A photo of an outdoor pool area with lounge chairs and a blue umbrella is shown in the bottom right corner.

Bartender of the MONTH



By Alaina Loughridge

June's Bartender of the Month is truly a genius at his craft! I want to call him the Martini Genie, but I don't think he would like that. **Doug Wittendorf** is The Man and you can find him at **80 east Gastro Pub**. Not only does he make one hell of a martini, he also can do the dishes, cook anywhere on the line, fix the plumbing, electrical and any other daily disaster that befalls a restaurant on any given day. Let me explain:



Doug was born and raised on Tybee with his sister, Jen, and got his first job as a dishwasher at A-J's when he was in eighth grade. After graduating from Johnson High, he went to work at North Beach Grill as a cook. It was there that he also learned to bartend. Anybody that works in the industry for so many years tends to wear many hats and Doug has worn them all out of enjoyment mainly, but occasionally out of pure necessity to keep the doors open!

Looking for a change of scenery in 2015, Doug moved to 80 east Gastro Pub and has been pouring pure gold since then. I asked Doug the questions we all need to know:

Tybee Life: Forever

Passion: Living life and traveling whenever possible

When he grows up: Maybe own his own restaurant – still lots of time to behave badly and figure it out.

Spirit Animal: The Three Toed Sloth. Having always been fascinated by these adorable, intelligent tree huggers, Doug is all of those except the slow part.

Doug's masterpiece is the **Fresh Doug En Dorf** and is an absolutely delicious raspberry/lemon martini. I have never really been a martini fan (lie) until Doug made this bad boy with a sugar rim and I instantly fell in love. If you have one, you will fall in love too, with anyone sitting next to you! It is good stuff! Tart and refreshing, this drink will make you sing and dance happily out to your cab driver.

Go see Doug at 80 east Gastro Pub. Doug is cool and mellow and not only will he serve you some of the best eats in town, but that martini is something else.

THE SPORTS ANALYST

Baseball Time

By Dank Aaron

I am the biggest and longest suffering Braves fan you know. It all started growing up in Marietta/Smyrna. Dad would always take me to the old Atlanta Fulton County Stadium. We would probably see 15-20 games a year. I guess my first memories of going to games was 1971-1972. Mom would always pack us a lunch: Me - peanut butter and jelly, and Dad - some ham or some shit, and WE always had some generic cokes (couldn't afford "The Real Thing"). This was back when the Braves were in the Western Division and we played all the great Dodger teams, and of course the Big Red Machine. Got to see all the greats: Pete Rose, Johnny Bench, Frank Robinson, Lou Brock, Tom Seaver and more, numerous times. For the Braves, we would always see Hank Aaron, Phil Niekro, Dusty Baker, Ralph Garr, and who remembers Larvell "Sugar Bear" Blanks? Alas, the Braves ALWAYS lost. We would be 27 games out by June. This lasted throughout the '70's. We would still go to the games, watch them on Channel 17 and listen to them at night on the ol transistor radio.

In 1982, we had a good thing going, but that was about it for the '80's. We had some really bad teams in the late '80's. Real. Bad. My buddy's father-in-law had season tickets – 11th row behind home plate!!! Four tickets to each game. No one ever wanted to use them, so we would go to the games all the time. We would try to sell the other two tickets for beer money, but more times than not, we had no takers. Could not give them away! But we still went to games and watched them on TV.

We all know what happened in the '90's. 14 consecutive division titles, but only one World Series win. Happy, but still disappointing.

The last few years have been tough: Rebuilding mode, etc. I am really looking forward to this season and many seasons to come. The Braves right now have the best minor league system in the majors. You can already see the results with the likes of Ronald Acuna, Jr., Ozzie Albies, and Sean Newcomb. I am thinking World Series (Heard it here first!), but if not this year, we always have NEXT YEAR! Regardless, I will still be watching on TV or listening to them on the radio when at work (Nell?).

I guess I have to thank my Dad for getting me started on this crazy addiction to the Braves. Good times indeed. Thanks, Dad! Love you and Happy Father's Day!

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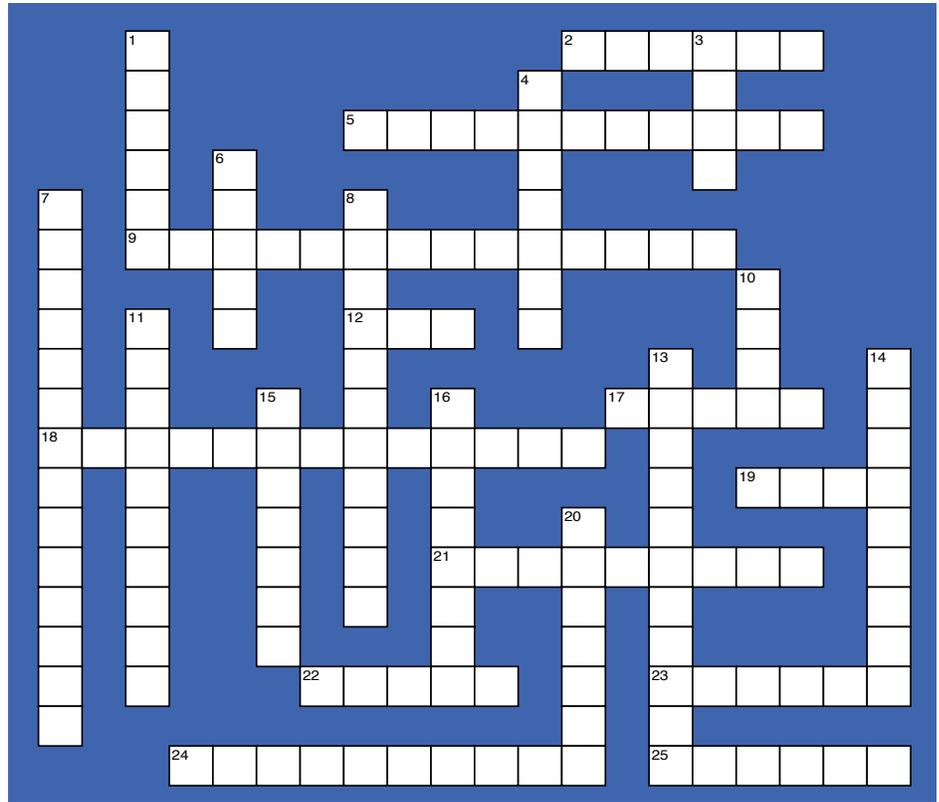
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- 9 Bizz Buzz (3 wds.)
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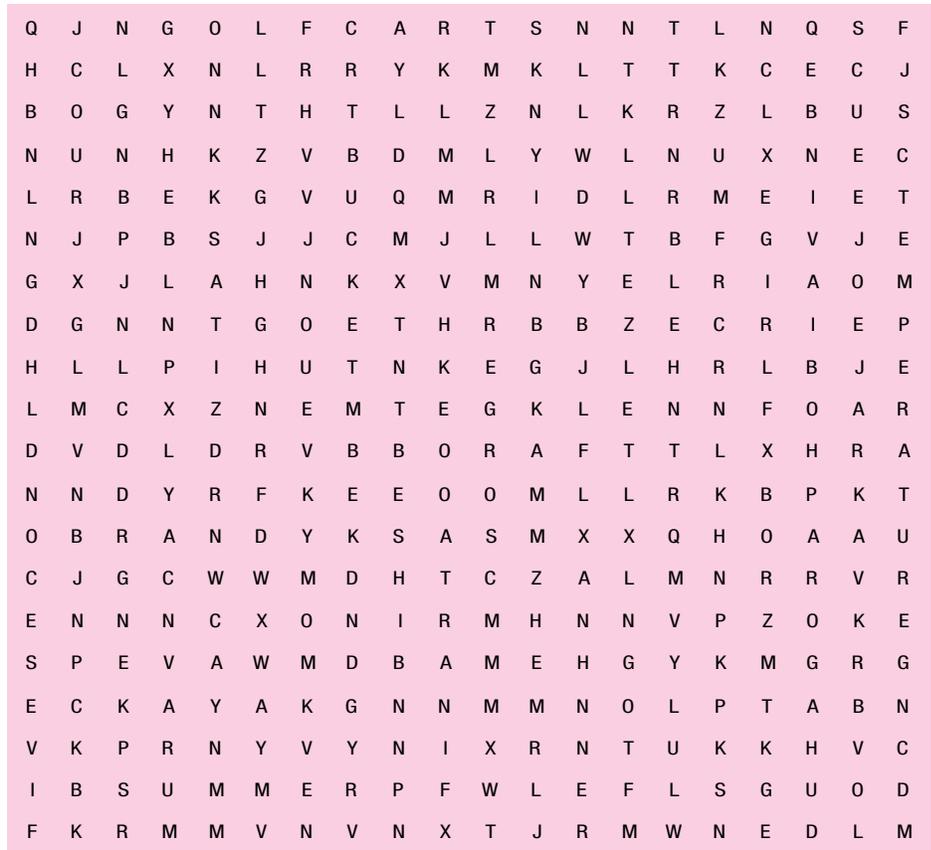
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- 1 This is a list of must-dos while on Tybee
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- 6 Bad Advice gives the history of this place
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- 8 The fear of being outside the house
- 10 6th month
- 11 Rogue Waves talks about this horizon
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