

Three Chords and the Truth

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Shinyribs...



And those hits just keep right on coming... I love summer on our little island. It was another epic weekend! On Friday, the show to catch was **Shinyribs** (Austin, TX) at the *Back Porch*. In case you didn't know, Shinyribs is **Kevin Russell**, the founder of the great roots rockers, **The Gourds**. These are the guys who brought **Snoop Dog** to white America and told us all about drinking "Gin and Juice" (*I got my mind on my money and money on my mind*). Russell was in rare form. I'd seen him once before at the *House of Rock* in Corpus a couple of years ago, but that show paled in comparison. I especially loved his gospel numbers. Watching Russell perform made me think of **Levon Helm** all night long. He's got that hillbilly twang down to an art. This show was spot on and his band was magnificent. That piano player was super-charged! I really appreciated him taking his shoes off for the occasion (it's socially accepted in Port A). I vow to always put my best effort into seeing Shinyribs perform anytime, any place. You should, too.

Tejas Brothers...



David Perez and the Tejas Brothers played the Back Porch last Saturday night.

The energy on Saturday night was equally amazing. I know this isn't Austin, San Antonio or even San Marcos where they have tens of dozens of great bands and live music venues to choose from, but for a town with only four traffic lights, I think we do pretty good. I started of at the *Back Porch* with the always inspiring **Tejas Brothers** (Ft. Worth, TX). This band is led by the vocalist/accordionist, **David Perez**. Perez is not only a great bandleader but an exceptional songwriter and musician as well. I especially like the song he wrote with **Larry Joe Taylor** (*Hildago Street*). Their songs *I Can't Sleep* and *Boogie Woogie Mamacity* are tribute to such great Tex-Mex greats as **Augie Meyers**, **Flaco Jimenez**, **Doug Sahn** and **Freddy Fender**.

Get Off the Lawn...

After the Tejas Brothers, I ran over to *Shorty's* to hear the always lively, **Get Off the Lawn** (Corpus Christi, TX). This is a real-deal bluegrass ensemble of acoustic guitar, mandolin, stand-up bass and fiddle...



Get Off the Lawn played Shorty's last Saturday night.

perfect! A banjo and dobro would be great but I'll settle for this. This band is fronted by **Steve Goldstein** and **Crawford Brown** but the girls are all goo-goo over the fiddle player, **Owen Fitzsimmons**. Apparently, he's some kind of a hunk. Don't worry ladies, he'll be back at *Shorty's* this weekend with his other string band, **Independent Thieves**.

Cats Don't Sleep...



Ernie Garibay and Cats Don't Sleep played Giggity's last Saturday night.

After *Shorty's* it was time for the BIG show: **Ernie Garibay and Cats Don't Sleep** (San Antonio, TX) was playing at *Giggity's*. I had been waiting for this show to roll around for weeks. Ernie is an old friend of mine, as was his brother, the late **Randy Garibay** (*Barbacoa Blues*). The Garibays are a S.A. institution and are revered in their hometown as musical dignitary. Randy hosted my jams at *Billy Blues* (1991-1994) and *The Laboratory* (1999- 2003) for years. These jams are still talked about... the one at the *Lab* boasted a ten piece core band of such local luminary as **The Westside Horns** (**Al Gomez** (trumpet), **Louis Bustos** (baritone sax) and the late great **Rocky Morales** (tenor sax), **Jimmy Spacek** (guitar), **Butch Morgan** (guitar), **R.B. Blackstone** (keys), **Urban Urbano** (drums), **Sauce Gonzales** (Hammond B-3) and **Jack Barber** (bass)... **Augie Meyers** was a frequent guest. These are the musicians that helped give **Doug Sahn** his famous Tex-Mex sound with the **Sir Douglas Quintet**. I am proud to be a part of that history. I was Sahn's booking agent and friend until his death in 1999 and put on many, many shows with all of these musicians all over the world. In short, Ernie Garibay is family and his real-deal Westside San Antonio sound is as good as it gets. Everyone at *Giggity's* had listened to me brag about Ernie and the Cats but no one really had an idea of how good they really were. After about twenty minutes of hearing them play, I was barraged with people running up to me and thanking me for bringing them to town. This was big city R&B and soul at it's finest. And, *Giggity's* was the perfect place for them to play. It feels like a real night club in there. The place was magical all night.

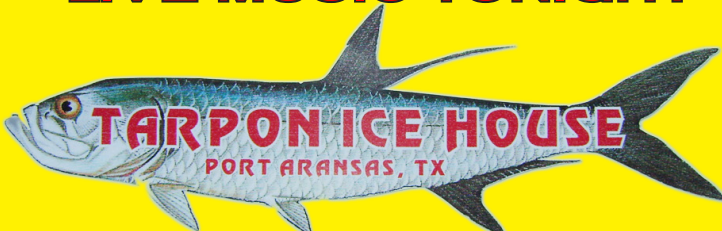
DO NOT MISS LIST

On Thursday & Friday night...

On Thursday, June 13th, Parrothead alert!!! **Jerry Diaz and Hanna's Reef** will play the *Back Porch*. Get out you **Jimmy Buffett** songbook and get your groove on. Also on Thursday,

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Levi Darr will play Shorty's this Friday night.

the Texas Country/Red Dirt artist from Oklahoma, **Stoney LaRue**, will play *Brewster Street*. On Friday, June 14th, our old friend **Davin James** (Houston, TX) will bring his down-home country back to the *Back Porch*, guitar wizard **Levi Darr** (Uvalde, TX) will play *Shorty's* and the smoothest thing to go



Walt Wilkins and the Mistiqueros will play the Third Coast Theater on June 15th.

before that). On Sunday, June 16th, **Antone and the All Stars** will bring their Austin style blues to *Giggity's* and **Ruben Limas** will sing the *National Anthem* at the *Hook's* game at *Whataburger Field*. Way to go Ruben.

down since mango margaritas, **Todd Dorn and the Sea Drifters** (San Antonio, TX) will return to *Giggity's*. That's all GOOD stuff. Also, *Fin's Restaurant* next to the *Deep Sea Headquarters* has built a stage between the two businesses and is now putting on some shows. **Billy Snipes** will play there Friday the 14, **Uel Jackson** will be there Saturday the 15th and **Emily Dale** will be there on the 21st. I hear it's a pretty cool place to chill and listen to music while watching the folks weigh in all the fish they caught.

On Saturday & Sunday night...

And, on Saturday the 15th, the string band **Independent Thieves** (Corpus Christi, TX) will be at *Shorty's*, teenage powerhouse **Samantha Aiken and Rodeo Drive** will be at *Giggity's*, **Billy Snipes** will be at the *Tarpon Ice House* and **Five Card Draw** will be at the *Back Porch*. But for my money, the show to see will be **Walt Wilkins and the Mystiqueros** (Austin, TX) at *Third Coast Theater* in Port A. I've never failed to be amazed at a Walt Wilkins performance. San Antonio-born Wilkins has been called a genius and a writer the caliber of **John Steinbeck**, with a voice as comfortable as a pair of old blue jeans. He is, and has, all of that. His crafting of story-songs, hard-edged vocals to sing them and plaintive guitar have made him a fixture on the Texas music scene (and Nashville



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Game Warden's Fishing Tourney...

Also this weekend (June 14-15) the *Texas Game Wardens Association* will have their big fishing tournament and a big concert at *Roberts Point Park*. This will be their second year... last year they had **Pat Green**. This year on Friday, they'll have local C&W phenom, **Melissa Brooke** and **The Brandons**. On Saturday the headliner will be **Kevin Fowler** with **Roger Creager**, **Cody Johnson** and **Bri Bagwell**. I'm guessing there will be a new world's record set on the number of girls wearing short shorts and cowboy boots.



Melissa Brooke will play the State Game Warden Fishing Tournament on Jun 14th.

And that's the truth!

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday, June 13
Jerry Diaz & Hannah's Reef @ Back Porch
Stoney LaRue @ Brewster Street
Pop Pistol, Shakedown @ House of Rock
Reno & the Groovegetters @ Dr. Rockits

Friday, June 14
Levi Darr @ Shorty's
Todd Dorn @ Giggity's
Davin James @ Back Porch
The Brandons, Melissa Brooke @ Roberts Point Park (TX Game Warden Fishing Tourney)
Uel Jackson @ Tarpon Ice House
Ray T & the City Crew @ The Flats Lounge
Mike Williams (5-7) @ Tarpon Ice House
Billy Snipes @ Fins
Scarecrow People @ Executive Surf Club
Spazmatics @ Brewster Street
Friends & Lovers Art Show @ House of Rock
Daddy Mack Blues Band @ Dr. Rockits
Cruise Control @ South Texas Ice House
David & Barbara Brown @ Coffee Waves
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Megadeth, Black Label Society, Deive, HELLYEAH, Jason Newsted, Death Division @ Concrete Street

Saturday, June 15
Independent Thieves @ Shorty's
Samantha Aiken @ Giggity's
Billy Snipes @ Tarpon Ice House
Five Card Draw @ Back Porch
Walt Wilkins @ Third Coast Theater
Reely Rotnz @ Executive Surf Club
Kevin Fowler, Roger Creager, Cody Johnson, Bri Bagwell @ Roberts Point Park (TX Game Warden Fishing Tourney)
Uel Jackson @ Fins
Victory by Birthright @ House of Rock
Blues Crawlers @ Dr. Rockits
Thom Sheppard @ South Texas Ice House
Get Off the Lawn @ Coffee Waves

Sunday, June 16
Open Jam w/ Uel Jackson @ Tarpon Ice House
Uel Jackson (3-6) @ Back Porch
Antone & the All Stars @ Giggity's

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