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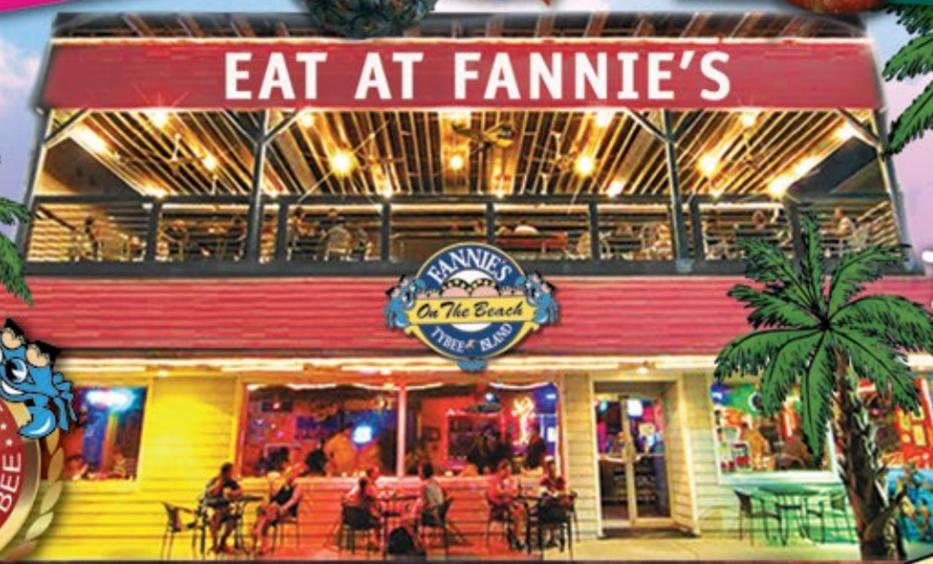


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From MS...ALAIN...EOUS

Well, this has been a year already! We are only chatting about the good bits.

The Tybee Beachcomber is turning 11 years old this month! 11! Rick and I never saw that coming, and we definitely could not have gotten this far by ourselves. As I said last year, we would have become a dusty footnote in your memory from long ago without our faithful advertisers, dedicated readers, crazy writers, and continued subscribers. That, and a great deal of booze. So, cheerstous for being scrappy and supported!

We are going to move on to my favorite bit, the **Traveling BC!** This month's winners are **Randy and Cathy Lewis** who took us to **Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee!** What a fabulous trip that must have been! Did you know that Elvis put shag carpeting on the ceiling? That must have been a good time! So, Lewis', we will see you at the Sundae Cafe! Theirspresso martini and banana cheesecake are to die for!

In the meantime, let's have a drinky drink and turn the page!

P.S. There may or may not be a crossword. We will find out together!



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February 2026 Tide Chart

Georgia, Savannah

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Date	High				Low				Rise	Set	Moon
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2 Mon	9:01	8.9	9:27	8.0	2:41	-1.6	3:15	-1.1	7:17	5:59	☉
3 Tue	9:46	8.7	10:13	8.0	3:29	-1.5	3:58	-1.1	7:16	6:00	☉
4 Wed	10:28	8.4	10:57	7.9	4:15	-1.2	4:38	-0.9	7:15	6:00	☉
5 Thu	11:10	7.9	11:41	7.6	4:59	-0.8	5:16	-0.6	7:14	6:01	☉
6 Fri	11:52	7.4			5:42	-0.3	5:53	-0.2	7:14	6:02	☉
7 Sat	12:26	7.4	12:37	6.9	6:27	0.3	6:32	0.2	7:13	6:03	☉
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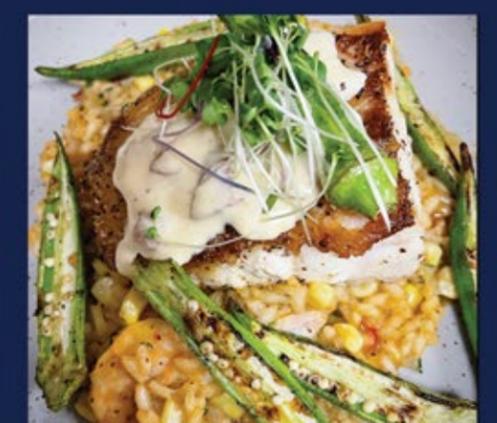
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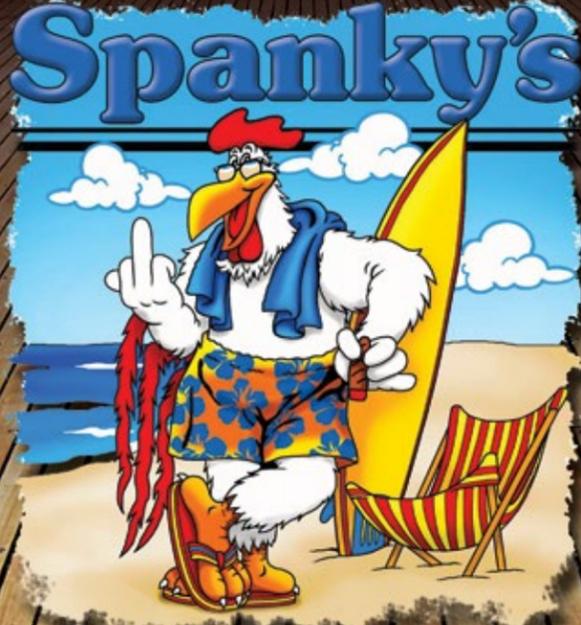
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By D.J. AMP

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- 1- Just like Heaven - **The Cure**
- 2 - Hysteria - **Def Leppard**
- 3 - Down Under - **Men at Work**
- 4 - Tainted Love - **Soft Cell**
- 5 - Back in Black - **AC/DC**
- 6 - Walk this Way - **Aerosmith/Run DMC**
- 7 - Ace of Spades - **Motorhead**
- 8 - Sweet Dreams - **Eurythmics**
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By Nell Klein

THE HEARTBREAK HOTEL

By Ellen O'Clover

If anyone knows about the last year of my life, they'll know that this is an appropriate book title for me. But it is a rom com, so you know it's also a love story of sorts; it just takes a lot of heartbreak to get to it. It is a very good story for the month of February, though, so I'll tell you about it.

Louisa (Lou) Walsh is living her best life. She has a degree in counseling, a wealthy rockstar boyfriend, Nate Walsh, and they live in her dream home in the mountains of Colorado. They're college sweethearts and have been renting the home for the past four years. One night when Lou goes backstage at one of Nate's concerts, she catches him kissing another girl. Lou's world falls apart. Nate breaks up with her and moves out of the house. Lou, who has a degree in counseling, but has not taken the test for her licensing exam, is totally screwed. She can't afford the rent on the house, but she can't lose the house! She has to think of something!

Lou decides to contact the landlord, Henry Rhodes, who Lou has never met, to approach him with an idea. She wants to turn these seven-bedroom house into a bed and breakfast that she will run in lieu of paying rent. It turns out, of course, that Henry is a young, single, good-looking veterinarian in the small town of Estes Park. Henry is not terribly crazy about the idea, but Lou convinces him to give her three months to see if she succeeds.

So, along with her best friend Mei (who has also just been dumped by her boyfriend), they decide to give it a go. When Mei decides that it should be advertised as a retreat for the brokenhearted, offering counseling, food, and fellowship, Lou is all for it. That is until Henry finds out, and he's totally against it. But Lou wins again, and Henry gives her the OK. The new name for the retreat is *The Comeback Inn*.

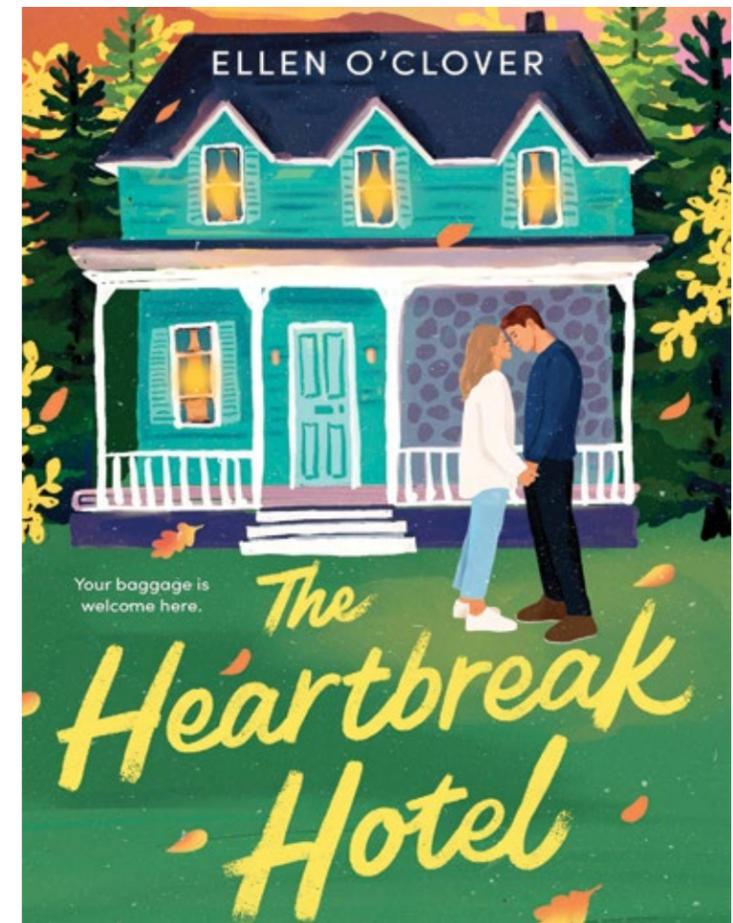
Before the grand opening, Lou and Mei decide to celebrate all that they've accomplished with a pitcher (or two) of margaritas. They're having a great time until the lights go out, and they have to call Henry, who comes to the rescue. It was only a breaker box problem, but they were so drunk that they laughed out loud at what Henry walked into. Of course, it got straightened out and through major hangovers the next morning, Lou just knows she can't face Henry again.

They finally get open and their first guest is Grace, who stays for four nights and never leaves her room. Then comes Rashad, a broken-hearted hilarious gay guy; Nan, a widow, who drives a classic Cadillac, and finally Bea & Kim, who I never was sure about what they were to each other. All in all, they have a houseful of colorful yet heartbroken folks.

It's a rom com, so it's somewhat predictable. Does Nate decide to come back, or do Lou and Henry end up together? Who knows what will happen to all these characters! I give this book 4 roses. I really loved Lou and Mei, and of course, Henry. All the other guests helped make this a truly enjoyable read!

I hope that February brings you love (if that's what you want) but above all, happiness!

Until next time, read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on!



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Things My Mother Never Told Me...And She Should Have

By Alaina Loughridge

Not to throw momma under the bush here but yeah. As a Generation X'er, I basically grew up with all my friends just downright feral. We were (are) country as all get out; had horses, cows, huge gardens that helped feed the family, pastures, parents busting their asses at work, and brothers that beat the hell out of us, which 9 times out of 10, we totally had coming.

We were also placed in charge of getting the fire lit in the winter, feeding the animals, getting home in one piece, and disappearing all day with the demand to just go. None of those things were in order, and God help us all if we left the lights on in the house for the day. There would be hell to pay, and the belt would come out. Not a single one of us wanted to see that belt.

Now that I'm cruising the 50's scene wondering what in the hell has happened to me, I realize that I can still out cuss anyone and kick their ass (maybe), but a lot has been left off my educational life tour, and it involves things I wish I had the foresight to see beforehand. I mean, not that I would have paid attention at the time, but still mom.

She did try to teach me how to cook. I was having none of it. Momma tried and then gave up. Too much was going on putting food on the table and a roof over our heads. However, she could have imparted some life advice. For example:

I have to eat. At least once a day. I also have to do my taxes, and the IRS has zero sense of humor. The last guy called me a "Taxpayer" instead of a human, and it took everything I had not to call him a "Government grunt with a small wiener problem." Needless to say, I shall be paying the government \$200 a month for the rest of my life, and apparently beyond.

Also, she could have told me that the cops don't have a sense of humor either, and running from that kegger in the middle of the woods was a bad idea. My cop was faster than I was and had me cuffed and stuffed before I could even tell him I was 14 years old. Sigh.

She also could have pointed out that life is hard. I will have to change a tire, I will have to be polite to people I loathe, I will work long hours and four jobs simultaneously to keep a roof over my own head and keep my hairy, pervy pet on anxiety meds, lams, and multiple vet visits that are not on the cheap. Additionally, Pearl is not tax deductible.

She could have gone on further to inform me that my family is truly not right and that they would haunt me for all time. Not for money, because they all know I don't have any, but just the DNA of it all. I share blood with these people, and they have some probs which have carried into the lineage. It doesn't help that the people they marry and the kids they have are now my problem as well. Thank God my niece and nephew are quality people.

Additionally, it would have been great had I been forewarned about men. Like, all men. They will break your heart. You will break theirs. It is illegal to kill them, which is unfortunate. I need to talk to Jesse Petrea about changing that particular law. Hey, it's Georgia. Anything goes.

Oh, and I will constantly be exhausted. To top off that dose of good times, my body will start to literally fall apart. I'm seriously waiting for an arm to fall off so I can look at it and debate whether I really need it or not. If it involves picking it up off the floor, it can stay there forever, or I'll kick it under the fridge so I don't have to look at it.

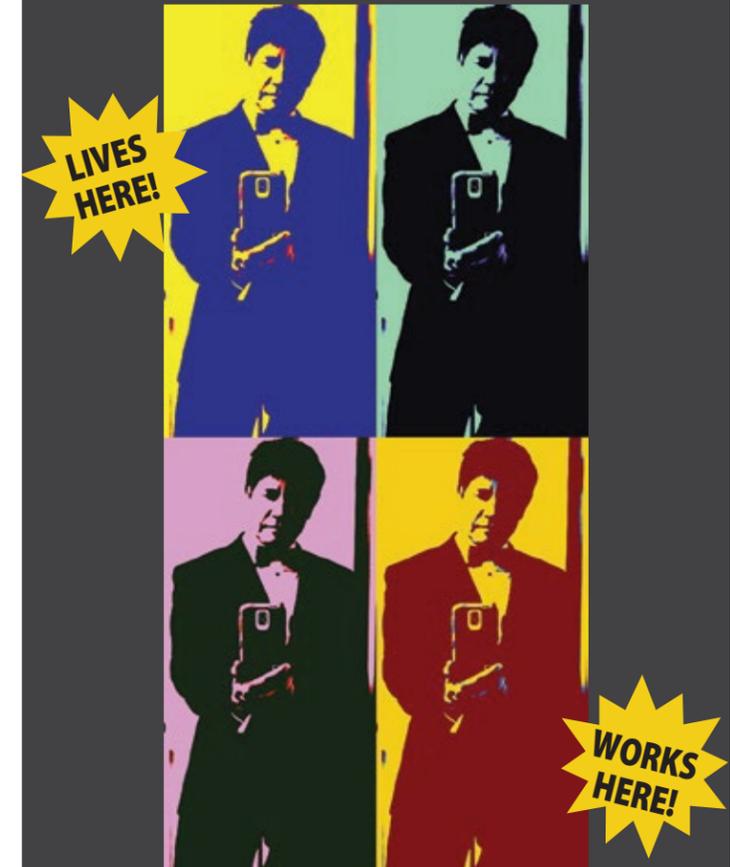
Other items of interest to have known would have been about not everyone likes you. People will come and go. If they go, do not go after them. It's like poking at a dead thing with a stick. It will not wake up, and if it does, you need to haul ass out of there.

Oh, and I think the most important thing is that once you leave, you can never truly go back. Oh, and karma is a ruthless bitch that will give you what you got coming. That, and the old girl does not give you a heads up, but you know what you did even if you do not want to admit it.

After reviewing this article, I have one thing to say: Thank you, Mom, for not telling me any of that! You would have taken the fun out of personal discovery. Well, that and I would have never moved out of the house.

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BLACK & GOLD BRIGADE

By James E. Barker - Photos Courtesy of James E. Barker

Traveling from sunny Orlando, Florida, the **Bishop Moore Catholic High School Black & Gold Brigade** will bring their unmistakable sound and energy to 2026 Tybee Island St. Patrick's Parade. The Black & Gold Brigade is an 80-member strong marching ensemble of brass, woodwinds, percussion, and color guard, representing a school community of 1,500 students.

Bishop Moore Catholic High School has deep Irish roots. Named for Bishop John Moore, born in County Westmeath, Ireland, the marching band has embraced that heritage for two decades. Their signature upbeat parade piece, "Irish Celebration," arranged by Dr. Ken Dye, has become a beloved tradition at St. Patrick's festivities across the country and internationally.

The Black & Gold Brigade is no stranger to major parade stages. Their resume includes celebrated appearances at the Coke Zero 400 Daytona International Speedway, Universal Studios, Savannah, Hilton Head Island, St. Augustine, Winter Park, Orlando, New York City, Washington, DC (where they earned the trophy for Best Visiting Band), Limerick, Kilkenny, and Dublin, Ireland, where they were awarded the "Spirit of The Parade."

Additionally, they have been featured on the front page of the Savannah Morning News and consistently earn praise for the beautiful green and gold silks spun by their color guard and polished musical presentation. Under the leadership of Director of Bands Mr. James E. Barker, they are multi-year winners at the University Classic, the Grenadier Invitational, the Space Coast Island Classic, the Tournament of Champions, and the Florida School Music Association's Music Performance Assessment, as well as the Florida Marching Band Championships, earning honors in Music, General Effect, and Sportsmanship.

Known for their professionalism, discipline, and infectious enthusiasm, the Black & Gold Brigade brings a blend of tradition, talent, and heart that makes them a standout at every event they attend. Tybee Island is in for a treat as this award-winning ensemble joins the 2026 St. Patrick's celebration, you'll want to clap and sing along as they fill the parade route with the unmistakable Irish sound and spirit of the Bishop Moore Catholic Hornets.

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Born Oct 8, 1964 - Passed Dec 20, 2025

By D.J. Amp

I'll never forget the first time I met Bobby King. We had just moved here and went to the Wind Rose. I had heard that locals got a discount and asked the bartender. Well, this guy sitting beside me said, "I don't recognize you. How long you been here?" I said, "One month." He looked at me sternly and said, "You ain't Tybee. You gotta live here longer, but welcome to the Island, let me buy you a shot!"

Bobby was a fixture at The Windrose and will be missed forever.

Joey Spalding shared a fun memory of the time he took Bobby King skydiving for his first time with a few friends. They were all hung over bad. Bobby was so scared, he grabbed the open door, and held tight. They had to push him out of the plane, and Joey said you could hear him screaming all the way down, "Mama, I want my Mama! Mama! Mama!" You'll have to ask Joey, but I doubt he ever did that again! What a character!

Jimmy Rentiers shared another great memory: They grew up together on Tybee and got in so much trouble as young boys, that Bobby's father took them both to the school for bad boys in Savannah and dropped them off in front. They walked into the building, and Bobby turned to Jimmy and said "F&*k no!" So, they walked through the hallway and out the back door. They hitched hiked back to Tybee, and that was the end of that!

Bobby worked at the pier for a few years, as well as painted, and installed windows. I had a girlfriend visiting. When we were on the pier, we noticed Bobby hanging with a guy cleaning these small fish (bait fish). I asked him what they were catching, and he said "Bonita." My girlfriend did not miss a beat, and blurted out, "You name your fish?" Bobby laughed so hard that he spit his drink out! I know so many of you have a Bobby story or cool memory to cherish. He was that kind of guy and Tybee will miss him madly! God speed, Bobby Mother#\$%^ing King. Until we meet again!

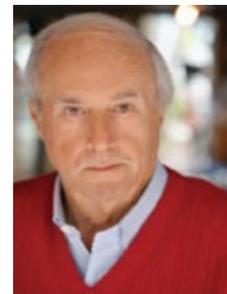
Here are some songs I dedicate to Bobby King. So, grab a shot, give him a toast, and as all ways, **Turn it up!**

- 1- Take This Job and Shove It - Johnny Paycheck
- 2 - Make it Another Old Fashioned, Please - Julie London
- 3 - Lilac Wine - Nina Simone
- 4 - Whiskey River - Willie Nelson
- 5 - Too Drunk to Fu%K - The Dead Kennedys
- 6 - Friends in Low Places - Garth Brooks
- 7 - There's a Tear in My Beer - Hank Williams, Sr.
- 8 - Why Don't We Get Drunk - Jimmy Buffett
- 9 - Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down - Kris Kristofferson
- 10 - Whiskey in the Jar - Thin Lizzy
- 11 - Turn the Page - Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band
- 12 - In Color - Jamey Johnson

ARTIST OF THE MONTH - Nona Delgado



My art is inspired by the emotions and stories found in everyday moments, especially the quiet details people often overlook. I began creating as a form of therapy after experiencing loss, but something awakened inside of me, and art became more than healing. Now, it is a way of life — an ongoing exploration of new ideas, techniques, and personal growth.



Life on the Bike Path

By John O'Neill

Happy February everyone! After all, it is the month of love, relationships, and, given enough time, domestic disputes but that's a topic for another time. The reason I have mentioned this is because the lunar cycles have been somehow perverted. We enjoyed an absolutely beautiful full moon in January, a period when the weird stuff is supposed to happen, right? Sure. But not a whole lot actually happened. Unless you count me seeing a black and white cat on the front porch at 6:06 a.m. on the cusp of the moon set. I'm not making this up, folks. You can ask my cat. She was there.

Six days after the full moon, all hell broke loose. Who would-a-thunk? UFO sightings were reported to authorities from Lewis Avenue; but upon further investigation, it was determined that the flying object was, in fact, one of Joey Spaldings' pet squirrels.

And then: The big pajama invasion. I'm not just talking about Tybee Market either. It has been a long-standing practice to go to IGA in your jammies but the Post Office? Yep! Come as you are is the new normal. Bistros and other eateries are experiencing the same influx as well. BTW: The Post Office parking lot has turned into a major CF. Oh, and I know, Jim Greens' house has been bulldozed. End of an era for sure.

Next month, of course, is St. Patrick's days... yep we have one and so does Savannah. "Double trouble," as the locals like to say.

In closing, let me say that I have received several communications regarding my reference to "Chubby Chasers" in the January edition. I will have no further comment except thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Parade Date: Saturday, March 14, 2026 Parade Time: 3:15 PM

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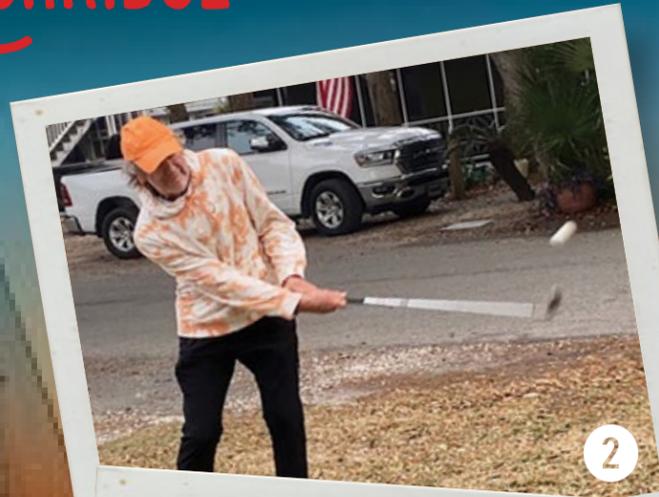


LOUNGING WITH LOUGHRIDGE

By Alaina Loughridge



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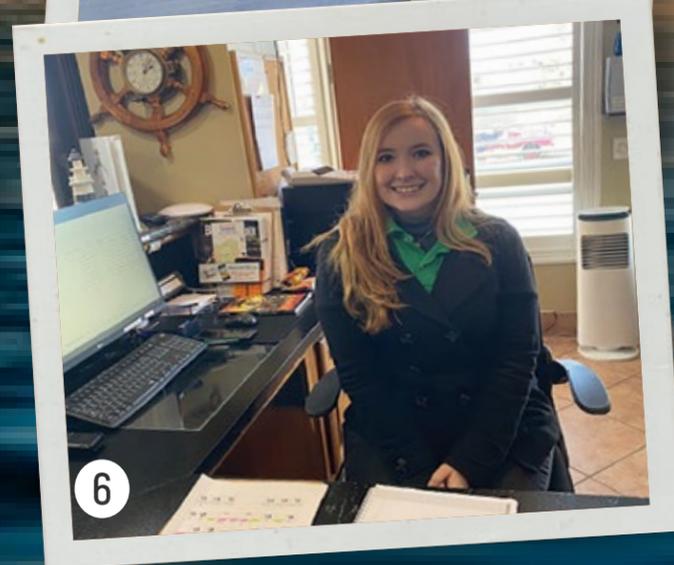
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1 Jenny from *Tybee Time* just turned 29!!!! Go girl! First person I met when I moved to Tybee, and I've never been the same since!

2 Mr. Anderson was practicing his chip shot on 6th Street. The goal here is to not break the neighbors' windows. Hey, winter on Tybee, y'all.

3 When you hang out with *Sara Cromer*, you never know what is going to happen. This was her birthday party. The invitation said something to the effect of "don't wear normal clothes." I do love our Tybee people!!

4 We are all going to miss *Denny Key*. Great, classy guy. Loved a good margarita and a good bench. Rest in peace, my friend. Photo courtesy of *Heika Simpson*.

5 *E'Lese, Ricky, and Betsey* just watched the Dawgs lose. There will be hell to pay.

6 I saw *Kirby* at the *DeSoto* celebrating her birthday! Perfect timing! Also, did you know DeSoto has a fantastic gift shop?

7 *C.O. Brown* was working the *Tybee Art Gallery* and showing off his fantastic art! I love the bus!

8 I caught *Kelly and Chloe* behaving themselves at *Kelly & Company* Essential Oils (The Shoppes). They have several new products coming out and I am all about them!

9 I love *John* at *Gallery 80* (The Shoppes)! Not only can he frame anything in the land, he makes me laugh out loud! Nothing beats that.

10 *Jessica and Lady* posed for this photo op at *The Crab Shack*. Their gift shop offers everything! The Kitchen sink, a cat, alligator, food, and most importantly, good times!

11 While I was cruising the boulevard at *The Crab Shack*, *Otis* got super vocal and I had to go investigate. *CeCe* is spreading her wings and *Otis* looks like he wanted to go on a date! I'm telling you, The Crab Shack has everything going on!

12 One day I am going to marry this man. *Rudy* at *Chu's Department Store* does not know this information yet, so please don't tell him.



PERVY PET OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Chrissy Frye ... oh, and Jeremy too

Sugar Magnolia

Sugar Magnolia was adopted from Renegade Paws Rescue, and if you know anything about the Grateful Dead, you'll understand the name reference! Great song! She answers to Magnolia.

She loves chasing squirrels, snakes, meeting people, and going to work at Spanky's Beachside!

Magnolia does not like getting a bath and being indoors.

Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

Winter-time Lion's Mane Jellyfish

Now that the water is colder and the days are shorter, we are seeing changes in our marine flora and fauna that indicate winter has arrived along Tybee's coast. Because of our location in the Carolinian Province of the western Atlantic biogeographic region, Tybee is an exceptionally good place to see seasonal changes in the species of animals and seaweeds that appear in our nearshore water.

Seasonal changes and geographical distributions of marine species have always been one of my primary research interests. So, with the establishment of winter environmental conditions here, we will be finding more cold-water species, typical of more northern latitudes, that haven't extended southward as far as Tybee Island.

Among these cold-water animals are a couple of jellyfish. One of these, the Mushroom Jelly, is the biggest jellyfish we get along Tybee. But this month, I want to discuss our other wintertime jelly: The Lion's Mane Jelly.

You may have seen reports about Lion's Mane Jellies being huge. They do indeed grow to be six feet or more in diameter, but these big ones occur in the cold, open (pelagic) regions of the Atlantic way north of us. Around here, pretty much at the southernmost limit of its distribution range, Lion's Mane Jellies are usually four to six inches in diameter. And that's fine with me!

Our Lion's Mane Jellies usually have some reddish-brown or rusty-looking color to them. The bell portion of its body is flat and circular, with slightly scalloped edges. It gets its name from the arrangement and size of its tentacles. The tentacles are grouped in bundles that are arranged in a circle underneath



the bell just inside of the outer edge. This dense arrangement of fairly short tentacles makes them look like the hairy mane that encircles the neck of a male lion.

Although the huge, pelagic Lion's Mane Jellies of the far north can apparently sting pretty badly, our small Tybee ones don't sting much at all, at least to me. For me, their "sting" is more like a slight irritation. When I'm handling one during our winter Tybee Beach Ecology Trips, I won't feel anything; not even a tingle. After a few minutes, I might notice a tingle or a light itching sensation, usually between my fingers where the skin is more sensitive. Shortly after that, even the tingling and itching will disappear. So, I don't fear our Lion's Manes.

Because they occur here during winter, you encounter them with Lion's Mane Jellies are usually when we find them washed up on the wet sand as the tide goes out. They will usually look dead. However, if we place it in a bucket of seawater and let it get rehydrated, after a while we will notice that it is still alive and "swimming" or pulsing around in the bucket. So, if you see some of them this winter, don't fear them. Try seeing if it is still alive and if it will show you how it swims. And then you can rescue it by turning it back loose in the ocean!

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.




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Cooking with Cowart - Down South Tomato Pie

By Lynn Cowart

Ingredients:

1 baked deep dish pie crust
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1 red onion
A bundle of fresh basil
Italian seasoning
Salt and pepper
Garlic powder
Parmesan

Toppings:

1 cup shredded cheddar
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella
1/2 cup of shredded parmesan
1 cup mayonnaise
Italian seasoning
2 tsps of minced garlic
A few dashes of hot sauce



You will also need 2 or 3 clean hand towels or a roll of paper towels (we will get to that later).

This recipe sounds intimidating mainly because you're thinking, "I cannot screw this up or my southern ancestors will be rattling chains after me!" Truth be told, it is about as simple as they come, but in true southern kitchen fashion we season with our hearts or when the spirits tell us to stop, so don't come after me with my seasoning antics. Let's do this!

Instructions:

Pre-bake your store-bought pie crust and cool. (No one has got time or wrist strength to make it from scratch and, if you do, good for you.)

Slice your tomatoes around 1/4-inch thick. Lay sliced tomatoes on your towels and salt generously. Let sit for 20 minutes then take your other clean towels and pat your maters dry to get out the excess moisture. This is very important because you don't want your pie to be soggy (no one likes a soggy bottom).

While your maters are sweating like its 100 degrees in August, slice your red onion in half and then into thin strips and chop your basil finely

To layer your pie, place your tomatoes in your pie crust season with a little basil, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper, garlic and a little parmesan. Add onion to the top and repeat the process until pie crust is full.

Let's move on to the ooey gooey topping, (do not think about your cholesterol). Mix all of the topping ingredients together and layer over your filled pie, making sure to spread evenly to the edges to seal in all that flavor. Bake at 350 till the top is golden brown.

Let cool for 15 minutes before slicing and then enjoy. These can be premade and frozen for future dinners; just cool completely, wrap in foil, and then place in a freezer bag. They can be frozen up to six months. When ready to eat, just thaw completely and reheat in the oven (covered) till hot. Enjoy and you will be the talk of the town at your next gathering. At least for something good this time!

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From the Mayor's Desk

Mayor Brian West

Dear Tybee Island Friends, Neighbors, and Visitors:

As we begin another beautiful year on our barrier island, I want to extend my warmest greetings and share a few key updates and priorities for Tybee this February.

Protecting Our Island Shores

One of our greatest assets—and most fragile resources—is our shoreline. We have seen significant beach erosion in some areas, and city leadership continues to monitor conditions and plan for long-term nourishment and dune protection strategies. These efforts are critical to storm resilience, public safety, good economic outcomes, and preserving the natural environment we all cherish. Congress has not allocated sufficient funds for the many nourishment projects on the east coast this year, but we are working diligently with our federal representatives and lobbyists to secure our federal share (\$12 million) for the project.

Community Safety and Fire Response

In recent months, the Tybee community came together to support neighbors affected by a devastating home fire. I was humbled by the outpouring of compassion and donations from individuals and local businesses that helped those who lost everything to rebuild and recover. Our firefighters and first responders were consummate professionals in the disaster and continue to work tirelessly to protect lives and property—please remain mindful of fire safety as we head into spring.

Event Planning and Island Character

Tybee's event calendar remains active and vibrant, and we continue working with organizers to balance special events with quality of life for residents. As always, public safety, traffic management, and environmental stewardship are central to these discussions. An important fundraiser for the American Legion—to repair air conditioning—will take place February 21 at the Legion. Please plan to attend and support the Legion.

Infrastructure and Services

Our focus in 2026 remains on thoughtful, sustainable investments in infrastructure. With tourism driving much of our economy, we are pursuing strategies to equitably share the costs associated with increased demand on water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. This includes exploring funding options that shift some costs to visitors while maintaining reasonable rates for residents.

Citizen Engagement

I encourage all residents to stay engaged with city government this year—attend council meetings, participate in public hearings, and share your feedback. Good governance depends on an informed, active community working together. And remember, social media is not the best place for accurate information. Don't believe everything you read about the city unless it comes from The City of Tybee Island or my page.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to making Tybee Island a welcoming, resilient, and thriving community. Enjoy the peace. Summer is coming.



Brian L. West, DHA
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SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Welcome back Sports Teaser fans to another edition of this award-winning column. By award-winning I mean I've had a few people come up to me and say, "Hey, are you the sports writer?" And I'm like, "What do you mean?" And they're like, "Yeah, the column in the Beachcomber." And I'm like, "Yeah." And they're like, "OK." Now that's award-winning in my mind!

Anyway, here we are in February, the shortest month of the year. It's still cold, it's still quiet, the days are too short, but we are still on wonderful Tybee Time for just a little bit longer. Just because it's February, doesn't mean we aren't packed with sports. We have college football to wrap up, and the Super Bowl to look forward to, so let's get to it.

Let's talk some college football! If you had Miami vs. Indiana for the national championship on your bingo card at the beginning of the season, I hope you take it to Vegas and cash in your wheelbarrow full of winnings. It has been one of the best college football seasons ever, which can be attributed to the NIL and players moving around in the portal like an NFL owned minor league. More on that in a minute.

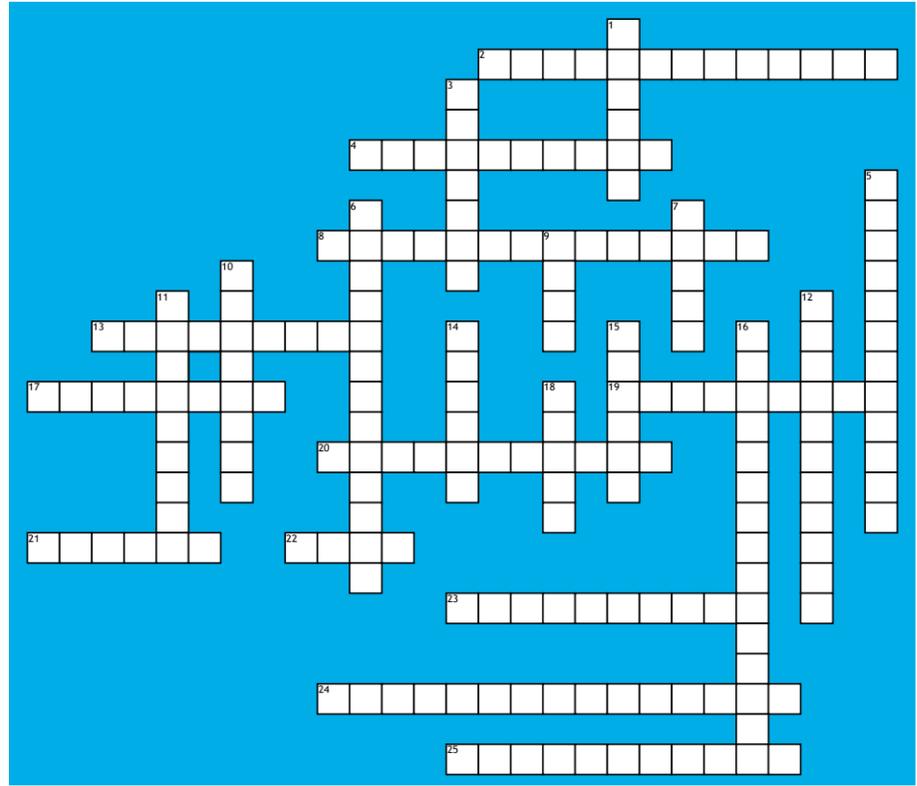
The game will have been played by now, and we'll crown a new champion either from the Big 10 or ACC. Indiana has had one of the most unbelievable turnarounds in just two years under their coach, Tom Cignetti. Indiana is a program that has had the most all-time losses. Ever! And what's crazy is they've done it with 2 and 3 star recruits all over the roster versus Oregon (who they steamrolled by 30) for instance, who had a roster loaded with 4 and 5 star players. It proves that coaching, discipline, and preparedness count for something.

Our Georgia Bulldogs disappointed in the playoffs with another first round loss. This time to Ole Miss in the Sugar Bowl. Georgia's defense had been playing well at the end of the season but gave up almost 40 points and couldn't keep up with Ole Miss, whose quarterback, Trinidad Chambliss, was on fire. Given the fact that they've won two national championships in the last five years, things are still just fine in Athens and will be for the near future. With the playoff most likely expanding to 16 teams next year, Georgia will always be in the mix. But once again with the portal transfers and NIL money being flashed around the country, it's hard to keep a deep and talented roster. If you're a kid who's a backup and think you can play somewhere else right away, you're going to transfer, especially if the money is right. We continue to be in uncharted waters in college football, but the games have certainly been entertaining.

The Super Bowl is next week, and one of the two teams that I predicted to be in it is still hanging around: San Francisco. Baltimore imploded this season, especially with Lamar Jackson being hurt for multiple games. However, no one will argue that this has been one of the most interesting NFL seasons ever. I think because Patrick Mahomes and Kansas City weren't part of it and dominating it like they have been. How refreshing! Teams like New England, Denver, Jacksonville, and Chicago have all had great seasons and bright futures in the coming years. We will have a new Super Bowl champion this year, with the Eagles losing in the first round to the 49ers.

Hopefully, the Super Bowl will be a great game and not a blowout like last year. And someone please come help me translate Bad Bunny's halftime performance if you don't mind! Adios!

Crossword



- Across**
- 2. Pervy Pet of the month?
 - 4. February 14th is what day?
 - 8. Tybee Teeth has a special appearance by whom every Friday?
 - 13. What is Tybee's Winter Time Jelly?
 - 17. Tybee Salt Spa offers what?
 - 19. Traveling BC went where?
 - 20. Mayor West encourages all of us to do what?
 - 21. The Beachcomber is how old?
 - 22. Black and _____ Brigade are coming!
 - 23. Photo of the Month is a _____
 - 24. DeSoto is Tybee's only what?
 - 25. Book Review's main character's name is what?

- Down**
- 1. Lee Ann Marsh is a Managing _____?
 - 3. Who gets burnt by a _____?
 - 5. Whose birthdays were celebrated in January?
 - 6. Pearl is not what?
 - 7. The YMCA is having what run in February?
 - 9. What was O'Neill saying was reported on Lewis Avenue?
 - 10. #2 song in Top 10
 - 11. Lynn made Down South what?
 - 12. Artist of the month?
 - 14. Babysitters name from the Movie Review?
 - 15. What was Alaina running from at 14?
 - 16. The Shoppes have Mary Kay Andrews latest book called what?
 - 18. George writes an _____ winning column

Word Search



- Gold Award
- Tomato Pie
- Jenny and Sara
- Eleven UFOs
- Jamie Pouchprom
- Broker
- Beachfront hotel
- Massages
- Freezer
- Stay engaged
- Valentines
- Critz
- Louisa Walsh
- Hysteria
- The Homewreckers
- Nona Delgado
- Ashley
- Sugar Magnolia
- Lions Mane
- Tax deductible
- Kegger
- Graceland
- Sand castle



MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge

BETTER WATCH OUT & HAPPY DEATH DAY

Better Watch Out:

I found this gem on Tubi one random day and clicked into it for the background noise. 15 minutes later, my nose was five centimeters away from the television. I thought it was a babysitter situation gone south, and it was, but oh my. This one went way south. Not what I expected at all.

Ashley, the babysitter, has no idea what is coming her way and neither do we. I can't really say more without ruining the plotline but just know you will not see it coming. Rotten Tomatoes calls it an "adorably sinister holiday horror film." Um. No. It is not. It is a crazy train of find a new job immediately that does not involve kids.

I give this movie 4 bottles of Goose because the plot is excellent, the acting is superb, and it was free, and then 1 bottle of Aristocrat because it will make you pause about who you hire and more importantly who your kids are.

Happy Death Day:

To give you an idea of how this all began, I started out watching "Kill Me Again," on Tubi about a serial killer who keeps reliving the same day over and over at a diner. I never finished it because it just wasn't that great, but it did remind me of Happy Death Day, which was awesome!

Released in 2017 on Prime, HDD is about a sorority prom queen girl living her best life. Until she keeps repeating her birthday over and over, which involves an affair with her very married professor, and her being murdered.

The moral is that she has to find out who kills her. It's quite good and I did not see the ending coming at all.

I give this movie 4 bottles of Bota Box Cabernet Sauvignon because it's better than I expected, and then 1 bottle of Carlo Rossi Blush because the thought of living the same day over and over again sucks.



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