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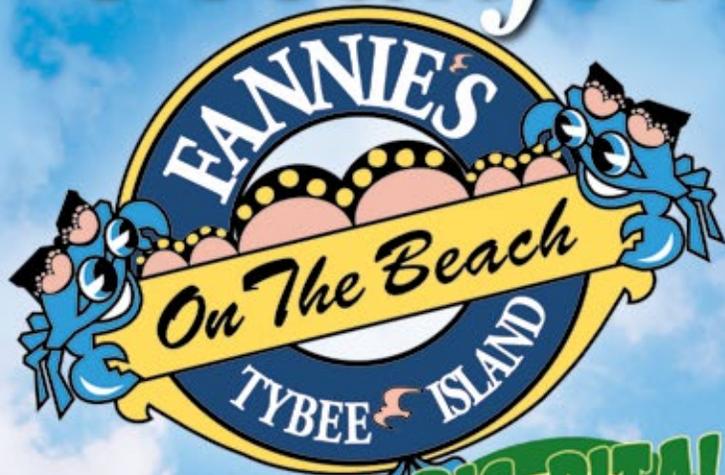
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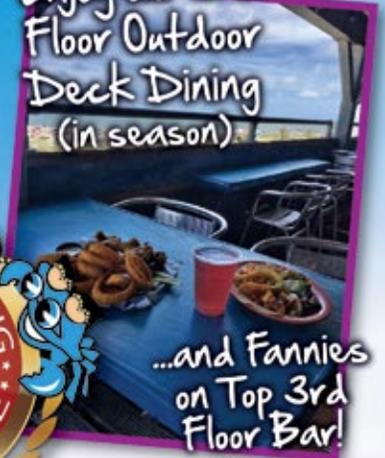
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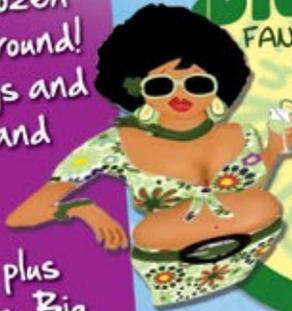
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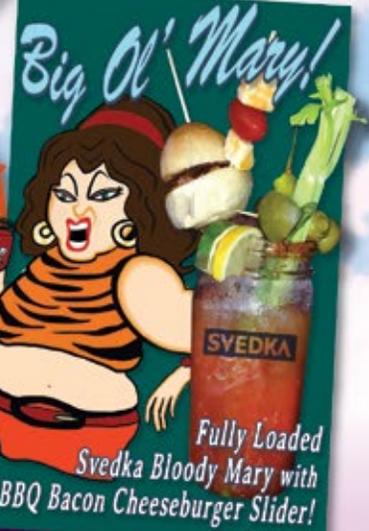
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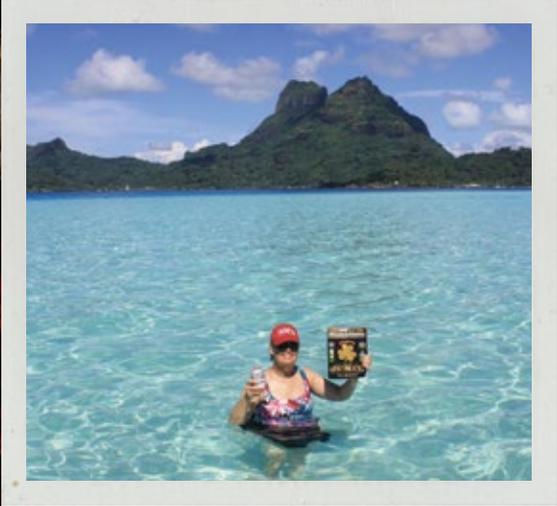
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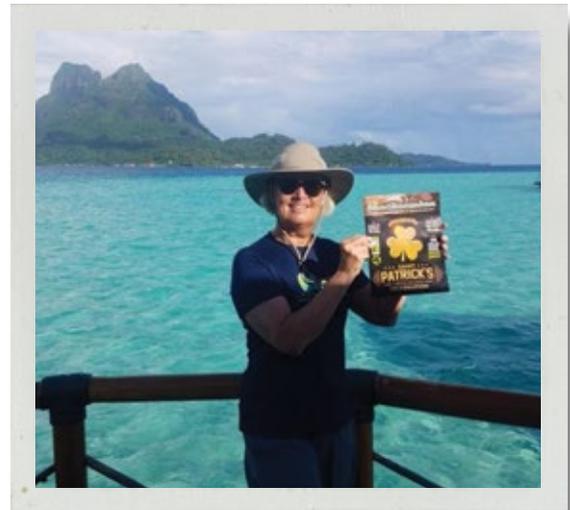
# From MS...ALAIN...EOUS

**Welcome to October!** Only three more months to go before we dance on the ceiling that is going to be 2021! We can do it! Alcohol will most assuredly be involved! So, let's move along to our alcohol! **The Beachcomber Aluminum Tab Counting Contest** was a huge success and you can read all about it somewhere between here and the end. I don't want to ruin any surprises...

Segueing into something that I wouldn't normally point out is the Census 2020. Apparently, Tybee hasn't bothered with this and we need to. Our body count brings in federal assistance and other government things that are boring but necessary for Tybee to prosper and receive our due monies. So, get to it. 2020census.gov. It literally takes five minutes (well, that's a lie. I haven't done it myself yet, but how hard can it be?). You can learn more about this in this month's Main Street Matters, so get busy Tybee! This is important.

The **Traveling Beachcomber** never fails to disappoint and this month belongs to **Terri O'Leary** and a friend posing in front of the majestic *Mount Otemanu* in *Bora Bora*! Look at the water!!! I love Tybee, but that water! I like to see my toes... anyway, O'Leary family, off to A-J's with you and we are looking forward to your next adventures!

Alright Tybee, let's get it on! Turn the page...



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# “Bill” Cummins

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Bill was the coolest guy! His dry humor was just spot on. He knew all sorts of stuff and was known by all of Tybee! He could talk to everyone from a two-year-old to a bad ass Harley Davidson rider. He really lived a great life with his wife, Rose, and if you didn't know Bill and Rose, you really aren't Tybee! If you saw one, you saw the other and they were everywhere! From Poos to Tybee Time to the Wind Rose to all over the island. Bill loved Tybee and after living 20 plus years here, he's earned his spot in Tybee history. He so wanted to live to see 90. Unfortunately, he missed it by a few months.

To celebrate this man's life, Rose has orchestrated a carnival/fair style wake at Tybee's American Legion on Saturday, October 10th. Technically, he would have turned 90 the day before, but I think he would appreciate the day later dollar short irony of it all. Here is the plan:

On the 10th between 4 P.M. and 7 P.M., the Legion is going to be turned into a fair! There will be a Corn Hole Tournament, Bozo Buckets, Yahtzee, Pick a Ducky, a Fortune Teller, a Fashion Show, a Congo Line and so much more silly fun that Bill would have absolutely loved! At fair prices, there will be fair style food of hot dogs, meatballs on a stick, chicken waffles, corn on the cob and the cash bar will be open! Eric Thomas will be the Head Carnie and is going to be a fun time for both kids and adults.

It's open to one and all! There is a charge for the games and food and all of those proceeds are going directly to our Tybee Legion. Bill loved the Tybee Legion and having served in the Korean War; the Legion was a big part of his family.

Let's have a great time celebrating Bill's life! 🙏

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# Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

## ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

Does Halloween lose a bit of magic because people have been wearing masks for 6 months already? Resoundingly, no. Sure, it may be more trick than treat this year, but Halloween itself is about the atmosphere - shorter days, cooler evenings, foggy mornings, zombies...yes, the zombies. We are in the middle of a zombie apocalypse - you see them every day and probably have no idea until they collapse and die right in front of you. One of the more recent ones to be decapitated and burned (take your pick of favored zombie disposal methods) is... Hertz.

That's right, we're talking about zombie companies! Zombie companies are those that should have gone out of business a long time ago, but have been reanimated through the Fed's zero interest rate policies. Without going on another rant about how the Fed has destroyed the notion of productive capital allocation, here's how zombie companies form:

Let's say there's a company called ZomB. ZomB used to be decent, but for whatever reason (maybe they manufacture compact discs, maybe competition with Amazon), they're not making enough money. They're still generating revenue, but it's not enough to cover all the overhead, interest on their debt, dividends, etc. They're losing money and need to get their hands on more. So they issue more debt. Is this debt at 10% or 12% interest, where it probably should be to justify the risk to the investor of pouring money into a failing company? No! It's at maybe 5%. The reason it is so low is because 5% seems a fantastical return when the S&P and Treasury bond yields are all under 2%.

Zero-rate Fed policy has incentivized a grotesque yield-seeking behavior - "we all go a little mad sometimes," to quote Norman Bates. So investors give this ZomB money in exchange for pittance for a few years. When the bonds mature, ZomB of course can't pay, so it has to issue more debt and use the proceeds to pay off the old bonds.

This has been working brilliantly (brilliantly at keeping zombies alive anyway, not so much for the growth of the healthy population, er, we mean economy), but every zombie apocalypse comes to an end eventually (except perhaps for Bruce Campbell in *Evil Dead*).

A couple years ago, the Fed started hiking interest rates. Say interest rates rise 2% - the next time ZomB needs to refinance its debt, it will have to offer closer to 9% or 10% instead of 6%. The amount of interest starts piling up, requiring ever more debt to satisfy. Eventually, they can't refinance because they are so obviously bankrupt that no investor will give them any money. And that's when these zombies finally get to die in bankruptcy.

But that was then. Now, we're back to 0% interest rates and will be for the foreseeable future (probably years). As a result, we have seen record issuance of below-investment-grade debt this year. In fact, there has been more junk bond issuance through the first two thirds of this year than in any other full year on record!

So we now have over \$2 trillion (with a "t") in below-investment-grade debt outstanding. A lot of that belongs to companies that should have been taken out behind the woodshed and shot years ago. But just like when your best friend/lover/whoever first gets infected/bitten/whatever and you know you should kill them before they turn into a zombie/vampire/whatever but can't and then are forced into a life or death struggle for survival, it didn't happen. So here we are.

Apocalypse indeed.

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



# DIY Home Bar - The Treehouse Hideaway

By Wen McNally

Covid 19 hit and the world stopped. We were all at home trying to find a way to get through this mess. One of the only businesses that was making profits were liquor stores. By late July things loosened up a bit and many of our favorite bars and restaurants were trying to get back to business as normal mode. Not everyone was (or is) fully comfortable being back in a packed bar. I know we weren't, but we did miss seeing our friends and having a little social time over some cocktails. So we decided to open the Treehouse Hideaway. After a few visits to our favorite antique shops, our neighborhood liquor store and some online shopping, within a week we put together our new social distancing watering hole. Here are a few tips if you would like to create your own little in-house pub.

Find a small dedicated area for your bar. A space in your kitchen, dining room, living room or even garage. Like many places on Tybee, if your house is on stilts, under the house is a perfect place. We live in a small apartment and put ours in the corner of the dining room. To create a little more room, we moved our dining table to one side. We already had a nice piece of furniture that was an antique bar that we were just using as a cabinet to store our adult beverages. We opened it up by extending the hinged top, then added a small bookshelf for added storage and then we got creative.

Think about a theme for your place. We named ours The Treehouse Hideaway. A huge live oak tree is outside our window, giving the space a treehouse feel so that is what we went with. We added an indoor ficus tree and custom signage (found on Esty) to complete the theme. Ideas you can explore are beach, mermaid, auto garage, music, tiki, retro... you get the point. Be creative and let the space be an extension of you and your personality. Adding twinkle lights on the ficus tree and a neon sign added a bar ambiance.

An assortment of glassware and shot glasses will be essential. This can be a yard sale collection or maybe souvenirs from your travels. I prefer an eclectic selection so that everyone's glasses are different. Ebay is also a great source for finding unique pieces. You will also want to have a few basic bar tools on hand. A shaker and a jigger will be essential, other items can be added from there. I purchased a small kit on amazon that has more than needed for a home bar. We splurged on the perfect retro mini fridge, but you can keep your drinks chilled over ice in a simple galvanized bucket.

For your liquor collection you will want to cover the basics so you have a little bit of everything. Cover the basics with Vodka, Rum, Whiskey, Tequila, Beer and Wine. When your friends come over and ask what they can bring, just tell them to add something to the bar. After just a couple gatherings you will have a stocked collection and can shake up a cocktail in no time. Additions don't have to be expensive. A bottle of mixer, juice, soda, wine. Variation is the key to having a little something for everyone. Our friends have enjoyed taking a little ownership in the place and adding to the collection every time they come over.

We all want things to "get back to normal" but till then, don't stop gathering with your friends, just create a new fun way to do it!

# FOOD SPY

By Alaina Loughridge, with Commentary and Pictures by Crosby and Betsey

## Cockspur Grill A Seaside Eatery



Tybee has some awesome food to offer up and my intrepid crew and I have had meals that are just flat out superb, but Cockspur Grill? I am overwhelmed by how phenomenal their food is, from the presentation to the taste to the staff to the owners. What??? John Branigin and Spec Hosti did WHAT????? Hold on to your short pants, grab a cocktail and let's get this on!

First of all, the bartender, Sarah Conneff, is not only extremely personable, but she knows her skills. I am amazed by this because she looks like she's 15 years old. This girl knows the bar biz and can swing a liquor drink for sure! So, Crosby, Betsey and I bellied up to the bar and Sarah started out with our normal go-to while we waited for food to start crossing over the line. Betsey ordered a Bloody Mary, which looked fantastic and had a highlighter kick of blue cheese stuffed olives on top! I don't even do Bloodys, but yeah, I'm down. Appetizer drop ...

**Sesame Crusted Ahi** hit the table and what in the name of all that is delish was going on?? Served up on fried wontons with pickled carrots and a soy caviar, there is a surprise smooch of Siracha, but it's not going to kick you in the ass. The wontons were fried crispy perfection and this is the appetizer to get you ready for Round 2. This is (as Vincent put it) a "science meets dinner" situation and I couldn't agree more. We paired the Ahi with the **Marsh Grass Cocktail**, made with Cockspur Rum, and is so light and refreshing that you feel beachy. It's also a fantastic shade of green, and hey, who doesn't like that?

That appetizer was followed by the **Shrimp & Crab Puppies**. Imagine if you will, a hushpuppy that is so big you have to cut it in half to get at it. Made from an ancient ancestry Hosti recipe, these pups are Spec-tacular! The accompanying dipping sauce has an aioli siracha, remoudeley feel that is spot on and adds a fresh kick to a tartar tasting situation. The pups were perfectly cake like and light and fluffy. We paired those with the **Pulaski Punch**. I don't even do gin, but this Punch has a smidge of this and that

with a flair of Grenadine and is an excellent complement to whatever you want to pair it with.

Our appetizer situation was rounded out with the **Pulled Pork Nachos** and I'm telling y'all right now, your football Sunday is never going to be the same again! As Crosby said, 'you better be good at Jenga' so you can get all the stuff that is piled on top of a pile of a pile of yum! It's just huge and the pulled pork is not shy. It's everywhere. There is so much going on between the pork, the queso, the tomato, guacamole, jalapenos, habanero without seeds, a scooch of lime juice and having that pork Boston Butt marinated to magnificent, you won't know where to start. Once you do start though, everyone will be fighting for that last chip! We paired the nachos with the **South Bound Mountain Jam**, a golden lager considered a local brew, and it is super crisp and refreshing. It's also 6.5% so watch yourself.

Entrée time and holy **Hanging Steak!** This 12-ounce grilled situation surrounded a layer of roasted garlic mashed potatoes (skin on) and the fresh asparagus is so pretty, we didn't want to touch it, but that meat! Amen! That steak had marinated for hours and one bite into it, we knew a moment of silence was to follow ... with a swig of one of their fine house cabernets! That is going to be my go-to every day I go there. Forever.

Trying to slow down and not shove all the amazing, huge amounts of food down our gullet, the **Southern Fried Chicken Sammie** was served up. Seasoned with a raw, natural honey glaze with some honey bbq tossed in, this chicken was moist (yes, I said it) and perfect juicy town with just the perfect amount of pickle party to get you going. I'm not gonna lie, it's hot (my intrepid team said I was a sissy girl, but it was hot), and my tongue was reeling, but all in a great way of simmer down and eat slower! They paired that with another Spec-tacular ancestry recipe of **Shrimp and Potato Salad**. I could eat that all day long. Light and mild mayo based with red potato cube cut, it is a perfect side addition to any meal you order. Sarah prepped a **Moscow Mule with a Meyer's floater** to wash it all down with. We were happy as pigs in ... well, you know.

We had to take a break to just regroup as humans! It was too overwhelming ... ok ... smoke break... we're back...

Dessert! **The Skillet Cookie!** I don't care if you are a diabetic, on a fasting spree, watching your weight ... whatever! This dessert is the best thing you will ever have in your life!! It takes 15 minutes to put it together, so when you order your entrée, order the Skillet Cookie at that time so you're not taking up table space for the people in line to get in there. Baked to madness and a scoop of Vanilla Bean ice cream thrown on the side, just another moment of silence. Be absolutely sure to ask Sarah to make you the **Sarah's After Supper Sipper Martini** to go with it. Made with Kahlua, vodka, Baileys and some other drizzle happiness, your life is now complete. It seriously makes you want to hold yourself in all the right places.

We staggered out of the Cockspur Grill with a smile on our face and a story to tell. The food is really great. **Jason Herndon**, the head chef, is spot on. The presentation matches the taste and that's a rarity. **Sarah Conneff**, our bartender, knows her job better than I know mine, and I got 35 years on that girl!!! Then you have **Spec Hosti and John Branigin!** Do they know what they are doing? Well, we all questioned that when they started this shindig, but my taste buds don't lie. I think Spec and John have got a great thing going!!!

You can find the Cockspur Grill at 725 1st Street, otherwise known as Campbell and Butler or at the first light to the lighthouse or also known as next to the first Chu's. The current hours are Tuesday through Friday from 4pm to 11pm and Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 11pm. Be a better person and get there right now.



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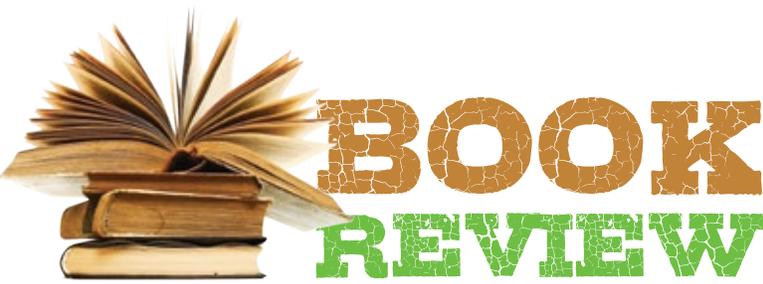
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By Nell Klein

# HOME BEFORE DARK

By Riley Sager

I love a good haunted house story and this one is just in time for the spooky month of October. Of course, I don't really think that I totally believe in ghosts, but I have an open mind about these things. Luckily though, Riley Sager will totally creep you out in Home Before Dark, but will give you a totally satisfying ending to this horror story.

25 years ago, 5-year-old Maggie Holt and her parents, Ewan and Jess, lived in a rambling Victorian mansion in Vermont called Baneberry Hall. They lasted all of 20 days before fleeing in the middle of the night, never to return. Ewan capitalized on the experience in a non-fiction horror book called "House of Horrors," which accounts everything that happened in those 20 days. The book made the small town of Bartleby, Vermont infamous and made the townspeople very unhappy with Ewan Holt for writing and profiting by it.

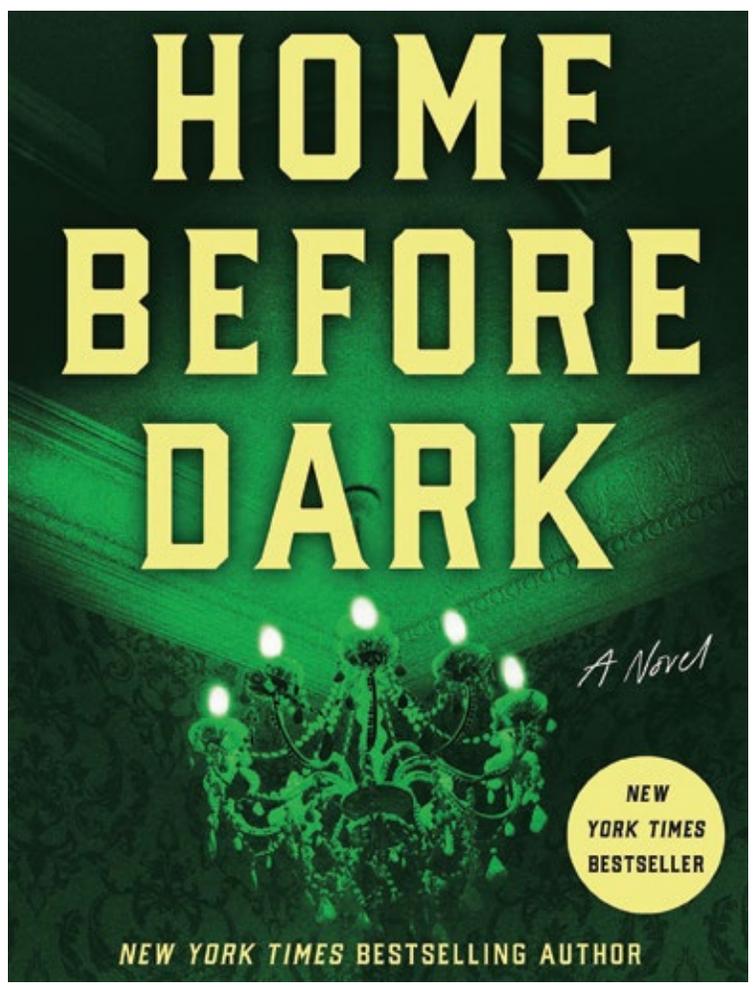
Now 25 years later, 30-year-old Maggie, a successful interior designer, must return to Baneberry Hall after her father's death because Maggie has inherited all of his worldly possessions, including Baneberry Hall, which she had no idea that her father still owned. Her father left instructions in his will for Maggie to not return to the house, but to sell it immediately. In fact, her mother, who remarried years before to a realtor, told Maggie not to go to the house, as it was too dangerous. She said that she and her husband would buy the house from her just so they could tear it down.

But Maggie, the main character in her father's book, had always lived in the shadows of being a survivor of the horrors recounted in the book, so she decided to go to the house and use her skills as an interior decorator to get the house ready to sell and hopefully find out what really happened all those years ago. Maggie had no memory of the whole ordeal that happened and she didn't believe that any of it happened anyway, she was just tired of everyone asking her "what was it like living in the house?" when she had no clue. She believed that her father made it all up just to make money, so she wanted to put an end to the whole thing by finding out what really happened, or more than likely, what didn't happen.

The book alternates between Maggie's current day mystery and excerpts from chapters in her father's book. This book creeped me out so bad and I couldn't believe that Maggie could stay in the house after all the mysterious things start happening. I just wanted her to leave! But no, Maggie persevered until she got to the truth of the matter and the whole situation is finally explained to everyone's satisfaction, well, maybe not everyone, but close. All I know is you won't be able to put this book down!

I was so excited when I found out Riley Sager had a new book out, as he has become one of my favorite authors. This is his fourth novel and I believe that it's his best so far. If you get the chance to read his others, *Final Girls*, *The Last Time I Lied*, and *Lock Every Door*, you will not be disappointed. All of his books (so far) have been stand-alones, so it doesn't matter what order you read them, just read them! You will be so happy that you listened to me! So, enjoy October and plan on being creeped out (in a good way)!

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



# MONTHLY MUSIC

By Hannah Eckert

## MIX

Music is the most powerful, purest form of art. It uplifts the soul, connects people, and communicates emotions. If you know me, you know that I love sharing and talking about my favorite artists or songs of that given time.

Some friends and I compiled a list of our top jams during September. There's no running theme, just the music that's been on our minds lately.

Hope you enjoy it!

### **Porcupine Tree - *In Absentia* (2002)**

*What's good* - If 90's Swedish heavy metal and late 60's U.K. progrock had a baby, it would be Porcupine Tree. Their 2002 album, *In Absentia* is lyrically haunting and encompasses a perfect blend between progressive rock and heavy metal. Weird, twisted, beautifully dark - plus a bonus, it's about serial killers

"It's creative. The lyrics are deep and meaningful...music is nothing short of genius and there's a great story behind the band" - Doug White

Thanks for sharing Doug!

### **King Gizzard and the Lizard Wizard**

*What's good* - This seven person band is incredibly talented because of their dynamic discography sound. They've got an obscure 60's psychedelic influence mixed with Melbourne's surf rock vibes. Not to mention, they released five (!!!) albums in just one year which, for the quality, is unheard of

"I find most new music through Discover Weekly on Spotify. Their song *Sense* popped up and I fell in love with their peculiar pop and psychedelic rock sound after that." - Taryn Westin

Love this one, Taryn, thanks!

### **Khruangbin - *Mordechai* (2016)**

*What's good* - On the surface, Khruangbin's electric funk can be a little repetitive. But if you scratch that surface just a little bit, you'll explore a diverse world with meaningful lyrics derived from each member's cultural background. *Mordechai* is such a classic piece of art because of its funky Spanish influence fused with echoey, harmonious singing. Definitely a top pick for me.

### **Ozark Mountain Daredevils**

*What's good* - What isn't? A good blend of 1970's southern country rock and bluegrass, this is one of those rare artists that bring together your country folk, bohemians, older generations and new.

### **Lettuce - *Resonate* (2019)**

*What's good* - 2020 Grammy nominee, Lettuce, is one of my favorite bands of all time. Mostly instrumental (except for Big Tony's much anticipated verses), it's funky, groovy, soulful sounds are distinctly their own style. Newly released, *Resonate* complements their already impressive collection of lively tunes. Lettuce tours around the southeast pretty often, so I'm looking forward to seeing them when live music picks up again!



## Memo From The Mayor

By Mayor Shirley Sessions

# Life is what happens when you're too busy making other plans!

The year 2020 started off with such hope, the year of 20/20 vision, Tybee's community was full of a sense of excitement, energy and expectations of wonder. Buzz words like renourishment, strategic planning, economic growth, unity, quality of life, and infrastructure improvements were part of our everyday language. We were celebrating a freshly renourished beach, which was sure to be the backdrop for locals and visitors to enjoy greater fun in the sun, the revised Downtown Development Committee and Tourism Council were working with businesses and organizations to ensure stronger economic growth for our community. Strategic planning sessions were well underway among council and staff for reviewing budgeting programs that would enhance our infrastructure, city services, nonprofits and a better overall experience for residents and visitors alike.

Suddenly new words and phrases with new meanings started popping up, and 2020 began looking very different and very unfamiliar. No longer the sense of wonder, excitement, and energy that had been anticipated, but something unknown, scary and shocking. COVID-19, Coronavirus, Pandemic, quarantined, social distancing, shelter in place, flattening the curve, facemasks, PPE, new normal, ZOOM, drive-thru testing, positive results, negative results – you get the picture! Our community, state, country, and the world were all struggling to find ways to deal with the safety and well-being of all.

Tybee's officials, staff, residents, businesses, nonprofits had to learn fast exactly what steps were needed in order to rearrange life as we so recently had known it and now learn how to create a "new-norm" and move forward. My sincerest gratitude and appreciation to every individual and group who took on this unknown challenge, often with reservations, questions and concerns as to whether they were making the right choices. Decisions were made that were not and may still not be popular or convenient. We all continue to struggle as we weigh the consequences and outcomes of the decisions that we all are still being forced to make.

I am so proud of our community and to our City Council members, City Manager, Police, Fire, Public Works, Parking Services, and Administrative staff, I can never say thank you enough for your professionalism, unity, perseverance and positive attitudes that you have shown during the worst of times. I am honored to be among you all.

Life really IS what happens to us while we're too busy making other plans. I'm just hopeful that it will be lemonade, not lemons, next time!

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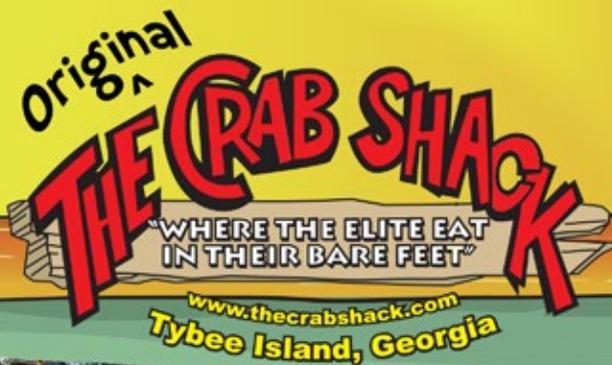
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# *In the Kitchen with....* **Justin Fowler** **The Crab Shack**

By Alaina Loughridge



Now this article should be entitled “In the Restaurant with ... **Justin Fowler**” and after I explain everything about this man and where he works, you will agree! **The Crab Shack** is a sprawling complex of over three acres, three kitchens, over 150 employees on premises at any given summer moment, 11 cats, 78 alligators (the biggest of which is five feet long), more than 20 rescue birds, and that is not even counting the number of people that are lined up for lunch and dinner!!! It's not a restaurant ... it's a theme park and everything has to work like a well-oiled machine. Justin signed up for the job and here he is.

Born and raised in Savannah, Justin went to Johnson High and went on to Armstrong as a Political Science Major. Changing teams, he went to Savannah Tech and graduated with a degree in Hospitality Management. Thank God, because running The Crab Shack you need your education, your street smarts and a whole lot of patience!! Joining The Shack team in February, 2000, Justin started out as a line cook and literally has done it all: Expo, bus boy, dishwasher, server, plumber, electrician, and more. When you work in the food industry the working motto is “if it can break, it will break and it will do so at the most inopportune moments.” You will have no-calls and no-shows and guess who gets to fill in??? That's right! Justin! With a hard work ethic, Justin went from the bottom of the line to Kitchen Supervisor then General Manager and is now the Director of Operations. Again, it's like running Jurassic Park!

I asked Justin after 20 years of being at the same place, which is rare, what his most epic memory is. Well, it was a dark and stormy night, the smallest kitchen was the only one running, he was managing and the place filled up in a second. People everywhere. Employees everywhere. Kitchen shucking and jiving as fast as they could and then

.... the lights went out! That is a whole lot of apologies and table to table greeting and assuring right there! All in a day's work. That doesn't even count the time that guy dropped his cell phone in the alligator pit and tried to go in and retrieve it!! Jeesh!

Justin's constant goal is always trying to get better and be more efficient. That's a big request and he's got a busy personal life too. Married to Kate (whom he met at The Crab Shack and she had to quit because you can't date a co-worker LOL), they have two great boys, Chase at 10 years old and Evan at eight. Life is busy, but Justin is not going to grow up and be an old man any time soon! His passion is anything outdoors and his spirit animal is the Eagle...they do what they want and they are super protective and fierce! Cool!

Justin doesn't really ‘cook’ anymore, but he's got some brilliant ideas about Low Country Boil!! He doesn't use the Zatarain's Crab Boil like the rest of us. Captain Jack has his own Captain Crab's Secret Spice, which is solely sold at The Crab Shack's gift shop, and that is the sprinkled secret ingredient. Throw in some white onions and cut in some lemons in the bottom of the pot. Add in some black pepper and this spin on Low Country Boil will change your way of thinking.

There is never a dull moment at The Crab Shack and Justin is super grateful to his staff and his bosses, Jack and Belinda Flanigan. They all take care of each other and they are going to take care of you as well!

The Crab Shack is located at 40 Estill Hammock Road and is open Sunday through Thursday from 12pm to 8pm and Fridays and Saturdays from 12pm to 9pm. The atmosphere is Back River awesome; the food is fabulous and the staff is more than welcoming! Call if you have any questions at 912-786-9857.

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# TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk



What a crazy mother fathering hot season. Sunny beach! The virus has completely changed the game. I still haven't worn a mask and am not washing my hands unless I piss on them, so let's say I haven't been washing my hands. How this tiny island handled the amount of tourists this year and we didn't all catch the crap means we are tough as a work boot or alcohol is the remedy. On that note, if any of you catch it, please know it is nothing to be embarrassed by. Nobody wants it and we are just out here working for a living.

Breezy Joey told me that the money the unemployment folks were receiving was going to turn out like an opioid addiction. He wasn't wrong. I had too many people pass away this year from all sorts of things. Not Covid, but the virus was the cause. I can't imagine what would have happened to all the island if Governor Kemp hadn't let us open back in May. I met people from every state in America this summer. They heard we were open, found Tybee, and had a blast.

I called the governor's office the Thursday before the Irish Heritage Parade to tell on city council. The nice lady that answered the phone told me they were aware of the situation (I guess I wasn't they only one lol) and that there was nothing the governor's office could do. Thank God that we had an awesome weekend, with 20,000 plus no outbreak.

Somehow, some way, we have added three new restaurants to Tybee Island. That is amazing, considering how many businesses have closed around the country. Here we are, the little island that can thrive in historical times. The only normal place. Knowing this island, I never thought normal could describe us. We are Tybee Strong! Hopefully we can do the rest of this season without any named storms. I'm still looking for Godzilla to show up.

The original story I turned in for this month's issue was shot down. My editors (dictators as I call them) said no way, can't print this one Ron. I wasn't shocked. Leigh and Joey both said you are better than that. My thoughts are people should be held accountable for things they have done. We forgive, move on, then we should be able to laugh about it. America's Funniest Home Videos. Who doesn't laugh at the old woman falling down? You all laugh most of the time and the person taking the video is laughing. Honestly, whenever I see someone laid out I stand over them and yell Down Goes Frazier! Down Goes Frazier!

So now, as usual, I got nothing, no funny stories, nothing very exciting to report. Day shift is tame. The most excitement I have is close calls with bicycles riding down Butler in whatever lane they choose, or the ones that don't obey traffic lights or stop signs. Thank goodness for brakes and horns. On Saturday and Sunday the Butler crosswalks can be more excitement than I'm looking for. Always seems to be that one car, most of the time speeding, blowing through, while every other car is stopped. I yelled at a man and his 2 young daughters crossing when I saw that the car coming up behind me had no intention of stopping. The walkers were very grateful of my warning. I normally ride Jones Ave. on the weekends for that reason.

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## Oct. Fishing Forecast

What a crazy summer we all have had between all forced to have time off to extremely busy with the tourists flocking to Georgia to try and enjoy the somewhat normal lifestyle the rest of the world was no longer providing. Along with all this, Big Fish Charters did everything we could do to get as many families and friends out to enjoy a day on the water. It was fantastic to see the smiles and excitement in so many folk's eyes. With the new boat came challenges and opportunities, one of which was the getting back into tournament fishing in the Southern Kingfish Association, also known as the SKA. We didn't fish them all as planned, but we fished the last two legs and learned a lot as a team. These lessons will be used to help the team improve next year, in hopes of Team Pelagic Prophet bringing home a win or two. Many never get to see the tournament side of fishing, so I would like to share a short version of the last leg of Tournament Series, well, my version of it at least.

A muggy August morning, the team loads the boat of ice, tackle, food, bait and everything else you think you might need for a day of King Mackerel fishing. The only light is the soft glow of the blue spreader lights on the top of the boat. We are unable to cross into the ocean till 6am and can't put fishing lines in till 7am. We make our way slowly in the bay toward the ocean, watching the clock. 6am hits and its throttle's down. Time to catch bait. We break the sound as we quickly accelerate past 45kts to an area I know holds bait. Over the next 30 mins we catch bait and prepare for the next run to a bait and fishing hole not too far away, say 9 miles or so. The boat is back up and throttle is near pinned as 500 horsepower pushed the boat across the tops of the waves, skipping toward the fishing grounds.

Arriving just after 7am, we make short work of getting lines in. This spot is hit or miss, and once we know the fish are not there we have to make the run to spot number two. The team heads on into the seas. We all wish we could say it was calm, but those words very seldom are said during a tournament. Choppy is a better fitting term, to say the least. 8 miles later we arrive and the team gets to action. Everyone does their part and within minutes, fish on. Dumping line, we knew it was a King. Seconds later another rod screams and we have a double hookup. This is when it gets fun. Two fish, both running different directions. I like chaos so I put out another bait as two fish are being fought. And what do you know, it gets smashed. Now, this is a big bait about 20 inches long. This fish is running fast and within seconds I have lost 200 yards of line. Then tragedy strikes and the fish is lost. My heart drops, knowing I just lost the monster. But no time, we still have two fish on. Cameron and Kaylee are doing wonderful and it's about time to do some gaffing.

Cameron's fish is about ready and makes a last second run right for the Yamahas and seconds before another tragedy, I stick the fish and sling the fish onto the deck. Kaylee has visual on her fish and I ungaff the fish and meet her on the bow as she works the fish. The team gets one fish into the fish box as I must stretch and reach deep to gaff fish number two. The gaff sinks deep, but the fish is not done. As it bolts, it tries to pull me into the drink, and with a hard pull, fish tail moving 100mph, water slinging everywhere, the fish lands on deck and everyone is excited and lets out a scream of joy. Two solid fish on board and a couple hours left before we must make the run to weigh in.

Hours pass and a few short bites, but nothing really to talk about. We make the call to run the 70 miles to Saint Simons to weigh in our fish. Rob is at the ready to help navigate and keep an eye out for any and every thing. To our west the thunderstorms are building, and we know we are in for a long, wet ride. Storm after Storm we dodge, weaving east and west by miles to stay out of the worst weather, with the boat skipping and ponding as we race on. 35 miles to go and the port motor trims up without notice. Trimming down the motor, I release the switch and it automatically trims back up. We check wires and switches before we disconnect the trim motor and manually lower the engine and continue south. 15 miles to

go and we are flying across the 3-4 foot waves at 36kts. All of a sudden, we lose all power. Dead in the water. No electronics, no engines, nothing. The team puts everything we know together, and in moments the boat roars to life and is skipping toward the finish line.

We are in front of St. Simons Island and we see the largest storm of the day. No going around, we must head straight into the depths of the blackness, the only light is the bolts of electricity that are almost nonstop. Visibility drops to feet as we hit the rain. Barely able to see past the boat, I watch the electronics as the team looks out for channel markers, we pass into the St. Simon shipping channel. The storm has passed and we are back up and running top speed, past the overturned ship, past the pier, past Morning Star Marina. The Yamahas are purring at 5000rpm, almost 50kts, and we cross the line and check-in with the tournament boat 10 mins before weigh-in ends. Just in time. We didn't win any money, but we overcame everything that was thrown our way and made the weigh-in with a top ten finish in SKA open class for the Largest King Mackerel Tournament in Georgia. That's a win in my book.



### INSHORE

Trout, Redfish, and Flounder can all be caught in better numbers than the past few months. The Shrimp are in the creeks and with the cooler water, the fish are starting to feed. As the month goes on, the bite will only get better. For those fishing inshore, fishing a cork rig with a live Shrimp, you should do pretty well. When you find the fish, try throwing an artificial and save the live bait for the next spot. The Sheepshead bite should pick up inshore as well. Fiddler Crabs are the bait of choice. Fishing oyster racks pilings and any type of structure is a good bet for these great eating fish.



### NEARSHORE

Fall is here and so are the Redfish, and they are out in full force, eating everything they can find. You will be able to find them on every reef, all the way up to the surf. There are a few ways to fish for these fun fighting fish. Black Sea Bass are around and getting better every day. There are plenty of other fish to catch while bottom fishing, including Snapper, Triggerfish, Porgies, Grouper and many other great eating species. The trolling bite is still here for a little while longer so those who want to catch those Spanish and King Mackerel, they are still around, don't give up yet.

### OFFSHORE

Offshore bottom fishing is great out deep - Black Sea Bass, Triggerfish, Amberjack, Snapper, Grouper, Grunts, and there are so many more. Make sure you have Squid and cut fish for bait and you should have a great day. The top water bite has been slow and we are all hoping it will pick up soon.

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# SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Hello Sports Teaser fans, back for another month and thankfully there's a lot to get to in the world of sports. Hard to believe that it's already fall but in this year 2020 anything goes. Is it really fall? Isn't it still March? Whatever day or time or month it is we can talk sports at least. So let's get to it!

Fall brings us our beloved football, fortunately, with college and pro games being played. Hopefully they will be able to complete this season and playoffs and Super Bowl safely; we'll keep our fingers crossed.

In the NFL the favorite seems to be the Kansas City Chiefs once again. Until somebody slows them down, I don't see why not. Baltimore might have a say but I just don't see any other AFC team on their level. Watch out for Tennessee as well. Most of the attention will focus on the NFC where Tom Brady is now a Tampa Bay Buccaneer...what??? They have certainly given him some weapons and toys to play with and they should be exciting to watch, He might just lead them to the promised land or at least the playoffs. A fashionable pick as always seems to be the Dallas Cowboys, but until they prove it on the field they may be another playoff-less season. San Francisco should compete as well. Locally I see a .500-ish season for the Falcons and a #TankForTrevor season in Jacksonville.

College football is underway as well, with 3 of the Power 5 conferences playing a limited schedule, mostly conference games only. The Big Ten and Pac 12 have bowed out for this year. As of this writing, the SEC and Big 12 will have just kicked off its 10 game conference schedule and the ACC will have played about three games. We'll see how it shapes out with the usual suspects of Clemson, Alabama, Oklahoma and Georgia seeming to be the cream of the crop. You might add Florida into the mix, especially with the quarterback change at UGA. And, of course the Big Ten will kick off around Thanksgiving ha ha...NO way that happens! Poor Justin Fields!

The boys of summer are at the tail end of their 60 game shortened season. The World Series should be up for grabs but the Dodgers seem to be the favorite as they are loaded. Starting pitching is at a premium, as we have seen with the Braves lack thereof! Hopefully their highly potent offense will slug them through the playoffs and to a World Series championship. Of course, this would be the year that they win it all and the season has a big ole' asterisk right next to it!

The PGA season ended with Dustin Johnson hoisting the FedEx cup, playing relentlessly through the playoffs. Only about 40 days until the Masters in November...yes I said November. Although spectators (patrons at Augusta) will not be allowed, it's still the Masters and will garner huge interest (stocking up on my pimento cheese now). With the U.S. Open just being completed, we will have 6 majors within a 10 month period. One benefit of the condensed season this past year and the upcoming majors is the PGA starts have come out and played in most of the tournaments, making it great golf theatre. Remember golf and NASCAR were the first sports to emerge after the shut down and both probably garnered a lot of fans as a result of their desire for life sports.

Happy fall people and I'll have some more crack sports analysis in November. Enjoy Tybee Time again!



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# Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge



**Renee Grissom**, our local *Benny's* girl, is the October Bartender of the Month and you need to get your giggle on with her immediately. Witty, sarcastic, entertaining and gorgeous, Renee is also a super hard worker and busts her ass to get a job done!

Born and raised in Savannah and Tybee, Renee did her thing at Johnson High School and immediately started her own residential cleaning business. She also started a family while always dabbling in the bartending gig. She even worked at Dizzy Dean's Daiquiri Factory, which was a minute ago for all you folks that remember that awesome place! She spent some time at Bernie's as well as The Crab Shack and has worked in a number of places downtown. Worker Bee! During all of that, she raised three beautiful daughters, Kayla, Madelyn, Mikalen, then started all over with a boy, Dawsyn.

Right now, she is working towards earning her realtor license, as well as becoming a certified yoga instructor. Renee clearly likes to stay busy and active! She loves her yoga - it's empowering and improves your life. It is her passion along with her children. Other important details about Renee:

**The Questions of Life:**

**Grow Up:** Be rich.

**Spirit Animal:** A Peacock. She has always been drawn to it and it's a serious majestic creature.

**Super Power that she has:** Removing herself from a situation that is potentially gonna involve a dead body and it won't be hers! LOL!!

**Super Power she wishes she had:** Transportation device. Be somewhere instantly. That sounds cool!

Renee's *go-to drink* is the **Grissom's Downward Facing Dog**. It's a beautiful and tasty purple concoction that will have you doing your best yoga position to the laughter of everyone around you! Good times! Go say 'hey' to Renee. It will be a fun experience!

## Behind the Tape...

By Sgt. Richie Dascal



Happy October everyone! Hope all of you are settling into football season and getting ready for Halloween. Here I am writing this in September and I can already see how much the island has slowed down since Labor Day, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed for a very relaxed winter season.

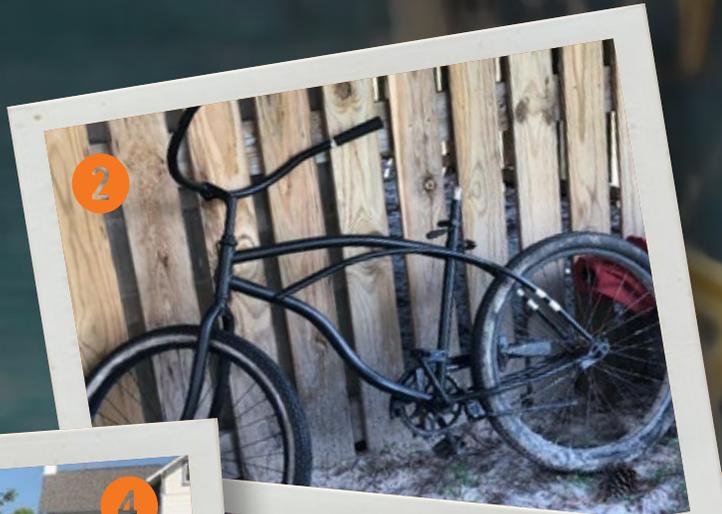
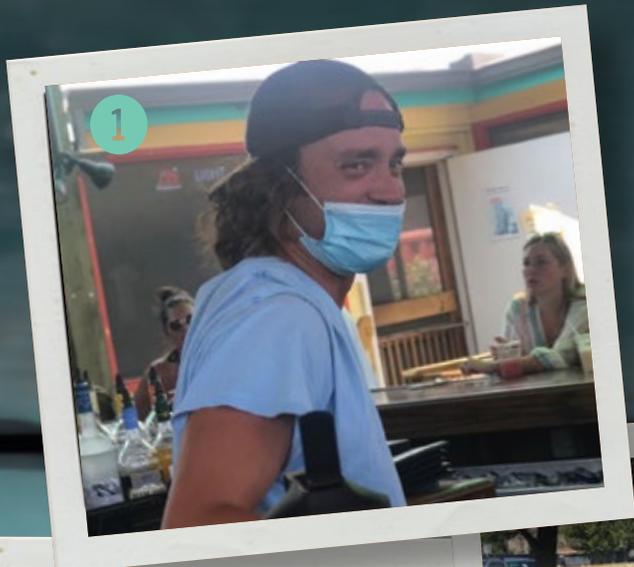
With the winter season setting in on us, we tend to get an influx of people interested in committing property crimes. Luckily, while I was trying to figure out what story I would write, one fell into my lap. It was almost time to go home for the night in the middle of the week. As we were all getting our end of day stuff together, we received a call for a person in a house who didn't belong there. We got down to the house and found out the owner of this house, which is mostly unoccupied for the better part of the year, came to check on some things and found this guy in his house. We started looking around and found out that the guy and his friends were homeless in Savannah and had come to the house trying to stay there without permission. They had not been there very long when we arrived, but had already put food in the refrigerator, started taking showers, and doing laundry. The guy we found there was ultimately arrested for burglary. I'd like to say this is a new thing, but this is about the third time we've dealt with squatters breaking into unoccupied houses to live this year.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to lock your doors, both house and car, and keep an eye on what's happening around you in the neighborhood. We're already starting to see car break-ins and now houses are starting to get targeted. If a house that should be empty has someone in it, please let us know. This is a trend we don't want to see continuing.

We'll be doing our drug take back again on October 24th. It's normally at the YMCA but due to COVID we'll be holding it at the police department this year. So any unused medications you have around the house can be turned in to be destroyed on that day from 10am to 2pm. I hope everyone has a great month and we'll see you all in November.

# CRUISING WITH CROSBY

By Crosby



**1** The often unintentionally hilarious **Hunter Mullen** working at the updated **North Beach Bar & Grill** outside bar. Go see him on your next North End adventure for good talks & drinks.

**2** Stopped by **John Counihan's** place and saw his bike with his "custom" seat modification. Watch out for potholes and speedbumps buddy.

**3** **Andrew & Drex** having fun at **The Sandbar**. Andrew wears a lot of hats in his daily life and this helps to prove that.

**4** **Nancie, Abbey and Stephen** are all looking fabulous at the **Farmer's Market!** These Tybee people make this Market happen! Thank you!

**5** So happy to see **Jeffro** standing upright and being silly again! Love you man! You can catch him at **Poo's** on Sunday!

**6** **Charlie and Ricky** enjoying a day off. Couple of Twisted Teas and suspiciously matching outfits, what else could you want out of your afternoon?

**7** **Baylie McNalley** at the **Tybee Farmer's Market**. Go check out her custom made jewelry there or now available at **Chamacos** too.



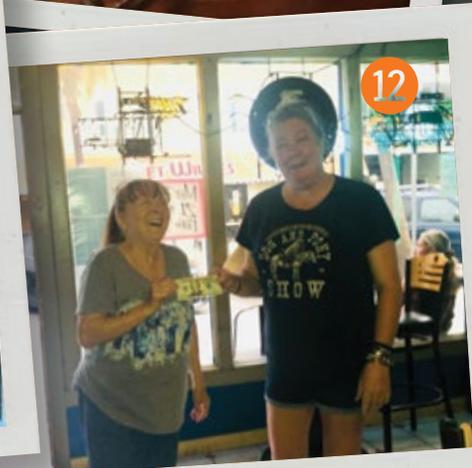
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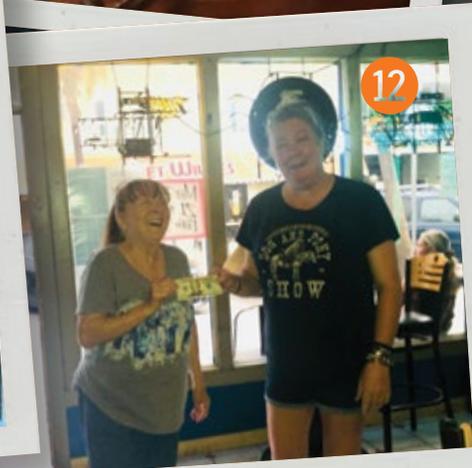
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**8** Bryce showing off his tiny skateboard skills at his skate park. He built and designed it himself, it's over at **Chamacos** if you want to see how good your skills are.

**9** Eric Thomas always goes above & beyond. Here he is repairing a stool in the middle of his shift & showing off those guns at the same time. He loves everyone almost as much as arm day at the gym.

**10** The treasures you find on Sunrise walks. Looks like someone had a fun night. Remember that glass containers aren't allowed for outside consumption, no matter how funny your drunk self thinks it is.

**11** Caught all the fab employees at **Sundae Cafe** getting ready to open for the afternoon! I love that place and if you have never been there, you are missing out! The food is awesome, but that blue cheese encrusted filet is worth getting into a fist fight over.

**12** Nell laughing her head off at **Alaina** because she managed to win a \$20 bet with her. Alaina was definitely not as happy as Nell about the outcome of this one.

**13** Sometimes we all don't appreciate our backyard enough. This was a beautiful sunset that made me stop and stare for a while. Nice reminder of how lucky I am to live in a place like this.

**14** Local living legend **Bob O** is dressed to impress at the **Tybee Farmer's Market**. Next time you're there, make sure you say 'hi'. You can't miss him and he is always happy to see you.

# Cockspur Island Lighthouse

By Amy Cecelia LoPresti Owens

## Guardian of Savannah Nights

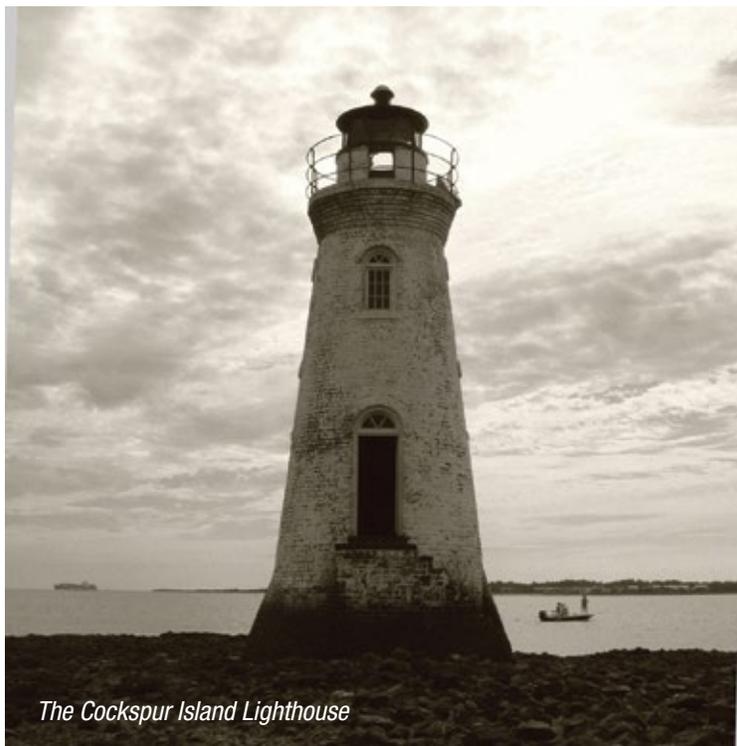
As I am sitting with a nice cuppa tea, the thunder is rolling, the wind is howling and the rain is pouring down. No, it is not a hurricane crashing upon Tybee Island, rather an afternoon storm here in the North Carolina Foothills! I would like to share with you a tale of the Cockspur Island Lighthouse...a wonderful little lighthouse that has withstood the tests of time put upon her by nature and man! A strong yet fragile lighthouse that is currently in desperate need of preservation.

There is something both mysterious and magical about lighthouses. These architectural treasures represent something different for each of us. For some, it may be that a lighthouse is a beacon of hope and joy. For others, they could be that guiding light in the darkness of difficult times. Seeing a lighthouse on a grassy knoll or on a sandy stretch of beach is always a moving experience for me. But, it is the Cockspur Island Lighthouse standing on her little islet in the middle of the Savannah River that takes my breath away! It was this deep feeling that stirred the historical photojournalist in me to see the realization of writing a book about the Cockspur Island Lighthouse...and so the journey began!

The first time I saw the Cockspur Island Lighthouse was a chilly day in 1979. My family was in Savannah and visited the Fort Pulaski National Monument. I don't actually remember this day, but photographs from the family album show us clearly there. A shot at the fort entrance; my sisters and I standing with our mama. Another with us sitting together in front of one of the cannons on the top of the fort. There are two photographs of us girls standing with our daddy at an opening in the upper fort wall looking out. The unequivocal proof is in the upper corner of one of the photographs taken by our mama...standing tiny but true in the distance stands the Cockspur Island Lighthouse!

Could it be on that day the Cockspur Island Lighthouse was imprinted in my memories or was it when I saw her again in 2006 with my daughters? We were navigating the streets in the early morning hours to see the Tybee Island Lighthouse. As we drove over the Lazaretto Creek Bridge, something grasped my attention off to the left. It was an odd feeling that made me stop (thankfully no traffic at that early hour) for a quick glance over the bridge railing. There, out in the river, standing under a veil of fog was a small lighthouse. But why had I not realized before that there was another lighthouse close by to add to our adventure day? Was she really out there or was the fog playing a trick on my eyes?

Once we made it to the Tybee Island Lighthouse, the tour guide confirmed that there was, in fact, a lighthouse standing in the Savannah River. He



*The Cockspur Island Lighthouse*

gave us a tid-bit of information that I took as bait and from that moment knew I would learn all I could about this mysterious lighthouse! On the way back into Savannah, we paused again crossing the bridge for one more glimpse. I planned to return another day when there was time to get closer to this beautiful lighthouse. Yes, in my eyes she was beautiful! What could not be aesthetically pleasing about a whitewashed brick lighthouse, holding her own as waves crashed about her base?

True to the plan, I began researching the history of the Cockspur Island Lighthouse. The Cockspur Island Lighthouse started off as a daymark; a tower not fitted with a light. It was constructed of Savannah Gray Clay bricks in a conical shape situated on a tiny islet off the southeastern tip of Cockspur Island. Its purpose was to indicate the Savannah River's South Channel entrance to mariners. There is unsubstantiated documentation of when the first tower was constructed. Historical papers refer to a recommendation of the construction of a beacon as early as 1826. Over the years, there were notations of further construction references and that a tower sustaining storm damage needed to be rebuilt. In the end, a non-specific date of construction is recorded as between March 1837 and November 1839. In 1848 the tower had repair work and alterations completed. It was at this time that it would be fitted with its first light; five lamps with 14" reflectors emanating a fixed white light. The tower was established as a lighthouse in 1849.

The Cockspur Island Lighthouse inevitably met its fate at the hands of a hurricane in 1854. When a decision to rebuild began in 1855, plans were made for an enlarged tower (46' tall) and the addition of a Sixth Order Fresnel lens. This new light would shine without failing until it was extinguished during the Civil War in 1861. Thankfully, the lighthouse survived the bombardments between Yankee troops at batteries on Tybee Island and Confederate troops at Fort Pulaski...due to her being so short in stature! Her light was re-lit on April 25, 1866. The tower would be



*Fort Pulaski with family 1979*

painted white during this this time (the first mention of her tower's color in historical papers). The Cockspur Island Lighthouse would again remain lit, unflinching, until she was deemed no longer needed as a navigational aid and her light extinguished on June 1, 1909.

I am appreciative to the extremely helpful and knowledgeable rangers at Fort Pulaski, National Park Service staff and members of the United States Coast Guard that shared valuable historical information about the Cockspur Island Lighthouse. From mailing copies of historical papers to even pulling out old photographs from fort's files and making copies (while my brother and I enjoyed a reprieve from the summer heat in the air condition!). One of these photographs showed the Keeper's house built atop the fort's parapet. This house replaced the Keeper's house that was destroyed by a hurricane in 1881.

My favorite historical photograph was actually discovered in a book where it had been contributed by the Fort Pulaski National Monument. It depicts a boat landing attached to the Cockspur Island Lighthouse via the top of the stoop of the outer stairs at the entrance doorway. Members of Lighthouse Board/Coast Guard are standing on the islet at low tide between the lighthouse and their small row boat. At the end of the landing near the boat is a ladder used to access the landing and walk to the tower. This boat landing is also referred to as a "high-water access" or "high-water boat landing." The photograph was dated around the early 1890s. According to information gathered from the USCG, the boat landing was constructed of "piles cased with yellow metal" in 1868. It was repaired and lengthened several times up until the early 1900s.

On March 18, 2007, the light in the Cockspur Island Lighthouse was re-lit for the first time in almost a century; a glorious moment in her history! The new light would be a solar powered light. It would shine for historic purposes only, not as a navigational aid.

Later that year I would return to Fort Pulaski on a terribly hot, muggy, humid day...okay it was a typical June day in Savannah! The tide was high that day, so it was not possible to walk to the very end of the overlook trail where it connected to the riverbank. This would have been the closest view to the Cockspur Island Lighthouse while staying on the larger island. So I walked until the water started lapping over my sneakers and stood to gaze at her through the yellow haze of the day. Looking out across the river's water, it was easy to imagine this current lighthouse tower as new as the day it was erected. Standing tall and true on the little oyster covered islet with a fresh coat of whitewash allowing her to glisten brightly in the sun. Her light shining for mariners to see and verify their location. It was a memorable day! Now it bears mentioning that most of my family members might not be as thrilled about hiking the overlook trail as I am (as some have chosen to wander around the fort or even stay in the climate controlled visitor's center)! But, over the years they have definitely acquired an appreciation for "my lighthouse" even if not to the degree of fondness I have for her.

Between 2007 and 2009, I became more conscious of checking tide charts prior to planning the next hike down the overlook trail. The entire



*Seeing Cockspur Island Lighthouse  
1979 with family for the first time*

overlook trail and the river bank are only exposed at full low tide. This is due to the fact that at full high tide the entire islet that the Cockspur Island Lighthouse stands on is fully immersed with raging water crashing against the base of the tower reaching almost to the top of the outer staircase and the entrance door. During the Hurricane of 1881, the interior of the lighthouse was actually flooded with storm water. The hours in between full high tide and full low tide keep the river bank and the overlook trail covered with water at varying degrees. To help the tower's base withstand the daily contact with the waters, the back (the eastern side facing the ocean) was designed like the prow of a boat. This design was planned to help break and therefore reduce the impact of the waves against the base. It was during the trip in 2009 that I experienced my first of several visits inside the Cockspur Island Lighthouse. She is just as striking on the inside as she is on the outside. You can just feel the years of history she holds inside her swirling in the damp musty air!

It is vital to remember that the tower is currently closed and off limits to visitors, as she is not safe to enter due the desperate need for preservation work. Respect her safety as well as your own by viewing her from afar...via the overlook trail on the larger Cockspur Island or by water.

The rain has tapered off here to a slight drizzle, though thunder is still rumbling in the distance. I hope you have enjoyed reading about the Cockspur Island Lighthouse, and the next time you are in town pay her a visit. I have heard that there are plans for a viewing platform to be constructed on the overlook trail to offer a better view of the Cockspur Island Lighthouse! Now if you would like to get a superb view of the lighthouse and islet via the water, Harvey Ferrelle, president of the Friends of the Cockspur Island Lighthouse offers fun boat rides at reasonable rates with his tour boat company, Sweet Lowland Tybee Tours, located on Tybee Island. Ask for Captain Harvey and tell him I sent you!

To purchase a copy of my book *Discovering Georgia's Cockspur Island Lighthouse, An adventure memoir*, email me at [acowens@nctv.com](mailto:acowens@nctv.com). A portion of all sales are being donated to the preservation effort of this special little lighthouse, so she may stand for years to come.

The book includes an exuberant rendition from the 2009 first trip inside the tower! A special feature not to be missed is a chapter that consists of original color photography, taking the reader on a visual tour of the tower. When perusing this chapter, you will begin standing on the small oyster covered islet. After going up the outer brick staircase (carefully as the bricks are often slick) and crossing the threshold into the tower, breathe deeply and take in her history! Carefully climb the inner curved brick staircase (that never has had a hand rail). You are now at the middle landing that at one time housed the "guest book" in a plastic bag. Also, on this landing leans a wooden ladder that you will climb to go to the upper landing that houses the lantern room. Accessing a small metal door that is low to the floor you are now out on the gallery. Caution is needed as the railings are worn and weathered. Reverse your steps down to the front door, saying goodbye and returning to the islet via the outer brick. You will have now toured the Cockspur Island Lighthouse via photographs!

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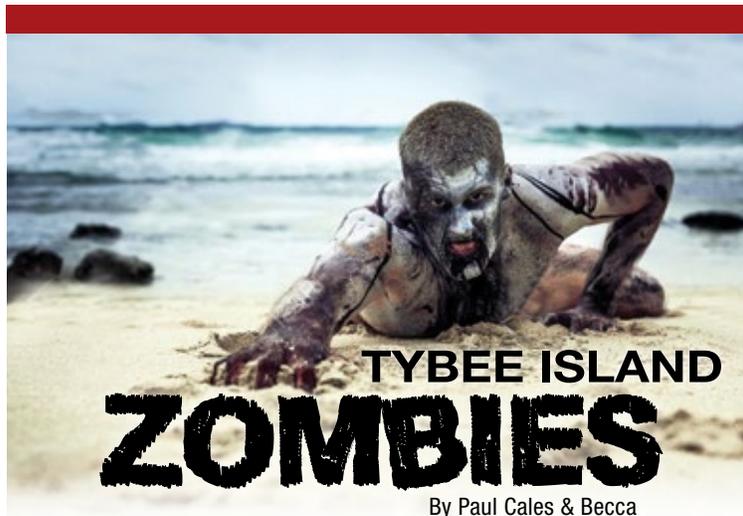
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## CHAPTER 38 - THE PORK PECKER DAY 11

"My fingers!" Brian shouts in shock. "What the hell man?! You cut off my damn fingers!"

"You're lucky I don't cut something else off," Richie says calmly. "What did you think I was feeding Joe-T anyway?"

"Damn you are one sick f..."

"What did I tell you about your language? It's not nice to upset Joe-T before he gets a chance to have his supper."

"AAAAHHHHH! Dammit Richie!" Brian shouts as he struggles against his bindings. "I swear to god when I get out of here..."

"There'll be no swearing in here my friend. Unless you want me to take the rest of the fingers on your left hand. As it stands now, you still have a thumb, pointer finger, and middle finger to flick off the police with."

"AAAAHHHHH! It hurts!"

"That's why I put some ibuprofen in the water you drank earlier. It'll take a few minutes for it to kick in."

"Ibuprofen? Are you freaking kidding me?"

"It's a pain killer after all," Richie says.

"First of all, it's weak as hell. Secondly, IT'S A BLOOD THINNER!"

"Actually, at the academy, they told us it was more of an anti-coagulant. It slows the process of blood clotting."

"What the hell man?"

"There's a bucket under your hands behind the chair. I'm making smoothies for Joe-T as a nice dessert later."

Brian grits his teeth and mumbles under his breath. "Damn zombie apocalypse and I get captured by a sadistic, zombie loving, insane ass COP!"

Richie leans toward Brian and grabs the bridge of his nose. "Nose still broke Brian?" He squeezes. "Does that hurt?"

Brian groans in pain.

"Respect, Brian. Have a little respect."

Blood is flowing from Brian's nose once again. Joe-T sees it and begins to grunt and stir.

"Hold on there Joe-T, your meal is almost ready." He turns and looks at Brian again. "He likes a nicely plated meal. Presentation can turn a good meal into a great meal. I'll be right back."

When he reaches the kitchen door, he turns around and looks at Joe-T and Brian. "Okay boys, I'll be just one minute. No fighting while I'm gone. You two get along, you hear?"

Once he goes through the door and is out of sight Brian says under his breath, "No fighting? I'm going to murder your crazy ass."

Brian leans forward in his chair and looks toward the undead Joe-T.

"This blood making you hungry, huh? Well it's also making my hands very slippery. I think I can slip my hands... out... of... these... ROPES." Brian works the knot to the rope that's around his chest. He re-ties it so it will slip off him when he stands up. He does the same to the rope that is binding his feet together. "Don't you say a single damn word to Richie about this either you sick undead heathen!" He finishes setting up the rope around his wrists just as Richie comes back into the bar.

"Okay boys! It's dinner time!" Richie says as he walks behind the bar with two plates. On one plate are Brian's two fingers neatly placed on a bed of arugula lettuce with a balsamic glaze drizzled stylishly on the top. On the second plate is three small pickled pork sausages with toothpicks sticking out of each one.

"You've got to be kidding me Richie! You're seriously sick."

"Don't worry Brian, I can feed you both at the same time."

"I'm not hungry asshole!"

"Don't be like that. Watch. I'll show you how this is supposed to go."

Richie waves the plate of fingers under Joe-T's nose. "There you go buddy. Smell those delicious fingers." Joe-T squirms and snarls at the sight and smell of the disembodied fingers. Richie picks up Brian's pinky and holds it above Joe-T's head. "Here you go buddy. Open wide." Joe-T stretches his neck toward the impending meal. Richie drops the finger into Joe-T's awaiting mouth. He chomps down on the finger, snapping the bones. Brian can almost feel his finger snap under the pressure of Joe-T's jaws. "Look at him Brian. Just look at him! See? He's happy Joe-T again! Now it's your turn!"

"Oh god! You're freaking demented!"

Richie grabs one of the pickled sausages and holds it out toward Brian. "This one's for you."

"What the hell is that? Is that your tiny pork pecker, ya stinking PIG?"

"Fine, if you don't want it I'll eat it," Richie says, and pops the sausage into his mouth. He turns back to Joe-T. "Ready for the second half of your meal?" Richie dangles Brian's ring finger above Joe-T's head.

Brian slips his hands back out of his bindings, pulls the rope off his chest, and kicks the rope from around his ankles.

Richie's attention is on Joe-T. "Ready buddy? Here comes the airplane... The hanger door is open..."

Brian grabs a bottle of gin by the neck from the well liquor rack and raises it above Richie's head. When Richie begins to make airplane noises for Joe-T, Brian crashes the bottle into Richie's head. Glass and gin fly in all directions. Richie slumps forward into Joe-T, knocking him and his chair over backward.

He grabs the key ring off of Richie's utility belt, grabs the pistol and a bar towel off the bar, and heads toward the door. As he reaches the door he turns around and looks at the scene. "I hope he eats your sorry ass. And I hope you get indigestion from eating that, doughnut eating cop bastard, ya undead asshole!"

He closes the door and walks toward the police cruiser.

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# Ouija Board Demon Experience

By Brigid Pitts



I have been involved with paranormal experiences since I was a little girl. The one thing my mother always told me growing up was to never play with a Ouija board. It was forbidden in my household and for the longest time I was extremely against it. I eventually broke that rule when I was 17 years old and hanging out with a group of friends on the North End of Tybee Island behind the lighthouse.

I had a few friends give me a call one night around 7pm. We got together like any other night, but what I did not realize was that this night would stay with me for the rest of my life. When I arrived at our hangout I was greeted with them playing with a Ouija board and, with some convincing, I decided to partake. The moment my hands touched the planchet, the object that is used to communicate with spirits, changed the atmosphere entirely. Suddenly, a white cat appeared and joined our circle as we spoke to the spirit realm through the board. I did not think anything of it and found it rather cute, until my friend explained that this cat would appear each time the board was used. This cat belonged to no one in the group and shortly left after scaring one of our friends with its presence.

Eventually, only three of us remained in the circle and we used the Ouija board for hours. After the group dwindled, the board became stronger as we asked more in-depth questions. One of my friends became irritable and began to mock the board and called it awful names. My friend asked the board, "Are you a good spirit?" and the planchet moved to "NO." Then we asked together, "Are you an evil spirit?" and the planchet moved to "YES." My friend then asked the entity to make itself known or it would be declared a coward. Once I realized what they were asking, I took my hands off the board immediately. I begged for my friends to apologize for their insults. They laughed and thought nothing of it. Shortly thereafter, cockroaches started crawling over the board and our bodies. Frantically we started to brush them off and then they disappeared.

After we calmed down, one of my friends asked for the entity to show itself. We proceeded to hear rustling in a nearby tree and my friend shrugged it off, thinking it was the white cat from earlier. Suddenly, my friend's face turned white and filled with fear and he began yelling that the cat from earlier was rushing towards the tree. The moment the cat began to climb up the tree a big black mass darted from the tree into an abandoned building nearby in the woods. We froze in fear as the cat stared at us for a moment and then walked away. We immediately said "GOODBYE" to the board.

I had not seen or felt fear like that since I was a little girl involving other paranormal experiences. Eventually a lot of us lost touch but occasionally spoke from time to time. We have never spoken of the experience and I have not used a Ouija board since.

Boo!! Happy Halloween!

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# LOVE, NOT ACTUALLY

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

### The Question this month is: When is the right time to move in together?

#### Boy's Advice:

Who is texting you? Why do you have to work late, you don't want to hang out with me at our new apartment? I think my Sex in the City movie poster will look great in our new living room, don't you? I bought new pink flower print curtains for our front window, do you like them? I installed 3 new shelves in the shower for my shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hair straightener, anti-frizz spritz, makeup removal gel, face wash, face moisturizer, floral smelling shave gel for my legs, summer breeze shave gel for my privates, lavender soap, and coconut leaves in conditioner for those beach days, you don't mind do you? I rearranged your entire collection of 3600 vintage albums by color, don't they look nice?

You see, these are the types of questions you're going to have to answer as soon as you move in together. I have some questions for you. Do you want your whole world turned upside down? Do you want to never find anything ever again because she's found the perfect place for YOUR stuff? Do you want to have to split your time watching football and chic flicks? (Ok, yeah sure, you set a bad precedent when you agreed to watch The Notebook with her just because you just knew that was the night you were going to get past 3rd base).

Finally, I touched on the bathroom above, but seriously, do you want to go from having an entire bathroom to yourself, to having 1/32nd of a bathroom? I'm telling you man, they'll take it over. What was once yours is now ours and will be all hers if you don't set the ground rules prior to moving in together.

It'll be awesome, you tell yourself. That hot chick that you fell in love with at the bar that one night in December of last year will be there all the time. You can have sex whenever you want. It'll be great!?! Or will it?

Oh, then she'll start talking about marriage and babies and crap. So, you'll have to buy a puppy to satisfy her motherly urges. Guess who's gonna have to clean up the dog poop and piss all over the carpet? Guess who's gonna have to walk that unruly bastard at 4am? Guess who's going to have buy a new couch cause the damn dog ate the last one? GUESS NOW DAMN IT! GUESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#### Girl's Advice:

Looks like Boy has had some bad experiences. He came right out of the gate screaming. That's not exactly how all of that happens. Let me break it down:

Now granted, you are going to have make some concessions here. You are going to have to make space that you are used to having all to yourself, so you need to ask yourself if the person you are porking is actually worth the square footage. Is it going to be worth your while? Yes, you are going to have to explain where you were last night and why your undies are in your handbag and you are also going to have to figure out what to cook for dinner along with a myriad of other decisions that come with cohabitating with a quasi-stranger. Is the sex good? Then do it!!!!

Now as far as the extras in the bathroom that my co-partner is freaking out over, let's just get it down for factoids: Women have better bath products. Guys, part with your bathroom space and give your chickadoo her product space. You too will also enjoy open pores and body scrub goo. Trust me.

In regard to the Sex in the City Poster, pink flower print curtains and Boy's other random bitchery - that is absolute no. No one does posters anymore and Sex in the City has been gone for years. It is going to be a scenic picture of Ireland's coast and as far as the pink flower curtains? Boy, you been hanging out with Grandma way too long. Girls do verticals now or black out drapes.

You will have to watch chick flicks, but you're gonna love it because your girl is going to curl her body around you while you watch it and it's going to be a happy ending for everyone.

Marriage and babies are inevitable. It's called Life. You are either in or you're not and you either know it now or you don't. Get a cat instead of a puppy. Super easy to clean up and 95% of the time cats want nothing to do with you.

The ending is this: Do you like this person? Do you want to hear them fart and do body things? Are you willing to share your space? Are you wanting to schedule your life around them? If you answer 'yes' to most of those questions, then move in and watch The Notebook!

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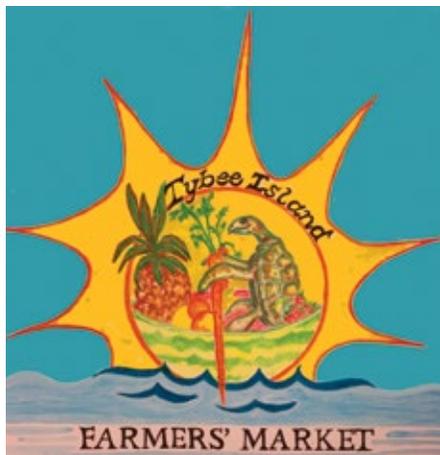
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# Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

## GHOST CRABS

Often one of the things you notice walking through the dry beach sand are strange holes. They will be various sizes and are often surrounded by little scratch marks or small piles of sand with a different color or grain size. You might see these holes anywhere between the most seaward dunes and the high tide line, but I usually see more of them closer to the recent high tide line. These holes are the openings to burrows dug by Ghost Crabs.

Folks who walk on the beach in the evening know about Ghost Crabs. During the daytime, Ghost Crabs generally stay in the burrows they excavate into the dry sand. But at night, they emerge and patrol the beach, scavenging things that have washed up for food. They can also locate small clams, like Coquinas, that live just under the sand, and dig them up to eat. Ghost Crabs have large, strong claws for protection and feeding. And they have large eyes that stick up high on stalks. If you have ever watched a Ghost Crab run from you, you know from experience they have long legs that allow them to stand up high and run very fast.

For the most part, a Ghost Crab is a terrestrial animal. They don't have lungs, but they do have gills enclosed inside their hard exoskeleton with narrow passageways for air between the gills and outside. This allows the gills to remain wet even though the crab is not submerged. With this adaptation, a Ghost Crab needs only to take a quick in-and-out dip at the water's edge, and it will be good for hours out of the water. Spending the hot daytime hours down in its cooler humid burrow also helps keep these modified gills moist.

Being active at night has helped Ghost Crabs become more of a land animal than a marine crab. Living on land presents additional problems



besides just drying out and conserving internal water though. Among these is predation. For a small (especially when younger) crawling land animal, birds are a constant daytime threat. The nocturnal pattern of behavior helps minimize this threat of being captured and eaten.

Along with having gills that need to be wet, Ghost Crabs have an additional connection to the sea. A female carrying eggs has to make occasional trips into the swash zone to keep her eggs moist. And when it is time to release the tiny larval crabs, she releases them into the seawater. The larvae then spend time as part of the plankton drifting in the sea as they develop until time to settle onto the bottom as baby crabs and eventually make their way up the beach.

So when you are out for a pleasant evening walk on Tybee's beach, if you think you see a small animal scurrying around in the distance, but it looks more like a small ghost, you are lucky enough to be watching a Ghost Crab going about its nightly business.

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# The Great Aluminum Can Tab Round Up

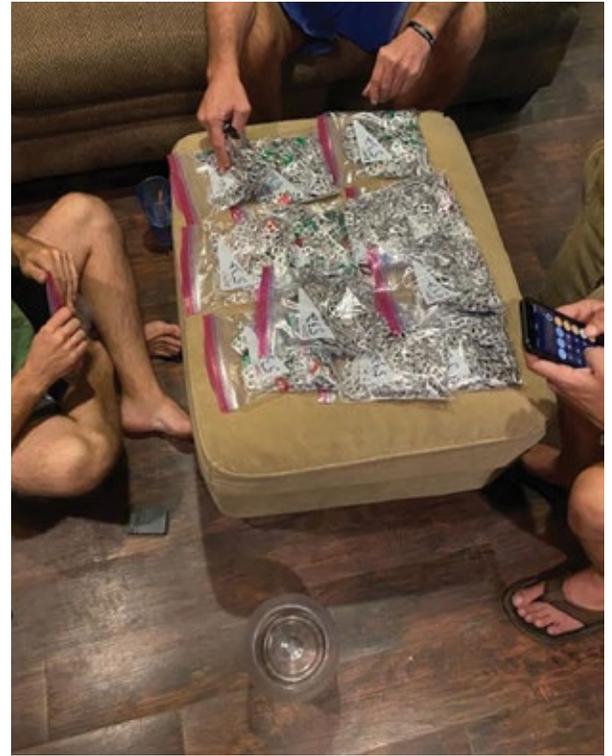
By Alaina Loughridge

Last month we held a contest to guess how many aluminum tabs were held in an old Party Mix container. Little did I know what I had just gotten myself into! First of all, a shout out to Brantley and the 'hood' for providing the tabs. Bless your beer drinking hearts and the pandemic! Seriously, y'all should buy stock in PBR. A second shout out to Crosby for suggesting the idea, and then a third shout out to whomever is going to help me get rid of Crosby's body.

The Beachcomber takes all of her contests very seriously. Alaina does not fudge the numbers or allow staff to enter and Alaina does the dirty work on it. I'm a firm believer in karma and there's no cheating whether the prize is a \$25 gift certificate or a million dollars. After 10 pages of notes, literally 10 pages of legal pad paper pages of notes, it was time to count the tabs. (On a total separate side note, y'all southern ladies need to shorten your names. I think I have carpal tunnel now from writing four different hyphenated names – but I believe in being thorough.)

So, I gathered a brave crew together with enticements of vodka and bad behavior. Minnesota, Justin and Crosby all answered the call. Between the four of us (thank God, those boys can do math), we got all of those tabs hand counted within three hours. I am flat out delighted to announce that the grand total of tabs was 7,395, which means our winner of the contest is **Heather Malick Clift** who guessed 7,432!!! Missed exact by 37!!! Great job, girl!!!! You win a gift certificate for lunch or dinner at A-J's Dockside!!!!

Thank you to everyone who participated! We will be donating the tabs to the Veterans Administration, as well as to the Ronald McDonald House. If you have tabs of your own, let me know and we will get them from you. They really do help those in need with dialysis, shelter, food and more. To those beer drinkers, soda drinkers and all aluminum tab drinkers, save your tab and help a life. Thank you!!



## PERVY PET OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Bridget Lindsay

### Layla

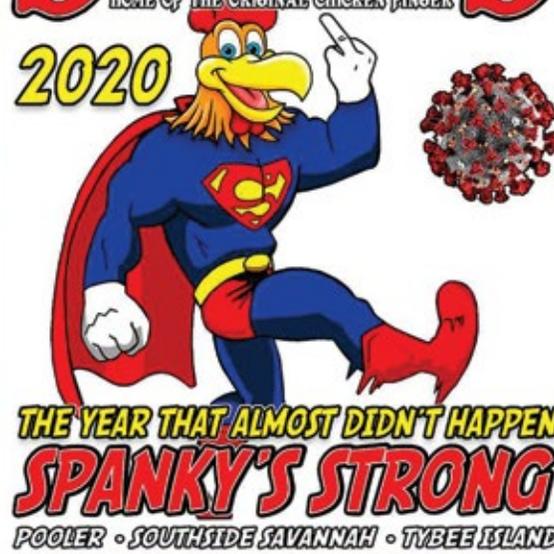
This month's pervy pet is Layla. She loves walks around town at any time of day or night and meeting new friends daily. She has not one mean bone in her body. She is full of energy, but is always ready to relax and snuggle under the covers. Layla does not like being left alone at night and she does not like thunderstorms.

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# Tybee Island Recycling Center

By Monty Parks

## Drive by recycling on Tybee!!



First, let me say that I used to like being awake this early in the morning. But that was long ago, when I was younger. Now I'm an old man and I just don't like being up, dressed and ready to work at 7:30 am.

But the sky was pure blue, and there I was, along with several other happy faces. And they just were so freaking happy that I could not help but to smile.

We were at the Tybee DPW yard to have a recycling event. The event was called the Drive Through Recycling Event, and we were there to help people unload their cars and trucks. We hoped to make recycling easier, faster and more pleasant with our smiling faces.

We were successful.

During the four hour event, people drove up and we rushed out to get the stuff from their vehicles. We played with a beach ball that turned up. We joked about another item that was probably thrown away by mistake, maybe not, but that unnamed item was just funny as heck. My face got tired from smiling so much.

When I watched these wonderful people working, I thought back to how a year ago, none of this existed. A year ago, all we had was a foolish idea about how to do recycling on Tybee. So many communities across the country have stopped recycling because of rising costs and disappearing markets. But Tybee has kept on keeping on. Our community really believes in recycling.

Why take my word for it? Because really, I think the pictures from that day say it all.....

# BoTox or NoTox

By Alaina Loughridge

So, one day while I was working at the Wind Rose, Gage came in exclaiming the joys and wonders of Botox. Betsey was there too and we were instantly fascinated! Tell us more! According to Gage, he and Jen Knox went and were delighted in their results. Both had forehead wrinkles they wanted to get rid of and both were extremely happy with the results.

Well, Betsey looked at me and I looked at her and the next thing I knew we were in the parking lot of Savannah Plastic Surgery. Amanda Walters was there for some forehead wrinkle stopper too and Kasey Jordan was there as our "Emotional Support Human," (which by the by, if you ever need one, call her - she's a great hand holder).

I was there more for a story (the things I do for this magazine), but the closer I got to looking in the mirror, the more I realized I have some issues: There is a long squiggle in the middle of my forehead that is at least an inch long and it's my "Oh my sweet baby Jesus what have you done?" look that has imbedded itself permanently in my nog. Then, upon closer inspection (not really, as you can see this crevasse from across the damn room), I have a trench running between my eyes that is my "WTFFFF you dumb noun adjective article animal" look. Apparently, that's my go-to look as this wrinkle has been there for a minute.

This intrepid group of women hadn't even had a cocktail yet, but we went in with fear in our hearts. The biggest one for me personally was I did not want to come out looking like Kenny Rogers and/or Priscilla Presley in that order. Betsey went in first with Kasey holding her hand. I was called next and held my own hands. Amanda followed shortly thereafter.

Dr. Carl B. Pearl was our guy and even though he is extremely young (to my old geriatric eyeballs), he has a great personality and clearly knows what he is doing. Dr. Pearl started off great by saying he really didn't think I needed any work done (bless your heart my child) and I told him I was going to write a story about him, so don't screw up my already charmed face. LOL!! He started with the long horizontal squiggle on my forehead and I'm not going to even lie: When I saw that needle coming at me, I almost threw up, but instead, clamped my eyeballs shut and started talking nonsense to chatter my way through it. I was injected about four times. It wasn't fun, but it wasn't terrible. This is coming from someone who has never had a tattoo, so keep that in mind. It was over in less than three minutes. When I checked the mirror after, you couldn't even tell anything had been done at all. I went to the lobby to check on my girls ... they weren't there.

Betsey came out shortly after me. It took her longer as she had more wrinkles. You know, she is older than I am by four years, so that's four years of wrinkles more than me.

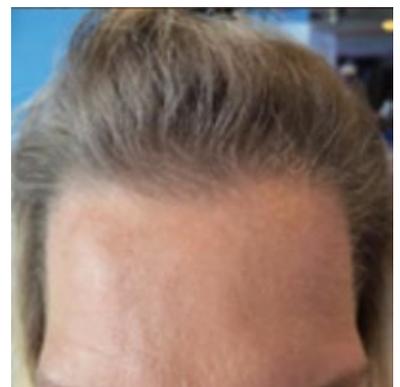
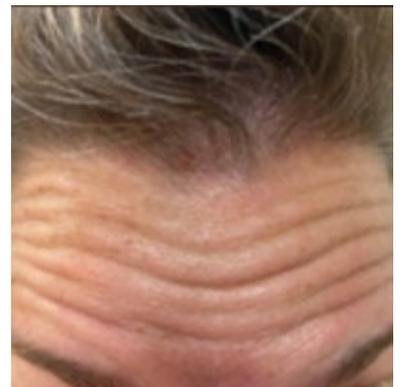
Amanda took forever! We were wondering what in hell was going on. We were also extremely thirsty. Turns out, Amanda decided to get her forehead done as well as her lips. When she came out with numb lips and her emotional support human came out with numb lips too, we almost fell over laughing. Kasey couldn't keep her hands to herself and decided she wanted to see if this numb thing actually worked and swiped some. The moral of this story, my children, is that y'all need to keep your hands to yourself. Off to Cocktail Land and perusing each other to see if we were turning into Kenny Rogers.

Well, it turns out, this goo takes a minute to get going. No one saw any real benefits for a week or more (and it lasts from four to six months). My first reality check was when my horizontal hokey pokey vanished. The vertical trench took a minute longer. The problem is it makes your eyebrows look all gnar gnar. My resting bitch face looks like I'm interested in something now, but I'm not. For a second there I thought it actually fixed my lazy eye, but in retrospect just made me look like I was giving everyone the eye. The wrinkles are gone though. I will not be going back as it's just not for me.

In checking in with Betsey, she looks fantastic, but had to go back in for a touch up on the edge of her brows as they looked a bit off. She now has a great resting bitch face and states that she would totally go back again, but not for a minute to see the results.

Amanda also has a great looking forehead. The lips took a bit longer and were puffy and bruised for a long minute. The good news is she still has them. It did take some time, but now she's very happy with her lips. Amanda states she is going to wait a minute before she would be willing to go back. The one most eager to go back is Kasey. Must have been the lip numbing!!!

The end result is this: Is Botox for you? It's hard to say, as it affected all three of us differently. My advice to y'all is just do your research. Make sure you actually have a wrinkle. Watch your eyebrows. Don't become Kenny Rogers.



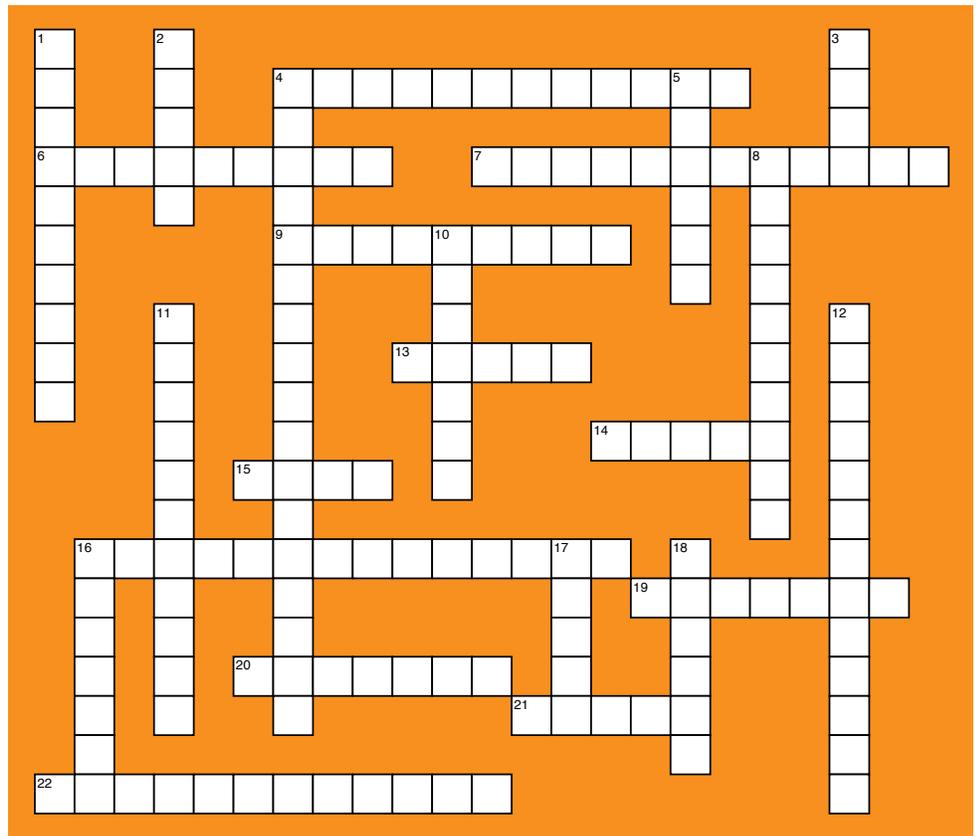
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- 4 In the Kitchen with... can be found here (3 wds.)
- 6 Behind the Tape said they are becoming a problem on Tybee
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- 13 An intrepid group of women had this done
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- 15 \_\_\_\_ is what happens when you're too busy making other plans
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- 19 Sports Teaser says they seem to be World Series favorite
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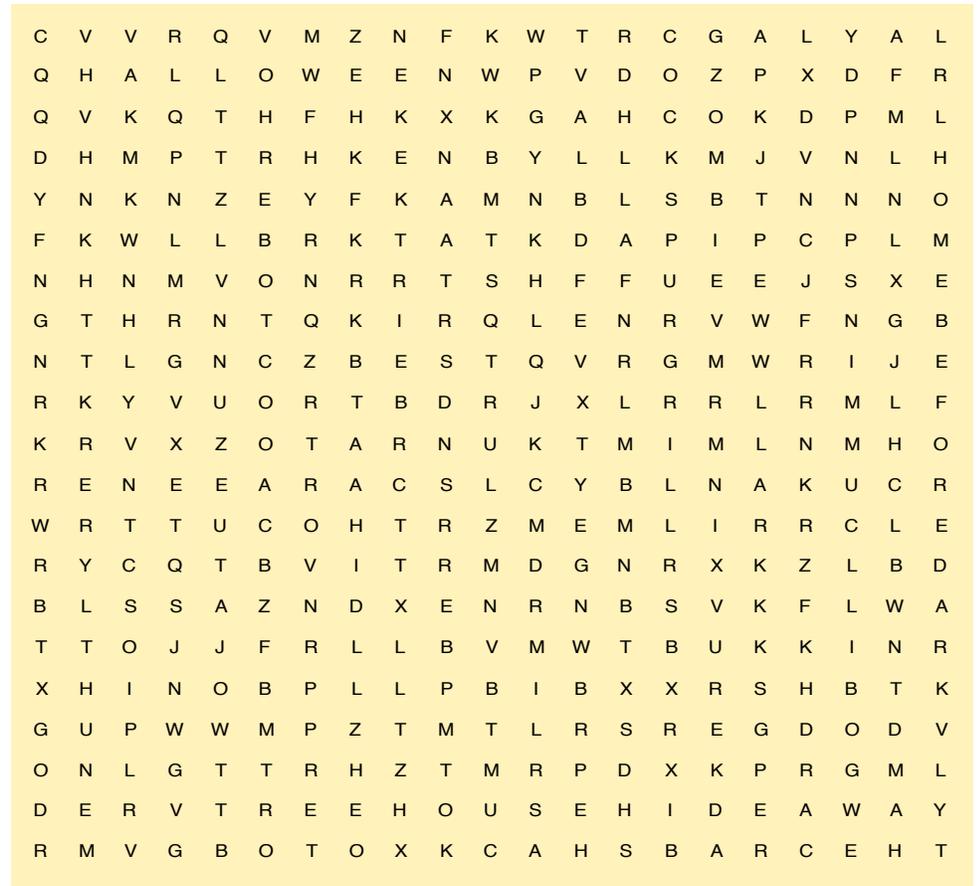
- 1 They don't have lungs, but do have gills enclosed in their exoskeleton (2 wds.)
- 2 He finally gets free in zombie story
- 3 Season
- 4 Name of DIY bar (2 wds.)
- 5 Main Street Matters informs us that only 26% of Tybee residents have completed this, and implores them to do so
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Demon Experience
- 10 10th month
- 11 To celebrate his life, there will be a carnival/fair style wake at the Legion on Oct.10 (2 wds.)
- 12 Food Spy (2 wds.)
- 16 She won The Beachcomber Aluminum Tab Contest
- 17 Bartender of the Month
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# Cross Word



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