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St. Patrick's Day Parade

By Alaina Loughridge

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Everyone has their job they go to every day. Each job has its own intricacies - the ins and outs; the best way to accomplish the task at hand. Whether you are a server, accountant, stay at home mother, logger, engineer, actor or goat herder, there is a technique that one learns to get it done. Well, can you imagine organizing a parade? Think about everything that entails: Coordinating the street closures, preparing the line up and getting everyone in their positions, ensuring that the horses are not behind the scoopers, having the bands interspersed correctly so they are not on top of each other and about a million other details! It's a lot to deal with!! Enter Jay Burke and the Burke Clan!

Growing up in the Burke clan included the St. Patrick's Day festival and all that it entails and that is just the way it always was and always has been. Jimmy Burke, father of Clan Burke, took his kids to all the parades since they were babies. That is their earliest memory. Jimmy Burke also holds the distinct honor of being chosen as Grand Marshall

for Savannah's St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1992. Not only that, but Jimmy always been involved in every aspect of the Savannah St. Pat's parade and passed that down to his children. As the kids got older, they began to contribute to the parade in ways more than just sitting on the sideline, particularly, Jay Burke, who worked his way through the ranks at an early age.

One afternoon while Jay was drinking 'water' with his good friend, Frank Hyers, inspiration struck: Why not have a St. Patrick's Day Parade on Tybee to celebrate island style? Not only would this be an excellent way to kick off the season, but it would give Tybee an extra boost as well. So it began ...

In 2002, Tybee Island had its first St. Patrick's Day parade. With only 75 units, it pales in comparison to the Savannah edition, but keep in mind Tybee is tiny and those 75 units make it a perfect fit for the land mass available. Not only do we want short and sweet, we want quality over quantity. Comprised in equal quarters of Irish heritage, non-profits and local businesses, Shriners and bands, our local parade is just that - Local. It's our friends and families. On every float, in every band, in each unit, there is someone we know that will tilt their head in our direction, throw us a bead, and we in turn tilt our beverage and smile and shout our approval!

Always included in the Tybee parade are local politicians, police officers, our local Coast Guard, and our Fire Department. The only imports are the Grand Marshall and a few of our State politicians to meet and greet. This year will also include the award winning Express Employment Agency Clydesdales, the Oglethorpe Middle School Band, the Fort Stewart Color Guard, the Shriners Band and of course the Flags of Ireland carried by our local school kids.

Putting together this shindig ain't easy. Beginning the first of January, the parade committee meets every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. at The Crab Shack. This meeting is open to one and all and the purpose of it is to plan every parade detail down to the last nth degree. There is a lot involved in putting on a parade of this magnitude and no segment is overlooked.

I am not going to lie. My favorite part of the parade is Junkanoo. These Tybee friends travel from the Bahamas once a year to share with us their costumes, music and dance. LOVE THEM!! Jack and Belinda Flanigan, owners of The Crab Shack, are instrumental in bringing our Junkanoo friends to Tybee to participate in our parade, and we are grateful for their contribution. Once you have seen Junkanoo shuck and jive by you on the streets and feel the rhythm pulsing up through the pavement and into your feet, you will be a lifelong supporter. They are something else! I cannot wait to see them!

Our Tybee St. Patrick's Day parade truly is a group and family effort. Not only does Jay Burke organize everything with the assistance of the committee, his sister, Carrie, and brothers, Patrick and Barney, are cooking Irish breakfast for the participants, coordinating the flow of the units and as a family leaping tall buildings in a single bound. This is not an overnight job of getting it done. It requires time, coordination, patience, not to mention all the volunteers that are needed to put on such an event.

I know that Tybee looks forward every year to St. Patrick's Day. We have many parades and events, but St. Patrick's is always close to our hearts. It is an extra special event that brings home how special Tybee really is and how many people realize that fact. It is Tybee's "Season Opener." It is our "Welcome Back Y'all." It is a family affair from beginning to end. So I will see y'all there! I will be the one in green!!

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From the EDITOR

Happy March y'all!! Whew! What a year! It's already that time kids. Pull on your big boy/girl britches and let's get it on. Oh, and what is up with this weather? Put on your down jacket over your speedo/bikini. I have never been trained better in dressing in layers than I have this winter - if that is what we are calling December through February these days. Whatever is going on I have to say it beats the hell out of living in Maine!

We have THREE new columns!! Our first new guy is Tybee's own **Dr. Joe Richardson** who offers ecology trips to one and all. He is smart and knows what he is talking about and is willing to share it with us!! We are super excited about Dr. Joe becoming a part of our team. Our second new column is a shade seedier: An **anonymous Beach Bum** contacted me to write Bad Advice. We were all about it as we all enjoy any advice and nine times out of 10 we are going to take the bad advice! So here is to burning your own house down! **Sarah Chambers** with the **YMCA** is our third newbie and is going to teach us how to be healthier (put down the liquor bottle). So, Welcome to our new people! We hope you enjoy reading their articles and look forward to many more to come.

The **Traveling Beachcomber** is always a good time! Normally I wouldn't do this, but I thought it would be a good reminder of a winter well spent on Tybee. Therefore, March's winner is my **Mom!** She met Frosty the Snowman and here you go! Can't wait to see you in November Mom!! We are going to A-J's and eating some conch fritters!! You are buying!!

The **5th Annual Pajama Pub Crawl** was epic! Thank you to all who jammied up and to **Fannie's, Spanky's, Tybee Time, Doc's, Bernie's, Wind Rose, Benny's, Nickie's** and the **Sand Bar** for putting up with us! We raised over \$200 for the Island Feral Cat Project!

So, cheers!! St. Patty's is coming and we need to dust off our beads and shake our butts Tybee Style! I know I have said that before, but it is so perfect for the moment! Let's get our green on!!



BIZZ BUZZ

Accountants on Tybee

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally



Guess what kids?? It is our favorite time of year: Tax Time! Yah. Not. I loathe tax time - scrambling around looking for receipts and write offs from over a year ago. I can't even find where I left something yesterday! Thankfully, we have **Accountants on Tybee** to save the day! Founded by **Alfred "Alfie" D. Waite** and **Ted Lynch**, Accountants on Tybee is Tybee's tax time heroes! Let me tell you their story...

It all began on a dark, stormy night in 2003 at, of all places, The Quarter Bar! Already love this story! Alfie and Ted were enjoying their 'waters' when a mutual friend introduced them to each other. The two men immediately hit it off. With a mutual background in accounting, I am sure the conversation was riveting. Both men were teaching college business and accounting courses while simultaneously working as accountants in different areas. Alfie was working on a particularly large project and asked for Ted to assist. The rest is partnership history!

In 2004, Alfie and Ted were advised of an office space available on Tybee. They both leapt at the chance to work together and in a location that was perfect. They both have lived on Tybee since forever and this was a golden opportunity to build and expand their business. So it began: Ted continued teaching while Alfie continued working at his corporate office and they would both spend time at their new digs. When Alfie retired in 2006 and Ted in 2012, Accountants on Tybee became their full time gig.

They both say that accounting is not funny, but they have some stories! How about the time one of their clients tried to write off his German Shepherd as a dependent? Or the time that the husband

tried to write off his wife's trips to the beauty parlor as a business expense because she worked for him! Now, that is funny!!

These guys stay busy throughout the year, but are always available for new clients and old. They have settled into a comfortable partnership that produces some great debates and a true friendship. Both love people and working with a variety of individuals. So breathe. Do not panic about your taxes. Gather your papers and head to Accountants on Tybee located at 203 First Street, Suite E, or call them for an appointment at 912-786-0878.

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1	We	9:56a 7.5	10:14p 7.7	3:58a -0.9	4:23p -1.0	6:51a	6:22p	8:53a	9:45p	
2	Th	10:45a 7.2	11:07p 7.6	4:45a -0.7	5:09p -0.9	6:49a	6:22p	9:34a	10:50p	
3	Fr	11:39a 6.9		5:36a -0.4	6:00p -0.6	6:48a	6:23p	10:17a	11:55p	
4	Sa	12:04a 7.5	12:38p 6.6	6:33a 0.0	6:57p -0.3	6:47a	6:24p	11:04a		
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9	Th	5:20a 7.4	5:52p 6.9	11:54a -0.2		6:41a	6:28p	3:47p	4:40a	
10	Fr	6:15a 7.6	6:44p 7.2	12:11a -0.6	12:44p -0.4	6:40a	6:28p	4:48p	5:25a	
11	Sa	7:04a 7.7	7:31p 7.4	1:03a -0.8	1:30p -0.5	6:38a	6:29p	5:47p	6:05a	
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- 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



By Woody Hemphill

The Unmentionable Game

The end of every football season is comparable to your best friend's father getting a job on the other side of the country when you're a kid. You could write to them, or read their correspondence, but always present is the sense of absence, and hope. One of the greatest feelings for a true sports fan, despite one's fandom, is the eventual 'move back to town,' right after Labor Day - every year!

As blasphemous as it may be, I'm thanking God football season is over. Suffice to say, until recently, my likelihood of even thinking such sentiment, much less typing that sentence would have been minimal. Not because my team lost - let's face it, the Falcons, Hawks, & Braves have been starting games, and finishing seasons the same way for generations - with an air of invincibility - followed by a swoon down the stretch.

I know. I'm mad, too - but for totally different reasons.

I was content, previously. My preference was for minimal coverage from the national media in the hopes that their blind-eye would lead to quiet success - and it worked. For 18 games, and throughout three quarters on the largest stage on the planet, it worked.

Yet, we knew.

Despite playing in only the second Super Bowl in franchise history, like so many fans of Atlanta teams, we were so well-versed in our team's chemistry, no matter the sport - we understand the Icarian nature of each of our teams. It's in our genetics. We knew it was coming, as we each became more proficient at mathematical equations. Six points, followed by three - and the flurry of mishaps, conservative play calling, and the 4th quarter that lasted for seemingly five hours. We tried not to lose, rather than "dance with the girl that brought us." We knew better than to get too excited, and not to expect much. Nevertheless, this year was different in so many ways. Even the most lifelong fan, after a lifetime spent acclimating themselves to the ritual, seemed ready to embrace the latest embodiment as more than a perennial doormat, and a team comprised of athletes poised to go onto other teams in free agency. The franchise appeared to have turned a corner and was poised for success - even acting as if they were not new to success. Even the most conservative and casual of fans allowed oneself to keep a watchful eye across the conference to prepare for the inevitable collision with destiny. Not only was the Super Bowl trophy within

the realm of possibilities, but would come after vanquishing the monotone, vanilla, hoodie-wearing hobbit with the obnoxious, carpetbagger fan base.

Dismissal of ones fandom is infuriating, and nothing infuriates an Atlanta fan more than the flippant dismissal of 'the ATL' as a bad sports town by people from other places. We carry our fandom differently, and that is something that the national media will never understand, nor give us credit for possessing. Atlanta, as a sports city, is accustomed to playing the role of the metaphorical 'Charlie Brown' - but make no mistake: We may hate Lucy Van Pelt, but we'll keep coming back - season after season - trying to make contact with greatness. Next season will be no different.

Yet, I've come to a crossroad as a sports fan. For many, fan interest has waned after prolonged diatribes about social justice, and the loss of sports' entertainment value due to sensationalized social ills, and the exploitation of confrontation. Certainly, there are irregularities within the modern athlete's life, but there are also many more options, and exponentially more temptations. Obvious peculiarities exist within the culture of athletics that are different from society, at large. Yet, incessant prodding of calls to action, coupled with the 24-hour news cycles' looped claims of the need for social justice has desensitized the same viewing public that casually admits to rooting for a team because their parents rooted for the same team. In truth, they vote the same way - whether at the ballot box, with their feet, wallets, or the rapidly-becoming obsolete - TV remote.

Rather, double standards abound in the behind-the-scenes operation of sports and the media that reports on their proceedings. The level of hypocrisy is astounding and until someone addresses a few items in how they are organized and administered, professional sports is on a track that will be viewed in the eyes of history with about as much credibility as the 1980's World Wrestling Federation. Until the NFL can consistently conduct itself in a manner that clearly defines the procedures associated as one league, rather than wasting vast amounts of resources trying to control the message, through a love/hate relationship with various media outlets, what the average sports fan sees is becoming more and more like the end of the 'Wizard of Oz.' Several 'elephants are in the room' with Goodell, from concussions to the current manner of procedures as defined, and limited by the current collective bargaining agreement. The longer that these issues are allowed to linger within the public eye, while the owners retain his services for keeping the money rolling in during his "nothing to see here" buffoonery - the more viewers will choose to do something else with their time, and money.

We could always go fishing? If nothing else, this time of year allows us to get our chores done around the house, as the doldrums of the prolonged regular seasons of basketball and hockey linger on. If you're a race fan, the Daytona 500 starts the race season at the end of February, until next month will bring March Madness, and the playoffs will begin to take shape in the other professional leagues! Until next time, play safe - and may all of your teams win!

St. Patrick's Day

By Hollie Sessoms



Some people love the magic of Christmas, some the gluttony of Thanksgiving, some the chocolate-coated, nougaty, deliciousness of Halloween. All those holidays are well and good. But here on Tybee, nothing comes close to the wonder of St. Patrick's Day. It's magical, gluttonous, and chocolate-coated all in one. And also beer.

St. Patrick's Day is one of the most anticipated holidays we have. School is even out! People come from all over the country (and even from other countries) to Savannah and Tybee to celebrate this Irish festival. Everyone is Irish on this day. There is a sea of green – from shirts, hats, jackets, leprechauns, shamrocks and beads. Did I mention that we love parades around here? Not only does Savannah host one of the largest parades in the country, but here on Tybee we are pretty proud of our own Irish Heritage Parade, which is held the Saturday before St. Pat's day. If you don't want to put up with the extremely large crowds and the drive into town, then Tybee's family-friendly parade is for you.

The history of St. Patrick's Day, like much of history, is up for debate. What's generally agreed upon is that St. Patrick was not actually Irish, but was born in either England or Scotland and kidnapped as a teenager and sold as a slave in Ireland. While in slavery in this pagan land, he reawakened inside of himself the Christian religion of his youth, spending most of his enslaved time in prayer. He dreamed his escape and then accomplished it to return to England and join a monastery. Later in life, he went back to Ireland and brought Christianity with him, first converting the clan leader who had enslaved him. Or maybe not, who knows?

What's really important is that years later some people left Ireland in search of a better life, some of them came to America, some came to Savannah. Some of those wanted to celebrate their homeland. Long story short—beer. Lots of beer. Oh, I hear there's a parade happening somewhere too. But mostly...beer.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Savannah isn't always easy, but it is always worth it. It can be the time of your life, or a day full of regrets, the choice is yours. If you choose the former, there are a few rules to keep in mind:

- **Rule #1: Be like a Boy Scout...prepared that is.** Otherwise, be nothing like a Boy Scout. Otherwise, be as far from a Boy Scout as possible. What's the opposite of a Boy Scout? After you've prepared, be that.
- **Rule #2: Get reliable transportation.** Not the guy who says he'll DD and promptly starts shot gunning Guinnesses. A shuttle is the best way to go, or taxis, or Uber. Shell out some cash for a ride you cheapskate, you. Trust me, you don't want to deal with parking, or sobriety.
- **Rule #3: Wear green.** 'Cause I look damn good in green.
- **Rule #4: Respect law enforcement.** This sounds like common sense, but many a St. Patrick's Day revelers have forgotten this important rule. No, they don't think you're hilarious. You are not hilarious. You're just drunk.
- **Rule #5: Repeat after me: They are plastic beaded necklaces worth a nickel.** You shouldn't necessarily trade your dignity for one. Just sayin'.
- **Rule #6: Bathrooms are for peeing.** Alleys are for...not peeing.
- **Rule #7: Dance!** You're more likely to regret the times you didn't dance, not the times you did. Get yo' freak on.
- **Rule #8: Be nice to those bartenders!** They don't think you're hilarious either. Remember, you're just drunk. A little respect and a big tip go a long way...
- **Rule #9: Remember that on St. Patrick's Day we are all Irish.** Practice your accent, learn to dance a jig, dye your hair red, get some freckles tattooed all over your face...maybe just practice your accent...
- **Rule #10: Live an Irish Blessing** —“Always remember to forget the things that made you sad. But never forget to remember the things that made you glad.”



THE QUARTER

Sports Bar & Grill

Being a bartender for many many years on this little Island of ours, while working the night shift that usually starts at 7ish and goes til at least 3 am or longer, it's inevitable that one of your patrons or yourself is bound to be searching out food about 1 am when most food establishments are closed. While there are a few places to get a late night snack, most of the locals' main go-to for after work or just late night grub is probably **The Quarter Bar**. There is something to be said for consistency when you own a business, and The Quarter has been there serving up kick ass food, wee into the morning for what seems like forever now. Being consistent is one thing, but you also have to serve good food at a fair price and this Bar always delivers. Everyone that has been on Tybee for any amount of time knows that this place serves up one of the best burgers and some of the best wings on this island, not to mention steak, salads, finger foods and even fried chicken and crab legs. They also pour a killer drink, I must say.

After living in this area for what's going on 18 years, I've pretty much sampled everything on the menu and I can't say I have ever been disappointed. On our latest visit, Wen and I were able to sample our favorites, which included Mild/Teriyaki Wings (yes, you can combine two flavors!), a Cheeseburger with Onion Rings, Mac N Cheese bites, a House Salad with Steak and a Pound of Crab Legs with Potato Salad and drawn Butter.

The **Mild/Teriyaki Wings** arrived first. Fried golden brown to perfection, I have to say I loved mixing the two flavors. I've said before I'm not huge on spicy food, and teriyaki is usually my go-to, but this is a perfect way to add a slight kick that totally complemented the sweet teriyaki sauce. I opted for Blue Cheese for dipping and it totally rounded out the salty sweet sensation that I always love. Yum, yum.

Next, we shared a **Cheeseburger with Onion Rings**. Cooked perfectly to medium, served with lettuce tomato and onion, served on a sesame seed bun. Delicious! I don't know what they do to these burgers, but they are always plump and juicy and never disappoint. Your choice of fries, potato salad or onion rings, I always go for the battered onions and again I couldn't be happier.

The **Mac n Cheese Bites, and House Salad with Steak** followed. These Mac n Cheese Bites are battered, fried hunks of Mac n Cheese and bring me back to the tastes of my childhood. These golden brown goodies, served with ranch for dipping, are scrumptious. Perfect to share or devour yourself. The crisp, fresh house salad was served up with a pile of perfectly cooked New York Strip Steak and was absolutely to die for. I really, really enjoyed this. It's nice to have the option to get some fresh veggies in while satisfying your inner carnivore. It's also available a la carte, or with fried or grilled chicken, or ground beef.

Last, but not least, we devoured a pound of **Crab Legs with Potato Salad**. For the price, you really can't beat these, just as good as some of

our higher priced restaurants, three big old clusters that were steamed perfectly and melt in your mouth delicious. I send people here all the time for crab legs, great bang for the buck and also available in a two pound portion.

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COMBINING THE BEACH WITH HILARY

By Hilary Junewicz



Welcome to March everyone! I myself am excited for Daylight Saving Time and Spring to begin! This issue's Combing the Beach we see some new places and faces...

- 1** Brothers **Brock** and **Brady** are planning to go downtown for the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade. They look Irish!
- 2** Don't forget we have dog parks on Tybee! **Dilli Dalli** just visited for the first time. It was a Tuesday and apparently some other little loud, yappy dogs didn't like Dalli. As a result we ended up disrupting a court session! Sorry!
- 3** **Jessica** at **River's End Campground** is busy, busy, busy! They're already pretty much booked for St. Patrick's weekend AND the fourth of July! The phones are ringing off the hook. That's great!
- 4** **Erik** has been staying at **River's End Campground** since 12/1/16, all the way from Nova Scotia! He's here working on a buddy's yacht. He'll still be here in March enjoying our local music scene and he has a heck of a road trip planned for his return home.

- 5** **Caitlin** and **Will** at **Bubba Gumbo's** will have something special for St. Patrick's Day and she'll have a bagpiper! They've been doing renovations and the place looks amazing!
- 6** **Christian** and **Stephanie** at **Wave's** say to check out their specials and the parade; be sure to get your green on, and they'll have a lot of it!
- 7** **Ellen** is at the **Tybee Library**. She'll be at the Irish Heritage Parade if she's not working. She has story time with the kids every Tuesday morning at 11 a.m.!
- 8** **Melissa** and **Night** work at **Aloha Gifts**. They'll have all the new merchandise for the upcoming season this month!
- 9** **Harold** has been working hard and has some new additions to his amusement yard!



10 Justin was enjoying a nice day at *Alley 3* just chilling, trying to catch a buzz and some fish. Nice! Is this what back river quiver means?! You be the judge.

11 Tom and Bailey and *Tybee Vacation Rentals* say March is a good time! Check out their website at tybeevacationrentals.com.

12 *Tybee Island Fish Camp* is back open! Manager, Megan, is super excited for the season on their patio with the lights, and her excitement was infectious!

13 Now Marcia at *Lazaretto Creek Seafood* wouldn't let me take a picture of her, but look at this fresh, off the boat spread for sale! She's so nice, she shared how she looks forward to reading Tybee Beachcomber from front to back and doing the crossword puzzles. Thank you!

14 Meet server Mike, that's right, Mike, at *MacElwee's Seafood Restaurant*. She said "Let's get busy!" She is ready to see some people! Get it, sister!

15 Sam and Jeremy at the *Sugar Shack* are looking forward to St. Patty's Day and the change of pace around here.

16 You can find Billy at *Dizzy Dean's Liquor, Beer and Wine*. But not the day of the Irish Heritage Parade. He'll be in the parade on the Tybee Island Fire Department Float. He retired with the Tybee Island Fire Department!

17 Jenn is getting ready for all the Irish festivities coming up with Finn, the Irish dog!

18 Angela was at *Rock House* with Joseph and Steven. Just thinking about March gets Angela overly excited. She's excited for pool parties with friends this month.

19 Looks like Mark got lucky at *Doc's* on his birthday. Happy belated birthday!

Luck of the Irish to y'all. But, if you're lucky enough to live at the beach, you're lucky enough!

THE Fish Whisperer



Captain
Nick Shreves

March Fishing Forecast

Windy season has arrived which is a good sign that spring is near. Our days are becoming longer and the average temperature is rising. This time of year can provide a great bite if the weather allows you to get out after the fish. Always be prepared and watch the weather as it will change fast.

TYBEE PIER FISHING

Tybee jetties and beach can be pretty slow at the beginning of the month, but doesn't mean it is not worth soaking some baits. Whiting, Black Drum and Sheepshead are around, and closer to the end of the month a few over-slot Red Drum will be searching for food as well. To catch the Black Drum and Sheepshead, fish the pier or jetties. These fish will be using these structures to hang around. Fiddler Crabs will work for both species, but for the Black Drum you can also use Shrimp. To catch Whiting in March you will want to fish the deeper holes and use a double dropper rig with Shrimp. If you want to soak a large piece of cut bait like Mullet, that's when you will have a chance at the over slot Red Drum.



Red Drum

INSHORE

Inshore fishing will improve as the water temperature increases. Look for the Speckled Sea Trout in the rips near oyster beds and smaller creeks. I would use a sliding cork so you can adjust the depth until you find where they are hanging. This time of year I would start about 5 to 6 feet under the cork. Live Mud Minnows would be choice of bait. The local tackle shop sells these at an affordable price. The Red Drum are still pretty far up the creeks but they will also be around the mud flats and Oyster beds. Live Mud Minnows work great for these fish as well.

NEAR SHORE

Nearshore fishing is hot right now. The Sheepshead are fired up eating every Fiddler Crab you care to drop down to them. I use a light action rod to feel the bite on these sly fish. They don't have the nickname of convicts for no reason. I use a 7 foot rod light action tip, 3 ounce egg weight above a swivel. Below the swivel I use 30 pound test leader about 10 to 12 inches long tied to the sharpest live bait hook money can buy. When you start losing more fish than you catch, change out the hook because they will dull out fast. Also, on the reefs you will find Black Sea Bass are plentiful. You will catch a few while Sheepshead fishing, but if you don't get your limit, use cut bait and find some live bottom and it shouldn't take you long.



Sheepshead



Blackfin Tuna

OFF SHORE

Offshore fishing has been great. Vermillion Snapper, Triggerfish, and Porgies are just about everywhere. It shouldn't take you too long to catch your limit if you are using Squid or small pieces of cut bait. Out here you will also find plenty of Amberjack and Almaco Jacks around. They can put up a great fight if using light tackle and butterfly or high speed jigs. For those you will need to do some trolling on the ledges and out deep. The Wahoo and Blackfin Tuna and plenty of Little Tunny are around. Watch the temperature breaks and you will find the fish.

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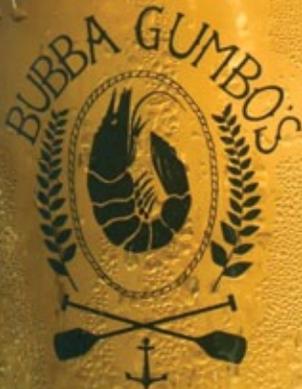
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TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk



It was in the earlier hours of Sunday morning a week before the Super bowl. I was taking some of the Poo crew home. It was the first time I had seen this little car painted in the New England Patriots colors. I immediately knew what was in store for this little car. I said out loud, "Hell no! No bro!" I told my passenger, "That's not happening. I will steal the car and hide it." He said, "Shut your mouth, I'm a Falcon's fan and it is happening."

Monday I saw said car on Facebook and I looked at Leigh and Joey and told them my plan to save that car. They were onboard with my plan. I knew a friend of mine was a huge fan of New England and asked him if he would like to be part of the relocation. He was on board, and had a garage right down the street. Easy. Wednesday night, in the cover of darkness, we put our plan into action. Funny thing about the location is the fact it is directly across the street from the police station. We did a few tequila shots, took our pictures, made our joke and went ahead with the plan. We decided to leave a deflated football and a hoodie with the sleeves cut off. Coach B would be so proud. We definitely were having too much fun. Next time we will have to hide the car a little better.

Super bowl Sunday! Bars were full and house parties were a rockin. The Falcons were kicking ass and taking names. During halftime my fellow Patriot fans were leaving whatever party they were at and going home. "I can't believe how obnoxious these Falcon fans are being," was a common quote. I tried to remind them about the Clemson / Alabama Championship game and how it's not over until it's over. No one was buying it.

Well of course the Falcon fans were staying put and I was sure the party was going to go on all night. I made it home with about 5 minutes to go in the fourth quarter. Leigh was there, she had left

the party around halftime as well. We all know how the rest of the game went. So much for an all-night party. Breezy had three cars on the road that night and we were doing our best to keep up with the demand. I had a pick up from a south end restaurant and picked up a local and the owner of the restaurant got in the cab. I asked him where he was going. I knew he didn't live on the island and I had no intention of leaving during this rush. Home. Wilmington please. So plans changed and I would be leaving the island.

Let me say as an Eagle's fan I feel your pain. Like Atlanta, Philadelphia has been to two Super bowls and has lost two Super bowls. Most recently in 2004 against New England. Like most of you, I don't remember the fourth quarter of that game either.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the support we received on Facebook on this so called "taxi war." For the ones that were personally attacked, we all got your back. My mom and my dad always told me to be nice, work hard and be honest. They also told me to stand up for yourself and your family when under attack. Reap what you sow.

Thanks for everyone who showed support on the spring time alcohol ban. Strength in numbers. We went from one person for the first reading to a full house for the vote. To the Mayor, the City Council and Chief Bryson - you guys have a tough job and I appreciate all you do. Sometimes it seems like you have a thankless job but you don't. Thank you for all you do.

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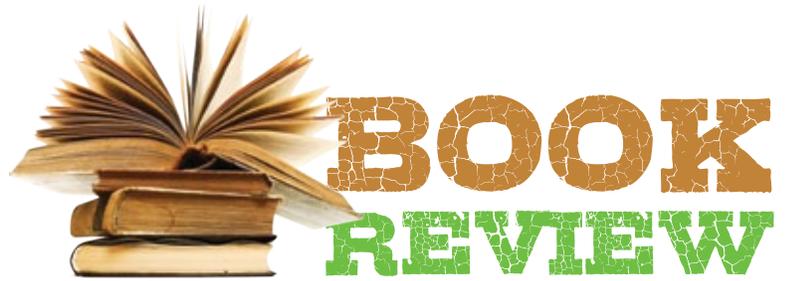
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By Nell Klein



THE WINTER PEOPLE

By Jennifer McMahon

When choosing a book for the Monthly Review, if I can't find a book of local interest, I try and pick something appropriate for the current month. I thought that *The Winter People* would be perfect for the month of March, based on the title alone. I didn't really know what the book was about, but I can assure you it's not about snow birds coming down from Ohio to spend the winter on Tybee! In fact Stephen King could have written this book (it reminded me of his *Bag of Bones*). Anyhoo, it was such a good book that I decided, what the heck, I'd review it anyway.

The story begins in January of 1908 in Vermont. Sarah Harrison Shea is a grieving mother who has lost her beloved daughter Gertie in a tragic accident. Sarah becomes intent on calling little Gertie back from the dead, but shortly after Gertie's death, Sarah is found dead in a field behind her farmhouse in a very gruesome way.

In the present day, 19-year-old Ruthie lives in the same farmhouse Sarah once lived in with her mother, Alice, and her little sister, Fawn. Ruthie wakes one morning to find Alice missing. She and Fawn, while looking for clues to where their mother might be, find a secret hiding place under the floorboards in their mother's room. They find the diary of Sarah Harrison Shea entitled "Visitors from the Other Side," along with a pair of stranger's wallets and a loaded gun. The diary reveals a 100-year-old mystery about the farm that they live on and nearby Devils' Hand rock formation near their house.

How these two tales tie together is a very chilling and spooky read indeed. Ruthie may be the only person who can prevent history from repeating itself and you will be totally sucked into the story until the very end. I can't find a reason not to give it 5 roses, unless of course you don't believe in the supernatural. If that's the case then you probably don't read Stephen King and you won't get this book either. But that's your problem. All others, read this book and you won't be disappointed!

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

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Foodie Finds

By Belinda Hall

Single Pan Chicken & Veggie Roast



Ingredients:

- 1 large bunch of Asparagus
- 2 medium sweet potatoes
- 8-10 raw chicken tenders
- 1 12.7oz bottle of Red Wine Vinegar
- 1.5 cups Splenda (or sugar)
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- Splash of Worcestershire Sauce
- Seasonings (I use 1 tbsp. Mrs. Dash Onion & Herb and Roasted Garlic)

Instructions:

Preheat the Oven to 375. Slice sweet potatoes into chunks. Cut the Asparagus bunch into 3rds. Cut the chicken into chunks. Place all ingredients into large bowl. Mix olive oil and seasonings in a small bowl and pour over ingredients. Spray large pan lightly with olive oil. Pour all ingredients into pan and place into preheated oven for 35-40 minutes.

While your mixture is baking:

Pour the entire bottle of red wine vinegar into a small saucepan. Whisk in 1.5 cups of Splenda/ sugar. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to medium. Continue cooking until thickened, stirring occasionally. Remove pan from oven and pour Red Wine Glaze over everything, then Enjoy!



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Main Street Musings

Chantel Morton, Program Staff Director

Time on Tybee is fabulous year-round, but March is a particularly splendid time to live, work, and play on the island – especially this year. With the hurricane behind us and spring in the air, we’re looking forward to celebrating St. Patrick’s Day the Saturday prior to the official day right here on Tybee with the **Irish Heritage Celebration Parade!** Plus, spring breakers will start arriving once again, which gives us the opp to meet new visitors and welcome back returning guests. Daylight Savings Time is March 12 and we’ll get even more sunlight time to *shop, dine,* and do while experiencing walking, bicycling, and taking in the unique Tybee architecture. So, head on out to the beach at dawn or dusk to look for ghost crabs, or grab an awesome deli sandwich from IGA or one of our fab restaurants for an impromptu picnic at the pavilion (just because it’s called a sandwich, doesn’t mean you want sand in it!). There are so many ways to enjoy springtime on the island by shopping local, visiting with neighbors, and experiencing culture and nature right here in your hometown!

The above paragraph highlights aspects of the quality of life, plethora of opportunities, and the heritage on Tybee in just a few words. As a Main Street America™ Community, the City is committed

to continually improving these aspects. With assistance from the council-appointed Board of Directors, the Development Authority / Main Street Program works with partnering organizations to

balance aspects that directly relate to economic development and historic preservation. One partnership that has been mentioned and highlighted in other articles is with the Tybee Arts Association. This partnership has been bringing the arts to the forefront as an economic driver that complements the diverse, one-of-a-kind selections at stores, dining establishments and by services offered here on Tybee. The 2nd and 3rd murals of the Public Mural Project are underway! Artist Denise Elliot-Vernon is the muralist that is helping with the overall planned design. Community involvement with painting is encouraged. Volunteers are starting and more are wanted! If you, or someone you know, wants to be part of bringing these murals to life, please email cmorton@cityoftybee.org or sbernzott@cityoftybee.org.

In addition to the above mentioned project, the complete 2017 – 18 Program Work Plan / committee that positively supports a strong

economy and preserving Tybee’s character can be read @ www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com.

Feel free to contact members of the Development Authority/Main Street Board of Directors or me with suggestions and/or concerns re: preserving Tybee’s community, commerce, and culture. On behalf of the City of Tybee, the Program serves as a “hub” by taking a balanced approach to economic development within the context of historic preservation that specifically contributes to the overall quality of life and economic vitality for businesses and residents, as well as visitors. To keep up-to-date with city approved special events, merchant news, business matters, and preservation spotlights, sign up for the monthly *Main Street Talk e-newsletter* @ www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com. Plus, we invite you to like the Tybee Island Main Street FB page.

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By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

You wouldn't think that being a bartender at **Wet Willie's** requires much effort. Let me correct that misconception. There is more to it than just pulling a handle on a machine. Not only does Wet Willie's offer daiquiris, they also have liquor and beer. Not to mention that any bartender has to have a personality conducive to slinging liquor and other drinkables. You want to go somewhere where the drinks are good and the conversation is fun.

As March is always known for drink swilling good times, I direct you to our Bartender of the Month, **Jennifer Ensign**. This sassy girl is the go-to at Wet Willie's. I had a chance to sit down with Ms. Sassafras and get the low down.

I have known Jennifer for over five years now and thought I pretty much knew her story. Nope. Here we go: Jen was born in College Park, Maryland. At the age of four, her parents moved to Yukon, Oklahoma. Anyone that has been to Yukon knows that there is not much going on there. With that in mind, Jennifer moved to Tulsa at 17 to complete high school and see what the world was about and what she wanted to do. She got hitched to a military man and moved to Germany. After three years she doesn't speak fluent German, but can cuss you out like a born native! After sharing our mutual knowledge of shared German cuss words, we moved on ...

Returning from Germany, Jennifer landed in Augusta, Georgia working at a nursery (the plant kind, not the kid kind) and developed a love of horticulture and floral design. After several years in Augusta, it was time for both a family and location change. Jennifer was contacted by a friend on Tybee with an excellent opportunity to work at the Sea & Breeze Hotel. Packing up her gorgeous daughter, Chaise, the girls headed to Tybee.

While working at Sea & Breeze this really cute guy kept coming in to get coffee and make small talk ... every day. Jennifer blew him off until one day Cute Guy pulls her out of a meeting on a flat out lie and proceeds to plant an epic traffic stopping kiss on her that tingled to the toes and left everyone on Tybrisa slack jawed! She knew after that kiss that Cute Guy was 'the one.' Sean Ensign is the cute guy and now her husband! Oh, I love love a happy ending!

Jennifer went to work at Wet Willie's and has been shucking and giving ever since. I asked her the **three questions of life**:

Tybee Life: 7 years

When she grows up: Own a tiki bar in Jamaica

Passion: Sleeping (Amen, sister)

I threw in a fourth question of life, "What is your spirit animal?" "Tiger" she says with a huge smile. Perfect!

Jennifer's go to drink is called "Party in Your Mouth." Well, I am down for trying that even though I had questions about the title. After one sip of this 'Party,' I wanted to party! It is a delish combo of 190 grain vodka with a scooch of lemonade and a dash of margarita. Now, granted these two alcohols mixed together sounds like a hellish hangover, but if you have that second sip, you won't care about tomorrow, because today is NOW! No worries if you don't remember what happens after – that's what your friends on Facebook are for!! Go see Jennifer at Wet Willie's. Great personality and good times to follow!

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The Crook of the Finger

I have several no go's in my bartending life: First and foremost DO NOT shake your ice at me. It is rude and makes me want to punch you in the face. Set your empty drink at the edge of the bar like most civilized alcoholics. I will see it and I will be along. Secondly, do not point to the bottle or the draft tap. I know where it is and everytime someone does that I want to scratch my armpit, put on my country drawl and say, 'Well, bless your heart. I wouldn't have known where to look without you.' Third of all, but not last, do not crook your finger at me.

Ah, the crooking of the finger. No, man. I can tell straight outta of the gate I am not going to like what you have to say. Not only is it a personal body language motion that you want me closer, it has severe connotations that you mean one of two things: 1.) You don't want anyone to hear you, which could go either way for me as in 'I'm calling the cops' or 'I'm getting my baseball bat,' and 2.) You don't want anyone to hear you so there are no witnesses and I can't call the cops or get my baseball bat. Either way, you are going to lose.

So, I'm three hours into this happy hour affair with a scruff-hound drinking PBR and just insinuating himself into everyone's conversation and being an overall douche bag, when he walks to the end of the bar and crooks his finger at me. Please no. I have dealt with you for three hours. You have already professed to one and all of how much better you are than everyone else at the bar. Whatever they have done, you have done better. Wherever they have traveled, well, you have zip lined from Antarctica to Antigua and you are simply the best human being ever. Did I mention this scruff bag had not seen a shower head in several weeks? Pretty sure the dirt under his nails could have formed a starter garden for some third world country's green bean bed. I digress...

So, he crooks and I walk down to the end of the bar. I stay a safe 3 to 4 feet away from him, as those fingernails are just not cool. He crooks me closer. I tell him flat out no. I say, "Whatever you have to say to me I can hear just fine. What do you want?" He proceeds to tell me (and keep in mind this is three hours into our situation) that he is uncomfortable with my opening his beer can. "I know you have not washed your hands. I can taste it on my beer. That is why I have been pouring my beer into a plastic cup. However, that still does not taste right. You need to hand my beer directly to me without opening it. I will open it myself."

I was so shocked that my usual self-preservating (just created my own word there) instant bullshit annihilator backed up on me. That is hugely unusual. All I could think of was his dirty, icky finger nails. When my backup drive kicked in, I scratched my ass and said, "Well, I only wash my hands every three days. Tomorrow is number three. You're a day early and a dollar short there sugar lump." He didn't get it. He didn't tip either. I love my job!!

SHOPS AT TYBEE OAKS



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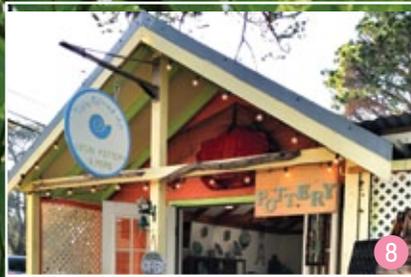
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American Legion

By Chuck Bolen - Commander American Legion Post 154

March 15 is the date that the American Legion came to life in 1919 ... 98 years ago ... still going strong ...

From authoring the GI Bill to the creation of the Department of Veteran Affairs, The American Legion has impacted the lives of veterans like no other organization. The Legion was founded by a group of World War I veterans on four pillars: veterans, youth, national defense and Americanism.

We also have a moral obligation to the young people whose parents have made the ultimate sacrifice during the war on terrorism. The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship was created to help pay for the college educations of those who lost a military parent serving since 9/11.

We also provide support to veterans recovering in military hospitals and transition units. Reintegration into society is a huge challenge that these veterans face. We should serve them as well as they have served us.

And let us not forget The American Legion's duty to promote Americanism. Whether it's teaching flag etiquette to children or building a memorial to fallen heroes, veterans know that freedom is not free and that patriotism must be cultivated and nourished if it is to last. That is why The American Legion continues to fight for the flag of the United States and ensure that it gets the constitutional protection that it deserves. If it's revered enough to place on a hero's coffin, it is important enough to protect from physical desecration.

It often takes a veteran to remind the public of the sacrifices those in uniform and their families continue to make. The American Legion is a central player in Blue Star Salutes and other patriotic and troop-support events held in hundreds of communities across our great nation every year.

We continue to serve veterans even when the fighting ends. Past National Commander Harry Colmery, the author of America's greatest piece of social legislation, knew that it was right for America to aid returning war veterans by making it possible for them to obtain formal educations, get jobs and purchase homes. The American Legion held firm and ensured the passage of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the GI Bill of Rights.

The American Legion has thousands of service officers deployed across the country – all eager to assist any veteran with a benefit claim, free of charge, regardless of Legion membership.

The American Legion continues to exist and we proudly observe the birthday of this great organization. The Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion:

"For God and Country, We associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

Our American Legion Post 154 will celebrate this important birthday at our regular meeting on Monday, March 13. Please celebrate with us at our joint meeting. Dinner is at 6:00pm and the meeting is at 7:00pm. We aren't just a bunch of old folks!! Remember, if you have served in the military, you are a veteran. Join this important organization. This is your American Legion!!

Our American Legion Post 154 will have a party after the Irish Heritage Parade on March 11. We are hopeful that we will have the Irish Dancers again. We will have Corned Beef and Cabbage!!

Bingo is on Fridays at 8:00pm. Cards go on sale at 7:15pm.

The Legion and Auxiliary meet on the second Monday of each month, with social hour (and food) starting at 6:00pm. The meeting is at 7:00pm. The Sons of the American Legion meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm, social hour at 6:00pm.

We continue to look for and encourage new membership opportunities!! Veterans are anyone, male or female, that have served during time of conflict. There are many folks since World War II, Korea, Vietnam that are veterans, such as serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Desert Storm, and other conflicts. We need you! **Please** join our ranks in the Legion, the Sons of the American Legion, or the Ladies Auxiliary. Call the Post (786-5356) for information.

As always, you are welcome in the canteen at 5:00pm every day except Sunday. We have music in the canteen most every Friday night!!

We celebrate each month's birthdays on the last Sunday of each month with a covered dish supper.

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Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

Why is Tybee Island so good for beachcombing?

By Dr. Joe Richardson

I am really pleased to begin a series of monthly columns where I can talk about some of the things that you might encounter when you are walking Tybee's beach. Just about every day I'll tell folks "You never know what you might see or find on Tybee's beach!" We have a unique situation here where we get an overlap of cold-temperate species from the north and sub-tropical species from the south, so we definitely see changes in coastal species as the seasons change. But with my **Tybee Beach Ecology Trips** and getting out on the beach almost every day, I'm amazed at how things change quickly, from one day to the next. And folks who get out and walk the beach frequently tell me they see the same thing.

Along with the seasonal changes, Tybee's specific location and features also contribute to why we see so many different species. With its wide sandy beach, Tybee provides lots of space for animals that dig, burrow and live in the wet intertidal sand. Many of these live in narrow deep holes, but others, such as Sand Dollars and various predatory snails, burrow through the sand hunting for small clams and other mollusks.

The rock jetties at both ends of the island provide a completely different habitat needed by seaweeds and animals that require a hard, stable structure onto which they settle and attach. Most evident are barnacles and oysters, but closer inspection reveals a host of other small, often cryptic animals attached and crawling over Tybee's "rocky intertidal zone." During low tide, small tide pools along the rocks provide yet another habitat for additional species.

Just offshore are hard bottom reefs often called "live bottoms" because they provide structure for deeper species that require a hard, stable bottom for attachment and growth. Sometimes these larger animals get torn loose and eventually wash up on Tybee's wide beach. So it isn't uncommon for beachcombers to see things like soft Coral Sea Whips, blobs of Sea Pork, and large Sponges washed ashore.

With inlets at both ends of the island, Tybee's beach is in close proximity to the nursery grounds of the salt marshes and tidal creeks on the backside of the island, so the multitude of species that spend time in these areas also contribute to Tybee's diversity.

"You never know what you might see on Tybee's beach!" So over the next few months, we will look at some of the interesting animals you might encounter beachcombing. In the meantime, if you see something you don't recognize, please send me a picture (DrJoe@TybeeBeachEcology.com) or post it on my "Tybee Beach Ecology Trips" Facebook page and ask, "What is this?" I love getting that question!

Dr. Joe Richardson is a retired marine science professor with 35+ years of research and teaching experience along GA and the southeastern coast and Bahamas. Along with his research, he conducts Tybee Beach Ecology Trips year round.



'Tis the season for growth and I am so thankful for the ability to grow.

There is a wonderful new growth happening in the global surf scene and the young shoots are popping up all over the place. They have the potential to become invasive but, more importantly, they will aid in balancing out the Ph of the soil ... if you can catch my metaphor ... It's all about the thriving numbers of female surfers in the water. Women's' surfing is in the wake of a revolution, a resilient bloom.



*Photo by Joey Wilson (From the ESA Surf Contest on Tybee)
Names in picture: (From left to right) Ashley Workman, Joy Davis, Lucy Hutcheson, Anna Bloess, Gracie Watkins, Marissa Bodenrader, Hope Davis*

The 1970's were the time when modern women started to be recognized out in the ocean. Their surf style and skills since, have made leaps and bounds within each generation. These young women and girls are still blazing the trail that has been passed down to them by their strong and determined female predecessors. The ladies surfing on Tybee are some of the best female representatives I know. They rip and I am inspired every time I see one of them take off on a wave. Thank you ladies.

Surf culture is evolving and they are calling this the age of the golden generation, a new wave of women surfing, represented by women surfers, a push-start past the shallow marketing campaign that

objectifies women, completely misrepresenting them in this soulful water sport.

A quality that should be highlighted is the grace of the woman water warrior, strength without ego, a presence in the water that tends to dilute the amount of testosterone flowing through the veins of the line-up. The water becomes a more well-balanced place with a female presence.

The integration of genders is best summed up by Lauren Hill, a female surfer, from St Augustine, FL. Hill is a strong representative for real women in the water. She encourages surfers to face this challenge of the evolving diversity within the sport, saying, "It's not about men and women being the same, it's about recognizing our differences and honoring them." Once we begin to accept our differences and acknowledge each other's unique strengths, we will become a more highly evolved water culture.

Surfing for females tends to start out a little intimidating. It might be that first step of awkwardly splish-splashing into the line-up, among the flock of seasoned wave riders, it is not the most inviting temperament. I was so fortunate to have my very own trail blazer, a soul surfing sister, who wisely encouraged me to "leave your pride on the beach." With this advice, I was able to see what surfing was really all about. There was no time or room for ego out in the water, and the more you surf the more you treasure your freedom from an overbearing sense of pride. I paddled out in Honoli'i, Hawaii for my first surf sesh, and I was hooked. That experience squashed all of the popular representations of surfing. The fun began once I realized that surfing wasn't anything like Blue Crush. I had been fed a whole confetti cake of false advertising. (Que metaphor) Next time, I won't take the cake...

As I slowly became more familiar in the water, I discovered some ridiculous circumstances unique to the sport, a much more raw and real experience than any market could fully represent; a reservoir for the spirit of play and laughter, draining salt water out of ones face, a visceral flow that leaves you in a state of you euphoria, tampon tails, nip-slips, uni-dreads, a complete loss of self and the list goes on and on.

The baton has been passed by some valiant women and the next generation is charging ahead fully ablaze. This is the opportunity to not only redefine but to really define what it means to be a female surfer, a woman in the water, anchor free from the frills of society. These seeds of change have been germinating long enough and their time has come to grow and proliferate.

See you in the water!



Common Courtesy

Common Courtesy as defined by my own personal Webster's Dictionary is this: Say "Please." Say "Thank You." Hold that door for the person behind you; and when someone asks you "How are you today?" respond with "I am great! How are you doing today?" I swear it is the little things that today's society has completely thrown to the curb! I am going to run down the top 10 Courtesy Moments that does not include what I have just said. So, pay attention!

1. When dining out or spending time with people you love, put YOUR PHONE DOWN!!! What in the name of sweet baby Jesus is more important than the person who is in front of you? Someday your mom, dad, friend, spouse is not going to be there anymore. Candy Crush will always be there. I promise. Unless your sexting. That's different and totally acceptable.

2. When you are on Facebook or any other social media, keep your personal stuff to yourself. Specifically, your sick and dying relatives. I have recently seen several pictures of a deceased father in the hospital. No. No. No. It can't be unseen, but this person can be unfriended. I understand your distress, but NO.

3. THE TURN SIGNAL!!! WHY IS IT SO HARD TO USE IT??? I DON'T UNDERSTAND!!

4. Back to the cell phone deal: When you are in a restaurant or bar all alone talking to whomever the hell you are talking to at top volume, trust me, no one gives a shit. We all want you to shut up and put your phone down. I don't care if you are literally taking over a country. You are irritating and need to shut UP! And please stay off your phone when you are checking out your stuff at the grocery store!

5. Parking. I am not sure why this continues to be a problem for some people. You passed the driving exam, so I would think common sense would prevail here. You pull in between the two lines that are there. The end.

6. Knowing that you are at fault: There are a number of references that I could use, but I am limited in column space. The first to come to mind is when you are in the wrong. For example, driving the wrong way down a one way, or when someone tries to help you not get a ticket, do not give them the finger. It really just goes to show that you are a dumbass and karma is gonna get you. One just hopes that we are all there to see it happen.

7. Wash your hands after using the restroom. We all know what you did in there. Your hands were used. Therefore, your hands are not sanitized. Wash em.

8. Pick up your trash. Your cigarette butts are not cool. They are also not biodegradable. Trash cans are everywhere for your convenience!

9. When driving your vehicle - YIELD! It is easy people! You let one person in front of you. Then you go. The person behind you let's one person in from of them. Then they go. Etc. It's simple people.

10. And finally, call your grandma!

Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in March By Mom

3-2 Community Wellness Expo 5-7pm at the gymnasium of the Tybee Island YMCA & Recreation; 204 5th Street. All ages are invited to join the Y for a free wellness offering. Health and wellness information will be provided by various business owners and vendors. Call 912-786-9622 for further info.

3-3 thru 3-5 Challenge Walk MS: Savannah 2017 This event is a fundraiser to help end MS. It is a 50 mile walking experience starting out in Savannah. Day 2 is on Skidaway Island and the final jaunt is on our own Tybee Island. For details contact the MS Challenge Walk Team or email to ChallengeMS@nmss.org or call 855-372-1331.

3-4 & 3-5 "Mark Twain and Mr. Clemens, Tonight" 8pm on 3-4 and 3pm on 3-5 at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This one man show by Kurt H. Sutton will provide you with stories by Mark Twain and music of Mr. Clemens time period. Call 912-472-4790 for more info.

3-10 An Evening with Devon Allman 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The Devon Allman Band is coming to the Post Theater on their "Ride or Die" tour. Call 912-472-4790 for more info.

3-11 Tybee Island Irish Heritage Celebration Parade aka St. Patty's Day Parade 3pm start time on Butler for a wonderful parade of everything green from people to floats. This is a family friendly event for everyone. Don't forget to wear your green!

3-12 Daylight Savings Time Don't forget to Spring Forward!

3-13 Tybee's Farmer's Market 4-7pm the Farmer's Market will now be held at their new location, Tybee Lighthouse Grounds, 30 Meddin Dr. The 2017 market season will begin on March 13 and every following Monday through the end of October.

3-17 St. Patrick's Day Parade - 10am start time in Savannah.

3-27 TIPD VIP Luncheon - Neighbors Helping Neighbors 11am to noon at Memorial Park. If you need some assistance or want to help, contact Richard Dascall at 912-484-8833 or email him at rdascall@cityoftybee.org for further info.

3-30 & 3-31 Good Help Is So Hard To Murder 7:30pm to 9:30pm at the Tybee Arts Association on 7 Cedarwood Ave. Contact 912-786-5920 for further info.

3-31 Those Were The Days! Tribute to 60's music by William Florian 7-9pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Call 912-472-4790 for more information.

Things for KIDS to DO

By Bun E. Rabit



I am going to be frank here: There really isn't a whole lot for kids to do on Tybee once the sun hits the floor. It is the BEACH all day long and then what? Maybe the parents want a nice, quiet dinner or to go on a bar hopping bender. Nope. Parents are out of luck unless they brought their own babysitter, i.e. an older sibling who is responsible enough to handle the duty. I do have a couple of ideas though for both day and night tripping ...



- During the day if you are just beached out or sunburned, there is always the **Marine Science Center** located in front of the Pier. They have an amazing showroom of our local marine life and educational tours that are both fun and entertaining for all ages. You can find their number on our Tybee Digits page.



- **Captain Mike's Dolphin Tours** is a wonderful way to spend a family afternoon! Load everyone up for a fun boat ride that offers a terrific opportunity to see dolphins in their natural habitat. Enjoy the cool ocean breeze while enjoying an education that you and your children will remember forever. You can reach them at 912-786-5848.



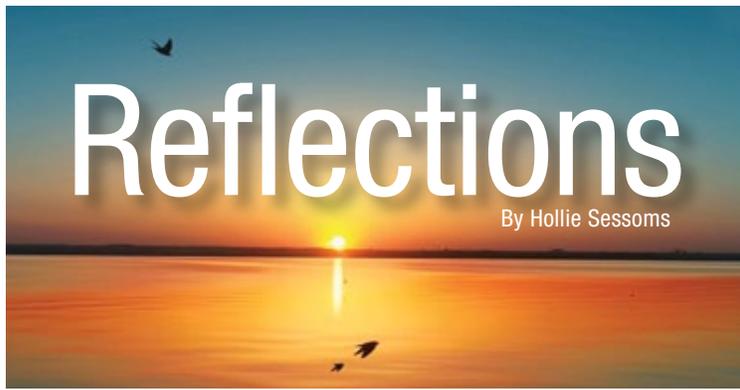
- The **YMCA** is also a perfect opportunity to dump ... er leave your child(ren) for a quick respite. The Y is holding their Spring Break Camp for kids 5 -12 years from March 20 – 24th. The camp also offers ½ day fun. Additionally, there is always an opportunity for a Basketball Jam at the gym anytime between 5:30 A.M. to 9 P.M. Keep in mind though, you need more than one to make a team and for young children you must have an adult present. For further clarification and information you can contact the Y from the number on our Tybee Digits page or go to www.ymcaofcoastalgeorgia.org.



- I feel like I forgot to mention something ... Oh! **The St. Patrick's Day festival!** Need I say more! Fun for one and all! Tybee's parade will be held on Saturday, March 11th and the Savannah parade will be held on, of course, St. Patty's Day, Friday, March 17th. Every kid I have ever met at either parade has huge smiles and fond memories. Don't forget to get your spots early as it fills up quick and you want your kid to have the best view in the house!!



Until next month ... Oh, and for any young and upcoming entrepreneurial spirits out there: Start a babysitting business for the summer for tourists and locals alike. Have great references and you will be so busy you won't have time to get a suntan!!



Miracle Morning

Getting up early is for those other people, you know the type, the type of people who get up early. The type of people who get more done before 5 am than I do all day. Getting up early is for those crazy marathon runners or for the old guy with insomnia or the young mother with the crying baby. Getting up early is not for me. There's an art to staying in bed as long as humanly possible. An art that I've mastered. In fact, I slice my snoozing so thin, I barely have time to brush my teeth in the morning.

At least I did until I discovered Hal Elrod's Miracle Morning. I don't usually read books like this, but I knew that I needed to make some changes in my routine. Things I intended to do each day were getting trampled by things I wanted to do that brought me only momentary pleasure. When I stumbled upon this Miracle Morning (or it stumbled upon me as these things tend to do) it was like the answer to all my problems. I gulped the book down in two sittings, skimming through the smoozy sales pitches and looking for the meat of Elrod's simple but brilliant plan.

So the plan goes like this: First thing in the morning after you've brushed your teeth (obviously) you spend 5 to 15 minutes on each of these six things—silence, affirmations, visualization, exercise, reading, and scribing (writing)—S. A.V.E.R.S. for short. Here's the kicker though, you have to get up at least an hour earlier than you normally do to accomplish this. Scandalous, I know.

I mean to do most of these things every day anyway and typically only bang out the reading and writing just because I can't not. I decided to try this the very next day which was a Sunday. I gotta tell you, I never felt so bold as when I set my alarm clock for 5 am on a Sunday for no reason other than to work on myself. Just that setting of the alarm clock made me feel like a different person. The first day went so great that I committed to 30 days of getting up at 5 am to practice these six things. I'm on day 26 so I feel pretty certain I will complete my challenge and though I don't relish the moment my alarm goes off, I'm getting to the point where I don't curse at it either...most days anyway.

You can do the S. A. V. E. R. S. in any order you want, so I do the affirmations first just because I hate the idea so much. I've never been big on affirmations, but Tony Robbins is a fan so why not? I have to say I feel pretty silly looking at myself in the mirror and affirming certain things about myself. I'm still not used to it. If I could cut one, it would be this.

Next I go in for some silence. I've been meditating off and on for over two years now, but I have a hard time being consistent about it. Building a better meditation practice is a big thing that drew me to Miracle Morning. Some days the silence is fantastic and afterwards I feel like I've just had a fabulous massage. Some days my head feels

so cluttered that the silence is just me watching all the noise and not making any sense of it.

After my 5-10 minutes of silence, I do a 10 minute visualization. This is my favorite. I've always loved to daydream, so I'll put on some meditation music from YouTube and imagine all the things I'm going to accomplish that day. I'm always a little sad when the visualization is over and I have to go and do the things I visualized.

Next I do yoga. I wanted to keep it simple for my 30-day challenge so I decided to do 21 sun salutations every day for 30 days. It takes about 15 minutes and I feel so energized afterwards. Yoga is another thing I always mean to get into my day, but never do. It's amazing how much I've improved over the 30 days. I'm no yogi, but I have drastically decreased a lot of old lady pains I was having.

After the yoga, I fix a cup of tea and read some poetry and then I'll write a bit. Even though I write regularly I had a hard time coming up with stuff to write about in a 5-10 minute window. I usually jot down things I'm grateful for or general anxieties or whatever else crops up. The kids are usually up by then, so I can't go down too many writing rabbit holes like I tend to do. I have to force myself to just skim the surface, which isn't fun. Honestly, for me, I might drop the scribing thing too along with the affirmations, and just write at my normal time.

So, if you've been feeling stuck in life, give this a try! You have nothing to lose...but a little sleep.

BAD ADVICE FROM A BEACH BUM

As summer time quickly approaches, I thought I'd address a common complaint amongst many Tybee residents: out of town guests who overstay their welcome. This is a problem I know too much about. To begin I often lie about where I live, in hopes to deter visitors, though this seldom works. If you find yourself stuck entertaining a house guest who just won't leave, here are a few of my tricks...

- While there are many ways to rid your house of guests, I have found the simplest way is spiders. Let's face it, no natural born citizen of the USA likes spiders. I've never met one and I doubt I ever will. I recommend filling a potpourri dish with an assortment of mean ugly spiders. That always seems to do the trick at my home. One of those fuzzy bastards crawls on your niece Jenny and that bitch'll be gone so fast you won't have time to say goodbye.

- Moving forward, I've found it wildly helpful to crowd control with the food you cook your guests. One of my favorite dishes I use to chase off visitors is sauerkraut. Nothing says welcome to the beach quite like a large bowl of warm 'kraut. Pair that with the cheapest toilet paper you can find. And I guarantee no one will stick around for seconds.

• If both of the above fail, my favorite trick is something I picked up from my puppy; do it in the corners. Don't make the trip to the bathroom, whip it out or pop a squat and mark your territory. Show your guests who's in charge. Believe me, when your guests step socked foot in your puddle of piddle, Tybee will be the last place they consider visiting. Finally a way to rid yourself of relatives, coworkers, and friends that doesn't cost much, all the while cutting back on your water bill. Two birds. One stone.

I hope this helps. Check back next month for more bad advice for island life!

If you have a question and need some bad advice, please send it to info@tybeebeachcomber.com.

CONCERT CALENDAR

- 3/2 Rick Springfield / Richard Marx – Florida Theatre – Jacksonville
- 3/3 Styx – Johnny Mercer Theatre – Savannah
- 3/3 Puddle of Mud – The Stage on Bay – Savannah
- 3/9 - 3/11 Savannah Stopover Music Festival – Various Venues - Savannah
- 3/10 Devon Allman – Tybee Post Theater
- 3/12 Harry O' Donoghue – Tybee Post Theater
- 3/12 Amos Lee – North Charleston Performing Arts Center – North Charleston
- 3/15 20 Ride – Zac Brown Tribute Band – The Stage on Bay – Savannah
- 3/15 Gordon Lightfoot – Lucas Theatre – Savannah
- 3/17 Tyler Farr – The Stage on Bay – Savannah
- 3/18 Corey Smith – The Stage on Bay – Savannah
- 3/23 - 3/24 Avett Brothers – Johnny Mercer Theatre
- 3/23 - 4/08 Savannah Music Festival – Various Venues
- 3/24 Quiet Riot – The Stage on Bay – Savannah
- 3/25 The A-Town Get Down – Indian St. - Savannah
- 3/25 The Charlie Fog Band – Tybee Post Theater
- 3/31 C+C Music Factory – The Stage on Bay – Savannah
- 3/31 William Florian – Tybee Post Theater
- 4/1 Jason Isbell – Johnny Mercer Theatre – Savannah
- 4/8 Bruce Hornsby & the Noisemakers – Trustees Theater
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Pssst ... I Know Something You Don't

By Alaina Loughridge

So Christmas was coming up and I was clueless on what to get my bosses, Nell & Mark Klein, at the Wind Rose. I had a couple of ideas, but I would be in prison now, so I was at a legal loss. Then I had an epiphany: During the last benefit for Patti Hanson that the Wind Rose held, I had seen this fantastic rug of a treasure map. I knew it was created locally by **Johnnie** and **Cheryl Shepard** and I had fallen in love with it. I know some people so I made some phone calls (insert bragging emoji here).

Well, I made the right decision! Johnnie made this fantastic rug with the Wind Rose logo and an anchor! It is absolutely stunning! Well, I had to know more and so I sat down with the Shepards. Not only do they do area rugs, but also beach décor, water features and signs. They use new carpet remnants for all the area rugs, so nothing is going in the trash.

The Shepards just started their own business called **One 4 Style**. They are brand new, so still building their website and their inventory. Check out their ad and see a perfect gift for someone special. Feel free to call Johnnie or Cheryl with questions or if you have an idea of what you want to see if they can do it. You will be delighted with anything you order. All homegrown, homemade and Tybee styled. Shop Local!!



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STRONGER TOGETHER

By Sarah Chambers

During my attempt at writing a grand and enlightening piece within the categories of health and wellness, I found myself looking for numerous statistics, target areas, and even personal stories. I soon decided that this was not the route that I would take. I want to share more than that. I would like to talk about strength.

There may be many who instantly identify with strength in the physical form. The amount of weight lifted, the number of miles ran,

or the reps completed. Some may identify with strength in a mental or emotional capacity. An example would be a friend who is a single mom that manages her career, her kids, and her life through many obstacles.

Webster's defines strength as the quality or state of being strong; ability to do or to bear; capacity for exertion or endurance, whether physical, intellectual, or moral; force; vigor; power; as, strength of body or of the arm; strength of mind, of memory, or of judgment. As you can see there are many forms of strength to identify with.

I want to speak to them all. It is when we find our strength that we are truly able to make an impact in our own lives, as well as those around us. I am reminded of the strength of a community when individuals from all walks of life came together to clean up yards, streets, and homes in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. Strength is seen when a senior gentleman effortlessly hops out of a chair as a result of his efforts made in the many hours spent in the gym and group exercise classes. Strength is found on the court as the youth basketball team keeps their head up, game strong, and their attitude positive when they are on the losing end of a quarter. Strength is gained in the daily drive to wake up and show up to a commitment of a healthy and whole lifestyle.

Strength, my friends, is finding what we are truly made of. Once our personal strength is found, we can then impact others. We become stronger together. Encourage one another to join in on a class or to go for that job. Help one another in times of need and through daily life. Hold each other accountable to being healthy and staying true. Be strong! We truly are stronger together.



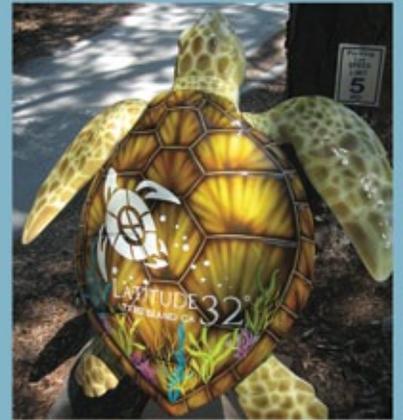
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Behind the Tape...

By Spo Richard Dascal



Hope everyone is doing well. We here at the police department have had a lot going on with the summer season coming back. We have Mardi Gras approaching quickly, then St. Patrick's Day, followed by Orange Crush and Beach Bum. With all of these events coming up I want to remind everybody - **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!**

All of our officers are trained in how to do DUI investigations, and most have even been trained on how to investigate people driving under the influence of drugs. We are very serious about keeping our citizens safe. We hope everybody has a great time and enjoys all the events our city has to offer, but when you're having fun, drink responsibly and find a sober driver when it's time to go home.

We look forward to keeping you updated throughout the summer with what we have going on. We hope everyone is safe and enjoys this summer season.

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From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

A big hearty welcome to those newly arrived to town for a quick rest along your life's journey, and a hearty wish of safe travels to those of you preparing to 'wrap your season' by getting back out on the road again. Thanks for spending some time with us! Locals won't soon forget our last year-round sojourn around the sun from the cozy confines of our little island. One constant that we all share in our time on Tybee is the realization that our quality of life is closely associated with the pace of it. Until recently, many of us may have told ourselves that each was defined by the other, but a monumental effort has taken place to restore the island back to a semblance of 'order' . . . too much 'order' for some, but luckily the season awaits! As my grandfather often says, "It takes a lot of work to have fun."

For those of you living beneath a rock (welcome hobbits), or others of you without TV/internet, access to friends, other humans, or without proximity to a watercooler or coffee pot - the island's 'off-season' saw Hurricane Matthew grace our shore. The fallout associated with recovery has been equally as tumultuous. We've kept busy with a few local issues certain to impact guest experience, and these continue to define life on the island that has some nodding in agreement & others scratching their heads. This is hardly the format for calling attention to specific issues - which is why reading the Tybee Beachcomber is such an uplifting experience . . . our policy regarding politics: If you know, you know. If you don't know, don't sweat it. If you don't know, but want to know - ask a local.

In short, we may be a little cantankerous for a little while. We're still trying to get our wits about us. The mere mention of 'quality of life' issues after some of us were lucky to escape with one at all seems a bit 'much' after the storm. Yet, without question many island residents have succumbed to a completely different pace of life than that experienced during previous 'off-seasons.' We now seem to have a newfound clarity. While the days of the '100 day season' have long been a distant memory, in prior seasons was a deep appreciation for the pause - a break, a chance to stop and appreciate the life we have because we've worked so hard for it. For long-term locals, the pause IS the cause.

This year, you may also find us a bit more introspective. We've gained perspective by earning a newfound one - and we're all a little more willing to work hard for it because we've been reminded, firsthand, how valuable it is. In previous seasons, as temperatures climbed, bills were paid, and what followed was a longing for more, or for something different - as the summer doldrums wore on, we'd look forward to a season of respite. This offered us a renewable resource which was the chance for periodic reflection on our life, & our livelihood. In doing this we gained perspective by granting ourselves the time and resources to repair what was broken within us, between us, and around us. Despite the mindset that people are resistant to change, we openly embraced it. Heck, there were a couple of times that I open mouth, tongue kissed it!

One way or another, change is constant. One doesn't have to live long among others on an island to closely understand this simple truth. Yet, the hardest aspect to come to terms with is the unsettling, perpetual reminder that people aren't. As we begin a new season, let's all try to take part in some semblance of this ritual before we become consumed by our schedules and the rush to make our livelihoods. Participation in time-honored traditions connects us with those we've loved and lost, and

reconnects us to those still here that we value and depend upon. Like most every local, I fondly recall the first time I was ever told by an island old-timer now lost to the ages that, "the tide rolls in, and the tide rolls out."

This is what makes Tybee such a unique destination, in my opinion. Whether you live & work here year-round, stay a few days a year with loved ones, or spend an afternoon walking down the beach alone - it provides the perfect chance to reflect, and to reconnect with what's important - before it's lost. Change happens everywhere, but Tybee is unique in that we're steeped in it. For better or worse, our island economy is based upon a spirit of consumption - (not just the consumption of spirits). Rather, our personality as a community, and as a people, is such that deep within our collective, entrepreneurial, barrier island souls we are defined by our hospitality, and strive to provide access for others to experience the sun on their face, the wind at their back, and the sand between their toes.

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THE OUTDOOR SEASON

By Micheal Elliott

March actually arrived sometime in early February and, aside from a couple of bad weekends, the weather's been spring-like for a while now. It could be Global Warming, though no melting glaciers have been spotted floating in the Atlantic.

What have been seen are Shrimp ... in so much blessed abundance ... the season's been extended and the enriched, succulent, wonderfulness of wild Georgia crustaceans are ours for the munching!

The thing making our Shrimp better than anybody else's is the Marsh.

Sure the Marsh turns the water brown, but it's full of everything Shrimp love, so ours grow tastier than those in foreign places like China and Florida. However you like it this is the best year to have Shrimp in twenty years according to J.B., Tybee's most famous Shrimper.

So boil, fry, sauté, grill, bar-b-q, marinate 'em for a salad, Shrimp's better on Tybee Island than anywhere else!

Speaking of the Marsh, inhaling the pungent aroma at low tide ... the smell of sex in the Tropics ... is intoxicating!

If you're quiet you'll hear choirs of clams, mussels and oysters ticking and popping shut.

If you want action instead it's Spring Break somewhere so kids are hitting the Beach throughout the month and they're always good for a day's entertainment because if you watch long enough, in spite of the Police presence, you will see everything!

You can't walk more than a block in March without passing a party, many for the Irish, but most because it's Spring!

There's a parade that's actually far better than the one across the Bridge, but if you miss it, Tybee Island's in bloom and everybody's happy because the Outdoor Season has begun.

Windows and sliding glass doors stay open, burning charcoal's always in the air, Beach music permeates, few clothes are necessary and everyone's working on their tans.

March is the beginning of "the Season" with things picking up, though it's not crazy yet with lines for restaurants, traffic, and overwhelming crowds, so it's a favorite time for Locals.

There's craziness if you want it but March on Tybee's best enjoyed with bare feet propped on a deck, drink in hand, soft music playing, admiring colorful blossoms, cool Ocean breezes and the promise of good things to come.



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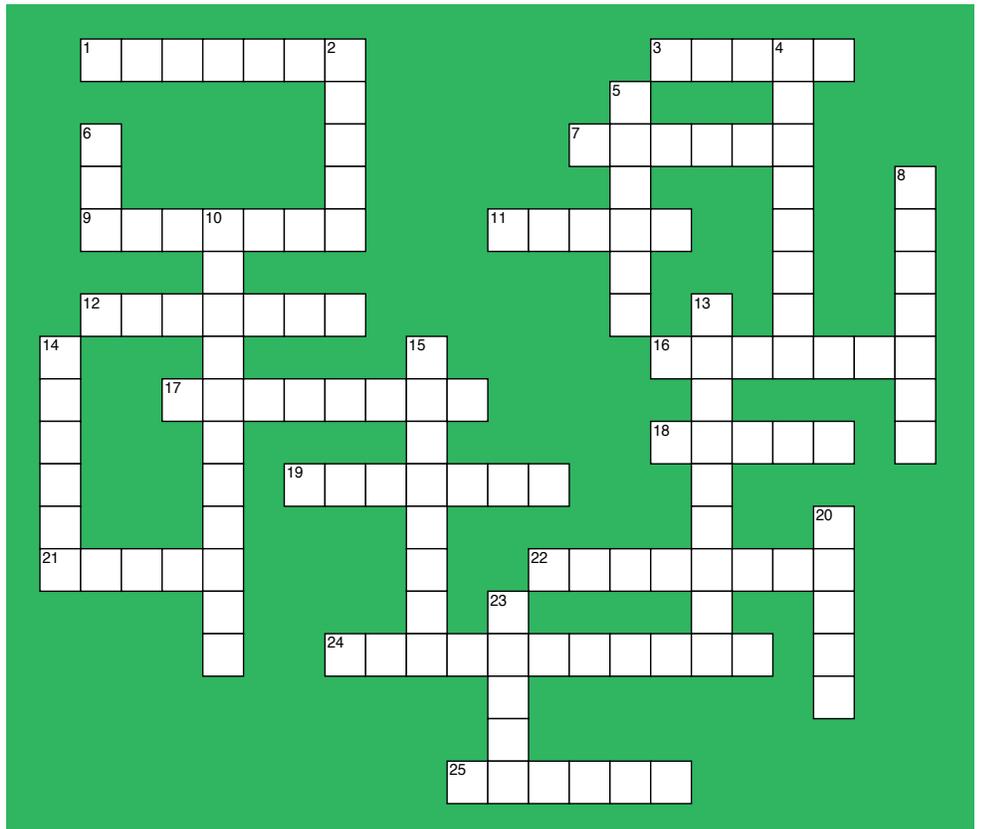
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- 3 Luck of the _____
- 7 The _____ People (Book Review)
- 9 _____ Morning
- 11 Friday night fun at the American Legion
- 12 Georgia's Beloved NFL team
- 16 Patron saint of Ireland
- 17 Bahama friends you will see in the parade
- 18 Third month
- 19 Food Spy locale
- 21 Color of the month
- 22 Bartender of the Month
- 24 Budweiser horses
- 25 Woody says this is constant

DOWN

- 2 One 4 _____
- 4 _____ Together
- 5 The Crook of the _____
- 6 Winner of Traveling Beachcomber
- 8 Main ingredient in Foodie Finds
- 10 _____ on Tybee (Bizz Buzz)
- 13 This beach bum will give you this (2 wds.)
- 14 _____ Forward on March 12
- 15 Rant topic
- 20 Take a beach walk with him (2 wds.)
- 23 If you're lucky enough to live here, you're lucky enough



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