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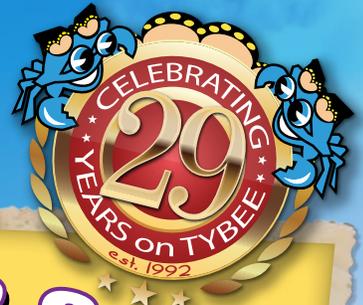
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From MS...ALAIN...EOUS

For September, we have a lot going on kids! Let's get to it, starting with the infamous Mr. Gomez!

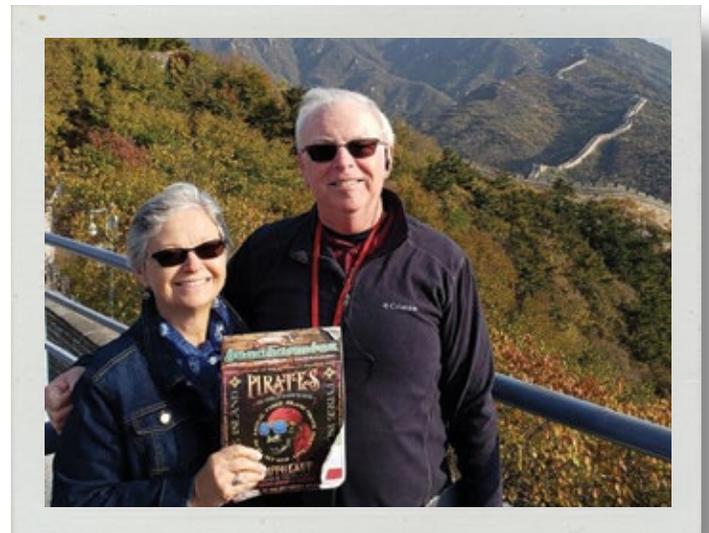
Well, it actually does look like people do read Ms...Alain...Eous, as the number of people that have gone into **Agave** and asked for **Mr. Gomez** is larger than I expected (that's a hint, folks)! What I want y'all to do is text, email, DM, IM, or catch me on the street with your guess on how many people actually participated in this silly contest of ruining Luis' last name. We are ending it at the end of August, so get your guess to me by September 10th. The closest guesser to the actual number of people will win a gift certificate for an excellent meal at Agave! Where you can throw ice at Mr. Gomez.

If you were paying any sort of attention to the August edition of the BC, you will have noted that we didn't catch the factoid that it says July instead of August on the front cover. That having been barfed out, there are three people to blame and I'm not one of them! (I totally am, but whatever). So, what we are going to do, is run a contest on finding the major error of the month! Every month I manage to do something really stupid. If you catch it and are the very first person to text me, then you win a gift certificate to **Sundae Café**. If that doesn't inspire you, nothing will. Keep in mind though, I'm not talking a missed semi-colon. It's gotta be major and now I can claim I did it on purpose!

We are doing something special for **Tybee Island Zombies** this month. To give Paul & Becca a break, because writing this article is a bear every month and they deserve one, we have contacted all of our survivors for a meet and greet. We have included the original O.G., Bobby King, as although he went first, he literally took one for the team. We would like to thank all of Tybee for participating in this apocalypse, whether you wanted to or not.

On to my fave! The **Traveling BC!** I want to apologize as I have no idea how I dropped the ball on this one, but a long time ago, **Terrell & Marie Gooding** took us to the **Great Wall of China**. Just WOW and COOL!!! Thank you, Gooding Family!!! Get down to A.J's right now!!!

Phew! Alright, let's get it on. Make me a Watermelon Margarita from A-J's and 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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Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

I've never met this lady before, but right out of the gate when she walked through the door, I was instantly enamored. She's got this look like 'let's go have a really good time, laugh till our guts hurt, maybe go to jail, definitely tell the grandkids immediately and enjoy the hell out of life always.' Love it and she is now my new BFF (unbeknownst to her, of course)! I'm talking about **Rhonda Dalton Sullivan** of *The Crab Shack!* Let's get to it!

Born and raised in ATL, this girl has five siblings and exhausted parents! Right out of high school, she shucked and jived immediately into the food industry, and although she started Front of House, she ended up being the first female Kitchen Manager at her first job after a year. (For those of you not in the know, FOH is servers, hostesses, bartenders and Back of House (BOH) is where we poison your food). That is super impressive! When she was 23 years young, she got hitched. Husband had an opportunity to move his business to Savannah and Rhonda had always had the call to go to Savannah herself – meant to be.

She immediately started work at Tubby's in Thunderbolt and actually was one of the first people to help Ainsley open Molly McGuire's! That's historical, y'all!!! She also worked at One-Eyed Lizzy's on River Street (which is where I worked too and basically that sealed my friendship with her forever) for several years. When One-Eyed transferred ownership, she heard from a friend that The Crab Shack was hiring and the rest is history! Now running all three bars at Crab Shack (yes, there are three bars and that place is huge), our girl has it all going on!

Tybee Beachcomber's Questions of Life:

Tybee Life: A minute.

Passion: Stained glass and anything outdoorsy.

Grow Up: Federal Conservation Officer – loves the woods and everything in them.

Spirit Animal: A raptor – powerful, fierce, and free! Yep!

Super Power She Has: High energy multi-tasker! That is a huge superpower!

Super Power She Wants: Fly!

Rhonda's go-to drink is the **Crab Shack Lemonade**, but she adds a little something something to hers, which she stamped out my dreams of learning what that something might be. This new version is the **Rhonda Roundhouse** and I hugely recommend it! It is all 'Southern Charm' and will totally make you feel sassafassy!

You have to go to The Crab Shack and see Rhonda right now! She's gorgeous. Fun. Entertaining. Can make a killer cocktail. Make you LOL. Everything you want in your bartender. I will see you there!



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Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

GREY STARFISH

Starting in mid-June, Tybee experienced an event that doesn't occur here very often. The last time I remember seeing it on Tybee was probably 20 years ago or more. This past June we had a period of a few weeks when we had hundreds and hundreds of Gray Starfish wash ashore along the beach. Although it happens from time to time along southeastern beaches, it's not a seasonal or yearly event. Prior to this summer on Tybee, the last one I remember hearing about was just north of us along Fripp Island, SC, around Christmas 2014.

As you can imagine, when this happened on Tybee, I got lots of questions about what was going on and why we were suddenly seeing so many Gray Starfish along the beach. It has been exciting this summer to know that during our Tybee Beach Ecology Trips we were likely to find some of these stars that we normally don't see on our beach. It has also been very satisfying to see how beachgoers took time to rescue stranded stars and carry them back to the water.

The Gray Sea star's normal habitat is offshore in deeper water, where they crawl around on and burrow through the sandy and shelly bottom of our continental shelf. They are not normally a shoreline animal. So the ones we saw washed ashore here on Tybee were from out offshore. My guess is that a storm offshore stirred up the bottom and suspended the starfish into the water. Once off the bottom and up in the water, they got carried wherever the currents transported them. So, it appears that an offshore area not too far away that had lots of these starfish got stirred up, the starfish got suspended in the water, and the currents were just right to carry them onto Tybee.

In their normal habitat offshore, they burrow through and crawl across the sandy bottom searching for small snails and bivalves (clams) to eat. They have fairly long tube feet on the underside that they use for moving across the bottom, and compared to most other starfish, Gray Starfish are really fast. I couldn't believe how fast they moved across our beach



touch tanks. Supposedly their tube feet don't have small suction cups on the ends (like many other starfish have), but rather have pointed ends. These pointed ends help them move across the sandy bottom efficiently. But without suction cups, the tube feet aren't designed for gripping onto hard surfaces. But it was interesting to see that some of the ones we had briefly in our beach touch tanks were indeed able to crawl up the sides of our plastic tanks, so it makes me wonder if they don't have some sort of ability to adhere to solid surfaces.

I don't know how long these Gray Starfish will be here on our beach. They probably can't stand being out of the water and under the sun for too long. So hopefully, they will be able to survive in our shallow beach water and by burrowing into the wet sand, for at least a while longer.

Dr. Joe Richardson (Ph.D. Marine Sciences) is a retired marine science professor with 40 years of research and teaching experience along GA, the southeastern coast and Bahamas. Besides research, he conducts Tybee Beach Ecology Trips (www.TybeeBeachEcology.com) and frequently posts pictures of their findings on his Tybee Beach Ecology Trips Facebook page.

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By Meagan Bunger

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By Nell Klein

PROJECT HAIL MARY

By Andy Weir

Every so often, a book comes along that absolutely captivates you. It's one of those books, that when you've finished reading it, you have trouble starting another book because you can't stop thinking about it. "Project Hail Mary" is one of those books. I tried starting two new books to take my mind off of it, but to no avail, so I decided to share it with you instead.

The story begins when some nameless person wakes up and has no clue what his name is or where he is. It seems he is in some kind of medical facility, but he doesn't know any more than that. His fuzzy memory begins to become clearer and eventually he begins to remember things, like his name for starters, and all the pieces of his past few months slowly begin to come back to him.

His name is Dr. Ryland Grace and he is a junior high science teacher. Months before, he was approached by NASA and a group of doctors and scientists with a worldwide problem involving our sun losing its power. It seems that something called astrophage was invading our sun and making it go dark. The earth and everything in it would eventually die if something drastic wasn't done, and done pretty darn soon. The scientists found that a very faraway star named Tau Ceti was not affected by this astrophage and a ship dubbed "Hail Mary" would be sent into space on a suicide mission to find out why it wasn't affected and hope that a solution could be found to save the earth from ultimate ruin.

Three astronauts were then sent into space to try and save the earth but only one person, Dr. Grace, survived the flight. He wakes up millions of miles from home with two corpses for company and no idea how to get out of this mess on his own. He's a junior high school science teacher, not an astronaut! He has no skills in piloting the spacecraft and no idea how to save himself, much less the world! But just when he feels that all is lost, he gets a glimmer of hope. It seems he's not the only spaceship out there and he's also not the only living thing either. Another planet has the same problems as earth and he suddenly has an ally. It appears that the other spacecraft has been doomed by the same problems and it only has one survivor also. It looks like Dr. Grace and this unknown alien will have to learn how to work together if they are going to save their respective planets. So together they work out why Tau Ceti is the only star not affected by astrophage, but how is this information possibly going to save their worlds?

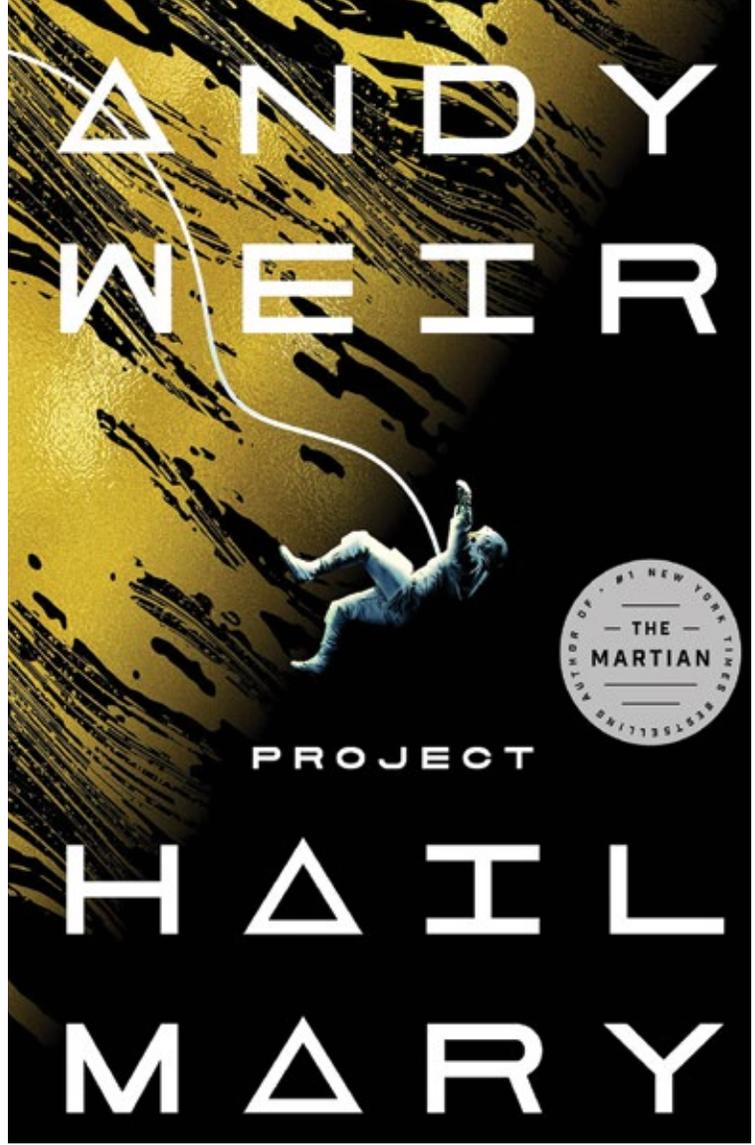
These two beings are pitted against the worst possible odds that you can imagine, but are they going to be able to pull it off? After all, it's a suicide mission, so it doesn't really matter what happens to them, as long as they get the desired results to save their respective humanities.

The story goes back and forth between Dr. Grace remembering things that are helpful to him to keep the mission going and also remembering how he got into this mess in the first place. You will love Rocky, the alien. He's nothing I've ever pictured as an alien, but in some ways he's very human. Does a junior high science teacher save all of humanity? Well, I guess you're going to have to read it to find out.

It seems that the author, Andy Weir, is a software engineer and lifelong space nerd who, after having his first novel, "The Martian" published, has

begun to write full-time. That's good news for all of us! "The Martian" was actually made into a movie starring Matt Damon. It's the one where he gets stuck on Mars for years with nothing to eat but potatoes. It was a great movie! All I know is that "Project Hail Mary" is a must-read book. Needless to say, I give this fabulous book 5 roses. So, give it a try, you will not be disappointed!

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




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I have lived on the islands my entire life. I was raised on Tybee Island as a fourth-generation resident and attended St. Vincent's Academy in Savannah, Georgia. I spent my childhood enjoying the various activities living on the water afforded me. I have built life long connections throughout Savannah and the Lowcountry.

My husband and I currently live on Talahi island, an island between Tybee and Savannah. With my husband, we are currently raising two wonderful boys. Together we love anything to do with the water, fishing, boating and going to the beach.

My husband is a regional manager of a company based out of Bryan County. Between his family and mine we have ties all around the area. While I would love to show you something on the islands, I can help you all throughout the area.

Though I have only been in real estate for a short time, I have had the opportunity to learn from seasoned realtors. Mindy Springer, Executive Broker of Carole Paul Realty, and I have a firm belief that, "Honesty isn't the best policy. It is our only Policy."

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MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge

HITMAN'S WIFE'S BODYGUARD

You really do need to watch *The Hitman's Bodyguard* first; otherwise you are not going to enjoy this movie as much as you should. It is just a campy, fun, all the cast clearly loves each other and are having a good time, ridiculousness. Ryan Reynolds is his per usual and he and Samuel L. Jackson have great comedic chemistry. Throw in Salma Hayek, the wife, and it's just stupid fun. Salma has got a serious potty mouth though, which comes out in the first five minutes of the movie, so if profanity offends you, do not watch this movie. Don't talk to me either. You are not going to be happy with either one.

The guts of it is that Salma needs to rescue her man, Samuel, and goes to Ryan for help. Then the plot segues into a pissed off Boston cop that has been forced to work with Interpol, Frank Grillo (he starred as the security guard villain in the *Captain America* Marvel pics), who has to manipulate our three heroes to save the entire planet from an evil Antonio Banderas. Our heroes are running around cussing and shooting at people and, in the end, saving the day. Morgan Freeman makes a surprise appearance (well, not really as his name is in the credits, but it's the role he plays that is surprising) that I didn't really feel that great about. I mean, it's kind of funny. It's just weird, but then all comes together in the end.

All in all, it is a fun movie. Don't expect any life changing moments. Just a laughing good time.

I give this movie 2 bottles of Herradura "150 Aniversario" Extra Anejo Tequila, at the rock bottom price of \$500 per bottle, because it is fun and you cannot not love the main characters, 1 bottle of Clase Azul Reposado because Samuel L. Jackson just makes me happy, 1 bottle of Cuervo because Lionel Richie and Tina Turner songs were ruined and 1 bottle of El Capitan because there is this girl that has some eyebrow issues that bothered me to the point I couldn't concentrate on the movie, and Frank Grillo's hair and acting were ugh. Gerard Butler would have been better. Oh, and 1 bottle of Tijuana Worm Juice because Morgan Freeman's character was just a dick.

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Alright Tybee folks! **Kelly Swope** of **Kelly & Company**, home of all things Tybee Happy, needs our help! She's been living with chronic kidney disease (CKD) for about 25 years. Her kidney function held steady at 35% - though certainly not ideal, she was able to manage her CKD through diet and medication – until 2019. At that point, her kidney function drastically dropped to 17%. It was at this time her doctors told her to prepare for a kidney transplant. Rejection of the new organ is a serious concern for any organ transplant operation; there are a plethora of tests and medications required for post-operative care. Post-transplant costs are high, and not all are covered by insurance. Kelly is fundraising to prepare for these expenses. Some medications cost upwards of \$5,000 on their own – for just one of the necessary medications!! Kelly is a client of the Georgia Transplant Foundation, and through their fundraising program, they will match up to \$10,000 of donations for post-transplant expenses.

Here is where we come in: On **Saturday, September 18th, starting at 5 P.M.**, there will be a huge **PARTAAAY** at **Beachview Inn and Spa!** **Karen Kelly** and **Alaina Loughridge** are hosting a shindig that can boast both **Jason Slone aka Dr. J** and **Willie Jackson and the Tybee Blues Band** on the music list! There will be food provided by **Frank Kelly, Gerald Schantz** of **Gerald's Pig & Shrimp**, as well as **Jenny Orr** of **Fannie's** fame. There will be a silent auction and a live auction all MC'd by our very own **John O'Neill**, which promises to be hugely entertaining!

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This is going to be such a good time and for such a great cause. If you are not comfy being involved with anything, check out Kelly's personal page for the Georgia Transplant Foundation: <https://bit.ly/KellyNeedsAKidney>. It's all tax deductible and 100% on the up and up. All funds received will go directly to Kelly Swope to use for whatever she needs.

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Trying to Reason with the Hurricane Season

By Margie McLellan

Well dear readers, unfortunately it's that time of year again, the dreaded hurricane season. We've had our share of them, haven't we?

As of this writing, we have two tropical storms churning in the Atlantic, on the way to Florida. Tybee can handle a tropical storm or two, but a hurricane is another story.

According to NOAA, they are predicting another active hurricane season, with 13 to 20 named storms, of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes, and of those 3 to 5 will be major hurricanes. Since we live on an island, surrounded by water, we should be taking this seriously.

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

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



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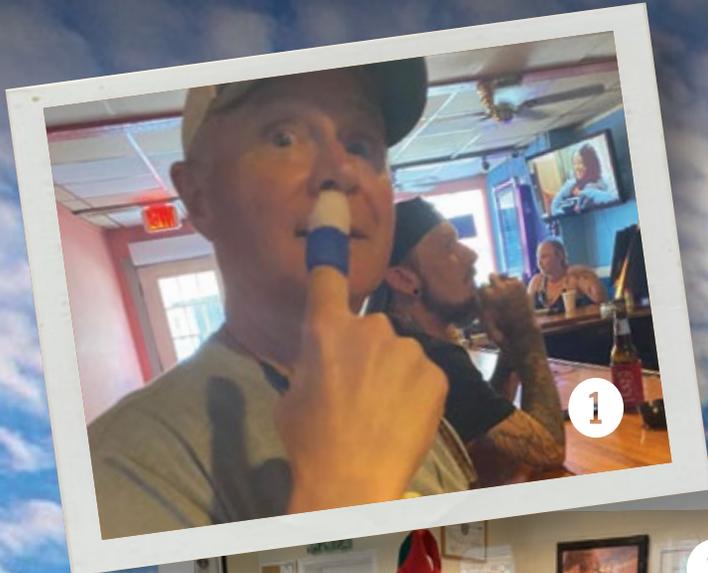


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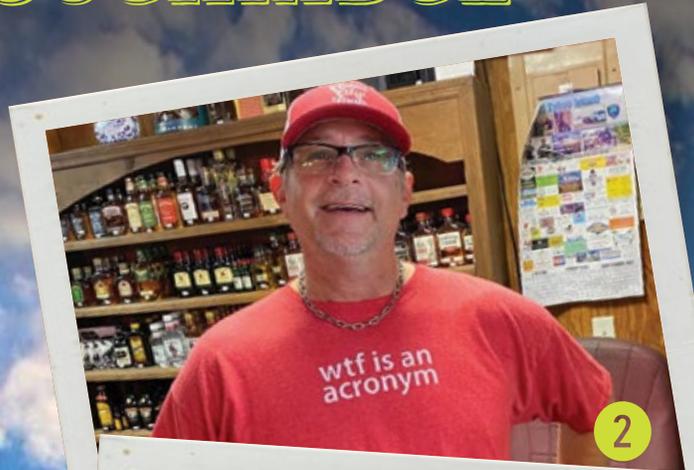
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LOUNGING WITH LOUGHRIDGE

By Alaina Loughridge



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1 Now we all know how **Tony Abruzzio** hurt his guitar picking finger!!! I thought Sherry might have had something to do with it, but clearly not! Looking forward to getting you back for **Drunk Bitch Wednesday at the Rose**, Tony!! Stop picking around!!

2 **David** at **Dizzy Dean's** always wears the best shirts! That and he's always got that welcoming smile! Maybe sampling the products...? LOL!!

3 It's never too early to start celebrating Christmas and **Susan** at the **Visitor's Center** is ready! We are right there with you, girl!! Now, can we get cooler temps with that as well?? Even if it's not Christmas, stop by the Visitor's Center and ask "Where's the Lighthouse?"

4 **Rudy** is the hardest working man I know! Not only can he leap tall buildings in a single bound, but he can push carts of ice down the street and literally work 24 hours a day!!

5 Everyone knows where to go to get their sweet tooth fix on! **Seaside Sweets** is the place and their gelato is hands down fabulous! Their air conditioning is also spot on! Stop by and see **Ella, Rachel and Olivia** today!

6 This shirt cracks me up!! If you know, you know! If you don't know, stop by **Nickie's** and ask! On a side note to people that say that to their bartenders, just stop. You will be mocked.



7 Look at all of these happy, hard-working people at **Sea Wolf!** Everybody is getting ready for a big day. Wait... why am I behind the bar???

8 You never know who you are going to meet when you open your front door on Tybee!!! I found these crazy **Effingham kids** Kung Fu fighting with **Neighbor Joy**. Hey, Saturday night!!!

9 **Karen Kelly** has some great, friendly cats at **Beachview**. This one is apparently attempting to read upside down and become Tybee Happy! Good idea cat! Let's all be Tybee Happy!!

10 Just because **Pirate's Fest** is not going to happen doesn't keep these happy people from touring the island! Tybee is going to party every day of the year!

11 **Dr. Alice** just turned 92!!! Helping her celebrate is the official **Beachcomber Dog, Halo, and Neighbor Joy**. Happy Birthday, Lady!! You are truly a class act!!

12 Who doesn't love them some **Joey!** Well, maybe that one lady that called the cops on him for being rude! LOL!! I think this is his standard look, including the finger in the ear!



Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

CREDIBILITY ISSUES

Governments everywhere play fast and loose with credibility, but it feels somehow different when you see it play out in front of you across supposedly “non-political” institutions.

For example, the CDC’s flip-flop on masking based on “new science.” New science? Seriously?? Did you camp out in front of the Science store overnight to be the first one to get your hands on the newest Science? Did you go find an unknown species of Science at the bottom of the ocean? Are you suggesting that germ theory has gone the way of miasma and humoral theories in the progression of scientific thought about disease?

No. The word she meant was “data.” They have new data, not new science. The problem with “data” is that it’s subject to interpretation, whereas “science” has become unquestionable dogma. So the CDC Director says “new science” as a means of passing off a data interpretation as unquestionable fact.

But this is not about COVID, other than to observe that the credibility of public health officials seems to be eroding rather quickly. Rather, this is about another institution stumbling its way into a credibility crisis: the Federal Reserve.

Recently, China expanded their regulatory crackdown, which sent shockwaves rippling through global markets. It’s always difficult to ascribe intent to the things that come out of China, but we would suggest this is less about punishing companies that choose to do business with the West and more to do with getting serious about limiting the inequality that comes via speculative excess and leverage in the markets. Unlike our own Fed, which seems intent on blowing the largest bubble possible at the expense of savers and retirees.

Elsewhere, the Bank of Russia hiked interest rates by a full percent to combat “persistent factors” to inflation. This is their fourth hike this year, up to 6.5% (!). In June, their inflation came in at 6.5%, so that means their real interest rate is still zero. But at least their money in the bank is keeping up with inflation.

Contrast that with the Fed’s downplaying of inflation as “transitory,” even as inflation has started showing up in data, on earnings calls, and on grocery store shelves (pay attention to those package sizes: apparently, Doritos are now 9.25-oz bags, down from 9.75-oz; Wheat Thins are in 14-oz boxes instead of 16-oz; General Mills cereal “family boxes” are down to 18.1 ounces from 19.3; and toilet paper and paper towels are slowly decreasing the number of sheets per roll.)

Our June inflation came in at 5.4% year over year, so on an apples-to-apples basis, the real rate in Russia is 0%, and over here it’s...-5.4%. Yes, negative 5.4%.

To perhaps overstate the obvious, your money in the bank is losing about 5% a year.

In order to have a 0% real interest rate, we would have to hike rates to somewhere around 5%. Remember that little market dip back when the Fed forecast a *gasp* possible rate hike in maybe 2022? 5% is the equivalent of 20 of those rate hikes. Right now.

The Fed knows this would blow up markets worse than a Tesla battery and is therefore completely undoable. So they say (and pray) that inflation is transitory. But if it’s not (as most corporate CEOs and certain other central banks seem to think), then their credibility is completely shot and we are currently in the middle of the worst Fed mistake in history.

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SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Well, I'll be, is this September? Is college football really starting? Oh wait, I didn't even say hello people, so welcome to the September Sports Teaser fans. My excitement and jubilation for the upcoming college football season isn't too obvious is it? I hardly ever talk about college football. Or golf. OK, I digress... Let's get onto some sports talk!

Before we hit the gridiron, let's talk a little about the boys of summer, Major League Baseball. Our Atlanta Braves seemed to have righted the ship a bit after acquiring several players at the trade deadline at the end of July. As of this writing they are currently tied for first in the National League East and hopefully poised to make a run for another division pennant. This will probably be the only way they can make the playoffs, as the wild card teams are far ahead of them in the standings at this point. Some key pieces will be coming back, including some starting pitching and their catcher Travis D'arnaud, in the coming days and weeks. They should be the favorite to push into the playoffs from the division, but it's hard to see them getting as far as they did last year when they were on the precipice of the World Series. There are three teams in the National League West and the Milwaukee Brewers in the National League Central that are superior, so it may be in and quickly out of the playoffs. But we shall see, you never know. As they say, baseball is a game of inches.

The 2020 Olympics just finished in this summer of 2021, in Tokyo, Japan. Despite Covid emergencies and no fans or family in the event venues, the games went on pretty much without a hitch. The USA won the gold medal count by one and had a sizable lead in total medals. There was still something different about these Olympics, I just didn't feel the urgency to watch it like I have in the past. And some of the other overwhelming issues that were not athletically related put a bit of a damper on things in my opinion. Still, we should tip our hats to the folks that put on the games and the athletes that participated in the games that fulfilled their lifelong dreams of making the games and medaling in their sports. Hard to believe that the Winter Olympics will be in a short six months in Beijing, China. Let's see how that plays out.

Now to what we've all been waiting for: FOOTBALL! College football is just underway and Pro Football starts in about a week. As always, expectations are high as we all anticipate a new and hopefully winning season for our favorite teams. In college football the preseason polls have come out and, of course, Alabama deservedly is number one. Clemson, Oklahoma, Ohio State and Georgia round out the top five. That top five may shake up after the opening game in Charlotte between the Bulldogs and the Tigers. I have a good feeling about Georgia winning this game based on their high-powered offense, at least on paper. But they've been known to have letdowns in big games, so we'll see if they can get over that hump and see if they can dethrone Alabama as the season goes on. The schedule after Clemson isn't terribly difficult, as they don't play Alabama, LSU or Texas A&M, but of course they do have the dreaded Gators in Jacksonville. Whatever happens, college football is here!

In the pros the Falcons and Jaguars should be improved. It will be interesting to see what Trevor Lawrence can do at quarterback in Jacksonville and how Matt Ryan fares, as some feel like he might be a little bit past his prime. Kickoff is here and not a minute too soon! Hallelujah! See you in October folks!

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TAXI TALES
 By Joey Goralczyk

Happy Labor Day everybody! It's my favorite time of year on the Island. The little ones are back in school. The coast is clearing of our summertime invasions, and The Cool Down is upon us, hopefully! I guess I should stop stalling and get around to the narrative side of my article. Insert clever segue as to when you should get a cab ride to the ER, and when it might be best to call an ambulance.

I've had a few incidents involving rides to the emergency room, and I feel that some guidelines might be helpful. I don't wanna come across as not caring, or to sound like we don't want to take you, but sometimes your injury is above my paygrade.

For example, a PURELY hypothetical situation: You've been out with your buddies all day Sunday. You started drinking at brunch that morning, and there you are. It's now 2am, you're drunk, nearly outta cash and really it's just time to go on home and pass the hell out. In your shameful haste to stagger out, you trip over an ill-placed chair and down you go. CRACK! There goes your collarbone and suddenly that shooting pain rips you right out of your inebriation. Your very drunken friends giggle uncontrollably as they help you up, aggravating the injury further and your nerves worse. Then they become veteran paramedics who were on-site as TWA flight 666 crashed into the swamps of Vietnam during the Civil War. Really insightful questions like "Is it broke?" or "Does it feel broke?" are asked repeatedly. One of them grabs the uninjured side and immediately declares that "Oh that's f#@king shattered! I think you might need a doctor!" He then proceeds to call his dad, who's driving Breezy, not an ambulance. Dad shows up, notices right away that the other shoulder is 4 inches lower than the one his very drunk son is worried about, and throws you in the cab. You endure a long ride to Memorial, get right back into triage and doped up with painkillers. Your surgery is scheduled and dear Breezy brings you home to pass out like you wanted to so many hours ago.

I bet you thought I was gonna say this is an example when you shouldn't call Breezy, but, in fact it was actually not that bad of a decision. We were definitely cheaper than an ambulance, and your collarbone was not leaking any bodily fluids. It was painful, but not life threatening.

Now, let's say you made it past the evil bone-shattering chair, made it to your bike and started peddling home. Somewhere along the way you spot a capybara out of your peripheral vision and you swerve, hit a pebble and crash. Luckily, your ankle takes the brunt of it. You're hurt. It's bad. You don't want to look at it because you know it's bad. Then you look. Then you think of James Caan in "Misery" and you wonder if that's really your foot. People start running up to you and gasping and fainting.

This is not when you call Breezy. If you have snapped your ankle off, maybe call 911? They have the means to at least get you comfortable while you leak bone marrow. I care, I really do, but you're on the verge of shock. I'm really quite squeamish. That's just way above my paygrade, you know, traumatic injuries and all. But hey, feel free to cuss me out while they load you in the ambulance though. That makes perfect sense!

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Behind the Tape...

By Sgt. Richie Dascal



Hey everyone and happy September. School is finally back in and hopefully nothing has changed since writing this and the kids are still there. It's just now getting to that time where things should be starting to slow down and the amount of tourists we're seeing will start to drop off. I know it's been a busy summer and I, for one, am very ready for a break.

As far as summers go, it seems like there has been no shortage of stories finding their way to me. This month we have naked people high on drugs out on the beach. Now, you may be thinking these are some late night activities, but no, this happened while the sun was still up.

One of our visitors was nice enough to spend a day at the beach experimenting with psychedelics and decided it would be a great time to take his clothes off. Now this is normally bad enough, but this guy decided he needed to hug people. So he picked a random person and gave them a bear hug, unannounced while naked and high on acid and mushrooms. Well, fortunately some people who weren't on drugs around them saw this as a problem too and intervened. When our officers got there, this guy was bleeding and trying to wipe his blood on the responding officers. He was taken to jail where he continued with his craziness. So for everyone who wants to keep Tybee weird, don't worry, it's still weird.

I hope that by the time you guys read this we're seeing some slow down and a much needed break. As always, we'll be around if you need our help. Our citizen's police academy is starting up in September, so if you're interested in attending, please come turn in your application. We look forward to seeing everyone in October.

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Tybee Island Zombies

By Alaina Loughridge

*After damn near four years of Tybee Island Zombies and being damn near two weeks into the longest story of our lives, we are going to give the writers, **Paul Cales** and **Becca Smeltzer**, a month off (because they deserve it) and introduce those not in the know to the cast of characters who are actual real live human beings that reside here in our favorite spot in the world. There have been a large number of people involved in this adventure, many of whom did not actually survive the apocalypse. We are going to focus on the ones that did survive, however, with a special shout out to **Bobby King**, who is extremely dead, but also the first OG of Tybee Island Zombies.*

What we've done is ask the people still kicking to submit a picture of what they want to represent themselves (and it actually might be themselves), along with a three to four sentence paragraph about their likes and dislikes.

Meet the crew:



Paul Cales aka Tony - I don't like beerless nights, 120 degree kitchens, and trash on my beach. I do like listening to my favorite band Manchester Orchestra, waiting for the impending zombie apocalypse, and living my life to the fullest. Remember folks, "There is nothing you keep, there is only your reflection." (A. Hull M.O.)



Rudy Rudon - Former candidate and future Mayor of Tybee. Co-founder of HowRude, the greatest band you'll never hear. Currently third place in the Pinfish Open Tournament of Champions.



Becca Smeltzer aka Becky - I'm Becca. I like long walks on the beach, belching in public and poking at dead things with a stick. I don't like people.



Doug White - I like long, moonlit nights dragging a dead hooker, Z Weed and Twinkies. I don't like the government and country music.



Shrimper Brian aka Crabber Brian - First off I'm the one and only "Shrimper Brian" not "Crabber Brian" as Paul refers to me as. I enjoy getting my fingers chopped off by the Fuzz and fed to my friend for dinner. Another new of Paul's doings. I actually enjoy boat rides, sunsets, nature, hiking, fishing, hunting, working hard, my family, including my Tybee family, living life to the fullest, learning new things, seeing new places and enjoying them with people I love.



Cheryl Kerby - Hey! I'm Cheryl. I like creativity, coffee, watching the sunrise, and Johnnie. I think most vegetables are yucky, people lacking integrity suck, and half-assery is not tolerated in my world. Y'all have fun and make smart choices!

Up Close and Personal



Johnnie Kerby - Hey y'all!!!! I'm the Johnnie, as in Cheryl & Johnnie, I dig people that don't suck or have an agenda. I have never met a stranger, we will be lifelong friends UNTIL... I have been right beside or behind an excellent woman for almost 17 yrs. and LOVE MY LIFE!!!! And whiskey, rum, beer, seltzers, your beer, your whiskey... you get the picture. ABSURDUM IN FOVEAM & DON'T BE A DICK!!!!



Travis Israel - Hi I'm Travis, I grew up on Tybee and I'm a Coast Guard Veteran. I love my boat days and my dart nights lol. Drinking is a religion and smoking is a must. Tybee Luv.



Joey Goralczyk - I like to sleep, play darts, hang out with my friends and sing and dance to Taylor Swift and Disney songs. I do not like Jägermeister.



Jimmy Prosser and Duncan the Cat - I'm Duncan, the zombie cat. I was born in a dumpster on Tybee. I like napping and eating. I also like to bite people and to drink wine out of my dad's glass. Please scratch my butt.



Sara Henderson - Hey there Tybee Zombie Fans! I'm Sara, and while I do love baking and feeding my friends, I do not skip as often as I'm said to, as I am not a graceful person. I love my dog, my husband (who in real life, I haven't yet been driven to kill), wine, and books (P.S. Visit the Tybee Library!). I dislike raw tomatoes, Jäger, and idiots, and not remotely in that order.



Bobby King - The original OG Zombie - I like happy hour, sunrises and driving the Breezy. I hate litterbugs, tourons and mornings.



Sgt. Richie Dascall - I'm Richie. I like bagels and Marvel movies. I spend my time investing in crypto currencies and stocks I know nothing about. I dislike sand and heat.



Now that you've met everyone, it's going to really hurt when Jimmy gets snack attacked by Richie! Oops!!! I foresee Duncan the Cat surviving everyone! Until next month ...



LOVE, NOT ACTUALLY

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

The Question this month is: My boyfriend just asked me to move in with him. Problem is, I have a cat that I adore, and he has a massive, drooling, hairy dog. What do I do?

Girl's Advice

As a cat lady myself, I full on understand the problem here. I would literally throw myself in front of a speeding golf cart for my Maine Coon, Emerald. I love her from her hairy face to her hairy butt. However, I also like sex and spooning and Emerald is good for spooning.

You are going to have to sit down with a bottle of tequila and your cat and seriously question how much you like this guy. He doesn't have to be 'the one,' but are you enamored? If it's just to have a man, I say no. If you like the guy, go check out the hairy, drooling dog and make friends. You never know. This dog may be your cat's new BFF! Or they will murder each other. Either way, it's going to take a month or two for the fur to stop flying!

Boy's Advice

Your question automatically makes me think that you don't like dogs. From my experience, people who don't like dogs really f*@\$ing suck. If my dog doesn't like you, then you suck as well.

Cats, on the other hand, are selfish, maniacal, and just plain rude. Ok, ok, ok, some cats are cool, but 99% of them shed, so I don't know why you're hung up on the fact that your man has a dog that is hairy. Surely you already own a lint remover, so hairy dog problem solved.

Look, I'm not going to ramble on about this much longer, since your question is so damn negative to begin with. You're just looking for your feelings on this matter to be vindicated by someone else because you already know that you're being ridiculous. My advice to you is to find someone else and leave Fido and this man alone. Also, please send me his email address so I can let him know how much of a twat you are and to run as fast as possible away from you and your feline cohort.

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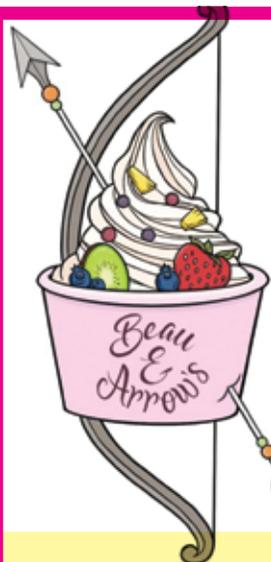
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Main Street Matters

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

Sleeping On Good Advice Can Awaken Success

There's an old Yiddish proverb that says, "Seek advice but use your own common sense."

That essentially means that whether you're a hardworking business owner or someone trying to live their best life, there's a lot of advice floating around in the world. You have to consider that advice, but adapt it to your own unique set of circumstances.

Somewhere in my life, I must have taken that proverb to heart and put my spin on other people's suggestions and good advice.

For instance, every hard-charging Type A trying to stay ahead in the rat race believes "The early bird catches the worm." But for me, that sage old piece of advice goes in one ear and out the other. I'm a sleepyhead Tybe B. Instead, I say, "The early birds can have 'em. I don't like worms anyway." Early to bed, early to rise ain't happening for me!

Remember that Folgers Coffee jingle, "The best part of waking up is Folgers in your cup!" Sorry Folgers, I'm a tea drinker and I believe "the best part of waking up is going back to sleep!" Come morning, I can practically hear my snooze button singing "hit me baby one more time."

If you give me a piece of good advice, chances are I'll need to sleep on it first and gradually wake up to the merits – just not at 5 a.m. in time to smell the coffee or catch the worm.

I know how to work a good piece of advice to my advantage.

You know who can accept a piece of good advice and making it their own? The 12 participants in Tybee's first ever Beach Business Bootcamp training. They are learning how to FLIP not FLOP their businesses in tough economic times.

This bootcamp is a pilot program that Tybee Island Main Street created and won a \$10,000 grant to implement. We enrolled 12 local businesses in the program last April, in partnership with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Savannah.

Over the course of four months, these businesses learned the basics of digital marketing and online selling to boost their profits in today's crazy, COVID-colored world of commerce.

They received individual assessments of their social media presence, monthly instructional webinars, group support sessions and site visits to their business locations – all with the goal of leveling up their e-commerce game.

We will have quantitative data from the SBDC showing how these businesses improved during the bootcamp, but already anecdotal success stories are rolling in. One owner embraced TikTok and is getting more customers who say that's how they found her store.

Another business owner created viral content, highlighting their unique products, while yet another discovered how to maximize sales by tweaking settings in their Google listings and e-commerce platform.

These local entrepreneurs are waking up to new ways they can help themselves be financially successful – a nod to yet another age-old adage: "All the advice in the world will never help you until you help yourself."

On that final note, while the rest of the world is helping themselves to worms, coffee and first place in the rat race, I'm just gonna flip my pillow over to the cool side and sleep tight. Who cares if the bedbugs bite? I gotta be me.



Photo by Michelle Owens

Kelly Swope of Kelly and Company Essential Oils gets advice from Nadia Osman of the SBDC Savannah Office

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Submitted by Cheryl and Johnnie Kerby

Gmoney and Martha

Gmoney and Martha met on recklessreptiles.com. Martha is a strong independent lady lizard. She loves fresh flowers with lots of greenery, and long walks in the sand. She's a bit older than Gmoney, but that doesn't bother her.

Gmoney makes Martha feel young and fresh. She loves it that he doesn't care what the neighbors think when he gets to chasing her around and nibbling on her neck. In fact, she's grown to love all the attention they get from passers-by and the occasional photos.

Gmoney likes Martha okay, he knows what he's got, and although he likes to showboat around the yard, he gets a little green when other guys look at her. He starts bobbing his head up and down and inflating his dorsal ridge, as if to warn the others to get off his lawn.

From the looks of things, Martha and Gmoney will relax and just do it for a time to come.



BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Alaina Loughridge

The Irritable Pelican Artisan Gallery

Tybee has the best community spirit in everything her citizens do. Whether it's helping one another out during a hurricane or weather event, getting someone back on their feet, or coming together to promote each other and their local business, our people are fierce! An example of this is The Irritable Pelican Artisan Gallery. Now boasting 52 artists, this shop offers everything a native or a visitor could want, from their hanging art, house décor, personal jewelry or a perfect gift.

Started by Bill and Sarah Lynne Bernzott, with help from Rebecca Rice and Michael Bodine, in the smack dab middle of Covid last year, it's a miracle the place has managed to not only survive, but thrive! Sarah and her husband, Bill, used to run the art shows at the Tybee Arts Association back in the day (not actually that long ago), as well as two yearly shows at Burton's 4-H Club. Circa 2017, the Bernzott's moved on to other things, but kept being pulled back in by artists and customers wondering where the art shows were happening. It is really hard for a solo artist to promote

their work without business licensing and other permits required, and this became apparent as time went on and local artistry was having a tough time getting out there to everyone.

The Irritable Pelican rose out of a need to help support Tybee's local artists (Savannah too) and come together as a community. The Pelican not only sells and promotes others' efforts, they are also involved in working with and supporting non-profit organizations on Tybee like the Fresh Air Home and the Marine Science Center, as well as special events like *#Kellyneedsakidney*.

The love has also stretched to St. Simon's, where there is another Irritable Pelican representing that community, as well as Tybee – making our artistry available to others a little further outside of where they might normally be able to be seen. Although you can shop at either store online and find deals and steals on Facebook, there really is nothing like actually holding the item in your hand and admiring the artwork and imagining it in your house in person!

You can find Tybee's Irritable Pelican in the Visitor's Center Building at 802 First Street, located on the corner of Butler and Campbell, and you can find the St. Simon's location in the space that they share with Bateaux: Mid-Island Market at 227A Redfern Village. Whichever location you go to (go to both), you are going to find a treasure you can't find on Amazon or anywhere else. Homemade and made with love! Support local. Shop local. Buy local.



SEPT. HOROSCOPES

By Gage McKnight

Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 22) - Can you just admit it to yourself, the question that everyone is asking, but already knows the answer to? We get it, it's hard being in the closet, it's not your fault and you were just simply born this way. Before you put yourself out there to your closest friends and family, just ask yourself, is it the time to come out as a natural idiot? So maybe your IQ is far below average and the medical institute of Harvard wants to study you; maybe you should literally just find yourself this month. Is it worth it?

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) - The stars never thought it was possible for you to become any worse than you already are, but here we are Libra. You've driven your friends and cats away and not a single soul wants anything to do with you besides the girl who works behind the counter at the nearest Krispy Kreme. I'm sensing that this month you will suffer from a very hard slap in the face from a bitch called reality, and guess what? She's out for blood. You have done nothing but prove to the universe how much of a scum sucking little piece of toe jam you are. The only thing stopping the universe from wiping you out is the fact that you would smear too much on the windshield of life, you POS. Get your shit together and hopefully, just maybe, you will be spared for October.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - You will never amount to anything but the fungus that grows underneath the two month dog crap on the side of a private property sign.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - "It's the end of the world as we know it" lyrics play in the background as you look at the final outfit in your closet that you cannot pick from, cargo shorts and a crop top. You're literally disgusting and sweaty and have Cheetos fingers from the night before, looking at midget porn and naked pictures of Santa Claus. This month you will discover wet wipes and skinny jeans, and not to get too personal, but hopefully a box for your solids that stays stored underneath your very lonely bed. Try to get out more and meet someone. Haha. I mean the odds are slim, but it's fun to give you a little hope, just to watch you get let down.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Wow Capricorn, just when we thought you hit your lowest point of bad breath and your every third day shower, you have stooped lower. The stars are all aligning and telling me that this month your life is literally going to become worse than the bacteria that grows under dog poop. You've let go of yourself and it's honestly noticeable to all two of your friends. So try your best to stand up, put down the Ben and Jerry's and maybe take a few steps, and not towards the fridge.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - You're in deep shit this month Aquarius. Not only are you losing financial stability, but also your looks are fading faster than the last hot dog at a fair. You gave it your all and tried your best, but clearly it was complete trash, as well as your personality. Maybe next month, if you don't get assassinated by your chapter of the Jenny Craig club, you're going to have to step up your game and be a little less pathetic, because the stars are saying that it's not looking too good for you.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) - You're a piece of trash who probably deserves to be picked up on the last route of trash day. This month you're going to be super sketchy to your "friends" and so called "family." We have never seen you be so vindictive and cruel, that it's almost satisfying. Keep it up Pisces, because we are loving this side of you.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) - Dear Aries, please do us all a favor and move on, specially away from here. Very far. We are so tired of your asinine and dramatic stories and lies. You're pretty much worthless to us at this point and this month it's looking like you're going to be so isolated and alone that you might just take care of the problem for us. Good luck in your next life as a house plant.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) - Where to even begin with you Taurus, your reckless behavior, your bad hygiene, or maybe let's start with the fact that you are the most disgusting human on earth. You will spend this month flossing chewing tobacco or your latest victim out of your teeth. Just because you blame the world for your problems doesn't mean you have to literally shit all over it. Lift your head up and go for that job you were destined for, cleaning out port-a-potties. If you didn't look so much like a troll you could probably upgrade to dumping trash bins.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) - You have never looked so stunning and gorgeous in your entire life. This month is bringing beauty and grace and everything is coming your way. Anything and everything you could dream of. Too bad it comes with a bucket of pig's blood flowing on that cheap ass haircut, you insane psycho. The only peace and quiet you will find this month is in your hospital room, surrounded by nut cases and chicken bones underneath your bed. Talk about Gemini interrupted.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) - Caution Cancer, there's a wet floor sign on the floor of your life and it's due to the spillage of your brain cells, you effing moron. This entire month you have the chance to prove yourself and yet you literally will do the dumbest and most reckless shit of your life. You've reached strike three and your chances are out. Good luck in October, your Halloween costume shouldn't be too hard to figure out, seeing as you're playing the role of Dumb and Dumber.

Leo (July 23- Aug.22) - Leo, it's your time of year again and let's be honest, Friday the 13th is not looking too great for you. An unplanned pregnancy? The biggest secret of your life about to be unveiled? Or maybe you're just at the lowest point of your life. Who's to say? Maybe you should try taking out the ginormous pool stick that has been lodged up your ass for years and enjoy your miserable life for as long as you can, because let's be honest, the way things are looking for you this month, you need a serious adjustment. I'm talking face, teeth, hair, relationships, and like everything. You're a joke and really pathetic. I can't imagine anyone could stoop as low as you, but who am I to say? I'm just along for the ride and watching you crash and burn this month is going to be a riot. Good luck next month Leo, I know you're going to need it.

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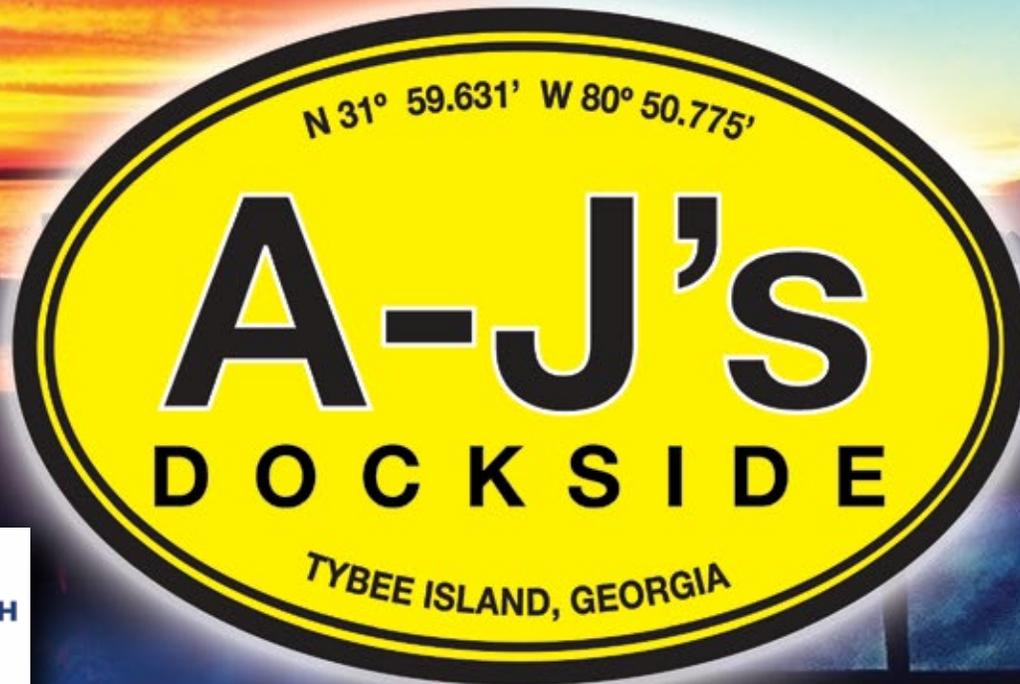


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