

## Three Chords and the Truth

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Local legend, Roy Cox passes...



Roy Cox with Rod Prince of the 60's psychedelic band, Bubble Puppy

Long time island resident, Roy Cox, passed away the age of 65 on Tuesday, May. He had been in poor health for quite some time. Cox was inducted into the Texas Music Hall of Fame and was the co-founder and bassist in the 60's psychedelic band, Bubble Puppy (1966-1972), who had the international top 20 hit in 1969, Hot Smoke and Sassafras. Most of the original members of Bubble Puppy are from Corpus and Mathis. Roy is originally from San Antonio but headed in Port Aransas for quite some time. **Red Prince**, guitarist/vocalist and founder of Bubble Puppy had this to say of Roy's passing, "I've known Roy since we were 17, and there aren't many people that could match his enthusiasm for music. He was the driving force behind the Puppy, my writing partner for almost fifty years. At the top of his game he was one of the top three bassplayers on the planet and a gifted writer as well as a performer. Another matchless addition to that band beyond the world. Fair winds, my brother!" A memorial is being planned and I'll let you know when and where in my next column.

### An Easter to remember...



The Sandy Bottom String Band, Jason Morris, Ty Morris, Jane Ward, Father James Derkits, Stuart Burns, Steve Goldstein, David, Owen Fitzsimmons, Crawford Brown and Ronnie Narmour on Easter morning

My old pal **Ruben V** (San Antonio, TX) blew into the *Porch* in high style last Saturday. I wasn't able to stick around long enough to hear much of Ruben's most excellent show, so I had to be up early on Easter morning to help with the sunrise service at **Rubens Point Park** when the **Sandy Bottom String Band** (Port Aransas, TX) made their debut. The ten piece ensemble performed six gospel numbers, including *Power in the Blood* and *I'll Fly Away*, to a standing room only crowd at the pavilion. I must say, this was the best Easter I've ever had. Much thanks to **Father James Derkits** at the **Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church** for coming up with this concept (bright shiny-faced, young church talent combined with old veteran, crusty barroom musicians). It was really special! The music absolutely soared.

## TOUR DE CURE BENEFIT APRIL 6

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(5-7)  
Open Jam with Uel Jackson  
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### Port A has a new music store...

You probably won't understand my enthusiasm here, unless you happen to be a musician who lives in Port Aransas, but for the first time (maybe ever) we have a music store on the island (sort of). **Joe and Tiffany (Tuesday) Duckworth** have put an assortment of musical instruments and accessories into their *Duckworth's Antique Store* next to the *Captain's Quarters* on Cotter Avenue. They are selling an line of



Tiffany and Joe Duckworth now carry a line of musical instruments and accessories at their store on Cotter

guitars, mandolins, ukuleles and poposes as well as guitar strings, picks, capos, harmonicas, straps, cords, tuners and a bunch of different percussion instruments (drums, marimbas, shakers, tambourines, etc.). And, they plan to keep expanding their line of musical products in the store. This is a big news! Musicians can now by strings and stuff right here on the island without having to drive into Corpus. They also have all kinds of neat furniture and beachy Hemingway travel kits for your house. These are really cool people and their store is very cool. Check it out!

### DO NOT MISS LIST

This weekend...

April is shaping up to be a great month for music... there is a ton of stuff going on. Here's my recommendations: For starters, the big funky horn band, **Mingo Fishtrap** (Austin, TX) will play **Susan Powell's** retirement party at the **Back Porch** tonight, Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-10. This is shaping up to be the blow-out of the century. On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>, **Joe Mack** and **Carter Sampson** (Tahlequah, OK) will play the **Back Porch** and **Mingo Milligan** (Austin, TX) will be playing the next two Fridays (5-7) at the **Ice House**. On Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>, **Mike Milligan** and the **Altar Boys** (Austin, TX) will bring their jumping harmonica blues to the **Porch**. Mike is an island fave and plays the venue several times each season. Also on the 6<sup>th</sup>, **Jered**



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"**Wolfjaw**" Clark will play the **Upper Deck** and a new act called **Metachai** will play the **Brewster Street Ice House**. **Metachai** is another theme band in the vein of the **Spazmatiks** and **Metal Shop** that covers heavy metal standards played by a mariachi band... sounds interesting and may be good for a few laughs. On Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>, the **Tarpon Ice House** will host a going away party for **Dennis & Marilyn Sullivan** at the weekly open jam hosted by **Uel Jackson**. Dennis has been in town for the last year and a half supervising the construction of the new ferry office in Port A. He also has one of the most beautiful voices I've ever heard and has been kind enough to share his talents at the **Ice House** and **Shorry's**. We've grown quite fond of these guys and will miss them greatly. God speed my friends. We love you dearly!

**Dennis Sullivan's** going away party this Sunday at the Ice House



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Michael O'Connor will play the House of Rock on April 11th

### Next weekend...

On Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>, Corpus native **Michael O'Connor** (Brenham, TX) will play the **House of Rock**. O'Connor is known as one of the most sought after sidemen in the guitar arena but is also an excellent solo performer. On Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>, the southern country Americana act, **Charlie Hagar & the Captain Americana Band** (Baton Rouge, LA) will return to the **Back**

## LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

John Eric w/ Scutebutter @ Doctor Rockits  
Open Jam w/ Antonio Perez @ Doctor Rockits

**Thursday, April 4**  
Susan Powell's Retirement Party w/ Mingo Fishtrap @ Back Porch  
Miko Williams & the All Stars @ Dr. Rockits  
Jon Wolfe, Jason Suthern Band @ Brewster Street Ice House  
Free Beer Band @ Tarpon Ice House  
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CCTD Film Event @ House of Rock  
John Eric @ Island Italian  
Kevin Hill @ Scutebutter's Party of Three @ Dr. Rockits

**Friday, April 5**  
Carol Elliott (5-7) @ Tarpon Ice House  
Joe Mack & Carter Sampson @ Back Porch  
Spark in the Dark @ Coast Club  
Ray T & the City Crew @ Flats Lounge  
Russell Edge @ Upper Deck  
John Eric @ South Texas Ice House  
Miko Williams @ Bangkok Star  
Cruise Control @ Executive Surf Club  
Spazmatiks @ Brewster Street  
Ken Barnett @ Coffee Waves  
Fabian Rivers @ Scutebutter's Wesley Pruitt Band @ Dr. Rockits  
Tribblehead, Mand T-Ray, Stick Figure @ House of Rock

**Saturday, April 6**  
Mike Milligan & the Altar Boys @ Back Porch  
Tour de Cure w/ Uel Jackson & Dennis Sullivan @ Tarpon Ice House  
Stevie Start @ Coast Club  
Jered Clark @ Upper Deck  
La Guerrilla, La Estu Noche @ House of Rock  
Six Market Blvd, Buster Jiggs @ Executive Surf Club  
Metachai @ Brewster Street  
Miko Williams @ Bangkok Star  
Spark in the Dark @ Coffee Waves  
The Washers @ South Texas Ice House  
Kevin Hill @ Scutebutter's Another Level @ Dr. Rockits

**Sunday, April 7**  
Dennis & Marilyn Sullivan's Going Away Party @ Tarpon Ice House  
Humble Dry Low @ Bernie's  
Open Jam @ Neptune's  
Blake Spurs @ Scutebutter's  
Dubtronic K'nz, Flatbrock @ Dr. Rockits

**Monday, April 8**  
Mike Williams @ Tarpon Ice House  
Open Mic @ Coffee Waves

**Remo & the Groovegetters** @ Dr. Rockits  
**Wednesday, April 10**  
Open Jam with Wolfjaw @ Back Porch  
Stuart Burns @ Tarpon Ice House  
Kevin Hill @ Scutebutter's Party of Three @ Dr. Rockits  
Switchblade Jesus @ House of Rock

**Thursday, April 11**  
Antonio & the All Stars @ Dr. Rockits  
Free Beer Band @ Tarpon Ice House  
Michael O'Connor @ House of Rock  
Whiskey Myers, Pearl Ratz @ Brewster Street

**Friday, April 12**  
Carol Elliott @ Tarpon Ice House  
Charlie Hagar & Capt. Americana Band @ Back Porch  
Ray T & the City Crew @ Flats Lounge  
Thomas Michael Riley's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Fest @ Luckenbach, TX  
The Ones (Sunset Sounds) @ Rubens Point Park  
Samantha Aiken @ Coast Club  
Lyrical Byrnie @ South Texas Ice House  
Mike Williams @ Bangkok Star  
Seacreeper People @ Executive Surf Club  
Stuart Burns @ Coffee Waves  
Kevin Hill @ Scutebutter's Rich Lockhart Band @ Dr. Rockits  
Blissin Rocks R&R, Melissa Ann, Jimmy Wilden @ House of Rock

**Saturday, April 13**  
Cruise Control @ Back Porch  
Stevie Start @ Coast Club  
Three Way Street @ Shorry's Place  
The Ones & the Ride @ Giggly's  
Mike Williams @ Bangkok Star  
Thomas Michael Riley's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Fest @ Luckenbach, TX  
Bus Stop Stallions @ Executive Surf Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Sing-Along  
Piano Show @ Brewster Street

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| Joe Mack        | April 5  |
| Mike Milligan   | April 6  |
| Capt. Legendary | April 12 |
| Cruise Control  | April 13 |

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