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Ex-Gulf World CEO arrested in Mexico

Demonstrators in Panama City Beach, Fla., protest Gulf World Marine Park March 29, 2025. Four dolphins have died there since October 2024 TYLER ORSBURN/NEWS HERALD

Eduardo Albor was apprehended by the Mexican National Guard

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PANAMA CITY BEACH — The former CEO of the Dolphin Company, which owned Gulf World Marine Park, has been arrested, according to media reports.

Gulf World shuttered its doors in May 2025 after the death of five dolphins, state and federal investigations, and public outcry. The News Herald has been reporting on troubling details coming out of the park since October 2024.

The Dolphin Company declared bankruptcy on March 31, 2025, because of "numerous financial and operational issues," according to a May 30 newswire from the company. It also acknowledged that the park "experienced years of neglect" from the previous company management.

Former CEO's arrest

Multiple outlets, as well as advocacy groups for marine mammals, have reported that Eduardo Albor, the former CEO of the Dolphin Company, was arrested in Cancun on Feb. 12.

Albor's reluctance to participate with a restructuring team in the company's bankruptcy process, and sometimes interference, led a Delaware judge to find him in contempt of court. WLRN Public Media, a South Florida National Public Radio affiliate, reported in June that Albor was accused in a scheme to divert

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Spring break guide for visitors

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PANAMA CITY BEACH – For those visiting the Beach this spring break season, there are a few things to know.

With March underway, a handful of spring break-specific rules have now gone into effect across the Panama City Beach area. The rules, many of which deal with alcohol will remain in place until the end of the month. They apply both to residents and tourists.

There also are two main guarded beaches in the Panama City Beach area. These are areas where lifeguards are actively stationed, giving additional peace of mind and protection to those enjoying the Gulf Coast.

Here's what we know:

What are the rules?

March's rules include no alcohol on the sandy beach, no consuming alcohol in commercial parking lots, and no nightly alcohol sales after 2 a.m.

These rules apply to both Panama City Beach and the surrounding, unincorporated Bay County areas.

Panama City also has a similar rule for the month. It does not allow businesses outside of entertainment districts to sell alcohol a alcohol sales after 2 a.m. Those within outlined districts can sell alcohol until 4 a.m.

Why have these rules?

According to past reports, the spring break rules were originally created by local officials in about 2015 to help deter rowdy spring break crowds.

At that time, Panama City Beach was

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Pulitzer-finalist play explores family politics at Kaleidoscope Theatre

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Lynn Haven's Kaleidoscope Theatre is set to stage a gripping production of the 2012 Pulitzer Prize-finalist drama "Other Desert Cities."

Written by Jon Robin Baitz, "Other Desert Cities," unravels an explosive family memoir filled with conservative family politics, long-buried truths, emotional confrontations and unexpected revelations.

"I think this play shows us that you never really know what another person, even a close family member, has gone through in their (life) journey," Tim Bass, who directed his first play at Kaleidoscope 40 years ago, said in a press release. "We may not understand their choices or their politics or their feelings toward us, but we must love them regardless. Because love is all that matters in the end."

Adding to the excitement, several former Kaleidoscope creatives return to the stage after a short hiatus, bringing their experience and passion back to the Lynn Haven theatre: Barbara McMinis, whose last Kaleidoscope appearance was in "Anne of the Thousand Days" during the 1990-91 season; Linda Hawk was in 2015's "Dixie Swim Club"; and Kathy Tinder returns to the stage eight years after

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Kathy Tinder, Brian Hinton and Barbara McMinis rehearse "Other Desert Cities" at Kaleidoscope Theatre in Lynn Haven on March 1. PHOTO PROVIDED BY LOIS CARTER

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