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From

# MS...ALAIN...EOUS

I don't know about you, but I am delighted we are cruising into fall!!! The heat has just been brutal this year and the thought of living comfortably without having to turn the A/C on is exciting! Looking forward to wearing a hoodie with my shorts, but I know that is still a minute off. Anyhoo, let's move right along - you and I have a lot to discuss.

Let's start with the **Mr. Gomez Contest**. Believe it or not (and I am having a hard time with this one myself), 86 people went into Agave and asked for Mr. Gomez!! Now, there is no reason for Mr. Gomez to lie to me, I'm just stumped that that many people read Ms ... Alain ... Eous!! Cool! I would like to thank everyone that took the time to vote on this silliness, but there can be only one and that one is **Cheryl Kerby!!!** Congratulations!! You and a guest (that would be me - there was some fine print involved) get a gift certificate to Agave!! Wooahoo!!! Margaritas for everyone!!! Cheryl, go see Luis for that gift certificate. Apparently, he didn't trust me with it and I suppose that's fair.

Our next contest was not Margie's favorite and now that we've been through it, we are never doing it again. **The 'Catch my Error' Contest**. Yeah. No. Too many phone calls about that, and in retrospect, I don't want to know where we erred. So, the first and last winner of this particular error was **Joy Gambrel**, who caught my error on Lounging with Loughridge. It wasn't so much an error, as I meant to do it, it just looked odd on paper and I'll give her that one. The second error was Dr. Joe and then apparently there was a third error. Anyway, we aren't doing this anymore. We will go broke. Congratulations, Joy!! You won happiness at Sundae Café.!

The **Traveling Beachcomber** is next and I truly love this contest!!! **Dan and Jacque Cole** are the big winners this month! They went to Reykjavik, Iceland a couple years ago! Jacque looks cold and I want to be cold. May be writing the Beachcomber from Iceland in the future. Dan and Jacque, I apologize for the delay, but off to A-J's with you!! Cheers!

Now, I'm on the wagon, so we are going to switch things up this month to a Watermelon Margarita with no sugar rim! Get me four to go and turn the page...



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- Read the Tybee Beachcomber!
- Walk the beach
- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Do a Beach Sweep
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise and a sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Rent a golf cart
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Stroll through our Park of 7 Flags (at the end of Hwy. 80)
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# Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge



This month's Bartender of the Month, I am delighted to say, is **Julie Harris** at **Coco's!** Not only does this girl shuck and jive, she makes one hell of a cocktail and she's just flat out chill. Let's get to it...

Born in Birmingham, AL, our girl was raised in Fort Lauderdale, where she did her growing up thing. Her first industry gig was at Shuck Ems in Hollywood, FL, and one thing led to another, as life does. Living the life and raising her babies, a boy and a girl, Julie went to school to become an RN. She switched jobs around and looking for a life change, she moved to Helen, GA in 2004. After a couple years of that mountain scene and a couple different industry jobs, Julie hooked up with an old friend and Savannah was mentioned. Well, it was meant to be and here she is! Julie began her Coco's life about two years ago and I got the luxury of sitting down with her and learning her life's most important answers to the most important questions!

## The Tybee Beachcomber's Questions of Life:

**Passion:** Family.

**Grow Up:** Finish degree and become an RN. A caregiver.

**Tybee Life:** 2 years.

**Super Power She Has:** Making people cheer up.

**Super Power She Wants:** Breathe fire.

**Spirit Animal:** Dragon. Well, hell yeah to that!

Julie made me her **Go-To drink** and I'm going to say right here and now, "Yes ma'am, may I please have another?" This fabulous drink, that we have dubbed "**The Harris Ho Down**," is flat out delish! A happy over-pour of orange vodka, a scooch of peach schnapps, a



splash of strawberry daiquiri mix, a dash of lemonade and a hint of love makes this Ho Down make you want to get down.

Coco's is located at 1 Old Us Hwy 80 east (next to the Lazaretto Bridge) and is open every day at 11am. I don't know what y'all are doing right now, but drop it and get to Coco's. Ask for Julie and get your Ho Down. Bliss and happy to follow!

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# Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

## SEA WHIP

One of the reasons that beachcombing on Tybee is interesting and productive is the variety of different marine habits and resulting biological communities that are nearby. Along with our wide sandy beach, we have inshore ecosystems, including estuaries and salt marshes close by. Beyond the breakers, Georgia has a wide, soft-bottom continental shelf composed of mostly sandy and shelly bottom habitats. But scattered throughout this sandy shelf are natural rocky reefs, artificial reefs, and hardbottom areas.

Occasionally, animals that live attached to these hardbottom areas (animals like Sponges, Sea Squirts, Sea Pork) will get torn off the bottom and eventually wash up on Tybee's beach. This enriches our beachcombing "finds" by adding specimens from a different marine community.

One member of the offshore hardbottom community that we frequently find cast ashore on Tybee is Sea Whip. Although it resembles seaweed, it is a type of soft coral consisting of branched, flexible stalks. It comes in purple and yellow, although every now and then you might see an orange or white Sea Whip. Look closely and you can see tiny holes in the purple or yellow stalks. Inside each hole would have been a tiny anemone-like polyp. When the polyp is extended out, it has 8 branched tentacles. Having 8 tentacles gives rise to Sea Whips being classified in the group of soft corals called Octocorals. When underwater and alive, these tiny white polyps extend out of the holes, and the Sea Whip will look like it is covered with fuzz. You might also notice some areas of branches where the colored covering has worn off, and you see only a dark brown wire-looking inner core. The live polyps produce this strong flexible core, and the chalky colored surface material, with embedded live polyps, develops around the dark brown inner core. This inner core is made of a chemical called gorgonin, and that is why you will sometimes hear Sea Whips and their relatives (such as tropical Sea Fans) referred to as Gorgonians.



When you find a stiff dried-out Sea Whip, usually up along the high tide line, look closely for the tiny holes where the polyps would have stuck out. But also check along the branches and see if you see a small bump somewhere. This bump was a barnacle that grows on Sea Whips. If you find a Sea Whip that is still wet and flexible, check to see if it might have a small, thin sea slug crawling on it. You have to look closely because it will be the same color as the Sea Whip.

When I'm out beachcombing on Tybee, I like to look for clumps of stuff washed up. Often these will be a tangled combination of lots of different kinds of plant and animal material. Look through these clumps because there are often some Sea Whips tangled up in there.

**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](http://www.TybeeBeachEcology.com)) and frequently posts pictures of their findings on his Tybee Beach Ecology Trips Facebook page.**



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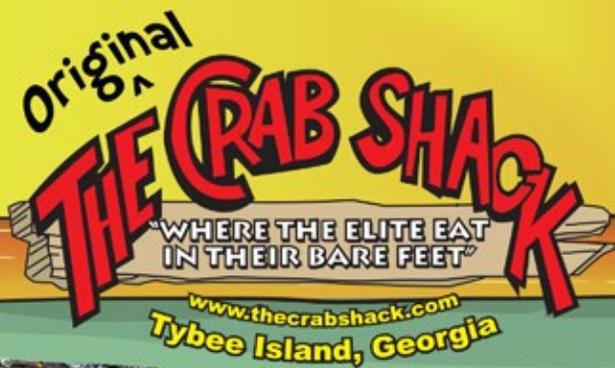
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By Nell Klein

Beatrice's ghost?

So many questions, but you'll need to read this great book for all the answers. I give "Mrs. Rochester's Ghost" 5 roses. It was a truly great read and it was perfect for October. Have a great Halloween and I hope that this is the last Halloween where we are still living in fear of Covid. Hopefully very soon Covid will be just a ghost in our past!

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

# MRS. ROCHESTER'S GHOST

By Lindsay Marcott

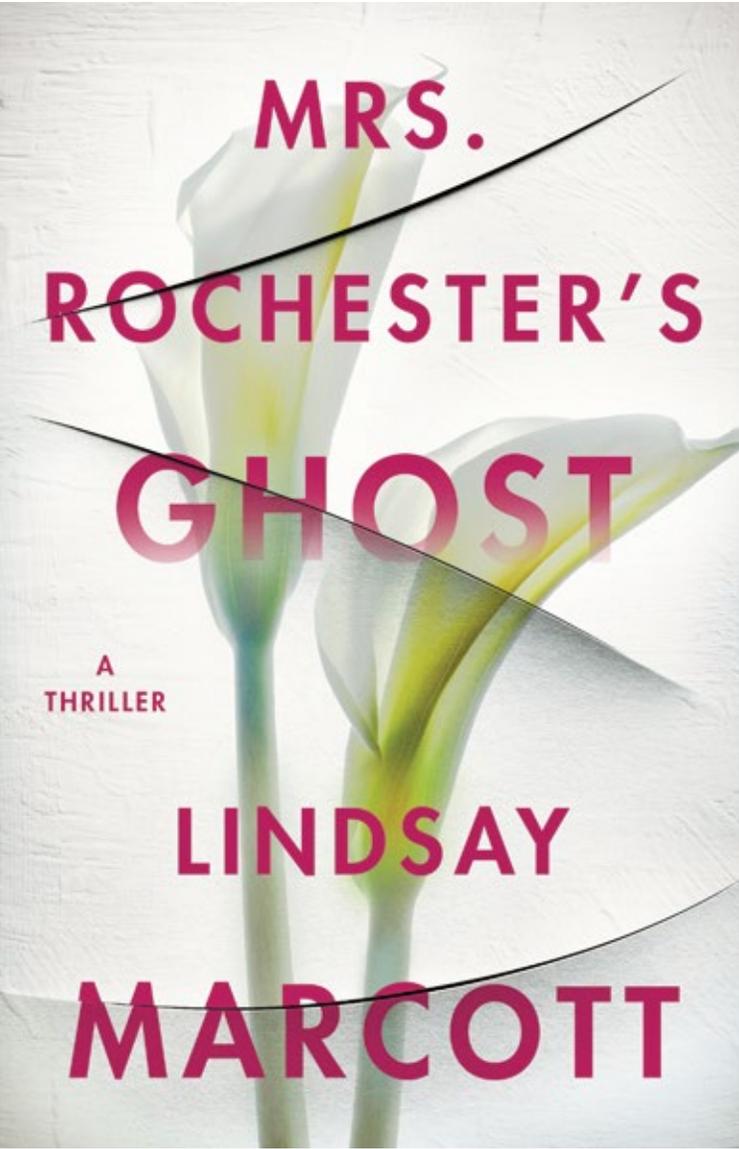
I must admit that I picked this book for my October review based totally on the title. It's the month of ghosts and goblins so I thought it would be appropriate. What I didn't know was that this book is supposedly a modern-day spin on "Jane Eyre" by Emily Bronte. Since I have never read said book, I have no way to compare the two, but I will say that if "Jane Eyre" is anything as good as "Mrs. Rochester's Ghost," then it probably is a must read also. And this book is definitely a perfect read for the creepy month of October, so let me tell you more.

Jane (I never caught her last name, but it's not Eyre), whose father died when she was three, has just lost her mother to cancer, has had her longtime boyfriend, Jeremy, dump her and had the TV show that she's been a writer for called "Carlotta Dark" canceled after six years. She's just about gone through the last of her severance pay and has no idea what she is going to do next. She wants to stay in New York, but she just doesn't see how.

Out of the blue, Jane gets a call from her good friend, Otis Fairfax, who has a business proposition for her. He has been living on an estate in Carmel-by-the-Sea, California as a chef for his cousin, Evander Rochester. Evan (he hates being called Evander) has lost his wife to mysterious circumstances and has a 13-year old daughter named Sophia (by another woman who has recently died) that Evan has to care for. Sophia is failing in several subjects and Evan needs someone to tutor the girl for the summer. There's a cottage on the estate that Jane can live in for free for three months and also get paid to tutor Sophia. Sounds like a great deal, so Jane rents out her apartment in New York and heads for California.

When Jane arrives at the beautiful and spooky estate called Thorn Bluffs, she is reunited with her friend Otis and meets the caretakers, Annunciata and Hector Sandoval, and is introduced to the precocious Sophie. It seems that the estate was at one time an artist's colony and the cottage that Jane will be staying in is the last of the artist's cottages, as the rest burned down years ago. Jane immediately begins hearing strange sounds and things that go bump in the night, so she decides to do some investigating. She finds out that Evan's wife, Beatrice, died of mysterious circumstances a few months before, and although Evan was a person of interest in the case, he was never charged because there was no body and really no evidence that he had anything to do with it. Evan has convinced the police that Beatrice killed herself by jumping into the sea during a storm because she was crazy and he did everything he could to save her. Are the strange things that are happening to Jane really Beatrice trying to warn her of impending danger?

In the meantime, Jane is falling in love with the mysterious Evan and has become very close to his daughter Sophie. As Jane is making great strides with Sophie's school subjects and as her time at Thorn Bluffs is nearing an end, she wonders how she can win Evan's heart before she has to leave. Of course, there's one small problem by the name of Liliana, who seems determined to distract Evan from Jane any way she can. Can Jane win Evan's heart? Does she really think that's a good idea? Did he really kill his wife and is Jane in danger also? Are all the strange things happening really



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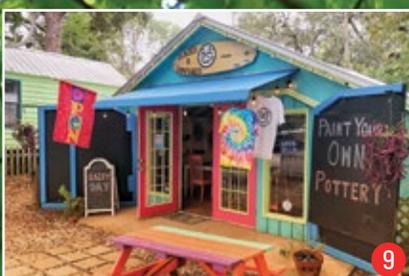
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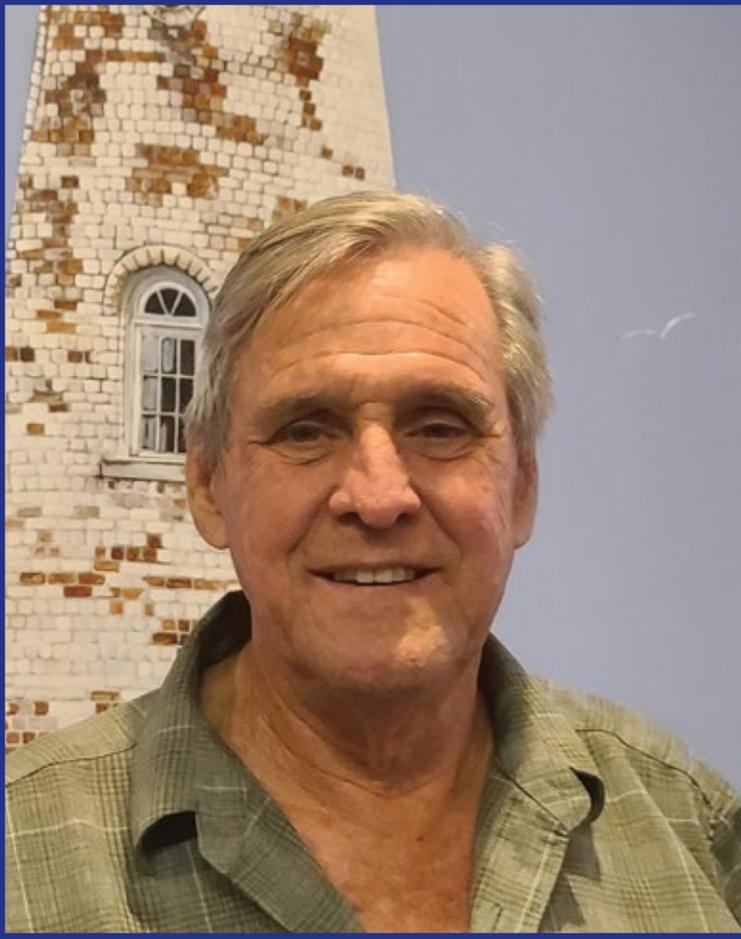
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# Foodie Finds

By Nathan Frisby

## Roasted Salmon with Lobster Potato Hash



My favorite thing about cooking is bringing back the old school ways. I love using cast iron pans, especially when the season is right and the flavor holds. I have a specific pan just for seafood. If you do not have one, that's ok, just make sure you are cooking with love.

### Ingredients:

- 4 Salmon
- 1 Lobster Tail
- 1 pack thick cut bacon
- 2 lbs. yellow Yukon potatoes
- 4 pepperoncini
- 1 yellow onion (diced)
- Handful of green olives
- Fine chopped herb blend (1 bunch of parsley, basil, sage, thyme, rosemary)
- Olive oil



### Instructions:

1. Set your oven to 350. While that is heating up, season your fish with salt and pepper and set on the side. Grab your lobster tail and cut it in half. Pull the meat out and season with salt and pepper and set on the side. Grab your taters and cut them in half and season with salt and pepper, olive oil and a couple of pinches of your herb blend. Do not use all of it!
2. Now, let's start cooking! Get a roast pan you can sauté in and out of the oven (cast iron is best) and start heating. Add the bacon and let cook till crisp. Set aside and take the bacon grease and put it in another dish while the pan is hot. Add potatoes to the same pan and start cooking. Once a nice, brown color forms, add some of the bacon grease for amazing flavor, then add diced onions and lobster. Cook that until you see the lobster coloring and then add your bacon. Cover your pan with foil and place it in the oven to cook.
3. Now, for the salmon! Save the best for last and it also cooks faster than the potatoes, so you want your flames low for the pan. Once the pan is nice and hot, add olive oil and place the salmon thick side down in the pan because you only need to flip it one time. Once the salmon is showing white halfway through, slowly flip. Add herbs to it and put it in the oven. Slow cook till the potatoes are done. It should be smelling amazing by now!
4. Once the potatoes are done, add the olives and let sit for a minute. Feel free to add some olive juice as well - just extra love to the dish. Add your pepperoncini. It's now time to plate up and enjoy!!



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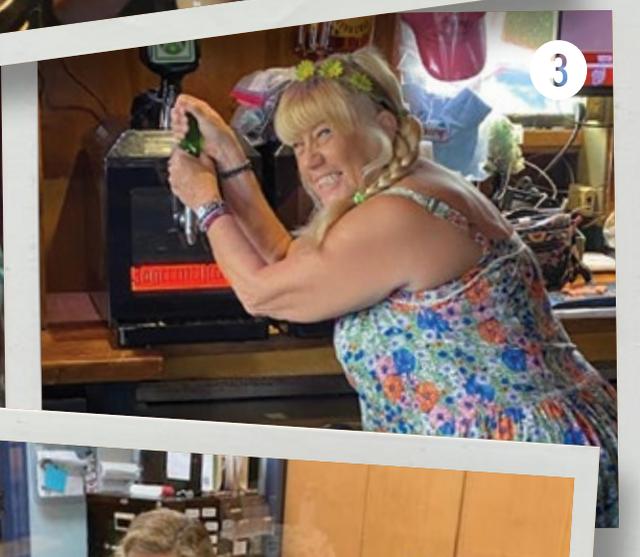
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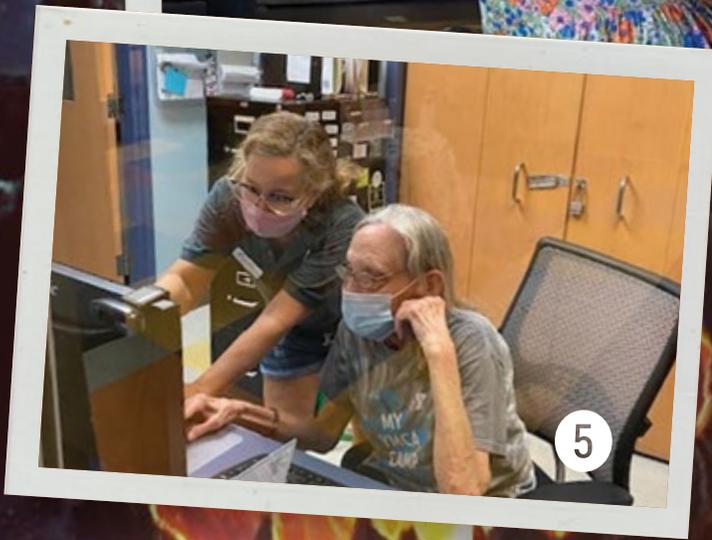
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1 I'm not exactly sure what is going on at **Doc's**, but it looks like **Knox** is trying to steal **George's** leg. What are you planning on doing with it Jen? Does George even know what's happening here? Does he care? Anyway, let us know what happens! Photo courtesy of **Mac McLellan**.

2 **Willie Jackson** continues to represent Tybee in the best way!!! He won THREE Blues Awards in September from the **Indie Music Channel!!!** How awesome is that?? They don't just hand those out willy nilly! You earn them by being the best in the biz!! Congratulations Willie!!

3 As you can clearly see, **Lee Lee** loves her job at **Benny's** very much!!! Nothing like a shot of Jager to cheer a girl up!!

4 I caught two of my favorite people at **The Sand Bar!** **Lea and Gordo** are always a good time to hang out with.

5 I went to the **YMCA** to sign up for Lounging classes. Unfortunately, they don't offer those, but while there I saw **Leslie and Mary** working really hard! Thank you ladies! Also, to everyone still contemplating their Covid 20 (pounds gained), it's never too late to join the gym!

6 I think **Tybean** is the only reason most of us Tybee people survived the summer! The coffee is great, the staff are fun and you can always pick up a little something at the gift shop. Thanks **Baylie** for taking the time for this photo op!!



**7** If you've never been to **Doc's** to watch **Wheel of Fortune**, you really haven't lived. It's not just an experience, it's a lifestyle! If you want to be a part of the team and see how smart you are in public, go check it out every weekday at 7pm. You aren't cool until you have the t-shirt! Photo courtesy of **George Hassell**.

**8** The **Tybee Lite Shrine Club** is the place to be on Tuesday night! The place was packed! I ran into **Mark and Ginger Schroder** enjoying themselves on Meatloaf Dinner Night. The food is terrific and it is for an excellent cause. Did I mention their dining hall has the best views on the island? Best \$10 I have ever spent and they have a bar too!! Yippee!!

**9** Here is how this went down: My brake lights on the beast went out and I went directly to **Freddie's Garage**. **Roger** waved his magic Harry Potter wand at me and suddenly my brake lights worked again! It was truly a Hogwarts/Tybee Island Christmas miracle!!! I am now a believer!

**10** It's been a long year y'all and, as you can see, tempers are fraying. I didn't actually stab **Rick** with the fork, but the intent was there. No jury in the world would convict me!

**11** A perfect day was had by the girls at **North Beach Grill**!!! **Kasey, Olivia, Betsey, Jannie and myself** had a huge time talking trash, eating great food and enjoying the ocean breeze! Good times right there!!

**12** This is has got to be the best mask I've seen to date! **Erika** rocks it!

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# SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Welcome to October, Sports Teaser fans. Hard to believe we just have a few more months left in 2021. Things seemed to have quieted down after a crazy spring and summer on the island. Maybe it's finally Tybee Time for us! Just when it seems that we're getting back to a more normal life after this rough pandemic, new Covariants have arisen to keep Covid in the forefront of our lives. Thankfully, sports have come back with a vengeance and has afforded the opportunity to attend games, root for our teams and be more involved at any point than in the last two years. With that said, there's a lot of sports to get to folks, so let's do it.

Football is back! Both college and pro have been underway for about a month and around these parts you know we're pretty darn excited about that. Early on it looks like Alabama is still king of the hill, but Georgia seems to be nipping at their heels. There's a long way to go, but no one would be surprised if those two teams end up playing in Atlanta in the SEC championship game. No team in the country has led Alabama at halftime the last three times they have played them, other than Georgia. Of course, Georgia lost all three of those games and missed the chance for at least one national championship. It's no secret, you will most likely have to beat Bama to get your hands on the trophy. The season still must play out and other teams like Oregon, Oklahoma, and even Clemson will have something to say about it. And let's not forget, Georgia has a history of slipping up and losing a game that they should not have. The game at Auburn on October 9th scares me.

The NFL has kicked off in very early results and our local teams' efforts are poor. As of this writing, the Falcons and the Jaguars were beaten down badly by their opponents in the first week. I'm reminded that it's a long season, but it looks like it's going to be a long season. I don't expect either team to win more than five or six games, if that. Watch out for the Rams people, they might be Super Bowl champions. It's very early and a lot must play out, but having college and Pro Football back makes us happy!

The boys of summer have become the boys of fall and the teams have whittled down as the playoffs commence. As of this writing, the Braves look like they might win their fourth consecutive National League East pennant, mostly by attrition, as the Phillies and Mets stink. As I've mentioned before, I don't see the Braves going very far, as the Dodgers, Giants and Brewers are the cream of the crop in the National League. You never know in a shortened series with who gets hot at the plate or on the mound, but I just don't see the Braves getting very far; I hope I'm wrong. I'm going to predict a Dodgers-Rays rematch in the World Series. We shall see.

Finally, a little bit of golf. The Ryder Cup will have come and gone by the time you read this and hopefully the US decided to come to play as a team and beat the Europeans. It's funny that the Ryder Cup only became interesting when we started losing! The PGA Tour season ended with Patrick Cantlay beating John Rahm in the Tour Championship in Atlanta. I don't like the format, but they don't ask me my opinion. I'm just thinking of April and the Masters (obligatory Masters mention)!

Well, that's a wrap on the October Sports Teaser. Enjoy the cooler temperatures and plenty of football and we'll see you for Turkey month.

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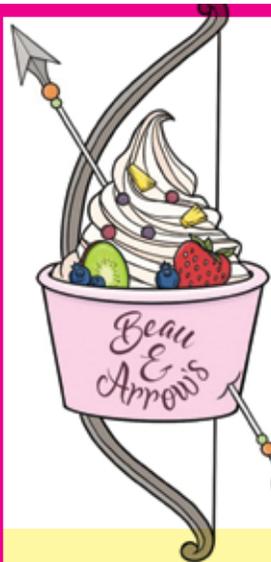
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By Alaina Loughridge  
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Let me tell you right now out of the gate, Betsey and I started this shindig at 8:30 A.M. Neither one of us is a fan of that time. We are more mid-morning people. That having been said, after eating at Mi Vida, I can run a marathon, leap tall buildings in a single bound, and stop speeding trains...!!! The energy of it all is just phenomenal! I ate sea algae and micro greens! They were delicious! Mi Vida is for the veggie and the carnivore. It's for the lazy slow pokes. It's for the "I just cant's." It's for everyone!!! Let's start from the get go...

Mi Vida is owned and operated by **Frank and Mari Bucci**. The Bucci's are originally from Costa Rica and have owned several restaurants there. A few years ago, Frank received a call from his old college roommate who wanted to start a business on Tybee – Chamacos. That was the beginning of the Bucci's Tybee life. A few years later, Frank and Mari had an opportunity to open their own scene and here we are. With Frank's knowledge of cooking and what goes with what, Mari's nutritionist background, and Chef Emily's vegan background, it really is a harmony match for the perfect foodie find!

Betsey and I cruised in and Frank told us to order what we want. The menu is pretty diverse. On the left, they offer a variety of different bowls: Acai (ah-saw-eeee – for those that don't know), a Blue Spirulina, Dragon Fruit, Build Your Own and a Kid's Bowl. All super foods with energy builders, as well as anti-oxidants, and your body is going to love you! Betsey and I chose the Blue Spirulina because it's blue and we wanted to know more.

**The Blue Spirulina** is fabulous!!! A pineapple, mango, banana and almond milk delight topped with more nana, kiwi, strawberry, dark chocolate and almond slivers. It will turn your tongue blue and you won't care, because after you eat this cold, almost smoothie delight, you will have so much energy! Your body is going to go into happy shock! Oh, and the gorgeous flower on top is edible too and it's delicious!! This is a big fat serving and will fill you up for breakfast, lunch, or dessert. Your kids won't know what hit them!

While this was happening, Frank brought out his daily special. This day it was **Vegan Empanadas** and they were a perfect mix of flaky and crispy. You seriously cannot tell it is a vegan situation. Betsey said, "Even Aaron would like this," and if y'all know Aaron, well, then you know that really is a huge statement right there. It is also very filling, and paired up with the Spirulina, we were feeling super sporty! The daily specials change up, but have no fear. Whatever it is going to be for that day is going to be phenomenal.

There are a variety of **'Toasts'** to select from and immediately I ordered the **N.Y.C.** This bad boy has chevre, smoked salmon, capers, tomatoes, red onion, chives and seasoning. I am a huge sucker for lox and everything of what that entails. All of the above was slathered on a piece of sourdough perfection. Yesssssss!!! That 'Toast' was everything I want in life. I could seriously eat that all day long. But wait!! There's more!!

Our next **'Toast'** was the **Avocado** - an avocado mash with chili flakes

(nice little kicker to the taste buds right there), tomatoes, red onion, seasoning and micro greens. Once again, slapped on top of a prime piece of sourdough real estate and you have a tongue and body break of happy.

They offer other 'Toasts' as well, which include Almond, the Bocadillo, Low Country, and Greek.

Moving on to their **Lunch Sandwiches and Salads**, we chose the **Italian** out of many different selections, including a Tuna/Shrimp scene, a Veggie/Vegan chickpea frittata option, and a Greek Salad. The Tuna/Shrimp and the Veggie choices can come as either a sandwich or salad, depending on what is floating your boat that day.

I gotta say, the Italian put up a fight with the N.Y.C. Fresh microgreens straight off the plant, super light and body friendly, with a hunk of meat in there so you're not all completely vegging out. Not only that, it came with a side of **Pasta Salad** that had vegan mayo, and you will never notice you are eating healthy unless they tell you. Although if they don't tell you, your body will.

Mi Vida also offers coffee, espresso, cappuccino, fresh juices, Kombucha and a variety of other drinks for there or the road. They also have a fantastic selection of Grab N' Go food that will fit into any cooler and will make any member of your family happy. Everything is very reasonably priced and it's all good for you.

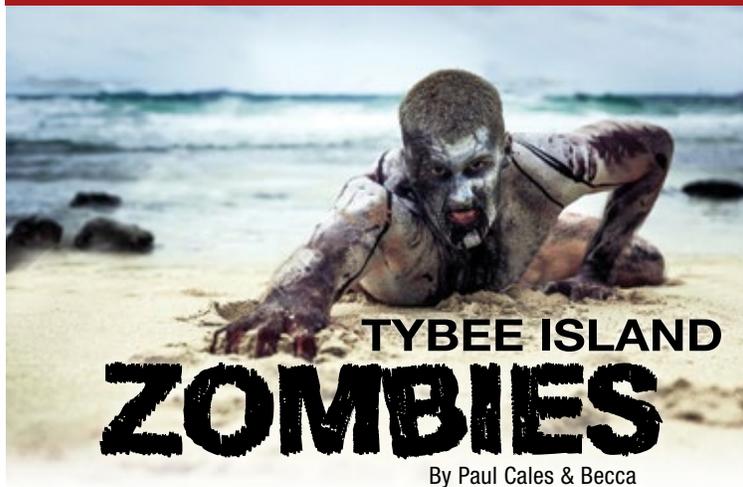
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Do your body and taste buds a favor and get your Mi Vida on right now. I gotta go! I'm going to go leap a tall building in a single bound!







By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the August 2021 Beachcomber.  
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## CHAPTER 49 – GINGER BOY! DAY ZERO

BANG! BANG! BANG!

“Jesus,” Jimmy huffs, “this guy is relentless Duncan. It’s 2 o’clock in the morning and this grubby dude is banging on my door. While normally I would appreciate a late-night liaison, I need my beauty sleep. I have to work in the morning.”

He opens the ring app on his phone again and looks at the bloody man at his door. “I think we might need help, Duncan. This guy could be the star attraction at a haunted house, but it’s not Halloween. The only conclusion I can come to is he’s a stark raving lunatic trying to bust my door down and eat my brains.”

Duncan curls up into a ball and hides his face under his tail.

“Oh Duncan, it’s okay. I won’t let him eat your brains too. He’s probably allergic to cats. He’s got red hair. Everyone knows that soulless redheads have allergies. I think you’re good. Besides, you happen to be the hide-n-seek champion.”

BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!

“Oh crap. I think he may have heard me. I better do something.” Jimmy sighs, stands up, cups his hands around his mouth and yells, “GO AWAY GINGER BOY!”

He sits back down and looks at Duncan. “You think he got the message?”

BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!

Jimmy picks his phone back up and stares at the camera again. It is getting a few blood droplets on it, distorting the view. He closes the app and dials 911. A busy signal answers him. Worried now, he calls again.

“Damn. Still busy.” Jimmy hangs up the phone and storms over toward the front door. “I guess I’ll just have to handle this myself.”

He gets to the window overlooking his front yard, pushes the curtains aside, and opens the window. “HEY GINGER BOY! I TOLD YOU TO GO AWAY! I GOTTA WORK TOMORROW!”

He sees the bloody guy running across the street and looking past him, he sees Nick coming out of Sundae Café. With all the strength he has in his voice he shouts out, “NICK! RUN! THAT GUY IS CRAZY AND HE’S COMING FOR YOU!”

“This is crazy, Duncan,” Jimmy says, without turning away from the window. “Oh, they’re fighting. Oh god, Nick is down and Ginger Boy is on

top of him.”

Just a moment after Nick falls under the man attacking him, Jimmy sees a spurt of blood shooting from Nick’s neck. Blood drains from his face as Jimmy realizes that his zombie comment wasn’t just a clever turn of phrase. He slams the window shut, turns away from the homicidal fray taking place across the street, sinks to the floor, and puts his hands over his face.

“What the hell is going on out there, Duncan?” Jimmy sighs. “First there’s that scene at Huc-a-Poos, then Richie’s yelling at me to lock my doors and windows. Now Nick seems to be getting eaten by Ginger Boy.”

Duncan approaches Jimmy on the floor and rubs up against his leg.

“I am so glad I got that extra bottle of wine,” Jimmy says, and gets up to head to the kitchen. He opens his second bottle and refills his glass.

“You know Duncan, if the world is really going mad there isn’t much here in the apartment we can use to fend off hordes of boys who are trying to eat me.” He takes a sip of his wine while staring off into space. “I could use this vase I got from HomeGoods, but it is one of a kind and looks like a butthole. So that’s out.” Looking around, he sees the empty wine bottle on the counter. “That’s it! I’ll just throw empty wine bottles at them!”

BANG! BANG! BANG!

“Shit, he’s back,” Jimmy whispers.

BANG! BANG! “Jimmy, you in there?”

Jimmy looks at Duncan. “How does he know my name?”

BANG! BANG! “Jimmy!” he hears in a hushed shout.

Jimmy grabs his vase and walks over to the door with it held above his head. “Who’s there?”

“It’s Sarge. Let me in before they notice me.”

“You’re not Ginger Boy?”

“What? No. Open the damn door!”

Jimmy opens the door just a crack to make sure Sarge isn’t actually Ginger Boy coming back and Sarge pushes his way in past him. Jimmy heaves a sigh of relief and lowers the vase.

“What the hell is that?” Sarge asks.

“It’s my vase I got from HomeGoods. It’s lovely, isn’t it? I was going to hit you over the head with it if you were Ginger Boy.”

“What are you talking about? Who is Ginger Boy?”

“He was banging on my door a few minutes ago. I yelled at him to go away and he ran across the street toward Sundae Café.”

“That worked?”

“Well, he saw Nick and attacked him...”

“Oh, crap. I liked that kid. He’s not going to be so friendly now though.”

“What? Why?”

Sarge looks Jimmy over quickly. “I don’t think you have a firm grip of what’s going on out there, Jimmy.”

“Why don’t you have a glass of wine and explain it to me.”

“Do you have any beer? This is still America.”

“I may have a Stella. If you’re expecting PBR, you’re out of luck.”

“Listen Jimmy, forget the drinks. What I’m about to tell you is going to sound bat shit crazy, but I can assure you, it’s all real.”

“Shoot, Sarge.”

“People are running around attacking any living thing they see. If you get bit by one of them, you turn into one of them.”

“Are you telling me that there are freaking zombies running around Tybee Island?” Jimmy asks.

“That’s exactly what I’m telling you. I know it sounds crazy, but it’s true. That’s why I brought you this.” Sarge reaches behind his back and pulls out a .45 caliber revolver.

Jimmy throws up his hands. "What the hell Sarge? No guns in this house. I've told you about this before. You know I was a conscientious objector during the draft."

"You're too young to have been a part of the draft. We haven't had one since Vietnam. But you're going to need this. Butthole vases aren't going to get the job done in this situation. You need to stay inside, reinforce that front door of yours, and stay away from the windows. If they see you, they'll try to get in. If they do get in, aim for the head. It's the only thing that brings them down."

"Are you serious?" Jimmy asks.

"Yes. And make sure you fill up your bathtub with water. You're going to run out of drinking water when the utility services start failing."

"Oh my god, you are serious!" Jimmy groans.

"Stay calm. Do what I told you to do. I'll be back."

"What?" Jimmy says, panicking now. "Where are you going?"

"I've got to gather rations. I think I've got a couple cases of MREs in my shed. Lock the door behind me and remember what I said. I'll be back as soon as I can."

"Okay, Sarge. You know you've scared the crap out of me, right?"

"If you've seen what I've seen, you would be terrified. Now lock the door Jimmy."

To be continued...

Now, go back and read the rest of the damn story will ya! You can read the previous 48 installments of the serial drama known as "Tybee Island Zombies" and all the other wonderful articles that you've missed FOR FREE @ <http://tybeebeachcomber.com/magazine>.



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## Behind the Tape...

By Sgt. Richie Dascal



Happy October to all. I personally am ready for some cooler weather. Hopefully that comes our way soon. Anyone who's been paying attention, has seen that this summer has really written these articles for me. And not to my surprise, this month is no different. I'm told this story even got me on the internet.

Now this story is a good example of why drugs are bad. So, about a month ago we got a call to a person who had climbed on top of Doc's Bar and had started yelling at the people on the sidewalk. Now a little while before this, the guy on the roof had been trying some drugs, and for those of you unfamiliar, they can at times make you paranoid. Well, this guy became very paranoid. He thought that the police were looking for him and had him surrounded to take him to jail for a warrant he had. This, of course, was not the case, because not only were we unaware this guy had a warrant, nobody even knew who this guy was.

Fast forward a little bit and this guy had found his way to the roof and now had our undivided attention. We spent a few hours going back and forth with him, trying to get him off the roof. I even climbed a fire truck and shot pepper balls at him to get him to move, but he wouldn't. All the while, a large crowd had gathered in the road with some of the people cheering the guy on and some of them trying to fight him. Well, eventually it seemed like those drugs wore off, because we were able to convince him off the roof with a bottle of water and a cigarette. Of course, at that point he was arrested and we did find out about that warrant. Besides everything else I just told you about, he was really a nice guy.

So anyway, I hope you like this story. With any luck, things will be slowing down and you can expect to see more of us in the neighborhoods. Feel free to stop us and talk. As always have a great month.

# Embedded with Ms...Alain...Eous At Cockspur Grill

## Job: Dishwasher



In July, I came up with the worst/best epiphany I have ever had. I even shook my own head at the thought of it. Do a different job every month and write a story about my experiences. Kind of like “Dirty Jobs” but with me. I want people to realize what is involved with everyday jobs that people work hard at. I want to enlighten people on what exactly is involved with certain occupations. To become embedded. To do the job.

I had this epiphany at Cockspur Grill. John Branigin was more than delighted with it. “Do you want to be my new dishwasher?” Me: “Um... no. Well, o.k. I've never been back of house before. I mean, I've done it as a waitress, but only to run the silverware.” And that's how it started. So, there we were and here I am telling you about my stint as a dishwasher at Cockspur Grill.

**Day 1:** I was nervous. It's always nerve-wracking starting the first day of any job and this was no exception for me, even though it was only a temporary gig. I shouldn't have worried. My new co-workers were very cool. The kitchen, however, was very hot. My trainer, much to my delight, was Royal Finch!! I love this man and he is an excellent trainer. He handed me an apron and explained the details: Clean the dishes. Make sure the dishwasher is also clean. Talk as much trash as possible to everyone around you. I got this!!

At the end of six hours, I skipped my shift meal and shift drink to go home and stand in the shower with a bottle of vodka.

First Lesson: Do not skip shift meals or shift drinks.

Needed to replace feet immediately. Standing all day long is a hardship for even the youngest old lady.

**Day 2:** My feet felt better. They were getting trained to stand, I think.

Second Lesson: Do not mess with Royal. He will pick his teeth with your bones.

The staff was not sure what to do with me, but they were all friendly and I worked hard to fit in to my new job.

My shift drink was a Coffee Espresso Martini and that made everything worthwhile.

I was so happy that I didn't have to report back for five days. This job was kicking my ass.

On a side note, I think extra plates for nachos are overrated and the five second rule totally applies to everything! Just kidding ... oh, and the pots and pans of it all!

**Day 3:** Did everything myself to open. The worst, worst part of this job was the freaking floor mats!! Those rubbery, heavy bastards can suck it!!! Amanda Rice-Northrup named her arch nemeses mat, Bob, and I'm in agreement. I had three mats that I named “noun this,” “noun that” and “noun you.” I have never felt so ick. I needed a shower (another one), and a shot of ... penicillin.

Staff still appeared to like me.

I hoped I survived the next two days ...

**Day 4:** The progressive “noun” mats awaited. I loathed them still with every fiber of my being.

I loved the rest of the job though. The entire staff was awesome. I kind of had a sketchy minute when one of the servers was like, “Oh, I know who you are from The Wind Rose.” It was that tone of voice where you know it wasn't a good experience for her and I was more than likely an asshole. I think we may be friends after today though. Albeit super shaky friends. One whisper of a wind and the entire house of cards was gonna topple off the table. Moving rapidly along, I loved it there!

Water leak from the Coke dispenser: not my problem.

We are out of stuff: not my problem.

Customer at the door: not my problem.

Dishes stacking up: my problem.

Ah, if life was this simple ... without the progressive “noun” mats! One more day! Going to do my best not to cry in a cross mix of relief and joy.

**Day 5:** It was a busy day!! Tiffany brought the nouns in and I almost wept with the joy of it all.

My last day also coincided with Cockspur's First Anniversary, so everyone came out to show their support and it was a really great day for both the business and for myself.

I appreciate John Branigin, Spec Hosti and the entire staff at Cockspur for going along with this. I really enjoyed the people. They are hard workers and every time you walk into any restaurant, please remember there are a number of people you will never see that are busting ass to have you enjoy your best dining experience.

As far as being a dishwasher, I had a great time! However, it is not an old person's gig. Will I do it again? Maybe, if they have no one else ... like literally. No. One. Else. Well, that and a fat stack of cash to hand me.

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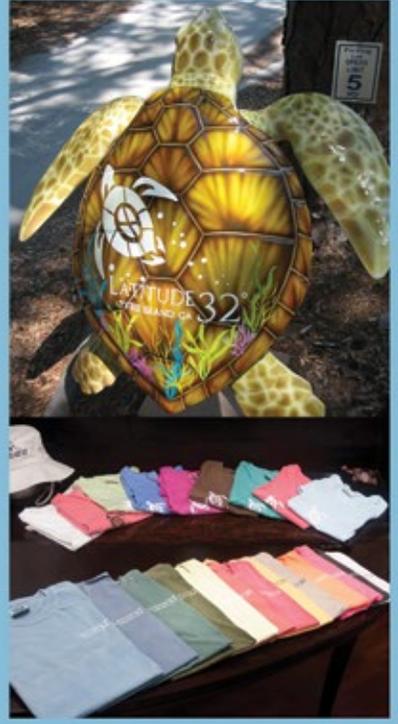
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# PERVY PET OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Jen Knox

## Sailor 'Blue' Knox

Sailor 'Blue' Knox rescued me in 2010. He was in a box at Huc-A-Poos that said FREE. It was love at first sight! He turned 11 years old on September 11th.

He loves going on boat rides, adventures on Little Tybee and he hates thunder. Chasing the laser light is his favorite hobby!



## Creaky Door House - A Scary Story

By Jimmy Prosser

This story seems a bit long, and whether you choose to believe it or not is up to you. It starts early January in Ypsilanti, Michigan, at a fraternity party, with some mundane and not so paranormal activity, and ends with me still crying to this day when I think back on the events that took place.

The party at my fraternity house was packed, no room to walk or move, each of the bathrooms had a line ten people long, and I had to pee. Typically, I would just pee off the fire escape (if you've never tried peeing off a third floor fire escape you're missing out), but this particular night it was just about 0° outside, and for fear of frostbite on my "Little Jimmy," I found a group of eight girls from the sorority house next door, explained my predicament and asked if I could borrow the keys and run to their house to relieve myself.

I ran up the back steps to the rather large, older home, and entered through the kitchen. (BING BING) "Kitchen door open," the mechanical voice on the house alarm pad chimed. I shut the door behind me and locked it. (BING BING) "Kitchen door closed," the mechanical voice chimed. I don't know why, so please don't ask, but that night in my urgency to run to pee, I opted to skip the bathroom on the first floor and I ran up the back staircase to the bathroom at the top of the stairs. Being that I had just left the eight occupants of this house at the party next door, and since I'm a guy and was only going number one, I peed with the bathroom door open.

As I stood there, feeling much relief, I heard the door to the attic steps creak open. I didn't think much of it. It was a door, it was a 120 year old house, and doors creak open. I washed my hands, and as I exited the bathroom, I pushed the attic door shut (mind you it was 0° outside, all I was thinking was to keep the warm air in the main house and not up in the attic). I turned to walk away and the door creaked open again. I shut it once more, jiggled the handle, hoping it would engage and keep the door shut. It appeared to work. I turned once more to leave and the door creaked open a third time. Not in the mood for this drafty old house, I opened the linen closet, grabbed a spare bath towel, balled it up, closed the door, set the towel at the base of the door to keep it from opening, and went to leave. As I walked out the kitchen door, (BING BING) "Kitchen door open," the mechanical voice chimed. I left and returned to the party, and told no one as "old house, door moved" isn't a breaking news story, and I never thought of that moment again...

Just shy of two months later, I was on a first date with a guy in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He picked me up from my house a couple blocks from the creaky door house (mind you, I never spoke of that door or that evening, as it was uneventful and I had rather talk about paint drying, or water boiling). We were walking around downtown, it was still winter, snowy, and cold. We were walking side by side, just talking and getting to know each other, when suddenly he stopped. After a step or two I realized he was not next to me. I stopped, turned around and looked back at him. He was standing frozen, not crying, but tears were

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streaming down his face. He was very solemn. "The little girl who died on the staircase wants you to know she likes to play with jacks," he said, not blinking. "What?" I asked, so confused to what he was talking about. "The little girl on the staircase, you played with her and the door. She wants you to know she likes to play with jacks," he said, still in a trance. "W-why why would you say that?" I asked, getting choked up, fear making my heart race. "You were alone, she wanted you to play with her on the staircase," he said, still not breaking his trance. At this point I collapsed to my knees, terrified, unable to stand. I was shaking. "She says her dad isn't nice to her, he's mean," my date continued. At this point I was still on the ground, in the snow, sobbing, terrified. My date slowly came to. He was quiet, and all he could say was, "Sometimes that happens."

I was crying, on the ground, when it all came back to me. That moment, alone in the house, the creaky door. It wasn't wind, it couldn't have been, the house was full of radiators, no furnace blowing warm air. The door, it didn't open by itself, it couldn't open by itself. It was her. She wanted me to play with her. I knew nothing about dead girls. "What do I do, what do I say?" I asked my date. "Don't say anything, don't do anything, leave her be."

That night I was lying on my bed, wondering if I should buy jacks to put on the stairs. That seemed like a trip hazard and a liability, I thought to myself. Tomorrow I would go to the sorority house, knock on the door, and tell them what happened.

Most of the sisters were home. I told them about that night, and the door, and the towel. One of them remembered finding the towel on the ground, thought it was odd, but didn't pay it much more attention. The door had not creaked open since that day. "We should get a Ouija board," one sister suggested (mind you, you can't consume alcohol in a sorority house, but conjuring the dead isn't on the list of "can't do's").

It took some time, but we found a friend of a friend of a neighbor of a cousin of a waitress of a... you get it, someone with a Ouija board. We set it up on the second floor, in the bedroom closest to the staircase. "Is there anyone here with us?" [Yes], the board replied. "How old are you" [No], was the response. "When did you die?" [No], responded the board. "Will you please talk to us?" [No], said the board, followed by a boom from downstairs. We stopped and headed downstairs as a group to investigate the noise. "It sounded like something hit the floor really hard," one sister said. "Is anyone else home?" asked another. "No, the door would have chimed if anyone had opened it," I pointed out. We were standing in the kitchen, looking around, trying to make sense of the noise, when one sister asked, "Why is the floor wet?"

In the midst of our conjuring, in an internal wall, a pipe burst, and water was coming out of the walls of one bedroom. We ran down to the basement, as water was quickly starting to spread across the dirt floor. We were in the dark in a traditional Michigan basement (dirt/rock walls, and a dirt floor), with a singular lightbulb sparsely adorning the wood rafters of the massive house above us, looking for the water shut-off valve. In the end, it took about two dozen of us using the light of our phone screens (yes kids, this was before phones had flash lights) 45 minutes to shut off the water, while the property manager and plumber were in route.

I never went in that house again. I know what we experienced was real, and whether you choose to believe it or not, I can't control that. The fact is it's been nine years now and sometimes when I'm sitting at home alone, and I hear the door move behind me, I don't even have to turn around, it's always the same chilling sound. I know she followed me.



# 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 girlfriend takes FOREVER to get ready to go out. How do I make this process go faster?**

### **Girl's Advice**

That is a really great question. My problem in having a finite answer for you is I'm not that kind of girl. That being said, it still takes me 45 minutes to get ready and that includes the 3 S's: Shit, Shower and Shave. It is frustrating for me too, as I just want to cruise out the door looking fabulous. Unfortunately, for girls it takes us a wee bit longer to look said fabulous. It's the hair and the moisturizing. It's the blending of the blemish, the eye goo, the products of it all!

I have girlfriends that take two hours and I just shake my head. Having learned about said girlfriends though, I coordinate my time around them, knowing that this bathroom situation is going to happen.

What I've learned from this is that some women simply cannot leave the house without looking their best and that can take some time. I think you should be proud of your girl for going through the effort of looking her best and having you at her side. Let her have the time. She will be happy, gorgeous and confident. Knowing this, plan accordingly. Don't give her shit though. That will just inspire slowness and saltiness.

Oh, and if she asks you how she looks, you better know this answer on your own or you will be alone forever. Drink a beer and chill.

### **Boy's Advice**

Listen dude, the first thing you should do when your gal is taking too long getting ready, is to tell her that she's not getting any prettier, no matter how long she's in the bathroom.

If this doesn't work, walk into the bathroom, pull your pants down and have a seat on the toilet. Normally, she'll walk right out. Problem solved!

If this doesn't work, let her know that it doesn't matter how much make-up she has on, people can still see the ugly behind it all.

If this doesn't work, let her know that it doesn't matter how ugly she is, you love her for what's on the inside.

If this doesn't work, let her know that if she just lost a few pounds, she wouldn't have to paint her face like a clown to distract others from her muffin top.

If this doesn't work, but she's laughing her ass off, you know you've found the one who understands you and your humor. She loves you and she's a keeper.

You'll know this approach hasn't worked when you wake up on the floor with a gaping wound in your scalp and you'll probably need to seek medical attention immediately.

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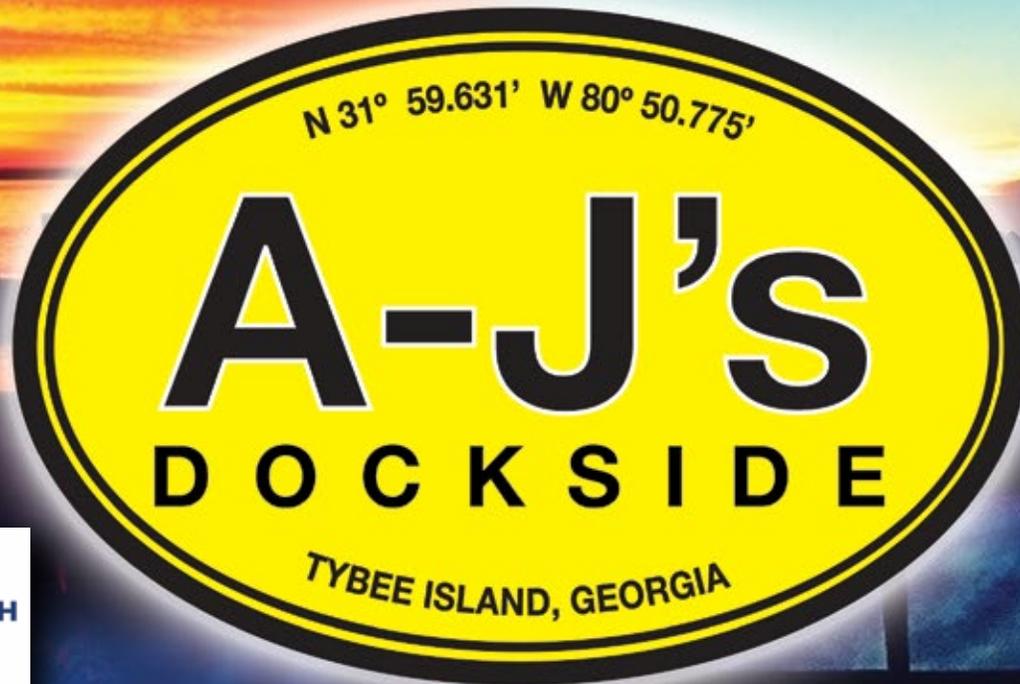


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