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It took a while, but we squeezed an uncomfortable admission out of the people that claimed to have owned The Forbidden Island of Booneville Avenue.

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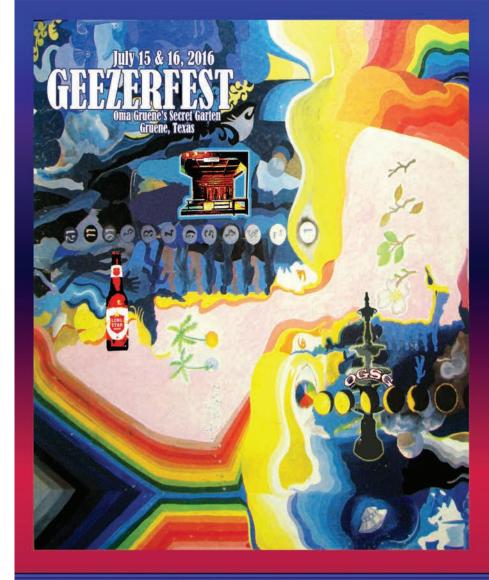
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#### SWEET VINDICATION

For the last month I've been considering retirement from the news business. Why? Because I'm certain I will never, ever feel the kind of satisfaction with the job than I'm feeling right now. OMG. It's just so... complete.

If you read Nick Rogers' Res Publica column in last month's issue, you know that the people who had falsely laid claim to The Forbidden Island of Booneville Avenue since the 1930s just shelled out \$300,000 to purchase said Island from LCRA. That's \$300,000 they had to spend because someone (us) finally had the nerve, THE UNMITIGATED GALL, to challenge their seizure of public land for their private enjoyment. (I'll pre-empt the inevitable counter-argument right now, by pointing out that when you buy something from someone, it's an admission that you don't own it. This is double-plus true if you're the one that initiates the deal, as the Islanders did.)

For over 70 years, the Islanders have been chasing people off of public land and out of public waters, with the assistance of local law enforcement and the tacit consent of local media. Real estate brokers have been profiting from inflated prices for homes that were sold with an "Island Privileges" premium, which might properly be called "vapor-estate". One wonders what the legal ramifications are for this type of fraud, and the terms of the relevant statutes of limitations.

Locals have been complaining about this arrangement for decades, but the Herald-Zeitung steadfastly refused to cover the story, as did the newsroom at KGNB. It wasn't a difficult piece to write, as the Islanders didn't have a title to the land. (To be fair, HZ/KGNB had school lunch menus and Pee-Wee League baseball to report on. And baking contests.)

#### **Heavy Lifting**

Hey, let's check the tote board and see what other stories our local media heavyweights couldn't manage to cover that might have been of interest to the public at large, providing us with an opening wide enough to drive a truck through:

Kathleen Krueger's wildly inflated claims about trash in the rivers, which is where we made our

mark as a news source. That was simple math, but nobody else wanted to upset Mrs Krueger (or do the math). The claims about those numbers were where the paint started to peel, and eventually led to her entire campaign being exposed as a fraud intended to sway an election (for the disposable container ban). Her people won that election, but the courts overturned it as unconstitutional, as we predicted they would. It remains under appeal. They'll lose that one, too.

City Hall's equally inflated claims about trash in the rivers. Remember when then-Mayor Gale Pospisil and at-the-time City Manager Michael Morrison said they could fill the plaza with trash three feet deep with what they pull out of the river? How about that video they shot under the trash boats as representative of the entire Comal? We do.

Those were both meant to affect the election as well, and were the tip of the fraud iceberg which we were more than happy to chip away at while the HZ/KGNB newsrooms whistled past the graveyard. We can't thank them enough.

City Watershed Manager Nathan Pence selling EARIP to City Council as a protection from SAWS for the Comal river, after we had him on tape explaining to the outfitters that he was doing it on behalf of SAWS for the benefit of San Antonio - who would now be allowed to pump our springs to an average of 30cfs. They did just that, and many of the springs ran dry. We also predicted that after City Hall signed off on EARIP, that Pence would take a job with San Antonio water interests. He did.

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## Due Process

#### **Former Comal ISD Officials** Face Criminal Charges

After a three-year law enforcement investigation, two former high-ranking officials with the Comal Independent School District have been charged with abuse and misuse of public funds.

Marc Walker and Thomas Bloxham have each been charged with: theft of property between \$20,000-\$100,000 (a second degree felony); money laundering between \$20,000-\$100,000 (a third degree felony); and misapplication of fiduciary property between \$20,000-\$100,000 (also a third degree felony).

Walker is Comal ISD's former superintendent while Bloxham was the district's assistant superintendent of support services. Bloxham is currently the facilities and operations director for the Hutto Independent School District.

The charges stem from an investigation that the district initiated in 2012 after Walker resigned. The district had noticed some financial discrepancies in the amount of money being spent for construction projects. In 2008, voters passed a \$206 million bond issue to be used for various construction projects. Bloxham was in charge of overseeing those projects.

One of the items that caught the district's attention was the cost for an air conditioning/ heating system for a mechanic's shop. The district was overcharged by at least \$25,000 by contractor Baird Williams for the system. When Comal County Sheriff's deputies visited Bloxham's home, the deputies said two of those same HVAC systems had been installed at the home by Baird Williams. The HVAC systems on Bloxham's property were installed at the same time as the one for the district but at no charge to him.

Bloxham was also accused of taking a dismantled steel building from the district and having it reassembled on his property.

Baird Williams was found to have overcharged Comal ISD by more than \$7 million. In a 2013 settlement, the district was able to recover about \$6 million from the Temple-based contracting firm.

Both Bloxham and Walker are accused of paying between \$20,000 and \$100,000 in bribes to Baird Williams, money they are accused of taking from bond issue funds. Besides the 2008 bond, voters also approved a \$189 million in bonds for the district in 2005.

Amid the investigation and the Baird Williams scandal, Comal ISD voters in 2013 rejected a \$451 million bond issue for the school district. Last year, a \$147 million bond issue was passed to build two new middle schools and pay for technological upgrades.

While the investigations into Bloxham and Walker involved County and State law enforcement offices, both men will be tried in Comal. The Comal County District Attorney's Office would not give a statement on the allegations or answer as to why the investigation took so long, saying the office "does not comment on cases pending prosecution."

Whether there will be further arrests or more charges issued in the case is not known.

In a public statement, Comal ISD said that it is "confident that the prosecutors and legal system will continue to seek justice for the citizens of Comal ISD."

An arraignment has been scheduled for next month for Walker. His attorney, Kyle Lowe, would not comment on how Walker would plead because the attorney said he hasn't yet "read the charges." Lowe did say, however, that defendants plead innocent "99 percent of the time."

According the Comal District Clerk's Office, Bloxham has yet to name an attorney and has no arraignment date scheduled.

#### Still Pending

The Third Court of Appeals has yet to rule on the disposable container ordinance case, even though oral arguments were made before the court in March of last year. The City of New Braunfels filed the appeal after a district court ruled the ordinance unconstitutional.

Yantis Corp. has until Aug. 1 to file a motion in its appeal against Carowest Land. Yantis and the City of New Braunfels appealed a district court ruling that found that the City broke the law when it gave Yantis the contract for a massive tributary project in exchange for Yantis dropping a suit it had against the City.

*Nick Rogers covers courts & crime for the TX Citizen.* 





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There are many great places to dine, drink and play in New Braunfels, and the best of those places are named in the results of TX Citizen's annual Best of the Wurst readers poll. But if there is a Best there is, alas, a Worst.

#### **Worst Restaurant**

#### **Neurosis Grill**

By the name, one would think that Neurosis would be an edgy dance club where scantily-clad, amphetamine-filled dancers hit the floor to techno and strobe lights. Unfortunately, Neurosis is not a club, but a restaurant staffed with neurotic people.

At our table, when the waiter asked if we wanted fries or onion rings with our burgers, we chose fries, causing the waiter to cry. "Why don't you like our onion rings?" he sobbed. "We're really proud of our onion rings." After our attempts to soothe him failed, we relented and ordered the onion rings. "No, no, no!" he said. "If you really wanted the onion rings, you would've ordered them in the first place."

At the table next to us, a hapless diner asked if he could have Swiss cheese on his burger, prompting his waitress to yell, "Oh, aren't you fancy! You'll do anything to be different, won't you? American cheese isn't good enough for you!"

The most delicate issue here is the tip. Our meal came to just under \$20, but out of fear we left a \$20 tip. When our waiter saw the tip, he burst out, "I can't do anything right!" He had to go lie down and stayed in bed for a week. For days, we got inundated with phone calls from various staff members of the restaurant along the lines of, "I hope you're happy with yourselves," and "How did you get to be so cruel?" When we asked for explanation as to what we had done, we were told, "You know what you did."

Truth is, the food at Neurosis is excellent, but it comes with way too much baggage.

#### **Worst Smoke Shop**

#### **Dungers**

They don't sell tobacco at Dungers. They sell dung. To smoke. The owners claim that their formulas are based on the dung smoking tradition of ancient Mongolians. While this is a lie, the claim does seem to work on dumber members of the hipster set. Truthfully, I think they sell dung because they're evil. While Dungers does sport an impressive array of dungy blends, it is still dung, so who cares. The only benefit to shopping at Dungers is that because the employees are usually stoned, there is a distinct possibility the shopper will get more back in change than was spent.

#### **Worst Summer Camp**

#### **Helicopter Camp**

Helicopter Camp is not a cool camp where kids learn to fly helicopters. Instead, this camp is for the hapless children of overbearing, over-protective helicopter parents. Fun is forbidden at Helicopter Camp. This is because fun is potentially dangerous and could lead to rebelliousness.

The place does have a beautiful pool with several slides and diving boards. However, the pool posts 102 rules that must be followed, one of which reads, "No swimming in the pool." Instead, parents conglomerate poolside to argue about which kid is wearing the best helmet. Meanwhile, harnessed children with dead eyes stare at a swimming pool they will never, ever get to use. They are probably contemplating their future careers at Neurosis Grill.

#### **Worst Church**

#### Belly Full of Hate

They don't like you and would prefer that you keep your stupid opinions to yourself, lest you interrupt their rants. The Belly Full of Hate Church doesn't seem to be for anything, but there is no end to what its attendees are against: government, schools, neighbors, spouses (both former and current)

#### **By Ed Farberer**

and women. Actual knowledge in a subject is unnecessary. Indeed, expertise in a subject is frowned upon and usually met with, "Yeah, that's what they want you to think and you just go along with it." The good news is that Belly Full of Hate is an interfaith church and services are pretty short, usually ending after the bevy of inevitable arrests.

#### Other Worst of Wurst winners:

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The worst part of this one is that Council was fully aware of his betrayal prior to the vote – because we printed the transcript of the tape.

The fact that an executive from The Scooter Store was also presiding over the 4-B Board, which provided millions of dollars in corporate welfare to... The Scooter Store.

That City Attorney Val Acevedo believes she can read the minds of litigants against the City, earning her the nickname of "Madame Val". This took up several pages in the original piece, and would take too long to explain here, but the only other explanations for what she told us were "making stuff up" or "lying". We went with psychic.

The constant stream of losing court cases City Hall got itself into that we dissected and correctly predicted the outcome of. Tube Tax, Container Ban, Towing Contract, etc, et al, AD INFINITUM.

We're 100% on calling the outcome of City lawsuits that we proffer an opinion on. Perfect record. It seems we have a better grasp of the law than the City Attorney and her parade of highly compensated, contract lawyers do. If we took over her job, NB taxpayers would save millions of dollars a year, and City Hall wouldn't wind up with judicial egg on its face, time and time again.

We could go on, but the point's been made. To gloat further would be less-thandignified. (Cue DJ Khaled featuring Snoop Dogg, Rick Ross, Ludacris, and T-Pain.)

#### The Fallout

We took big, big hits for those stories. Packs of angry readers would threaten our advertisers and distributors with retaliation if they continued to do business with us – to their credit, our clients knew a good thing when they saw it, understood that eyeballs were on our pages, and stuck with us.

We didn't lose a single advertiser due to the roving bands of torch-and-pitchfork brandishing townies. We did lose our distribution point at Rudy's a couple years back, which is why you can't find us there anymore. They told us it was specifically because of what we (accurately) wrote about The Forbidden Island of Booneville Avenue. So don't look for us at Rudy's. Do enjoy the TX Citizen along with the BBQ you eat at Granzin and McBee's.

The Islanders' defense has always been that they paid "taxes" on the Island. Let's be very clear – those were not property taxes. Not a dime in property tax has ever been paid on the Island. Those "taxes" were more of a homeowners association fee, paid to themselves for whatever they decided to spend the funds on – like a security guard to chase Texans out of "their" water. Those fees did not give them exclusive rights to the Island, and \$300,000 says they've admitted as much.

As it stands now, the Islanders own the Island, the riverbanks, and the river's bed. This does not give them the exclusive right to the water, nor does it give them the right to prevent access to the river from where streets terminate. That's state law.

Read that again.

#### The Upshot

The Islanders will, no doubt, keep the signage up that says you can't get into the river down there. They will most definitely attempt to chase you out of the water. Both actions remain illegal, despite the fact that they own the riverbed in the area. This is settled law. It's a navigable waterway, and you have the right to kayak all over it, but don't be surprised if they put up an illegal fence across they river. "Privileges" and all.

The best part of this is that we would have never come after them for the Island if they weren't chasing people out of the water, which is how they got our attention. They could have illicitly kept the Island for free, had they not been so grabby. Hogs get slaughtered, as it were.

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TBA 8pm

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Tejas Brothers 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

Shinyribs w/ Dawn & Hawkes 8pm

#### Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along 8pm

#### Pour Haus

Kody West 4:30pm Aaron Copeland 8:30pm

#### Vino en Verde

Kim & Her Bad Habits 8:30pm

#### **Sat 7.2**

#### ADOBE VERDE

Bru's Tunes 6:30pm

#### **HAPPY COW**

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TBA 8pm

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#### SECRET GARTEN

Jamie Krueger Group 2pm Chris Duarte 7pm

### PHOENIX

Kori Free & the Groove Hounds w/ Alli Mattice Band 9pm

### Riley's TAVERN

Murphy's Law 9pm

## Saloon Saloon

Carol Cochran & Two-Way Street 9pm

#### Gruene Hall

Blue Water Highway Band 1pm Statesboro Revue w/ Scott Wiggins Band 8pm

#### Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along 8pm

#### Pour Haus

Jay Russell Wimberley 5:30pm John Evans Band 9:30pm

#### Vino en Verde

Nick Swift & Mitch 9pm

#### Sun 7.3

#### ADOBE VERDE

JJ Garrett Band 6:30pm

#### **OMA GRUENE'S**



#### **SECRET GARTEN**

Jonesin 2pm Melissa Ludwig Band 7pm

### PHOENIX

Jeffrey Ryan Vaughn 3pm Lucas Taylor 7pm

# Riley's TBA TAVERN

#### Geronimo VFW #8456

Bob Appel 3pm

#### Gruene Hall

South Austin Moonlighters 12:30pm Gary P Nunn w/ Aaron McDonnell 8pm

#### Pour Haus

Matt Kersh 4:30pm The vagabonds 8:30pm

#### Mon 7.4

#### Gruene Hall

Houston Marchman

1pm Greg Harris & the World Famous Bandini Brothers 7pm

#### Pour Haus

Steven Adams 8:30pm

#### **Tues 7.5**



1BA 7pm

#### Billy's Ice House

Reed Brothers 8pm

#### Geronimo VFW #8456

Tommy Horton, Glen Collins, Dot Salmon 7pm

#### Gruene Hall

Two Ton Tuesday 8:30pm

#### Vino en Verde

Brett Cline Jazz 7pm

#### Wed 7.6

### PHOENIX

Heather Little 8:30pm



Manzy Lowry 9pm

#### Billy's Ice House

Aaron Stephens 8pm

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Hot Texas Swing Band 7pm

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SECRET GARTEN

George Devore 6:30pm

#### PHOENIX SALOON

Bandreu 5pm

Sam Pace & the Gilded Grit 9pm

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The Rizdales 9pm



TBA 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

Jason Boland & the Stragglers 8pm

#### Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along 8pm

#### Pour Haus

Brent Michael Wood 8:30pm

#### Vino en Verde

The Hendersons 8:30pm

**Sat 7.9** 

### ADOBE VERDE

JAM 6:30pm

#### **HAPPY COW**

BAR & GRILL TBA

8pm

#### **OMA GRUENE'S**



#### **SECRET GARTEN**

Empty Handed Vagabonds 1 pm Jimmy T & the Tear Drops 6pm

### PHOENIX

The New Offenders 9pm

### Riley's TAVERN

Beth Lee & the Breakups 9pm



Kim & Her Bad Habits 9pm

#### Billy's Ice House

Callahan Divide 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

Gene 'Birdlegg' Pittman 1 pm American Aquarium w/ Red Shahan 9pm

#### Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along 8pm

#### Pour Haus

Jade Marie Patek 5:30pm Clever Name Band 9:30pm

#### Vino en Verde

The Vagabonds 9pm

Sun 7.10

### ADOBE VERDE

Jenna McDaniel 6:30pm

### OMA GRUENE'S

#### SECRET GARTEN

Stray Dog & the Wolves 1pm Brad Stivers Band 6pm

#### PHOENIX SALOON

Jeffrey Ryan Vaughn 3pm Lucas Taylor 7pm

### Riley's TAVERN

4pm

#### Geronimo VFW #8456

TBA 3pm

#### Gruene Hall

Bret Graham 12:30pm Prophets & Outlaws 5:30pm

#### Pour Haus

Britney Monroe 4:30pm Art Haus Artists 8pm

#### Mon 7.11

#### Pour Haus

Josh Patton 8:30pm



Myles Smith (Poor J Brown) 7pm

#### Billy's Ice House

Austin Gilliam 8pm

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Two Ton Tuesday 7:30pm

Wed 7.13

#### PHOENIX SALOON

Natalie Rose 8:30pm



Matt Kersch 9pm

#### Billy's Ice House

Aaron Stephens 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

The Georges 7pm

#### Pour Haus

Matt Kersh Trio 8:30pm

Thu 7.14

#### ADOBE VERDE

Josh Holden 6:30pm

OMA GRUENE'S

#### OGSG SECRET GARTEN

Slim Bawb & the Fabulous Stumpgrinders 6pm

### PHOENIX

Jay Russell Wimberley 5pm



Billy's Ice House

8pm

9pm

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Gruene Hall Chubby Knuckle Choir

Moonshine & Ale Live Band Karaoke

8pm

Pour Haus Jade Marie Patek 8:30pm

Vino en Verde Brett Cline Quartet 8pm

Fri 7.15

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TBA 8pm



Bob Schmueckle & Derek Krueger 7pm

**OMA GRUENE'S** SECRET GARTEN

Geezerfest 1:30pm

PHOENIX ESALOON

Junior Nash 5pm The Watters w/ PK Gregory 8:30pm



**Bobby Marlar** 9pm



Waitin' on Hayden 8pm

Billy's Ice House Matt & the Herdsmen 8pm

Gruene Hall

Sean McConnell w/ Troy Cartwright 8pm Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along

Pour Haus Bandreu

4:30pm JJ Garrett Band 8:30pm

Vino en Verde

Beau Daniels Band 8:30pm

Sat 7.16

ADOBE VERDE

Right on Red 6:30pm

**HAPPY COW** BAR & GRILL

TBA 8pm

**OMA GRUENE'S** 

SECRET GARTEN

Geezerfest 12pm

PHOENIX ESALOON

Manzy Lowry Band 9pm

**TAVERN** 

James Hand 9pm

Paul Nipper Band

Billy's Ice House Jonathan Fox Band

8pm

Billy's Ice House

Jamie Talbert & the Band of **Demons** 8pm

Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along 8pm

Pour Haus Kyle Spence 5:30pm Dirty White Horse 9:30pm

Vino en Verde Bru Erdman

9pm

Sun 7.17

ADOBE VERDE

Fallon Franklin 6:30pm

**OMA GRUENE'S** 

**SECRET GARTEN** Cold Snap 1pm

PHOENIX SALOON

Jeffrey Ryan Vaughn 3pm Lucas Taylor 7pm

**TAVERN** TBA

4pm

Gruene Hall

Adam Johnson Band 12:30pm Garrett LeBeau 5pm

Pour Haus

JJ Villareal 4:30pm The Vagabonds 8:30pm

Mon 7.18

Pour Haus

Jonathan Garcia 8:30pm

Tue 7.19



**IBA** 7pm

Billy's Ice House

Big Red Drum Series

Comal Country Music Show

KC Hall Carol Cochran, Conrad Gonzales, Chuck Reininger 6pm

Gruene Hall Two Ton Tuesday

7:30pm

Wed 7.20

**PHOENIX** SALOON

Heather Little 8:30pm

TAVERN

Mike Ethan Messick 9pm

Billy's Ice House Aaron Stephens 8pm

Gruene Hall

Roger Creager w/ Larry Joe Taylor, Deryl Dodd, Dave Perez 8pm

Pour Haus

65 at Night 8:30pm

Thu 7.21

Adobe Verde

Josh Holden 6:30pm

**OMA GRUENE'S** 

OGSG **SECRET GARTEN** 

Jam Night 6pm

EPHOENIX ESALOON

Craig Van Ryswyk 5pm

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Captain Legendary Band 8pm



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JULY 23 @ 1 ADAM JOHNSON BAND @ 6 KIM AND HER BAD HABITS

JULY 24 @ 2 DEFRANCE

@ 7 PEPPERS BLUES

JULY 28 @ 6 JAM NIGHT

JULY 29 @ 6:30 THE LESTI HUFF BAND

JULY 30 @ 2 POOR J BROWN

@ 6 3 MAN FRONT

### JULY 31 @ 2 BIG DADDY T

#### Gruene Hall

Roger Creager w/ Sam Riggs 8pm

#### Pour Haus

Brent Michael Wood 8:30pm

#### Vino en Verde

Brett Cline Quartet 8pm

#### Fri 7.22

### ADOBE VERDE

**Buddy Vargas** 6:30pm

#### **HAPPY COW**

BAR & GRILL

TBA 8pm



Bob Schmueckle & Derek Krueger 7<sub>pm</sub>

#### **OMA GRUENE'S**

OGSG **SECRET GARTEN** 

Wynn Taylor Band 6:30pm

#### PHOENIX SALOON

Bandreu

Aaron Stephens Band 8:30pm

### TAVERN

The Merles 9pm



TBA 8pm

#### Billy's Ice House

Texas Renegade 8pm

#### Geronimo VFW #8456

Refection Band 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

Roger Creagar w/ Aaron Einhouse 8pm

#### Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along

#### Pour Haus

Mark Monaco & the Strayhearts

#### Vino en Verde

Jackson Parten 8:30pm

#### Sat 7.23



JAM 6:30pm

#### HAPPY COW

BAR & GRILL

TBA 8pm

6pm

#### **OMA GRUENE'S**

#### SECRET GARTEN

Adam Johnson Band 1pm Kim & Her Bad Habits

#### PHOENIX SALOON

Poor J Brown w/ Jade Marie Patek & Bryan Catalani 9pm

### TAVERN

Roy Heinrich 9pm



TBA 9pm

#### Billy's Ice House

LC Rocks 8pm

9pm

#### Gruene Hall

The Peterson Brothers Roger Creager w/ Cameran Nelson

#### Moonshine & Ale

Rock & Roll Piano Sing Along 8pm

#### Pour Haus

Tony Taylor 5:30pm Backwater Boulevard 9:30pm

#### Vino en Verde

LeAnn & Noah 8pm

#### Sun 7.24

#### ADOBE VERDE

Gabe Garcia 6:30pm

#### **OMA GRUENE'S**

#### SECRET GARTEN

DeFrance 2pm Pepper's Blues

7pm

#### PHOENIX <sup>E</sup>SALOON

Jeffrey Ryan Vaughn 3pm Lucas Taylor 7<sub>pm</sub>

### TAVERN

TBA 4pm

#### Geronimo VFW #8456

Paul Sanchez & Wrangler Country 3pm

#### Gruene Hall

Guy Forsyth 12:30pm Kevin Costner & Modern Twist 8pm

#### Pour Haus

Dennis Jay 8:30pm

#### Mon 7.25

#### Gruene Hall

Warren Hood & the Champeens 7pm

#### Pour Haus

Ken Raba 8:30pm

#### **Tue 7.26**



7<sub>pm</sub>

#### Billy's Ice House

Austin Gilliam 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

Two Ton Tuesday 7:30pm

#### Wed 7.27

#### PHOENIX SALOON

Michael Martin 8:30pm



David Harris 9pm

#### Billy's Ice House

Aaron Stephens 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

The Georges 7pm

#### Pour Haus

Kerosene Drifters 8:30pm

#### Thu 7.28

#### ADOBE VERDE

Beau Daniels 6:30pm

#### **OMA GRUENE'S** 8XG

**SECRET GARTEN** 

Jam Night 6:30pm

#### PHOENIX SALOON

Jay Russell Wimberley 5pm



9pm

Billy's Ice House Texas KGB 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

Don Leady & the Tailgators 7pm

#### Pour Haus

Cody Coggins 8:30pm

#### Vino en Verde

Brett Cline Quartet 8pm

#### Fri 7.29

#### ADOBE VERDE

Choctaw Wildfire 6:30pm

#### **OMA GRUENE'S**

### **SECRET GARTEN**

Lesti Huff Band 6:30pm

### PHOENIX SALOON

Junior Nash 5pm Rockville Blues Band w/ David & the Victors 9pm



Amanda Jo Cevallos 9pm



TBA 8pm

#### Billy's Ice House

Copper Chief 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

Kyle Park 8pm

#### Pour Haus

3 Man Front 8:30pm

#### Vino en Verde

Two Rivers Trio 8pm

#### Sat 7.30

#### ADOBE VERDE

Bru's Tunes 6:30pm

#### **OMA GRUENE'S**

### **SECRET GARTEN**

Poor J Brown 2pm 3 Man Front 6pm

#### PHOENIX ESALOON

Natalie Rose 9pm



Billy Dee 9pm



**TBA** 9pm

#### Billy's Ice House

FILE 13 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

Flat Top Jones 1pm Max Stalling 9pm

#### Pour Haus

Jade Marie Patek 5:30pm Choctaw Wildfire 9:30pm

#### Sun 7.31

#### ADOBE VERDE

Darrell Goldman 6:30pm

### **OMA GRUENE'S**

**SECRET GARTEN** 

Big Daddy T 2pm

### PHOENIX

Jeffrey Ryan Vaughn 3pm Lucas Taylor 7pm

#### TAVERN TBA

4pm

#### Geronimo VFW #8456

TBA 3pm

#### Gruene Hall

Slim Bawb 12pm Linda Gail Lewis 4:30pm

#### Pour Haus

Jay Russell Wimberley 4:30pm

#### Vino en Verde

Soul Sessions 5pm

#### Mon 8.1

#### Gruene Hall

Bottom Dollar String Band 7pm

#### **Tue 8.2**



7pm

#### Billy's Ice House

Reed Brothers 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

Two Tons Tuesday 8:30pm

#### Wed 8.3

#### PHOENIX <sup>E</sup>SALOON

TBA 8:30pm

Manzy Lowry 9pm

#### Billy's Ice House Aaron Stephens

8pm Gruene Hall

The Georges 7pm

#### Thu 8.4

### ADOBE VERDE

TBA 6:30pm

#### **OMA GRUENE'S**

**SECRET GARTEN** Jam Night

### PHOENIX

Ken Raba 5pm

6pm



#### Billy's Ice House

Armadillo Road 8pm

#### Gruene Hall

Rodney Hayden 7pm

#### Pour Haus

Brent Michael Wood 8:30pm



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### ASK A MEXICAN!

Dear Mexican: Why do SO many chamacos of this generation, that are Mexican, refuse to learn Spanish and/or speak it? What's the big deal? Are they THAT embarrassed of their native tongue because they've been so Americanized, or what is it? It's been bugging me for years! I'm Mexicanborn and raised in San Diego, and grew up quite differently from most Mexican kids, I guess, but I never backed down to speak, read, write and learn Spanish. Osea, que conejos con está generación?!

Cachanillo, ¿Y Que?

Dear Pocho: Sure, the Pew Hispanic Center and other survey-happy think tanks publish study after study showing how quickly children of Mexican immigrants learn English, and how fast they begin to favor that idioma instead of habla. But the fact remains that it's more acceptable than ever for people to speak Spanish, especially given we're in the end stage of Reconquista. And still, Mexico kids end up becoming English-dominant, as they always have in post-World War I America. Why? Because despite what Univisión wants you to believe, English is how you win in los Estados Unidos—and win we must. Besides, what's wrong if Mexican kids lose the ability to speak Spanish? Sure, being bilingual is great, but a lack of Spanish doesn't somehow make you less Mexican—just ask Cuauhtémoc.

Dear Mexican: When I was a small child of a poor farm family in Oklahoma, we started to have visits from an extended family of about a dozen persons who were following harvest work from the border northward. They would stop again on their way south when harvest was over. Our farm was on a river, and our cabin had lots of shade and space for them to set up their tent and make the campfire. My mother always welcomed them and we nine children were delighted to find these friendly brown children to play with. Mama would give them corn and tomatoes and sweet potatoes from our garden. They, in turn, would show my mother how to make flat bread on the cooking fire, and how to use very hot peppers in cooking. I regret that the way

to cook that flat bread was not passed NOW. If you don't belong here, go back to on to me. I wish someone could tell me how to cook that bread. It would remind me of the great joy and delight we all felt when we saw them coming down our road from the high Dust Bowl plains.

"The Mexicans are coming! The Mexicans are coming!" we shouted, and it was a great moment in our lives twice a year for three or four years in the thirties. Most of the Mexicans I encounter now are doing yard work or picking fruit here in Florida. Each time I see a brown face, I greet them with a smile and think of those wonderful people that I have always considered as amigos. If anyone can give me a recipe for making the flat bread like those amigos made it, I would be most grateful.

Okie from Kissimmee

Dear Gabacho: Flat bread? You mean a tortilla, right? Your letter is sweet, so I'll spare you any further ridicule other than to note, as I always do when talking about Oklahoma, that the state should unconditionally support undocumented immigrants since it was founded by those dirty illegals called Sooners.

Dear Mexican: I have visited other countries. None would appreciate me waiving my flag in their country. It all comes down to this, MI AMIGO. If you enter this country from any other country, you must have the necessary paperwork to allow you to stay and or work here. If you enter without paperwork, you have committed a crime. It's called ILLEGAL ENTRY. All over the world, the law will send you back to your country of origin. Why the hell do Mexicans think for a minute that they are excluded from this law? Donald Trump has some muy loco ideas. There will be no wall or his other mierda. Be prepared, should he become the boss, he will look very closely at criminals, reoffending, running back to Mexico and coming back. At the very least. It can't keep going this way. You will all work yourselves out of your American dream. I'm sick and tired of Mexican thinking that this land belongs to them. NOT ANYMORE. Get in line in the legal way. Everybody needs to stop using and abusing the American system. We are now in so much debt that poor citizens don't have a job and money to support their family. STOP that CRAP

your country.

**Tool for Trump** 

Dear Gabacho: Don't blame Mexicans for the national debt; blame the Iraq War and Reaganomics. Don't blame Mexicans for coming into this country, with or without papers; blame NAFTA, capitalism, and the people who hire unauthorized Mexicans. Don't blame Mexicans for saying the American Southwest belongs to them; blame an unjust war. Don't blame Mexicans for using and abusing the U.S.; blame an American system that has encouraged cheating every step of the way ever since the Boston Tea Party. Better yet, blame EVERYTHING: That's all Trump supporters do, anyway. Man, I haven't come across a whinier bunch of CHAVALAS since hearing Mexicans defending the use of "puto" during soccer matches.

Dear Mexican: My coworker donned a poncho and sombrero for Cinco de Mayo and got totally wasted. He said that he had no bad intentions and does not understand why Mexicans get so upset when he embraces Cindo de Drinko. Oh, and he does not understand why "Cinco de Drinko" is offensive because it's an American holiday, anyway. Can you help explain why some Mexicans get offended when a gringo wears our attire on Drinko de Cinco?

I'm the Mexican in the Office Who **Brings Tamales During Christmas** 

Dear Pocho: At this point in America's history, I say let the gabachos dress up as gross caricatures of our raza. They have little else going for them: birthrates are down, death rates are skyrocketing, and all their daughters are shacking up with paisas. They're tilting hard for a new identity, so now's the time to enact the final stage of Reconquista: get them borrachos while wearing sombreros and bigotes, then sic la migra on them. Just like it was prophesized in the Florentine Codex, you know?



Ask the Mexican at themexican@askamexican.net, be his fan on Facebook, follow him on Twitter @gustavoarellano or follow him on Instagram @gustavo\_arellano!





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# FREETING WITH BRAN

Another month has gone by and man was June 2016 a significant one in sports. Cleveland is no longer a running joke (well, the Browns still are), and Pittsburgh won the Stanley Cup, both feel-good stories. Sadly, this past month also brought loss as we said goodbye to Pat Summit, Buddy Ryan, Muhammad Ali, and Gordie Howe, who each passed away in June. There was also a death that hit a bit closer to home, that of former UTSA Head Men's Basketball Coach Brooks Thompson who was on the sidelines as recently as four months ago but is now gone at the young age of only 45.

Ali I never saw fight and Howe I never watched take the ice but I was more than aware of the significance each meant to their sport and in Ali's case, to American culture. Buddy Ryan's heyday was "slightly" before I became fully invested in the NFL (namely his time in Chicago as DC or as Head Coach of the Eagles) and in regards to Summit, I admittedly didn't watch a lot of women's college basketball growing up. But here's the thing about icons, you don't have to fully immerse yourself in their careers in order to appreciate them. Doing so can give you a better understanding, sure, but if you weren't able to watch those boxing matches or Final Fours or Stanley Cups or '85 Bears, you can still feel the historical impact those figures made by watching greatness today.

The paths that icons forge inspire others to follow. Who knows how great Geno Auriemma would be today if not for Pat Summit? How many young hockey players today are inspired by Sidney Crosby or Alex Ovechkin? How influential was Wayne Gretzky, the greatest hockey player that ever lived, to their careers? Well, Gretzky's idol was Howe. Three of the NFL's current head coaches played for Buddy Ryan (not including his son Rex Ryan) including Carolina's Ron Rivera who recently guided the Panthers to a 15-1 record and trip to the Super Bowl. Ali isn't just regarded as the most influential boxer ever, but the most influential athlete ever.

Great athletes and coaches come and go. Most of them, by no fault of their own, just don't have the charisma, bravado or power to become icons. Those four did and now they're gone. So yeah, for the most part, June sucked. Let's see if we can lighten things up a bit now...

**NBA:** They did it. I can't believe they freaking did it. Down 3-1 in the NBA Finals to a team ready to stake its claim as the best the game has ever seen, the Cleveland Cavaliers not only came back to win the title, they did so by winning twice at Oracle Arena, a place where Golden State lost twice the ENTIRE regular season. Do you have any idea how improbable that was? No team had EVER come back from down 3-1 in the Finals (let alone against a 73-win team like the Warriors), that Finals record stood at 0-32. No team had come back from down 3-1 without home court advantage in any playoff series since the 1995 Houston Rockets, more than 20 years ago. After the Warriors won Game Four, their odds of winning the series were at 96%.

And the Cavs #\$&@ing did it.

LeBron James was brilliant. I'd write more but I'm running out of space here, so I'll sum his series up as respectively short as possible. Dude nearly averaged a triple-double while scoring nearly 30 points per game. While Kyrie Irving hit the game winning shot in Game Seven, it was the plays LeBron made sandwiching that shot (his block of Andre Igoudala and game icing free throw) that delivered the Cavs their first ever title. I mean, the dude won a title with Richard Jefferson as a key rotation player.

Here's the thing though: everyone knew (and knows) he's capable of this... except the Warriors, apparently, as they decided to p### him off after Game Four by calling him a baby and questioning his manhood. In honor of the recent (magnificent) Game of Thrones season finale, this was like the Dothraki leaders taunting and humiliating Daenerys Targaryen only to watch her burn them alive and take their army all for her own.

Long live the King and Queen.

Brant Freeman is a seasoned local sportscaster, delivering the goods as a reporter for major pro and collegiate sporting events in the greater San Antonio area for over a decade.



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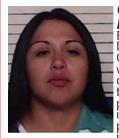
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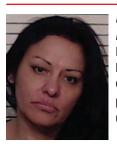




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DELEON, **FRANICE** Female • 5'03" • 180 lbs DOB: 03/23/1967 CHARGE: Theft of property over \$30,000 under \$150,000

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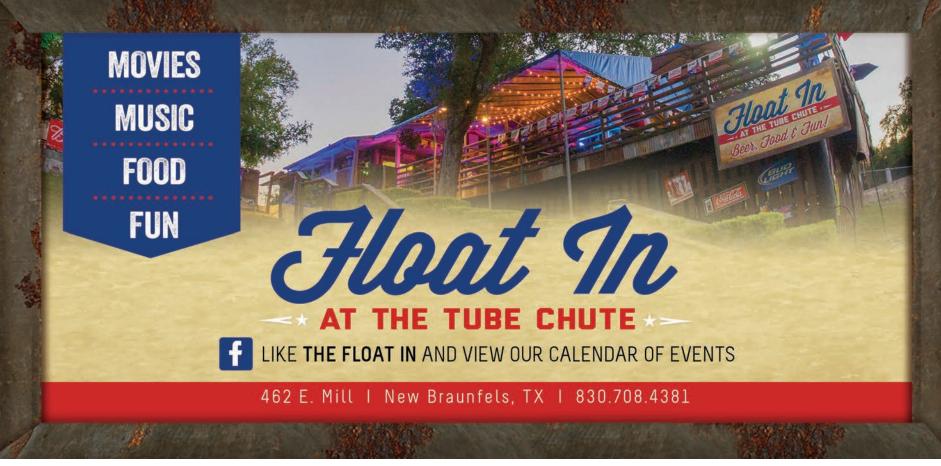




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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 1st day of June, 2016.

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#### Flipping the Tables

The world was surprised this week when Brexit, the British vote to leave the European Union, passed. Or at least some people were. Everyone from the press to the financial markets had predicted that the vote would not pass. After all, it had been explained over and over again just how foolish and damaging it would be for Britain to leave the EU. The British people apparently disagreed.

At almost the same time, Iceland elected a new President, a man with no political experience. This was a reaction to finding out that many in the Icelandic government, including the Prime Minister, had been stashing money in overseas accounts. The establishment is out, and in their place, the people of Iceland chose anybody else.

Of course, we've been experiencing something very similar in America with both the Trump and Sanders campaigns. People are tired of the traditional approach, and they're looking for anything that might offer a legitimate change of direction.

It really has been Christmas for an anarchist like me. The world appears to be waking up and throwing off the shackles of their oppressors. All right, I know it sounds melodramatic, but it's true. Suddenly, the general population has decided that the system is very likely rigged and that, even rigged as it is, it doesn't work right. Everybody caught on at the same time that the smartest people in the room aren't really very bright after all.

The next step in the process will be the one that determines if the current zeitgeist actually results in long-term change. There's no question that we'll see a certain level of strife related to these decisions. In no small part, this will be the establishment throwing a temper tantrum at the prospect of losing control. There will be hand waving, name calling, a roller-coaster ride in the markets and a general level of angst that's sure to be uncomfortable. Most people don't care about who runs things. They only care that things continue to run and that their lives aren't disrupted too badly. Things will get worse for a

while. It remains to be seen if we'll have people clamoring for what is most familiar when it does.

Things might really change if people can get by the fearmongering and recognize that the world continues to spin without the traditional people pulling the levers. That is not to say that the new people chosen to run things or the new direction to go in will be a good one. At the moment, people are unsure of what they want or what will work. They've only decided on what isn't working for now. Capitalizing on the desire to make change and turning it into a better system will require two important steps.

First, people will need to understand (or remember) that the people we choose to run our society work for us. They aren't our leaders, and they don't have special abilities that the rest of us don't have. They do a job, and if they don't do the job to our satisfaction, we can and should fire them. It may be necessary to do this repeatedly to get a positive result, but that's the nature of being the boss, and the people are the boss.

The second step is realizing what government is for in the first place. People are upset now not because government hasn't improved their lives, they're upset because government has made their lives worse. It's easy to turn to government in difficult times in search of help, but government can't help you without hurting someone else. Government should set up a framework for our lives to operate within, and that's all it should do. When government does more than the basics, it begins to interfere with our lives and our decisions; it become a burden.

We'll soon see if any of this changes a thing. It's really too soon to tell. I hope that society has reached a turning point where it's ready to see that we've given up far too much of our freedom and become too reliant on government. I hope we can use this time to dismantle some of the government we don't need and don't want. We'll see.

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