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From MS...ALAIN...EOUS

Holy Spring Time Bat Girl/Man!! Off we go kids!! It's Season time whether you're ready or not! I am so happy to announce that Tybee will always be Tybee and no one can stop us! As I write this, we are having our St. Patty's Day Parade day and we are doing what we want to do. (Noun) Yes!!!

I am flat out delighted to announce we will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt Contest!! Last year was a (noun) show and to be honest y'all, a lot of businesses did not make it and many businesses are still struggling (and that wrecks my heart), but we are hanging on by the skin of our teeth. All the love and support for Tybee and all her businesses is so appreciated! We will not fail! Support Tybee!!!

OK! Let's get it on!!! **Easter Egg Contest!!** There are 50 eggs in these pages and if you find them, you will be the winner of something fabulous!! I have no idea what that will be, but I will figure it out by the time I need to. I'm pretty sure A-J's will be involved (Watermelon Margaritas!!!). Please note that the ads that are bordered with eggs are not counted. Don't overthink it. Just list the eggs on each page (I.e., 3 eggs on page 7, 4 eggs on page 8). I will handle the dynamics of it all. Email your answers to info@tybeebeachcomber.com on or before April 15th (Tax Day ... ugh). It's gonna be great!!!

Moving along ... we also have another contest going – **Masked Up Contest** (y'all know we like our contests)! We have taken pictures of several well-known people around the island. It's on page whatever. Whoever guesses the most people correctly, will win something amazing. Again, I don't know what that will be, but I got this and will have it figured out by then. I Promise!! Good times to follow!

Ahhhh, the **Traveling Beachcomber** ... fortunately or unfortunately, we are finally catching up with ourselves and I am proud to announce that **Billy & Mary Reiser** are the winners of this month's traveling BC!!! They went to Cuba and got the best pictures! Off to A-J's with your happy selves!!! Thank you so much for taking us with you on your travels!

Now, strap in, put your tray tables up, and let's get it on!!! Oh... wait!! Cocktail ... Watermelon Margarita in one hand from A-J's and an Espresso Martini from Cockspur in the other!!! Turn the page

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- 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)
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Memo From The Mayor

By Mayor Shirley Sessions

One of the nicest things about being a public servant on Tybee Island is meeting wonderful, interesting and quirky people who have a long history of living on the island, as well as newcomers (i.e., pre 1990). Their stories of how they ended up living here or how far back their families have lived here should be documented and revisited periodically. A current Tybee resident and Savannah native (who asked to remain anonymous) shared the following with me during a conversation we had about the importance of remembering the past and making new memories of time spent on Tybee.

“Long before tourists and condominiums, time-shares and festivals, I remember hearing my mother telling warm stories about her family spending summers at the beach. Apparently, getting there on the smoky old train was the most fun of all. Grandmother packed lunches of fried chicken and homemade pimento cheese sandwiches and everyone ate lunch on the train ride to Tybee.

My children have listened to my stories growing up, about going to Tybee for the summer as well, although getting there was not the highlight for me. Since the train disappeared, the only way to get to the beach was on what my family always called that

“damn Tybee Road”...all one word... “damntybeeroad.” We would venture out and brave the 2 narrow lane “damntybeeroad” complete with the rickety wooden bridge that caused all children to crouch down in the foot of the car in fear of imminent death... but when the family didn’t plunge into the Bull River, we knew Heaven lay just ahead! ...Hitting the beach at nine o’clock in the morning, complete with new sand bucket and shovel, making drip-drip castles in the sand, riding the waves, going back to the house for lunch and the obligatory nap in the heat of the day ‘cause we didn’t want to get a stomach ache! Then back to the beach for more sand and surf...and sand...and sand... I was always glad that the beach house was close, because you only had to walk a block with a sandy crotch! If anyone has ever ridden home from Tybee with a sandy crotch, you know what a blessing a close beach house could be. As the years passed, the rickety bridge was replaced, the “damntybeeroad” got wider, but Heaven still lay ahead. The beach filled with everyone you knew or wanted to know...everyone smelled like Coppertone and all radios were tuned to “the Big Ape” in Jacksonville. The nights sparkled with the lights from the Ferris wheel at “upfront” and the air was filled with the music and the sounds of roller skates from the pavilion. I loved the forbidden territory of the pavilion because the girls who skated had fuzzy balls on their shoelaces and they wore bright red lipstick. My sisters and I were not allowed to talk to the boy skaters because most of them had their hair in a ducktail and a pack of cigarettes rolled up in their sleeves...and you know that spelled trouble!!

Although my children don’t have stories about trains or pavilions or rickety bridges, they love to share their memories about 4th of July picnics on the Back River where they played in the sand, body surfed, sunbathed & played half rubber with family and friends, and all seemed absolutely right with the world.”

Things have changed, but the beach, the sand, the surf and the smell of the marsh and sea spray remains the same. They help trigger treasured moments from our past and they will be part of the memories we will make today and tomorrow. Hope you all will enjoy making many happy, memorable moments with friends and family on beautiful Tybee!

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By Alaina Loughridge - Photos and Random Commentary by Paul Cales

SUNDAE CAFÉ



Man, I gotta say, when **Sundaie Café** wants me to come running, all you are gonna see is ass and elbows. Every time I even think of making a reservation there, I light up like a fat kid eating cake for breakfast, lunch and dinner! My go-to is ALWAYS the 9-ounce House Cut Filet that has the most amazing bleu cheese horseradish crust, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, lemon garlic buttered broccolini and crispy onions. Then I can barely manage to cram any kind of fabulous dessert down my gullet (although I always do manage). I am beyond digressing right now ...

So, my cohort in crime on this particular day was Paul Cales. You might recognize the name from co-writing the **Zombie Chrons** and as a **Chez at The Quarter**. We bellied up to the bar late and starving... Our server was Lucy and she's awesome and I will mention her later. A.J. Baker was cooking, along with a number of his spot-freaking-on staff, and off we go!!

First of all, I was super happy to see Doug Wittendorf behind the bar!!! I love this guy and he was our Bartender of the Month from 80 east Gastro Pub way back in June, 2018! He created this raspberry/lemon martini cocktail we called the "Fresh Doug En Dorf" and when I walked in and saw Doug, I lost my breath!!! Yippee!!!! I love a good martini and Doug is the man!

As Paul and I settled into our pre din-din drinks, Lucy, our server says 'hey' and off we go with **Sushi Nachos** and a bottle of **Licia Albarino** from Spain. It's a sweet, white and dry wine that doesn't overpower the food or you. As far as the Nachos, Paul doesn't even like sushi and he couldn't keep his hands off the plate! It is seriously a heaping portion of Sushi Grade Tuna, Pico de Gallo, Wasabi Aioli and Avocado, slapped on top of a fried wonton and you literally need a fork to shovel the entire situation into your face. Paul described it as West Coast Caribbean with a Japanese flavor melted together for fireworks in your mouth, but with

not so much Wasabi that your tongue is aflame. Spot on analysis. When A.J. brought out the **Shrimp N Grits**, I was nervous. Y'all know how I feel about S N G. Nothing to fear here!! Perfectly seasoned blackened shrimp surround a bed of stone ground yellow grits that have a circle of country ham, creamed corn, heirloom tomato, onion and cilantro. As Paul so eloquently stated, "I am over the moon about that shit in the middle," and he was spot on! Yum!! We paired that with a **Southbound Mountain Jam** and it was East Coast meets South Texas...with happy endings for everyone!

Paul and I were getting a little overwhelmed at this point. I mean, I'm not new and I understand you need to pace yourself, but it's the **SUNDAE CAFE** and pacing yourself is difficult. Next up was a big ol' **New York Strip** that has house steak Hoisin sauce/glaze that is a mix of sesame oil, Worcestershire sauce and soy sauce that will have you drooling. It's served up with bacon cheddar mashed potatoes that are so loaded with bacon that nothing else will matter in your world. Also comes with a Broccolini scene that is perfectly tender, along with crispy onions that totally complement the bold flavors of the overall dish (shout out, Lucy!!) and complete the entire situation. Throw in a bottle of **Clayhouse Adobe Red Blend** from California and call it!! And then ...

Then!!! The piece de resistance! **Peach Cobbler Bread Pudding**, served up in a mini cast iron skillet!!! Y'all know what a cast iron skillet does for any food? You do! Head nods everywhere! This masterpiece comes out with two huge dollops of vanilla ice cream on top, with an underlying donut situation from the Café on 80 (keep it in the family, y'all), and is warm and cold and freaking amazing. Our Doug threw in a **Chocolate Bananatini** that just finished us off in the most happy, belly patting place in the land.

Sundaie Café is just the place to be! Now open from 11:30 to 2 pm for lunch, and from 4 to 9ish pm for dinner, you definitely need to gather your clan or your significant other and get there! They are located at 304 First Street (in the Chu's/XYZ parking lot) and I highly recommend reservations. You can reach them at (912) 786-7694. I also want to throw in that a lot of the staff from 80 east Gastro Pub are there and if you are having withdrawals, go check in with your people! Tybee Strong y'all!!





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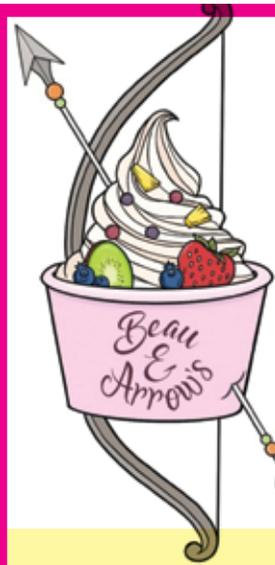
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Y'all know how we love our contests here at the Beachcomber. Our latest challenge involves guessing the Masked Tybee Local! Whoever can guess all or most of our well known masked individuals wins something awesome! I don't know what that is yet, but I will get it figured out by then. It will certainly involve food and drink and good times!

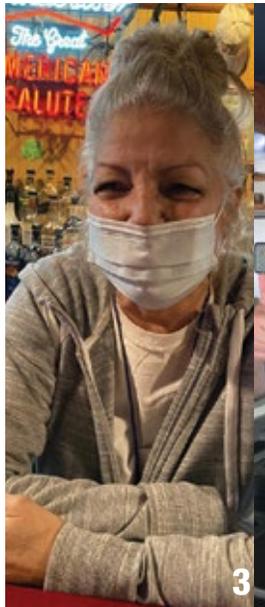
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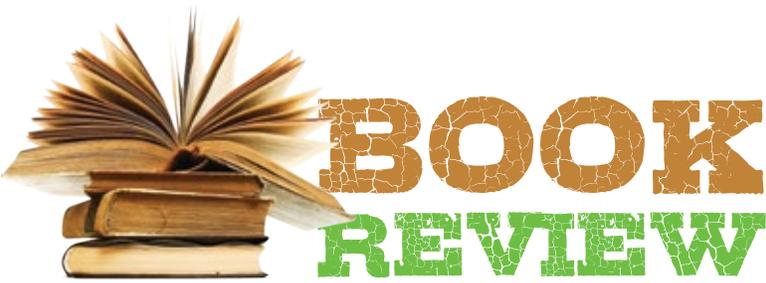
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By Nell Klein

THE SURVIVORS

By Jane Harper

This is Jane Harper's fourth novel. I have read all of the others and have enjoyed them all, but when I started reading "The Survivors" I knew that I wanted to review it. All of her books are based in Australia, as that is where she is from, but this one kind of reminded me of Tybee. I know that there is not one, even slight, resemblance of Tybee to the Australian coast with all of its rocky cliffs and caves, but the story takes place in a small seaside town called Evelyn Bay after the season is over and all of the tourists are gone. Everyone lives in beach cottages, they spend their money in the local grocery store, and drink beer in the neighborhood hangout called Surf and Turf. Unlike Tybee though (at least for now), there is plenty of murder, mayhem and mystery to keep the town's small police force on its toes.

The story evolves around some friends that have grown up together in the town, some have moved away and some have stayed and built lives there. The main character is Kieran. He and his girlfriend, Mia, and new baby, Audrey, have come to town to help his aging parents get ready to move from the house that Kieran grew up in. His father has dementia and his mother can't keep up the house by herself anymore. The first night there, their old friend, Ash, calls and invites Kieran and Mia to meet him at the Surf and Turf, along with their other old friends, Olivia and Sean. Their waitress is Bronte who is an art student and Olivia's roommate. There's a cook in the kitchen named Liam that has a severe hatred of Kieran and that's when the story starts to unfold. We start to learn things about a terrible storm that hit the small town 12 years earlier and how it has affected the lives of so many of the residents of the town. We learn that Kieran made a reckless mistake that night that had devastating consequences and he has lived with guilt that has always overshadowed everything in his life since.

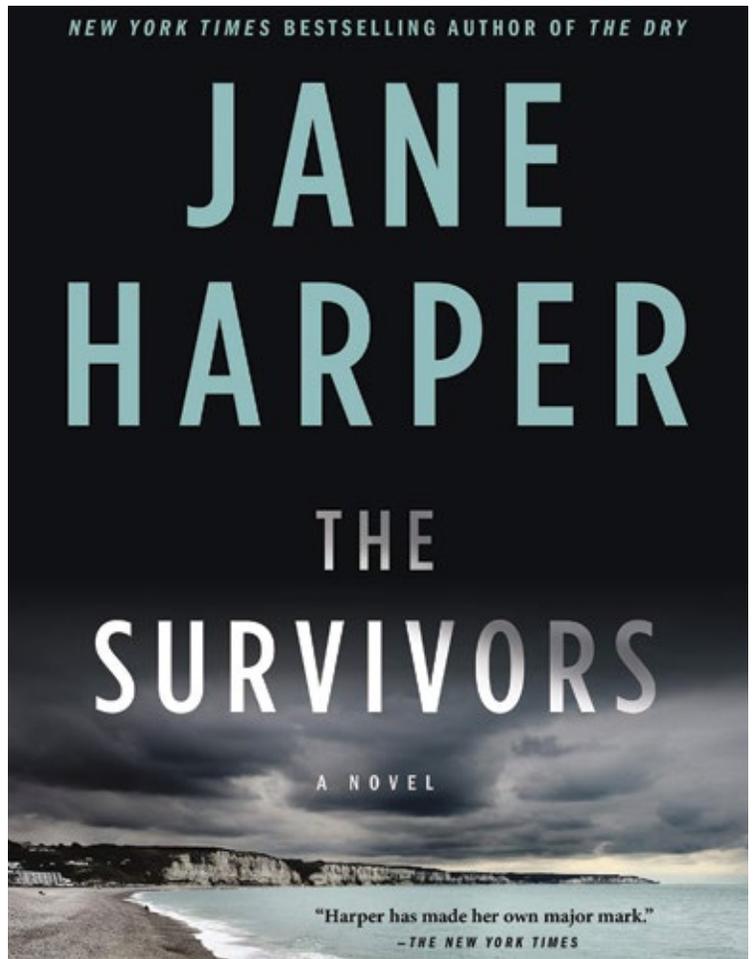
After a somewhat tense homecoming celebration, the party ends and everyone heads for home. In the morning, things have taken a turn for the worse. Bronte is found dead on the beach and everyone becomes a suspect. Her death also unleashes 12-year-old secrets that have haunted the town since the night of the storm. A 14-year-old girl named Gabby, who was Mia's best friend at the time, went missing the night of the storm and the only thing ever found of her was her backpack, which washed ashore 3 days after the storm that wreaked havoc on the little town. Gabby's mother has always been convinced that something more than the storm happened to Gabby that night and she blames the sheriff for not doing enough to find out. She thinks that someone in the group of friends, or maybe the Sheriff himself, had something to do with it.

When Bronte is found dead on the beach, everything starts to fall together. What did Kieran do the night of the storm that caused so many problems in his life? What really happened to Gabby that night? What does any of this have to do with Bronte, who wasn't even there at the time? So many questions and not enough answers!

This book was so captivating that I have to give it 5 roses. It's a great read for both guys and gals and you won't be able to put it down. And if you're like me, you will not see the ending coming. This one is definitely a must read!

I hope that your year is going well and that April showers bring you lots of flowers!

In the meantime, read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on!



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April Fishing Forecast

PIER

Tybee Pier and Surf fishing have continued to improve as the waters have warmed up. Our waters are well above average this year, due to a very warm winter. Whiting, Black Drum and a few over slot Red Drum should be around this month. Every day the water temperature will continue to rise and more species will continue to migrate up to our coast from Florida. Once the water starts reaching 65 degrees, things will really get going to include Pompano and Bluefish. Most all these fish will eat Shrimp. If you want to catch an over slot Red Drum, it's better to use some cut bait such as Mullet, Blue Crab, Whiting or Menhaden.

INSHORE

Inshore fishing will only improve as more bait begins to show up in the creeks. A few Speckled Sea Trout have been around feeding on Mud Minnows and artificials. To have the best luck, you may have to pass a few of your holes to find the cleanest water you can. The tides this month and all the rain has the inshore waters pretty muddy, but there is always a spot with clean water. The Redfish will be eating the same things as the trout, they just will be feeding in the shallower water along the mud flats, Oyster rakes and up the smaller creeks.



NEARSHORE

Nearshore Fishing is all about catching this time of year. Sheepshead will be around till about mid-month and as they thin out, the Weakfish, Bluefish, Spanish Mackerel, and Triggerfish will begin to move in. These fish will show up sooner in water depths of 90 ft. and slowly trickle in to the 55 ft. reefs. My bait choices this time of year include Fiddler Crabs, Squid and Boston Mackerel. For the Spanish Mackerel and Bluefish, I always have some Clark Spoons and Gotcha Plugs on board, already rigged up and ready to go for the first sign of these fish. They are fast movers, and if you can catch the schools attention, it can be a day changer, but if the rod is not rigged you could miss your chance and may not get any in the boat before they disappear.

OFFSHORE

For those who want to know what offshore is, I will give a quick definition. I say anything past 30 miles out is offshore. The water will become a little bluer and water depths will start around the 90 ft. mark and continue out past the ledges. The bottom bite has been great. The variety out here is amazing, Vermillion Snapper, Triggerfish, Porgies, and by the end of the month the Cobia should be showing up. They are a hard fighting fish that will test your reels. Cut bait and Squid are choice baits for the bottom fish. Cobia will hit the Squid as well, but a live bait or a jig will draw in the Cobia and provide the best experience. The Red Snapper have been really thick out here. Do not forget to have a deventing tool and try to get every fish released in the best shape as possible. **Thank you all for the support and hope you all have tight lines and full fish boxes. To join me on a fishing trip call me at Big Fish Charters (912) 230-4625.**

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Tybee Island Marine Science Center

By Richie Dascall - Photos by Richie Dascall & MSC facebook page

Tybee Island's Marine Science Center has sat for decades on Strand Ave., just at the base of the pier. From this location they have taught children about marine life, helped to rehab sea animals, and participated in research projects with state and national groups. But on May 1st, Tybee's Marine Science Center will be moving into its new home at 37 Meddin Dr. in the North Beach Parking Lot. I got a chance to speak with the President of their Board of Trustee's, Cathy Sakas, and to get a peek at the new facility.

Anyone who has been to the old marine science center knows that it was a great place that had outgrown its location. The new building is a complete transformation from what it was. The architecture itself was created to be eco-friendly, with the roof shaped so that it could funnel rainwater to a tank that would be used for irrigation. Cathy also told me about plans to install solar panels to help power some of the tanks that would have to run 24/7. More than this, the building is designed to withstand a Category 3 hurricane, should one occur.

The bottom floor of the new building is open air and set up to accommodate up to six classes at a time. Almost the entirety of the furniture inside the building has been donated by Ikea. The land the building sits on has been donated by several different parties. Inside the bottom floor are large tanks to house some of their animals, as well as life size replicas of some of the turtles seen on Tybee Island.

Just outside is a playground where people can enjoy the scenery and children can play. A life size whale tale is on the ground, waiting to be put up, that will help show just how big these animals can get. On the opposite side of the building is direct beach access for the science center, so that classes can quickly get to the beach to learn about marine life.

The second floor of the building is all enclosed. Inside there are a several tanks, more teaching areas, a gift shop, and an observation deck. When I visited, some of the staff were still hard at work to make sure everything would be ready ahead of the May 1st opening.

Cathy showed me around and let me look at everything they had set up so far. She told me how the building had been in the works since the early 2000s. The Science Center has 6 full time employees, but brings in 14 seasonal employees as the summer season sets in. The seasonal positions are commonly filled by recent college graduates, who can both get started with an entry level position and receive work experience before entering the job market.

The building itself will house 25 reptiles and hundreds of invertebrates. These animals are going to be all different sizes and shapes. Some of these animals will be part of a rehabilitation project that assists injured animals before they are released back to the ocean.

In all, the new science center cost \$3.5 million to construct. Everything inside of the building itself has been provided for either through donations or fundraising. The Marine Science Center is a nonprofit organization. If you find yourself with a free day and nothing to do, I will highly recommend going to check out the new Marine Science Center in the North Beach parking lot.



SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Happy April Sports Teaser fans! Spring has finally sprung, and we are back with this less than reputable sports column for yet another issue. The weather is warming, the island is getting more and more packed (seems that it never stopped during the “offseason”) and I have even seen a few gnats out. Winter is behind us and hopefully the great pandemic of 2020 will be in our rearview mirror very, very soon. Let’s all get those vaccines in our arms and get back to normal ASAP. In the meantime, we’ve got sports to talk about.

Well, it’s been about a month since the Super Bowl and no football on the horizon until Labor Day. (How’s that for a depressing beginning to this edition?) I call this the dark period in sports, but there’s plenty of other stuff going on. Don’t forget the NFL draft is coming up at the end of this month. The consensus amongst our local teams is that the Jaguars will draft Trevor Lawrence from Clemson at number one overall. Many feel he’s a once in a generation quarterback, along the lines of Andrew Luck when he came out of Stanford. Speaking of luck, the Jaguars will need a lot of luck and hopefully some people to block so Lawrence doesn’t eat turf every play. And some other players to run, catch, throw, etc. would be nice as well. Some pundits believe that Justin Fields will be drafted a quarterback by the Falcons to replace Matt Ryan. Everyone knows Justin fields is from Georgia, played at Georgia and then transferred to Ohio State (he should have been made to sit out a year but things like that never go Georgia’s way). It will be hard to imagine the end of the Matt Ryan era in Atlanta, but many believe it’s time. And some believe it’s been time for a while now! Again, with no football for five more months, the draft is all we must look forward to. I’ll be watching.

Our Atlanta Braves have begun play in what should be a full 162 game season. After winning three straight NL East crowns, the division should be the most competitive and probably best division in all of baseball this year. The Marlins are better, the Mets have spent a ton of money, Philly has some tough bats, and Washington has great pitching. Let’s hope the Braves will repeat as division champions, but get a little further in the playoffs this year - like maybe winning the World Series. The re-signing of Marcel Ozuna was a great move, as it keeps a strong bat at cleanup behind Freddie Friedman batting third, who can see some fastballs to hit out of the park or get on base in front of him. Once again, the Dodgers should be the favorite in the National League, but the Padres in their same division may have something to say about it. American League may be wide open and you heard it here first. I think the Chicago White Sox will make some noise this year. Whatever happens, the boys of summer are back! Play Ball!

Oh right, almost forgot. It’s April and that means there’s a little golf tournament about 2 hours north of Tybee. The Masters tees off in just a few days and this may be one of the most exciting ones ever. There just are so many good players, both young and old right now, that it’s hard to predict what will happen. Sadly, one thing we know is that Tiger Woods will not play this year. Hopefully, he’s on the mend from a bad car accident in California last month and will return soon. I expect Dustin Johnson and Bryson Dechambeau to be the favorites, along with Colin Morikowa. The flora and fauna of Augusta National will be spectacular, as well as the pimento cheese (of course I got that in)!

That’s all folks! Enjoy the spring weather, dodge the spring breakers and we’ll see you in May!



MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge

ANGEL HAS FALLEN

For some reason I have a Gerard Butler problem. If you stalk me at all, you should know this. However, if this is your first read, I have a Gerard Butler problem. That being barfed out, I totally had to watch Angel Has Fallen and I have a number of things to say about this movie.

First of all, what in hell? This is the third installment of the president trying to get murdered and I get that, however this whole situation was so out there. I could write a better script and I will! So, it starts out with that guy from American Horror Story and Yellowstone (he died badly in both series) and they are on a lake fishing with Morgan Freeman (I would totally go fishing with Morgan Freeman), but there is no explanation as to what happened to the previous president (played brilliantly by Aaron Eckhart) and we also have a new wife for Mike Banning (Butler) who turns out to be Piper Perabo and I cannot get over the whole Coyote Ugly scene. Moving rapidly along ...

We are fishing and all of a sudden, all hell breaks loose and that's super cool, and then Gerard is accused of trying to murder the President (which we all know is bullshit because if you watched the first two, you know better). Then Gerard ends up hiding out with his dad WHO is Nick Nolte!!! That took me about 20 minutes to figure out (ok, so I was drinking. Whatever). When I did figure it out though, it took my breath away!!! Kind of in a horrific way.

The story line is stupid. I don't like the whole Coyote Ugly/Nick Nolte/American Horror Story situation either. Oh, and Nick Nolte did not have the same accent as his 'son' and it was a super uncomfortable, awkward weird forest situation. The entire time I cringed. Except the end. I was totally down for the end. Also, Jada Pinkett Smith was in there as an FBI agent, which I did not care for her at all. She seemed superfluous and there really was no reason for her to be there. She also died really badly so ...

Check it out, but not a first date check out. I give this movie 1 bottle of Jameson because it is Gerard, and I do have a serious problem with my ongoing obsession of him, 2 bottles of Jim Beam because I like watching bad people get murdered, 1 bottle of Jack Daniels because the gratuitous use of the word f#@k makes me super happy (oh, and everyone is throwing it out there willy nilly) and 1 bottle of Old Crow because Nick Nolte and Piper Perabo made me slightly disgruntled. You know, while I'm here, I'm also going to throw in a bottle of Crown because please let me write the next script!!!! I could totally nail it! Nudity will be involved. Gratuitously.



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LOUNGING WITH LOUGHRIDGE

By Alaina Loughridge



1 Totally busted out **Tyler Randolph** getting his shenanigans on during our St. Patrick's Day festivities.

2 Hey **Rudy**: Remember that time where we went day drinking, drank 18 shots of Frangelico, ate a bunch of chili, and had the best time ever? Yeah, me either!

3 Even though Supermarket Employee Day was February 22nd, there is no reason why we still can't go into the IGA and thank these ladies on a daily basis for all of their hard work! The entire staff at the IGA has leapt tall buildings in a single bound this past year! Thanks, y'all!!!

4 **Auntie Jo Ann Reeves** and her nephew, **Jeff O'Dell**, live in MO, but are so beloved on the island, they may as well be locals. We've pictured Jeff before, but I had to do it again after his hard luck story involving someone throwing away all of his Beachcombers that culminated in a restraining order. Nice to know that I'm not the only one that can say Beachcomber and restraining order in the same sentence!

5 Congratulations to **Heike & Bruce Simpson** for winning first place at the *Wind Rose Chili Cook off!* That chili was awesome!!!



6 *The Breezy Bus* is always a good time and this **Bachelor Party** is no exception! Look at those happy faces getting ready to continue the party! I caught them leaving Doc's en route to Poo's. I never saw them again. I should have asked for a picture from the next day! Or not...

7 See who I caught in town!! One of our favorite people! **Dustin Maclin** was here for the night with his GF **Traci**. It's always great to see his happy face! Well, unless he pulls you over for something stupid, then probably not so much.

8 **Robby and Jerome** make pimping look easy! I snagged this pic as the boys were running at the **Rock House**.

9 **Ken Moser and I** stopped by **Pier 16** to get some pictures and **Josh** was so busy he couldn't leave the kitchen. So he took a selfie instead! Thanks, Josh! Looking good!

10 **Bob-O** is officially 43 years young! Congratulations! **The Sand Bar** had a big party for him and everyone had a blast!! Photo courtesy of **Wen McNally**.

11 Here's **Frank Mc** doing his best impersonation of **Sean McNally**. I think he nailed it!

12 I didn't know there was such a thing as a chubby unicorn, but if anyone knows for sure, it's **Kasey Jordan**.



Methinks thou protests too much???

By Virginia Ward

When you hear “theater” does the word conjure up visions of coats and ties, and little-black-dresses with pearls? Do you expect to hear actors spouting lines containing weird words like “forsooth,” “me thinks,” hither, thither and wherefore? Well, you won’t find ANY of that at your Tybee Post Theater.

At “the Post,” you are more likely to see a neighbor wearing cut offs and t-shirt, or an elected official in jeans and flip flops, taking one of the 206 seats in the auditorium. Leave ALL pretenses at the door. This is your community theater and the atmosphere is definitely laid back Tybee.

That does not mean there’s never an occasion to dress up. Au contraire! We’ve had scullery maids rubbing elbows with Governesses and Lords at high Tea on the lawn before the showing of Downton Abbey. Another dress-up occasion was the showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show, where wannabee Frank-N-Furters, Brads and Janets were sprinkled liberally throughout the audience. The 20s never roared louder than when we lensed The Great Gatsby. Flappers hob-knobbed with Gangsters, and Revenue Agents in the pre-show party. “Dressing up” at the Tybee Post Theater is different than “dressing up” if you get my drift!

The “theater crowd” on Tybee is not a stuffy group at all. If you were there for ELVIS, you saw all us little old ladies on our feet at the front of the stage feeling like we were 16 again. Then there was the Friday Night Feud, when the Fire and Police department battled each other, or Fannie’s and The Crab Shack duked it out! Some of their answers made us all blush!

We don’t just offer music and movies events. When Gray’s Reef presented their environmental series about sea life, attendees enjoyed the wonderful seafood prepared for us by North Beach Grill. Eating octopus after watching them on screen was a special experience.

National Geographic’s Explorer, Dr. Lee Berger visited with us to show the Nat Geo special on his discovery of what may be the missing link... And spent the afternoon meeting, greeting, signing books, and having a wonderful time being back on Tybee Island where he grew up. We now call him our personal Indiana Jones and he will be back.

Audiences loved the life stories of Pavarotti, Elton John, Judy Garland and many others. Not the same audience for all, but something for all tastes.

We brought talent across the bridge to keep Tybee from driving West. The Downtown Delilahs were a big hit and the Savannah Banana Nanas brought the house down with their routines at “Girls Just Want to Have Fun.”

The Theater is open again for movies at this time. Following the Healthy Georgia requirements, we installed a special filtration system in our HVAC, and we are seating only 35% capacity. You won’t be rubbing elbows with anyone, unless you bring them with you. Our concession stand does offer refreshments at prices that won’t break the bank, so grab your favorite beer, soft drink or a glass of wine while you enjoy the wide screen experience again.

Now when you think “theater,” think Tybee Post Theater and check the website www.tybeeposttheater.org for a schedule of what’s happening there.

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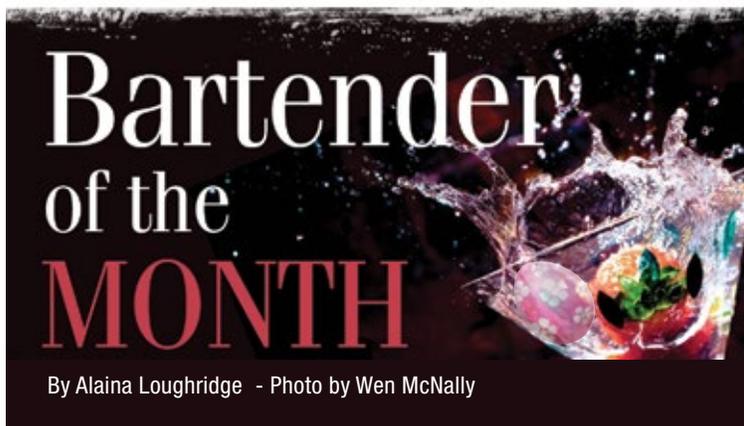
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It really was only a matter of time before I got to my favorite girl in eye-popping, jaw dropping sarcasm and genuine quick-witted debauchery. It just took a little longer than what I had anticipated and I apologize for that. **Amanda Rice Northrup** is who I'm talking about and that lady makes me laugh out loud. Even though you can find her at **The Sand Bar**, we met at The Quarter on a dark and stormy night. I figured no one would know us and we could behave like ourselves without David Jones kicking us out. Let's get it on.

Amanda was born and raised in Ann Arbor, MI. Her parents were total hippies. When Amanda was about six years old, her parents packed her and her older sister up into their Chevy van with "a big ol' sunshine painted on the side of it" and headed off to California. They stayed at every campground, ranch and chicken coop (literally) that was on their way. Amanda's Christmases usually involved Santa riding up to the tent in a golf cart (honestly, how cool is that?). Eventually ending up in Ocean Beach, CA, the family settled for five seconds. Then nope! They shucked and jived, eventually arriving back in Ann Arbor.

Amanda dabbled in this and that after graduating high school. She did a couple years of community college, graduated from beauty school, and then immediately learned that she did not like touching people - their heads, their hair, them. When I pointed out to her that beauty school kind of involves touching people and their goo, Amanda stated emphatically that it was all dummies until the last week. Well, I suppose that's fair. Moving along ...

At 18 and living in Elgin, IL, Amanda ran away with a dark, mysterious stranger and had Ben. Y'all know Ben Northrup! Best memes on Facebook. Anyhoo, as Ben was growing into Ben, Amanda managed a beauty salon (where she didn't have to touch anyone). When Ben got older, Amanda moved to Oregon for another five seconds (hippy genes kicking in) and then her parents called and they wanted to move to Florida. Well, Tybee is between Oregon and Florida and one thing led to another and here we are. So...

The Questions of Life:

Tybee Life: 10 years

Passion: Home improvement, decorating and live music

Spirit Animal: Either a Chia Pet (Cha Cha Cha Chia) or a disheveled chicken with two feathers struggling to hold on (read what you will into that one).

Super Power She Has: She can read people like a Dr. Seuss book (ha!)

Super Power She Wants: Invisibility (only so she can put fruity pebbles into your coco puffs)

When I asked her what her **go-to cocktail** is, well, that apparently was a loaded question. She calls it a **Tomato Juice Cocktail**. Ooogh. There's a story here. Apparently, Amanda makes THE WORST Bloody Mary's ever, which supports my theory that she is my twin! "It's viscous and smelly!" Dude. I get that. Your best bet is to get a shot of El Jimador Silver. That she can do!! Either way, get yourself down to the Sand Bar and have a laugh with our girl Amanda!



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TAXITALES

By Joey Goralczyk



POOP TALES

Everyone loves a dog. We've always been glad to have a fur baby in the car. More often than not, I'd prefer the dog to its owner. I've even bailed them out of jail. You really haven't been in a more fun place than when the bus is filled with 5 or 6 dogs with their owners, headed to the dog park. Recently however, I've had some unpleasant experiences involving the 4-legged friends. I don't like poop.

It was a few Tuesday nights ago, about 11:30pm, and I was just about to let Martin off for the night. It had slowed down and he wanted off. I got hit with a few calls though, so I thought to give it a half hour or so. Thank goodness I did. I pulled up to a house near 18th Street to pick up someone on crutches. She was arguing with her mother and just wanted to get away from her for the night. She had a few bags and a cute little pup named Charley. I helped load up and got her and the crutches in the back seat, then went to grab Charley last. The little dude bolted though. I asked what I should do, and she asked if I would chase him down, you know, since her ankle was busted. As my phone was blowing up, I followed him upstairs. He seemed like he was playing around more than he was scared. I finally got close enough to grab him, and he SCREAMED and tried to bite me. He missed, but he got me in another way. I brought him back down and handed him off to the girl in the back. Then I noticed a smell. A horrible smell.

Charley was cute, but he wasn't all dog. He had to be half skunk. He pooped his anal glands on me while I was bringing him back down, and it was bad. The cab was ruined. My shirt was ruined too. Crutches felt bad and was also on the verge of vomiting, and of course she was going all the way to Crab Shack. I choked back my gag reflex and headed to my apartment, to at least change my shirt before this stinky journey north. We stopped at middle Chu's to grab her some supplies, and some bleach and Febreze. Guess who forgot her purse though? I was not happy about this. I had already been in this situation 20 minutes longer than I should, and now we were back-tracking thru anal leakage.

Round 2 at her house, and of course she couldn't really make it upstairs in any kind of timely manner. She called her mom to ask if I could come up and grab her purse. Thrilling. She got thru to the old lady and I headed upstairs. Knock Knock. No answer. Doorbell 5 times though and finally a drunk and very suspicious woman crept toward the door. She was oblivious to my presence, and wasn't too enthused with the idea of me coming in her house and rummaging around for her daughter's purse. All I could think was how I had gotten here. What decision did I make along the way that landed me in an old lady's house at midnight, looking for a purse so I could make \$6, and proceed to clean toxic dog waste out of my backseat? All the while, Martin was cleaning up on the island with easy routine 5 minute rides.

I talked the purse out of the house and headed back to my cab. Crutches was leaning out of the back, having succumbed to her

gagging. As satisfying as it was to see, the stagnant midnight air had only made Charley's little surprise all the more potent. I drove as fast as I could get away with to Chu's just before they closed. She said she had cash, and handed me her card to grab some beer and clean up products. The smell was so putrid that the clerk inside could smell it.

We made our way to the Shack, spraying air wick and going thru a full pack of wet wipes along the way. As bad as this ordeal had been, I wasn't terribly mad about it. This article was due anyway, and obviously I was handed this experience on a silver poo-poo platter. Then, almost as I expected, she didn't have any cash. Then I was mad. Not mad enough to deal anymore though. I said screw it. I just wanted to escape at that point. She did get back with me the next day and made it right, but the damage was done. The odor was hard to beat too.

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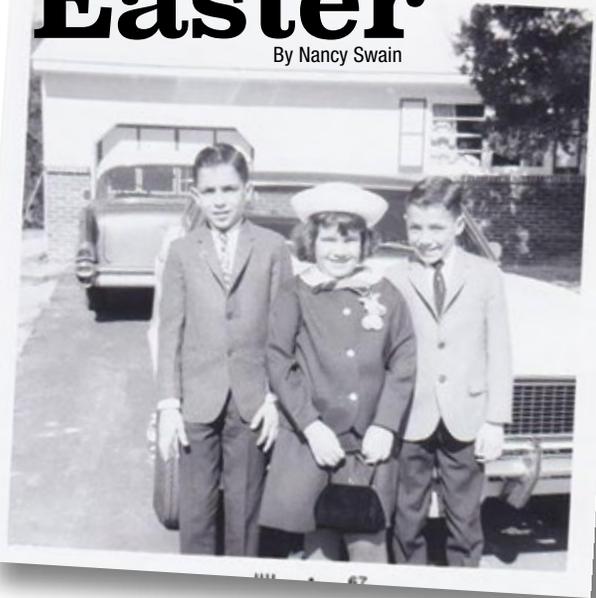
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Easter

By Nancy Swain



Easter makes me smile! Yes, there are the religious aspects, but there are also the lighthearted, silly traditions that bring joy. Who doesn't love watching children hunting plastic Easter eggs? They gleefully poke through bushes and grass searching for the colorful eggs which hold delightful treats. Whether it is a toy or candy, their eyes light up with such delight!

Then there are the multi-hued Easter bonnets worn by fashionable females, young and old, along with sharp-dressed males, juvenile and mature. I remember always wearing an Easter bonnet, white gloves, a pretty dress and patent leather shoes. My two older brothers were always sartorial in their Easter suits and ties, complete with pocket hankies.

We were always super excited to partake in my maternal grandmother's (Gram) Easter dinner. It always featured leg of lamb, mint jelly, green beans and mashed potatoes. My great-grandmother (Bobbi) would make braided Easter Bread, an European tradition. It was like Challah bread with colored hard boiled eggs tucked into the folds.

My mother always made dyeing Easter eggs fun! We would drop the rainbow-colored tablets into vinegar water. Next, we would personalize our eggs with the clear wax crayon. Finally, we dunked them into the glass, using the wire "spoon." Our fingers also got dyed, along with the tablecloth! To this day I still dye eggs, even though there are no children in our household or nearby.

Then there was the candy. Oh! The candy! My parents were Presidents of the Ladies' Auxiliary for Toms River (NJ) Little League (yes, the World Champs in 1998). But, this was back in the '70's. Girls couldn't even join Little League back then, which broke my second base heart. Anyway... each Easter season they would sell candy from Old Monmouth Candy as a fundraiser. Our house would receive all the boxes that were ordered and had to be sorted. It became the Easter Bunny's warehouse! I think I gained weight just looking at it. It was like living in a chocolate factory.

Of course there are always Jelly beans and Peeps. I am amazed jelly beans have gone "gourmet," and there now are at least 17 flavors of Peeps (someone please Google it and give me the exact number). Look how lucky kids are these days. They can go into sugar shock in so many ways!

Take time to remember what made you happy on Easter as a child. Pass it on and perhaps start your own traditions to be remembered and repeated by future generations.

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Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

OUR COLORFUL ARK SHELLS

I think it's safe to say that the most common seashell we find on Tybee are Ark Shells. Being a type of bivalve mollusk, they have two clam-like shells (valves) held together by a flexible proteinaceous hinge ligament connecting the tops of the two shells. Arks have fairly thick shells with characteristic ridges and grooves running from top to bottom.

Our common Ark species live in the shallow sandy bottom just offshore. But occasionally someone will find a live one in the wet intertidal sand during our Tybee Beach Ecology Trips. Arks are able to dig down into the sand, and those grooves on the shell actually assist in digging. To dig, the Ark extends a wedge-shaped muscle (its "foot") out between the bottom of its shells, and then the muscle contracts and it pulls the animal downward. The shell grooves provide channels for the displaced sand grains, thus making digging easier. To increase digging efficiency, the contraction of the foot and downward pull also involves a slight back-and-forth "rocking" motion. The small interlocking "hinge teeth" inside the top of each shell help to prevent the two shells from being sheared apart by this rocking motion. These grooves, ridges and teeth all have a purpose!

When alive, Arks have white shells, but many species have a dark, felt-like, outer layer called a periostracum. Usually this has worn away by the time the empty shells wash ashore. One of my favorite feature of our Tybee Ark shells is the variety of colors they have. This assortment of shell colors is due to different types of bottom sediments where the empty shells have been buried for years before they finally wash ashore.

Two species account for most of our Tybee Ark shells. To get an idea of species distribution, I recently picked up a bunch of Ark Shells of all colors and sizes. After sorting, I ended up with 70 Blood Arks (80%); 16 Incongruous Arks (18%); and 2 Ponderous Arks (only 2% of my sample).



The most common is the Blood Ark. Blood Ark shells are oval shaped and have around 35 smooth ribs/ridges that run from top to bottom. The umbo ("beak") points forward, so it is offset toward the front of the row of small hinge teeth on the inside.

Second in abundance on Tybee are Incongruous Ark shells. Their shell has 25-27 or so ribs/ridges that are cut by fine lines so the ribs appear to be beaded or bumpy. The umbos (beaks) point toward each other, so the beak is at the middle of the straight line of small hinge teeth inside of the shell.

I'm as guilty as anyone, not getting excited over our abundant Ark Shells. But when you consider their variety of colors due to each shell's unique history, and all the functional intricacies of their shells, they really are an interesting component of our Tybee beach treasures.

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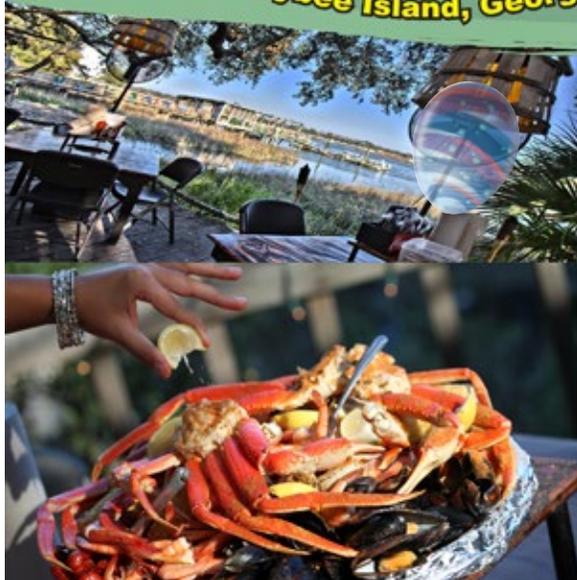
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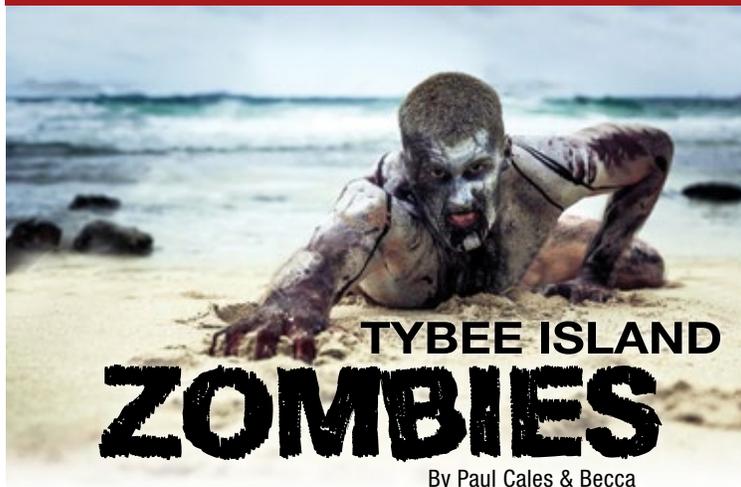


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CHAPTER 44 - I MAY START CALLING YOU SHRIMPER BRIAN DAY 11

"What the hell was that boys?" Richie says, and looks toward the window. "Eh. It was probably just one of those stupid zombies." He sets his supplies down on the bar and walks over to the window. As he peers through, he just catches a glimpse of two people running out of the parking lot, followed by five zombies.

He turns around and walks back behind the bar. "Hey Brian! You awake yet?" Brian mumbles, then in a low, gritty voice says, "I'm awake you asshole."

Richie calmly walks up behind Brian, grabs his hair, and yanks his head backward so Brian is forced to look up at him. "It seems we have a new issue, Brian. Looks like you might have made contact with some friends on the radio after all. So, who the hell was it just peeking in our window?"

"How about you let me go and I'll go find out for you?"

"I have a better idea. I'm going to take a few of these aspirin and go find out myself. You're going to stay here and keep Joe T. company while I'm gone."

"Come on man!" Brian exclaims. "What the hell. I'll help you. We can get you two new people to feed to Joe T. He doesn't want me anyway. I smell so bad at this point, people are going to mistake me for a damned shrimper!"

"You're certainly right about the stinking part. And Shrimper Brian is much catchier than Crabber Brian. We might just have to change your name."

"Don't you dare start calling me that."

"You're right. That would be an insult for sure. I wouldn't want to upset the shrimpers." Richie grabs his things and turns back to Brian and Joe T. "Alright. I'll be right back. You two sit tight and play nice."

Joe T. lets out a snarl in Brian's direction.

"Seriously dude?" Brian says to Richie. "Come on. Let me out of here!"

Richie ignores him and walks over to the door. As he begins to walk through, he pauses and turns back to Brian. "I'll make you a deal. If I catch these two idiots, I'll kill you quickly." Then he slams

the door shut behind him.

Once Brian is alone with the zombie that used to be Joe T., he sighs. "Damn it. Well, Joe T., I guess it's just you and me for now." He looks around as much as his bindings allow him, trying to find something he can use to free himself.

"Damn Joe T. He's got me tied up pretty good this time. Wait a second, what did he bring out from the kitchen? I wonder if those sheers are still around here. Do you see them Joe T.? You know buddy. The ones Richie used to cut off my damn fingers." He strains his neck to see what Richie had placed on the bar before going over to the window.

"Damn it," he says, as he realizes he's not going to be able to see from where he is. He looks down at himself tied to the chair, then back at Joe T. "This is gonna hurt. If I yell out it's not cause I'm a wussy, I can assure you Joe T." He then begins to hop and scoot the chair, wincing in pain, until he's completely turned around. He can see the cleaver Richie left on the bar top.

"Would you look at that! Why didn't you tell me about this as soon as Richie left? If I get out of this chair, I'll set you free too buddy, I promise." He hops and scoots in his chair toward the end of the bar, where his freedom hopefully awaits. When he gets within a few feet he stops and looks up at it. "How the hell am I going to get this damned cleaver into my hands?"

Joe T. lets out a growl.

"Well if I could just stand up I would. Think a little, will ya man?"

Brian says, then has an idea. He scoots right up to the edge of the bar and strains his neck forward toward the cleaver. He gets his teeth on the handle, pulls it toward him, and it falls off the bar onto the floor. He positions his chair next to it.

"Okay buddy, I'm gonna go for it," Brian says, and rocks his chair to the right, then hard to the left, toppling himself and the chair over onto the ground. "I think I got it!" he exclaims as he secures the cleaver in his hands. As he begins sawing at the ropes binding his wrists, he raises his voice a bit so Joe T. can hear him. "I think it's working. And I think I'm spending too much time with your buddy Richie. Talking to a damned zombie." He shakes his head at himself.

He finishes freeing his hands, then makes quick work of cutting the rest of the ropes that have him secured to the chair. He stands up and raises his arms up in the air. "I'm free bitches!" Then he looks down at himself. He's a bloody mess. He grabs the rags off the bar and walks into the kitchen.

Brian cleans the blood from his hair and face in the sink, then looks down at the stumps where his fingers used to be. He looks at the stove and back at his fingers. "Damn, this is going to suck," he mumbles, then grabs a cast iron skillet and places it on the stove, turning the burner up as high as it will go. While it heats up, he finds some duct tape and clean dish towels and places them next to the stove. Then he walks over to the first aid kit on the wall and collects the peroxide and antiseptic cream. Bringing everything back over to the stove, he takes a moment to stare at the cast iron skillet that is now glowing red.

He takes six deep breaths, presses his stumps on the red iron, and lets out a scream. The smell of burnt flesh, the sound of his flesh sizzling in the pan, and the pain, makes Brian weak in the knees.

It takes everything in him not to pass out. With tears streaming down his face, he feels a sense of relief, knowing the worst of it has passed. He squeezes half the tube of antiseptic cream on his wounds then wraps them in a dish towel, which he secures with the tape. He takes several deep breaths, then says out loud to himself, "I've got to get the hell out of here."

He takes one more deep breath, then walks back into the bar. He walks behind the bar, grabs the cleaver, and makes his way over to Joe T. "Well buddy, I told you I was going to set you free." He lifts the cleaver over his head and swiftly brings it down square on the top of Joe T.'s head, burying it into his skull.

Joe T. slumps forward. Motionless. Silent. He is free.

To be continued...

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Girl's Advice

This one is a real pickle! You have to ask yourself two questions: How much do I actually like my boyfriend? And would it be a "hit it and quit it" situation, or do you want to go somewhere with the brother? Well, and let's throw in a third question: Do I want to be the reason that William never talks to Harry again? That's technically ruining a family and hey, how attracted are you (4th question)?

I say do it! You only live once and if you don't hit it, you will never know. What if you end up marrying William and then you're always going to be eyeballing Harry, wondering what you may have missed. Life's too short. What if you marry Harry? What if they talk to each other and discover you're a slutty whore and want nothing to do with you? The possibilities are endless. What could possibly go wrong?

Boy's Advice

I have to say I'm really disappointed in my counterpart. Giving advice that will definitely end badly any way you look at it is completely sadistic and wretched. My advice to you is to ignore my counterpart. Your boyfriend's brother probably won't want your stank ass anyway. What kind of girl would try to sleep with her boyfriend's brother anyway? If you want to sleep around like a damned ho, break up with your boyfriend and do what you want, but leave his family out of it. Honestly, who do you think you are? Sorry honey, the world does not revolve around you. Simply asking a question like this tells me that you have suspect morals and you're selfish!

It seems that we get quite a few questions that touch on this topic. Remember, your actions will definitely have an effect on the people around you. Live that fantasy out in your head and move on with your relationship.

On second thought, go ahead. Make the moves on the brother. While you're at it, why don't you invite Mom and Dad in on the action and make it a 5 way at Easter dinner this year? If you don't like odd numbers, invite my counterpart, she's always down for a 6 way shaggin'!

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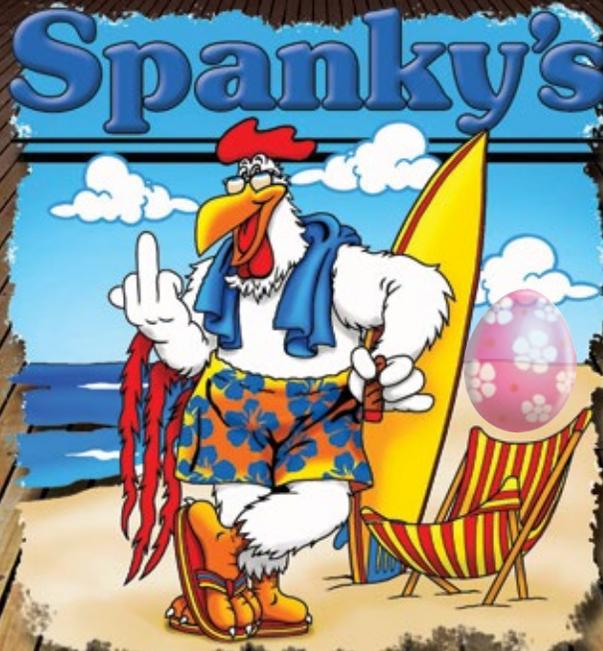
Happy April everybody. Warm weather is upon us and the island is starting to get a little crowded. It seems like this year is shaping up to be a busy one, so everyone settle in early. Anyone who knows the island well knows that our police department has always taken DUI's seriously. It's a problem everywhere, but it's always been one of our biggest issues. So this month I thought I'd tell a recent story of someone who got arrested for DUI.

A few months back, a couple of our officers were working near Tybrisa St., keeping an eye on the south end crowd. While they were standing there, a car came flying by them and hit the curb at Seven Flags, went airborne, then kept on driving. They went and found the car a few blocks down with a blown tire. They talked to the driver, who had obviously been drinking quite a bit, to try to figure out what had led up to where they were. The driver of this car was so drunk that they thought they were in Port Wentworth, because that's where they were going to from downtown Savannah. Unfortunately, when you drink that much, you miss one turn and next thing you know you're fifteen miles in the wrong direction. As you can imagine, that driver was arrested for DUI that night along with several other traffic charges.

So what's the moral of the story? Just take a cab, or an uber, or a lyft, or walk. This island really isn't that big. And if you're one of our regular local readers, please feel free to tell all the visitors you come in contact with how the police are with drinking and driving. Tybee has seen its tourism explode over the past few years. The drawback to that success is that for several months of the year we are very crowded. That crowding comes with foot traffic, and leaves no room for us to give leeway with DUI's. So please be responsible and please encourage everyone you know to do the same.

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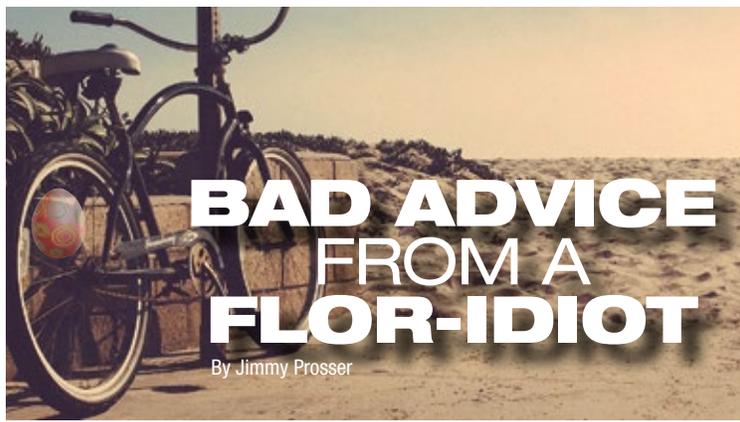
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How to blend in and fit in like a Tybee local while you're here on vacation

(With the actual reality of it translated and barfed out for you by Ms...Alain...Eous)

Tybee is one of the most bland vacation destinations I can think of. This overly commercialized peninsula that sits in the Savannah River sees millions of visitors a year and comes in only second to Disney World in Orlando, FL.

- The first thing all Tybee locals do is take a scenic drive to and from the peninsula daily to take in the sights of marsh grass that hide our utility poles along the Federal U.S. Highway 80. You'll catch most true locals with their windows down, breathing in the fresh marsh air that can only be described as a mix between roses and kittens. Once you near the main portion of the peninsula, be sure to abruptly stop on top of the Lazaretto Bridge and get a postcard photo of our magnificent cruise ship port.

Ms...Alain...Eous: *First of all, the marsh smells like ass, but you get used to it and it grows on you. It's a salt life thing. Second of all, DO NOT stop on Lazaretto Creek Bridge to oooh and ahhh and take pictures!! You will get rear ended and possibly murdered. Get yourself over that bridge and keep on cruising. There is a post card you can buy that will elicit the same emotion and is better than any picture you could take.*

- One thing you will notice when you come in the back way is the ample city-owned parking lots and garages that offer FREE PARKING to all. After living here for 18 years, I can tell you that if, in the off chance one of these city owned and patrolled parking structures are full, you can park on any lawn on Tybee (city ordinance U.r.4N-1D10T) as grass is particularly hardy in the south and roots well in sand.

Ms...Alain...Eous: *Ah parking. There is none. When we full, we full. Until a developer turns Little Tybee into a parking garage (shudder), it is what it is man. Get here early. Also, don't park on anyone's lawn. However, 3 out of 10 homeowners will let you park at their house if you throw them a \$20 bill and are respectful. Also, if you do score a premium spot, you gotta pay. Don't forget to pay.*

- If you weren't able to get a parking spot on the beach and you find yourself walking, it is imperative that you slowly saunter across Butler Ave. You're on "island time" on this particular peninsula and everyone will appreciate you more if you show them just how well you can relax.

Ms...Alain...Eous: *The Crosswalks!! Man, hustle your ass! You're holding up traffic and not to mention, there is always someone that is not going to see you and may possibly run you over. I've seen it happen. It's not pretty. At all. Spending your vacation in the hospital is no bueno.*

- Once you get to the beach (Tybee is man-made and the beach wasn't installed until late 2016) you're technically in maritime law, which starts 15 miles from the largest city (Savannah is 18 miles away). This means protected wild life classes and littering ordinances don't actually apply out here. What better time to see if your adorable crotch demon is going to grow up to be a serial killer more than now. There are literally thousands of seagulls s/he could choke. Also, Tybee taxes all of its full time citizens very high to offer a daily beach cleaning service, so you don't have to pick up after yourself.

Ms...Alain...Eous: *That entire paragraph is just gibberish. Just like Jimmy. Pick up your trash or I will punch you in the face.*

- One thing you will notice is most locals are shy. You'll find them at the library keeping to themselves and occasionally at T.G.I.Fridays or our Chili's (they're across from each other, only a moron could miss them - if you have to ask where they are, you're going to look like a fool). Tybee locals are known for their peaceful ways, being shy, and their sobriety. Because of maritime law, gambling is legal on Tybee (as is prostitution) and if you want to make a quick buck, challenge any local to a drinking contest. Easy money.

Ms...Alain...Eous: *NEVER get into a drinking contest with a local. We will destroy you. Every single one of us on this island can drink you under the table and then dance the night away while you die of alcohol poisoning. Pictures will be taken and posted on Facebook. Livers will be ruined (yours) and families will be wrecked (also yours). We will go home and wake up fresh as a daisy the next day, ready for another day of conquering.*

- The biggest thing to remember is yet again Maritime law. The police on Tybee don't actually have jurisdiction once you cross the Lazaretto Bridge. They're more for show. So be sure you act a fool, make an ass of yourself and be rude and disrespectful to all (especially your servers and bartenders - they get to live here, you don't, they make enough money).

Ms...Alain...Eous: *The police here are cool, but yes sir/ma'am and respect go a long way. They can and will ruin your vacation. We don't have the saying "come on vacation and leave on probation" for nothing. Keep yourself in your lane and don't be a dick. Also, tip your people. They shuck and jive under the hardest situations - heat, covid, you, your kids, drunks, hangovers (theirs and yours), lack of staff, etc. If you don't have enough money to tip, pack a lunch.*

- I hope you enjoy your vacation on this little strip of land in the Savannah River (and before you try to correct me and say it's an island - that would mean you couldn't drive out here. You would have had to boat or swim - so if you came by car, you're on a peninsula).

Ms...Alain...Eous: *End note: Jimmy is now in Florida and truly is an idiot, but we love that kid and hope the best for him. Bless his heart.*



PERVY PET OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Danny & Jamey Monroe

Ziggy and Marley Monroe

Ziggy and Marley Monroe are rescued Caribbean “coyotes” from the Bahamas. They came over by a private plane with their other three siblings. They are very loyal, yet crazy as hell, which is why they are nicknamed coyotes. Their breed actually is called a Potcake. They got the name because Bahamians make a dish that consists of peas and rice. Whatever sticks to the bottom of the pot, they feed to stray dogs.

Ziggy and Marley love swimming, running, playing with their brothers, riding in cars and all of their treats! They do not like getting their nails trimmed and bath time.



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'Prose before Bros' and Other Bestselling Beliefs

"When I have a little money, I buy books; and if I have any left, I buy food and clothes." – Erasmus

My life is an open book. Literally. It is the best of times when I'm in the grips of a good book and the worst of times when I can't find anything to read. Calling me a bookworm doesn't quite fit the bill. Book stalker is probably more like it.

As far back as I can remember, I always needed a book in hand. That's a truth universally acknowledged. Just ask my middle sister.

In elementary school she checked out a library book called the "Island of the Blue Dolphins," by Scott O'Dell. I nagged her to let me read it first. I had an obsessive need to find out more about a girl stranded on an island for 18 years. But in the annoying way of a middle sister who has something others want, she refused to share – even going so far as to hide the book at bedtime.

Ever the book stalker, I tip-toed into her room after she fell asleep and searched until I found that tantalizing tome. I stayed up all night reading it, and then surreptitiously returned it to its hiding place before she woke the next morning. I never told her. Until now if she's reading this.

I don't judge a book by its cover. I don't judge my reading material at all. Cereal boxes, liner notes, tabloids, classic literature, Reader's Digest condensed, bodice rippers... just give it to me baby! I have no *shelf esteem* when it comes to reading! Kindle, Nook, paperback book. I love them all.

I've been known to spin a little fiction when friends call to make weekend plans. "Sorry I'm booked," I say, as I turn another page. And by the way, "Just let me finish this one chapter," is a bold face, large print, italicized lie book stalkers tell other people to make them go away. We're never going to finish.

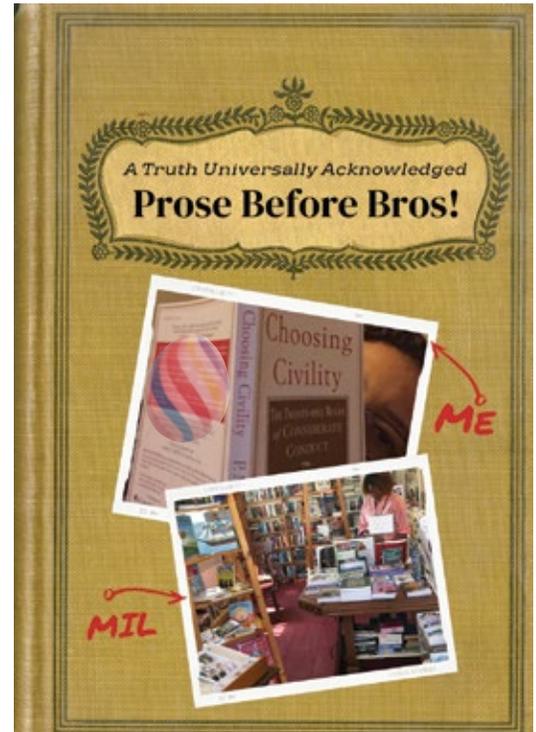
My husband is my favorite hero, but sometimes he wonders why I married him. I swear it has nothing to do with the fact that his mother is even more of a book stalker than me. He can't take the two of us in public without being dragged into a bookstore or library. She and I have a motto when we're together. "Prose before bros!"

I'm proud to say I have library cards for three cities from Georgia to Florida. I once looked up from an article I was reading about Florida's library of the year, and made what I thought was a novel suggestion. *"Honey, we should buy some property in Manatee County? They just won library of the year."* Needless to say, he threw the book at that idea.

Many moons ago, when I started a side hustle teaching yoga, I vowed to read at least one business book every month. Forget Kindergarten. Everything you need to know you can learn in the business section of the bookstore. If you own a business or want to, take a page from my book and get to reading. It will expand your entrepreneurial capabilities beyond belief. Even Dr. Seuss agrees you'll go places with this advice. "And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed)."

To get you started, I'm sharing my top six list. If you ignore my list and your business suffers, you'll only have your shelf to blame:

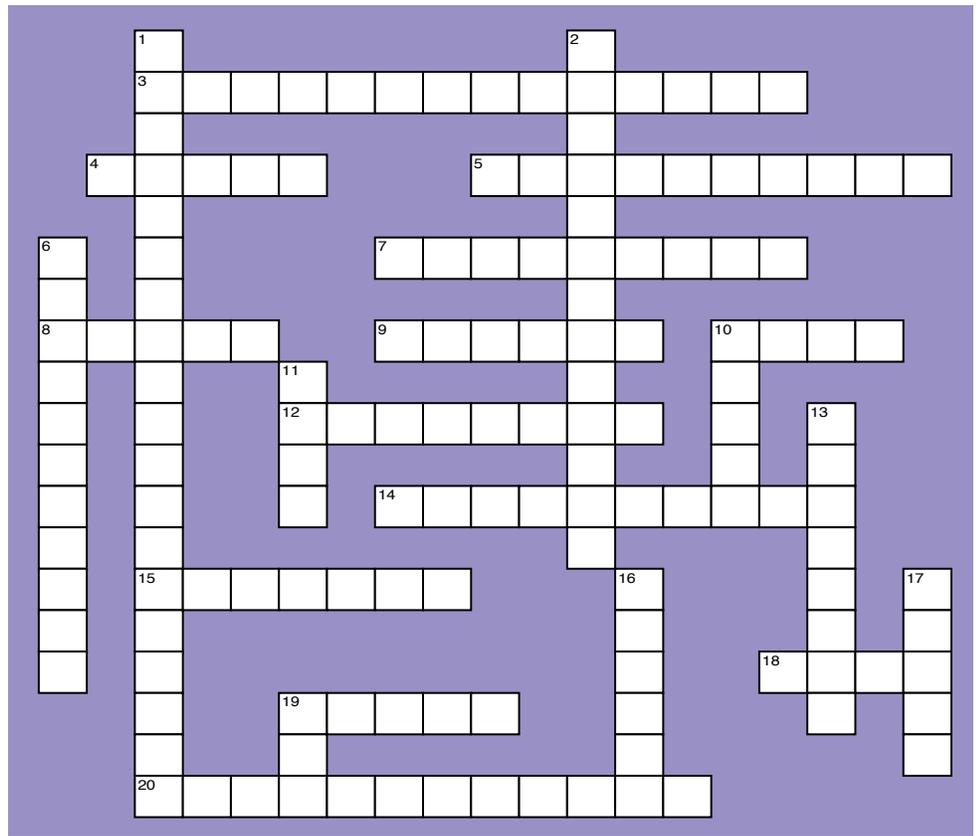
1. **The Success Principles: How to Get from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be** by Jack Canfield and Janet Switzer. This book shares 64 proven principles used by successful men and women throughout history. I keep multiple copies of this book on hand and give it away to all the young people in my life. It is transformative.
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Cross Word

ACROSS

- 3 Movie Review (3 wds)
- 4 Number of eggs in this edition
- 5 Food Spy locale (2 wds.)
- 7 Seaside town where "The Survivors" take place (2 wds)
- 8 Bad Advice explains how to fit in like a _____
- 9 Holiday
- 10 Taxi Tales doesn't like this
- 12 Fish Whisperer says this is anything past 30 miles
- 14 Sports Teaser says there's a little golf tournament about two hours north of Tybee, _____, that tees off in a few days
- 15 Ziggy and Marley are rescued Caribbean _____ from the Bahamas
- 18 Traveling Beachcomber winners, Billy and Mary Reiser, went here
- 19 4th month
- 20 Photo of the Month was submitted by him (2wds.)

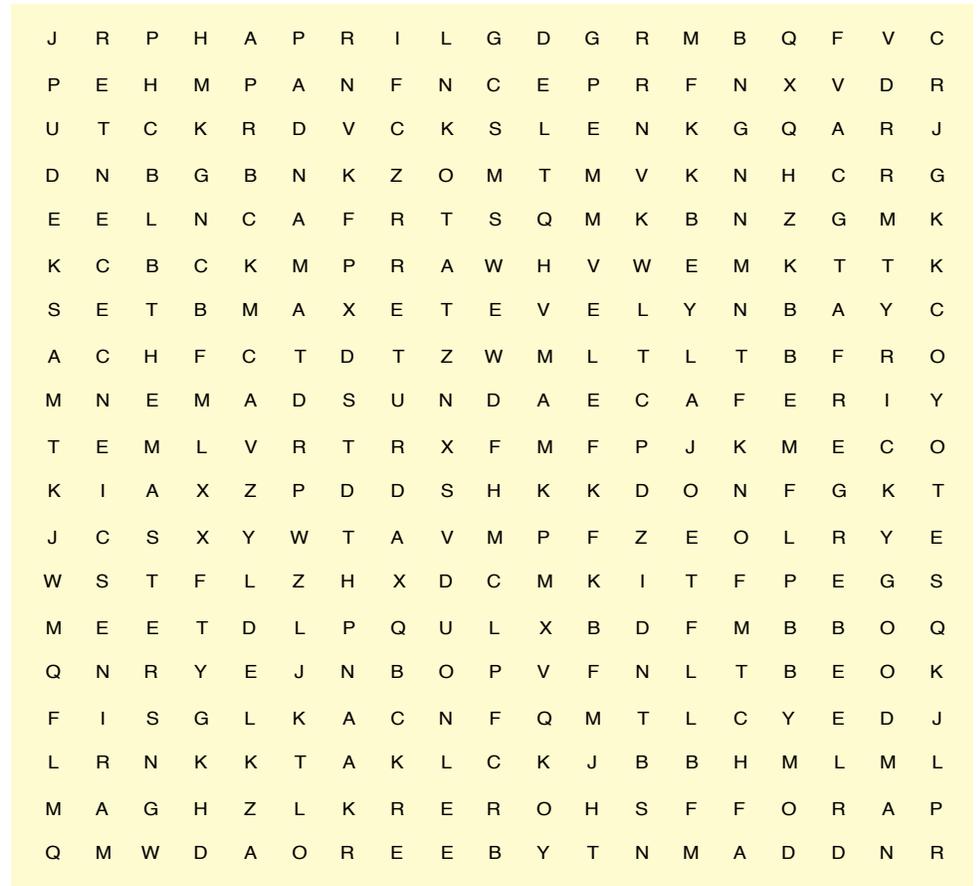


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DOWN

- 1 They are moving into their new home in the North Beach Parking Lot on May 1 (3 wds.)
- 2 In Memo from the Mayor, in long ago times, Hwy. 80 was nicknamed this
- 6 The Post Theater calls him our personal Indiana Jones (3 wds.)
- 10 Main Street Matters and her mother-in-law have a motto, "_____ before Bros"
- 11 Brian kept his promise and set him free (2 wds.)
- 13 Contest where you guess who these locals are (2 wds.)
- 16 Bartender of the Month
- 17 Sports Teaser says as far as football, this is all we must look forward to
- 19 The most common seashell we find on Tybee

Word Search



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AMANDA	DR LEE BERGER	OFFSHORE
ANGEL HAS FALLEN	EASTER	POOP
APRIL	EVELYN BAY	PROSE
ARK	FIFTY	RICKY GOODMAN
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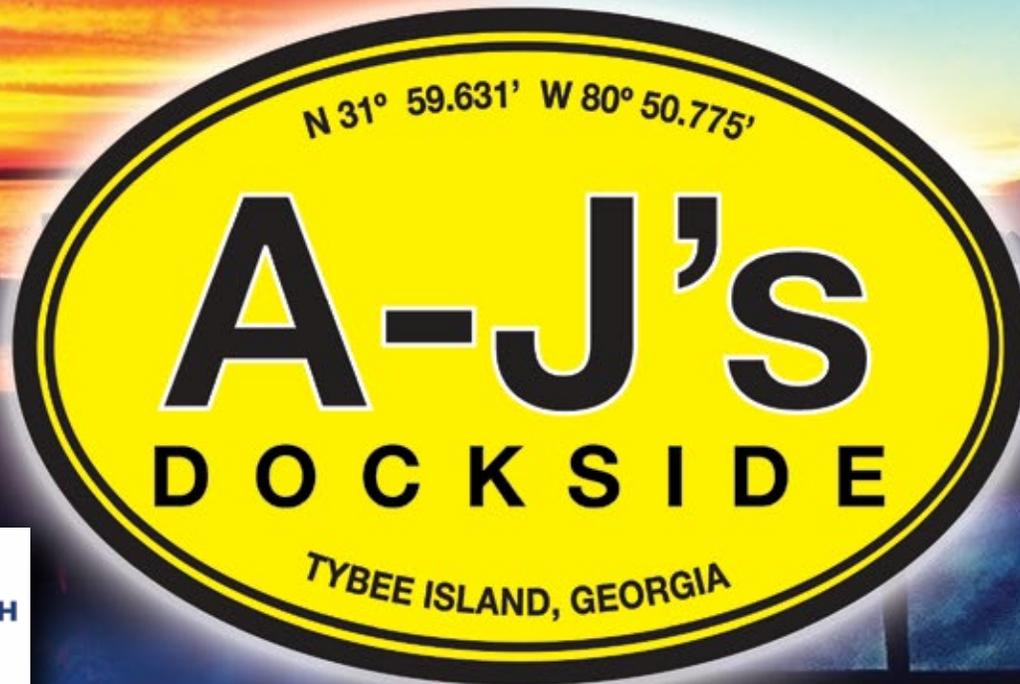


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