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8. Jaycee Park Playground
9. Lazaretto Creek Boat Ramp
10. Lazaretto Creek Village
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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)
- Take in a live performance or movie at The Tybee Post Theater
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints

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WOW!!! December! Did this year fly or crawl? Either way, here we are and it's time to prepare for Santa climbing down your chimney! Time to haul out those decorations and get into the holiday cheer! Let's get to it!

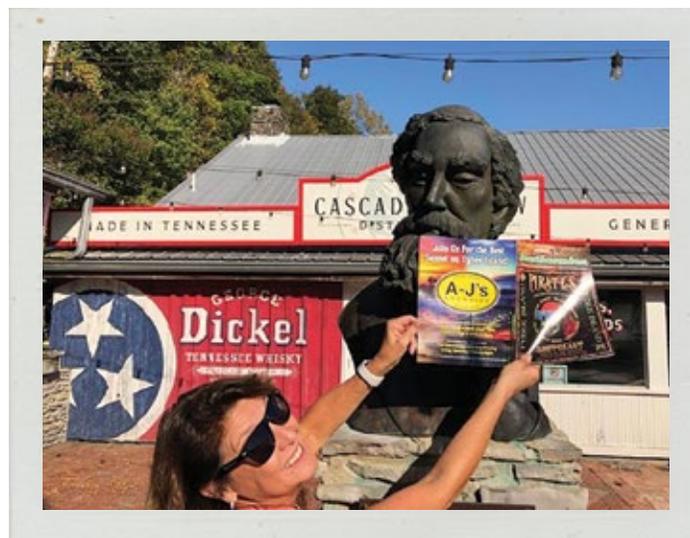
We are not doing the Scratch n' Sniff Contest this year as that whole Covid situation is still a problem and nobody wants to put their nose on something that has been touched by anyone. However, we are still doing the **Find the Pickle Contest!** There is one pickle to rule them all! Find that Pickle in one magazine and you will win a fabulous photography session (a value of \$225) with renowned photographer, Wen McNally! Good luck to all!

Moving along to our Feature Story: **Shop Local!!** Make sure you read on to find out where all of your future gifts are right here in your neighborhood. Amazon is great, but Tybee shops are better and you will be supporting someone you actually know. See you out and about!

There is a lot going this month all over the island! Check out **Life's A Beach Events** and get your calendar updated. There is something going on just about every day and you don't want to miss out on any of the festivities!

And finally, after being in the queue forever, I am delighted to announce that **Tony & Sherry Abruzzio** are the winners of this month's **Traveling Beachcomber!** Tony and Sherry are always going somewhere and in this winning photo they are in Tullahoma, Tennessee at the George Dickel Distillery. I bet that was a fun day! Thank you Abruzzio's for taking us along for the ride! Off to A-J's with you both!!

Now, let's get it on! Make me a cocktail and turn the page



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Georgia, Savannah River Ent.

December 2021 Tide Chart

N 32° 02.0' / W 80° 54.1'

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
1	We	5:27a 8.6	5:44p 8.3	12:13p 0.2		7:07a	5:19p	3:53a	3:27p	
2	Th	6:27a 9.1	6:41p 8.3	12:25a -0.2	1:12p -0.2	7:08a	5:19p	5:03a	4:05p	
3	Fr	7:23a 9.4	7:35p 8.3	1:20a -0.5	2:09p -0.5	7:09a	5:19p	6:16a	4:50p	
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8	We	12:05p 8.7		5:40a -0.2	6:25p -0.1	7:13a	5:20p	11:34a	10:12p	
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Our December Bartender of the Month is such a breath of fresh air!! **Taryn Weston** is our girl and you can find her slinging drinks and yummy tacos at **Chamacos Tacos & Surf!** I've met Taryn a number of times, but never had a chance to sit down with her and get to know the girl behind the terrific smile. Now I have and am delighted to give you all of the details!

Born and raised in Augusta, Georgia, Taryn's parents owned a restaurant and it was only natural that she worked for the family business as soon as she could hold a mop. Taryn worked a number of industry gigs in Augusta as well, with her first non-family experience at Augusta Country Club. She did her school thing in Augusta and then off to Georgia Southern for what she anticipated to be a degree in music education and childhood development. Life is fun though and she got her Bachelor's Degree in Creative Writing!

After graduating, Taryn immediately moved to Savannah. The



family had been frequent visitors to Savannah and Tybee when she was growing up and Taryn always knew Savannah was where she needed to be. She got on at The Pink House and hung out there for a couple of years. In need of a change and to spread her wings, Taryn got a job on a cruise ship that sailed around the Hawaiian Islands. Working on a cruise ship sucks and our girl was quick to see this. This time she moved to Tybee and happy home sweet home!

The Tybee Beachcomber's Questions of Life:

Tybee Life: 3 years

Passion: Sailing and being on the water.

Grow Up: Never, but will adult into a boat captain soon.

Spirit Animal: Sea Goat (Capricorn's Greek Mythological Astrological symbol). They are mystical and magical and tenacious!

Super Power She Has: Hyper empathetic and can vibe with people immediately.

Super Power She Wants: Ability to heal.

Taryn's *go-to drink* is called "**Taryn It Up**" and it is fabulous! Tequila based with a scooch of Agave, lime, a couple of bubbles for fun and a top-secret ingredient that involves passion fruit. As we know, anything involving passion fruit is going to be delish! Toss it around and serve up for happy!

You definitely have to go be friends with Taryn at Chamacos! She is a legit nice person and you can tell. Not to mention she can make one hell of a cocktail! It's a win win for everyone! Get your Taryn It Up face on now at 1311 Butler Avenue.

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Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

WINTERTIME MUSHROOM JELLYFISH

Once we move into and through December on Tybee, we get into the true winter environmental conditions affecting our local marine flora and fauna. Not only is the water getting cold, but days are getting their shortest and nights are stretching their longest. All three of these factors influence behaviors and life histories of some of our coastal species. As a result, we are now well into the time of year for seeing some of our winter time resident species along with some other cold-water, northern species that extend their range down here during the winter.

You've probably heard me mention before that I'll often see a variation in the abundance of some of these seasonal species from one year to the next. Usually the same species tend to be present during their particular season from year to year. But often I'll find that one or another animal or seaweed will be unexpectedly abundant one year, and then the next year something else will be more common than it normally is. There are many different possible reasons for this, ranging from environmental conditions during a critical life history stage, to seasonal ocean current patterns. But this variability in abundance keeps coastal ecology around here interesting, because you never know what is going to be most common from one season to the next.

A good example of this year-to-year variation in abundance among our winter-time beach animals is the Mushroom Jellyfish. Mushroom Jellies are the largest jellyfish that we find on our beach at any time of the year, and fortunately they are harmless and don't sting. Like all jellies, they produce lots of slime that helps entrap tiny, microscopic planktonic algae and animals for food; so when you handle one, you will get slimed! This is especially true of the underside of the large round "bell" and of the long finger-like mouth extensions that hang from the middle of the bell. These long mouth extensions form the "stalk," and the large round bell forms



the "cap" that make this jellyfish look like a giant mushroom.

Although the long finger-like mouth extensions might look like thick tentacles, they are not actually tentacles. The stinging tentacles of a jellyfish most often are attached and hang from the outer rim of its bell, and not from the middle mouth area. With Mushroom Jellies, there aren't long stinging tentacles hanging from the outer rim of the bell; so they really don't sting. When a Mushroom Jellyfish washes up on the beach, lying in the wet sand, it will look like a big, round, clear dome with some long, clear, finger-like extensions sticking out.

Our winter Mushroom Jellies come in a variety of sizes. Small ones will be 4 or 5 inches across, and large ones may be more than a foot across. Now is the time they should be showing up, so we will just have to get out on the beach to see if this is a big winter for our biggest jellyfish!

Dr. Joe Richardson is a retired marine science professor with 45+ years of research and teaching experience along GA and the southeastern coast and Bahamas. Besides research, he conducts Tybee Beach Ecology Trips (www.TybeeBeachEcology.com) and frequently posts pictures of what they are finding on his Tybee Beach Ecology Trips Facebook page.

*Merry Christmas from the
Tybee Beachcomber Family
to Yours!!*





By Nell Klein

A REDBIRD CHRISTMAS

By Fannie Flagg

Way back in January of this year I did the Beachcomber Book Review on a new book by Fannie Flagg called "Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop." It was a delightful book that I couldn't wait to share with our readers. Well, it inspired Jane Brown of Smyrna, Georgia to write the Beachcomber a lovely letter and she also enclosed a copy of the book, "A Redbird Christmas." It seems that Jane's late mother was a huge Fannie Flagg fan and had read all of her books. She apparently passed her love of the books down to her daughter and Jane wanted to share one with us. She had read "A Redbird Christmas" and she says that the little town of Lost River, Alabama reminded her of Tybee Island with the fact that it's in the South, near the water and everyone knows each other and looks out for each other. Jane says the characters are "quirky" and I think we resemble that remark! Jane and her family have been coming to Tybee since 1986, so she feels that they are "almost" locals and I totally agree. So, it is my great pleasure to tell you a little about a red bird named Jack that saved an old man, a little girl and in fact, a whole town just in time for Christmas.

Oswald T. Campbell from Chicago has just gotten the worst news someone can get. His doctor has just told him that he has only months to live because of his hard living and the cold miserable Chicago winters have taken its toll on Oswald's lungs. He suggests that Oswald relocate to a small Alabama town called Lost River to live out his final days. The doctor's late father had referred several of his patients to Lost River because of the clean air and healthy living. The doctor hopes that Oswald can at least be comfortable in his last few months of life.

So off Oswald goes to parts unknown to rent a room in a home owned by Betty Kitchen. \$50 a week is all he can afford on his pension and Miss Betty is happy to accommodate and it includes three home cooked meals a day! (This is definitely not Tybee!) In the little town there are a group of women who take care of just about everything and everybody, the mail is delivered by boat and the only grocery store is owned by Roy Grimmitt, who is nursing a broken heart.

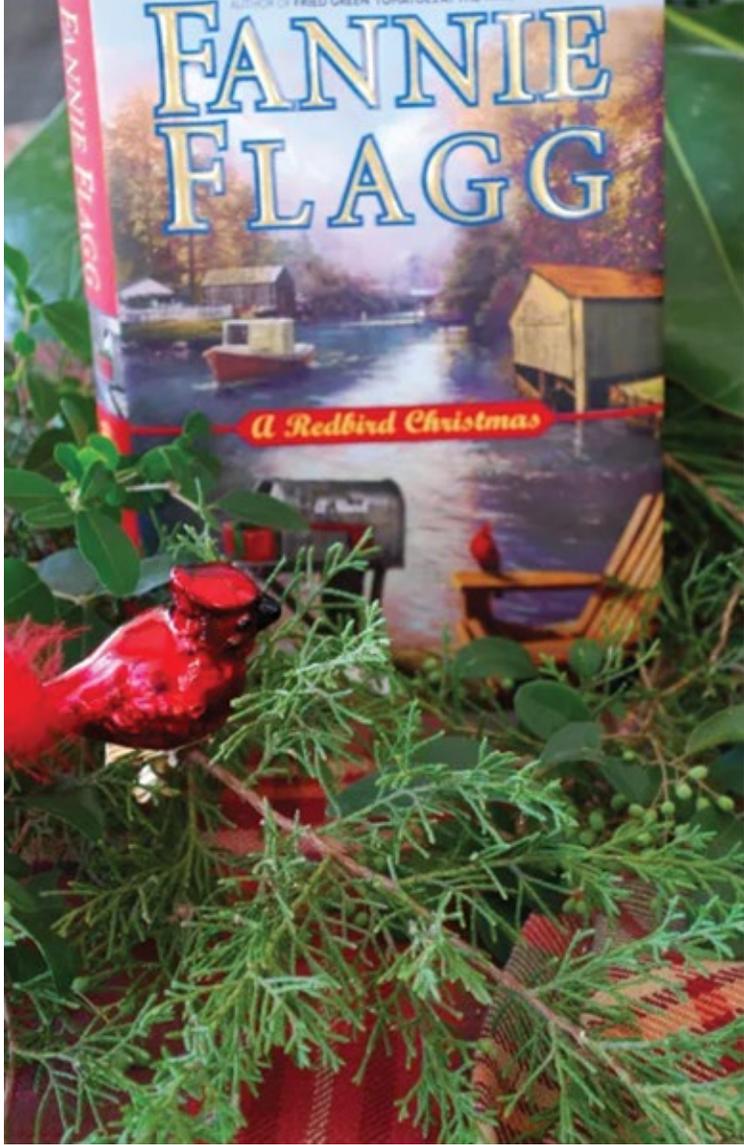
It's at the grocery store that we meet Jack, the red bird. It seems that some rotten boys that live out in the woods hurt the little bird and Roy found him struggling for his life. As Roy doctors Jack back to health, he lives in the store full time amongst the can goods and produce to everyone's delight. One day Roy spots a little girl looking at Jack through the front window. He invites her inside and she becomes so attached to Jack that she comes back every day to see him. Her name is Patsy and she wears old clothes, no shoes and she walks with an awkward gait. The whole town wants to help the little girl and with the help of all the women in the town, Patsy may get the help she needs.

In the meantime, old Oswald T. Campbell has really adapted to the life in Lost River. He tags along with Claude Underwood, the postman, on his deliveries and has discovered that he has a talent for painting wildlife. Before you know it, Oswald is getting stronger every day and it seems that his life may last a bit longer than anticipated. Everything is looking up when Claude takes a group of doctors out fishing and they see little Patsy and they think they can help her with her walk.

This story is the epitome of the feel-good Christmas story. It's full of lovable and yes, quirky characters and you will love them all. The end of the book is worth the read and it's only 200 pages and it includes recipes! What a wonderful gift from our devoted reader, Jane Brown. Thank you for a lovely early Christmas present.

I hope we all have a fabulous ending to a not so fabulous year and Merry Christmas to all!

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



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Merry Christmas to one and all! I came up with a brilliant idea to save each and every one of you from going into crippling debt this year buying ungrateful heathens mass-produced garbage that will still be sitting on a cargo ship until Valentine's Day. I contemplated for many hours different inexpensive (i.e., dirt cheap) craft items that could be made by even the most uncrafty person. Read on to solve all your Christmas problems:

Gift Idea #1: For all of your fancy friends that have everything and you never know what to get them even in your most profitable year, I present the DIY Bidet! You simply empty a 2-liter plastic bottle and poke a hole in the bottom. Refill with the liquid of your choice (by adding a dash of Texas Pete, you get a little bit more zippy for your doo dah) and then all they have to do is hover and squeeze! Super pocketbook friendly, efficient and depending on which liquid you use, has the potential for hours of laughs and giggles. Or screaming and the emergency room. Depending on what you're into.

Gift Idea #2: For all of your poor friends that have very little, nothing says "I love you" more than a gift certificate for "One free jumpstart" for their 1993 Honda Civic. Not only is this a true heartwarming tearjerker of a present, it's super easy. You can write it at the bar on a bev nap. To add a thrill of Christmas, use a crayon! All bars have crayons.

Gift Idea #3: For your artsy fartsy friends, nothing says "I've been thinking about you" more than a cup of water to dip their brushes in. As we know, SCAD is expensive and water doesn't grow on trees. To make it even easier, just pick up a cup on the beach or the side of the road, and scoop the water out of the nearest puddle and wah la!

Gift Idea #4: The family members are always the most difficult. Torn between loathing them, but also wanting to stay in the will, while also needing your mom night and day, it's important that you make an effort on this one. This too can be done on the cheap. All is you need is a box of wine, a bev nap and a pen (crayon is cool too). Then write down a complete and total list of everything you've done this year to disappoint them. It's super helpful if it rhymes. That adds a little something something to what should have been handled over the Thanksgiving table, but times are different now. For example, and to the tune of Silent Night, "Mom and Dad I am broke. Please send money, this is not a joke. I am destitute and so hungry. Must rob the liquor store immediately." And so on. You get the idea.

Gift Idea #5: The significant other gift can be tricky, but if you follow these words of wisdom, you got yourself a win win situation! Create a gift certificate (you can do this at the library) for a weekend stay at a quaint little B & B somewhere that is no less than an 8-hour drive away. Put at the very bottom in fine print "restrictions apply." Make sure you add a cute picture of the front the B & B. Say something about 'all inclusive' and 'suite.' Throw in 'includes a champagne brunch' if you're feeling super sporty. Then, when your partner wants to make the reservation, tell them you will take care of it and then unfortunately, every date they want is not a part of the package. You can get away with that for at least six months. Then they are either going to laugh with you or break up with you. Either way, they will always remember that first initial glow and excitement of the wonder of such a fabulous trip!

So good luck to you and have a Merry Christmas!! Follow me for more excellent advice on How to Ruin Your Life every month in the Tybee Beachcomber!

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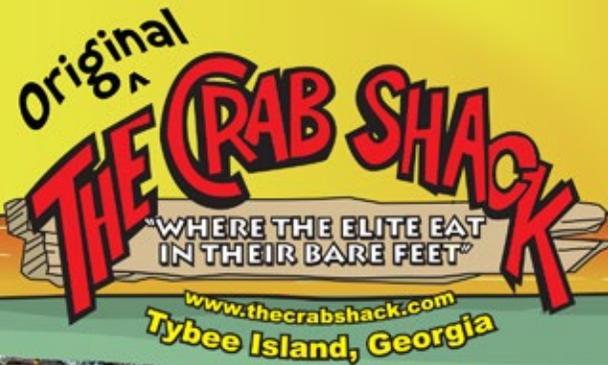
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I'm sure you've heard the platitude to the effect of: "diamonds are just lumps of coal under pressure." To loosely paraphrase, bad stuff and crappy situations can produce something phenomenal.

While this is technically and scientifically accurate, the time horizon for that process is often overlooked. It's between 1 and 3 billion years. With a "b." For most of history, those lumps of coal were just really hot lumps of coal.

There's kind of a similar phenomenon in investing. Sometimes your lumps of coal can turn into diamonds - Amazon, for example. That thing took years before they actually made any kind of profit. Most of the time, though, they are just really hot lumps of coal. We wrote about the rise of absurd stock market speculation starting last spring when everyone initially got locked down and given a stimulus check. It has continued apace this year. However, we're starting to see a lot of the meme stocks fall back to Earth. Hard.

Here's a non-exhaustive list to give you an idea of what's been happening recently. You've got the company, ticker, high price in the last year, current price and max drawdown in the last year (current being as of this writing):

Company	Ticker	High Price	Current Price	Max Decline
GameStop	GME	\$483	\$204	-58%
AMC Theaters	MC	\$72	\$39	-46%
Peloton	PTON	\$171	\$49	-71%
Zillow	Z	\$208	\$64	-69%
Zoom	ZM	\$486	\$248	-49%
Clover Health	CLOV	\$28	\$7	-75%
Robinhood	HOOD	\$85	\$34	-60%
WeWork	WE	\$15	\$9	-37%
Blackberry	BB	\$28	\$10	-63%
Moderna	MRNA	\$497	\$222	-55%
Beyond Meat	BYND	\$221	\$81	-63%

You get the idea. For reference, the max decline on the S&P500 at any point this year has been about -5%.

Now, some of those - notably GameStop and AMC - are still fantastically up on the year. But if you got an itchy trigger finger and decided to buy in the midst of the frenzy, you might be hurting right now.

The point is, the frenzy seems to be dying out. The frothiest and flimsiest bubbles seem to all be popping, one by one. And to top it all off, the Fed recently announced their long-choreographed QE tapering. Meaning, in a nutshell, some of the legs propping up this market are slowly being kicked out from under it. (A quick disclaimer: if not already obvious, the mentioning of any individual stock in this column is patently not a recommendation to buy or sell. Information and entertainment only, folks.)

We'll leave you with a little bit of market math. Do you know what the difference is between down 60% and down 80%? Down 80% is being down 60%, and then losing an additional 50%. So if you find yourself looking at those drawdown numbers above and thinking it might be a good idea to buy the dip, just keep that in mind.

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Christmas on Tybeet

By Dottie Kluttz

T'was Christmas time on the island of Tybee.

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The trees were decorated with lights of red and green,

Oh...the island was the prettiest they had ever seen.

Time came round for Santa to arrive,

All were waiting...each adult and child alive.

Now the children of Tybee don't ride in sleighs.

Oh no, the children of Tybee, well, they ride on waves.

While Santa does come by sleigh,

With Rudolph and the reindeer pulling it all the way.

The children started wondering... "This island is so tiny and small,

When Santa flies over... will he see us at all?"

Of course he will, because we have something that is tall and bright,

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So Christmas Eve came and we left Santa our treats,

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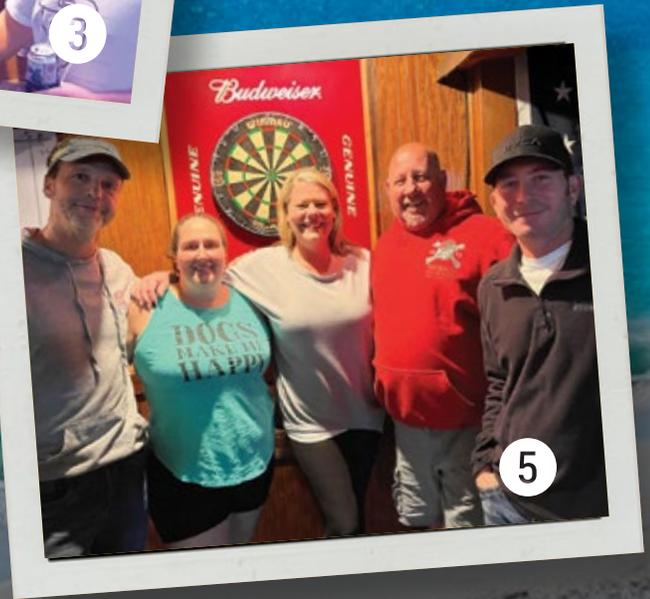
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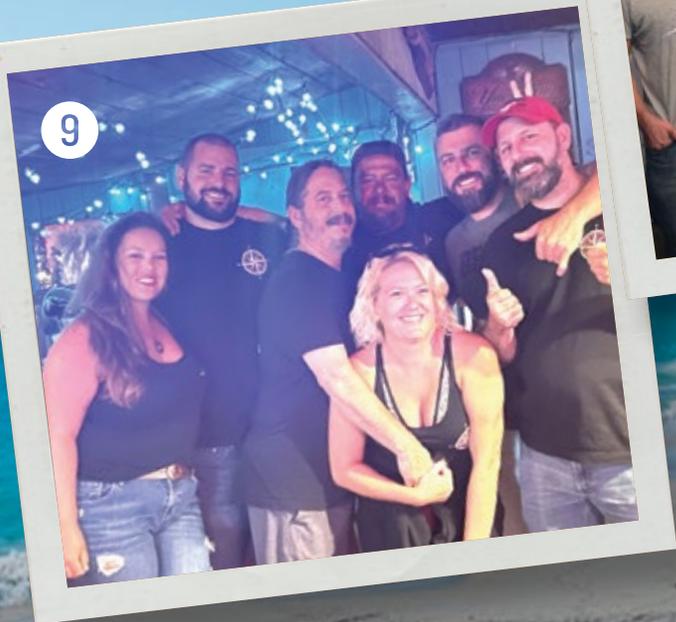


Here on Tybee, the Dart League is taken very seriously. Friendships have been forged and broken. Relationships have been cemented and violated. Skin has been broken and band-aided. There has been nudity, fist fights, bar brawls, screaming and cussing. And that was just the first night!

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Grandma's Stuffing

By Nancy Swain

If there is one singular food that unites my family, it's Grandma's stuffing. Whenever we gather for Thanksgiving and Christmas, you can bet it will be a favorite. I don't know when Gram started using this mixture of meat, bread, onion and apple, but I do know I'm 35 and have never had a holiday without it.

As a little girl, I was always curious around the kitchen. I loved the food both my mom and grandma would prepare. How did they do that? Although my mother was capable, Gram always had the run of the kitchen on the holidays. She stood all of 4'10", if that! Her skin was flawless, her bosom always huggable. I guess I was about nine years old when I took to asking a lot of questions about cooking.

I remember Gram soaking two loaves of day-old bread, then squeezing the water from them. Why did they have to be stale? This was to provide stability to the mix. Gram always used a (what seemed to be) huge stainless bowl to create this wonderful mixture. She would add three eggs and mix it with her hands. "Yuck!" I used to think. Then came the pound of chopped meat and ½ pound of sausage meat. Double yuck! Gram would knead the mixture until it was just so. She would chop an onion, finely slice a couple of celery stalks, and then slice an apple into see-through pieces. These ingredients were added to the meat and bread mixture. Her motions were effortless. An 8-ounce package of Pepperidge Farm stuffing mix was added to the bowl. Salt and pepper were added to taste. Again, the gentle massaging of ingredients would begin.

Gram would put the dressing into the cavity of the turkey. There was always extra. Oh, the smell of stuffing baking in the oven! It would come out crispy on top and tender and moist within. The turkey skin would be so crisp and golden. My oldest brother and I would always fight for the turkey wings (thank goodness there was one for each of us). The aroma of the stuffing was the moment of comfort. We were in good hands. Gram had prepared another wonderful holiday dinner.

Along with the turkey and stuffing, the meal always included mashed potatoes and turnips. I don't know how Gram ever peeled those waxed turnips. To this day, I find them a struggle! The key was to mix the potatoes and turnips, then pour some ketchup on top! Sure, there was rich, thick, homemade gravy, but that was for the turkey and the bread. Gram never served a meal without bread. I guess in this age of low-fat cooking, Gram would have failed miserably. All I know is Gram lived to be 85 and Gramp to 90.

Since Gram passed away over five years ago, it has been the challenge for me or my eldest brother to reproduce this wonderful creation we grew to love as children and young adults. My sister-in-law has tampered with the recipe, adding chestnuts or raisins, to no measurable improvement. It just wasn't the same. We long for the day when Gram would be in charge of the holiday meal.

It is important to create and maintain traditions with your family and friends. The memories are priceless treasures that will be passed down through loved ones forever and remind us all of what is really important. I will always think of my Grandma's Stuffing every holiday with joy and love.



SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Season's greetings Sports Teaser fans! It's hard to believe, but we have almost reached the end of 2021 and Santa is getting his sleigh ready to make his journey from the North Pole a little bit later this month. Thankfully, 2021 has been a better year than 2020 for sure! (It didn't take much did it?) We certainly have been treated to a lot of wonderful gifts already before Christmas in the sports world, so let's get to it.

The best gift that we have received in the last 26 years around here is our Atlanta Braves winning the World Series just last month. They were a team that was hardly break even, even the first week of August, and turned it around by winning almost 70% of their games en route to the world title. What an incredible August, September, and October we were presented with, all constructed by the master general manager, Alex Anthopoulos, who brought 4 players in during mid-season that all contributed in a tremendous way to get the Braves to the playoffs and become champions. Eddie Rosario won the National League championship series MVP, Jorge Soler won the World Series MVP, Joc Peterson hit some clutch home runs in the playoffs in "Joctober" and Adam Duvall led the league in RBIs. Those four players were the ones that were added to the team midseason and man did they produce. Freddie Freeman was clutch in the playoffs as well, and it was great to see him finally get a championship after his long and successful career in Atlanta. He's a free agent currently and hopefully the Braves will sign him and keep him in Atlanta until he retires. He should be able to get what he wants for as long as he wants. Back up the Brinks truck! Having been a die-hard Braves fan since birth, it was exciting when they won the World Series in 1995 but the icing on the cake must be winning in this season of 2021. I think they are in position to make a serious run at several more titles before they are done. It's hard to win back-to-back World Series, last being done by the Yankees in the late 1990s, so we will see. Nonetheless, the Atlanta Braves are World Series champions, and they always will be! What a run! They are those 'you know whats!'

Switching gears to football, the Georgia Bulldogs continue to run through the SEC with ease to this point with a ferocious defense and a very efficient offense. They are currently giving up an average of only 6 points per game to their opponents, which is a heck of a formula for winning. Defense travels, as was seen in Jacksonville last month when the Dogs took care of the hated Gators. It's always a great day when the Gators lose to anyone, anywhere and in any sport. UGA should make it to the SEC championship undefeated unless something crazy happens. Most likely they will face Alabama, but there are several roadblocks in their way as they have one loss and cannot afford another. Here's hoping Santa brings us another national championship for the state of Georgia in the form of the Bulldogs winning it all. Wouldn't that be something? Go Dawgs!

I want to take this opportunity to wish all Tybee Beachcomber readers a wonderful holiday season and a very, very Merry Christmas! Hopefully you have been good, and Santa will be bringing you everything on your list! Be safe and don't get too deep into the eggnog! Ho Ho Ho! See you with more riveting Sports Teaser words of wisdom next year!

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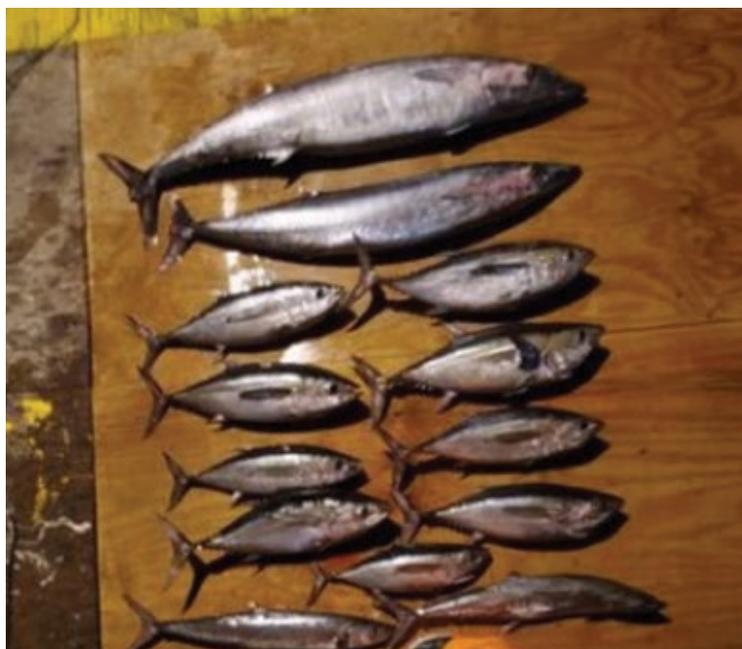


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Dec. Fishing Forecast

PIER

Now is when we see a decline in the number of fish caught off the pier. The water has begun to cool fast and the majority of the fish have moved south. For those still looking to soak some bait, you still have a chance. I have seen Dogfish, Clear Nose Skates, Sheepsheds, Whiting, the rare Bull Red drum and Black Drum bite this time of year. For the Dogfish and Red Drum, cut bait or whole fish, such as mullet, are the best baits. For Whiting, Black Drum and Clear Nose Skates, Shrimp is always the best choice. Sheepsheds are all around and they love Fiddler Crabs, so make sure you have plenty, they will steal bait.



INSHORE

Now this bite all depends on how the weather is in December. We are known for being 80 one day and 30 the next day and this can make the inshore tough to figure out. The Trout will still be feeding, but look in the deeper holes near the current rips off the Oyster rakes or creek mouths. This time of year Mud Minnows and jigs fished real slow tend to catch me more fish than

anything else. For the Redfish, I use the same baits, but fish the mud flats around the low tide on the warmest day I can. These fish will be hiding from the Dolphins, so find areas where the Dolphins can't get. Sheepsheds are around every bridge, dock or any structure that holds Oysters and Barnacles. These are fun fish to catch and land. They will put your line to the test on every bite. Fiddler crabs fished on a Carolina rig right next to the structure will produce the bites.



NEARSHORE

This time of year is all about the Big Black Sea Bass. You've got to head out to 55 to 65 feet of water and you will find the big boys. These fish will make for some fine eating as well. Squid has got to be the number one bait and the local bait shop has plenty. While you are catching Sea Bass you may also catch lots of Grunts, Porgies and maybe a few Flounder. The Bull Redfish are on the reefs out here as well, just make sure you take lots of care in reviving the fish before you release them. Red Drum may not be kept when caught outside of state waters. If you are looking to stay in sight of land, the Sheepsheds and Black Drum bite can be found on the reefs in 30-45 ft. of water.

OFFSHORE

The Bottom bite is still great with lots of different fish to be caught. This time of year the big Wahoo can be caught off our coast out near the Gulf Stream. I know it's a long run, but you may catch the fish of a lifetime. The Tuna bite has been great as well, just before sunset. Be prepared for a long day. Good luck to those that take the chance to get out there. Chances are you will put some great meat on the table.

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

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Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in Dec By Mom

- 12-3 Kid's Santa Party at the YMCA** 3:30-5:30pm at the YMCA gymnasium, 204 5th St. Treats and fun with friends from the North Pole. Then follow up with the Parade!
- 12-3 Brotherhood: A Tribute to the Doobie Brothers** 8pm at the Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Rock out to the good ol' days with a Doobie Tribute! For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.
- 12-3 Lighted Christmas Parade** 6-8:30pm, starting with Parade (and Santa too) at Memorial Park to the round-about on Tybrisa!
- 12-3, 12-10, & 12-17 Coffee & Conversation with the City Manager-Zoom & In-Person** 9am to 10am at <http://bit.ly/3ockqi> Meeting Id-971-7986 1615. Passcode-856832. In-person, Open air pavilion at Memorial Park behind City Hall.
- 12-4 6th Annual Holiday Market** 10am-5pm at American Legion Post #154, 10 Veterans Dr. Chinese auction/Vendor market basket raffle, arts, crafts and food. For more info, call 912-786-5356.
- 12-4 The Part-Time Blues Band 2021** 7pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Blues classics and a lot more. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.
- 12-5 The 100th year of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: The Facts and Myths of the Honor Guard. Free (Donations Accepted)** 4pm at the Tybee Post Theater. Sgt. Ed Brown, a former Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, will speak about his time with the Old Guard, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.
- 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9, 12-20, 12-21, 12-22, & 12-23 Classic Christmas Movies** All movies will be shown at 3 and 7pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. 12-6 - Miracle on 34th Street; 12-7 - Love Actually; 12-8 - The Muppet Christmas Carol; 12-9 - Home Alone; 12-20 - White Christmas; 12-21 - Elf; 12-22 - The Polar Express; 12-23 - National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. It's not Christmas without watching your favorite movies. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790,
- 12-10 The John Callaway Band** 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. John Callaway album release of "There is a Season." For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.
- 12-12 Chloe Agnew - A Holiday Return** 4pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Time for Christmas music and stories too. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.
- 12-4 Sisters on the Fly** 11am-1pm at Rivers End Campground. Sisters on the Fly are making their way back to Tybee Island for a Christmas Caravan Tour. Tour these vintage trailers all decked out for the holidays. Tickets are \$15.00 and proceeds benefit the Tybee Post Theater. Tickets can be purchased at Seaside Sisters or at <https://tybeeposttheater.org>.
- 12-15 & 12-16 Nutcracker Ballet** 7pm at the Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The Savannah Ballet Company presents the Nutcracker Ballet. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.
- 12-17 Hooray for the Holidays!** 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Hear songs and stories from the most wonderful time of the year. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.
- 12-18 Old Fashioned Christmas with Carroll Brown** 8pm at the Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Join in the warmth and good cheer with Carroll Brown and his merry players as they perform holiday songs about family, home and Christmas traditions. An Appalachian-style concert! For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.
- 12-22 Polar Express** 3 and 7pm showings at the Post Theater with The Crab Shack's Polar Express Float with Santa AND the Polar Express Conductor greeting you at the front door! Stop by anytime from 2:30-7pm. Sleigh bells and hot chocolate for one and all (while supplies last). Tickets are on fire so get them now!
- 12-25 It's Christmas!** Gather around your loved ones and Have a Very Merry Christmas, y'all!!!
- 12-31 New Year's Eve Fireworks** 11:59pm-12:20am at the Tybee Pier and Pavilion on Tybrisa and Strand. Let's ring in a great year!
- 1-1 Tybee Post Theater Polar Plunge 2022** 12 noon at the pier or anywhere on the beach. Sign up now through January 1, 2022. The Plunge is back – both virtual and in person, you pick the body of water, from Tybee Island to Long Island, plunge into the frigid waters anywhere. Enter their contest to win great prizes! Register at www.tybeeposttheater.org.

TYBEE TALKS:

THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER AND THOSE WHO GUARD IT

By Dottie Klutz

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier marks its 100th Anniversary this year. 100 years ago, a WWI unknown soldier was laid to rest under the Tomb. It is the central place where we recognize the ultimate sacrifice a military person gives to us to keep us safe and free. It is a type of glue that binds us together. 3 million people visit Arlington National Cemetery each year.

The Tomb is faithfully guarded by the Third Infantry Regiment, known as "The Old Guard" of the Army. What people see of the Old Guard are the famous 21 steps back and forth at the Tomb...24 hours every single day with zero exceptions. There is so much more to those who are in this service. It is a rigorous assignment, given to very few. Each of them feels privileged to have the responsibility of protecting the Tomb.

The Tybee Post Theater is honored to have former guard Sgt. Ed Brown speak to this community about the history of the Tomb and his time guarding it. Although Mr. Brown is no longer in the Old Guard, he was chosen to be in the Honor Guard, [as all guards are] because he possessed a high standard of qualities, a spotless record and had a military bearing about him. Today he is a member of the Society of Honor Guards.

We invite everyone to hear this Tybee Talk by offering Free tickets. You may obtain your free ticket on the Tybee Post Theater's website.

Let's be together in our historic Army theater and hear the history of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and those who guard it.

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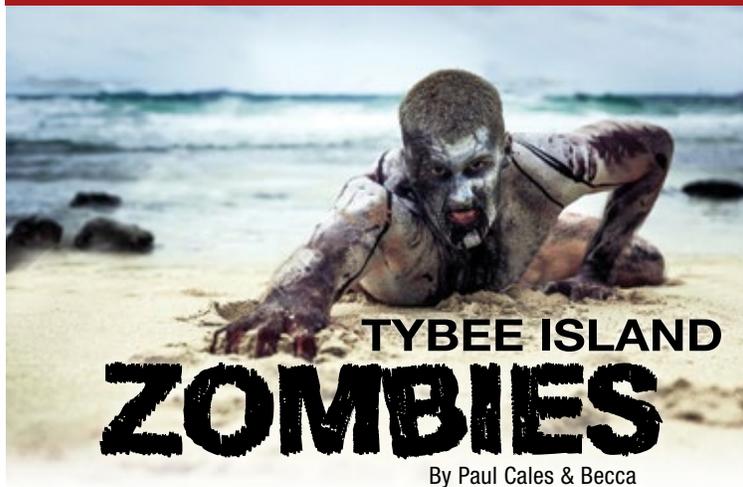
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By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the November 2021 Beachcomber.
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CHAPTER 51 – NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, EVER GET CAUGHT IN A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE WITHOUT A WEAPON!

DAY 3

Jimmy looks up from the tunnel and scans the shed. “Oh man,” he whispers under his breath. He sees about 50 cases of MRE’s sitting against a wall. His head swivels as he looks them over, looks at the tunnel, and wonders why Sarge didn’t take them back to his house when he escaped the shed... before his mind quickly snaps back to the rotting corpses that were chasing and trying to eat him moments before. He peeks outside and doesn’t see any new zombies, just the couple that fell by the door when he whacked them with the bat. He remembers his hands hurt, shakes them to try to get them feeling normal again, and notices a wheelbarrow in the corner. He hops over to the MREs and awkwardly puts five square cases of food in the (definitely not square) wheelbarrow. Peeking out the door one last time, and not seeing anything moving, he begins to briskly jog back toward his place with the food.

Before leaving the parking lot, he awkwardly stops short, the momentum of the wheelbarrow almost throwing him off balance. “I almost left the bat behind,” he thinks. “What was it that Tony used to say? Never, never, never, EVER get caught in a zombie apocalypse without a weapon. He was always so serious about it. Everyone always laughed at him. Look at me now. Killing dead people with bats.” He picks up the bloody bat, runs back to the wheelbarrow and puts it on top of the MREs. “He’s a smart guy. I bet him and Nathan are doing just fine.” He makes the one and a half block journey to his apartment with his head on swivel. He doesn’t run into any zombies, but definitely pulled something in his neck and a knot is forming and he can’t very well take a hot bath to soothe that because his bathtub is full of drinking water now.

As he gets to his front door he sighs and looks down at the food he’s collected. “Home comforts aren’t hot baths anymore, they’re shelf stable foods, I suppose,” he thinks. “I can use the heating pad on my neck. It’s going to be okay.”

He opens the front door and knocks at the same time. “Duncan, you scare all those bad zombies away?” he says.

No response answers him. No sound does either. The hum of the air conditioner, the rattle of the compressor on the fridge, and the droning of his two ceiling fans are all gone. He looks behind him to make sure no one and nothing followed him here, then tosses the five cases of MREs into the entrance of the apartment. He follows them in and closes the door behind him. He hits the light switch and no light alights. “UGHH,” he groans.

“Power’s out, Duncan,” he says into the quiet apartment.

He opens the door again and looks across the street to Chu’s convenience store. The lights are still on over there. “Great,” he huffs as he closes his door and leans the bat next to the doorknob. “It’s just this side of the street. Why is it always just this side of the street?” He stands there for a moment to adjust to the darkness and rolls his eyes as he realizes he can’t use his heating pad on his neck.

Taking a deep breath to calm himself and putting a smile on his face, he calls into the quiet, “Hey Duncan. Guess who has boxes for us to open? And guess who gets to play with the boxes once we go through the goodies hiding inside?” He grabs two cases of MREs and makes his way to the living room where he sits them down on the coffee table. “Yep! It’s you buddy! You get to play with the boxes! One of us should have some joy in our lives.”

As he sits down on the couch Duncan hops into his lap from the darkness. Jimmy gasps, “You scared the bejeezus out of me you little bugger!” Duncan rubs his face on Jimmy’s lap. “Awh! You missed me, didn’t you?” he says, and takes a few moments to give him pets, before picking him up and setting him next to him on the couch. “Alright buddy. Time to tear into these boxes and see what kind of goodies wait for us. You think we should do another unboxing video for our followers?”

Duncan doesn’t answer, but Jimmy swears he gave him the side eye.

“You’re right. They’re probably slobbering brain eaters by now. We’ll just have to do it old school, like before there were tik toks and face pages. All alone.” He pauses a beat. “Damn, I need more friends. I wonder if Becky is doing okay. I hope she is. She gets me.”

Duncan rubs against his leg.

“Oh, don’t be jealous. I love you the most, you rotten little creature.”

He opens the first box and counts the meals. “Well Duncan, there are twelve meals in here. So that’s five times twelve so...” He counts on his fingers for a moment. “Sixty meals! Worst comes to worst we’ve got one meal a day for the next two months! And there’s about 45 more cases in the shed.”

BAM! A loud noise comes from the front door. “Hey Jimmy? You still alive in there?”

“Sarge?”

Sarge peeks his head around the corner.

“There you are!” Jimmy says. “I was worried sick about you.”

“I ran into some trouble at the shed.” He sees the MREs on the table. “Did you get those from the shed?”

“I sure did. I went looking for you at your place and you weren’t home. So I went out back to the shed and saw some of those zombies banging on the door. I thought you were locked inside and couldn’t get out because of them.”

“I was stuck for a bit but used the shovel to tunnel my way out. Couldn’t run from those guys carrying the food. How the hell did you get in with those zombies out there guarding the door?”

“I smacked them in the head with my bat.”

“You’re a lot tougher than I gave you credit for.”

Jimmy smiles and rubs his sore hands. “What took you so long getting back?”

“Well, I didn’t want the zeeks following me back here so I grabbed a bicycle and rode hard, doing a reconnaissance of the island.”

Jimmy giggles, “You said hard.”

“Funny. So, there were two tanks at the bridge, but I saw someone taking one of them.”

“Who was it? Who knows how to operate a tank?”

“I don’t...” Sarge begins before Jimmy cuts him off.

“Wait! Tony can! He was in the Army and talks about tanks all the time. It was probably him.”

“The Army?! If you ain’t Marine Corps you ain’t shit. Hoowaah! Semper Fi

or do or die Jimmy.”

Jimmy ignores this confusing statement. “Where did they take the tank?”

“I’m not sure yet, but they were heading to the south end of the island.”

“If it’s Tony, then Nathan and Becky are probably with him.”

“Well, we don’t know for sure who has the tank. I’m going to head out in the morning and find out. There’s a lot of zombies running around. Some of them fast and some of them slow. Gotta be careful.”

“Oh nice. It’s like the movies. It’s like Night of the Living Dead had a baby with 28 Days Later.”

Sarge ignores this confusing statement. “Throw me one of those MREs. I’m starving.”

Jimmy tosses him a tan colored bag labeled Spaghetti with Meatballs.

“My favorite one. How did you know?”

“Just luck, Sarge. Hey, you sure it’s a good idea to go out there tomorrow morning? I mean, it sounds really dangerous. The government or the Army or someone is going to come take care of this surely. Maybe we should just wait it out.”

“Jimmy, that was a checkpoint at the bridge. It looks like it was overrun. There were no military personnel in sight and there was blood and bodies everywhere. I think we’re on our own, kid.”

To be continued...

Now, go back and read the rest of the damn story will ya! You can read the previous 50 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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SHOP LOCAL!

By Alaina Loughridge



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Or is it? Things have definitely taken a turn for the "We didn't see that one coming" category. Even if you did pay attention during economics, the entire grasp of supply and demand, work force participation ratios and inflation has certainly knocked us all for a loop. There is a light at the end of the tunnel though, and it is not the train! Everything you need to celebrate a successful Christmas Holiday can be found, not just at your fingertips, but right outside your Tybee front door!

Everywhere you go on Tybee you can find a gift for someone on your list. From the restaurants to the shops. There are also several businesses that have surprise gift shops that you would never think would be there. For example, the **DeSoto Beach Hotel**. They have the cutest gift shop at their registration office. From ornaments to beach decorations and t-shirts to beach basics, this hidden shop is a definite go see. Also, the same with **Captain Mike's**. They have a surprising amount of perfect gift ideas from "Crew" shirts to knickknacks that will please the most difficult person on your list.

You can find a variety of very cool gifts at the **Shops at Tybee Oaks** (see inside cover)! Everything from shells to photography sessions, and artwork to hot sauces. **Glazed and Confused** is also located there and they have a Paint Your Own Pottery studio. It is a brilliant idea to get your squad together, grab a couple boxes of wine, and make your own gifts! **Tybean** is located across the driveway and who doesn't love coffee in their stocking? Tybean also has a gift shop that offers everything coffee related plus other fun stuff. Don't forget to check out **Latitude 32** next door for some cool quality clothing.

Around the corner at the **Shoppes at 1207**, is where the **Tybee Cottage Art Gallery** is located. They offer local artwork that ranges from paintings and calendars to ornaments and a variety of homemade craft work from some very talented artists on Tybee. Also located at the Shoppes is **Kelly & Company**, a shop that has fun Tybee shirts, essential oils, jewelry, fun stocking stuffers, as well as handcrafted aromatherapy products to put anyone in a zen mode.

River's End Campground is also another place that has really cool gift ideas that are not just your typical gift. They also have camping supplies, so you should be walking out of there with something, even if it's for yourself, and let's be honest here, it's fun buying something for ourselves when we know we shouldn't.

When you leave the campground, beeline yourself to **The Irritable Pelican** located in the Visitor's Center on the corner of Campbell and Butler. The IP offers local artwork, clothing, jewelry, decorations and knickknacks! While you're there and if you are feeling super sporty and have someone on your list that nothing else will do, stop by **Century 21**! Nothing says "I love you" and "Merry Christmas" quite like a brand-new house! Century 21 has all the listings you're looking for! And, if that is the case, call me. I'm totally adoptable!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention **The Crab Shack Gift Shop**. They have everything! House seasonings and sauces, beach décor, beach wear, friendly cats, alligators and birds! If you can't buy a alligator, you can get your picture with one.

If you have someone on your list that is just impossible, check out **Beachview Inn & Spa**. The Salt Spa offers massages and a halotherapy salt room. That will get your impossible person in a feng shui state of mind. Throw in a glass of Frank's Rum Punch and all is going to be right in the world. In fact, I would do this more for myself than anyone else!

Then there are the candy stores!!! Candy! **Savannah Praline Company**, next to the laundry mat, has pralines, saltwater taffy and handmade yum chocolates. They also offer a number of the old school candies and tins that we remember back in the day. You also need to check out **Seaside Sweets** on Tybrisa. There is literally candy in every corner and climbing up the walls in this shop. Not only can you get your gelato on, you can round it out with an ice coffee as you shop.

All of the restaurants offer gift certificates and most have t-shirts and other trinkets. **A-J's** has all sorts of cool island stocking stuffers and clothing. **Spanky's**, **Cockspur**, **Mi Vida**, **Fannie's**, **Chamacos** and **Bubba Gumbo's** all offer perfect stocking stuffers as well!

Definitely something funky and way different is buying a sponsorship brick or star from the **Post Theater**. This not only supports the theater, but having a personalized name engraved and set in stone forever is super cool!

If it just boils down to you don't have time and/or are solely shopping out of the guilt of it all, get down to **Dizzy Dean's**. Two bottles for you and one bottle for them. You can't go wrong with alcohol (well, you can but that's another story).

There are so many options out there to support local. Before you click 'add to cart' make sure you explore Tybee and all she has to offer. Many of these vendors will ship for you. That and you're going to have a good time wandering around with your list and meeting new people. It is also great to know that your gifts are going to arrive to their destination and not be sitting in a container ship somewhere.



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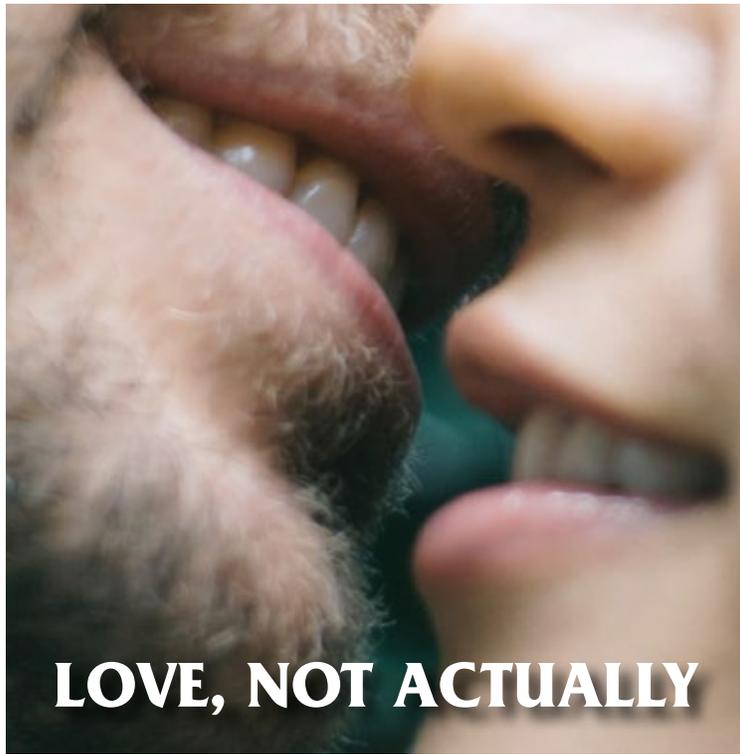


The Crab Shack Gift Shop



HALLOWEEN 2021





Foodie Finds

By Mac McLellan

Breakfast Egg Muffins



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 proposed to me, but he has very bad credit. Should I go through with the marriage anyway?

Boy's Advice

My first question for you would be, why the hell would you want the government getting involved in your personal/love life anyway? It still amazes me that people nowadays still want to go to the courthouse and petition for a license from the government just to get married. All you have to do is take the ring, put it on your finger, change your name (if that's your thing), have a party, and boom! Guess who's married? Bad credit, good credit, amazing credit, none of that would matter if you just keep the government out of your personal space.

I would say that this is the first, not so ridiculous, question submitted. And for that, remember, if his credit is bad, he's on probation/parole, doesn't have a car/license, has bad credit, or can't keep a job, tell him he needs to fix himself before getting married to someone else and dragging them into his world of drama.

Girl's Advice

It is interesting how you phrased this question: "Should I go through with the marriage anyway?" You make it sound like you're his loan officer, not marrying the man of your dreams and spending eternity together through thick and thin, sickness and health, bad credit and good.

If you love this guy and he loves you, has a job, all of his teeth, and pays his part of the bills, then get married! But, wait until he Credit Karma's his score up or until 7 years have passed and all his bad debt goes away.

As far as my counterpart becoming unhinged and ranting about government overreach, I'm not quite sure where that came from, but it sounds like Boy may have some issues with the government and they are probably all based on Facebook meme's.

These Breakfast Egg Muffins come together quickly and are a great make-ahead breakfast for Christmas morning. They are hearty and loaded with fluffy eggs, potato, spinach, melted cheese and crisp bites of bacon.

Ingredients:

- 6 oz. bacon, cut into 1/2" pieces
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 large or 2 small russet potatoes, peeled
- 4 oz. fresh baby spinach, 2 cups, coarsely chopped
- 6 oz. mild cheddar cheese, (1 1/2 cups shredded), divided
- 8 large eggs
- 1/2 cup half and half, or equal parts whipping cream and milk
- 2 tsp. Tabasco sauce

Instructions:

1. Preheat Oven to 375°F. Oil a 12-count non-stick muffin tin, or preferably line with silicone muffin liners.
2. Place a large non-stick skillet over medium heat and sauté 6 oz. bacon until browned. Transfer to a plate. Discard excess oil, keeping 2-3 Tbsp. in the pan. In the same pan, sauté finely chopped onion until softened (2 min).
3. Meanwhile, grate potato on the large holes of a box grater. Use your hands to squeeze out as much water as you can from potatoes, then pat dry with paper towels. Once onions are softened, add grated potato to the skillet with onions. Sauté, stirring a few times until potatoes are golden and nearly cooked through (7 mins). Remove from heat and let cool slightly.
4. In a medium bowl, whisk together 8 eggs, 1/2 cup half and half and 2 tsp. Tabasco sauce. Stir in sautéed potatoes, chopped spinach and 1 cup cheese.
5. Distribute mixture evenly among a 12 count muffin tin. Sprinkle tops with bacon then top with remaining cheese. Bake at 375°F for 22-23 min or until puffed and lightly browned and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out fairly clean. Cool a few minutes in the pan then serve.



DEC. HOROSCOPES

By Gage McKnight

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - 2022 is approaching Sagittarius and from the looks of it, you have some serious reconciliation to do. Not only is your relationship with your significant other a flop, but also with your family. Look at the common denominator and realize that you're the issue. Your constant problems are literally making your associates miserable and not wanting to be around your ass. Do yourself a favor and make your new resolutions something greater than eating Milky Ways and crying to your cat, while watching Law and Order.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - 'Tis the season Capricorn, and I bet you're regretting all of the Thanksgiving dinners you attended last month. Not only is your conscience feeling guilty, but so is your waist line. That's ok though, perfect timing to put on your Santa suit and listen to all of the privileged children tell you what they want this Christmas. Maybe the annoyance will cause you to lose the winter weight, or maybe you will just keep eating for another episode of my 600 Pound Life. The signs are saying that it's the latter, so good luck this month and Happy New Year.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - Aquarius, you've made it another year, well mostly. But try not to count your blessings too soon, because the stars are aligned against you this month. As far as I can tell, this will be your worst and most horrific time of year. We are talking stolen money (probably from a "friend" that you lied, cheated, and stole from) or maybe it could possibly be from the escort you never paid for that was pretending to be your spouse at a family holiday affair. Either way you're gross and unfortunate looking.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) - This Christmas will not be your favorite Pisces. Between cheating on your spouse with your cousin and causing your parents' divorce, you will be feeling pretty lousy. There is good news though, you will be evicted and forced to find a new place to live. Good thing you have options, since a separated family has multiple homes. Merry Christmas!

Aries (March 21 - April 19) - Did you really think that your ass was going to have a good Christmas? You're pathetic and worm like. You never cease to amaze the gods, and this month you're in for it. I'd rather just let your narcissistic pig-headedness just experience it instead of telling you about it.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) - Looks like a bag of coal and some cleaning supplies for you Taurus. Get your life together Scrooge and start taking care of the moldy shell that is your life. This month is not looking too good for you. Maybe some Lysol and Visine can clear that up for you. Do better.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) - Congratulations Gemini, one of your personalities has made the nice list this year, but unfortunately, the other 10 were very naughty, and not in a 50 shades kind of way either. As gorgeous as you are on the outside, you are very hideous on the inside. Maybe next year you should try not to be such a douchebag.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) - You have no predictions this year, so try again in 2022. It may be because the swine that you are is being served for Christmas dinner.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) - Oh Leo, why did you have to perform such perverse, disgusting acts behind your spouse's back? Now that the stars have outed you, you still have no shame and are still continuing to do it. The only thing coming down your chimney this year are 3 month supplies of penicillin.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) - Bald yet Virgo? Last month when I predicted baldness and bad fortune, it came true and you're still a disgusting pig. While talking to the stars and Saint Nicholas himself, we have decided that you deserve a special gift this year. It's the waist trainer and treadmill you so rightfully deserve, since you let yourself go this year. I for one cannot wait to see the look on your face Christmas morning.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) - Good news Libra! You have gained so much weight that Santa stopped looking for you and thought you were Mrs. Claus/his son. The missing person report has been taken down, but your weight hasn't been. Maybe save the cookies for Santa this year.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Have a holly jolly nothing.

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Behind the Tape...

By Sgt. Richie Dascal



Happy December everyone. Hope all of you are recovering from Thanksgiving and getting ready for Christmas. The weather definitely cooled way off. If the temperature is below 40 at New Year's, you'll be able to find me at the Polar Plunge this year. Any warmer than that and it's not going to be worth getting out of bed.

For the most part, things have been pretty quiet around here. Our guys have been spending lots of time in the neighborhoods and the businesses. As long as we're able to get away with it, you'll keep seeing us walking around and checking in on everyone.

So, this month I'm going to tell you about the greatest game of hide and seek I've ever played. A few months ago we kept getting calls about a guy who was sneaking into Hotel Tybee and finding empty rooms to stay in. We had him on camera going into a few different rooms and he had set up shop in all of them. But every time we'd go try and catch him, he'd be gone. For about four hours one night we checked probably sixty rooms at the hotel, all the stair wells, and a couple other hiding spots we found, but no luck. This guy literally had about ten different rooms he was staying in that we knew about. Luckily, he wasn't good about changing his clothes and one of our guys happened to see him near the pier. Turns out, not only was he jumping between all these hotel rooms, he had actually escaped from a mental hospital out of state and of course found his way to Tybee.

As always, I hope everyone enjoys their holidays. Please lock your cars and houses and if something looks out of place, let us know.

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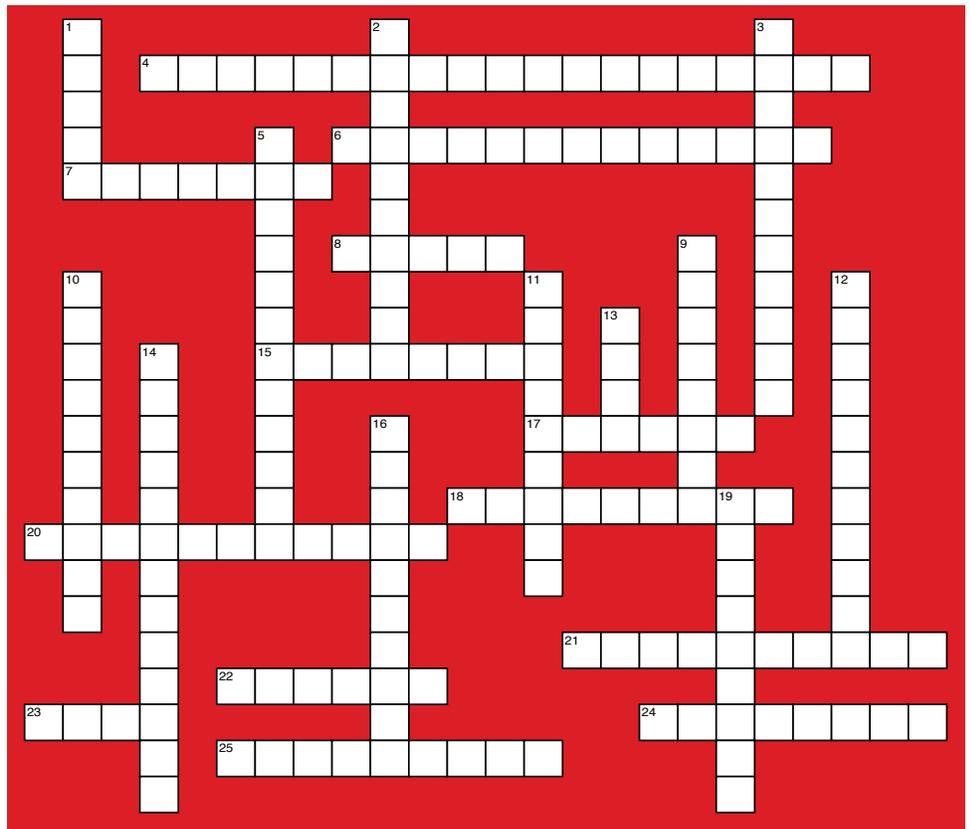
Cross Word

ACROSS

- 4 Foodie Finds recipe (3 wds.)
- 6 World Series champions (2 wds.)
- 7 The Christmas Parade will be _____
- 8 Bartender of the Month
- 15 12th month
- 17 You should never, never, never, EVER get caught in a zombie apocalypse without this
- 18 Holiday
- 20 This happens on New Year's Day at noon (2 wds.)
- 21 This helps Santa find our tiny island (2 wds.)
- 22 Contest this month in the Beachcomber
- 23 This red bird saved an old man, a little girl and a whole town just in time for Christmas
- 24 Bartender of the Month works here
- 25 Advice was given to her about marrying her boyfriend who has _____

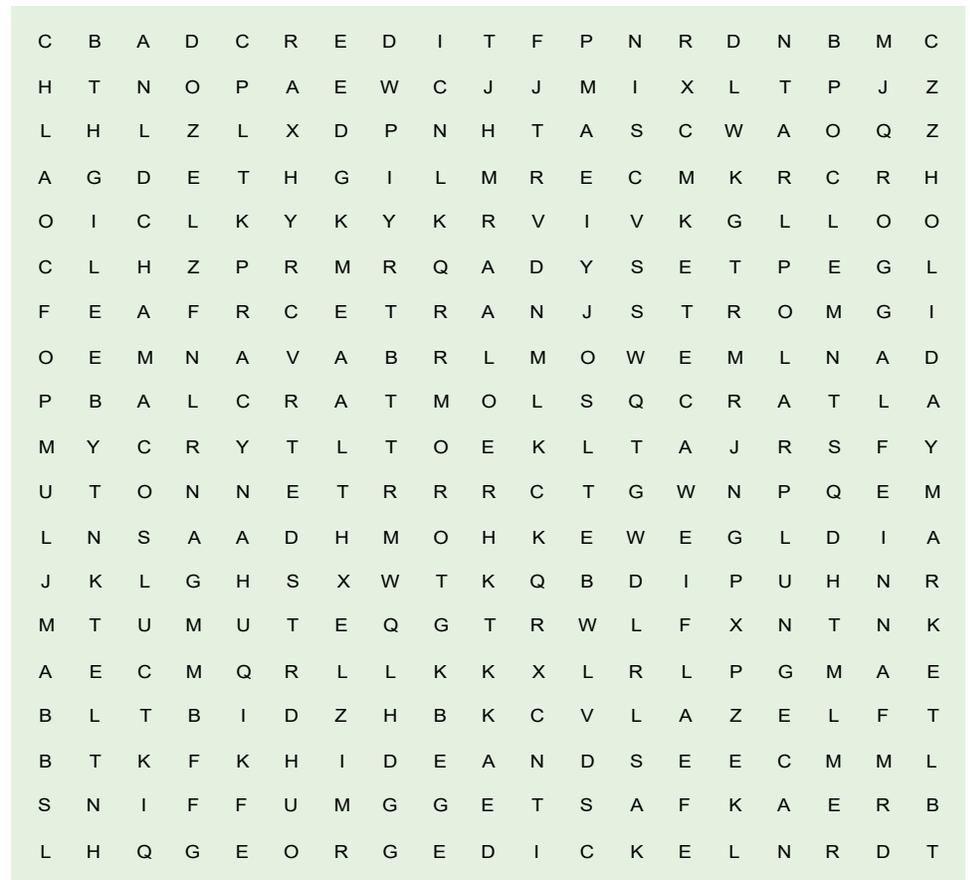
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- 1 Shop _____!!
- 2 Be Boppin' with Blair introduces Tybee's _____
- 3 Behind the Tape told about the greatest game of _____ he's ever played
- 5 Traveling Beachcomber winners went to this distillery (2 wds)
- 9 Tybee's biggest jellyfish
- 10 Rogue Waves says don't get stuck with a _____
- 11 Light show that will be held on New Year's Eve
- 12 Author of Book Review (2 wds)
- 13 Kid's Santa Party will be here
- 14 American Legion will hold their 6th Annual _____
- 16 World Series MVP (2 wds.)
- 19 Photo of the Month was submitted by this person (2 wds.)



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Word Search



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| ALFIE WACE | FIREWORKS | MUSHROOM |
| ATLANTA BRAVES | GEORGE DICKEL | PICKLE |
| BAD CREDIT | HIDE AND SEE | POLAR PLUNGE |
| BREAKFAST EGG MUFFINS | HOLIDAY MARKET | TARYN |
| CHAMACOS | JACK | TYBEE LIGHT |
| CHRISTMAS | JORGE SOLER | WEAPON |
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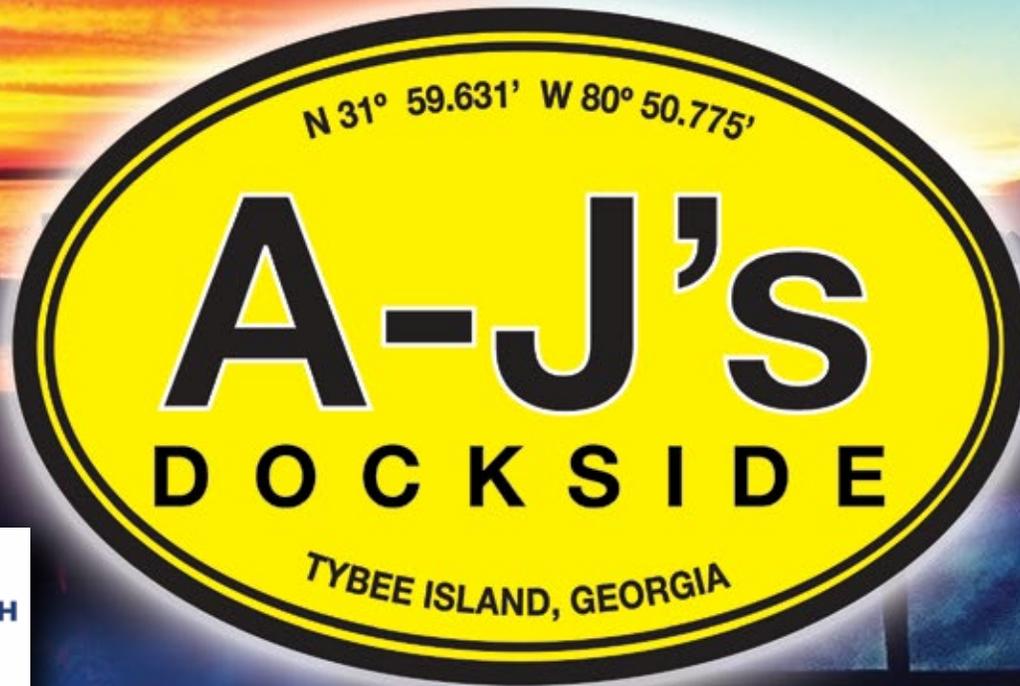


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