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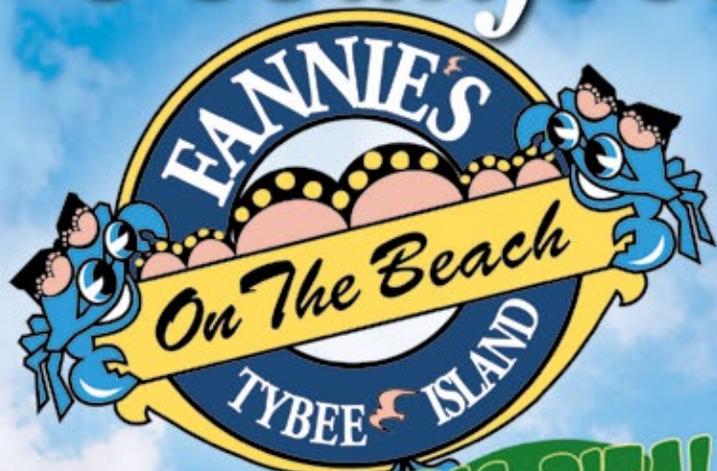
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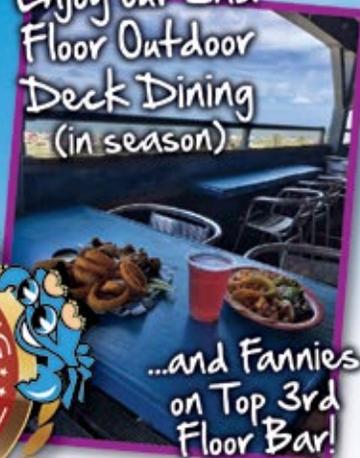
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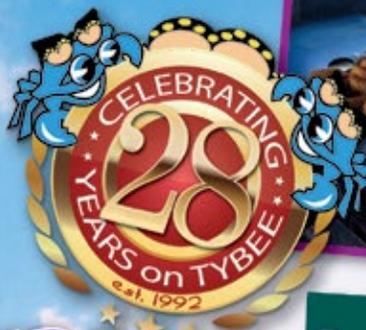


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From MS...ALAIN...EOUS

I would like to start out this month's diatribe with a shout out to **Bobby King** to thank him once again for giving me my nickname of Ms Alain Eous. Most everyone on Tybee has a nickname and if you are a local and don't know your nickers, then it probably isn't good. I could have been saddled with a nightmare, but Bobby saved me. Bobby, I will buy you a PBR on Tuesday at 9am.! Just kidding. Kind of.

Alright, to serious stuff... Nah. September already. After 17 years of 2020, what to do. Keep on keeping on. So, on that note, we are going to have another contest! This is the brainchild of my new BFF, Crosby, who makes me giggle. After a weekend of drinking and pulling beer tabs off aluminum cans, the 'hood has quite a collection. If you are the closest guesser to the number of tabs in the old party mix container, you win a fabulous prize, yet to be determined, but will most assuredly be fabulous! We placed a magazine next to the container to help with scale, so good luck to one and all! Text or e-mail your guess by September 14th to (912) 675-5261 or info@tybeebeachcomber.com. Also, please note that these tabs will be donated to assist with health care to those in need.

My favorite part is now! **The Traveling Beachcomber** is proud to announce September's winner! **Jake Graff** packed us off to Iceland a long time ago and is standing in front of Reykjavik Old Harbour! How cool is that?? Congratulations, Jake! Grab your parents and head to A.J.'s to get warm!

Alright, y'all! We have fun stuff ahead. Let's get it on! Turn the page...



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American Legion Post 154

By Bill Chaffins

What is in a Name?

Through my travels, sometimes the question arises: What is the American Legion and what do they do? Allow me to shed some light to this question. The American Legion was first chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriot veterans' organization. The main goal was to focus on veterans and their affairs. This "non-profit" group of war fighters from WW 1 turned the Legion into one of the most influential military organizations to date.

With the word out, posts, which are organized into 55 departments, would occupy all 50 states, Washington DC, Puerto Rico, Mexico, France and the Philippines. Today membership is nearing the 2 million mark, spread at 13,000 posts around the globe.

Through the decades, with hard work, these members accomplished many great things:

- The 1920s saw the Legion's efforts creating the U.S. Veterans Bureau (precursor of the Veterans Administration). During this decade, the crew created the American Legion Baseball Program, which was a wildly successful idea as more than 50 percent of players in the MLB are graduates of it. Never resting and always moving forward, they tackled many issues.
- In the 1930s, the Sons of the American Legion was formed. The S.A.L. is made up of male descendants of people who served in the U.S. Military during times specified by the American Legion. The S.A.L.'s mission is to serve veterans, the military and their families and is carried out through hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers and national headquarters. The S.A.L. work hand in hand with the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, which was formed in 1919.
- The 1940s saw major happenings as well, with President Franklin D. Roosevelt signing into law the GI Bill. In 1946 the Legion, along with the Legion Auxiliary, handed a small and struggling organization a \$50,000 grant; this organization blossomed and is known as the American Heart Association.
- The 1950s had the Legion sending funds to the field of mental health, which was key in kicking off the National Association for Mental Health. Fast forward to present day, the Legion supplies wounded warriors with comfort items during their recovery and grants scholarships to kids whose parents have died during active duty.

The list of major accomplishments is very impressive to say the least. If anyone is considering an organization to give their hard-earned money to... this one is top of the research list. My family and I have put our money where our mouths are. We are lucky to have such people right here on Tybee Island! Job well done American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary of America and Tybee Island.

Foodie Finds

By Justin Cooke

Cookie's Potatoes



Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pound bag of assorted baby potatoes
- 2/3 pound of mini sweet peppers
- 4 ounces of pure Irish Butter

Directions:

1. Take the taters and dice into thirds.
2. Slice the peppers 1/2 inch thick.
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Trying to Reason with the Hurricane Season

By Margie McLellan

I don't know about you but I'm getting mighty nervous. The Atlantic Ocean has been churning out a lot of storms this summer. I heard that in a normal hurricane season, we have around 12 named storms. As of now we are already on the 10th, and the season really hasn't gotten started. We are projected to have up to 24 named storms. That means that after we go through the alphabet, we will start on the Greek alphabet! That's a new one to me.

I can't believe that I'm already watching the Weather Channel! I'm also checking my Weather app (NOAA Radar) daily. Not that it will do any good, but I'm also praying to the Weather gods. Surely they know that our sweet spot of Paradise should be spared.

In the meantime, we should all start thinking about what we need to do, just in case. So, once again, I'm sharing with you a list of things that I feel is important:

- 1. If there is a Mandatory Evacuation you need to LEAVE.** No IFS, ANDS or BUTS about it. I'm sure everyone has heard the stories of the ones who stayed for Matthew and Irma. They are all downright frightening and I surely hope everyone who stayed has learned their lesson and will leave next time. Everything can be replaced people ... except your lives.
- 2. Take all important documents with you.** This includes insurance policies, property records, marriage and birth certificates, passports, wills, health records and insurance cards, prescriptions, and last but not least, personal items that cannot be replaced, such as photos and letters.
- 3. Secure your home.** Lock doors and windows, unplug all electrical devices except for freezers and refrigerators, and secure lawn items. Things that you will not be taking, but are still important (I mean, you can't take everything!) need to be off the floor, in case of flooding. I learned this the hard way.
- 4. Have a plan of where you are going.** Nothing worse than driving for hours looking for a hotel. Call ahead and make arrangements with friends or get reservations for a room. If you don't have a car, you better make friends fast with someone that does. Also, please check with your neighbors who may need your help.
- 5. Things to pack.** Cash is very important, as electricity may be out and your debit card may be no good. Take enough cash to last several days. Also, don't forget your prescriptions, cell phones and charger, clothes for a few days, blankets, first aid kit, nonperishable food, water, and for goodness sake, don't forget your beer, wine or vodka (you're going to need it, believe me!)
- 6. For your car.** Keep a full tank of gas. Also, maps or GPS, car tools, jumper cables, and a flashlight (extra batteries too).
- 7. Your pets.** I'm sure no one will leave their beloved pet behind, but be aware that most hotels and shelters may only permit service animals. Plan ahead. Don't be like Alaina – she took her cat but forgot the cat food.
- 8. Keep in touch with family and close friends.** During Hurricane Matthew and Irma, Facebook was truly a Godsend. Make sure the people you love know that you are safe.

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- 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
- 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



Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

I LOVE GOOOOOOLD

This month we're going to talk about a somewhat taboo subject in investing: Gold. There are those who still hold that gold is nothing more than a "barbarous relic," a literal lump of rock that, while shiny, produces nothing, yields nothing, pays nothing, and is essentially a way that financial companies have found to charge you for keeping money under your mattress.

On the other side are those convinced that gold is a necessary store of value in a world where paper money is backed by nothing more than the (perhaps rapidly eroding) "full faith and credit" of the issuing government. Our money used to be backed by gold and silver. Now it's backed by nothing. And in point of fact, there aren't even enough paper dollars to cover the amount of money in the US economy.

Gold bugs tend to get a bit of a bad rap and are lumped in with doomsdayers and naysayers of various ilk. But with gold at all-time highs over \$2,000 an ounce, let's try and take a rational look at why and how one might invest in gold.

First, gold is a commodity, in the same way that oil or corn is a commodity, and therefore is impacted by supply and demand. Supply is basically mine production plus recycled gold. Demand is a combination of jewelry (about 50%), investment (25%), central bank buying (15%), and technology applications (10%). Supply has been coming down the last couple years while demand has seen an uptick in investment and central bank buying activity. It is perhaps not unsurprising then that price is up as both demand increases and supply gets tighter.

Second, gold is a currency of sorts - a universally accepted store of value and medium of exchange. As such, it should move opposite to the US Dollar - if the dollar gets stronger, it means that fewer dollars buy the same amount of gold; stated otherwise, if the dollar gets stronger, the price of gold goes down. Similarly, if the dollar gets weaker, the price of gold should go up. The dollar is currently its weakest in two years.

Bonus points for you if that previous paragraph made you think of inflation! Inflation is essentially a weakening of the dollar...which is why gold also tends to perform when inflation expectations go up.

There are two main ways to invest in gold - "paper" gold (futures or funds) and physical gold. If you like the investment case for gold, ETFs should be your first choice - they're relatively cheap, easy to buy and sell, and most of the ETFs are 100% backed by physical gold.

If you're more of a "hold gold because the world is going to end," you'll need the physical. The ETFs won't hold up to a solar flare that takes out the grid. Just bear in mind that you'll be paying up to 10% commission when you buy or sell the physical, and you'll need a safe or vault somewhere to hold it, and maybe insurance as well.

Also, consider that in such a post-apocalyptic world, a \$2,000 Double Eagle (1 oz. gold coin) will likely not be of much use to you if you're trying to buy a sack of flour. You might be better off with the Half Eagles or Quarter Eagles...or even Silver Eagles or Philharmonics.

I personally think there's a role for gold in an investment portfolio. I also happen to be a bit of a numismatist, so if you would like to chat about either of those things, hit me up - russ@atiwealthpartners.com.



Alaina Loughridge with Commentary and Pictures by Crosby

Ripe Ingredients

Crosby and I had the absolute best time at **Ripe Ingredients**!! Ian and Mason were kind enough to set us up and let us in for an evening of feasting and laughs! There are so many choices and so much going on there, decisions to be made (or not), that we are going to help you out and tell you all about it.

We started out with the **Chicken Bacon Ranch on Flatbread**. Made up of tomato, romaine, cheddar, ranch, and of course, chicken and bacon, this flatty was a great start! Using Roma tomatoes instead of anything else out there, with bacon that was crispy and clearly had just been made, and with bread that was grilled perfectly - toasty on the outside and pillowy on the inside - it was just flatty out yum. That was all dominated by the chicken and not overwhelmed with filler. Some places over lettuce everything and get all chintzy on the guts you really want. Not here. The ranch was good too and y'all know what a freak show I am about my ranch. We paired that with the Potato Salad which is peel on, mayo based, with green and red peppers. It's got a tang to it that will wake up your taste buds.

We topped the whole situation off with the **Busta Limes Smoothie**, made simple with strawberry and lime. A perfect pairing without being pucker-faced at all. You can definitely taste the fresh.

Off to the **Beach Club Sandwich** - a ham, turkey, bacon, swiss, parmesan, tomato, romaine, spinach and chipotle mastermind! This is a really nice modern update to a classic sandwich. It is huge and you're gonna have to flatten it with your hand, but it's not going to weigh down your beach body. The ciabatta bread was nice and airy and the house chipotle sauce is a tangy thing that Ian absolutely refused to give us any information about! We shared that with the Zapp's Potato Chips New Orleans Kettle Style Voodoo. Crosby said that Zapp's is the "who done it" of potato chips and it's true. They are a combination of salty vinegar, barbeque and some other unidentifiable ingredients. Whatever they contain, they are pretty damn good!

We paired that with the **Green Latifah Smoothie**, a spinach, kale, mango, pineapple and banana situation that does not look exciting at all. We were both nervous. One sip each and we were sold! Best smoothie in town! Not only does it taste great, it's good for you and is a perfect way to get rid of those Sunday dehydration cramps! The Green will wake you up and get you energized to either face the day or stop shaking like a leaf! Your body will thank you and your taste buds will too.

Moving along to the **Hummus Wrap**. This monster is made with hummus, avocado, pepper jack, romaine, kale, spinach, chipotle quinoa, tomato and ranch and will literally kick your taste buds in the crotch. Not shy with the hummus and the crisp, fresh veggies, it's good for you too! We tried the Pasta with that wrap and that really is a great side choice. It's not your traditional Greek pasta, as it is definitely vinegar heavy, and it's a great



mid-meal refresher and keeps your palate on point.

Add to that the **Berry Acai** (pronounced ah-see-ah for those that don't know), an acai, pomegranate, banana, blueberry, and strawberry smoothie that is so well balanced, the kids will think it's dessert and not even realize it's good for them.

Then on to **Pesto Chango**!! This Tybee Chicken Quesadilla is loaded with grilled chicken, parmesan, cilantro pesto and comes with sour cream and salsa on the side. Make sure you are a fan of pesto before you dip your slice into your sauce. The tortilla is light, fluffy and loaded with pesto, chicken and parmesan combo that gives it all a wonderful pungent flavor. It's simple, well done and protein forward.

With all of that, there is so much more. More flatbreads, more quesadillas, wraps and sandwiches. More sides too. Fresh seasonal fruits are available and there are also 25 different types of smoothies that you can add more stuff to. From antioxidants, energy, fat burner, multivitamins to probiotic, soy, whey, and pea proteins, to other good stuff for you. New stuff is coming too: Acai Bowls!! A sorbet based delish that is going to be great! Always fresh, Ripe Ingredients is a health nuts dream and a foodie persons to die for. It's also awesome for the rest of us!

Right now, Ripe Ingredients is open for dine in and take out. Open from 11am-8pm, you can find Ripe at 18 Tybrisa Street, right smack dab next to their sister restaurant, Raw Ingredients, which a whole other story of fresh, fab sushi (next time y'all). Call ahead for your order at (912) 472-4278!



Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

NEEDLEFISH

One of the summertime animals that we will be saying “so long” to this month is a strange looking fish that we see here on Tybee only during the warmer months. So before the water starts cooling and some of our summer fish start to leave, we will take a look at the Needlefish.

A Needlefish is a long, skinny, round fish with its fins way back toward its tail. Most noticeable is its long, thin jaws that produce a long narrow mouth and pointed front end. A Needlefish looks like an arrow! Inside its mouth, both top and bottom jaws are lined with sharp, thin, needle-like teeth. So I'm not sure if it was named a Needlefish because of its long thin pointed body shape, or because of its teeth. When a Needlefish opens its mouth (to see its teeth) you have to watch fast because it opens and shuts its mouth quickly. Every time I see them do this, it reminds me of scissors quickly opening and shutting. Its jaws are probably not very strong, but I can assure you from experience that if those sharp teeth even just contact your finger, you will know it.

Needlefish are actually plentiful around here in the shallow water during the summer, but they easily go overlooked. Like many inshore fish along our coast, Needlefish are green on top, and their bottom surface is shiny white. They spend most all their time swimming close to the surface, so when you look down at them, their green top blends in with the green water, and it's like they disappear. Even if you were underwater looking up toward the surface, the surface of the water looks shiny white, so the Needlefish's belly blends in with that background also. This sort of coloration pattern is called countershading and allows fish to go unnoticed even in open water. I remember seeing Needlefish in the Bahamas, where the water is blue, and



down there the fish's back is blue rather than green, so it blends in with the water there also.

A good place to see Needlefish is from Tybee's pier. If it's a calm day, sometimes you can see them when they swim right along the surface and create tiny waves or disturbances on the surface. They are probably swimming around looking for small fish to eat, like Anchovies and Silversides that also swim near the surface. Occasionally a fisherman might accidentally catch a Needlefish when using artificial lures trying to catch Spanish Mackerel.

One more note that I've noticed about Needlefish. They have a strange smell or odor. It's not a bad smell, but reminds me more of a plant-like smell. When we catch one during a Tybee Beach Ecology Trip and I've handled it, my hands will have that distinct smell!

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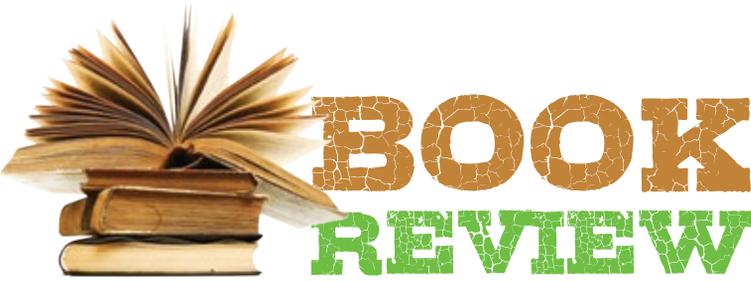


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By Nell Klein

THE SUMMER HOUSE

By James Patterson

I've read tons of James Patterson books, but because he is so widely read, I never thought I would write a review on one of his books. But, there's an exception to every rule and I couldn't resist passing this one on. The front of the book says, private beach, perfect view, seven murders, so I thought it would be a good beach read. Wrong! It has nothing to do with a beach so I'm not sure why it says that, but what I didn't know was that it was based in Savannah! Actually, it's a fictional town called Sullivan, Georgia 50 miles from Savannah and it involves Army Rangers stationed at Hunter Army Airfield and it grabbed me front the first few pages!

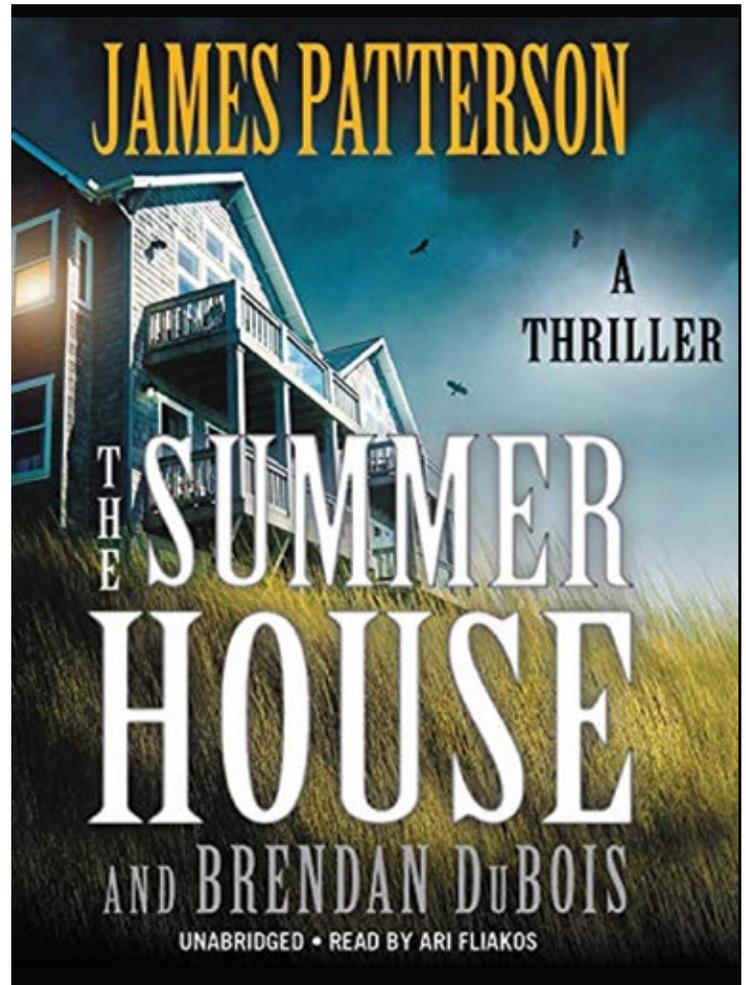
The story begins when seven people are found shot to death in a once luxurious home on a lake called The Summer House. All clues to the killers' identity point to four badass Army Rangers known as the Ninja Squad who have just returned from Afghanistan. To ensure that justice is done, the Army sends Major Jeremiah Cook to investigate. He will lead a team of four from the Army's Criminal Investigation Division: Special Agent Connie York, Captain Allen Pierce, Lieutenant John Huang, and Special Agent Manuel Sanchez. All of this elite group have special skills to get to the bottom of the situation and straighten it all out. But they have a big problem that will make their job more difficult, namely, the sheriff of Sullivan, Georgia named Emma Williams. She's ex-military herself and so are her deputies and they are anything but helpful and they seem to be hiding something.

It turns out that the four Rangers being held in the jailhouse have come back to the states from their deployment to Afghanistan after only 4 months. They also were accused of killing a house full of civilians before being sent home. Then 2 months later they're accused of killing 7 civilians in Sullivan, GA? Something seems very fishy to Major Cook and his crew. Eventually Major Cook, who was injured in Afghanistan and swore he would never go back there, feels that whatever is going on started in Afghanistan and he must risk his life and return there to get to bottom of the situation.

While he's risking life and limb for the Army, his capable crew are left to try everything in their power to find out the truth. All of the signs point to the guilt of the Rangers but the team is not convinced of their guilt. Unfortunately, the Rangers aren't cooperating with the team either, so their job is doubly difficult. But, after being chased, shot at and threatened with death, they don't ever give up until the truth is finally revealed.

I give this book five roses. It's definitely a book that guys will enjoy, but the story is really good, so you ladies will like it too. And it takes place in and around Savannah! And it's James Patterson! What's not to like?

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



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GO LOCAL MUSIC PROFILE

By Alaina Loughridge

Willie Jackson & The Tybee Blues Band

Quarantine giving you the bad blues? Well, I have a solution for you with some great blues! If you haven't met the man or heard his music, now is time and past time! **Willie Jackson** is what you need in your life. He looks and sounds like everything you want in a smoky, jazzy, bluesy bar with a broken heart on your mind without the crying part. A soulful explanation of lovin' and cheatin' is the best way to describe his latest CD effort titled *Willie Jackson Blues* with the Tybee Island Blues Band accompanying. He's so good that the Independent Music Channel (IMC) at the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles awarded Mr. Jackson with two awards: Best Blues Song and Best Blues Songwriter! WOW! This in Tybee's own little backyard!

Born in Millen, Georgia and raised in Savannah, Willie is the youngest and only boy of five sisters! Big family and with Dad being a Reverend at the local Baptist Church, everyone was involved. Especially Willie. He did everything from singing in the choir, to drums and guitar. Graduating from Groves High, Willie stepped away from the singing and went to work. Getting a job at a local chemical plant, he worked there for 16 years, when one day a song came on the radio and Willie claimed he could sing better than that. A co-worker challenged him and that started off a slew of writing songs and poems. A kick start, if you will, to get him headed back in the direction that he was supposed to be headed. Ironically enough, his first song was *I Want my Rib Back* and his second was *Sleeping on the Job*.

A working family man with seven children, Willie had to keep shucking and jiving after the chemical plant shut down. He got a job working as a conductor for the railroad. All the while writing the blues with inspirations from his gospel roots, as well as country. During this time, he happened to be in Bay Street Blues and met Ben Kieser. That friendship grew to a point where Willie started singing with Ben and getting his groove back in front of a live audience again. He also was a frequent visitor to the Savannah Blues Club and sang with Eric Culberson.

In 2014, Willie moved to Tybee and two years later was singing at the Sand Bar on Sunday Blues Night. He eventually moved on to Nickie's Bar & Grill and as he sang, he collected the band he had always wanted in his mind: Jon Willis on bass guitar, Dillon Young on lead guitar, Paxton Eugene on drums and Ace Andersson on harmonica. A couple of members have come and gone, but were instrumental for Willie and the entire band progressing forward: Holland Zellers, Henny, Michael Ingram, and Jim Simmons. Willie continues to play occasionally with such well known local favorites as Chip Zulliger, Michael Moody and Charlie Sherrill.

With Willie and the band becoming more and more well known locally, Willie was inspired to go out and get new gigs and build a demo CD. He went to several blues festivals and at one of them, Frank Roszak, a publicist, kind of discovered him and propelled Willie on to international attention with several more music festivals to follow.



In 2018, Willie built a new album entitled *All in the Blues* and this album boasts two nominations: The first for *I'm Your Landlord*, in 2019 and the second for *Come here Junior* in 2020. (A shout out to Eric Windbush who produced the album via Dadds Production.) This album will be released internationally in 2021, but you can certainly hear the blues right now through the usual avenues of Spotify, Apple, etc. If you need instant Willie satisfaction, you can find him currently playing at Doc's Bar on Tybee, the Dew Drop Inn and Blueberry Hill in Savannah. Check out his Facebook page or williejacksonblues.com for all of his upcoming concert dates.

I asked Willie what the future holds. He replied that he just wants to write fun songs, not take himself too seriously and have people enjoy his music. I'm in! Willie also wants to continue to help Tybee and has done many a concert here for charitable events, including that bitch Irma when she came through. Willie and the Band were right there doing benefit concerts and helping out where needed.

Willie Jackson and the Tybee Blues Band are Tybee. Bluesy and having a good time! Smokey and funky! A definite must-be-a-groupie kind of band and follow them wherever they go. Y'all get out there and support them and listen to some great music while supporting our community!





BAD ADVICE FROM A FLOR-IDIOT

By Jimmy Prosser

How to get shot by your editor in 500 words or less.

The elder I get the more aye forget things eye never thought I wood. Four example, basic spelling, punctuation, and grammer.

Yore probably wondering what I'm going on about. Maybe its the internet, alcohol, stress, oar a combination of all three. Ore possibly it's an closed head injury but two often I find myself wandering what's going on!? And I have to calm myself down slowly taking deep breaths (there their they're it's going to be all write). Is this a side affect or side effect of choices I've maid? Too bee honest it mite be.

Some of ewe are probably getting read in the face reeding me due to this pour article. I'm shore you're wandering what did I ever dew

to you. Know won nose. Am I causing you pane? What kind of lessen am I trying to teach you? The wright answer is out their. You did the crime, now ewe do the thyme. Poor yourself a drink, it Will get worst.

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In the Kitchen with....

Paul Cales

The Quarter

By Alaina Loughridge



Well, well, well, Zombie Man, here we are talking about food! That's right, kids! We have Zombie Chronicler **Paul Cales** *In the Kitchen* this month!! You know what that means??? Yep! Me either!! But we are gonna have a good time with a good story. We've all known Paul for a minute, but not the guts of his life and now I'm going to tell you all about him.

Born and raised in Prince George County, Maryland (yes, I asked the town name and yes he told me and no you won't know it either), Paul did his years and checked into the Army at 19 years old and started off driving an M1A1 Tank. In his first deployment to Kuwait in 1994, Operation Vigilant Warrior, for some insane reason he was tasked with naming his tank. Unwritten Army rules and regs state that you have to pick the same starting letter as your company. Paul was in Charlie Company. "Camel Toe" was a natural choice. CNN even thought so when they aired it on international television. Several angry Army

officers later, it was changed to "Cunnilingus" and then, for obvious reasons and one major ass chewing, was changed to "Corn Hole." That entire story just tells you what a fun, entertaining man this is! But can he cook???

The Quarter seems to think so and with over 2 years of happy satisfied customers, Paul says, "If I see people smiling while they're eating, that makes me happy." That statement came directly after he told me how he was schooled by Nona (Grandma) at his first job in his teens at a local Italian restaurant and pizzeria. She spoke zero English, but managed to let him know what he was doing wrong with a swift twist to the ear. Nothing like OJT (on the job training) there! LOL!

Paul's other passion is writing Tybee Island Zombies of course and \$1 bets.

Then, of course, the Questions of Life:

Growing up: Build a tiny house community in South East Georgia.

Spirit Animal: Alligator Snapping Turtle. They are prehistoric, armored and bad ass.

Current Super Power: The ability to read and interpret the tickets that come into the kitchen.

Wanted Super Power: Breathe underwater without scuba equipment.

Paul's favorite things to cook are combinations of Italian, Caribbean and Mexican and to combine all that together, you get a never been defeated, award winning chili that people cannot get enough of. Check this out and no, the ingredient amounts are not listed because it cannot be spoken out loud. Listen to your inner palate.

Paul's Chili

Ingredients:

Tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, jalapenos, celery, cilantro, ground beef, black beans, crushed red pepper, cumin, basil, chili powder, black pepper, and of course, fresh squeezed lime juice.

Directions:

1. Obviously brown your ground beef and throw the whole situation into either a crock pot for 8 hours or a simmering stove top situation for 4-5 hours.
2. If you need to thicken it add sifted flour or corn starch.
3. When all is done, shred some cheddar on it, add a dollop of Daisy and a tortilla chip! Good times to follow!

The Quarter is an awesome place to be. Community and family, all in an amazing variety of locals that come together to hang out and eat good food. Stop by after 4pm seven days a week and catch Paul cooking!



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TAXI TALES

By Joey Goralczyk



Georgia Experiment

2020 has certainly been a long year, and we're only 8 months in. Thanks to Covid-19, on top of the endless wave of sickness and death, we get no sports, no concerts, no fun, and no vacations. No vacations for Tybee at least. The rest of the country is on holiday and they're all coming here. It's been one busy summer. I've met more people from more states this year than ever before. So thanks to that... The Georgia experiment is in full swing and I don't think Tybee Island is in the control group! I'm really quite amazed that we aren't an epicenter. Maybe the revolving door of new germs boosts our herd immunity? Maybe we all had it after the renegade St. Patrick's parade and thought it was a hangover? Who knows? I just hope we all get thru the rest of this and can watch some football.

The Petri dish has revealed some fun results though. When people get here, they're shocked how wide open it is on the Island, and either thrilled or appalled. Someone recently asked me if they needed a mask to enter a certain bar. I replied, "Yeah, if you want Dave to make fun of you!"

They were not amused. I dropped them off and never saw them again. Perhaps I offended them. Who's to say? On the other hand, most people are so happy to be out and about, they're equating karaoke with live music. It's hard to imagine how long some states have still been shut down. We've been wide open for more than 3 full months now and the social distancing mostly went out the window long ago. As always, Tybee is a world away.

However, in Savannah masks are the "new normal," and I am finally at least showing up prepared. When it started I was not. One early AM I was at a gas station off Presidents Street in fairly desperate need of gas for myself and smokes for a bar full of unprepared people. I walked in without noticing the signs on the door and was promptly told get the hell out. She was kinda mean about it. This wouldn't have been a huge problem, except those smokes. She wouldn't even let me in to BUY a mask. I was quite miffed, and went to grab my best option, a greasy towel in the trunk. As I was angrily ripping at this towel for a perfect fit, a gentleman approached.

Thru his mask I heard him ask me for a light. I thought on my feet, for better or worse, and offered up a deal. Under the watchful eye of the check-out clerk, this stranger and I exchanged his mask for my lighter. I walked in, smirking, but no one would ever know. The clerk seemed a bit miffed with me, and informed me that that's not really how the masks work. I politely paid, walked out and handed the good sir his mask back. He said I could keep it. I'm sure Dr. Fauci would faint if he read that. Probably not the wisest thing I've done, but spite is a helluva drug!

In all seriousness though, everyone stay healthy and safe. Wear a mask or don't, but don't be a dick about it either way. Happy Labor Day and let's get back to normal!



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September Horoscope

By Gage McKnight

Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 24) - Seeing as how you have been living in your own reality most of your life, then none of this should effect you. What I can tell you is that your reality this month will become the twilight zone, as in people will think you're funny, attractive, and intelligent. I KNOW RIGHT!?! Please do not get used to this, it only lasts a month, due to the retrograde. They said 2020 was going to be a crazy year, but we had no clue that it was going to be this crazy! To find good qualities in you!?! Enjoy it while it lasts Virgo, some meteor showers only come once a lifetime.

Libra (Sept. 25 - Oct. 23) - Imagine you are walking into the ocean and the first couple of steps are fine, and you get like five or six steps in and you feel the washed up algae from a storm gushing between your toes. That's the exact feeling that everyone feels about you, Libra. You are literally the reason everyone is quarantine, we just told you it was Covid. Why are you like this, you ask. We cannot answer this question for you, we can only assume it is due to your upbringing in the system, or your unibrow Frieda. Maybe it is the fact that your mouth resembles one of a constipated dog, or possibly your lack of creativity and originality. The only thing consistent about you is your goodwill wardrobe and yellow smile. Stay positive Libra, you will find love one day, whether it's your cell mate named Bubba or your liberal yoga instructor named Rain, you got this!

Scorpio (Oct. 24- Nov. 22) - Due to Covid and other obvious surface flaws, Scorpio has been shut down until further notice.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) - You will always be the storm that follows everyone around. Not only do you look like you're constantly retaining water, but you're always as puffy as a cloud as well. We really do not have time for your negativity this month, so do what everyone else dopes around here and self-medicate with liquor already. Your "Eeyore in a world full of Poohs" attitude is not only unwanted, but frankly tiresome. We do not care that your spouse left you, or your dog died, and maybe your kid grew tired of you and finally ran away. WHO CARES? Grow up and find a real therapist Sagittarius. We can only fill so many bottles of your tears before we decide to revolt and kill all of you. Do us all a favor, please seek help immediately and shut the hell up.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Dear Capricorn, 2020 hasn't exactly been your year. Between looking like a drug addict and finding out that your birth parents were, in-fact, drug addicts, must sting a little. But do not worry my love, great things are coming to you this month. Beginning with the random stranger offering you money to fix your teeth, and ending with receiving the great news that your uncle has passed and left you and the cousin, who took your virginity, a crap load of money. So keep your head up Capricorn and just know that even though your conception was a mistake, at least one person loved you.

Aquarius (Jan. - Feb. 20) - Your life so far has been pretty fortunate, considering the fact that you were the result of a naive high schooler and her gym teacher, but unfortunately this month I'm seeing some clouds coming your way. It's possible that the diet you've been setting your mind to will fail, or the person you have been eyeing for months is actually secretly married. Even more likely is that maybe since you like to put your nose in everyone's business, it will turn completely brown. It is hard to say which of your extremely annoying personality traits will ruin your life this month. There is always hope for next month, but knowing you, it will be just as shitty as this one.

Pisces (Feb. 21 - March 20) - You have always had this odd suspicion that all of your friends either secretly hate you or find you really annoying. Well Pisces, imagine how the blood relatives feel. The only reason anyone still "cares" about you is due to the fact that we are stuck with you. Remember those times when multiple friends were saying "you got this! You should definitely go for it, even if it is half way across the country!" For a brief moment the world heard a sigh of relief, but you wouldn't fracking leave. So this month we really encourage you to get out there and try something new (that is very far away from us). Seriously, leave and only return when we get news that you are coming back, so we have ample time to off ourselves.

Aries (March 21- April 20) - When they told you in your therapy session to grasp onto your self-confidence, I am quite certain that they didn't mean to become the most narcissistic person on earth. Your vanity has everyone around you ill and not due to the pandemic, but due to your over enthusiastic view of yourself. This month let's try to take it down a notch and stop forcing your incurable ugly personality on all of us. To be honest, you aren't that pretty, and you're not that bright, you're just average, a plain Jane. Please don't forget it. Your friends are terrified to tell you the truth, which is that they find more beauty in four day old cigarette butts on the side of Butler Ave. They are nervous you might go and break down again, then they absolutely would.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20) - Let us have a quick Q & A Taurus. First of all, why are you such a shit human? Did no one play enough Sesame Street reruns for you as a child? Also, what is with your obsessive need to be right? Did you somehow soak in the entire Wikipedia through osmosis? Do you feel some sort accomplishment by always putting in your two cents? Do you think that anyone actually wants to hear you speak? It's that kind off-personality that makes no one want to look for you when you "go missing in the forest." All the stars are saying that this month you should basically find some chill or you might end up watching the news with Epstein.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) - There is nothing more comical than seeing a suffering Gemini, when nothing goes their way and all else seems to fail. The reaction of a dual personality brat who cannot get their way is not only comical, but is also the same feeling you get while binge watching your favorite shows on Netflix. Gemini, this month we are going to practice our patience, self-control, and most importantly, oral hygiene. Quit bitching about the lack of time your friends want to hang out with you and learn independence. Everyone is sick of picking up after your lazy ass with no appreciation in return. You're the worst kind of user. Instead of using fun things like alcohol and drugs, you use people. As long as you're having fun and make it to your own bed, it doesn't matter who you vomit on the process. You would make your own dying grandmother pick up after your dog when it uses the bathroom in the house. All the cosmic forces can say is that you are true swine.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) - When Earth was created, God knew what he was doing. He had plans of all things having meaning in life. Unfortunately, He was a little confused when it came to Cancers, there were no definite plans for them, nor really anymore room for them. So He decided "Well, the human race has to be disgusted by something, they have to be able to find hatred in someone so they do not harm themselves." That Cancer, was you. Since there seems to be no sign of redemption or purpose really, we have finally decided that 2020 is the year we just make you extinct. Nothing personal but we basically are giving you a 30 day notice to vacate the premises. Just know that your purpose was well served, as we did find disgust/hatred towards you, so good job!

Leo (July 23- Aug. 22) - What an odd breed you are Leo. I mean talk about hot and cold. I don't know whether to give you a hug or put on a bullet proof vest. It is so difficult for the more docile signs to look at you and say "wow, what a fine upstanding citizen" or "wow, look at that drug induced citizen that had so much potential." I think we can all agree that a shower and shock therapy will do wonders for you this month. Also, choking someone until they are unconscious is not a form of foreplay Leo, but if you are into doing that, look me up in the white pages.



SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Well hello and welcome back Sports Teaser fans. It has been far too long since we've last had a chance to chat due to this unprecedented pandemic in our lifetimes. While we have all missed sports and all the fun that goes with it, my thoughts and prayers have been with the frontline personnel protecting our safety and caring for those in need with real life issues in real life problems. We all hope for this to be over sooner than later and a return to some sense of normalcy (heard that one before?). In the meantime, there is some sports to talk about and that's a good thing! So let's get to it shall we?

The first sports to come back were golf and NASCAR. Many of us who don't keep up with those sports all of a sudden found ourselves glued to the television just because they were live. Never has been watching a lot of left turns and slapping a little white ball around been so appealing!

We just completed the first of the three golf major championships for 2020, the PGA. It was an exciting back nine for sure with Collin Morikawa winning at age 23. Will he be the next dominant golfer to emerge? There are so many great players with a chance to win every week on tour. With the playoff in August, the U.S. Open in September, and the Masters (ahhh, pimento cheese) in November, it should be quite a year to remember for yet another reason.

Hockey and basketball have returned in their respective bubbles in Florida and Canada. It seems that they have gotten that right for the most part - with the exception of one NBA player leaving the bubble for a funeral in Atlanta and ending up at a strip club because they have great chicken wings, to go of course.

Baseball on the other hand, has struggled with keeping everyone healthy and it remains to be seen if the season will ultimately complete its 60 game schedule. I do like the new 'put a runner on base to start the 10th inning' concept installed this year. I was wary of it, but it does add some excitement right off the bat to start an inning. Of course, this will probably be the year that the Braves win the World Series and there's a big fat asterisk right next to it. But believe me, we'd take it right? Go Braves!

That leaves football. Football! Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, college and NFL football will be very close to kicking off. There will be reduced schedules, mostly conference only in college, but it appears that the NFL will play its full slate of games.

As we know, everything is in motion and anything can change at any time. One of the hardest things about sports during the pandemic has been so much talking and so little action. Everybody has an opinion and knows what's going to happen but in reality, we don't. We'll just have to see where things take us in many respects, not only just sports.

Bottom line, sports are back and I know most are excited to get off Netflix and Prime for a while to tune into some live action. That doesn't mean I'm not still watching Yellowstone!

Everyone please continue to stay safe and be smart and we will get through this mess! See you in October!

Behind the Tape...

By Sgt. Richie Dascall



Happy September everyone! It has been a long summer, but thankfully the end is in sight. I was looking for a good story this month and the universe provided.

So a few weeks ago I got called to a wreck. While I was going over there it was changed to a hit and run after one of the cars decided they were going to run off. I went straight to the accident to make sure nobody was hurt, while the other two officers working with me started looking for the car that had run off. Luckily nobody was hurt, but the car that was still there was totaled in every sense of the word. The two kids who were in the car were pretty shaken up over how bad their car got messed up.

I started doing my accident investigation, getting everyone's information, a description of the other car, photographing damage, so on and so forth. While I was doing this, the car that ran away drove back by the wreck. Of course the kids immediately recognized it and pointed it out. The other officers were on the south end and we were on the north end so they wouldn't be able to safely get there in time. I went ahead and took off after the car that caused the wreck. I got behind him and pulled him over and he decided he was not going to stop. I hesitate to call this a car chase, because he was going all of 15 mph all the way to where he was staying.

Once there, he was arrested and not surprisingly smelled like alcohol. He was nice enough to admit to everything. I'd like to say this sort of thing is uncommon but it is actually a pretty regular occurrence. I would never recommend anybody return to the scene of a crime they've committed.

I'm sure everybody wants to know about the status of things like our VIP program and Drug Take Back. Currently these events are still on hold. We will update you as we're able to host them again. Anything you need or any questions, please reach out.

Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Mac McLellan



Bartenders these days just keep getting younger and younger and thank God because with us old timers wearing our spectacles and frosty bad attitudes, we need some new blood!

September's Bartender of the Month is **Jordan Zipperer** at **Wet Willie's**. At a mere 23 years old, she has so much time to ruin her life like the rest of us, but in the meantime, she is a fresh-faced, happy, genuinely nice person that is delighted to see you in her restaurant!

Born and raised on Wilmington, but spending all of her time here, she technically is a Tybee baby. Jordan left for a minute, but it only took a minute to realize what a mistake that was. She started out at The Crab Shack where she was a hostess and a food runner for several years. Looking for a change, Jordan moved to Wet Willie's and has been there ever since.

Of course, I asked the Questions we all want to know:

Tybee Life: Forever

Passion: The BEACH! And Tybee and her people. When you're in, you're in (no kidding there)!

Grow up: Do something good for Tybee and on Tybee. The world is still an oyster.

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Jordan's **go-to drink** (and you're gonna love it), is the **Undone Zipper!** This bad boy is a combination of a Sexy Attitude, some Pina Colada and a scooch of something else! Good times right there! Make sure you stop by Wet Willie's and chat with Jordan. She's cool and fun and she makes a hell of a drink!



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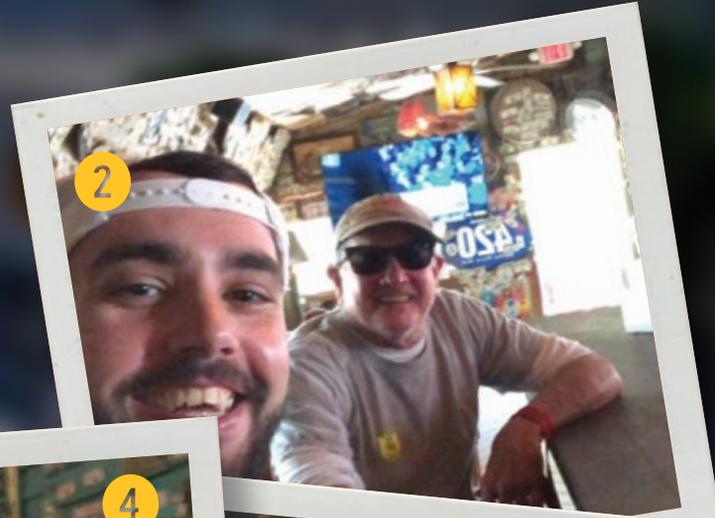
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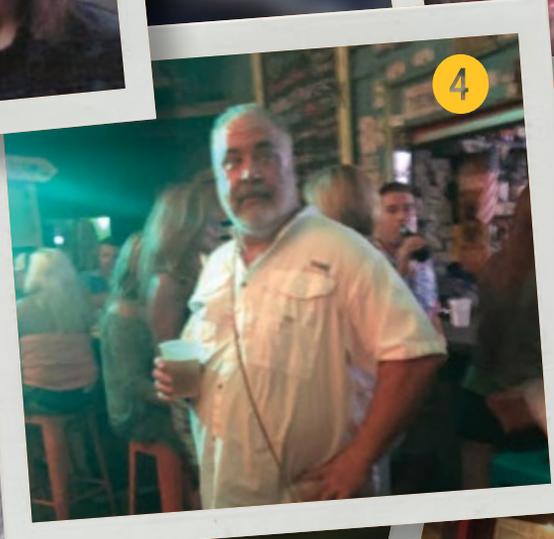
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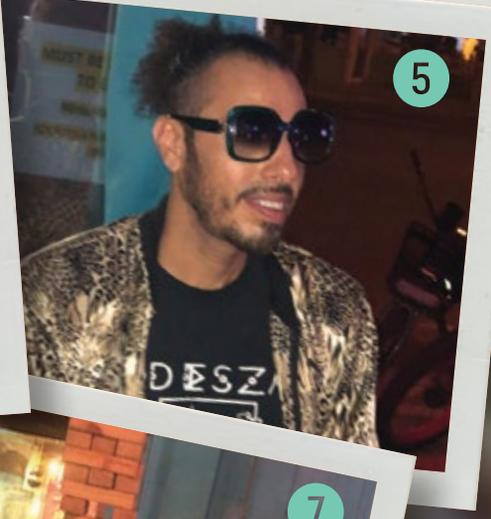
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1 throwback of our local *Breezy drivers/owners* rocking some great hair-dos. Bring it back *Ron & Joey*.

2 *ufus Weaver*, one of the funniest people I've ever known. Incredible boat captain and the biggest UGA fan around. You will be immensely missed.

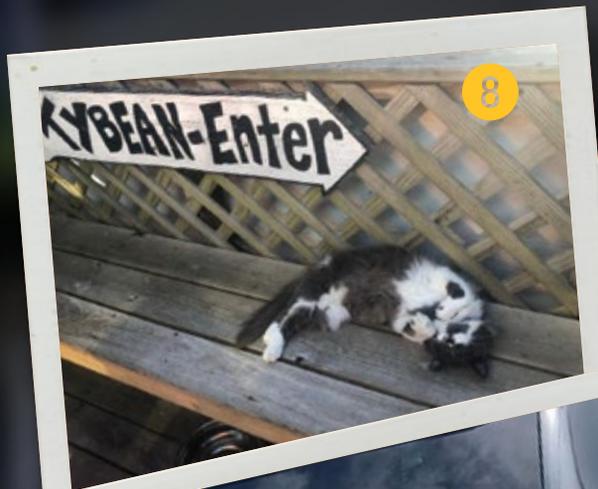
3 *T* in his natural habitat last fall. Checking some attractive woman out. Miss you and think of you all the time brother.

4 *Bremer* looking stylish while *Beth* stepped away, or is it actually his bag?

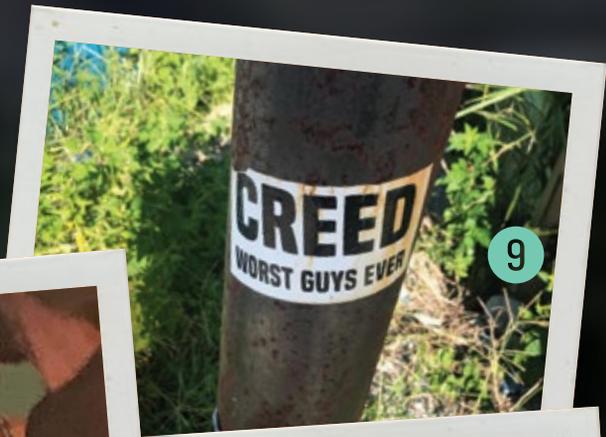
5 *Martin* looking like a Miami Beach bouncer at *The Sandbar*.

6 Have you *herd* about the sheep on the island?

7 *Becca & Mary Kate* proud of their giant Jenga accomplishments (this was as high as Becca could reach).



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8 Beans! The cat looking adorable and hoping for pets while you're in line.

9 Normally I don't support vandalism, but this is acceptable.

10 This license plate was picked out by their 12 year old.

11 I'm going to need to see that baby's ID.

12 There is not one single reason I can think of that we shouldn't start them out early! **Josie** girl is clearly getting home schooled here! Good job **David & Stephanie** from the big SC!

13 really really want to know what happened to this person.

14 **Doug** is not as sweet as he looks in this picture! Or is he? Find out for yourself at his new home in the **Doug Out** at **The Sand Bar**!



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It's the Last Straw!

By Hannah Ekert

According to the Washington Post, there will be more plastic in our ocean than fish by the year 2050. Disheartening, am I right?

For weeks, I have been trying to identify the best tone for this piece regarding the substantial amount of litter on the beach. I've tried sarcastic, lighthearted, and serious. But, frankly, I'm angry.

If you use the beach (indirectly the ocean) as your personal garbage can, I cannot imagine the type of hovel you go back to once your little vacay here is over.

I know Mommy picked up after you for the first thirty years of your life, but now that you're on your own, it's time to clean up after yourself.

There has been worldwide environmentally aware education efforts (Greta Thunberg, anybody?) and yet here we are, every summer, with a staggering amount of litter left on the beach.

From 2014 to 2016, Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers counted and collected trash on the south end between the 13th street and 19th street boardwalks.

By doing so, they were able to determine where and what type of litter is being dropped the most. The top three most frequently littered items were cigarette butts, plastic straws wrappers, and plastic bottle caps.

In addition, "It should be noted that plastic cutlery is ranked as one of the most harmful marine litter types by the Ocean Conservancy; although ranked #14 on Tybee's list. It should be addressed due to potential harm." (TCBV, Beach Litter Report 2019).

Cigarette butts take years to decompose. They leach toxic chemicals that poison marine life and pollute the ocean. Also, birds mistakenly identify cigarette butts for food and fatally ingest them or feed them to their babies. Because of the staggering amount of cigarette butts found on the beach (300,000 counted in the last three years), the City passed a smoking ban between 14th and 16th boardwalks. No smoking signs are at each boardwalk, and hopefully has minimized the harmful effects of butts on the beach.

The City of Tybee did an incredible thing by passing the No Smoking Ordinance. In one of the last places in the country with permitted indoor smoking, this is a surprising, yet huge step in the right direction.

So, what's next?

In the summertime, Tybee Island plays host to female loggerhead sea turtles that nest on our beach. Tybee has trained volunteers that track the amount of nests we see and they ensure these mamas return back to the ocean safely. These beautiful creatures are endangered, and we owe it to our marine visitors to protect them and their babies.

As mentioned above in the TCBV findings, the second most littered items are plastic straws. Most plastic straws are not recyclable because they are made of propylene. Plastic straws take decades to biodegrade and break down into tiny pieces of toxic plastic (micro plastic) that turtles and other marine life fatally mistake for nourishment.

We need to implement a city wide ban on plastic straws. This will be a huge challenge because of Tybee's abundance of bars and restaurants, but because of our proximity to the ocean, it seems almost criminal not to do so.

Why not paper? Paper straws are a disappointing alternative to plastic. They float in a cup for about three minutes, become soggy, and therefore useless. By the time a drink is finished, at least two paper straws are needed to drink it. Consumer's massive destruction of trees for processed paper is the reason why we switched to plastic in the first place. If we choose paper, we are regressing and making the same mistakes all over again.

In short, plastic is bad for the ocean because it breaks down into micro plastics that kill marine life. Paper is bad for the land as it reduces forests' ability to absorb greenhouse gases and release oxygen.

Understandably, there are people, due to disabilities and age, that need to use straws. If you need (or really prefer) to use a straw, bring your own. Metal straws are growing in popularity and a three pack costs \$7.50. They are reusable, reduce waste, and minimize the negative impact humans have on land and marine life.

If you made it this far, thank you for making it past all the factoids and my opinion. It's not easy to make conscious lifestyle changes, but with some effort, Tybee Island's community can become more aware of the impact we have on our local environment and the marine life that inhabits it. Banning straws is a simple, effective step in the right direction.

The following is a list of fines for those who choose not to obey some of our beach rules:

- Littering - \$300.00
- Glass out and about - \$300.00
- Pets on the beach - \$300.00
- Disturbing Dune Vegetation - \$300.00
- Smoking/Vaping in Prohibited Area - \$300.00

Do your part to help protect our ecosystem!



Main Street Matters

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



Online Sales: Blessing or Curse for Local Shops?

This pandemic has turned me into an accidental money launderer and online shopping addict. I've discovered that when ordering groceries and other household goods online, it's so easy to slip in a new pair of yoga pants or my trillionth set of watercolor paints and make it look like I spent the money on necessities.

That way, when my hubs, the family budget keeper, asks, "What was this \$300 charge to acme-corporation.com? I can casually say, "Oh that was toilet paper and stuff."

I happen to know for a fact that I'm not the only pandemic-induced online shopaholic padding the weekly grocery bill. Facebook memes are circulating about this very topic, so I know it's a thing.

Now more than ever, consumers are spending their money online. Even laggards on the technology adoption curve have cast aside suspicions, plugged in their credit card numbers and hit the "buy now" button.

This is crucial intel if you're a small business. Every small business should be asking whether or not they're maximizing online sales channels.

Why? Because according to Forbes Magazine, just over 306 million Americans have been affected by stay-at-home orders due to the pandemic – roughly 95 percent of the U.S. population. This is driving a level of online shopping urgency equivalent to Cyber Monday, when retailers offer extreme markdowns to kick off holiday shopping.

Digital Commerce 360, which tracks online sales trends, reported recently that online sales in the U.S. increased 76 percent between June 2019 and June 2020. While these sales increases have slowed somewhat with widespread business re-openings, it's clear that high levels of online shopping are here to stay. In this time of pandemic, nothing is more comforting than clicking that "buy now" button and knowing you didn't have to leave your sanitized sanctum to shop.

While online shopping trends might seem like a curse for physical retail establishments, it's really a blessing. For a seaside city like ours, where business can be interrupted by everything from hurricane evacuations, to off-season slow-downs, to traffic accidents, e-commerce can be especially beneficial.

Online selling allows a business to earn passive income 24/7/365. During hurricane season, businesses could continue earning revenue even after its owners have boarded up the windows and headed for drier ground.

Getting started can be daunting, so here are four important considerations for businesses making the foray into online sales.

- 1. What's Your Product?** Figure out what you can sell online. If online sales haven't been a part of your primary business model, that's ok. Start by putting your bestsellers online. If you think your business isn't suitable for online sales, think again. Any business can offer an online product, even if it's just an e-gift card. Some restaurants have started selling online cooking classes, logo aprons, and specialty food products.
- 2. Do you need an App for That?** About 72 percent of all online sales are now made with a mobile device. It's great to have a website that can process sales, but the money is better spent on technology that will make it easy for customers to purchase with smart phones and tablets.
- 3. What's Your Selling Platform?** There are lots of options for an online shop. Some businesses prefer to sell through a third party service like etsy, eBay and Amazon. Others prefer to build out online stores with e-commerce sites like Shopify and Square. There are also services that will print and ship items like t-shirts and mugs on demand. The best one depends on your specific business needs.
- 4. What If You Need Help?** If the world of e-commerce is new to you, don't try to navigate it alone. Free assistance is available through local small business centers. The Georgia SBDC offers free webinars on various topics, including e-commerce basics. Sign up for these trainings at <https://www.georgiasbdc.org/training/>.

During times of upheaval and uncertainty, consumers want to support their favorite businesses, and the businesses need that support. By having products available online, it benefits everyone.

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chicken & blue cheese crumbs optional

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DELUXE: Pepperoni, sausage, mushroom, onion, & bell pepper

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TYBEE ISLAND ZOMBIES

By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the August 2020 Beachcomber.
Catch up @ <http://tybeebeachcomber.com/magazine>

CHAPTER 37 - TANKER JOE DAY 11

"Two days?" Doug asks. "Did I hear him say two days before they get here?"

"That's what he said, yeah," Tony answers.

"If they're passing Port Canaveral, they should be here tomorrow morning at the latest. Those new cutters move pretty quickly."

"I agree. Something's wrong."

"Or maybe he's misleading whoever might be listening" Doug says.

"I bet Patch isn't even on the USCGC Charles David Jr," Tony says.

"Remember the last thing Patch said?"

"Yeah. 'Don't believe everything you may have heard.'"

"He knows we haven't been able to contact anyone else."

"Are you saying he gave us misinformation to throw someone else off his trail?" Doug asks.

"That's exactly what I'm saying. Something big is coming our way.

Something, well, ominous."

"I have a real uneasy feeling about this."

"Me too. Let's get the gang together and make sure we double up on our watches. Everyone needs to know there may be a threat heading our way."

"Okay. How do you propose we do this without freaking everyone out?"

Doug asks.

"We tell them the truth," Tony replies. "One thing I hated when I was serving was 'need to know.' We only knew what the leadership thought we needed to know and nothing more. I find this way of thinking faulty. What happens when the folks that know die and those that didn't need to know were left without all the information they actually needed?"

"Awkwardly put, but I'm picking up what you're putting down."

Sara walks into the room. "Hey, you guys want some cookies? They're fresh out of the oven!"

"Ummmm..." Tony says. "Does a frog bump his butt when he hops?"

Sara just stares back at him with a look of confusion on her face.

"Of course we do! Can you gather everyone in the kitchen? We might as well have some of your awesome cookies while we fill everyone in on what we've just learned."

"I'm on it," Sara says and skips off. She gathers the entire group in the kitchen and Tony and Doug explain everything they learned from their conversation with Patch.

Rudy speaks up, "So, you guys are saying that Patch may or may not be on the way, there may or may not be some mysterious people listening to our radio traffic, and there's bad news to be heard if and when Patch gets here? Oh, and to not necessarily believe any of it!"

"Exactly!" Doug says and laughs.

"Well, if that's not the most useless information I've ever heard," Joey scoffs.

"I think what we should take from this is that we need to keep our security

tight and stay vigilant." Johnny says.

"Yes Johnny, you nailed it," Tony says.

"Do we really want Patch coming here?" Cheryl asks. "I mean, he might be bringing trouble along with him."

"We've been in contact with him for about a week now," Rudy says, and reaches for another cookie. "He's our only connection to anyone else alive out there. I think we would be remiss if we didn't consider him an asset."

"I agree, but we still need to be cautious," Says Doug.

"What about Eric and Sarge?" Becky asks. "If someone is listening to us on the radio they might be in danger."

"Sarge and Eric know what channel to listen to and what channel to jump to when given one of the key words," Tony answers. "I think we'll be safe as long as we jump channels every two minutes or so. We need to let them know about this new danger as well, but we'll leave out any specific details just in case."

"Yeah," Doug says. "We wouldn't want whoever may be listening to know how much info we have. As far as they're concerned, we're just a small group of beach bums who miraculously survived on a little island in Georgia."

Tony finishes his cookie in one bite and stands up. "This is what I have planned so far. Anyone who disagrees with any of this, speak your mind. This is a democracy after all."

Tony throws one finger in the air. "One. Joey, move one tank to the backyard overlooking the Back River. If a large vessel comes up the river, we need to make sure there's a 120mm main gun pointed at it but keep the hull of the tank hidden. I don't want to show whoever might be coming all our cards before they make any moves."

"Got it. I'll camouflage the tank with palm fronds," Joey says.

"Just make sure you don't cover the Gunner's Auxiliary Site, the doghouse, the driver's periscopes, or the end of the gun tube. If you don't know what any of those things are, just look it up in that handy dandy TM 9-2350-255-10 manual you've been reading."

"You mean this manual?" Joey asks and pulls it out with a flourish.

"That's the one!" Tony beams. "You know what Joey? We're gonna have to change your name to Tanker Joe here pretty soon."

"Is Joey blushing?" Becky whispers to Sara and takes another cookie.

Tony eats another cookie in one bite and smiles at Sara. "Okay, moving along. Two. Doug, can you patch the short-wave radio to the speakers built into the house? If we can hear the radio through the house speakers, we won't need an extra body on the radio just sitting there. If someone calls, we can just run down to the radio room and answer."

"Good idea. I can do that. Shouldn't take more than ten minutes," Doug says.

"Three. We need to make sure the tank at the front of the house and the one pointing at the Back River are manned at all times. The .50cal on the back deck needs a guard posted 24/7 as well. Joey and Rudy, you take the tank in the front yard. I'll take the tank in the backyard with Doug. Sara and Becky can take the .50cal on the back deck. Johnny and Cheryl can cover for anyone needing a break and continue to run the household duties."

"Why do I have to be paired up with Johnny?" Cheryl asks.

"Cause he's your husband?" Tony chuckles.

"That doesn't mean I want him next to me all day," Cheryl quips.

"I love you too honey bunny!" Johnny laughs and breaks the tension in the group.

"Four," Tony says loudly to get back everyone's attention. "I'll set all the local radios to jump frequencies so no one can listen to our conversations. So feel free to talk, check in with each other, and most importantly, observe and report, even if the report is 'clear.' Got it?"

The group all replies in unison, "Got it."

"Does anyone have any questions, concerns, or comments?"

"I'm getting the feeling from you that you're really worried about what's coming. Are you telling us everything?" Sara asks.

"Yes Sara," Tony answers. "I'm telling you all everything. I am worried.

I'm worried that what we've built in the 11 days since the world turned into hordes of flesh-eating monsters is going to be destroyed. I'm worried that my decisions could get us all killed. Should we pack up, run, hide? I don't know. I don't know what's coming. Hell, nothing may be coming. I'm mostly concerned that zeeks are no longer our biggest threat. How the hell did that happen? Listen guys, you're my family. I'll do everything I can to keep us all safe, but you have to trust in yourselves. We've come a long way in 11 days. It's not over

yet. Not by a long shot."

"Damn right it's not over," Doug says. "We've got two tanks, a mounted .50cal machine gun, and eight bad ass zombie survivalists willing to die for each other. I'm not worried about us. I'm worried for anyone who tries to take anything away from us. May God rest their souls."

"Right on!" Rudy exclaims. "Well said my friend."

"Everyone knows what to do," Tony says. "Let's do it. Hopefully this posture only lasts a couple days."

The group disperses and completes all their assigned tasks. In less than an hour they are positioned at each of their assigned guard posts.

Joey's voice crackles through the radio, "Anyone else getting bored yet?"

Becky sighs, "Jesus, Joey. We've only been on guard duty for twenty minutes. You're bored already?"

"Damn right I'm bored. All I see are squirrels."

"Better than zombies!" Sara chips over the radio back at him.

"I guess you're right about that!"

Tony turns to Doug in their tank in the back yard, "Do you hear this fool? Bored already?"

"That's Joey for ya," Doug chuckles.

Tony picks up the radio, "Hey Joey, make sure you cycle the thermal sight off about every half hour or so. No need to put added pressure on the system while it's still daylight."

"Yeah," Joey says. "But it's so cool being able to see squirrels and deer and... wait a minute. I see a zeek."

"Where is he? Is he alone?" Tony asks.

"He came out from behind the house about 100 yards down the street."

"Keep the reticle on him and wait to see if there are any others with him."

"Nope. He's alone. Can I shoot him?"

"Yes, but make sure you have coax indexed, lase at him, dump the lead, announce you're firing, and fire a short burst."

"Got it," Joey says over the radio, then turns to Rudy. "It's a good thing he reminded me to index coax. I had HEAT indexed. Can you imagine shooting a 120mm High Explosive Anti-Tank round at a single zombie? Ha!" He takes a deep breath and begins talking to himself theatrically, "Okay Tanker Joe. Index coax, lase, dump my lead... ON THE WAY." He squeezes the trigger and a short burst of bullets leaves the M240 machine gun.

"Holy crap, Rudy! Did you see that?"

"Yeah, man. Looks like you cut him right in half."

Tony's voice comes back over the radio, "Report!"

Joey speaks into the radio, "Target one enemy zombie killed. Continuing to observe. Over."

"Good job Joey. Or should I say, Tanker Joe?" Tony says and giggles.

"Thanks, Tony! That felt AMAZING!"

Becky's voice comes over the radio, "Break... break... break... Tony, do you see what I see on the river coming from the east?"

"Just came into sight. What the hell?"

"What the hell indeed!"

"Well," Tony begins, "It's no Coast Guard Cutter, that's for sure. That's a stealth ship."

"Whatever it is, it looks like it's driving in reverse," Becky says.

"It is driving in reverse," Tony responds. "Maybe showing us that it's not a threat, or maybe positioned for a quick get away? Stay sharp people. That ship is armed to the teeth! I can see four people on the bridge but there could be more. Those windows are pretty tiny."

"Should we shoot a warning shot?" Sara asks.

"Hold your fire," Tony's voice replies. "We don't even know if they see us."

"Someone's trying to get us on the short-wave, I think," Becky says. "It keeps clicking like someone's pushing the button on the mic but no one's talking. Wait, every time I hear the click on the radio, I see a light flash on the back deck of the ship."

"Looks like they're signaling us. They know we're here."

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PERVY PET OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Sara Spicer Henderson

Lita May Fjord Henderspice

September's Pervy Pet of the Month goes to Sara Spicer Henderson and her doggo, Lita.

This pretty lady's full name is Lita May Fjord Henderspice. She is 5 years old and she is a Pisces.

Her turn-ons are the sound of cheese being opened, long walks to the liquor store where they always have treats waiting for her, interrupting cuddles to which she was not invited, and Sting Ray's Cucumber Wasabi Sauce with fries.

Her turn-offs are any cleaning implement, carbonated beverages and men with hats. She has not indicated whether this means that she loves Men Without Hats. She shows no interest one way or the other when the Safety Dance comes on.

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LOVE, NOT ACTUALLY

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

The Question this month is: Do you take back a cheater?

Girls Advice:

No. Once a cheater, always a cheater. I don't care what promises of fidelity come back at me. Your ass is out and I'm keeping the good pots and pans, not that I will use them, but it will piss you off and any petty thing I can do to make your life miserable, I'm gonna do it. How dare you?! Ugh. I'm out and so are you. Suck it and die. If I get an STD I'm coming after you with a pitchfork and submerging your body in a crab pot in the Back River. Ass.

Boy's Advice:

My counterpart sure has some strong feelings about this topic. Guess she's been burned before, and by the sounds of it, more than once. I feel her though. If you've never been cheated on, you can't even come close to imagining the pain that it can cause in most cases. There was this one time I was cheated on and the first thing that popped into my head when I found out was her best friend that had been flirting with me for years.

I can tell you this, there's nothing more gratifying than revenge sex. I'm not saying it's ok to turn into a person of ill repute once you get cheated on. I'm just saying that one felt pretty damn good. People are people, they can change, life moves on, but for god's sake, leave the cheaters behind.

This topic reminds me of a guy I once knew from Ohio. He walked into his house with a sheep under his arm. He walked up to his wife, raised the sheep in front of her and exclaimed, "This is the pig I've been cheating on you with!" His wife looked at him with a confused look on her face and said, "But honey, that's not a pig." The husband replied to his wife, "I wasn't talking to you."

PSA: If you find yourself in a position where you've been cheated on and want to relieve all that stress with a revenge session, we can be reached at C/O Boy's Advice or C/O Girl's Advice, info@tybeebeachcomber.com.

Patriot Day - 9-11: A Day to Remember

By Margie McLellan

I'm sure most every one of us remember where we were on that fateful day, September 11, 2001. Watching the Twin Towers fall in New York City, along with the Pentagon being hit, and Flight 93 going down, was one of the most tragic things most of us remember in our lives. It was truly devastating beyond words.

But out of that tragedy, something amazing happened. Our country came together as never before. From the heroic firefighters who gave their lives saving people in the Twin Towers, to the brave passengers on Flight 93, that kept the plane they were on from hitting the White House, to untold heroes who also stepped up, the country watched all of this unfold on TV and we all mourned together. We were so filled with a sense of patriotism. It didn't matter what part of the country we were from, we all came together, strong in our patriotism.

Yes, Patriotism ran high. Flags were flown from every house, building, places of business, even cars. We were proud Americans, determined to overcome this tragedy together.

Many young men stepped up to do their duty to God and Country by joining the Military. Many gave their lives to protect our freedom. The government came together, crossing party lines, to ensure that our safety would be protected from this ever happening again.

Yes, it was truly a coming together as a nation.

Now here we are, almost twenty years later. Many younger Americans weren't even alive or were too young to remember. Many of us who do remember seem to have lost the patriotism we felt from that day. We are so split down party lines now, that we can't even hold decent conversations with those we disagree with.

Patriot Day is a good way to reunite our country. It is a national day of prayer and remembrance for the 3,000 people we lost to the terror attacks that day. It is a day to strengthen our resolve to stand together as one nation, one people. A day to remember that we should all regain our sense of patriotism and pride in our country.

And it is a day we should never forget.

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Reflections **How to be Unproductive**

By Hollie Sessoms

Covid lockdowns have taught me a lot about myself, life, and my place in the universe. Some people have used this time to learn new skills, spend quality time with their kids, and get into fantastic shape. I've used this time to sample every series on Netflix, pick ALL of the lint out of my bellybutton, and see how much wine I can drink before my husband takes me to the Betty Ford Clinic. And I've come away from all this with solid gold advice for my fellow slackers out there.

- 1. Do easy things first. Hard things are...well...hard.** Why do them first? No. Best to save those hard things for later. We're so tired now, we'll totally have more energy later and baby, will we tackle all those hard things on our list.
- 2. Don't get enough sleep.** Sleep is for the weak. Staying awake all night playing video games and searching the internet is for people like us. Who says we need sleep? Probably someone super well-rested who isn't thinking right.
- 3. Give yourself all the time in the world.** Some people say we should break big projects into little chunks and then set deadlines to have those chunks completed. I say we need some room to think about things. Say we need to clean our bathroom. Who says it has to be done this hour, or even this morning, or even this week! Give yourself months to get that bathroom cleaned. We'll get around to it eventually.
- 4. Don't give rejection a chance.** You know how sometimes we try to do things and then we fail. That totally sucks, right? No one likes to fail. No one likes to be rejected. Best way to close the door on rejection? Never open it in the first place. You know how that Samuel Beckett quote goes: "Never tried. Never failed. That's okay. Don't try again. Don't fail again. Don't fail harder." Or whatever it was that Beckett said....
- 5. Start your mornings out right.** We should begin our days with a cup of strong coffee and some Facebook, then we can head on over to Instagram to see what's shaking, after that it's a quick trot to Twitter to see what we need to be outraged over. When we decide that outrage requires too much energy, we can mosey on over to YouTube for some cute cat videos. By then, who knows what new stuff is on Facebook, so we start the circuit over again. Do this until that pot of coffee is drained. By then it's probably an acceptable time for wine.
- 6. Put blame where blame is due.** We all know who is to blame for the way our life has turned out. That's right—all those losers who never gave us a chance! Also, we just never had the time to do all the things we wanted to do. And did we mention how tired we are all the time? We are super tired.

Follow these six simple rules and you too can be just as unproductive as me. Slackers unite! Maybe tomorrow...or the next day.... Actually, I'll get back to you on that uniting thing, I'm feeling like I might want a nap here for a minute.

Tybee Island Recycling Center

By Monty Parks

Sandy Bottoms at your Service

"I've lost my wife," he said.

It was afternoon and hot, the sun was baking down on the Tybee Island streets like a heat lamp over cheap gas station biscuits. My two bit office was hot and stuffy.

"We were on the beach together. My wife was right there, talking with the woman on the tractor, then next thing I knew, she was gone."

His wife was lost and my job is to find lost people. I'm a private eye. I'm the only private eye on Tybee Island. My name is Sandy Bottoms and I work cheap.

"Sir, you sit down right there. Give me thirty minutes and I'll be right back with her."

"But...how can you know where she is that fast?" he wondered. "That's amazing."

I gave him a smile and a wink as I headed out the door.

"Trust me," I said, "I know where she is."

Within ten minutes, I was walking up to the Tybee Island Recycling Center. The Tybee Island Recycling Center has been in operation for just over six months and has already processed five tons of aluminum. There are 64,000 beer cans in a ton of aluminum. Most of those cans come from the beach. That's 320,000 cans of beer, or 29,000 gallons. To get all those cans, the staff takes a tractor and a trailer out to collect cans from the beach. They also look to pick up some volunteers along the way. That's how they got this man's wife.

The Recycling Center is always looking for volunteers to help sort out cans and plastic bottles. Or to help load cardboard into the balers. This is good work, meaningful work, for people who want to give back to this wonderful community we have.

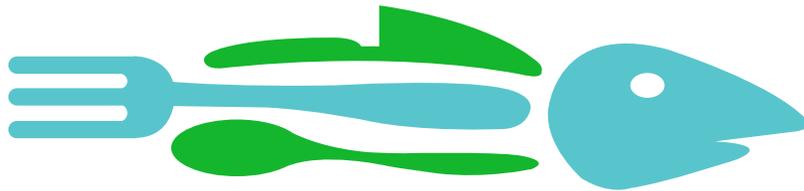
Sure enough, there was the missing wife, listening to loud music, laughing, and loading cardboard into the baler. She was having fun with the staff and was smiling from ear to ear.

As I loaded her into my car, she was promising to come back and to bring her friends. The staff waved goodbye and we drove back to her husband. They were so happy to see each other and to be reunited. For me, this was just another case solved.

"Makes sense she was at the recycling center," he said. "She is my third wife. Guess you could say she is recycling me as well."

I smiled at the joke, then I doubled his bill. I may work cheap, but that doesn't mean I like cheap jokes.

The Tybee Island Recycling Center always needs your help. The work is easy and inspiring, as you are helping others who believe in our community. Just send an email to the volunteer coordinator at jaimewhalen@yahoo.com to get the ball rolling. And as always, thank you for recycling your material on Tybee.



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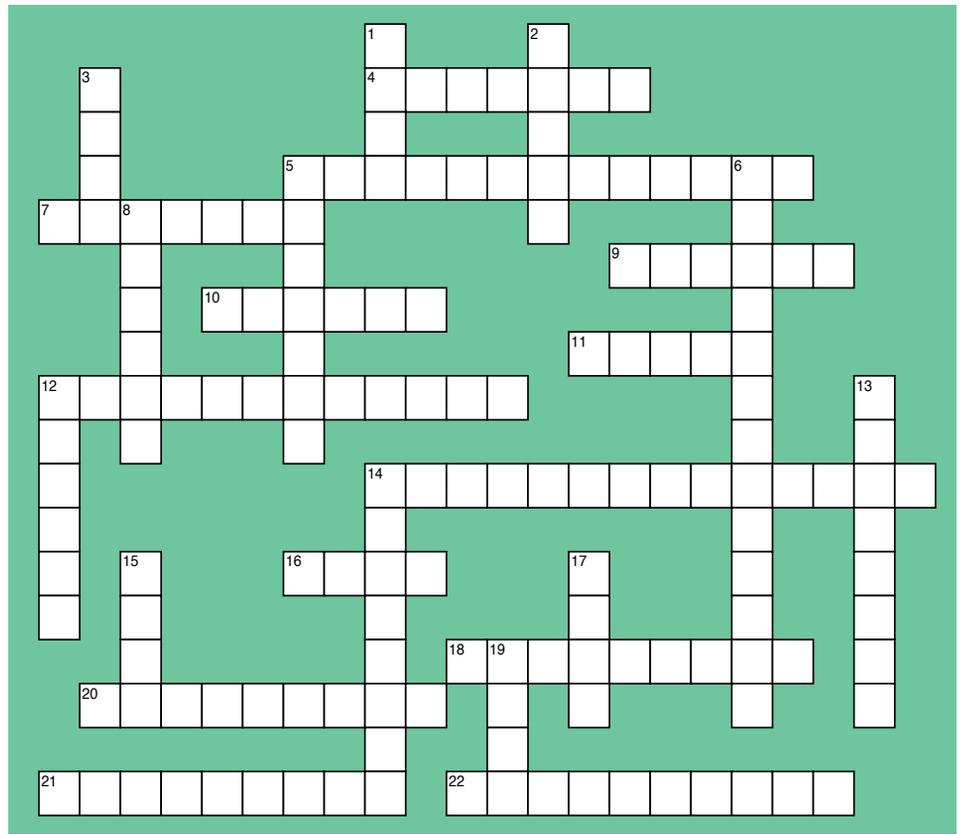
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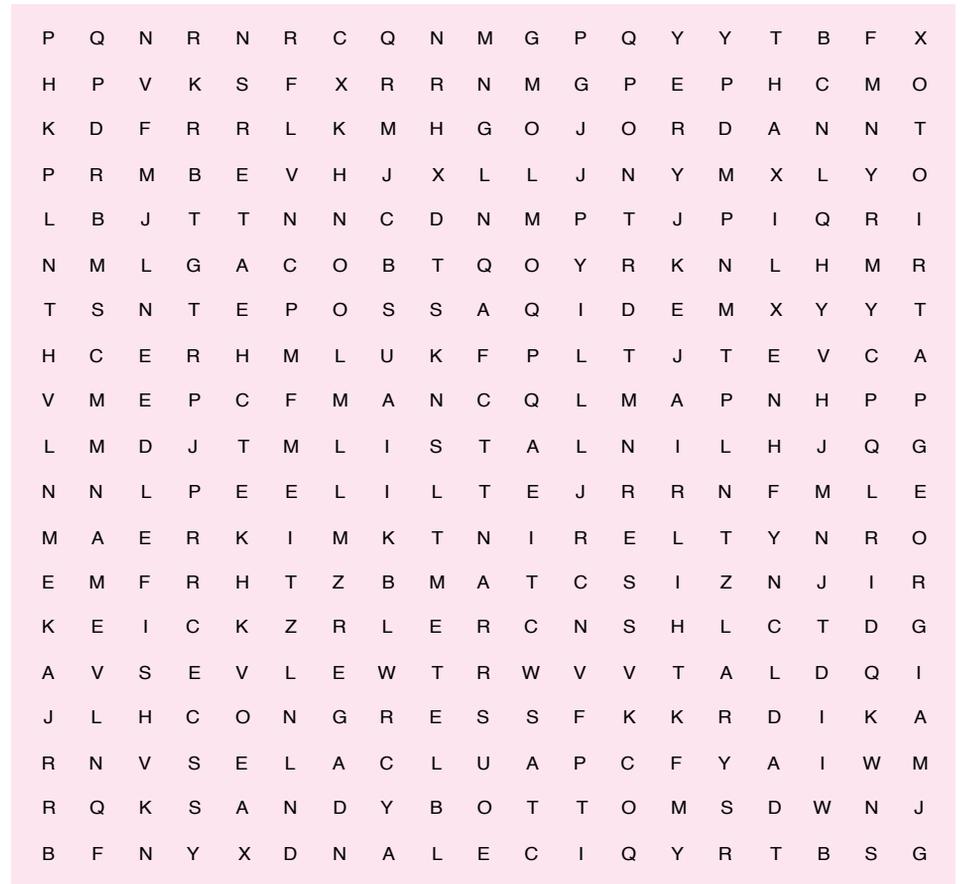
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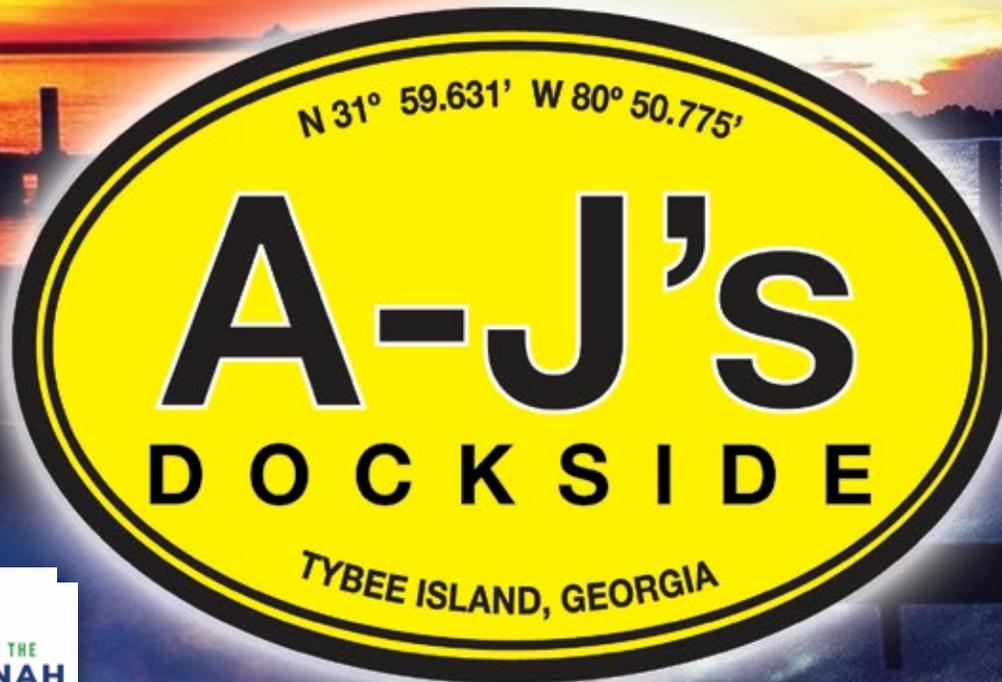


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