



Entertainment



Need some ideas for Spring Break?

South Padre Island

By Jami Sheppard
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South Padre Island is undoubtedly the HOTTEST destination for a Spring Break trip in the United States. It's the party of the year with 34 miles of sizzling beaches and 125,000 coeds.

This island resort in the Gulf of Mexico offers bigger beaches, legendary nightclubs, live concerts, beach volleyball, free giveaways, and the best Tex-Mex this side of the border! Oh yeah, a Mexico vacation is just 30 minutes from South Padre Island, so make it a two-nation spring break vacation!

Of course, the South Padre area is full of interesting cultural attractions, although the beach will monopolize much of your time. The surrounding areas, including Mexico, deserve consideration, so allow yourself enough time to experience these as well. To prepare for all that South Padre Island has to offer, pack a variety of clothing, including beachwear, sports gear, lightweight shorts and T-shirts for sightseeing days, and something to

wear out on the town at night. The weather is generally pleasant, with the average yearly temperature falling in the mid-seventies.

Checklist:

- Swimsuit and beach paraphernalia
- Presentable T-shirt and shorts
- Outfit for nighttime
- Spanish-English dictionary
- Fearlessness (for bungee jumping and extreme parasailing)

Good places to go...

"Club Parde Gras," is scheduled for Mar. 3 - 24 on the beachfront lot between the Sheraton and the Holiday Inn. This is the Live Music Venue for Spring Break '01, with the following list of possible shows: Smashmouth, Collective Soul, Wallflowers, BaHa Men, Better than Ezra, Toadies/Pennywise, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Shelby Lynn, Fastball, SR-71, Dogstar and Vertical Horizon.

Beach events include volleyball, rock climbing, tug of war, etc. Also expect DJ spin-off's, themed contests,



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interactive games, fashion shows, meet and greet photo ops with the bands, world famous DJ's to spin your favorite dance tunes, Celebrity MC's, and special guest TV Celebrities.

The schedule for the Club at Rio Beach:

- March 9 - Cowboy Mouth
- March 10 - Titty Bingo
- March 11 - Vanilla Ice
- March 12 - Robert Earl Keen

Trish Murphy
March 13 - TBA
March 14 - TBA
March 15 - Orgy
March 16 - The Toadies plus Nine Days, Collective Soul and more to be announced.

Panama City

By Robin Warrington
Photo Editor

If you're into water sports, beach parties, volleyball, fishing, golfing, diving, or even people watching, Panama City is the place for you this Spring Break.

There is plenty of beach space to lay and sun in. There are an abundance of places to eat at, some of which are Hooters, Shukum's Oyster Bar, Montego Bay, and Pineapple Willy's.

A few clubs to visit while you're in Panama City are Club LaVelva and Spinnaker. Just a few of the famous guests that have been spotted in these two clubs alone are Dennis Rodman, Carmen Electra, Paulie Shore, and Jamie Foxx.

The "Cabana BeachWalk," which is sponsored by Kellogg's Rice Crispies, is a place to hang out where you can call home, email your friend, or just chill on one of the abundance of sofas. They have DJ's and other live entertainment to keep you amused throughout the day.

The best place to go in Panama City on Spring Break is the beach. The pristine, white, glowing sand gives way to some much-needed relaxation.

Cancun

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Cancun is the world's number one spring break destination. This mega resort seems to hold a magnetic force to college students each year as spring break comes around. With some of the world's most beautiful beaches, best diving and perfect spring break weather it is not hard to see why. Yet the natural wonders of Cancun don't ever compare to Cancun's nightlife and party atmosphere. If you have not done spring break in Cancun, you have not done spring break.

There are several wonderful and exotic activities in Cancun to explore. With tourism as one of Cancun's major income sources, activities are in abundance. Cancun is known for its beautiful scuba diving areas and mysterious Mayan Ruins.

Chichen Itza is the most famous Mayan Ruins in Mexico. The ruins are still in good condition and it is possible for you to climb to the top of many of these ancient stone



Temples of Chichen Itza.

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temples.

During the day, you should consider pursuing the following activities during your vacation: Aquaworld, Parque Nizuc, and Xcaret Aquaworld and Parque Nizuc are mind blowing water parks.

Plan to keep yourselves occupied by snorkeling, wind surfing/extreme sports, wave running, and getting tan.

At night, you need to hit

LaBoom, Fat Tuesday, Pat O'briens, and Coco Bongo. Also, the infamous booze cruises which are simply parties on house boats are all over the place (in the water anyway...).

Plus MTV will be there!

Other places to consider going for Spring Break:

Daytona Beach, Bahamas, and Colorado! Have fun and be safe!!!

Myrtle Beach

By Carrie Adcox
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For those of us who lack finances, Spring Break can become a frightening experience. Cancun and South Padre Island are distant glimmers of existence in the horizon. Take the high school route and go back to Myrtle Beach, SC (Besides, it's the wrong time of year for the teenagers.)

This town has a lot to offer everyone. For all you golf lovers, Myrtle Beach has some of the finest courses around. If you are like me and cannot hang with the multiple clubs, try any number of the local miniature golf courses.

There are several areas of shopping such as Broadway at the Beach and Barefoot Landing.

Barefoot Landing, besides shopping, has areas of entertainment such as the House of Blues where concerts are held almost daily. Alligator Adventure was not a side-of-the-road zoo I expected. It houses ligers, alligators, crocodiles, and a wide assortment of reptiles.

Broadway at the Beach is slightly different. Equipped with some of the best restaurants such as Easyriders, Hard Rock Café, and Planet Hollywood, this is the only

place that I have ever seen with two Ben&Jerry's! This large open-air establishment is home to an IMAX Theater, a Ripley's Aquarium, and soon a Butterfly Pavilion. The aquarium houses two touch tanks. One of which houses sharks!

For a short drive, Medieval Knights offers a wonderful show and great food. Enjoy the display of knights in armor fighting to the death while you much chicken with your fingers. And just a reminder for those who have never been, the sparks are real, the horses are real, and the torture chamber use to be real.

When the night falls on MB, the town comes alive with the festivities of the night. Back at Broadway, the shops close but one section stays open to accommodate all kinds of clubs. Crocodile Rocks can be found nestled within the hoards of clubs. Just look for the loud piano music and the long lines. It pays to get there early. Watch and sing as two performers play your request on piano, with no notice. I watched as they shifted from country to show tunes to rock. Did they know them all? No, I only saw them admit to not knowing one song. Audience participation is a must at this event.

The Pavilion, just blocks

away on the "main drag," offers games, attractions, and rides just like at a fair. This includes roller coasters, water rides, and bumper cars.

If you're still bored, just walk down the street. Shops line the roads between dance clubs.

If you're still bored, the ocean is right across the street. In fact from several of the rides at the Pavilion, you can see the crashing of the gray Atlantic on the beige sand.

Check out www.broadwayatthebeach.com for more information of this great getaway.



Tijuana, Mexico

By Robin Warrington
Photo Editor

If you are looking for a place to party all day and then leave for a more exciting nighttime scene then Tijuana, Mexico may be the place for you.

If you can withstand pollution and overpopulation, Tijuana is a great place for all day partying. Just remember that you must take the appropriate precautions when visiting such a place. The government has made "largely unsuccessful" attempt at making the night safe for party-going people. It has been recommended to steer clear of Tijuana after 8 p.m.

People who wish to go into Tijuana from the border should take licensed taxis between clubs and to return to the border. The licensed taxis are the ones with black and red license plates, and have the name of the company, a phone number, and an ad-

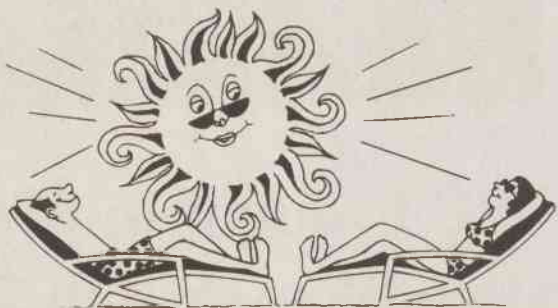
dress painted on the side.

There are American guided tours that are based in San Diego, CA that will steer you to venues with higher priced food and souvenirs.

One widespread danger to be aware of are the so-called "date rape" drugs.

A very popular scam that Tijuana is well known for is the "shakedown." People dress up as police officers and tell you that you have broken a law or trespassed, threaten to take you to jail, and eventually give in to some kind of financial arrangement. The good news is that officers of the law are not allowed to take money; all fines are to be paid by mail.

If you are considering Tijuana as a prime target for your Spring Break plans be sure to have fun, but make sure you are aware of your surroundings.



Raleigh Memorial Auditorium Offers Musicals

By Carrie Adcox
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I won the battle with Ticketmaster and found myself enveloped with the sights and sounds of *Les Miserables*.

After being happily upgraded with my seating arrangements, I was completely entertained by the production of the stage.

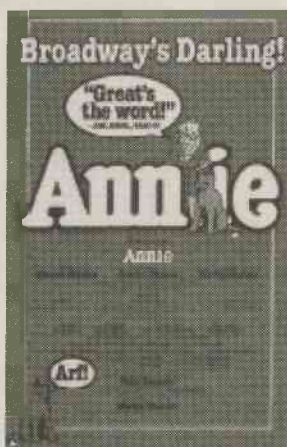
I have always possessed a love of musicals. Even more, mostly because I see myself as an eccentric artist, I love art in all forms.

Anyone can purchase tickets for any number of off-Broadway musicals. Tickets usually begin around twenty-five and reach upward according to your financial situation.

At the auditorium, people enjoy cold beverages in a large lobby. Classical piano music plays softly in the background. Chandeliers sparkle lights off shiny banisters. A perfect scene of complete elegance awaits the patrons.

Les Miserables was spectacular. The sets were functional and creative, set atop a large rotating platform fixed parallel to the floor. Large creations of darkness rotated and twisted like a large beast as scenes changed.

The music was spectacular. As a full-piece symphony accompanied



theatrics of song, many sniffles were heard throughout the crowd. I confess only that I cried at the sheer emotional forces placed behind each note and every syllable.

Although, *Les Miserables* has ended, the Best of Broadway Theatre Series continues with *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, Mar. 13-18. April brings the beloved *Annie* with shows beginning the 3rd and ending the 8th. *Annie Get Your Gun* with Tom Wopat arrives with guns a blazing May.

Whether you are looking for a new experience or just a way to impress your date, Raleigh Memorial Auditorium offers a variety of shows with something to please everyone.

From Fayetteville:

Take 401 North to downtown Raleigh. 401 North becomes Wilmington St; once downtown, the Auditorium is on the left on the corner of Wilmington and South Streets.

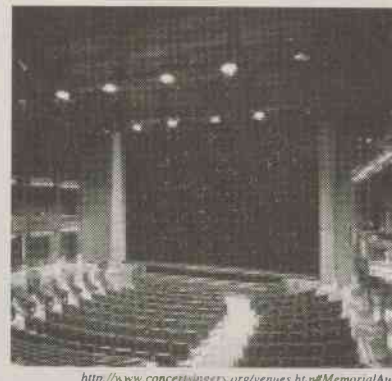
From Sanford & Southern Pines:

Take #1 North to 40 East; follow to exit 298B (S. Saunders St. North).

Take I-40 (avoid Wade Ave lanes) to Exit 298B (S. Saunders Street) and stay in the right lane all the way to South St. Turn right on South St. and go 2 blocks. The Auditorium will be on the right and the Convention center is one block over on the left on Lenoir St.



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Shows from the North Carolina Theatre:

All shows performed at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium
FEBRUARY 9-18

Come join Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Lion on the other side of the rainbow for America's favorite musical and screenplay. This masterful score includes *Over the Rainbow*, *Follow the Yellow Brick Road*, *We're Off to See the Wizard* and *Ding Dong the Witch is Dead*. We invite you to come remember why "there's no place like home"...at The North Carolina Theatre.

JULY 13-22

The endearing story of a young English waif during the turn of the twentieth century. With a lovely and haunting score, this delightful Dickens' tale has something that will touch the hearts of old and young alike. Come get your fill of *Food*, *Glorious Food*, *Consider Yourself* and *Where is Love*.

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