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- 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
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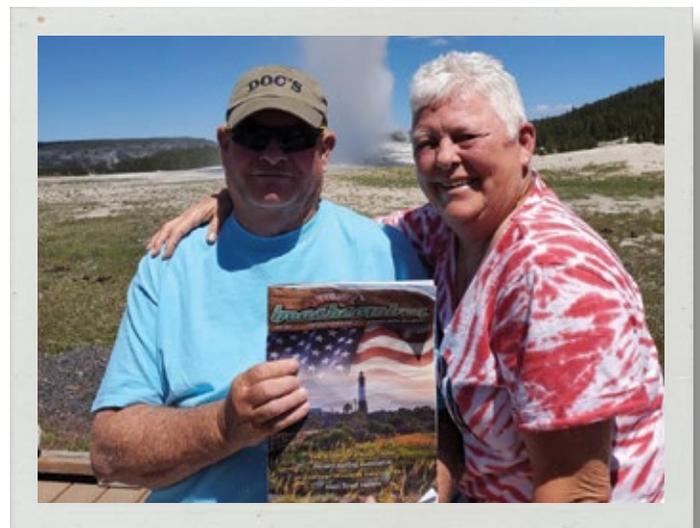
Happy March, y'all!! It's time to get your green on and shake your butt down the street! Our favorite time of year is here and finally. Summer can show up anytime too. It's been too brrrr!

It is now time to say good-bye to an era. *Tybee Island Zombies* has officially filed their last report in this edition. A total of 60 stories over a period of six years, covering a whopping 13 days. Cheers to **Paul Gales and Becca** for churning out a fun, complicated story for the ages. This was a difficult story to write too. If you've ever written anything that involves conversations, it gets hard and complicated in a minute, especially if you're writing about Tybee locals! Everybody has got something to say! Now, I gotta find another story for you kids to write ...

In the meantime, I want to introduce our latest sucker ... er, writer to join the team. **Taylor Edenfield** is making her debut this month offering *Adventures of a Serial Single*. Taylor gloriously holds nothing back and you can laugh and commiserate at the same time. If the enclosed story is one of many, we are in for some good times at her expense. Welcome and I'm sorry in that order, Taylor!

Moving along to the *Traveling Beachcomber!* This month's winners are **Jerry & Patti McLain**, who took us to Yellowstone National Park. Fantastic picture there!! Thank you, McLains! We are going to A-J's to celebrate!!

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



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March 2023 Tide Chart

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TOP 10 MARCH SONG LIST

By D.J. AMP

"Tell your secret to the wind, but don't blame it for telling the trees." -Khaled Hosseini

"LET'S GO FLY A KITE"

Yes, it's time to wear green and enjoy our Tybee parade. But it is also a great month to go fly a kite. The March winds are blowing.

We bought a kite when we moved here two years ago and it is still sitting in the closet. Come join us on the beach while we take our little kite out for a test run. And you might spot a certain local out there kite surfing in his wet suit!

Here are my top 10 songs about wind. **Turn it up!**

- 1. Dust in the Wind - Kansas**

- 2. Against the Wind - Bob Seger**

- 3. Ride Like the Wind - Christopher Cross**

- 4. Blowin' in the Wind - Bob Dylan**

- 5. The Wind Cries Mary - Jimi Hendrix**

- 6. Wind of Change - Scorpions**

- 7. The Chain - Fleetwood Mac**

- 8. Ride the Wild Wind - Queen**

- 9. Wind Beneath My Wings - Bette Midler**

- 10. Candle in the Wind - Elton John**

Adventures of a Serial Single

By Taylor Edenfield

Part 1: "Be Ours"



My name is Taylor Edenfield, I'm a forty-year-old serial single woman, and I hope to share anecdotes and advice that you can laugh at and relate to. Buckle up, readers, here comes my 25+ year journey of heartbreaking moments, idiotic mistakes, and lessons learned the hard way.

Two days after I graduated from college, I moved to Washington, DC from Swainsboro, GA. My plan was to work in television, it was all I had ever wanted or dreamed of doing. It took me two weeks to figure out I do not have the stomach for the cutthroat and at times irrational lifestyle it takes to be successful in that world. However, all was not lost, because it was in DC that I found my true passion: sales (specifically beer).

Armed with my new career as a sales rep for a beer distributor, I found myself in a mind-blowing universe of movers and shakers in our nation's capital. I quickly learned that politics, money, and fame in DC all had one common denominator: alcohol. And as a supplier of one of the biggest alcohol dynasties on the planet, I was suddenly a mover and shaker.

I met John (name NOT changed to protect the innocent) at a promotion where we partnered with a huge DC radio station. I was immediately smitten. He was everything my 23-year-old naive South Georgia self thought I needed in a man: good looking, great (?) job, rich and powerful family, brand new Mercedes convertible. I felt so lucky to have found my soulmate just six months after leaving Georgia.

Alas, I was wrong, or this story wouldn't be interesting. On our first Valentine's Day, John invited me over for dinner at his incredible apartment in the coolest (italics) DC neighborhood. I had been there many times, but this time was Valentine's Day (italics). I had a real-life post-college-away-from-Swainsboro big city boyfriend.

For some reason I do not remember, John asked me to get something from his bedroom. I immediately noticed a mason jar on his bed, filled with colorful slips of paper. Being the nosy bitch I am, I had to investigate. There was a sticker on the outside of the jar that said "100 reasons I love you." I read a few of the "reasons," which ranged from "your love of our horses" to "the vintage thunderbird we're restoring." Readers, I had no idea John had ever even been around a horse, and we certainly were not restoring a classic car.

I confronted him about it in his kitchen, and his response shocked me more than the love jar: "That's from our girlfriend! She can't wait to meet you tonight! We've been looking for a third person to complete our relationship, and we both really think that person is you!"

I had no idea what to say. Polyamory is much more discussed and understood now, but at the time it was a foreign concept to my small-town South Georgia mind. I left his apartment immediately.

In my pajamas and slippers.

With no jacket.

In a snowstorm.

Now, just when I thought my Valentine's Day had finally come to a bizarre and somewhat depressing conclusion, I realized after walking three blocks (quite literally uphill in the snow), my car was not where I parked it. I immediately assumed it was stolen, so I called the police. In the haze of my anger and confusion, it didn't occur to me that there were zero cars parked on the same street as mine had been.

The officer took a report, and kindly offered to drive me home. On that drive, I saw my car.

Parked on the street.

In another neighborhood.

At least five blocks from my original space.

I had "accidentally" parked in a spot that prohibited vehicles during certain hours, and the District of Columbia had given me a "courtesy tow." It turns out that if a sign says "No parking on this side of street 9pm-5am," the sign means exactly that.

Upon seeing this, the officer dropped me off at my car and left me to my own devices. The OTHER problem was that in addition to the "courtesy tow," the district had also provided a boot for my car, due to unpaid parking tickets I had "forgotten about."

Now, back then there were no Ubers or Lyfts. That neighborhood barely had taxis, and they certainly didn't have them at 11pm on a Tuesday, as I learned the hard way.

I had no choice but to tuck my tail between my legs, swallow every ounce of pride I had, and trudge through the snow back to my now ex boyfriend's apartment.

He and his actual girlfriend had enjoyed a lovely meal while I was hanging out with DC's finest, and I turned down their adamant invitations to share John's bed. I may be a serial single, but I'm almost positive I don't share well. I'm sure she was (is?) a wonderful person, but that was a hard pass from me.

I wish I could end this with an empowering message about knowing your worth and standing up for what you believe in, but in all honesty we got back together like six times during my years in DC, and each time I was competing for his affection with another woman.

That "relationship" was probably payback for all the times I cheated on my college boyfriend, who was amazing and never deserved what I put him through. But that's a story for another issue.

Anyway, I hope everyone had the Valentine's Day you deserve! See y'all next month! -The Serial Single

IRISH BLESSINGS

By Margie McLellan

May your heart be light and happy,
May your smile be big and wide,
And may your pockets always have a coin or two inside.

May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you
live.

May you have the hindsight to know where you've been,
The foresight to know where you are going,
And the insight to know when you have gone too far.

May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the
happiest day of your past.

May the roof above you never fall in, and those gathered
beneath it never fall out.

May misfortune follow you the rest of your life, and never catch
up.

All the world's a stage, and most of us are desperately
unrehearsed.

The best things in life are the people we love, the places we
have been and the memories we have made along the way.

Beautiful young people are acts of nature, but beautiful old
people are works of art.

For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way:
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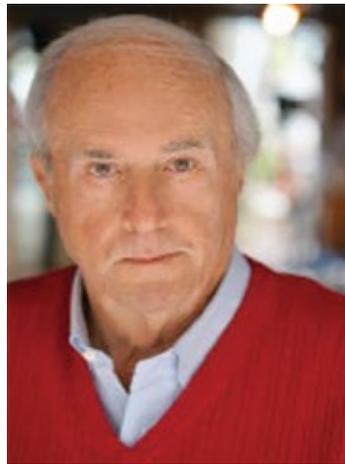
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Life on the Bike Path

By John O'Neill

As some of you know, we're not native Tybeeians. While The Princess and I have a long history with the Island, we have only been full time residents for around forty years. That makes us "New People." So be it. Our block here on the bike path is made up of 100% new people, and we love every one of them. Changing times, I guess.

But, things have a way of coming full circle every now and then, and here's a classic example: I enjoy sitting on the front porch in the mornings, coffee and cigar in hand, waiting for the sun to come all the way up. It's during that time that nature begins to stir. I can remember those early years hearing a rooster crowing back on Miller Avenue at Horse Pen Creek and it was a morning staple around here for years, although I'm sure it wasn't the same rooster. You would hear chickens getting their day started as well, and there were horses, lots of them. Spec and I were talking about the horses recently. He had one that he inherited when his sister got married. The horse was named Lilly. Johnny Solomon had a pony at Breezy Point, and Paulette had one across the street. The Strongs and many others weren't to be left out either. Where the campground is now used to be a grazing area, and just across Polk Street (pronounced "Poke" by locals) is where Bobby Losey threatened to flood the North End of the island if a Council member didn't call him back by midnight. Those were fun days.

OK. Fast forward to present day. I still hear the rooster, and thanks to two of our neighbors on the block, I hear chickens as well, and you may find this hard to believe, but on the morning of February seventh I could swear I heard a cow moo.

In closing, a question... Do any of you think that those "temporary" office trailers in the middle of 3rd Street will ever go away? Ever?

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Barista of the Month

By Alaina Loughridge



Bartender of the Month has been the most talked about article as far as people approaching me on the street wanting to know who's next. To be honest, all of our island bartenders are awesome, but one day I was sitting at Cockspur Grill and talking to Ashley about being stuck on who was the next favorite and Ashley said what about barista of the month? Done!! Baristas work twice as hard on any 'cocktail' than a bartender does! Half mocha latte grande with a splash of this that and the other with a dash of whip cream! Give me a rum and coke please! So, on that note, Baristas are the most underrated bartenders ever and I am going to rectify this right now! Welcome to **Beth Martin**, owner and Master Barista of our favorite coffee bar, **Tybean!!** Barista of the Month! Beth, her GF, Jane, and I met at Poo's to talk trash and get the background on how Tybean was born.

In the beginning, you could find Beth and Jane both shucking and jiving in Atlanta. Beth worked in a coffee shop and Jane worked in an art shop. Beth has always been the retail/industry side and Jane has always been the crafty 'old lady' part of the team. Several years went by and it was time for a change of scenery. Savannah was the place to be and in 2003, the girls opened up Savannah Art Works, which was located across the street from Six Pence. That closed in 2010 and Beth and Jane were wondering what to do next when they just kind of fell into owning the Tybean. They had picked up side jobs at Poo's and when the Tybean building became available over those next couple of years, it just happened. There was no battle to make everything come together. It just did.

So, now 10 years later, the Tybean is a coffee mover and shaker and is really the place to be every morning to get a great cup of coffee and catch up on all the local gossip and be a part of the scene. Tybean has always just only used the best of the best and Dancing Goats is it. Beth has been trained by them to perfect the bean. Dancing Goats is simply premium product.

Beth says, "Every drink is a top end margarita and is made with love." Beth and Jane both have literally poured their souls into making delicious coffee, meeting good people and providing a comfortable atmosphere where people can chill out, grab a munchie and start their day off proper.

So, when you go out in the big, wide world, stop by Tybean for a cup of cheer and the friendliest, happy to meet you barista on the island.

While you're there checking in, check out their breakfast food too! From scones to muffins and breakfast burritos, it's definitely the way to start the day. You can find Beth at Tybean, located in the Tybee Oaks at 1213 Highway 80 (next to Huc A Poo's). They are open daily from 7:30am to 12:30pm. See you there!



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SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Welcome to the March Sports Teaser fans, it's almost spring and the temperatures are warming up. Before you know it will be back on the beach with our toes in the sand and a beer in our hand. And let's not forget there's a little green celebration coming up in a few weeks with a big parade on Tybee and in Savannah. There's a lot going on; lots of sports too! So, let's get to it.

Super Bowl 57 has come and gone and what a game it was. If you wanted action and scoring and drama and intensity, this was it. The last two Super Bowls haven't been quite as exciting, which is often the case, but this one lived up to all the hype. Not really having a dog in the fight, it was fun to be able to watch two teams go at it right down to the wire. I know a lot of fans were unhappy with late holding call on the Philadelphia defense, but even the cornerback that committed the foul said it was holding, but he was hoping they would let it slide. The Kansas City Chiefs won the game, but Philly had many opportunities to do so as well. They had a 10-point lead at halftime and became only the second team to lose the Super Bowl in that scenario since some team from Atlanta did it in 2017. Of course, I had to bring that painful memory up, right? I give credit to Kansas City, and their fantastic quarterback, Patrick Mahomes, who is undeniably the best player in the NFL currently. With two Super Bowl wins in three tries under the age of 27, it's Hall of Fame here we come. Looking forward to next year, they should be right there as should Philadelphia, although they may lose some free agents and some other players as Jalen Hurts will get paid. Maybe our Falcons and Jaguars will meet up in next year's Super Bowl: OK, probably not, but a boy can dream right?

A quick college football note: Recruiting season has come to an end and once again Georgia has a top class. With only Alabama ahead of it, Kirby Smart continues to find the right players to fit his system and reloads, not rebuilds. There's a lot of well-deserved anticipation and hope for a third straight national championship. But more on that this summer. Hurry up Labor Day for college and pro football!

Pictures and catchers have reported to Florida and Arizona, where spring training baseball is already underway. Before you know it, opening day will be here at the end of this month and the boys of summer will be at it again. Our Atlanta Braves should be in the mix once again, as they have signed most of their core everyday players to long term contracts. The future is bright, and I'll have a baseball preview next month.

With just a month to go before that little tournament up the road in Augusta the PGA golf season is well underway. They just finished the California swing and now are in Florida. A lot of the familiar and big names have risen to the top once again this season, with Scotty Scheffler just taking over the number one ranking from John Rahm. Hopefully it will be an exciting Masters - I'm working on my pimento cheese right now!

That's a wrap for March, see you next month!



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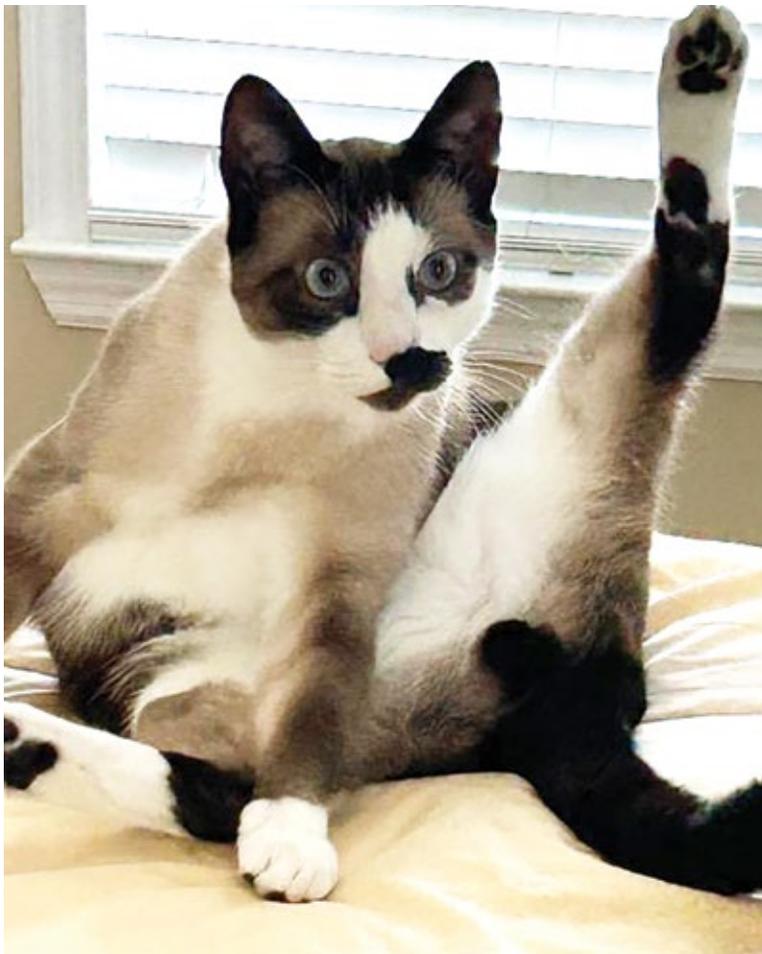


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**PERVY PET
OF THE MONTH**

Submitted by Jessica Hadley

Mocha (or Mo)

Mocha or Mo came from a farm about an hour away from Tybee. A friend of a friend's cat got out (Momma was 100% Siamese and Dad was a rolling stone). We got him at eight weeks.

Mo loves turkey sandwiches from the IGA (who doesn't?), playing fetch and dipping his toys in the toilet. He has a girlfriend name Pepper.

He loves being held and cuddled like a baby on your shoulder. He hates belly rubs.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY - TYBEE STYLE!

By Margie McLellan

If you love celebrating St. Patrick's Day, but don't particularly care for going downtown to Savannah's St. Patrick's Day Parade, where you'll be met by throngs of people (somewhere around 400,000), craziness and mayhem, then you are in for a treat!

Tybee hosts its own version, The Irish Heritage Celebration Parade. This family-friendly event is held every year on the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day.

Our parade isn't as big as Savannah's, but it's just as good. There will be many Tybee Clans, a Grand Marshall, politicians, bands, Shriners, Leprechauns, Tybee floats, Irish Dancers, Junkanoo Band (they are a crowd favorite and come every year from the Bahamas), Coast Guard, Fire Department, and a sea of green. Also, you'll see a lot of Tybee characters, which makes for some good people watching.

Any place on Butler Avenue from City Hall, down Tybrisa is a good place to watch the parade.

This year our **20th Annual Tybee Island Irish Heritage Parade will be held on Saturday, March 11, at 3pm.** Our island is sure to be hopping with lots of fun-loving people and it's a great day to be out and about, enjoying all that Tybee has to offer.

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Cruising the Boulevard

By Alaina Loughridge



1 I can't believe this whole group of people came together at one time. I have a feeling that the call of *Fannie's Champagne Brunch* was just too hard to ignore. Look at those happy faces!

2 **Joe** is always happy to take your ticket at the *Post Theater*. If you haven't been to the Post, you're missing out!

3 **Mike, Alex, Brian and Garrett** make shrimping look easy! Thanks for the boat ride, gentlemen.

4 *The Visitors Center* is getting prepped for the season to explode upon us and **Joyce** says they are ready to rock this summer!

5 When I heard this situation was actually happening, I hustled down to *Tybee Time* to see for my very own eyes **BeeGee** behind the bar working. Yes. One can only hope that no one asks for anything more than a beer or a daquiri! LOL!! **Jenny's** got her back though. You can see her photobombing **Marco**, the unsuspecting customer.

6 Here is a guessing game for you: One of us is leaving the bar to go home and the other one is going to the bar to see if he paid his tab last night. Poor **Jonah the Dog** is mortified.



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7 Stopped by **Beachview B & B** to welcome **Smokey** to the family and caught this crazy shot! Smokey is working hard and nothing is keeping **Karen** off her feet!! Except the weeds. Looks like a lot of fun!

8 Love love this new store and the new girl **Kecia**! Let's talk rocks, y'all! Stop by **Transcendent Treasures** and just get your rock on!

9 The **City of Tybee** has the best and coolest employees!! Here we see (from left to right) **Whitney, Sharon, Jaime, Stephanie, Nalene and Anne** totally representing Valentine's Day. Is that a Christmas Tree? Probably, but we know how to recycle here and have a good time doing it!

10 Every single time I walk into the IGA, this crazy lady is so happy to see me and not just me! Sandra loves everybody that comes in the **IGA**. Thanks to **Sandra** for loving her island and her job! You totally just make my day brighter by being in it!

11 Finally!!! Some fun stuff for kids to do on the island! **The Rock House** has just opened up a huge arcade for people of all ages. I totally anticipate seeing a number of 'old' people getting their pinball skills back on point too!

12 Looky looky who is now working at **Nickie's**?!!!! Our fan fave, **Sean**, who is The Man! He can cook anything, anywhere, anytime! No pressure, Sean. LOL!



Sheila S. Noone

Blessed Us: March 9, 1947 Left Us: January 7, 2023

By Alaina Loughridge

For those of us who were blessed enough to know Sheila, we must just go on knowing we had that privilege. She was Brilliant! Humorous! Fun!! Caring!! Sassy! And God, so much more! So much much more and that brilliant light that has left us.

Sheila lived a large part of her life in Atlanta, where she was employed at the Red Lobster as the Restaurant Manager. When she moved to Tybee 38 years ago, she got a job at the Shrimp Factory as a Bar Manager and worked there until she retired in 2007. Everyone knows if you work lifelong in the restaurant industry, you are tough as nails with an amazing sense of humor! Sheila was that and everything else!

Sheila was truly a shining light in this world. She loved her family and friends and they, in turn, adored her and everyone turned to this lady for advice. She was so many people's confidant because she was smart and she kept her secrets and yours to herself. That being said, she was a straight shooter and what came up in her mind, came right out of her mouth, but it was always said with love and a laugh. As Momma said to her, "Keep 'em laughing, Sheila." And Sheila kept us laughing.

The lady loved to dance and yes, she did dance on the bar at Coyote Ugly in the Big Apple and if you didn't see that, you for sure saw her every Sunday Funday at Marlin Monroe's. Always Always the first out on the floor and the last to be dragged away by her friends because the music was over and it was time to go.

She loved her feral cat family around the corner and fed them twice a day for 10 years. If she loved you, you were golden. Just like all her friends on Tybee, especially the IGA and Chu's. She would randomly ask if you wanted a homemade Key Lime Pie. Well, yes, I would. You would forget about the conversation, but Sheila did not and brought that Key Lime Pie or her other favorite, Banana Pudding, right by your house or where you worked and it was delicious and made with love and she never forgot you!

She was also a true homebody and read voraciously and spent tons of time in her happy place – her garden. You could talk to her about any subject and she knew what was going on. She usually got all of the Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune questions correct and was a fantastic participant at Coco's Trivia.

Her favorite people were Joan "Yogi" Gara, her niece, Alesha, and her husband, Adam King. They were with her every step of the way during her hard battle against a long illness. The love and dedication went both ways.

So, if you missed the wake on February 26th, there is still definitely time to raise a glass on what would have been her 76th birthday this upcoming March 9th. Her favorite colors were yellow and purple. You know what to do.

Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in March By Mom

3-1 & 3-2 The Banshees of Inisherin (film) 7pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This film was nominated for 8 Golden Globes, including best picture. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

3-3 World Wildlife Day "It's the United Nations International day to celebrate all of the world's wildlife and plants and the contributions they make to our lives and the health of the planet."

3-3 Variego3 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This trio will be presenting their album of "Recompensa" the sounds of Rio de la Plata. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

3-3, 3-10, 3-24, & 3-31 Coffee & Conversation with the City Manager 9-10am at Memorial Park screened pavilion behind City Hall. Bring your coffee and we can chat about Tybee.

3-4 The Neil Diamond Story 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. William Florian performs the music of Neil Diamond. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

3-6, 3-13, 3-20, & 3-27 Evening Zoom Chat with the City Manager 7pm to 8pm online at <https://bit.ly/eveningchat>. Meeting ID: 845 6121 7790 and Passcode: 904050. City Manager, Shawn Gillen will have a special guest to join in to discuss Island topics.

3-8 International Day of Women International Womens's Day is a global holiday that it's focus is on the Women's Rights movement.

3-11 20th Annual Tybee Island Irish Heritage Celebration Parade 3-5pm parade (starts at Tybee City Hall) of family-friendly floats, music, marchers and more. Don't miss it and wear the green! Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's holiday!!

3-12 Daylight Saving Time Begins Spring forward an hour... Guessing here that Standard Time will be no more. Or will it? Check back in November.

3-12 Oscar Viewing Party 2023—FREE Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

3-13, 3-20, & 3-27 Tybee Farmer's and Artisan's Market 4-7pm every Monday through October at 30 Meddin Dr. Fresh veggies and artistic treasures will be available. Don't forget to shop local!

3-18 Tour de Art - Seasonal Art Market 12-5pm at North End Art District. This is a Tybee Arts Association sponsored event. Artists will be at various businesses/restaurants with maps to help you along to the next one. For more info go to www.tybeetourdearts.com.

3-22 World Water Day World Water Day started in 1993. Celebrates water and raises awareness of approximately 2 billion people living without access to water. Hard to imagine.

3-25 Cash Unchained: Ultimate Johnny Cash Tribute 2023 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Cash Unchained, the best for Johnny Cash tribute. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

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Make a Splash This Summer with Summer Day Camp at the Tybee Y!

By Makenzie Mullins

There may still be a nip in the air, but it's already time to start thinking about registering your child for summer day camp!

All YMCA of Coastal Georgia locations will be offering traditional and specialty camps for ages 5-12 and leaders-in-training camps for ages 13-15, beginning as soon as the school year ends (specific dates depending on the county school system) to support children's physical, social and emotional well-being. Campers will have a summer of active fun through crafts, sports, indoor and outdoor games, new friends, and other fun ways to learn, grow and thrive.

Traditional camps focus on developing the potential of every child, ensuring the camper has a safe and positive environment to play, learn and grow when school is out. By choosing a specialty camp, your child can hone in on their favorite subject or activity; from dance to culinary arts to stand-up paddleboarding and more, there's a specialty camp your camper will love!

Speaking of specialty camps, the Tybee Island YMCA offers specialty camps not available anywhere else! Surf Camp (May 30-June 2, and June 12-16) teaches the basics in a supportive atmosphere right on Tybee's beautiful North Beach; please send campers with a surfboard or rent one from the Y for an additional \$50 fee. Stand-Up Paddleboard Camp (June 26-30, and July 17-21) includes the use of a stand-up paddleboard and all gear, and meets at the back beach by the Chatham Avenue and Inlet Avenue crossover. Waterman's Camp includes kayaking, surfing and paddleboarding (June 5-9, and July 10-14) with all gear provided and meets at North Beach Surf and Kayak.

New for summer 2023 is Ecology Camp, where campers will spend time on the beach learning about all things ecology-related, like shore birds, the flow of the tides, native animals living in the ocean and nearby environments and much more! Ecology Camp will be offered the weeks of July 3-7 (excluding Independence Day), and July 24 and 25 (with a prorated fee).

Learn more about summer camp offerings and register at YMCAofCoastalGA.org/SummerDayCamp. We can't wait to see you this summer!

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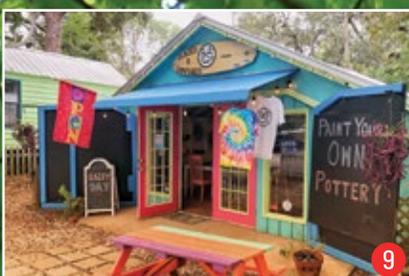
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Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms

In Defense of Karens

Let me start off by saying that I am not a Karen. Truly I'm not. You can ask anyone who knows me. You can ask anyone who doesn't know me. You can ask the manager at Texas Roadhouse, with whom I am on a first name basis (I'm sorry, but they routinely give us an inadequate number of rolls and I know that the teenage hostess rolls her eyes at me behind my back, I just know she does). They will all tell you that I am chill. Super chill.

So, as a non-Karen I believe it is my place to tell everyone else to back off the Karens already. Everyone serves a purpose in our society and Karens are no different.

Don't you like nice things? Don't you like nice experiences? If so, you need Karens in this world. The mere thought, the mere fear, of a Karen complaining is enough to keep most establishments from offering the best products and service for all of us out in the world who are not Karens.

Most people, like myself (obviously), don't like to complain. I mean, I will

complain if I have to, but I take no pleasure in calling up Fred at Kroger or Regina at Arby's or Melanie, my hair dresser (who I have to call directly because there is no manager at her salon, it's just Melanie. I once tried calling the building owner, but he didn't even care that I asked for papaya highlights and received sienna instead. I mean, really...sienna??? Who wants to walk around with sienna highlights?).

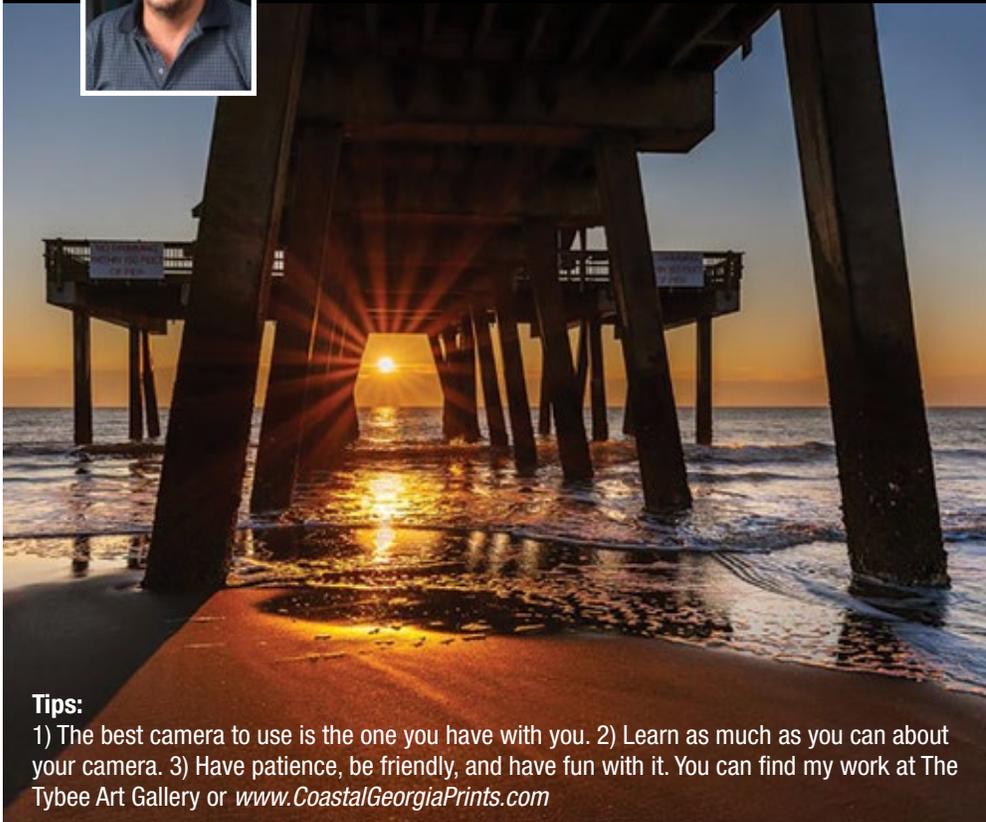
What would us non-confrontational people do without Karens to do our complaining for us? Would we all have to endure no toilet paper in public restrooms, eating undercooked chicken at KFC, or listen to children sing Itsy Bitsy Spider at the library (I know it was story time, but I'm sorry, it's the library. If there's anything I know about the library it's that it's a quiet place. Not a place for singing?)

People who like to complain about Karens are the same people who don't want to know all the dirty stuff that goes on behind the scenes to make society run smooth. They just don't want to know how the sausage gets made. I hate to tell everyone, but the sausage must get made. Unless we're all happy living in a sausage-free world. If no one complained, nothing would ever get done. Do you think my kids clean up their rooms because they want to or because they don't want to hear my high-pitched squeal when they don't? Do you think my co-workers take their leftovers out of the break room fridge at the end of the day because they're responsible or because they know I'll throw away their nice Tupperware if they leave it in there? Do you think my husband's always at the gym or at the bar or away on business trips because...wait, when did I last see him?

Anyway, just remember the next time you have a nice night out with dinner and a movie and everything went totally to plan, you have a Karen to thank for that.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH - Jamie Anderson

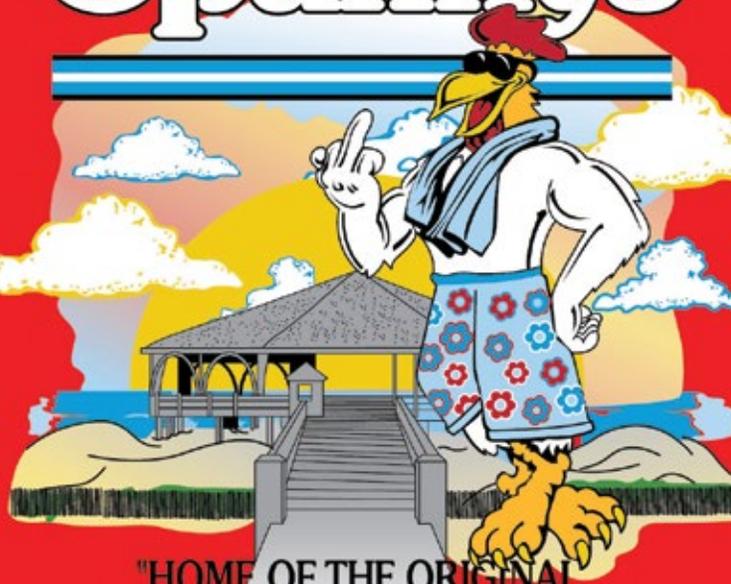


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- 2) Learn as much as you can about your camera.
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Cooking with Neighbor Joy

Guest Star: BFF Kim Williams - Pictures and Commentary by Alaina Loughridge

Shepherd's Pie, to me, has always been this unsurmountable recipe that begs for disaster, lots of dishes and crying in your potatoes. Neighbor Joy and BFF Kim have proved me wrong, but the dishes remain. Let's get started:



Shepherd's Pie

By Joy Baker

Ingredients: All of which can be found at the IGA

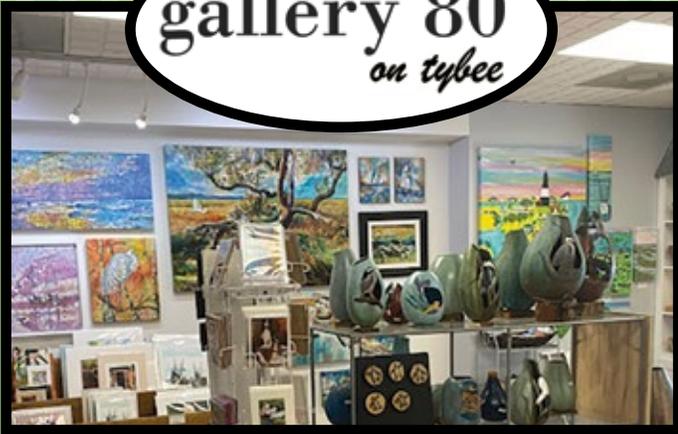
- 1 bag (10-12) medium gold potatoes (Yukon is best)
- Salt and Pepper all over the place – just have the shakers handy
- 2 sticks of butter – softened (leave on the counter for 2 hours)
- 1/3 cup Half and Half
- 2 ¼ pounds of ground beef
- 2 15 oz cans of peas and carrots, drained
- 1 15.25 oz. can of corn, drained
- 2 10 ½ oz. cans of beef gravy (NOT BROTH)
- 1 package of shredded cheese (optional – we did cheddar)

Side Dish Suggestion: Garlic Texas Toast right out of the box and slap in the oven

Let's Get to It:

1. The potatoes take the longest, so start there. Peel and cut into large pieces. Boil until the pieces are fork tender. Drain and place in large mixing bowl.
2. While Kim is doing that, Joy is browning the meat and chopping it finely as I'm sitting on the couch with a cocktail taking notes.
3. Drain the meat. Throw it all back into your skillet, add in your cans of peas and carrots, corn, and gravy. Season with S & P to taste.
4. Back to the taters, add your butter and 1/3 cup of Half & Half. Using a hand mixer, mix that bowl for less than a minute. A little lumpy is good. Don't puree it to bits.
5. Oh crap!!! Preheat your oven to 375 degrees and then laugh hysterically when you realize you forgot. Pour more cocktails.
6. We used a 9 x 13 ungreased casserole dish, but with the above listed ingredients, there will be some overflow, so keep that in mind. Spoon your ground beef concoction into the baking dish nice and even. Then using a spatula, spread your potatoes evenly over your beef scene. Put that into your now preheated oven, uncovered, for 30 minutes. Go outside to the porch and have a smoke.
7. Come back in and hope to God nothing is on fire. Pull out your dish and add grated cheese. This is totally optional, and your choice of cheese is just a little extra yummy artery clogger. PUT YOUR OVEN ON BROIL! And slap your dish in there for another 2 to 3 minutes and watch until a nice brown and bubbly situation occurs.
8. Swap your dish for the garlic toast and PUT YOUR OVEN ON BAKE! You will need to let that beast cool or it's gonna burn your tongue off.
9. Give your toast a good 10 minutes and then it's din din time!! Shepard's Pie is best with friends! And vodka ...

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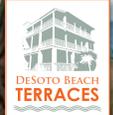
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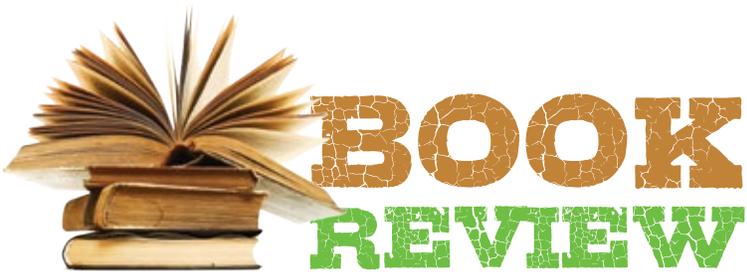
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By Nell Klein

NIGHTMARE ON THE SCOTTIE

By Stephen D. Orsini

I'm sure that at least some of you will remember the show "The Deadliest Catch." It was all about Alaskan King Crab fishing in the Bering Strait. It was terribly dangerous and very exciting to watch. Well, if we go back a few years, to 1969 to be exact, we have a true story that took place in the very beginnings of the King Crab craze. Alaina had the pleasure of meeting the author of this book, Steve Orsini, and because they are both from Oregon, they had quite a conversation.

It seems that Alaskan King Crab migrate to the Bering Sea in December and in 1969 everyone wanted in on the action. Considering that the Pacific Northwest shipyards were swamped building new King Crab vessels, one company, Westgate in Seattle, decided to contract Bender Shipyards in Mobile, Alabama to build two King Crab vessels for their Alaskan fishery. Although Bender had only built oil rig supply boats for the Gulf of Mexico, they wanted in on the lucrative winter fishing in the Bering Sea. Bender built the "Scottie" and it was ready to be delivered to Seattle in December 1969. A Captain (Dean) and engineer (Henry) had already been hired for the journey and they needed two deck hands to complete the mission from Mobile through the Panama Canal and on to Seattle for its final outfitting.

Two college students from Oregon, Steve and Jack, both experienced in Pacific Southwest Salmon fishing expeditions in the summer, heard about the openings. They both had a long Christmas break and they dreamed of cruising the sunny waters of the Caribbean and returning in time for classes to resume in January with a boatload of money in their pockets. They were set to sail on Christmas day and it pretty much went downhill from there.

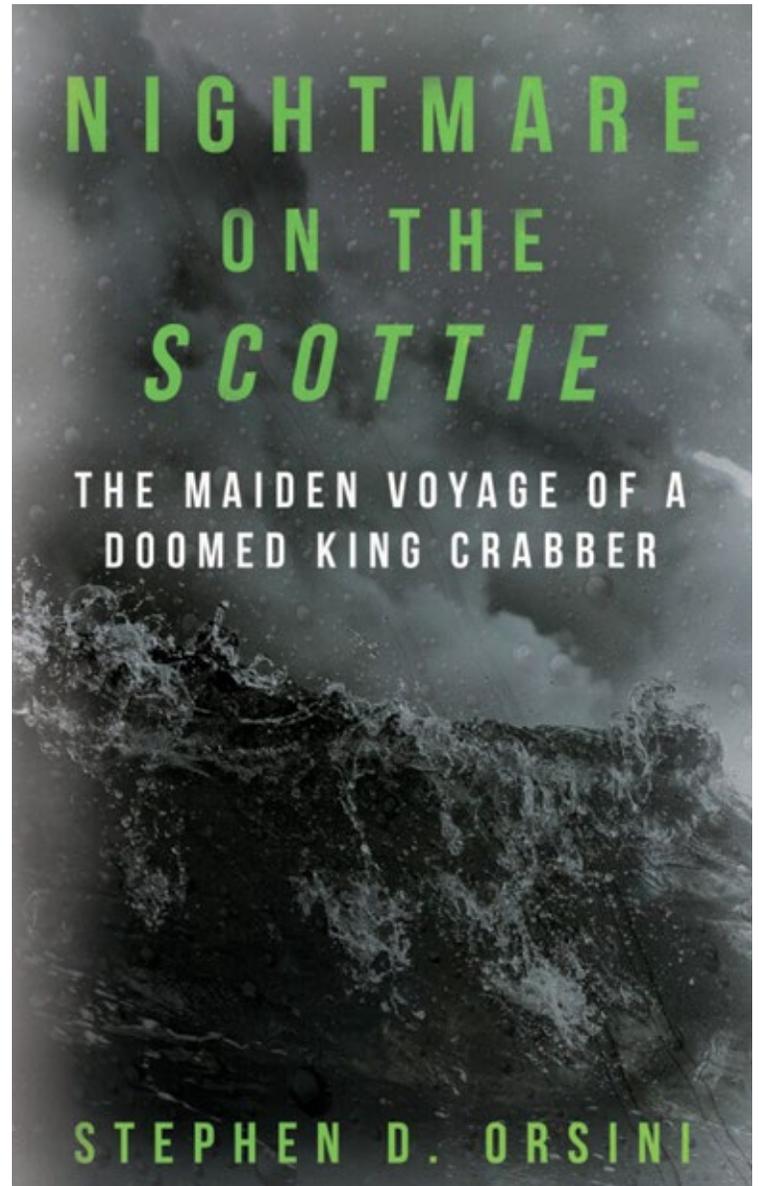
The first problem arose when they realized that Dean and Henry were heavy drinkers and they loved to chase women. They couldn't get up in the morning and most days Steve and Jack spent waiting around for a call so they could go to work. When they finally got to work, the first thing they did was go to Sears to get enough supplies to equip the "Scottie." That included everything. Food, dishes, pots, pans, bed linens, towels, plenty of liquor, you name it. When that was finally done, the next scheduled thing was the sea trials. Through many trials and tribulations, they were finally ready to set sail on January 2. This is when the story started getting interesting.

One of my favorite movies of all time is "The Perfect Storm," and I've probably seen it 10 times. This book made me feel like I was watching it for the 11th time! Holy cow! They got caught in a storm that made "the perfect storm" seem lame. I honestly didn't think they were going to make it to the Panama Canal at all, much less in time for them to get back to school in time for classes to start. But, not to worry, they made it through the canal, but with major damage. The boys decided that that was as far as the adventure would take them and they basically jumped ship. They told Dean that they would not be going the rest of the way to Seattle and that was that.

Of course, the story didn't end there, but you'll have to read the book to find out what ended up happening to the "Scottie." There are photos and news clippings and all in all a totally enjoyable read. I give it 4 roses. The part where they went through the storm was edge-of-your-seat exciting! You can get this book from Amazon.

I hope the year has been good to you so far and March will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb! Erin go braugh!

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



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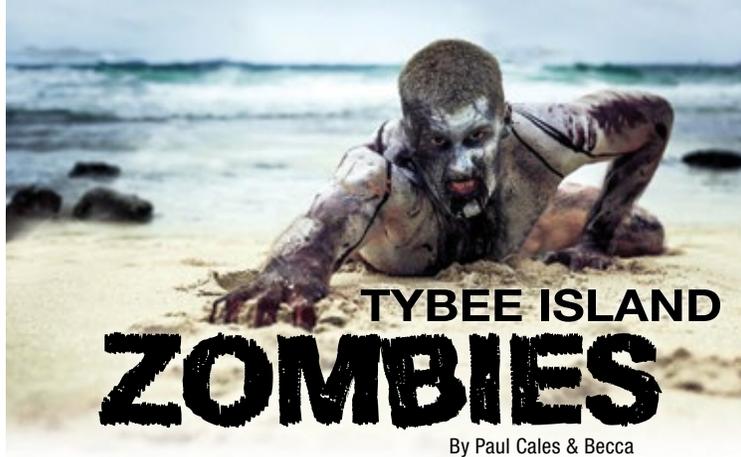
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CHAPTER 60 – WEED BROWNIES FOR EVERYONE!!!!!!

DAY 13

“Good talk, Travis,” Tony says. “Make sure guard duty is set and get some rest.”

Travis gets up and makes his way out of the room toward the kitchen. “You got it. Ya’ll have a good night.”

Patch turns his attention to Becky, “What is it you’re all worked up about?”
“The lighthouse. It’s on!”

“That’s impossible,” Tony says. “Unless someone has hooked it up to a generator.”

“Impossible or not, you can look out and see it in all its glory for yourself.”

They all wander to the window and look out. “Should we head over there and check it out?” Patch asks.

“We’re speculating that the undead have gathered there,” Tony says, staring toward the light in the distance. “Probably has to do with the super zeeks that jump around like banshees on fire.”

“You think they’re regrouping for another run at us?” Patch asks.

“So soon?” Tony sighs, musing. “Was the last attack just some sort of small-scale test run to see how we would react?”

Patch turns to him, “You think they’re that smart?”

“Dude, I don’t know! Anything is possible, but my gut tells me no... they’re not that advanced.”

Patch sighs, then matter-of-factly states, “We set the guards for the night and do a closer recon of the lighthouse tomorrow. I’ll make sure Joey is awake on guard duty in the tank. Why don’t you go up to the kitchen... I smelled brownies...” Patch smirks at him, “And then catch some shuteye.”

“Sounds good. I’m beat. It feels like I’ve been running on adrenaline for the last thirty-six hours. I’ll see you in the morning.”

Tony makes his way to the kitchen where he finds Travis holding a note in front of a tray of brownies.

“What’s that then?” Tony asks him.

“Looks like Joey did the baking today.” Travis gestures around the messy kitchen and holds out the note, reading Joey’s hectic script, “Only eat ¼ brownie ;)”

Travis smiles at Tony, “This is exactly what we need on the boat.”

“Just make sure someone sober is on guard duty,” Tony says. “Becky says the lighthouse is on. We don’t know what those undead bastards could be planning.”

“Pfft. We got this brother. Don’t you worry.”

Tony looks toward the living room and points, “Look over on the couch.

Johnny is completely sucked in and hasn’t moved a muscle, even with us talking right here. They’re strong.”

“He must have used indica, cause he stuck indacouch!” Travis laughs at his own joke and hangs the note up on the fridge before grabbing a plate and stacking a few brownies on it for the guys on the boat.

Tony sighs at the mess, but just refills his water bottle and moves toward his bedroom on the second floor. “The mess can wait ‘til tomorrow.”

“I’ll be damned. How and why is that light on?” Tony muses to himself as he stares out his bedroom window, right at the bright lighthouse.

“What was that?” Becky’s voice comes from the hallway and Tony turns around to see her holding a brownie.

He cocks his head toward the window, “I was just musing over its electricity.”

She holds out the piece of brownie toward him, “You want some of this?”

“Nah. I want to make sure that I’m able to wake up if something happens. Zombie apocalypse and all.”

“I’m going to risk it. Feels like I haven’t had a good night’s sleep in weeks.” She takes a small bite before continuing, “You mind if I hang out in here then? Since you’re sober and all.”

“I don’t mind at all,” he says, as he makes his way to the bed at the opposite end of the room. “If you’re going to be up a while, could you keep an eye out the window and let me know if the lighthouse situation changes at all?”

She pulls an armchair over toward the window and plops down into it. “Absolutely.” She takes another small bite of the confection and turns toward the window, content.

Tony settles into bed and props the handheld radio on the pillow next to his ear and engages the mic, “Patch, this is Tony. Do we have the night watch set?”

The radio crackles to life and Patch’s voice comes into the room, “Tony, this is Patch. Roger. Travis says his guard is all set for the night and Joey is in the tank out front with a fresh pot of coffee and no brownie, or so he says. So, the front is covered for the night and so is the rear. We’re all set. Over.”

“Roger Patch. Thanks. Tony out.” He settles into bed and sighs as he relaxes into the pillows.

“Why do you boys insist on using all the military radio lingo?” Becky asks.

“Old habits die hard I guess,” Tony answers from across the room, voice a bit muffled in the bed. “Would it be better to talk like a bunch of rednecks over the radio?”

“I guess not. It all just seems a little formal to me.”

“I felt the same way when I was learning how to properly use the radio. But it comes in handy when shit is hitting the fan. The structure lends itself to staying organized, without thoughts and our transmissions. It becomes automatic.”

“That tracks,” is all she says in answer. “Have a good sleep. I’ll wake you if I see anything.”

“You’re going to need rest too. We have another recon to do in the morning and we’re going to need you on the mission.”

“I’m only going to be up for another couple hours or so. Goodnight.”

“Night Becky.”

Joey slides down into the tank and pours himself a cup of hot coffee from his thermos and bites into the corner of the brownie he made and smiles. “This is amazing,” he thinks to himself. “Too good. I don’t think these are as strong as I thought they would be. I’ll just eat half now and save the other half for after my shift... Why did I agree to pull an all-nighter? Oh yeah! So, I don’t have to go on the recon mission tomorrow.” He stows the remaining half of

his brownie with the rest of his things and sips on his coffee and sighs, *"That's the stuff."* He sets his coffee down on the loader's seat and reaches down into the gunner's station to turn on the thermals. *"Let's see what we can see."* He looks into the sight and scans his sector of responsibility. *"Nope. Nothing there. We'll just put you back into stand-by and sip this coffee for a bit."* Leaning his head against the .50 cal sight he closes his eyes for a moment.

Patch checks his wristwatch and nods, *"It's time to check in with the guys on watch."* He picks up his mic and engages it, *"Joey. This is Patch. Radio check. Over."*

Silence answers him.

"Joey. This is Patch. Radio check. Over."

Silence.

"I'll be damned. If I have to go out there and wake him up..."

He shakes his head and engages the radio again, *"Boat night watch. This is Patch. Radio check. Over."*

Nothing in response.

"Boat night watch. This is Patch. Radio check. Over."

"Son of a bitch," he mumbles to himself. *"It's only been an hour since we established watch, and no one is monitoring the net on the boat or the tank."*

He throws his headphones onto the table, grabs his flashlight, and heads outside to check on Joey in the tank.

"Joey!" Patch yells as he approaches the tank. *"HEY! You awake in there?"*

He receives no response from inside the tank. Walking around the front, he lifts the mud flap as high as it will go and slams it back down into position, making a sound loud enough to wake anyone inside. When he receives no response again, he huffs and reaches for the handle and slides his right foot into the steel cable loop on the bottom of the right skirt. *"I'm too old to be climbing up and down tanks."* With a grunt he pulls himself up onto the front slope of the tank and climbs on top of the turret to make his way over to the tank commander's hatch. *"If you're asleep in there I swear to go..."*

This thought abruptly stops as he realizes the hatch is open. He looks down into it and immediately understands why he was getting no response on the radio.

He pulls his side arm steadily, moves the safety to the off position, and fires directly into the back of Joey's head from above. He takes a breath and steadies his aim again before firing a bullet directly into the eye of the undead zeek that came upon Joey unaware while he was sleeping.

After waiting a beat to make sure he doesn't hear anymore movement inside, he reaches down into the tank, grabs the cvc helmet, and engages the mic, *"Tony, this is Patch. I'm at the tank and there's been an incident. Over."*

Not waiting his normal few beats for a response, he anxiously engages the mic again, *"Tony, this is Patch. I'm at the... What the hell..."* He is interrupted by a tug on his left ankle and turns to see a zeek trying to pull him off the tank. He reaches for the hatch and loses his grip on the pistol. In that moment the zeek pulls at him again. His grip fails and he screams as he's pulled to the ground.

"You hear that?" Becky asks, rubbing sleep out of her eyes and trying to sit up to look out of the window from the chair.

"I was sleeping. What?" Tony answers from the bed across the room.

"Me too. I thought I heard a scream." She shakes her head to try to clear it. *"Sounded like it was coming from out front."*

"Take a look out the window."

"I'm trying to get up. That brownie is way too strong," Becky says.

"God damn it!" Tony exclaims and gets out of bed to make his way to the window, where he sees most of the brownie still sitting on the sill in front of her. *"Everything looks normal... except the lighthouse being lit that is."*

"I could swear I heard a scream... probably just the brownie."

Tony turns and marches back to the bed and the radio, *"Let's just make sure."* He clears his throat.

"Patch. Joey. Night watch. Radio check. Over."

No response.

"Patch. Joey. Night watch. Radio check. Over."

No response.

"PATCH. JOEY. NIGHT WATCH. RADIO CHECK. OVER!"

Still no response.

He turns back to Becky, *"Either my radio isn't working... or there's big trouble."*

"You going to check on..." she begins before Tony cuts her off.

"SHHH."

The radio crackles and Sara's voice comes through quietly, *"Can anyone hear me? They're in the house. Johnny and Cheryl are dead. I'm locked in the downstairs bathroom... they're clawing at the door."*

"Sara, this is Tony. How many got in?"

"A lot. Everyone was asleep."

Tony turns and looks at Becky, who is now sitting up in her chair, alert with adrenaline, *"Go lock the bedroom door, quietly please." Then he puts the mic back to his lips and engages the radio, "Don't make any noise. Once I clear the 2nd floor, I'm coming to get you. Where is Rudy?"*

"I don't know. There's so much blood. It looks like everyone in the house is dead."

"Where's Patch?"

"I don't know. He's not answering the radio."

"Give us a few minutes."

"Us?"

"Becky is with me upstairs. Just give us a few minutes."

"Oh, thank God. I thought she was dead too."

"Try to focus on your breathing and not making any noise. We'll be there soon."

"I just heard a super zeek scream," Becky says. *"Sounded like it came from the boat."*

"Shit. I hope those guys didn't screw up like we did. You good?" he asks.

"Yeah. No more brownie magic. Just adrenaline and fear."

"Good. Follow me."

After clearing the 2nd floor, Tony and Becky make their way carefully downstairs.

Becky points toward the bathroom to the right of the stairs and whispers, *"The bathroom."*

He turns and nods, seeing the three zeeks clawing at the bathroom door trying to get in. He raises his Baretta and fires a quick three rounds. The three zeeks fall motionless.

"Sara," Becky says in a harsh whisper after making her way to the door.

"You okay?"

"Yeah," her voice come shakily from behind the door.

Becky walks over and grabs one of the zeeks by the foot and starts to pull it away from the bathroom door.

"Be careful," Tony says. *"We don't know if there are any more in here."*

"I got it," she says, continuing to move the fallen zeeks. *"You can unlock the door now Sara."*

"I... I... I can't."

Tony joins Becky at the door and squats down. *"Hey hun,"* he says, overly calm. *"You doin' okay in there?"*

"Not really..."

"Do you have a gun?"

"No," Sara's voice comes shakily from behind the door. "I'm unarmed. They attacked me when I was sleeping on the couch. I'm lucky I only got bit once. Johnny and Cheryl didn't get so lucky..."

"I'm going to slide my Baretta under the door, okay?"

"I don't... I don't think I can bring myself to..."

Becky reaches for the gun with tears in her eyes, *"Give it to me. She's my friend."*

Tony hands the pistol to Becky and pauses, *"I'm going to clear the rest of this floor and find out how they got in."* Then he turns and walks away.

Tony walks the inside perimeter of the first floor. The front door was the only door open. As he secures it, he hears a single gunshot ring out. He walks back to the bathroom and finds Becky sitting with Sara's head laying in her lap, a small trickle of blood streaming down from her temple.

"We have to move now," he says.

Becky takes a deep breath, wipes her eyes, and stands up slowly. *"Let's go."*

They make their way out of the front door and head toward the back of the tank.

"Oh shit," Becky says and points.

Tony unslings his rifle and fires two shots. One into Patch's head and another into the creature that was eating him.

"You think Joey is still in there?" she asks.

"Yes. But he's probably dead." He jumps onto the tank and looks down into the turret. *"There's two in here. No movement."* He climbs down into the turret and lifts the lifeless bodies of Joey and his assailant out, then rolls them off the tank. *"Let's go,"* he says, and motions for her to climb up. *"I want to pull this thing around back and take a closer look at the boat... without actually having to go down there."*

Becky climbs up on the tank as Tony slides down into the driver's hole. He starts the engine as she settles into her seat and drives around the corner of the house so he has a direct view of the entire boat. Turning the engine off, he hops into the turret. *"Becky, hop down in here."* He flips the thermal switch from stand-by to on and looks into the sight. *"They're everywhere,"* he says as he takes it all in.

"Everywhere? You mean that there's only zeeks on the boat?"

"Come look."

She leans over and looks into the TC's sight. *"Hole - Lee - Shit. What can we do?"* she exclaims as she looks at the overrun boat.

"Sink the ship?" Tony asks.

"Can you do that?"

"I'm pretty sure depleted uranium can pierce the hull of that ship," he states calmly.

"Shouldn't we make sure there's no one left on the boat?"

He puts his eyes back onto the sight. *"There's a super zeek on the deck. I cannot see one single human. Only zeeks... and there's like two hundred of them. There's no one left on board that's not a zeek."* Looking away for a moment he takes a breath before speaking again, *"Load Sabot."*

Becky pulls a sabot round from the ready rack, pushes it into the breach, and arms the main gun. *"You sure about this?"*

He looks at her and says, *"On the way!"* as he squeezes the trigger, sending a depleted uranium projectile through the angled hull of the U.S.S. Independence.

"What now?" she asks vacantly as she watches how the ship slowly rears as it begins to sink.

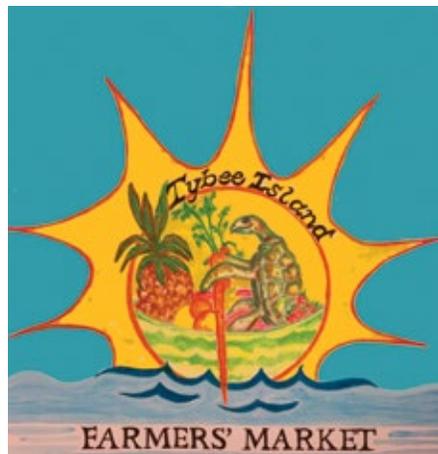
"The only unfinished business I have is taking down a crabber and a

psycho cop. I'm pretty sure I can make that happen without having to get out of the tank..."

"Okay... so we kill Brian and Richie... Then what?"

"The real journey begins."

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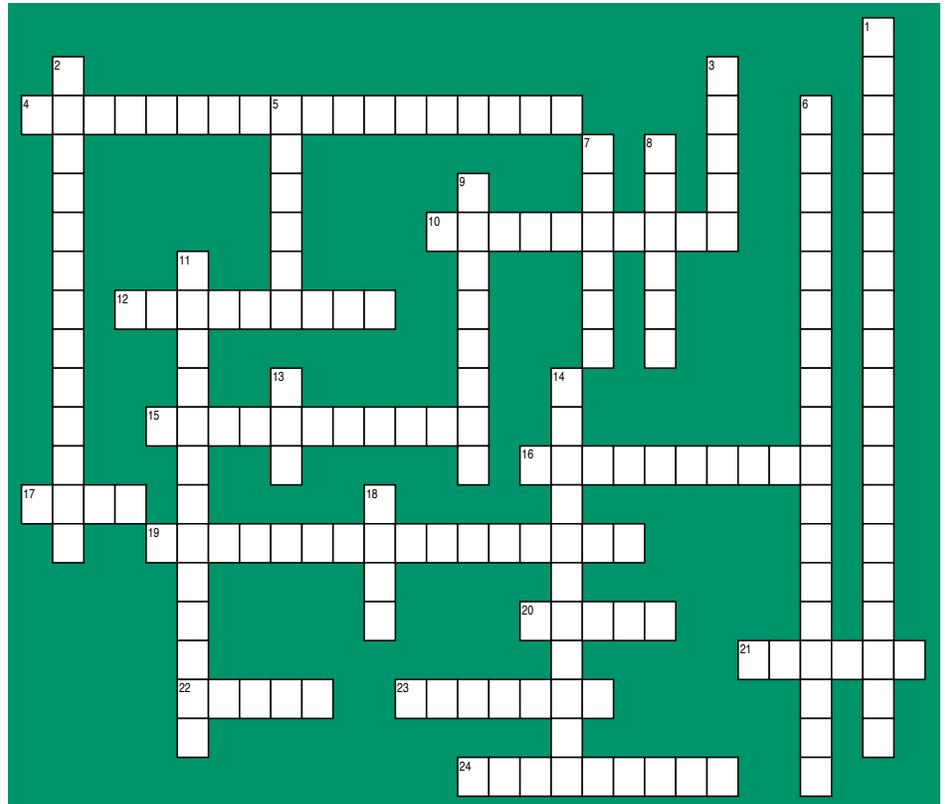
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- 4 We spring forward for this (3 wds.)
- 10 Life on the Bike Path sits here in the mornings (2 wds.)
- 12 This seasonal market is sponsored by Tybee Arts Association (3 wds.)
- 15 Traveling Beachcomber winners, Jerry and Patti McLain, went here
- 16 Barista of the Month (2 wds.)
- 17 This street is pronounced "Poke" by locals
- 19 Super Bowl winners (3 wds.)
- 20 Favorite color this month
- 21 Barista of the Month owns this favorite coffee bar
- 22 Pervy Pet of the Month
- 23 Nightmare on the _____
- 24 Photo of the Month was submitted by _____

DOWN

- 1 We will wear our green to this fun Tybee Island event on March 11 (3 wds.)
- 2 Artist of the Month (2 wds.)
- 3 3rd month
- 5 Adventures of a Serial _____
- 6 Read the last installment of this story (3 wds.)
- 7 Pervy Pet's girlfriend
- 8 Reflections writes in defense of them
- 9 Joey made this for everyone in zombie story
- 11 The YMCA says its time to think about registering your child for this (3 wds.)
- 13 Cooking with Neighbor ____
- 14 Alaina had the pleasure of meeting this author of Book Review (2 wds.)
- 18 March Top 10 songs are about this



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