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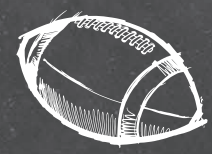


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Editor's Note: This space was originally earmarked for a scathing indictment of Dawnna Dukes, the state legislator who remains under investigation for using public funds toward private ends, as it appears she spent over \$50,000 of taxpayer money on a psychic that failed to tell her she would be busted for doing so. But then we got this letter in response to last month's First Word column, and we believe it merits your perusal.

Thanks for bravely printing the Texas List of Causes for joining the Confederacy; it's very eye-opening to read how those in power in Texas at that time thought of the Federal government, the Declaration of Independence, people of my race, and the Word of God, which they distorted and continue to distort to push their agenda. I'm thankful that those who believed in the spirit and letter of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Word of God won the Civil War and continued to fight politically, community by community, and personal relationship to personal relationship over the many years to bring us to where America is today.

On a related note, I believe that the current move of history revision by removing statues and monuments related to the Civil War (which is only the starting place) is being done for two reasons:

1) To hide the fact that the Democrat Party is the home of The Confederacy, the end of the Reconstruction period, Jim Crow laws (Woodrow Wilson), and the KKK.

But what about Democrat Pres. Lyndon Johnson's 'War on Poverty' and The Civil Rights Act you may ask? Republicans helped him pass those, not the Southern Democrats (Dixiecrats). Also, Johnson's motive was to secure the votes of black Americans (who he didn't respect) for the Democrat Party to maintain political power. Much to my chagrin most blacks still blindly vote against their best interests, but thankfully that tide is turning.

2) To demonize and marginalize whites in the South, especially if they're Christian and vote Republican, by attempting to tie ALL of them to white nationalists, which is related to Item 1.

I'm smart enough to know that white people who don't want historical monuments removed doesn't make them white nationalists; believing that only the white race is superior, treating others according to that belief, and indoctrinating your children and others to that belief does.

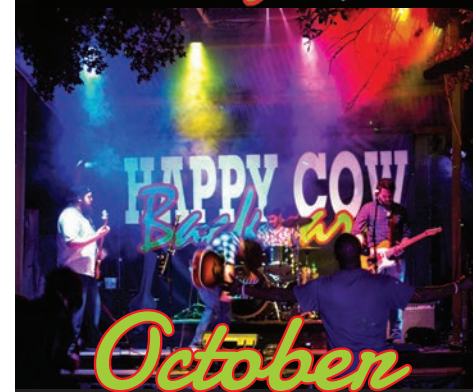
Guess what, there are groups of black nationalists too; the old and New Black Panther Party, the Nation of Islam, and most recently BLM (Black Lives Matter). Let's not leave the Hispanics out; La Raza. And ANTIFA??? Anarchists and Marxists who ALSO don't believe in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and who, along with ALL those listed above, want to subvert this glorious country by destroying capitalism, destroying civil and religious liberty, disarming the populace, and thereby subjecting every citizen to the will of an all-powerful centralized government.

True Americans believe in the rule of law, due process, limited government (Federal government handling what Constitution says is their wheelhouse and States handling the rest), private property rights, religious freedom, freedom to assemble, speech, press (which means non-PC 'group think' should be allowed to be heard in public square without an armed, masked coward sucker punching you), freedom to create enterprises to make profit (as much as you can legally) and create opportunities for employment, and above all, the freedom to arm ourselves UNHINDERED for personal defense and to withstand the tyranny of the government and. True Americans believe in our nations' founding and aren't afraid to know and learn from our history, warts and all.

Again, thank you for demonstrating what I believe is true freedom of the press.

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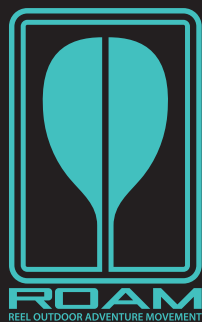
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FAKE NEWS

With Tony Compton & Bell Burck-Rainey

Writer Rebuilds History

After relentlessly arguing that Democrats are the real racists because they owned slaves a long time ago, some conservatives are extending those claims by maintaining that the Dems were also the party of the House of York during the War of the Roses.

"I have to remind people that the Democrats have always been the party of obstruction," said brain damaged Fox and Friends host Steve Doocy. "Much like they're doing with President Trump, the House of York obstructed the other guys, the Land O' Lakers, or something like that, from taking their rightful spot on the throne."

Doocy then incorrectly noted that the House of York's efforts plunged the country into the Seven Years War. He also stated that the war was fought over the Yorks forcing a socialist healthcare system onto the people.

"This is why America rebelled," he said, not knowing what he was talking about.

As if on cue, President Trump immediately tweeted, "Democrats helped the House of York impose unfair health law. Sad!"

Doocy's arguments were likely influenced by writer and ex-convict Dinesh D'Souza, who's working on a new book, "The Democrats Killed All the People."

In an interview with the TX Citizen, D'Souza said that Richard III proves his point, noting that the York king was accused of killing his two young nephews, just like the Democrats "kill children in pizza parlors."

D'Souza said his book will also show that the Democrats killed Jesus because of the Savior's call for extreme vetting of Muslims. That Islam did not exist until the sixth century is not addressed by D'Souza, who has been clinically diagnosed as "disturbed".

When asked why none of his claims are in the Bible, D'Souza said that the

answer proves just how insidious the Democrats actually are.

"The Democrats owned the only printing press in town," he said, "and they changed the text."

D'Souza said the name of the printing company was "Ye Olde Clynton Foundatyon Print Shoppe." (According to Encyclopedia Britannica the printing press was invented more than 1,000 years later but, whatever).

"You know what else?" he asked. "The print shop also made pizza. How about that, hmmm?"

As proof, the writer said he has a copy of the original text, which was written in a spiral notebook. He refused to show the Citizen the copy.

"I wouldn't be surprised to find that the Democrats also killed Buddha," D'Souza said. "Newspaper accounts from the time support this."

When the Citizen pointed out the numerous historical inaccuracies in his arguments, D'Souza blurted out, for no apparent reason, that "the best sex I ever had was in prison!"

Ewww. Ted Cruz is Icky and Watches Twitter Porn

Sen. Ted Cruz denied that he "liked" a pornographic video on Twitter recently, but that didn't stop the nation from giving an audible shudder.

"It wasn't me," the Texas freshman senator said. "It was someone else, someone from my office. His name is Ted... no, wait, not Ted... um, Fred ... Fred Cruz... wait, no, Fred Ruse... you know, his name isn't important. The point is, it wasn't me."

When asked why someone else wouldn't just use their own Twitter account to watch porn, Cruz pointed out the window and yelled, "Look at that!" before clumsily running from room, knocking over a lamp and hitting the wall twice before

finally exiting through the door.

The pornographic video liked on Cruz's Twitter account was of a naked woman sitting at a small kitchen table while eating soup.

In 2007, then Texas Solicitor General Cruz argued before a federal appeals court that the state had the right to ban the sell of sexual toys and devices.

"Vibrators are an abomination," Cruz wrote in his motion. "No matter how sensual; no matter how erotic; no matter how the very thought of them makes us tingle; no matter how much they make us wish we were women so we could feel their electric joys."

"Mmmm," Cruz continued.

In rejecting Texas' arguments, the 5th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that, "...since reading the Solicitor's arguments, no amount of showering can make us feel clean."

Gov. Abbott Remains Stingy

Despite calls from Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, Gov. Greg Abbott refused to tap into the state's \$10 billion rainy day fund.

"The fund was not meant to be used for natural disasters," Abbott said.

When asked what the evidently misnamed fund was meant for, the Governor said the money is being saved to battle Black North Korean Muslim Mexican Extremists who, according to Abbott, "are spilling across the border as we speak."

The Governor also pointed out that new Confederate statues "don't come cheap."

Before leaving the press conference, Abbott reminded state workers of the coming winter and that one lump of coal should be more than enough to provide warmth.

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ASK A MEXICAN!

By Gustavo Arellano

Dear Mexican: I love ethnic foods, and I always ask people of ethnic origins which local restaurants they like to eat at. Whenever I ask a Mexican what Mexican restaurants they like best, the answer is always "I don't like the way any of them make their food." I live in Phoenix, which has a Mexican restaurant on every corner that is run by Mexicans. Don't tell me that they all Americanize their food for us gabachas. What gives?

Fajita-less In Phoenix

Dear Gabacha: Phoenix and the cities around it have a great Mexican food scene, from the alta cocina fare at Barrio Café to the Globe-style buttered burritos at Casa Reynoso in Tempe and un chingo of Sonoran eateries with their fabulous caldo de queso, the greatest soup on Earth. But it's never good enough for Mexicans. Oh, we'll go out to eat at Mexican spots, but no one can cook like their mami or primos during a carne asada Sunday, and especially not in el Norte because...well, because, okay? Don't question Mexicans! Such Mexican arrogance filters down to our soccer squad—and now you know why El Tri won't ever get to even the semifinals of the FIFA World Cup until Cuauhtémoc himself becomes our forward. And I'm not talking about Blanco...

I moved to the United States 15 years ago from Mexico as a student and now I am a full U.S. citizen with a great job. However, now that I'm married (also a Mexican girl that also came to the US with a student visa) and we have a son born here, I'm aware of the several challenges he will have to face in his life as a Mexican-American. I would like to prepare myself and read all I can so I can help him develop without any traumas and complexes so he can be a happy individual.

Atento en Austin

Dear Attentive in Austin: N'ombre, you realize that EVERY kid born of Mexican parents in the United States comes out immediately fucked up in the caveza? Not only do the

Americans consider him a perpetual potential wetback, the Mexican relatives will always ridicule how un-Mexican he is. He also gets marked with the psychological baggage of being from ni de aquí ni de allá (neither from here nor there) and having to live up to that legendary quote in Selena by the Tex-Mex martyr's fictional father: "We have to be more Mexican than the Mexicans and more American than the Americans, both at the same time! It's exhausting!" I mean, pioneering Mexican anthropologist Manuel Gamio was writing about this pathology back in 1930 when he introduced "pocho" to the world in his Mexican Immigration to the United States. So while you are a good papi to want and help him navigate los Estados Unidos as a Mexican-American, know that it'll be harder to get him to adulthood without any psychological baggage than it is to get Americans to give a shit about all the dead in Mexico's drug wars caused by their love of heroin.

The other day, I was listening to the morning show of a popular Los Angeles rock station, and their caller contest was "worst smells," or something along those lines. A caller referred to his involvement as a military "adviser" to some unnamed South or Central American nation, and spoke of the horrible smells of the charred remains of Sandinistas, jungle, and napalm, post-U.S. air strike. The giddy DJ's then reveled in the idea of smoldering Sandinistas as though they were a plate of sizzling hot fajitas. Seeing as the most popular slurs for Latinos involve food, is it safe to assume that most gabachos are really just closet Hannibal the Cannibals?

Gabachas Love to Eat Me

Dear Pocho: Nah, they're It, shape-shifting according to our fears. Learn from the Losers, and ignore them—they ain't nothing but payasos, anyway!



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September is always a great sports month, one of the best of the year. The NFL and college football seasons kickoff, and for a lot of fans, September is the only month they have to feel hope for their team until their dreams are inevitably crushed by injuries or by cheering for the Browns. Baseball no longer has that "dog days" feel to it, with races for the postseason heating up, and even if you aren't a fan of a team with playoff aspirations, you probably checked out of watching your precious Mets play weeks ago anyway. September also marks the start of the NHL pre-season (yay?) and the hype of the upcoming NBA season (definite yay).

Now that I think about it, what is the best sports month? January has to be up there (major college football bowl games, NFL playoffs, mid-season NBA goodness), and October as well (MLB playoffs, NFL/CFB seasons in full swing, your fantasy team is still mathematically alive, the start of the NBA season). May ranks high as well, thanks to the NBA and NHL playoffs, along with March, courtesy of the NCAA Tournament and the build towards the start of the MLB season.

The worst sports month? August. Last month's column was torture so let's have some fun looking back at September.

MLB: It's official! The Houston Astros are BACK in the postseason while the Texas Rangers are BACK to irrelevancy. As an Astros fan, this pleases me greatly. Houston clinched home-field advantage in the Division Series and eliminated Texas from playoff contention as well by drubbing the Rangers 14-3 shortly before press time. It was glorious.

How good have the Astros been this season? They lead all of Major League Baseball in runs scored, hits, total bases, batting average, on base percentage, slugging and OPS. They added a veteran arm to the rotation in September, in the form of Justin Verlander. The Cleveland Indians won 22 #@%&ing games in a row and the Astros are *still* just 1 game back from home field advantage through the American League playoffs.

The only thing that concerns me is how

quickly it can all come crashing down. Over the course of 162 games, the Astros are clearly one of the top three teams in baseball, but the Division Series is a best-of-five format (weak). The parallels to the '98 Astros are scary. Houston's offense was outstanding, they traded for Randy Johnson that year and won 102 games. To this day, this is the best Astros team I've ever seen (although this year's team is making a good case). The '05 World Series team was fun, but not nearly as good. 17-year-old me was certain that the '98 Astros would be facing the '98 Yankees in one of the all-time great fall classics.

In four games, it was all over.

The San-Diego-Freaking-Padres, THE PADRES, beat Houston rather soundly, and in less than a week, all that Houston did in the six months prior came crashing down.

In basketball, only two or three teams each postseason (out of a field of 16) have a real shot at winning a title (although the existence of the Golden State Warriors would say differently). The amount of contenders in hockey and football is greater than basketball but not by much. In baseball? A team that wins 84 games (barely above .500) can sneak out a win in the Wild Card game, get hot and knock off a pair of teams with nearly 20 more wins and reach the World Series in a matter of 10 games.

Could you imagine, say, last year's Portland Trailblazers beating both the Warriors and the Spurs and reaching the NBA Finals? Hell. No. But it happens in baseball.

If you're an Astros fan and you're reading this, be excited but be warned.

Before I finish wrapping up MLB this month, I must disclose the fact that Houston isn't the only team I cheer for but hear me out.

I got married in the summer of 2008 and my wife and I honeymooned in New York City. While on the trip, we took in a Yankees game (you know where this is headed) and the Yankees were playing the Rangers (booooooooooooo) that night. I don't know what came over me: the atmosphere of old Yankee Stadium (that was the final season they played there), being IN LOVE or watching New York play Texas, but I decided then that the Yankees

would be my American League team. Houston was still in the NL Central, what's the worst that could happen?

Well, five years later, the Astros moved to the American League. By then, I had invested five years into cheering for the Yankees so I wasn't going back. Watching Houston play New York in the AL Wild Card game two years ago was TORTURE, and I fear how I will react if they face each other in the ALCS next month.

I am the absolute worst.

NFL: Don't worry Houston fans, I'm about to make you feel a lot better. As of press time, the Texans are 1-2! The Tennessee Titans are 2-1! Houston lost to Jacksonville! The Titans destroyed Jacksonville! (Waits for Houston to inevitably beat Tennessee this weekend 63-3.)

Alright, now that that's out of the way, it is promising to see the Texans have something other than an Osweiler or a Weeden or a Hoyer or a Savage at quarterback. It's only been two-and-a-half games, but Deshaun Watson has been impressive. At the very least, he's given Texans fans hope at a position that the franchise has almost always screwed up. He beat Andy Dalton in Cincinnati in his first start (a small feat) but then nearly beat Tom Brady in New England in his second start (not a small feat). I'm curious to see if this will hold up, but just last year, people were waiting to see when Dak Prescott would fail after a hot start and it never happened.

On the topic of Prescott and the Cowboys, their first three games have been... solid? I don't get a 13-3 vibe from Dallas three games into the season, but they'll be right there in the NFC East title mix with Philadelphia and Washington who are also 2-1 so far. The most telling stretch of the season will come Weeks 8 - 11 when Dallas plays Washington, Kansas City, Atlanta and Philly.

That's all I've got for this month! Until November...

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10/13 - The Spazmatics
10/20 - Diamond Rio
10/28 - Shooter Jennings



Fri 9.29

ADOBE VERDE

TBA
6:30pm



The Strayhearts
8pm

HAPPY COW

BAR & GRILL
Stray Dawg & the Wolves
8pm

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

Jay Wimberley
6:30pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON

Ken Raba
5pm
Brian Christopher & the Wild Oats
w/ The Golden Lights
9pm

POWERPLANT

Travelling Trees
7pm

Riley's

TAVERN

Roy Heinrich
6pm
Cameron Nelson
9pm



Jeff Jacobs Band
9pm

Gruene Hall

Houston Marchman
8pm

Sat 9.30

ADOBE VERDE

TBA
6:30pm



TBA
8pm

HAPPY COW

BAR & GRILL

Waitin' on Hayden
9pm

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

Lesti Huff Band
1pm
Melissa Ludwig Band
6pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON

Dollface, Bonsai Nation,
Goodbye Gloria
9pm

POWERPLANT

Hard Cover
7pm

Riley's

TAVERN

The Solid Senders
9pm



Flatland Cavalry
w/ Jake Ward
8pm



County Line Band
9pm

Gruene Hall

Flat Top Jones
1pm
Midnight River Choir
8pm

Sun 10.1

ADOBE VERDE

Little Duo
6:30pm



Shane Walker
w/ Jonny Burke
8pm

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

Bare Fax Band
2pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON

Bucksnot Boogie Boys
3pm
Lucas Taylor
7pm

Geronimo VFW #8456

The Merles
3pm

Gruene Hall

Garrett LeBeau
12pm
South Austin Moonlighters
8pm

Mon 10.2



Doug Kent Music
8pm

Gruene Hall

Bret Graham
6pm

Tues 10.3



Reed Brothers
8pm

Geronimo VFW #8456

Dallas Wayne, Jake Blocker,
John Hanson
7pm

Gruene Hall

Josh Grider, Kelley Mickwee,
Kristi Grider
6pm

Wed 10.4



TBA
8pm

Riley's
TAVERN

Manzy Lowry
8pm

Gruene Hall
Mitch Webb & the Swindles
8pm

Thu 10.5



Tony Taylor
6pm



TBA
8pm

OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN
Jam Night
6pm



Junior Nash
5pm

POWERPLANT

April Hall
6pm

Riley's
TAVERN

TBA
8pm



Waitin' on Hayden
8pm

Gruene Hall
Walt Wilkins
5:30pm
The Georges
7pm

Vino en Verde
Brett Cline
8pm

Fri 10.6



Travelling Trees
6:30pm



TBA
8pm

HAPPY COW
BAR & GRILL
Brian Volante Band
8pm

OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN

Ruben V
6:30pm



Bandreu
5pm
Bonnie & the Bootleggers
9pm

POWERPLANT

The Trick Question
7pm

Riley's
TAVERN

Big John Mills
9pm



The Craze
8pm

Gruene Hall
Ray Benson
5:30pm
Asleep at the Wheel
9pm

Sat 10.7



Right on Red
6:30pm



Chandler & the Bings
8pm

HAPPY COW
BAR & GRILL
David Harris Band
8pm

OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN

Aaron Stephens
1pm
3 Man Front
6pm



Looks to Kill
w/ Dizorderly Conduct
9pm

POWERPLANT

Derek Vera
7pm

Riley's
TAVERN
Jolie & the Jackelopes
4pm



Sundance Head
8pm



Rumble Cats
9pm

Gruene Hall
The Georges
1pm
Jack Ingram
8pm

Sun 10.8



TBA
8pm

OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN

Wyzer
2pm



Jeffrey Ryan Vaughn
3pm
Lucas Taylor
7pm

Geronimo VFW #8456
Bob Appel
3pm

Gruene Hall
Gruene Music & Wine Fest
12pm

Mon 10.9

Gruene Hall
Bret Graham
6pm

Tue 10.10

Bilal's
ICE
Austin Gilliam
8pm

Gruene Hall
Tony Taylor
6pm

Wed 10.11

Bilal's
ICE
TBA
8pm

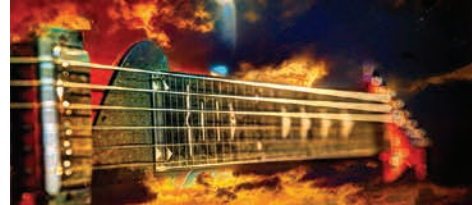
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TBA
9pm

Thu 10.12



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AND THE DOGMATIC TONES
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6pm

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8pm

Fri 10.13

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6:30pm



TBA
8pm

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Messengers
8pm

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SECRET GARTEN

Brother Wives
6:30pm

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SALOON**

Junior Nash
5pm
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8:30pm

POWERPLANT

Hard Cover
7pm

**Riley's
TAVERN**

Mark Jungers
6pm
Paul Nipper
8pm



The Spazmatics
8pm



Rick Reyna Band
8pm

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Charlie Daniels Band
8pm

Sat 10.14

ADOBE VERDE
Historia Gruene, Texas

Trace Owen Jr Band
6:30pm



TBA
8pm

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9pm

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Tones
1pm
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6pm

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9pm

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7pm

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9pm



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9pm

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8pm

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6:30pm



TBA
8pm

**OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG**

SECRET GARTEN

Slim Bawb & the Fabulous
Stumpgrinders
2pm

**THE PHOENIX
SALOON**

All Mixed Up
3pm
Lucas Taylor
7pm

Geronimo VFW #8456
Bimbo
3pm

Gruene Hall
Danny Brooks
12pm
Jeff Plankenhorn, Ben Balmer
5pm

Mon 10.16

Gruene Hall
Bret Graham
7pm

Tue 10.17



TBA
8pm

Comal Country Music Show
KC Hall
Bob Appel, Jobeth Brehm,
Paul McLaughlin
7:30pm

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Nathan Bonnes, Jake Ward
6pm

Wed 10.18



TBA
8pm

**Riley's
TAVERN**

Mike Ethan Messick
8pm

Gruene Hall
The Georges
6pm

Thu 10.19

ADOBE VERDE
Historia Gruene, Texas

Tony Taylor
6:30pm



TBA
8pm

**HAPPY COW
BAR & GRILL**

Bruce Robison
8pm

**OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG**

SECRET GARTEN

Jam Night
6pm

**THE PHOENIX
SALOON**

TBA
5pm

POWERPLANT

Travelling Trees
6:30pm

**Riley's
TAVERN**

TBA
8pm



Emmerson Biggins
8pm

Gruene Hall
Bill Small Band
6pm

Vino en Verde
Brett Cline
8pm

Fri 10.20

ADOBE VERDE
Historia Gruena, Texas
Travelling Trees
6:30pm

BLAY'S
ICE
TBA
8pm

HAPPY COW
BAR & GRILL
Adam Johnson Band
8pm

OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN
Soul Sessions
6:30pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON
TBA
5pm
TBA
8:30pm

POWERPLANT
The Trick Question
7pm

Riley's TAVERN
Pepper's Blues
6pm
Joel Hofmann Band
9pm

RIVER ROAD ICE HOUSE
Diamond Rio
8pm

THE WATERING HOLE
TBA
8pm

Gruene Hall
JD McPherson, Nikki Lane
8pm

Sat 10.21

ADOBE VERDE
Historia Gruena, Texas
Neon Hustle
6:30pm

BLAY'S
ICE
TBA
8pm

HAPPY COW
BAR & GRILL
Texas Hill Country Outlaws
9pm

OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN
Ty Gavin
1pm
Kim & Her Bad Habits
6pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON
TBA
9pm

POWERPLANT
Derek Vera
7pm

Riley's TAVERN
Crown City Bombers
9pm

RIVER ROAD ICE HOUSE
Stoney LaRue
8pm

THE WATERING HOLE
Knotty Grove
9pm

Gruene Hall
Eastside Kings
1pm
Jon Wolfe
9pm

Sun 10.22

BLAY'S
ICE
TBA
8pm

HAPPY COW
BAR & GRILL
South Texas
5pm

OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN
Lesti Huff Band
2pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON
TBA
3pm
Lucas Taylor
7pm

Geronimo VFW #8456
Charles & the Fabulous Four
3pm

Gruene Hall
Dawn & Hawkes
12pm
Seth James
6pm

Mon 10.23

Gruene Hall
Bret Graham
6pm

Tue 10.24

BLAY'S
ICE
TBA
8pm

Gruene Hall
Drew Kennedy
8pm

Wed 10.25

BLAY'S
ICE
TBA
8pm

Riley's TAVERN
TBA
9pm

Gruene Hall
Reed Brothers
6pm

Thu 10.26

ADOBE VERDE
Historia Gruena, Texas
Josh Holden
6:30pm

BLAY'S
ICE
TBA
8pm

OMA GRUENE'S
OGSG
SECRET GARTEN
Jam Night
6pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON
TBA
8pm

POWERPLANT
Jeff Wood
6pm

Riley's TAVERN
TBA
9pm

THE WATERING HOLE
Meyer Anderson Band
8pm

Gruene Hall
Adam Johnson Band
6pm

Vino en Verde
Brett Cline
8pm

Fri 10.27

ADOBE VERDE
Historia Gruena, Texas
Dean's List
6:30pm

BLAY'S
ICE
Reed Brothers
8pm

HAPPY COW
BAR & GRILL
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8pm

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8:30pm

Saturday 10/14
The Georges 9pm

Friday 10/20
TBA 9pm

Saturday 10/21
TBA 9pm

Friday 10/27
TBA 9pm

Saturday 10/28
TBA 9pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

3 Man Front

6:30pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON

TBA

5pm

TBA

9pm

POWERPLANT

Hard Cover

7pm

Riley's TAVERN

Sissy Brown

9pm



Michael Brandon & True Country

9pm

Gruene Hall

Powell Brothers

7pm

Sat 10.28

ADOBE VERDE

Historic Gruene, Texas

Bru's Tunes

6:30pm



TBA

8pm

HAPPY COW

BAR & GRILL

Rocktober Fest

6pm

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

Chris Duarte

1pm

The Mighty Orq

6pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON

TBA

9pm

POWERPLANT

Hard Cover

7pm

Riley's TAVERN

Rock Bottom String Band

9pm



Shooter Jennings

w/ Kody West

8pm



Painted Pony

9pm

Geronimo VFW #8456

Glen Collins & Alibi

7pm

Gruene Hall

Flat Top Jones

1pm

Shinyribs

9pm

Sun 10.29

ADOBE VERDE

Historic Gruene, Texas

JJ Garrett Band

6:30pm



TBA

8pm

HAPPY COW

BAR & GRILL

South Texas

5pm

OMA GRUENE'S

OGSG

SECRET GARTEN

Chris Taylor

2pm

Lucas Jack

7pm

THE PHOENIX SALOON

TBA

3pm

Lucas Taylor

7pm

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3pm

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Last Word

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Strange Days

President Trump blew up culture again last week by chastising disrespectful football players taking a knee during the national anthem. Far from ending the practice, Trump's remarks ignited an even larger protest and national controversy. It's impossible to say who'll come out of this on top, but it promises to be exciting either way. Now, Trump versus the NFL makes for sexier headlines, but the furor is masking a much more important event tied to the same speech.

Trump's remarks were intended as an off-handed chunk of red meat thrown to his base. Trump's real goal was to gain support for Luther Strange in his run for the Alabama senate seat vacated by Jeff Sessions. The problem? Trump's base doesn't appear to want Strange, and they seem intent on saving Trump from himself by voting in Roy Moore. This otherwise innocuous primary race could permanently unravel the Republican party into distinct establishment and populist wings, and it's hard to be sure which category Trump himself will fall into at the end.

The Alabama senate seat should be a relatively safe one regardless of who wins the primary, but there's little question that Moore is the more "conservative" of the two candidates. Moore is an outspoken Evangelical Christian and has taken stances on homosexuality that are certain to be used by his opponents in a general election. You can be sure that Democrats would prefer to run against Moore, a candidate that could spark better turnout for their side. That said, Moore would still have a decided edge, and he might draw Republicans to the polls as well.

Aside from the stated concern among establishment Republicans that Moore might lose them the seat, the real battle seems less a matter of stated positions than a willingness to "play ball" with Republicans already in Washington. Strange is a typical party cog, having spent his entire career as a political operative of one type or another. His positions are poll-tested and judiciously moderate. His worst quality at the moment, though, is Mitch McConnell's preference for him. To Republicans convinced that McConnell has been dragging his feet on making America great again, this makes Strange about as popular as leprosy. Moore, on the other hand, has a history of doing exactly as he pleases and getting into trouble for it, which makes him a hero among populists.

So, this senate race becomes a battle between those who would like to solidify Republican control and power in Washington (Strange), and those who seek to drain the swamp regardless of the consequences (Moore), and there is no middle ground. McConnell knows that Strange will be a solid ally, and populist kingmakers like Steve Bannon expect Moore will burn the entire system to the ground before giving an inch. Trump, ironically, finds himself in the position of defending the status quo in an attempt to hold the party together, at least for the moment.

Trump could change at any time, though. It's really a matter of which campaign promises he expects to keep. Trump's lack of political purity means he doesn't fall cleanly in line with either side.

For example, establishment Republicans will never give Trump the wall willingly. They see it as an empty gesture, and an expensive one to boot. Populists won't accept anything less. Trump's tried on several occasions to walk back from his big beautiful wall into something more realistic politically, but each time he's been slapped silly by a base that will countenance no retreats.

Just as true is that populists will never give Trump a pathway to citizenship for the DACA recipients. Most of them want them rounded up and deported at this point. A deal might have been made before the Democrats turned up the acrimony, but not anymore. Establishment Republicans, conversely, are desperate not only to keep the dreamers, but also to bring in as many more immigrants as is necessary to keep labor costs (and prices) down.

Populists could probably make some sort of deal to get tax cuts through with Democrats. They aren't wedded to the idea that everyone must receive a tax cut like the Establishment Republicans, and Democrats can't go back to their districts having voted for "tax cuts for the rich." Unfortunately, the populists will almost certainly insist on fundamental changes to the tax code that no politician is going to agree to. Remember that the tax code is the source of power in Washington, and anything that makes it less arcane will not be tolerated by swamp creatures looking to trade favors on either side of the aisle.

Trump's already found that his own base is a bigger hinderance to getting some replacement to Obamacare than the Democrats are. The

Establishment would be more than happy to tweak things around the edges enough to make Trump happy, but more principled populists are more interested in repeal than replace, and that's going to queer the deal. (This one is Trump's fault. He wants affordable government sponsored healthcare for everyone and a free market. It's one or the other.)

Trump's populist supporters would be willing to nuke North Korea, but don't want to stay in Afghanistan, and they're more or less ready to allow Russia to annex Syria. Establishment Republicans recognize that that's just silly. They feel obliged to support war wherever John McCain tells them we need it, which appears to be everywhere. Trump, on the third hand, is all strength with no real plan, which might actually be the best option.

The list could go on and on. The Republicans are hopelessly divided at the moment. The populist movement that put Trump into the Oval Office has very little in common with traditional conservative Republicans and nothing but antipathy for the establishment of either side. In a good number of areas, they don't really know what they want politically. What they do know is that they're unhappy, and that the Republicans that they've been electing don't seem to be changing that. Trump was a response to that.

Trump represented a smashing of politics as usual. He was chosen specifically as a spoiler to the political system in general. Trump's most ardent supporters are currently concerned that their candidate may be slowly sinking into the swamp, and they're beginning to wonder if they have taken things far enough. If a Trump presidency isn't enough to wake up their representatives, what will it take?

Candidates like Moore are the first indication of the next step, and McConnell and the rest of the establishment are right to worry. If Moore wins, be sure there are more to come, and not just in safe seats. No one is safe in this sort of revolution, and the Republican establishment may find themselves tossed out of the party if they can't get things on a track acceptable to the voters who put Trump in office.

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