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Sul Ross signs memorandum to recruit Chihuahuan high schoolers

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OJINAGA - Leaders from Sul Ross State University and Colegio de Bachilleres del Estado de Chihuahua (COBACH) met in Ojinaga on February 27 to sign a memorandum of understanding. The new document forms a partnership that accelerates admissions for international COBACH college preparatory students hoping to attend Sul Ross State University.

"COBACH is an excellent educational organization," said Sul Ross' Vice President of Student and University Services Leo Dominguez. "We are extremely excited to have them partner with Sul Ross so we can help their students accomplish their higher education aspirations."

The accelerated pathway will reduce the overall associated costs of applying to Sul Ross and will waive certain admissions requirements based on COBACH students' qualifications.

COBACH is an early college high school system that launched in the state of Chihuahua in the 1970s, and now has dozens of campuses all across Mexico. COBACH General Director María Teresa Ortuño Gurza traveled to Ojinaga to meet SRSU officials and sign onto the document.

The efforts to recruit across the border are new for SRSU. The school attempted to form an international partnership decades ago, but the effects of September 11 drew the efforts to an abrupt close, according to the school. But the efforts reawakened after a Strategic Enrollment Management Plan completed by Sul Ross in December 2019 revealed a cycle of growth and contraction for enrollment across the various Sul Ross campuses. From 2018 to 2019 alone, enrollment across Sul Ross declined by 346 students.

"Maintaining a stable and growing enrollment has been a challenge for Sul Ross throughout its entire history," said President Bill Kibler. "Without a strategy like the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan, we become subject to the enrollment whims of the nation, state and region."

Challenges such as location, cost of attendance, student engagement, instructional delivery methods, and overall student experiences present opportunities for the university to make significant improvement and changes, the school said after the release of the study.

Kibler had discussed opportunities for increasing enrollment by recruiting across the Rio Grande, saying, "Right now we are opening up what has the potential to be a significant pipeline for students from Chihuahua, Mexico."

As a next step, Sul Ross State University has organized a "Sully Showcase," inviting Ojinaga COBACH students to attend a special event on Friday, March 20 at the Alpine campus.

Sul Ross enrollment specialist and recruiter Dafne Rodriguez explained that her job is to help "recruit these students with these opportunities." The Sully Showcase will give the international students a chance to meet with the admissions department and the department of financial aid, offering the same opportunities that local schools

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Sandro Canovas strands in front of an adobe home. Photo by Maisie Crow

Local adobero, activist speaks at state cultural symposium

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WACO — When parks workers, ecologists and historical preservationists met last week for the first meeting of Texas Cultural Landscapes Symposium, the Big Bend region — and specifically, its historic adobe structures — got some recognition.

Sandro Canovas, a local activist and *adobero,* or adobe-builder, was invited to give a presentation. His goal for speaking, he said, was to "bring to the attention of the Texas Historical Commission that the permanence of this tradition is at stake."

One threat: gentrification. In the view of Canovas and others, adobe — a low-cost building material made from materials like mud, straw and water — has come under threat in Marfa as housing costs continue to rise.

What was once a working-class building method has now become a status symbol, Canovas said in an interview Monday. He cites Presidio County's tax code and appraisals, which Canovas and others argue penalize adobe structures, as well as desire by (often richer) newcomers to culturally appropriate aspects of Latino culture (from adobe to sotol).

Former *Big Bend Sentinel* reporter Sasha Von Oldershausen, writing for *The New York Times* in 2018, came to the same prognosis. "Adobe … has become fashionable, a building material befitting the town's cool mix of culture and desert aesthetic," she wrote. "But for many of Marfa's longtime residents, the gentrification of the adobe home has made living in one rather

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Local water officials adopt management plan

PRESIDIO COUNTY — At a brief meeting in Presidio city on Thursday, the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District unanimously adopted its proposed groundwater management plan for 2020-2025.

Management plans like this, which run on a five-year basis, are a core responsibility of water districts like PCUWCD, said Carolyn Macartney, general manager for the district.

Before the management plan can become official, it first needs to be submitted for review by the Texas Water Development Board. PCUWCD says it doesn't yet have a timeline for that review.

PCUWCD first publicized its proposed management plan last year, as readers may recall. The then-22 page report outlined the district's proposed responsibilities for the next five years, which include everything from investigating 100 percent of complaints and reports of "wasteful practices" of water every year and registering all new wells to monitoring drought conditions.

The water district then submitted that draft to the Texas Water Development Board, which sent them back a corrected and annotated version. "They're paying really close attention," Macartney said. Those edits helped inform the revised plan, which was published last month and covers much the same territory.

With the revised plan, the PCUWCD also accepted written comments. But with only two — one regarding spelling mistakes and another suggesting better calibration of water meters — the board unanimously voted for the revised resolution.

The PCUWCD is responsible for oversight of groundwater resources in Presidio County, which include the Igneous Aquifer and the West Texas "bolsons," or bolsones, which are smaller pockets of groundwater resources. (See above.) Rather than formulating a broad vision for districts, management plans just lay out the minimum responsibilities that districts like PCUWCD must perform.

Habla en un simposio cultural estatal un activista y adobero local

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WACO — Cuando los trabajadores de los parques, ecologistas y conservacionistas históricos se reunieron la semana pasada para la primera reunión del Simposio de Paisajes Culturales de Texas, la región de Big Bend –y, específicamente, sus históricas estructuras de adobe- obtuvo cierto reconocimiento.

Sandro Cánovas, activista local y adobero, fue invitado a dar una presentación. Su objetivo al hablar, dijo, era "llamar la atención de la Comisión Histórica de Texas sobre el hecho de que está en juego la permanencia de esta tradición."

Una amenaza: el aburguesamiento. En opinión de Cánovas y otros, el adobe -un material de construcción de bajo coste hecho de materiales como el barro, la paja y el agua- se ha visto amenazado en Marfa a medida que siguen aumentando los costes de la vivienda.

Lo que antes era un método de construcción de la clase obrera se ha convertido en un símbolo de estatus, dijo Cánovas en una entrevista el lunes. Cita el código fiscal y las tasaciones del Condado de Presidio, que según Canovas y otros, penalizan las estructuras de adobe, así como el deseo de los recién llegados (a menudo más ricos) de apropiarse culturalmente de aspectos de la cultura latina (desde el adobe hasta el sotol).

Sasha Von Oldershausen, ex reportera del *Big Bend Sentinel*, escribió para *The New York Times* en 2018 y llegó al mismo pronóstico. "El adobe

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Los funcionarios locales del agua adoptan un plan de gestión

CONDADO DE PRESIDIO — En una breve reunión celebrada en la ciudad de Presidio el pasado jueves, el Distrito de Conservación de Aguas Subterráneas del Condado de Presidio (PCUWCD) aprobó por unanimidad su propuesta de plan de gestión de aguas subterráneas para 2020-2025.

Los planes de gestión como este, que se ejecutan sobre una base de cinco años, son una responsabilidad fundamental de los distritos de agua como PCUWCD, dijo Carolyn Macartney, gerente general del distrito.

Antes de que el plan de gestión pueda hacerse oficial, primero debe ser presentado para su revisión por la Junta de Desarrollo del Agua de Texas. El PCUWCD dice que aún no tiene un plazo para esa revisión.

Como recordarán los lectores, el PCUWCD publicó por primera vez su plan de gestión propuesto el año pasado. El informe de entonces, de 22 páginas, esbozaba las responsabilidades propuestas por el distrito para los próximos cinco años, que lo incluyen todo, desde la investigación del 100 por ciento de las quejas e informes de "prácticas de derroche" de agua anual y el registro de todos los nuevos pozos hasta la supervisión de las condiciones de sequía.

El distrito de aguas presentó luego ese borrador a la Junta de Desarrollo de Aguas de Texas, que les devolvió una versión corregida y anotada. "Están prestando mucha atención," dijo Macartney. Esas ediciones ayudaron a informar sobre el plan revisado, que fue publicado el mes pasado y cubre casi el mismo territorio.

Con el plan revisado, el PCUWCD también aceptó comentarios escritos. Pero con solo dos comentarios -uno sobre errores de ortografía y otro sugiriendo una mejor calibración de los medidores de agua- la junta votó unánimemente por la resolución revisada.

El PCUWCD es responsable de la supervisión de los recursos de aguas subterráneas en el Condado de Presidio, que incluyen el Acuífero Igneo y los "bolsones" del oeste de Texas, que son bolsones más pequeños de recursos de aguas subterráneas. (Véase más arriba.) En lugar de formular una visión amplia para los distritos, los planes de gestión solo establecen las responsabilidades mínimas que deben cumplir distritos como el PCUWCD.

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Sul Ross firma un memorándum para reclutar estudiantes de bachiller de Chihuahua

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OJINAGA — Líderes de la Universidad Estatal Sul Ross y del Colegio de Bachilleres del Estado de Chihuahua (COBACH) se reunieron en Ojinaga el 27 de febrero para firmar un memorando de entendimiento. El nuevo documento forma una asociación que acelera las admisiones de los estudiantes internacionales del Colegio de Bachilleres del Estado de Chihuahua que esperan asistir a la Universidad Estatal de Sul Ross.

"COBACH es una excelente organización educativa," dijo el Vicepresidente de Servicios Estudiantiles y Universitarios de Sul Ross, Leo Domínguez. "Estamos muy emocionados de que se asocien con Sul Ross para que podamos ayudar a sus estudiantes a satisfacer sus aspiraciones de una educación superior."

La vía acelerada reducirá los costes generales asociados a la solicitud de ingreso a Sul Ross y eliminará ciertos requisitos de admisión basados en las calificaciones de los estudiantes de COBACH.

COBACH es un sistema de escuela secundaria universitaria que se inició en el estado de Chihuahua en la década de 1970, y ahora tiene docenas de campus en todo México. La directora general de COBACH, María Teresa Ortuño Gurza, viajó a Ojinaga para reunirse con funcionarios del SRSU y firmar el documento.

Los esfuerzos para reclutar estudiantes al otro lado de la frontera son nuevos para el SRSU. La universidad había intentado formar una asociación internacional hace décadas, pero los efectos del 11 de septiembre hicieron que los esfuerzos terminaran abruptamente, según informó la universidad. Pero los esfuerzos se reanimaron después de que un Plan Estratégico de Administración de Matrículas completado por Sul Ross en diciembre de 2019 reveló un ciclo de crecimiento y contracción de las matrículas en los distintos campus de Sul Ross. Solo entre 2018 y 2019, la matrícula en Sul Ross disminuyó en 346 estudiantes.

"Mantener una matrícula estable y creciente ha sido un desafío para Sul Ross a lo largo de toda su historia," dijo el presidente Bill Kibler. "Sin una estrategia como el Plan Estratégico de Gestión de la Matrícula, estamos sujetos a los caprichos de la matrícula de la nación, el estado y la región."

Desafíos como la ubicación, el coste de la asistencia, el compromiso de los estudiantes, los métodos de enseñanza y las experiencias de los estudiantes en general presentan oportunidades para que la Universidad haga mejoras y cambios significativos, dijo la universidad después de la publicación del estudio.

Kibler había discutido sobre las oportunidades de aumentar la matrícula mediante el reclutamiento de estudiantes al otro lado del Río Bravo, diciendo, "En este momento estamos abriendo lo que tiene el potencial de ser un conducto significativo para los estudiantes de Chihuahua, México."

Como siguiente paso, la Universidad Estatal de Sul Ross ha organizado un evento llamado "Sully Showcase" para presentar la universidad, invitando a los estudiantes de COBACH Ojinaga a asistir al evento especial el viernes 20 de marzo en el campus de Alpine.

La especialista en matrículas y reclutamiento de Sul Ross, Dafne

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Hospital hosts coronavirus seminar

By JIM STREET

ALPINE — The Big Bend Regional Medical Center hosted a coronavirus seminar last week at the Parish Hall for Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church for representatives of Brewster, Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties.

Dr. Ekta Escovar opened by saying, "Panic and hysteria are not appropriate. There are no cases in the Big Bend, and we're not like big cities that have lots more exposure."

She said we need to keep living our lives but be informed so we know how to react if and when the virus arrives here.

And the likelihood is that it will, because she said the worldwide spread of the disease is "inevitable."

The formal name is COVID-19 and the virus is called SARS CoV-2.

The virus is similar to the SARS epidemic of 2002 and the MERS in 2012 and, while the fatality rate was substantially higher with the earlier diseases, this one is significantly more contagious.

Ten percent of SARS cases were fatal, and one in three MERS cases were fatal whereas the fatality rate for COVID-19 is 3.4 percent, and that includes China. The U.S. death rate is 0.17.

"The problem with this is it is highly contagious," she said. "There are 124 cases in the U.S. and 11 of those were person-to-person. And it can take up to three weeks before a patient knows he is sick.

"The purpose of this seminar is to prepare in case it comes here," she said.

Symptoms are a fever of 101 degrees or more, aches and a dry cough. It affects only 1.4 percent of healthy people. Those with other health problems are much higher, with up to 13.2 percent for those with cardiovascular disease, for example.

The average age of those affected is 47 and 41 percent are female. It affects mostly older citizens, but children have much lower percentages – with zero for those under 9. And 83 percent of cases will be mild to moderate. Recovery can be two weeks for moderate cases but up to six weeks for severe or critical cases.

However, there is no reported case of someone with COVID-19 coming down with another disease at the same time.

"Containment is key." Dr. Escovar said. "China was reporting more than 1,000 new cases per day at the peak, but it is now down to three per day. They did that with aggressive containment."

COVID-19 is spread by droplets from coughing or sneezing, which can travel about three feet. But contact can also be made by touching droplets on surfaces. Prevention includes frequent handwashing and not touching your face. By touching an affected surface and then your face, you can transfer the virus through the eyes, nose or mouth.

She suggests people clean surfaces frequently with sanitizers. The virus can live up to nine days on porous surfaces and up to 27 days on nonporous surfaces, given the right conditions.

Dr. Escovar said travel should be avoided whenever possible, especially to the West Coast, East Coast or the Chicago area, and affected countries outside the U.S. with emphasis on China, South Korea, Italy and Iran, where numerous cases have been reported.

With many members of law enforcement and Border Patrol in the audience, Escovar said that border apprehensions are very low risk. These are people who have been crossing the desert for weeks and have had little to no contact with other people.

Dr. Escovar stressed that if you think you have been exposed, do not go to the emergency room and infect others. Call your regular doctor, as they know you best. If you do have to go to the hospital, call them first so they can prepare a contained space for you. If you are infected, call the Health Department and report it.

She said the closest lab to test for COVID-19 is in El Paso, as the hospital in Alpine does not have the ability to test for it.

Vaccines can take 18 to 20 months to be approved, though one was identified in just three days, she said. Antivirals are being developed, but none show promise thus far.

Hotels, motels and short-term rentals should be alerted to take extra precaution for guest rooms.

Dr. Escovar said people should be wary of touching things like steering wheels, light switches or anything others may have touched when the disease is present.

El hospital organiza un seminario sobre coronavirus

Por JIM STREET

ALPINE — El Centro Médico Regional de Big Bend organizó un seminario sobre coronavirus la semana pasada en el Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia Católica de Nuestra Señora de la Paz para los representantes de los condados de Brewster, Jeff Davis y Presidio.

La Dra. Ekta Escovar inició el seminario diciendo, "el pánico y la histeria no son apropiados. No hay casos en el Big Bend y no somos como las grandes ciudades que están mucho más expuestas."

Dijo que necesitamos seguir viviendo nuestras vidas pero estar informados para saber cómo reaccionar si el virus llega aquí, en el caso de que llegue.

Y es probable que así sea porque dijo que la propagación mundial de la enfermedad es "inevitable."

El nombre formal es COVID-19 y el virus se llama SARS CoV-2.

El virus es similar a la epidemia de SARS de 2002 y la de MERS en 2012 y, aunque la tasa de mortalidad fue sustancialmente mayor en las enfermedades anteriores, esta es significativamente más contagiosa.

El 10% de los casos de SARS fueron mortales, y uno de cada tres casos de MERS fue mortal, mientras que la tasa de mortalidad de COVID-19 es del 3,4%, y eso incluye a China. La tasa de mortalidad de los Estados Unidos es de 0,17.

"El problema con este virus es que es altamente contagioso," dijo. "Hay 124 casos en los EE.UU. y 11 de ellos fueron de persona a persona. Y puede tardar hasta tres semanas antes de que un paciente sepa que está enfermo.

"El propósito de este seminario es prepararse en caso de que llegue aquí," dijo.

Los síntomas son una fiebre de 101 grados o más, dolores y una tos seca. Solo afecta al 1,4 por ciento de las personas sanas. Las que tienen otros problemas de salud tienen muchas más probabilidades de verse infectadas, con hasta un 13,2 por ciento para las que tienen enfermedades cardiovasculares, por ejemplo.

La edad media de los afectados es de 47 años y el 41 por ciento son mujeres. Afecta sobre todo a los ciudadanos mayores y los niños son un porcentaje mucho más bajo, con un cero por ciento para los menores de 9 años. Y el 83 por ciento de los casos serán leves a moderados. La recuperación puede ser de dos semanas para los casos moderados pero hasta seis semanas para los casos graves o críticos.

Sin embargo, no hay ningún caso reportado de alguien con COVID-19 que enferme de otra enfermedad al mismo tiempo.

"La contención es la clave," dijo la Dra. Escovar. "China estaba reportando más de 1.000 nuevos casos por día en el momento más álgido, pero ahora ha bajado a tres por día. Lo hicieron con una contención agresiva."

COVID-19 se propaga por medio de gotitas de la tos o los estornudos, que pueden viajar unos tres pies. Pero el contacto también puede hacerse tocando las gotitas en las superficies. La prevención incluye lavarse las manos frecuentemente y no tocarse la cara. Al tocar una superficie afectada y luego la cara, se puede transferir el virus a través de los ojos, la nariz o la boca.

Sugiere que la gente limpie las superficies frecuentemente con desinfectantes. El virus puede vivir hasta nueve días en las superficies no porosas y hasta 27 días en las porosas.

La Dra. Escovar dijo que se debe evitar viajar siempre que sea posible, especialmente a la Costa Oeste, la Costa Este o el área de Chicago y los países afectados fuera de los Estados Unidos, con énfasis en China, Corea del Sur, Italia e Irán, donde se han reportado numerosos casos.

Con muchos miembros de la policía y la Patrulla Fronteriza en la audiencia, Escovar dijo que las aprehensiones en la frontera son de muy bajo riesgo. Se trata de personas que han cruzado el desierto durante semanas y que han tenido poco o ningún contacto con otras personas.

La Dra. Escovar enfatizó que si usted cree que ha estado expuesto, no vaya a la sala de emergencias y afecte a otros. Llame a su médico habitual ya que es el que mejor lo conoce. Si tiene que ir al hospital, llámelos primero para que le preparen un espacio de contención. Si está infectado, llame al Departamento de Salud e informe sobre ello.

Dijo que el laboratorio más cercano para analizar el COVID-19 está en El Paso, ya que el hospital de Alpine no tiene la capacidad de analizarla.

Las vacunas pueden tardar de 18 a 20 meses en ser aprobadas, aunque una fue identificada en solo tres días, dijo. Se están desarrollando antivirales, pero ninguno es prometedor hasta ahora.

Los hoteles, moteles y alquileres de corta duración deben ser alertados para que tomen precauciones extra en las habitaciones de huéspedes.

La Dra. Escovar dijo que la gente debería ser cautelosa al tocar cosas como volantes, interruptores de luz o cualquier cosa que otros puedan haber tocado cuando la enfermedad está presente.

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Memorandum

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have during showcases.

"Our COBACH Sully Showcase is an open house for our new prospective students," Rodriguez said. "This event will go ahead and give them more information about the admission process, helping with the initiation of their student visa, and getting them more comfortable with the university."

"This is basically an accelerated admission contract to help international Ojinaga students to have better opportunities for a higher education. It's a much shorter process than our traditional international process," Rodriguez said. She adds that now that the memorandum is signed, COBACH students are eligible to begin their applications now.

Photo courtesy of SRSU

Leo Dominguez, SRSU Vice President of Student and University Services, signs a Memorandum of Understanding with leaders from the Colegio de Bachilleres del Estado de Chihuahua in Ojinaga. Also representing Sul Ross at last Thursday's signing was Dr. Lisa Harris, Vice President of Enrollment Management.

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Rodríguez, explicó que su trabajo es ayudar a "reclutar a estos estudiantes con estas oportunidades." El "Sully Showcase" dará a los estudiantes internacionales la oportunidad de reunirse con el departamento de admisiones y el departamento de ayuda financiera, ofreciendo las mismas oportunidades que tienen las escuelas locales durante los eventos de presentación.

"Nuestro COBACH Sully Showcase es una jornada de puertas abiertas para nuestros nuevos futuros estudiantes," dijo Rodríguez. "Este evento les dará más información sobre el proceso de admisión, ayudándoles con la iniciación de su visado de estudiante y haciéndoles sentir más cómodos con la universidad."

"Se trata básicamente de un contrato de admisión acelerada para ayudar a los estudiantes internacionales de Ojinaga a tener mejores oportunidades para una educación superior. Es un proceso mucho más corto que nuestro proceso internacional tradicional," dijo Rodríguez. Añade que ahora que se ha firmado el memorándum, los estudiantes de COBACH son elegibles para comenzar ahora sus solicitudes.

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Public Open House Notice

TxDOT 2021 – 2024

Rural Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (RSTIP)

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) El Paso District will conduct three public open houses for the TxDOT 2021-2024 Rural Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (RSTIP). The District planning and programming territory is about 21,700 square miles covering six counties in the state of Texas including El Paso County, Hudspeth County, Culberson County, Jeff Davis County, Presidio County, and Brewster County. The RSTIP is a short-range program of projects developed by the District in cooperation with rural planning organizations (RPO) that covers a four-year period. The document contains a prioritized listing of all projects including regionally significant projects proposed for state, federal, and local funding in all areas of the TxDOT El Paso District outside the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization boundaries.

The public open houses will be held at the following locations (**all open houses will have the same information**):

- **Tuesday, March 24, 2020** from 5-7 p.m., at the Alpine City Hall, 100 North 13th Street, Alpine, Texas 79830
- **Wednesday, March 25, 2020** from 5-7 p.m., at the Presidio Senior Citizens Activity Center, 1400 East O'Reilly Street, Presidio, Texas 79845
- **Thursday, March 26, 2020** from 5-7 p.m., at the Van Horn City Hall, 1801 Broadway Street, Van Horn, Texas 79855

All interested community members are encouraged to attend the public open house and provide feedback to the 2021-2024 RSTIP. The open house will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Jennifer Wright (915) 790-4200 or via email at Jennifer.Wright3@txdot.gov. Requests should be made no later than five (5) working days prior to the public open house. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Information about the RSTIP is available for review at www.txdot.gov (keyword El Paso Rural STIP), at the public meeting, and/or a copy may be obtained at various TxDOT locations, including: the El Paso District Headquarters office located at 13301 Gateway Boulevard West in El Paso, the Alpine Area Office located at 2400 North Highway 118 (Fort Davis Highway) in Alpine; and the TxDOT Maintenance offices: Dell City on FM 1437; Sierra Blanca at 700 FM 1111; Van Horn at 2001 Van Horn Drive (US 90), 1.5 miles south of town; Fort Davis at 104 Musquiz Drive (SH 118); Marfa at 809 West San Antonio (US 90); and Presidio on East FM 170.

For additional information about the public meeting, project documentation, or for any other project related questions, please contact Rebecca Reyes at (915) 790-4200 or Rebecca.Reyes@txdot.gov.

Public comments, both verbal and written, may be submitted at the scheduled public open house. After the public open house, written comments may be mailed to the Texas Department of Transportation - El Paso, Attention: Rebecca Reyes RE: 2021-2024 RSTIP, 13301 Gateway Blvd. West, El Paso TX 79928 or emailed to

In meeting with reporters, border authorities discuss February numbers

MARFA — The Big Bend Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol on Tuesday held an in-person and teleconference briefing with reporters on February operational numbers and other updates.

The meeting was routine for Border Patrol, which gives briefings on matters like this each month. But the meeting Tuesday touched on a number of talked-about current issues, from transmigrantes to coronavirus.

First, the basics. Chief Patrol Agent Matthew Hudak told reporters that apprehensions of family units and unaccompanied children "continue to decline." In February, 75 percent of arrests involved family groups, a near reversal from this time last year, he said.

Meanwhile, adults were forming a larger proportion of apprehensions, with Mexican nationals now accounting for around 50 percent, he said. Hudak attributed the fall in family crossings to Migrant Policy Protocols — the so-called "remain in Mexico" policies under Trump that have seen many migrants wait out their immigration proceedings outside of the United States.

But the new trends presented their own challenges, Hudak said. Adult crossers were less likely to turn themselves into agents. They also tended to cross in more remote places, he said.

Other trends were also up, including an increase in narcotics seizures. Three hundred pounds of heroin and 240 pounds of fentanyl were seized in the Big Bend Sector, Hudak said.

Also up: assaults on agents, with five assaults on agents so far this year-to-date. "It's a trend we are certainly paying attention to," Hudak said.

During a question-and-answer session with reporters, Hudak expanded further on those assaults. He said family units and unaccompanied children committed low rates of violence, whereas single adults — many of them with criminal histories — were those committing assaults.

"Typically the ones that do engage in assaults against agents have some prior criminal history," including for illegal reentry, Hudak said. "They're taking some bad steps to try to avoid that arrest."

Asked about coronavirus, Hudak acknowledged there was "a lot going on nationally" with the virus and that the border authorities would need to take a "multilayered approach" to prevent infection of agents and further spread.

Still, he said border authorities had training in dealing with "epidemic-type situations," including during the recent Ebola outbreaks in West Africa and that "in a way, this is not something extremely new." He said agents would keep an eye out for any crossers with symptoms.

On transmigrantes, Hudak said handling any new traffic would likely fall on other entities, including the El Paso field office (which helps manage the port of entry in Presidio).

Still, he acknowledged that area residents would likely see impacts, including increased traffic on U.S. Route 67, and that any increased cross-border activity would inevitably create "an opportunity for a criminal element to try to exploit that."

Citing the rail expansion through Presidio, Hudak compared transmigrantes to the broader trend towards increased international trade in the Big Bend.

"It's a great economic opportunity for Presidio," he said, "but it's not without its challenges."

En una reunión con periodistas, las autoridades fronterizas hablan de los números de febrero

MARFA — El sector Big Bend de la Patrulla Fronteriza de EE.UU. celebró el martes una reunión informativa en persona y por teleconferencia con periodistas sobre los números operativos de febrero y otras noticias.

La reunión fue rutinaria para la Patrulla Fronteriza, que cada mes hace sesiones informativas sobre asuntos como este. Pero en la reunión del martes se habló de varios temas de actualidad, desde transmigrantes hasta coronavirus.

Primero, lo básico. El agente jefe de patrulla Matthew Hudak dijo a los periodistas que "siguen disminuyendo" las aprehensiones de unidades familiares y niños no acompañados. En febrero, el 75 por ciento de los arrestos involucró a grupos familiares, un cambio casi total con respecto a esta época del año pasado, dijo.

Mientras tanto, los adultos formaban una mayor proporción de aprehensiones, con los ciudadanos mexicanos representando ahora alrededor del 50 por ciento, dijo. Hudak atribuyó la caída de los cruces familiares a los Protocolos de Política Migratoria - las llamadas políticas para "permanecer en México" bajo la administración Trump que han visto a muchos migrantes esperar sus procedimientos migratorios fuera de los Estados Unidos.

Pero las nuevas tendencias presentaron sus propios desafíos, dijo Hudak. Los adultos que cruzan la frontera son menos propensos a entregarse a los agentes. También tendían a cruzar en lugares más remotos, dijo.

Otras tendencias también aumentaron, incluyendo un incremento en las incautaciones de narcóticos. Trescientas libras de heroína y 240 libras de fentanilo fueron incautadas en el sector de Big Bend, dijo Hudak.

También subieron los asaltos a los agentes, con cinco asaltos a agentes en lo que va de año. "Es una tendencia a la que, desde luego, estamos prestando atención," dijo Hudak.

Durante una sesión de preguntas y respuestas con los reporteros, Hudak se extendió más sobre esos asaltos. Dijo que las unidades familiares y los niños no acompañados cometen bajos índices de violencia, mientras que los adultos solteros -muchos de ellos con antecedentes penales- son los que cometen las agresiones.

"Habitualmente, los que se dedican a asaltar a los agentes tienen algún historial criminal previo," incluso para el reingreso ilegal, dijo Hudak. "Están tomando algunas malas medidas para tratar de evitar ese arresto."

Al preguntársele sobre el coronavirus, Hudak reconoció que había "mucho que hacer a nivel nacional" con el virus y que las autoridades fronterizas tendrían que adoptar un "enfoque de múltiples capas" para prevenir la infección de los agentes y su posterior propagación.

No obstante, dijo que las autoridades fronterizas tenían formación para hacer frente a "situaciones de tipo epidémico," incluso durante los recientes brotes de ébola en África occidental, y que "en cierto modo, esto no es algo extremadamente nuevo." Dijo que los agentes estarían atentos a cualquier persona que cruce y que presente síntomas.

En cuanto a los transmigrantes, Hudak dijo que el manejo de cualquier nuevo tráfico probablemente recaería en otras entidades, incluyendo la oficina de campo de El Paso (que ayuda a gestionar el Puerto de Entrada de Presidio).

Aún así, reconoció que los residentes del área probablemente verían los impactos, incluyendo el aumento del tráfico en la Ruta 67 de los Estados Unidos, y que cualquier aumento de la actividad transfronteriza crearía inevitablemente "una oportunidad para que un elemento criminal trate de explotar eso."

Citando la expansión del ferrocarril a través de Presidio, Hudak comparó a los transmigrantes con la tendencia más amplia del aumento del comercio internacional en el Big Bend.

"Es una gran oportunidad económica para Presidio," dijo, "pero no está exenta de desafíos."

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Local adobero

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expensive."

It isn't just appraisals, though. Another big threat facing adobe is that simply not enough people still know how to make or use it.

Skills like these are often called "intangible cultural heritage," and the heritage of adobe-making is quickly disappearing in the region, Canovas said. He only knows one other person in the area who works with adobe, and they use "stabilized adobe," which incorporates cement or other modern building materials. In other words: not the real thing.

Over the weekend of March 28 and 29, Canovas plans to host a workshop on traditional earth and lime plasters in Marfa, with an exact time and location to be determined. Canovas says that use of non-traditional plasters on adobe buildings is exacerbating their decline — and he sees the tradition falling victim to the same trends of cultural appropriation. He wants to help reinvigorate those traditions, he says, in hopes of empowering the Latino community.

It is efforts like this — to teach others about adobe-making — that earned Canovas accolades at the symposium. He's "trying to protect not only adobe structures, but the process of building adobe," said Robert Melnick, a professor of landscape architecture at the University of Oregon and a keynote speaker at the event.

"I was so impressed with the fact that he teaches kids how do adobe for the next generation," Melnick added. "He's really concerned not only with buildings that exist, but also with doing adobe and doing it correctly."

Melnick brought up an analogy from his own field. Landscape was primarily a noun, he said. But it could also be a verb, as in *landscaping*.

"To me, adobe is like that," Melnick said. "It's something you do."

Adobero local

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[...] se ha puesto de moda, un material de construcción apropiado para la mezcla de cultura y estética del desierto," escribió. "Pero para muchos de los residentes de Marfa de hace mucho tiempo, el aburguesamiento de la casa de adobe ha hecho que vivir en una sea bastante caro."

Pero no se trata solo de tasaciones. Otra gran amenaza a la que se enfrenta el adobe es que simplemente no hay suficiente gente que sepa cómo fabricarlo o usarlo.

Habilidades como estas son a menudo llamadas "patrimonio cultural intangible," y el patrimonio de la fabricación de adobe está desapareciendo rápidamente en la región, dijo Cánovas. Solo conoce a otra persona en la zona que trabaje con adobe y utilizan el "adobe estabilizado," que incorpora cemento u otros materiales de construcción modernos. En otras palabras: no es el verdadero adobe.

Durante el fin de semana del 28 y 29 de marzo, Cánovas planea organizar un taller de revoques tradicionales de tierra y cal en Marfa, con una hora y lugar concretos aun por determinar. Cánovas dice que el uso de yesos no tradicionales en edificios de adobe está exacerbando su declive, y ve que la tradición está siendo víctima de las mismas tendencias de apropiación cultural. Quiere ayudar a revitalizar esas tradiciones, dice, con la esperanza de empoderar a la comunidad latina.

Esfuerzos como este - enseñar a otros la fabricación de adobe- es lo que le valió a Cánovas los elogios en el simposio. Está "tratando de proteger no solo las estructuras de adobe, sino también el proceso de construcción del adobe," dijo Robert Melnick, profesor de arquitectura paisajística en la Universidad de Oregón y uno de los oradores principales del evento.

"Me impresionó mucho el hecho de que enseñe a los niños cómo hacer el adobe para la próxima generación," añadió Melnick. "Está realmente preocupado no solo por los edificios que existen, sino también por fabricar el adobe y hacerlo correctamente."

Melnick sacó una analogía de su propio campo. El paisajismo es principalmente un sustantivo, dijo. Pero también puede ser un verbo, como decorar mediante el paisajismo.

"Para mí, el adobe es así," dijo Melnick. "Es algo que se hace."

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Aviso Público de Casa Abierta

TxDOT 2021 – 2024

Programa de Mejora de Transporte Rural a Nivel Estatal (RSTIP)

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT) El Distrito de El Paso llevarán a cabo tres jornadas públicas de puertas abiertas para TxDOT 2021-2024 Programa de Mejora del Transporte Rural en todo el Estado (RSTIP). El territorio de planificación y programación del distrito es de 21,700 millas cuadradas que cubren seis condados en el estado de Texas, incluido el Condado de El Paso, Condado Hudspeth, Condado Culberson, Condado Jeff Davis, Condado Presidio, y Condado Brewster. El RSTIP es un programa de proyectos de corto alcance desarrollado por el distrito en cooperación con las organizaciones de planificación rural (ROP) que cubre un período de cuatro años. El documento contiene una lista priorizada de todos los proyectos, incluidos los proyectos regionalmente significativos propuestos para financiamiento estatal, federal, y financiamiento local en todas las áreas del distrito TxDOT de El Paso fuera de los límites de la Organización de Planificación Metropolitana de El Paso.

Las jornadas de puertas abiertas públicas se realizarán en las siguientes ubicaciones (**todas las puertas abiertas tendrán la misma información**):

- **Martes, 24 de Marzo, 2020** de 5-7p.m. en Alpine City Hall,100 North 13th Street, Alpine, Texas 79830
- **Miércoles, 25 de Marzo, 2020** de 5-7 p.m. en Presidio Senior Citizen Activity Center, 1400 East O'Reilly Street, Presidio, Texas 79845
- **Jueves, 26 de Marzo, 2020** de 5-7 p.m. en Van Horn City Hall, 1801 Broadway Street, Van Horn, Texas 79855

All interested community members are encouraged to attend the public open house and provide feedback to the 2021-2024 RSTIP. The open house will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Jennifer Wright (915) 790-4200 or via email at Jennifer.Wright3@txdot.gov. Requests should be made no later than five (5) working days prior to the public open house. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Se alienta a todos los miembros de la comunidad interesados a que asistan a la jornada de puertas abiertas al público y proporcionen comentarios al 2021-2024 RSTIP. La jornada de puertas abiertas se llevará a cabo en inglés, se anima a las personas interesadas en asistir a la reunión que tengan necesidades especiales de comunicación, alojamiento, o que necesiten in intérprete, contactar a Jennifer Wright (915) 790-4200 o al correo electrónico Jennifer.Wright3@txdot.gov La solicitud debe hacerse a más tardar cinco (5) días hábiles antes de la visita pública. TxDOT hará todos los esfuerzos razonables para satisfacer estas necesidades.

La información sobre el RSTIP está disponible para la revisión en www.txdot.gov (palabra clave El Paso Rural STIP), en la reunión pública, y/o puede obtener una copia en varias ubicaciones de TxDot, que incluyen: Oficina de la Sede del Distrito de El Paso ubicada en 13301 Gateway Boulevard West en El Paso, Alpine Area Office localizada en 2400 North Highway 118 (por Davis Highway) en Alpine; y TxDOT Maintenance Offices: Dell City en FM 1437; Sierra Blanca en 700 FM 1111; Van Horn en 2001 Van Horn Drive (US 90), 1.5 milas al sur de la ciudad; Fort Davis en 104 Musquiz Drive (SH 118); Marfa en 809 West San Antonio (US 90); y Presidio en East FM 170.

Para obtener información adicional sobre la reunión pública, la documentación del Proyecto o cualquier otra pregunta relacionada con el Proyecto, comuníquese con Rebecca Reyes al (915)790-4200 o Rebecca.Reyes@txdot.gov.

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MARCH 18

Development by Design: Where Energy and Conservation Meet

Dr. Joe Kiesecker — Lead Scientist, Conservation Lands Team, The Nature Conservancy

Melinda Taylor — Senior Lecturer and Associate Director of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law, and Business, University of Texas

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Potential Community Impacts from Energy Development: What to Expect and How to Prepare

David Iannelli — Partner, Hudson Pacific

Mike Teague — Strategic Advisor & Systems Integrator, Adamantine Energy

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PRESIDIO LADY DEVILS TRACK

The Presidio Lady Devils Track team competed at the Comanche Relays at Fort Stockton on 02/29/2020. 4x100, 4x200, 4x400 meter relays got the gold medals in all 3 relays. The team finished as the runner up for the track meet.

- 4x100 Meter Relay – Jasmine Sotelo, Daniela Soto, Nicole Felix, Davinia Mireles – 1st Place 50.07
- 4x200 Meter Relay - Jasmine Sotelo, Daniela Soto, Nicole Felix, Davinia Mireles – 1st Place 1:47.00
- 4x400 Meter Relay – Alejandra Valles, Daniela Soto, Nicole Felix, Davinia Mireles – 1st Place 4:14.58
- 800 Meter Run – Alejandra Valles – 2nd place
- 1600 Meter Run – Crystal Catano – 3rd place
- 3200 Meter Run – Crystal Catano – 3rd place
- long and triple jump – Daniela Valenzuela - 1st place

Last Friday March 6, the Lady Devils competed at the West Texas Relays at Odessa. It was a 6A track meet that was very competitive that was good for our athletes.

- 100 Meter Dash – Nicole Felix 3rd place 12.99
- 200 Meter Dash – Daniela Soto 1st place 25.83
- 400 Meter Dash – Alejandra Valles 3rd place 1:02.43
- 800 Meter Run – Alejandra Valles 2nd place 2:27.01
- 4x200 Meter Relay – Daninia Mireles, Daniela Soto, Nicole Felix, Jasmine Sotelo 2nd place 1:45.62
- 4x400 Meter Relay – Davinia Mireles, Nicole Felix, Alejandra Valles, Daniela Soto – 2nd place 4:10.66
- Long Jump – Daniela Valenzuela 2nd place 16-10.00
- Triple Jump – Daniela Valenzuela 2nd place 36-04.50

Presidio Elementary announces teachers and students of the month

Isabo Inguanzo

Dania Samaniego

Mrs. Irma Rodriguez

PRESIDIO — February's Pre-k to 2nd grade teacher of the month, Mrs. Irma Rodriguez, is currently a kindergarten teacher at Presidio Elementary School. A veteran teacher with more than 20 years of teaching experience, she started her journey as an educator when she enrolled as an Education student at the University of Ciudad Juarez in 1978. After college, she taught for 12 years in Mexico and was also a campus administrator in a small community of Ascensión, Chihuahua as well as in the City of Juarez.

Eventually, she got married and that provided her the opportunity to live and study in the United States. She studied at Sul Ross State University and was able to become a teacher at the school district.

This summer Mrs. Rodriguez will have 20 years of working as a teacher in the United States. One of her pleasures is to be able to share her experience and strategies with other teachers, especially those who are new in their teaching career. During her esteemed career, she has always maintained a good relationship with her students' parents. This is key to facilitating her students' learning.

Teaching is a career that always provides opportunities to learn new strategies that can be applied in teaching our new generations of students. Mrs. Rodriguez feels fortunate to be able to teach in the school. Mrs. Rodriguez said, "I love my job, but now I am thinking about retirement, and this provides me with a very difficult decision. It is something that I want to postpone as long as possible."

She wants to thank the Presidio Independent School District for the opportunity to teach and for the recognition being provided to the work she loves.

Pre-k to 2nd grade student of the month Dania Samaniego is a well-loved, adorable pre-kindergarten student in Ms. Marina Alvarado's class. According to her teacher, Dania exemplifies all the qualities of an excellent student. She is very hardworking, always trying to complete her assignments and works on time. She wants her work to be the best.

Though she looks shy when you see her, she is very friendly and helpful. She would be the first to assist her classmates. She exerts effort to help her classmates during their school activities.

She is also considerate and generous. She is the type of person who is going to walk an extra mile if her classmates would need anything. She volunteers herself when asked to help.

Indeed, we see a very bright future in this very adorable kid from pre-k. We can foresee her to be a very successful and productive member of our community. We can see her shooting for the stars. Congratulations Dania for being selected the Student of the Month from Presidio Elementary School PK-2nd campus.

Third through fifth grade student of the month Isabo Inguanzo is a 4th Grade student. She is an "A" student who works for perfection in everything that she does. She was a clear choice to receive this honor from her classmates and teachers. Her classmates describe her as kind, sweet, helpful and funny.

To her teachers, she exemplifies leadership. She is a student excelling across all subjects and levels. She works hard to get the job done. Her accomplishments include: "A" Honor roll, member of Robotics club, UIL contestants and winner, and member of the Student Council among other things. Aside from being an outstanding student, she is kind-hearted and always willing to lend a helping hand. She is a "model student." She embodies the Characteristics of what Presidio Elementary stands for: pride, respect, and academic success.

Third through fifth grade teacher of the month is Mrs. Janicel Gallego (not pictured.) She joined our team last year from the Philippines to make a difference in her life and the life of the American students here in Presidio. In her short amount of time here, she has proven to be a passionate and dedicated teacher. She has the heart for teaching and the dedication to advance students' education. She has a genuine care for all students. Her students described her as funny and nice, but strict when she must be, in order to help everyone learn.

In her own words, she said, "Teaching for me is a work of serendipity. After graduation, I eagerly started my career as a guidance counselor, but somehow fate brought me to teaching. I've never been happier. This is my real calling.

"This is where I can serve my purpose. My teaching experience has taught me two important life lessons: to serve with your heart and to always seek improvement. Because I'm a teacher, I must continue to grow so that I can inspire others to grow with me. Teaching has its share of struggles, but at the end of the day, what matters is we are able to contribute to the betterment of humanity one day at a time, one child at a time."

Mrs. Gallego is committed to learning. Great as she is as a teacher, she continues to seek growth and ways to improve her practice. In a note of gratitude, she wrote, "I will give everything I can to serve Presidio ISD. I cannot promise so much but know that I will commit to bringing 100% of me in school."

HURD ON THE HILL

Staying vigilant as coronavirus continues

By U.S. REPRESENTATIVE WILL HURD – TX23

Over the last few months, the coronavirus outbreak that began in Wuhan, China has developed into a global threat. The coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, is now present in over 100 countries with over 100,000 confirmed cases worldwide, resulting in over 3,000 deaths. While the vast majority of cases are still in China, the continuous spread of COVID-19 has caused governments around the world to put in place protective protocols.

The U.S. government responded swiftly when the outbreak began, bringing hundreds of Americans back from China on State Department-chartered planes while simultaneously establishing safeguards to limit the spread of COVID-19 by instituting travel restrictions to extremely affected countries. As San Antonio always has, the Alamo City answered the call to care for our fellow Americans in their time of need, quarantining people at Lackland Air Force Base.

My priority has been and will continue to be the public health and safety of all Americans, which is why I have been in constant contact with federal and local officials handling the situation. I personally toured the quarantine site at Lackland when the first repatriated Americans arrived and witnessed firsthand the exemplary efforts being made by our public health officials on the ground. Despite our willingness to always help our fellow Americans, it is important that our community and others are not financially burdened by shouldering the costs associated with these response activities. Last week, the CDC made an immediate $1.75 million available for Texas jurisdictions as a reimbursement for the state's response activities so far.

It is vital that we continue to take action to prevent the spread of COVID-19 here in the United States. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I worked with my colleagues to pass H.R. 6074, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act to provide additional resources to fight COVID-19.

This legislation provides $4 billion to increase the number of diagnostics tests available and invest in vaccine development and procurement once a vaccine is available. The increase in testing capabilities around the country will further aid public health officials as they work to address this outbreak. Currently testing is ongoing in 78 public health labs across all 50 states. The legislation also contributes billions of dollars to the CDC and further efforts to protect Americans at home and abroad. It also provides nearly $1 billion exclusively for state and local response efforts to help combat cases throughout the United States.

Even with all these resources being made available, there are individual steps that all of us can and should be taking on our own to prevent further spread of COVID-19. Wash your hands carefully, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, avoid close contact with people who are showing symptoms and stay home when you are sick. The U.S. government will continue to work diligently to address this public health crisis, but this is a developing and dynamic situation that requires all Americans to do their part. We will get through this together, and I will remain in contact with those assessing the situation.

If you would like additional information on COVID-19, you can visit these local and federal resources:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
- Antonio Metropolitan Health: www.sanantonio.gov/Health/News/Alerts/CoronaVirus
- World Health Organization: www.who.int

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HURD EN EL CAPITOLIO

Manteniéndose alerta mientras continúa el Coronavirus

Por U.S. REPRESENTATIVE WILL HURD – TX23

En los últimos meses, el brote de coronavirus que comenzó en Wuhan, China, se ha convertido en una amenaza global. El coronavirus, también conocido como COVID-19, está ahora presente en más de 100 países con más de 100.000 casos confirmados en todo el mundo, que han provocado más de 3.000 muertes. Si bien la gran mayoría de los casos siguen en China, la continua propagación de COVID-19 ha hecho que los gobiernos de todo el mundo establezcan protocolos de protección.

El gobierno de los Estados Unidos respondió rápidamente cuando comenzó el brote, trayendo a cientos de estadounidenses de China en aviones fletados por el Departamento de Estado y estableciendo simultáneamente salvaguardias para limitar la propagación de COVID-19 mediante el establecimiento de restricciones de viaje a los países extremadamente afectados. Como San Antonio siempre ha hecho, la Ciudad del Álamo respondió a la llamada para cuidar a nuestros compatriotas en sus momentos de necesidad, poniendo en cuarentena a la gente de la Base Aérea de Lackland.

Mi prioridad ha sido y seguirá siendo la salud pública y la seguridad de todos los estadounidenses, por lo que he estado en contacto permanente con los funcionarios federales y locales que manejan la situación. Personalmente recorrí el emplazamiento de cuarentena en Lackland cuando llegaron los primeros estadounidenses repatriados y fui testigo de primera mano de los esfuerzos ejemplares que están haciendo nuestros oficiales de salud pública sobre el terreno. A pesar de nuestra voluntad de ayudar siempre a nuestros compatriotas, es importante que nuestra comunidad y otras no tengan que soportar la carga financiera de los costes asociados a estas actividades de respuesta. La semana pasada, el CDC puso a disposición de las jurisdicciones de Texas 1,75 millones de dólares inmediatos como reembolso de las actividades de respuesta del estado hasta el momento.

Es vital que continuemos tomando medidas para evitar la propagación de COVID-19 aquí en los Estados Unidos. Como miembro del Comité de Apropiaciones de la Cámara de Representantes, trabajé con mis colegas para aprobar la H.R. 6074, la Ley de Apropiaciones Suplementarias para la Preparación y Respuesta al Coronavirus, para proporcionar recursos adicionales para luchar contra el COVID-19.

Esta legislación proporciona 4.000 millones de dólares para aumentar el número de pruebas diagnósticas disponibles e invertir en el desarrollo y la adquisición de vacunas una vez que éstas estén disponibles. El aumento de las capacidades de prueba en todo el país ayudará aún más a los funcionarios de la salud pública en su labor para hacer frente a este brote. Actualmente se están realizando pruebas en 78 laboratorios de salud pública en los 50 estados. La legislación también contribuye con miles de millones de dólares a los CDC y a otros esfuerzos para proteger a los estadounidenses en el país y en el extranjero. También proporciona casi 1.000 millones de dólares exclusivamente para los esfuerzos de respuesta estatales y locales para ayudar a combatir los casos en todo el territorio de los Estados Unidos.

Incluso con todos estos recursos disponibles, hay medidas individuales que todos nosotros podemos y debemos tomar por nuestra cuenta para evitar una mayor propagación de COVID-19. Lávese las manos cuidadosamente, evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca, evite el contacto cercano con personas que muestren síntomas y quédese en casa cuando esté enfermo. El gobierno de EE.UU. seguirá trabajando diligentemente para hacer frente a esta crisis de salud pública, pero esta es una situación dinámica y en desarrollo que requiere que todos los estadounidenses hagan su parte. Saldremos de esto juntos, y me mantendré en contacto con los que evalúan la situación.

Si desea información adicional sobre COVID-19 puede visitar estos recursos locales y federales:

- Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
- Salud Metropolitana de San Antonio: www.sanantonio.gov/Health/News/Alerts/CoronaVirus
- Organización Mundial de la Salud: www.who.int

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF PRESIDIO §

By virtue of Tax Warrant issued out of the 394th District Court of Presidio County, Texas in Cause # 5264-A on the 6th day of February, 2020, by the Clerk thereof, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at **10:00 am on the 7th day of April, 2020** at the South Door of the Presidio County Courthouse, in Marfa, Texas, the properties described below:

CAUSE NO
5264-A

STYLING
County of Presidio, Et al vs. Owners of Various Properties Located Within Presidio County, Texas

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Tract 1: The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) and the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4), in Section One Hundred and Forty-three (143), in Block One (1), D & P Ry. Co. Survey, Presidio County, Texas, being 20 acres (R8248)

Tract 2: The South One-half (S/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) and the South One-half (S/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4), Save and Except the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4), in Section One Hundred and Forty-three (143), in Block One (1), D & P Ry. Co. Survey, Presidio County, Texas, being 90 acres (R8246)

Tract 3: The Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) and the North One-half (N/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) and the North One-half (N/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4), in Section One Hundred and Forty-three (143), in Block One (1) , D & P Ry. Co. Survey, Presidio County, Texas, being 80 acres (R8241)

Tract 4: The North One-half (N/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4), in Section Fifty-three (53), in Block One (1), D & P Ry. Co. Survey, Presidio County, Texas, being 20 acres (R8027)

Tract 5: The South One-half (S/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4), in Section Fifty-three (53), in Block One (1), D & P Ry. Co. Survey, Presidio County, Texas, being 20 acres (R8023)

Tract 6: The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) and the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4), in Section Fifty-three (53), in Block One (1), D & P Ry. Co. Survey, Presidio County, Texas, being 20 acres (R8024)

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Tract 23: The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Forty-one (41), in Block One (1), D & P Ry. Co. Survey, Presidio County, Texas, being 10 acres (R7861)

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March 12-14 (Van Horn Tournament)	JV	Away	TBA

PHS Track & Field	Team	Location
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After winning DA's race, Ori White talks the issues

By STEPHEN PAULSEN
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FAR WEST TEXAS — Ori White has run a law firm in Fort Stockton since 1992, focusing primarily on criminal defense, personal injury and divorce. But after almost 30 years in private practice, he'll be closing up at the end of the year.

That's because last week, White, who grew up in Marfa, won a race against incumbent Sandy Wilson to become the new 83rd District attorney — a sprawling office that handles crimes in Presidio, Brewster, Jeff Davis and Pecos counties. His term starts next year.

"I'm in for the long haul," White said in a phone interview on Friday. "I look forward to putting both feet into the 83rd DA's office so I can give it my best."

"I'm excited to be of service to the 83rd District," he added. "Really, in my view, I'm going to have the best job in the world."

The "Super Tuesday" primaries in Texas on March 3rd saw Republican and Democratic voters go to the polls to pick their nominees for president, state senator and more. The primary election night shook things up at the state and national level, with — for example — Joe Biden emerging as a frontrunner in the Democratic presidential primary.

That's less true at the local level, where many county-level positions went uncontested. But one notable exception was the race for the DA's office, where Ori White challenged Wilson in the Republican primary and won.

In our meet-the-candidates interviews with White and Wilson, Wilson touted her efforts to train and educate law enforcement in her appeal to voters. White said he wanted to restore faith in "principles of accountability, responsibility and common sense" and "ensure that victims are heard."

White won with 53 percent of the vote, compared to Wilson's 47. He was boosted by a sizable lead in Fort Stockton — the largest city in the 83rd — as well as by votes in Presidio County and Marfa, where White maintains longtime family ties. And with no Democratic challengers, the win secured White's fate as the new district attorney for Presidio County.

In an interview with The Big Bend Sentinel, White congratulated Wilson on a good campaign and wished her the best.

"Ms. Wilson fought hard and ran a very, very hard campaign as well," White said. He also said he appreciated that the race had stayed "about the issues."

Wilson has been our district attorney since 2016. Last week, The Big Bend Sentinel reached out White to learn more about him and his major criminal justice issues, and to gauge what his philosophy will be once in office.

In a roughly hour-long interview, White discussed the devastating effects methamphetamine has on public safety and local families, Presidio County's sparse financial resources and its unique position on the border, and more. And he emphasized that he was a team player whose "true secret" is finding and hiring "wonderful people who are dedicated to public service."

Asked about his top priorities, White named two. He said he wanted to make sure victims were involved in criminal proceedings and further crack down on methamphetamine, a drug which he said was causing damage in West Texas.

"One of my highest priorities is to make sure that any victim of any type of crime is communicated with and knows what court dates are coming up," he said, emphasizing a point that he also made during his meet-the-candidates survey. "Even if it's pretrial."

He also had strong words for meth dealers. "All over West Texas, people are selling methamphetamine," he said. "They're vendors of death. If you're dealing that stuff, you're essentially just killing people."

Citing his previous experience as a district attorney — White was the 112th District Attorney for the State of Texas from 1997 until 2004 — he also stressed that meth addiction could lead to ancillary crimes, from theft to child abuse.

White pointed to the number of cases on child-protective services dockets. When he was a DA, he estimated he saw around three to five such cases a month. "Now, it's not uncommon for us to have 10-15 cases a month," he said.

"Almost every single case we've got deals with addiction to meth," he added. "We have more grandparents raising their grandkids in West Texas — and all over Texas."

Asked whether he would consider rehiring people from Wilson's DA's office, White said that "everyone is invited to reapply." And he said there "definitely needs to be multiple offices" to help him serve his district's large size and said he was looking for a place to set up offices in Presidio and Jeff Davis counties.

Asked about Presidio and Brewster's unique position as sprawling and rugged rural border counties, White brought up issues with smuggling, including of illegal narcotics.

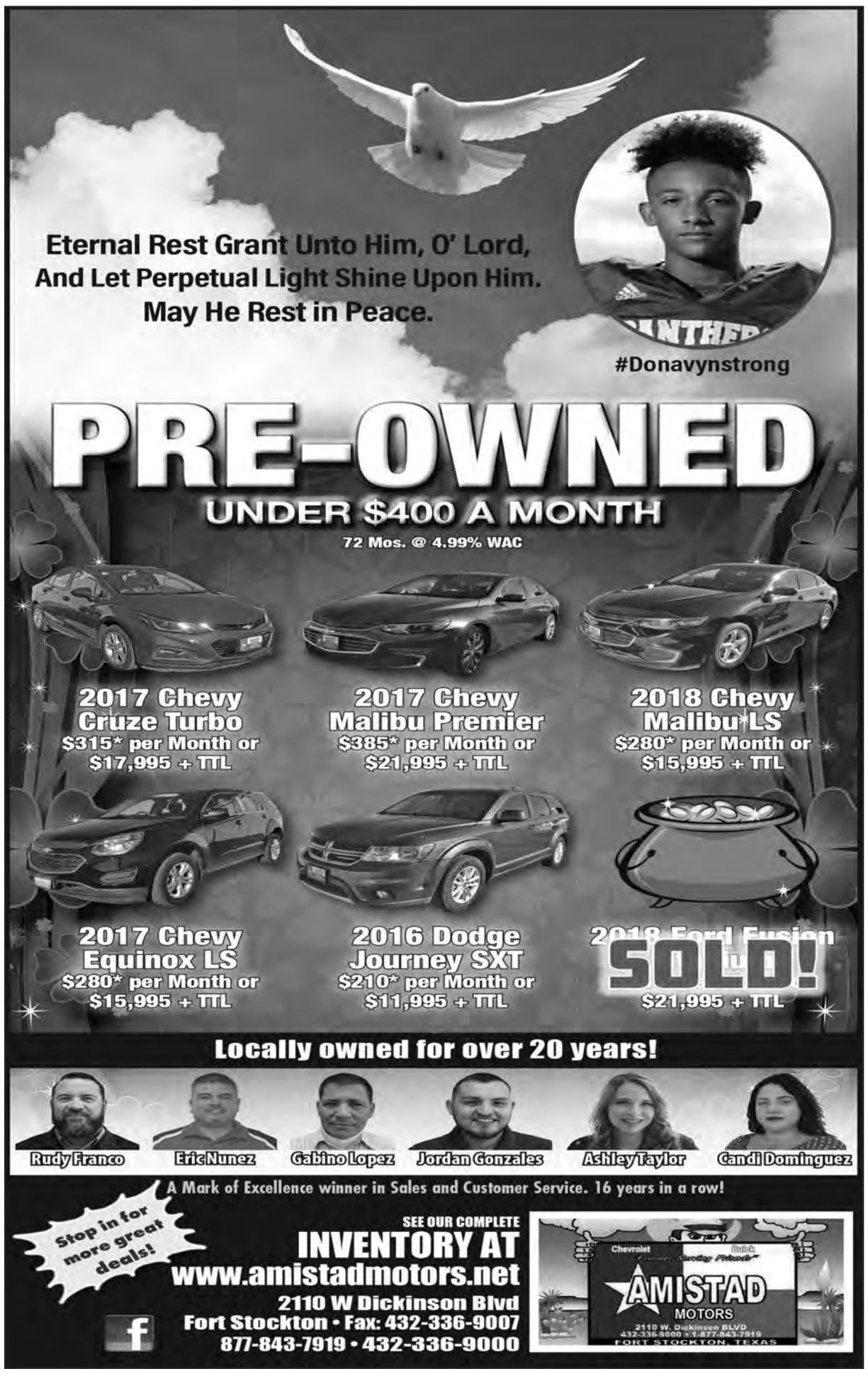
"In border counties, there's always gonna be a lot more drug courier cases," he said. "Of course we want to aggressively prosecute those."

Still, he acknowledged that those busted for drug transport were often low-level and said prosecutors need to have "really good cooperation" with federal authorities to ensure higher-level arrests.

"One way is to make sure there's good lines of communication between the DA's office and all local law enforcement" as well as federal authorities, he said. "A cooperative effort by state and federal authorities is really going to make our communities safer. And I'm hoping to foster those relationships."

White is no stranger to Marfa. Besides growing up here, his family has been here since at least the time of his great-grandfather, who White said had pioneered a homestead in the area. And his father was "a rancher all his life," White said.

He's excited to be back and looks forward to building up relationships with law enforcement and lawyers in the area. "I'm not someone who makes decisions in isolation," he said.



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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Far West Texas Water Planning Group (FWTWPG), also known as Region E, will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Far West Texas Region Initially Prepared Water Plan (IPP). The comments will be used in developing an approved regional water plan for the FWTWPG area. The Far West Texas Region includes the counties of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Terrell.

The Public Hearing will be held:

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020
AT 6:00 P.M.
El Paso County Water Improvement District #1
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The Far West Texas Water Planning Group (FWTWPG) will accept written and oral comments at the public hearing.

Questions related to the public hearing or requests for additional information should be referred to Jesus "Chuy" Reyes, Chairman, at (915) 872-4000 or submitted in writing to the address listed below.

All written comments are due to the FWTWPG by 5:00 P.M. on June 15, 2020, and may be submitted to:

Mr. Jesus "Chuy" Reyes, Chairman
Far West Texas Water Planning Group (Region E)
8037 Lockheed, Suite 100
El Paso, TX 79925

The Initially Prepared Plan can be found on the FWTWPG website at http://westtexaswaterplanning.org/. A paper or digital copy of the IPP will be available for viewing by March 13, 2020, at the County Clerk's Office in the following counties: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Terrell. A paper or digital copy will also be available for viewing at the following libraries: Alpine Public Library, Marathon Public Library, Big Bend High School Library, Van Horn City-County Library, El Paso Public Library, Law Library, El Paso County Courthouse, Clint ISD/Public Library, Clint Grace Grebing Public Library, Ft. Hancock ISD/Public Library, Jeff Davis County Library, Marfa Public Library, City of Presidio Library, Valentine Public Library, and Terrell County Public Library.

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