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## FACE COVERING ORDINANCE IN EFFECT

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### UPCOMING FREE CORONAVIRUS TESTING

#### Presidio

Tuesday, February 16, at the Presidio Fire Dept. at 100 East FM 170

#### Alpine

Wednesday, February 17, at the Alpine Fire Station at 102 South Second Street

#### Marfa

Thursday, February 18, at the Presidio County Courthouse at 300 Highland Street

#### Fort Davis

Friday, February 19, at the Fort Davis Fire Station at 200 Court Avenue

The sites will run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. or until testing capacity is reached. ID is required. Appointments are preferred but not required. Preregistration can be made online at <https://docshealthtesting.com> or by texting "DOCSTX" to 41411. These will be saliva tests. Officials ask that residents please do not eat, drink or use mouthwash or tobacco within 30 minutes of being tested.

## New officials appointed for convention and visitor bureau, city council

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PRESIDIO — Shakeups continued among officials in Presidio, as two members of the City of Presidio Convention and Visitor Bureau resigned on Tuesday. After press time on Wednesday evening, council also looked different, as Trisha Runyan joined her first meeting as a newly appointed city council member.

Ariel Lara and Rafael Carrera exited their roles with the convention and visitor bureau, both resigning. Filling the seats at that meeting were Elvira Hermosillo and Hiram Carrera, who received appointments to the bureau.

"I have experience working with the community and putting on events," said Hermosillo in an interview on Wednesday after her new appointment. "I have a masters degree in public administration, so I'm hoping that I can help the community."

The bureau is currently looking at the master plan with Kleinman Consultants, which discusses tourism, a downtown project, cultural tourism and historic buildings designations.

The Big Bend Conservation Alliance's Shelly Bernstein also proposed a plan to use some hotel/motel occupancy tax funds to conduct a "geophysical survey of the Apache Lipan cemetery" in hopes of identifying grave sites and creating a perimeter fence around it.

The Friends of the Ruidosa Church also sought funds to renovate the historic church in Ruidosa.

On Wednesday night, Runyan made her first appearance as a

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## Marfa Clinic gets additional shots for those skipped over during mass vaccine event

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PRESIDIO COUNTY — While a mass vaccination event in Marfa on Tuesday successfully put 500 vaccines into the arms of area residents, dozens of people left disappointed when doses ran out before their afternoon appointments.

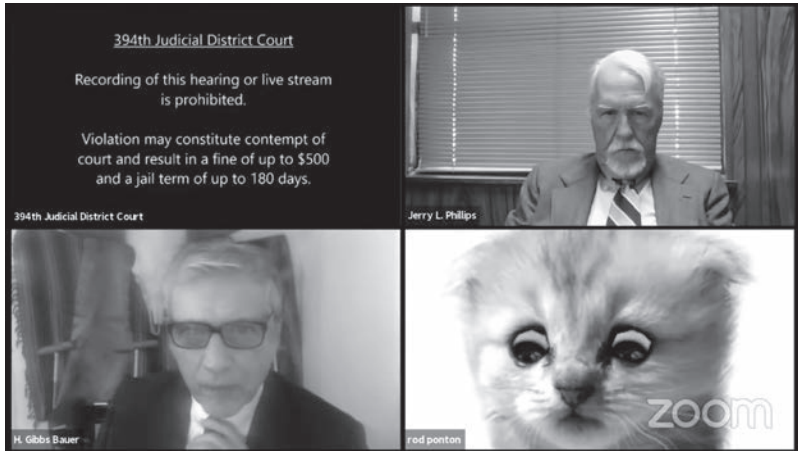
The event was run by Midland Memorial Hospital, which brought Pfizer vaccines and a handful of vaccinators for the one-day event. Marfa Clinic workers volunteered to assist, setting up the 500 appointments by painstakingly finding individuals eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. The City of Marfa offered up the USO Building as a venue, and elected officials and staff from the city, the clinic and Presidio County volunteered time to ensure the event ran smoothly.

At its morning start, the event was "so well organized," said Marfa Councilmember Buck Johnston, who volunteered at the event. Eight vaccination stations were set up, and patients arrived in five minute increments. They filled out forms and received their first dose of Pfizer's vaccine.

But the efficiency turned out to be a problem: The event was moving so

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## Appearing in Zoom hearing as cat, local attorney Rod Ponton goes viral



A screenshot taken from the courtroom video shared by Texas' 394th district court judge Roy Ferguson.

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FAR WEST TEXAS — Roy Ferguson, the local judge for the 394th district of Texas, has been doing a lot of Zoom hearings during the coronavirus pandemic. The pivot to online hearings hasn't always gone smoothly. There was the time someone logged into a court hearing while driving. Another time, someone tried to attend court from bed.

Ferguson has a Twitter account, which he likes to use as "a teaching tool

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## From the big screen back to the Big Bend, Presidio-raised actor Marcus DeAnda returns home for latest role

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PRESIDIO — Marcus DeAnda always wanted to be an actor. When his family moved to Presidio in the 1970s, he was only two, and as he grew up there, theatrical training and acting gigs were hard to come by. But this month, the Presidio-raised actor returned to the Big Bend for his latest role, playing getaway driver "Ernesto" in the forthcoming film *Free Dead or Alive*.

On set in Alpine last week, DeAnda recalled his very first role, playing one of the three little pigs in a stage production at Presidio Elementary School. "Back then they didn't have acting classes," he remembers. But that little taste of the limelight gave him a hunger for performance that hasn't diminished since.

His dedication to pursuing the career led him to study Radio, Television and Film at University of Texas in Austin after graduating from Presidio High School in 1989. By 2001, he was living in Los Angeles and landing his first role on *Cold Case*.

"I grew up watching telenovelas a lot, and I think that's where my liking for acting came about," he said. "As a Latin guy I always thought of the guy on *Santa Barbara*, A Martinez. With a last name like that, I looked at him as — if he can be an actor, I can too." He's grateful that nowadays the career is more open to diverse representation on screen.

Since his first gig, he's acted on major network sitcoms like *Cougar Town* and *Modern Family* and featured on soap operas like *The Young and the Restless*. "My characters tend to die," DeAnda said. "My mother is always disappointed in that. She's like, 'I want to see you not die.'"

Last Friday, he appeared in the latest episode of the rebooted *MacGyver* series, and to his mom's delight, survives the episode.

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## La clínica de Marfa recibe vacunas adicionales para aquellos que se saltaron durante el evento de vacunación masiva



Photo by Carlos Morales / Marfa Public Radio

Los residentes hicieron citas y viajaron de todo el condado para vacunarse el martes en el edificio USO en Marfa. Alrededor de 500 personas se vacunaron con éxito ese día, pero como algunos sin citas llegaron, muchos con citas fueron rechazados por la tarde cuando se acabaron las vacunas.

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CONDADO DE PRESIDIO — Mientras que un evento de vacunación masiva en Marfa el martes puso con éxito 500 vacunas en los brazos de los residentes del área, decenas de personas se fueron decepcionadas cuando las dosis se agotaron antes de sus citas de la tarde.

El evento fue organizado por Midland Memorial Hospital, que trajo vacunas Pfizer y un puñado de vacunadores para el evento de un día. Los trabajadores de la Clínica Marfa se ofrecieron como voluntarios para ayudar, estableciendo las 500 citas al encontrar cuidadosamente personas elegibles para la vacuna COVID-19. La ciudad de Marfa ofreció el edificio USO como sede, y los funcionarios electos y el personal de la ciudad, la clínica y el condado de Presidio ofrecieron tiempo para garantizar que el evento se desarrollara sin problemas.

Al comienzo de la mañana, el evento estuvo "muy bien organizado", dijo el concejal de Marfa Buck Johnston, quien se ofreció como voluntario en el evento. Se instalaron ocho estaciones de vacunación y los pacientes llegaron en incrementos de cinco minutos. Completaron formularios y recibieron su

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## Apareciendo en la audiencia de Zoom como un gato, el abogado local Rod Ponton se vuelve viral

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FAR WEST TEXAS — Roy Ferguson, el juez local del distrito 394 de Texas, ha estado haciendo muchas audiencias de Zoom durante la pandemia de coronavirus. El giro hacia las audiencias en línea no siempre ha sido fácil. Hubo un momento en que alguien se registró en una audiencia judicial mientras conducía. En otra ocasión, alguien trató de asistir al tribunal desde la cama.

Ferguson tiene una cuenta de Twitter, que le gusta usar como "una herramienta de enseñanza para audiencias virtuales", dijo en una entrevista telefónica el martes. Esa mañana, su corte vio un percance cómico que le pareció un momento perfecto para enseñar.

Durante una audiencia civil alrededor de las 11 am, Rod Ponton, el fiscal del condado de Presidio, el abogado de la ciudad de Presidio y un abogado privado local, apareció como un gatito en una llamada de Zoom. Ponton y su secretaria no sabían cómo apagar el filtro.

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## De la pantalla grande a Big Bend, el actor criado en Presidio Marcus DeAnda regresa a casa para su último papel

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PRESIDIO — Marcus DeAnda siempre quiso ser actor. Cuando su familia se mudó a Presidio en la década de 1970, él solo tenía dos años, y mientras crecía allí, la formación teatral y los conciertos de actuación fueron difíciles de conseguir. Pero este mes, el actor criado en Presidio regresó a Big Bend para su último papel, interpretando al conductor de fuga "Ernesto" en la próxima película *Free Dead or Alive*.

En el set de Alpine la semana pasada, DeAnda recordó su primer papel, interpretando a uno de los tres cerditos en una producción teatral en la Escuela Primaria Presidio. "En ese entonces no tenían clases de actuación", recuerda. Pero ese pequeño gusto por el centro de atención le dio un hambre de rendimiento que no ha disminuido desde entonces.

Su dedicación a seguir la carrera lo llevó a estudiar Radio, Televisión y Cine en la Universidad de Texas en Austin después de graduarse de Presidio

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## ORDENANZA DE CUBREBOCAS EN EFECTO

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### MÁS PRUEBAS EN LOS TRES CONDADOS LA PRÓXIMA SEMANA

**Martes 16 de febrero en Presidio** en el Departamento de Bomberos Alpine en 100 East FM 170

**Miércoles 17 de febrero en Alpine** en la Estación de Bomberos Alpine en 102 South Second Street

**Jueves 18 de febrero en Marfa** en el Palacio de justicia del condado de Presidio en 300 Highland Street

**Viernes 19 de febrero en Fort Davis** en la estación de bomberos de Fort Davis en 200 Court Avenue

Los sitios funcionarán desde las 9 am hasta las 4 pm o hasta que se alcance la capacidad de prueba. Se requiere identificación. Se prefieren citas, pero no son obligatorias. La preinscripción se puede hacer en línea en <https://docshealthtesting.com> o enviando un mensaje de texto con la palabra "DOCSTX" al 41411. Estas serán pruebas de saliva. Los funcionarios piden que los residentes no coman, beban ni usen enjuague bucal o tabaco dentro de los 30 minutos posteriores a la prueba.

## Nuevos funcionarios designados para la oficina de convenciones y visitantes, concejo municipal

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PRESIDIO — Continuaron las sacudidas entre los funcionarios de Presidio, ya que dos miembros de la Oficina de Convenciones y Visitantes de la ciudad de Presidio renunciaron el martes. Después del cierre de esta edición el miércoles por la noche, el consejo también lució diferente, ya que Trisha Runyan se unió a su primera reunión como miembro del consejo de la ciudad.

Ariel Lara y Rafael Carrera dejaron sus roles en la oficina de convenciones y visitantes, ambos renunciando. En esa reunión ocuparon los asientos Elvira Hermosillo e Hiram Carrera, quienes recibieron nombramientos para el buró.

"Tengo experiencia trabajando con la comunidad y organizando eventos", dijo Hermosillo en una entrevista el miércoles después de su nuevo nombramiento. "Tengo una maestría en administración pública, así que espero poder ayudar a la comunidad".

Actualmente, la oficina está analizando el plan maestro con Kleinman Consultants, que analiza el turismo, un proyecto del centro de la ciudad, el turismo cultural y las designaciones de edificios históricos.

Shelly Bernstein de Big Bend Conservation Alliance también propuso un plan para usar algunos fondos de impuestos de ocupación de hoteles / moteles para realizar un

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# ENGLISH NEWS

## Zoom cat

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for virtual hearings,” he said in a phone interview on Tuesday. That morning, his court saw a comical mishap that seemed to him like a perfect teachable moment.

During a civil hearing around 11 a.m., Rod Ponton — the county attorney for Presidio County, the city attorney for Presidio and a local private lawyer — made an appearance as a kitten on a Zoom call. Ponton and his secretary couldn’t figure out how to turn the filter off.

“I’m prepared to go forward,” Ponton says in a 42-second video of that Zoom hearing. “I’m here live. I’m not a cat.”

“I can see that,” Judge Ferguson replies in the video. Shortly after the video ended, Ferguson told *The Big Bend Sentinel*, Ponton managed to turn off his filter, and the hearing went on as planned.

Later, Ferguson uploaded a clip of the video. He posted about it on Twitter.

“IMPORTANT ZOOM TIP: If a child used your computer, before you join a virtual hearing check the Zoom Video Options to be sure filters are off,” he wrote. “This kitten just made a formal announcement on a case in the 394th.”

Within an hour, the clip was going viral. By that afternoon, tens of thousands of people had liked and shared versions of the video online.

By Wednesday, one version of the video on Twitter had almost 30 million views. At press time, it was the top Google result for the word “cat.”

*Vice News* covered the situation, describing Ponton as “cat-Ponton.” *Houston Chronicle* put the story at the top of their Tuesday afternoon newsletter with the headline: “‘I’m not a cat’: Texas lawyer caught in Zoom filter mishap.” *The New York Times* wrote about Ponton’s mishap, as did *Texas Monthly*. International news outlets were soon also covering the story, from the BBC in the United Kingdom to the *South China Morning Post* in Hong Kong. “I’m regularly tweeting things that happen in hearings as warnings and teaching moments,” Judge Ferguson said. “I never expected

that any one [of them] was going to spread as this one has.”

Texas courts have done well over a million virtual hearings, he said. He himself has done more than 1000. To him, the mistake was a natural result of the “drive” of Texas lawyers and judges to “keeping the justice system operational.” He commended Ponton for “the grace with which he handled a very difficult situation.”

“It was a nice moment of levity,” Judge Ferguson acknowledged of Ponton’s appearance as a kitten. But for him, the main takeaway was “the level of professionalism that Texas lawyers bring to virtual courts.”

In his own interview on Tuesday, Ponton was taking his moment of viral fame in stride.

“I’ve had interviews with the *Today* show, *New York Times*, CNN, Fox News, *Texas Monthly*, you name it,” he said with a laugh. “You never know what’s going to tweak the attention of the Twittersverse. And this just happened at 11 a.m. this morning.”

Ponton had mixed feelings about the situation. “On the one hand, you want to feel embarrassed because you feel [you] screwed up a court hearing,” he said. He was acutely aware that all over the country, people were having a laugh about the video.

“On the other hand, it was unintentional,” he said. “I think everybody relates to it. Who hasn’t had a screw-up on their computer?” And as far as Zoom-meeting screw-ups go, this one was pretty benign.

“We’ve been going through such stressful times, between COVID and politics,” Ponton said. “If the country gets to have a laugh at my expense over the cat video, I’m happy to take it.”

One mystery remained, though: How did the kitten filter show up on Ponton’s Zoom call in the first place? Ponton said he wasn’t sure.

Ponton was in Presidio on Tuesday morning, and he logged into the hearing from his secretary’s computer. She has kids — and maybe, Ponton speculated, that was why the kitten filter was on. But even that was just a guess.

“I don’t know how it got there, and she doesn’t know how it got there,” Ponton said. “Shit happens.”

## Vaccine event

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quickly that medical staff were seeing downtime between patients. At that point, the hospital urged local officials to contact people with appointments and request they arrive earlier, according to Marfa City Manager Mandy Roane.

Hospital officials “just said we weren’t moving fast enough,” Roane told city council at a meeting Tuesday night after the event. County Emergency Management Coordinator Gary Mitschke was asked to send out a reverse 911 call and text, urging residents with an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine to come to the USO Building. Shots could be administered “earlier than your appointment time,” the message told residents.

Elvira Hermosillo, a 33-year-old Presidio resident who teaches English to adults, was eligible for the vaccine because a previous brain-tumor qualified her as having a pre-existing condition. Hermosillo got the reverse 911 text message at 11:55 a.m. — but she was unable to go early.

“I work, and I have a 3-year-old son,” she said. She had already arranged for a babysitter so she could make the one-hour drive to her 2:25 p.m. appointment.

The reverse 911 call ultimately caused more confusion, triggering a flood of people who didn’t have appointments to show up, “thinking there were extras,” City Manager Roane said.

The city wanted to stick to the appointment schedule, Roane said at the meeting, but they couldn’t override the decision by Midland workers, who were handing out paperwork to anyone that arrived. People were getting vaccines on a first-come, first-serve basis, regardless of their eligibility under state guidelines.

Roane and Marfa Clinic workers tried to grab anyone with an appointment and put them ahead of those who didn’t. She counted the pages of remaining appointments and informed the vaccinators that the number of people on the list outnumbered the rest of the vaccines.

Hermosillo arrived on time for her vaccine that afternoon, but it was too late. Every vaccine dose had already been administered. She was turned away by Marfa police officers stationed at the doors of the USO Building. “I was confused because nobody gave me an explanation,” she said. First she felt shock and disbelief, “but then I was angry, because I made the drive up [to Marfa] for nothing.”

“I didn’t think it would be a problem,” Hermosillo said. “I had an appointment.”

As the vaccination stations were disassembled and carted out of the building a little before 3 p.m., James Jackson, 71, pulled up in Marfa after driving over 100 miles one-way from his home near Terlingua. He’d had some reservations about the vaccine, but heard Marfa had the shot available and booked an appointment. Like Hermosillo,



Graphic by the Texas Department of State Health Services

he was turned away, with little understanding of what had gone wrong.

Midland Memorial Hospital was unable to return a request for comment before press time. Ahead of the event, a representative said the hospital was looking into the option of having more of these one-day vaccine clinics “depending on the need for one, but also depending on the state’s allocations of vaccines.”

Those allocations, the spokesperson said, would be a determining factor in whether they will return for more first-round vaccinations. The hospital is currently scheduled to return on March 2 to give second-round vaccines to those who were vaccinated this Tuesday.

While Fort Davis and Marfa received staffed events from the hospital, Presidio’s Preventative Care Health Services clinic was instead given 400 Pfizer vaccines from Midland Memorial Hospital in late January. It was fewer than Marfa’s 500 doses, despite having a population nearly three times the size.

Still, PCHS clinic staff was able to successfully administer those shots, along with additional Moderna shots, to Presidio residents between January 30 and February 2. Between that week and the following week, “We did over 1,000 vaccines for the first and second dose,” PCHS CEO Linda Molinar said.

Before the Marfa event, Hermosillo was already somewhat disillusioned with the vaccine rollout process. “I feel like here in Presidio we always get treated like second-class citizens. The clinic here has told us they have no idea when

they’ll be getting more vaccines, so we feel here in Presidio, nobody considers us.”

Molinar said the clinic isn’t sure at this point when they will be given shots again. Despite requesting vaccines through the state system multiple times over the past weeks, PCHS has not had any of those requests fulfilled.

The attempt to get vaccinated in Marfa left Hermosillo even more disaffected. “I think what really upset me was that idea that Presidio always gets overlooked,” she said. “It’s not even an idea — that’s our experience.” She’s now considering driving to Pecos, three hours from her home, to get the shot.

At the Tuesday night city meeting, Councilmember Johnston said, “I don’t want Marfa Clinic and City of Marfa to take this hit. That was not the plan. The plan was not followed, and we’re sorry.”

After learning he would not be receiving a shot on Tuesday, Jackson, the Terlingua-area resident, stood outside the USO building. “I don’t blame anyone,” he said, “but I just wish I hadn’t driven all that way for nothing.”

On Wednesday, Marfa Clinic worked with Midland Memorial to secure additional doses for those whose appointments weren’t fulfilled on Tuesday. “We’re calling all of our 60 people who failed to obtain their vaccination yesterday, and we’re going to distribute them on Friday,” said Don Culbertson of Marfa Clinic.

## DeAnda

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With decades of experience under his belt, DeAnda was eager to return to Presidio — to finally use his acting chops near his home town and to give his mom, Aracely DeAnda, a big hug. She just received her COVID vaccine, which made it easy for the actor to finally visit her. “I auditioned for this part so I could shoot here, because my mom is still in Presidio,” he said.

DeAnda plays a getaway driver for his part in *Free Dead or Alive*.

On set last week, he drove a white van through a small road that goes under a railroad bridge in Alpine, as cameras tracked along with his moves.

In the story, A Guatemalan woman escapes with the help of a “coyote” to avoid a forced marriage in her home country. DeAnda’s character is hired to take them to a train that will lead them through Mexico, but the group ends up in a car chase. Paying off officials, escaping car chases and other antics make the film a sure-to-be-thrilling tale when it premieres. “They’re touching on what people have to go through

when they have to leave their country,” he explained.

The crew filmed on location in Alpine and Terlingua, using different parts of the local scenery as a setting for Guatemala, El Salvador and Mexico. “I love doing roles here, I’m familiar with the area and love it,” he said.

“I don’t think I appreciated the way it was when I was a kid, because I wanted to get out and act,” DeAnda reflected. “I mean look at the sky, the mountains. It’s a beautiful town that I’m grateful as an adult to go back to.”

## New officials

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member of the city council. She is a retired writer with experience that includes contract management, immigration issues and working with grants. She is also a fourth generation Presidian, with relations to the Armendariz family, Fernando Daly and Milton Faver, she says.

The meeting discussed replacing the recently-retired chief of police, Jose Cabezuela, and seeking new

incentives for Ojinaga firefighters to assist Presidio, as well designing efforts to entice new volunteers for the Presidio Volunteer Fire Department.

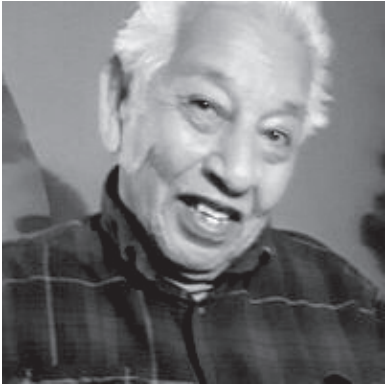
In an interview this week, Runyan said, “I want people to know that I’m on council now, and I’m there to represent their interests.” One of her biggest goals is to improve job opportunities in Presidio. “I don’t want more box stores. I want to take care of our local vendors, because so often what happens in rural communities is the local business

people are run off by the box stores. I want to protect our local business owners. That’s crucial.”

The city was also set to consider its request for proposals for developer services on its Presidio Downtown Hotel project, discuss personnel matters in executive session and hear updates on the Rio Grande Council of Governments’ efforts to update and map 911 addresses.

Since the meeting occurred after press time, details about the city council meeting will appear in next week’s issue.

## OBITUARY



### Lopez

**Faustino Escontrias Lopez**, age 76, of Presidio, TX passed from this life on Saturday, February 6, 2021. He was born on Tuesday, October 3, 1944 in Vado de Piedra, Mexico

to the late Benito Escontrias and Santana Lopez.

Faustino was a wonderful son, husband, father and grandfather. He loved his family dearly. Faustino was also a hardworking man and enjoyed ranching, farming and being outdoors. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time with his family. Faustino will be missed by all who loved him.

Those left to cherish his love and memories are his beloved wife: Delma Estrada Escontrias; children: Oscar Mario Estrada, Ayde Escontrias and spouse Daniel Carrasco, Alfredo Escontrias and wife Martha, Griselda Escontrias and spouse Armando Moreno and Yvonne Escontrias; siblings: Petronilo Escontrias, Leonarda Escontrias, Jose Escontrias, Teodoro

Escontrias, Maria Elena Escontrias, Leonila Escontrias, Anita Escontrias, Cipriano Escontrias, Nestora Escontrias, Emilia Escontrias, Irene Escontrias and Jesus M. Escontrias; as well as; grandchildren: Isaac Zubia, Xavier Moreno, Armando Moreno, Andres Moreno, Valeria Moreno, Brian Salgado and Delia Ximena Escontrias.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sibling Rosendo Escontrias.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Thursday, February 11, 2021 at Tabernaculo de Reuniones in Presidio, TX. Burial will follow after at Desert Hills Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and condolence to the family may be sent online at acreswestfuneral.com.

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# NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

## Evento de vacunación

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primera dosis de la vacuna de Pfizer.

Pero la eficiencia resultó ser un problema: el evento avanzaba tan rápido que el personal médico veía tiempos de inactividad entre pacientes. En ese momento, el hospital instó a los funcionarios locales a ponerse en contacto con las personas con citas y solicitar que lleguen antes, según la administradora de la ciudad de Marfa, Mandy Roane.

Los funcionarios del hospital “simplemente dijeron que no nos movíamos lo suficientemente rápido”, dijo Roane al concejo municipal en una reunión el martes por la noche después del evento. Se le pidió al Coordinador de Manejo de Emergencias del Condado, Gary Mitschke, que enviara una llamada al 911 inversa y un mensaje de texto, instando a los residentes con una cita para la vacuna COVID-19 a venir al Edificio USO. Las vacunas podrían administrarse “antes de la hora de su cita”, decía el mensaje a los residentes.

Elvira Hermosillo, una residente de Presidio de 33 años que enseña inglés a adultos, fue elegible para la vacuna porque un tumor cerebral previo la calificó como con una condición preexistente. Hermosillo recibió el mensaje de texto inverso al 911 a las 11:55 am, pero no pudo ir temprano.

“Trabajo y tengo un hijo de 3 años”, dijo. Ya había hecho arreglos para una niñera para poder hacer el viaje de una hora a su cita de las 2:25 pm.

La llamada inversa al 911 finalmente causó más confusión, provocando una avalancha de personas que no tenían citas para presentarse, “pensando que había extras”, dijo el administrador de la ciudad Roane.

La ciudad quería ceñirse al calendario de citas, dijo Roane en la reunión, pero no pudieron anular la decisión de los trabajadores de Midland, que estaban entregando el papeleo a cualquiera que llegara. Las personas recibían vacunas por orden de llegada, independientemente de su elegibilidad según las pautas estatales.

Los trabajadores de la Clínica Roane y Marfa intentaron llamar a cualquiera que tuviera una cita y ponerlo por delante de los que no lo hicieron. Contó las páginas de las citas restantes e informó a los vacunadores que la cantidad de personas en la lista superaba en número al resto de las vacunas.

Hermosillo llegó a tiempo para su vacuna esa tarde, pero ya era demasiado tarde. Ya se habían administrado todas las dosis de vacuna. Los agentes de policía de Marfa apostados en las puertas del edificio USO la rechazaron. “Estaba confundida porque nadie me dio una explicación”, dijo. Primero sintió conmoción e incredulidad, “pero luego estaba enojada, porque hice el viaje hasta [Marfa] por nada”.

“No pensé que sería un problema”, dijo Hermosillo. “Tuve una cita.”

Cuando las estaciones de vacunación fueron desmontadas y sacadas del edificio un poco antes de las 3 pm, James Jackson, de 71 años, se detuvo en Marfa después de conducir más de 100 millas de ida desde su casa cerca de Terlingua. Había tenido algunas reservas sobre la vacuna, pero escuchó que Marfa

tenía la inyección disponible y reservó una cita. Como Hermosillo, fue rechazado, con poca comprensión de lo que había salido mal.

Midland Memorial Hospital no pudo devolver una solicitud de comentarios antes del cierre de esta edición. Antes del evento, un representante dijo que el hospital estaba estudiando la opción de tener más de estas clínicas de vacunación de un día “dependiendo de la necesidad de una, pero también dependiendo de las asignaciones de vacunas del estado”.

Esas asignaciones, dijo el portavoz, serían un factor determinante para que regresen para recibir más vacunas de primera ronda. Actualmente, el hospital está programado para regresar el 2 de marzo para dar vacunas de segunda ronda a quienes fueron vacunados este martes.

Mientras que Fort Davis y Marfa recibieron eventos con personal del hospital, la clínica de Servicios de Salud de Atención Preventiva de Presidio recibió 400 vacunas Pfizer del Midland Memorial Hospital a fines de enero. Era menos de las 500 dosis de Marfa, a pesar de tener una población casi tres veces mayor.

Aún así, el personal de la clínica de PCHS pudo administrar con éxito esas inyecciones, junto con inyecciones adicionales de Moderna, a los residentes de Presidio entre el 30 de enero y el 2 de febrero. Entre esa semana y la semana siguiente, “hicimos más de 1,000 vacunas para la primera y segunda dosis,”, Dijo Linda Molinar, directora ejecutiva de PCHS.

Antes del evento de Marfa, Hermosillo ya estaba algo desilusionado con el proceso de implementación de la vacuna. “Siento que aquí en Presidio siempre nos tratan como ciudadanos de segunda clase. La clínica aquí nos ha dicho que no tienen idea de cuándo recibirán más vacunas, así que sentimos que aquí en Presidio nadie nos considera”.

Molinar dijo que la clínica no está segura en este momento de cuándo se les aplicarán las inyecciones nuevamente. A pesar de solicitar vacunas a través del sistema estatal varias veces durante las últimas semanas, PCHS no ha cumplido ninguna de esas solicitudes.

El intento de vacunarse en Marfa dejó a Hermosillo aún más descontento. “Creo que lo que realmente me molestó fue la idea de que Presidio siempre se pasa por alto”, dijo. “Ni siquiera es una idea, esa es nuestra experiencia”. Ahora está considerando conducir hasta Pecos, a tres horas de su casa, para vacunarse.

En la reunión de la ciudad del martes por la noche, el concejal Johnston dijo: “No quiero que la Clínica Marfa y la Ciudad de Marfa reciban este golpe. Ese no era el plan. No se siguió el plan y lo sentimos”.

Después de enterarse de que no recibiría una vacuna el martes, Jackson, el residente del área de Terlingua, se paró afuera del edificio USO. “No culpo a nadie”, dijo, “pero desearía no haber conducido todo ese camino por nada”.

El miércoles, Marfa Clinic trabajó con Midland Memorial para asegurar dosis adicionales para aquellos cuyas citas no se cumplieron el martes. “Llamamos a las 60 personas que ayer no se vacunaron y las distribuiremos el viernes”, dijo Don Culbertson de la Clínica Marfa.

## Zoom gato

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“Estoy preparado para seguir adelante”, dice Ponton en un video de 42 segundos de esa audiencia de Zoom. “Estoy aquí en vivo. No soy un gato”.

“Puedo ver eso”, responde el juez Ferguson en el video. Poco después de que terminara el video, Ferguson le dijo a *The Big Bend Sentinel*, Ponton logró apagar su filtro y la audiencia continuó según lo planeado.

Más tarde, Ferguson subió un clip del video. Publicó sobre eso en Twitter.

“SUGERENCIA IMPORTANTE DE ZOOM: Si un niño usó su computadora, antes de unirse a una audiencia virtual, verifique las Opciones de Zoom de Video para asegurarse de que los filtros estén desactivados”, escribió. “Este gatito acaba de hacer un anuncio formal sobre un caso en el 394”.

En una hora, el clip se volvió viral. Esa tarde, a decenas de miles de personas les había gustado y habían compartido versiones del video en línea.

Para el miércoles, una versión del video en Twitter tenía casi 30 millones de visitas. En el momento de la publicación, era el mejor resultado de Google para la palabra “gato”.

*Vice News* cubrió la situación y describió a Ponton como “gato-Ponton”. *Houston Chronicle* puso la historia en la parte superior de su boletín del martes por la tarde con el titular: “‘No soy un gato’: abogado de Texas atrapado en un percance con el filtro Zoom”. *The New York Times* escribió sobre el percance de Ponton, al igual que *Texas Monthly*. Los medios de comunicación internacionales pronto también cubrieron la historia, desde la BBC en el Reino Unido hasta el *South China Morning Post* en Hong Kong.

“Regularmente twiteo cosas que suceden en las audiencias como advertencias y momentos de enseñanza”, dijo el juez Ferguson. “Nunca esperé que ninguno [de ellos] se propagaría como este”.

Los tribunales de Texas han realizado más de un

millón de audiencias virtuales, dijo. Él mismo ha hecho más de 1000. Para él, el error fue un resultado natural del “impulso” de los abogados y jueces de Texas para “mantener el sistema de justicia operativo”. Elogió a Ponton por “la gracia con la que manejó una situación muy difícil”.

“Fue un buen momento de ligereza”, reconoció el juez Ferguson sobre la apariencia de Ponton como un gatito. Pero para él, la principal conclusión fue “el nivel de profesionalismo que los abogados de Texas aportan a los tribunales virtuales”.

En su propia entrevista el martes, Ponton se estaba tomando con calma su momento de fama viral.

“He tenido entrevistas con el *Today* programa, *New York Times*, CNN, Fox News, *Texas Monthly*, lo que sea”, dijo riendo. “Nunca se sabe qué va a captar la atención de Twittiverse. Y esto acaba de suceder a las 11 a. M. De esta mañana”.

Ponton tenía sentimientos encontrados sobre la situación. “Por un lado, quieres sentirte avergonzado porque sientes que [tú] arruinaste una audiencia en la corte”, dijo. Era muy consciente de que en todo el país la gente se estaba riendo del video.

“Por otro lado, no fue intencional”, dijo. “Creo que todo el mundo se identifica con él. ¿Quién no ha tenido un error en su computadora? “Y en lo que respecta a las meteduras de pata de las reuniones de Zoom, esta fue bastante benigna.

“Hemos pasado por momentos tan estresantes, entre COVID y la política”, dijo Ponton. “Si el país se ríe de mis gastos por el video del gato, me alegra aceptarlo”.

Sin embargo, quedaba un misterio: ¿cómo apareció el filtro de gatito en la llamada de Zoom de Ponton en primer lugar? Ponton dijo que no estaba seguro.

Ponton estaba en Presidio el martes por la mañana e inició sesión en la audiencia desde la computadora de su secretaria. Tiene hijos, y tal vez, especuló Ponton, por eso estaba activado el filtro de gatitos. Pero incluso eso fue solo una suposición.

“No sé cómo llegó allí, y ella no sabe cómo llegó allí”, dijo Ponton. “Esas cosas suceden”.



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**Marcus DeAnda sits for a photo while on set in Alpine. The Presidio-raised actor was eager to return to the Big Bend for his latest job playing Ernesto in the forthcoming film Free Dead or Alive.**

**Marcus DeAnda se sienta para una foto mientras está en el set de Alpine. El actor criado en Presidio estaba ansioso por regresar a Big Bend para su último trabajo interpretando a Ernesto en la próxima película Free Dead or Alive.**

## DeAnda

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High School en 1989. Para 2001, vivía en Los Ángeles y consiguió su primer papel en *Cold Case*.

“Crecí viendo muchas telenovelas y creo que ahí es donde surgió mi gusto por la actuación”, dijo. “Como chico latino, siempre pensé en el chico de *Santa Bárbara*, A Martinez. Con un apellido como ese, lo miré como: si él puede ser actor, yo también puedo”. Agradece que hoy en día la carrera esté más abierta a una representación diversa en la pantalla.

Desde su primer papel, ha actuado en las principales comedias de televisión como *Cougar Town* y *Modern Family* y ha aparecido en telenovelas como *The Young and the Restless*. “Mis personajes tienden a morir”, dijo DeAnda. “Mi madre siempre está decepcionada por eso. Ella dice, ‘Quiero verte no morir’”.

El viernes pasado, apareció en el último episodio de la reiniciada de serie *MacGyver*, y para el deleite de su madre, sobrevive el episodio.

Con décadas de experiencia en su haber, DeAnda estaba ansioso por regresar a Presidio, para finalmente usar sus habilidades como actor cerca de su ciudad natal y darle a su madre, Aracely DeAnda, un gran abrazo. Ella acaba de recibir su vacuna COVID, lo que facilitó que el actor finalmente la visitara. “Hice una audición para este papel para poder filmar aquí, porque mi mamá todavía está en Presidio”, dijo.

## Nuevos designados

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“estudio geofísico del cementerio Apache Lipan” con la esperanza de identificar las tumbas y crear una cerca perimetral a su alrededor.

Los Amigos de la Iglesia de Ruidosa también buscaron fondos para renovar la histórica iglesia de Ruidosa.

El miércoles por la noche, Runyan hizo su primera aparición como miembro del consejo de la ciudad. Es una escritora jubilada con experiencia que incluye gestión de contratos, problemas de inmigración y trabajo con subvenciones. También es una presidiana de cuarta generación, con parientes de la familia Armendáriz, Fernando Daly y Milton Faver, dice.

La reunión discutió el reemplazo del jefe de policía recientemente retirado, José Cabezuola, y la búsqueda de nuevos incentivos para que los bomberos de Ojinaga ayuden a Presidio, así como el diseño de esfuerzos para atraer a nuevos voluntarios para el Departamento de

DeAnda interpreta a un conductor de escapadas por su papel en *Free Dead or Alive*. En el set de la semana pasada, condujo una camioneta blanca a través de una pequeña carretera que pasa por debajo de un puente de ferrocarril en Alpine, mientras las cámaras seguían sus movimientos.

En la historia, una mujer guatemalteca escapa con la ayuda de un “coyote” para evitar un matrimonio forzado en su país de origen. El personaje de DeAnda es contratado para llevarlos a un tren que los conducirá por México, pero el grupo termina en una persecución en auto. Pagar a los funcionarios, escapar de las persecuciones de automóviles y otras payasadas hacen que la película sea una historia que seguramente será emocionante cuando se estrene. “Están tocando lo que la gente tiene que pasar cuando tiene que salir de su país”, explicó.

El equipo filmó en locaciones de Alpine y Terlingua, usando diferentes partes del paisaje local como escenario para Guatemala, El Salvador y México. “Me encanta hacer papeles aquí, estoy familiarizado con el área y me encanta”, dijo.

“No creo que aprecié cómo era cuando era un niño, porque quería salir y actuar”, reflexionó DeAnda. “Me refiero a mirar el cielo, las montañas. Es una ciudad hermosa a la que estoy agradecido como adulto por volver”.

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En una entrevista esta semana, Runyan dijo: “Quiero que la gente sepa que ahora estoy en el consejo y que estoy allí para representar sus intereses”. Uno de sus mayores objetivos es mejorar las oportunidades laborales en Presidio. “No quiero más tiendas de caja. Quiero cuidar de nuestros proveedores locales, porque muy a menudo lo que sucede en las comunidades rurales es que los comerciantes locales se escapan de las tiendas. Quiero proteger a nuestros dueños de negocios locales. Eso es crucial”.

La ciudad también estaba preparada para considerar su solicitud de propuestas de servicios para desarrolladores en su proyecto Presidio Downtown Hotel, discutir asuntos de personal en una sesión ejecutiva y escuchar actualizaciones sobre los esfuerzos del Consejo de Gobiernos de Río Grande para actualizar y mapear las direcciones del 911.

Dado que la reunión tuvo lugar después del cierre de esta edición, los detalles sobre la reunión del consejo de la ciudad aparecerán en la edición de la próxima semana.

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# Texas tenants behind on rent will soon be able to seek aid from \$1.3 billion assistance program

By JUAN PABLO GARNHAM  
*The Texas Tribune*

TEXAS — State officials plan to roll out a \$1.3 billion rental assistance program for Texans struggling to keep up with housing payments during a shaky economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. The new program comes after a separate state initiative was criticized for its limited scope and because many landlords declined to participate.

More than 1.6 million Texans had little or no confidence in being able to pay next month’s rent, according to a January survey by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Assistance for the new program will only be available to households that make no more than 80% of the area’s median income, which varies by county and by the number of members in a household. In 2020, for example, the threshold for a family of four in the Houston area was around \$63,000. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has created a website with the requirements and instructions on how to apply, as well as a hotline (1-833-989-7368).

The new program, which will start receiving applications on Feb. 15, will help with both for past or future rent payments. According to the department, around 80,000 households will be able to receive assistance. Both landlords and tenants will be able to apply. Once the program is running, the payments could take up to two weeks to reach the tenants or landlords if the paperwork is filed correctly, said Brooke Boston, deputy executive director of programs at the agency.

The program comes after renters have spent months depending on local funds and nonprofit organizations for rental assistance. Many of those programs were quickly depleted.

In October, the state created a separate pilot program for assistance in 19 counties. This initiative, called the Eviction Diversion Program, has been available for tenants in specific county courts when they were going through the eviction process. To get the funds, landlords would have to agree to participate in the initiative in front of the justice of peace.

“My general impression is that it is not working very well, and that’s primarily because landlords are not interested in participating in the program,” said Matt García, staff attorney for Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, last week. “Oftentimes the justice of the peace asks both parties if they are interested and landlords don’t want to, and it ends the conversation there.”

That program dedicated \$3.3 million to pay up to six months of rent for tenants. As of Dec. 31, it had distributed \$1.3 million among 235 households across the state, although TDHCA officials say that most funds are already committed by now. Since the first round has been mostly depleted, TDHCA has already announced a second round of more than \$36 million in rental assistance that will be distributed through 45 cities and counties.

Housing advocates not only criticized this limited coverage, but also that the first round of funds required the landlord’s approval.

García said that out of all his eviction cases, no tenants have been able to receive the funds.

“And I do this full time,” he said.

TDHCA now hopes to provide help before eviction proceedings begin.

“It was kind of a last minute Hail Mary to help somebody out, but it’s better to get rental assistance early on,” said Bobby Wilkinson, executive director of the TDHCA. “We hope to catch as many people as possible before they ever get to that stage with our [new] statewide rental assistance program, but we’re going to keep some of that money for the people that fall through the cracks.”

According to the U.S. Treasury Department, which is providing funds for the new program, it only applies to rental units and tenants have to show that they have qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced financial hardships due to COVID-19. Applicants also have to demonstrate that they are in risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

“It does sound promising,” said David Mintz, vice president of government affairs for the Texas Apartment Association, which represents landlords across the state. “We are hopeful that this is going to help fill part of the need that is out there.”

Housing advocates, which have warned about the challenges of previous programs, also cheered the creation of the new program.

“I think it’s fantastic. We are finally getting a rental assistance program to the scale and the magnitude of the crisis,” said Eli Barrish, policy analyst at the housing advocacy organization Texas Housers. “The biggest issue of the previous program is that it was so little money. We finally have something that is equal to the task.”

TDHCA will centralize the application process through a website and a call center. One concern is that high demand could overwhelm the call center and website, like what has happened with unemployment benefits throughout the pandemic.

Bobby Wilkinson, from TDHCA, said that the agency is working to be ready, and that the call center will have a capacity of “a few hundred” workers.

“I would say to [tenants] be patient, help is coming, work with your landlords. And to landlords, I would say don’t file evictions, work with your tenant and apply for this new source of money to make yourself full,” Wilkinson said. “You’ll get some back rent and some rent looking forward. This is going to be a good tool to help everybody.”

Advocates, though, still worry about renters who don’t have reliable internet access.

“There needs to be ways to access the program other than the online portal, because of the digital divide. We also need it to be language accessible,” Barrish said. “It’s incredibly important that this happens quickly.”

TDHCA spokeswoman Kristina Tirloni said people without internet access can also apply over the phone.

“For those with technological challenges, call center staff will be available via phone to help with the application process,” she said in an email.

Information about how to apply and who is eligible will be available in Spanish, and the agency is looking to provide it in other languages like Mandarin and Vietnamese.

Tirloni said TDHCA will also advertise the program and work with organizations like the Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers to get the word out to potential beneficiaries.

But it is not yet clear if the website will be fully translated. The agency said they are still working on such details with their vendor. Translation services also will be available for people who speak other languages through the call center.

Tirloni said that the agency will gather racial and income data that would allow them to evaluate the programs’ reach.

But Barrish is concerned that Black and Latino Texans will face a difficult time accessing the program, just as they have experienced challenges accessing vaccines.

“We need to make sure that the same doesn’t happen with rent relief,” Barrish said.

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# Ashley Chapman Hoff sworn in as U.S. Attorney for Western District of Texas

FAR WEST TEXAS — Far West Texans have a new top federal prosecutor. On January 26, Ashley Chapman Hoff was appointed to be the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas. She officially took office on Sunday.

“I am grateful to the Court for the appointment. I acknowledge and embrace the immense responsibility of this position,” Hoff said in a statement. “I am privileged to work alongside the incredibly talented and dedicated women and men of this office, who give their all every day to protect the public, defend the Constitution, and represent the United States of America.”

A native Texan, Hoff was born and raised in Sherman. She graduated from Texas Christian University in 1991, later receiving a law degree from Baylor University in 1994.

Hoff began her legal career as an assistant district attorney in the Harris County district attorney’s office in Houston, where she served as a state trial prosecutor starting in 1995. Later, she also served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of Texas, where she joined a counterterrorism unit created after 9/11.

Hoff has spent 26 years as a public official and prosecutor, including more than 17 years with the Western District of Texas. Since 2018, she has served as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney. She has prosecuted a wide variety of federal offenses in her career, including violent crimes, drug trafficking, firearms violations, identity theft, health care fraud and complex white collar crimes.

The Western District of Texas includes 68 counties spanning about 93,000 square miles. The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Texas has staffed offices in Austin, Alpine, Del Rio, El Paso, Midland, Waco and San Antonio.

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# Ashley Chapman Hoff juró como Fiscal Federal para el Distrito Oeste de Texas



Ashley Chapman Hoff

LEJANO OESTE DE TEXAS — Los texanos del Far West tienen un nuevo fiscal federal superior. El 26 de enero, Ashley Chapman Hoff fue nombrada Fiscal Federal para el Distrito Oeste de Texas. Ella asumió oficialmente el cargo el domingo.

“Agradezco a la Corte el nombramiento. Reconozco y acepto la inmensa responsabilidad de este puesto ”, dijo Hoff en un comunicado. “Tengo el privilegio de trabajar junto a los hombres y mujeres increíblemente talentosos y dedicados de esta oficina, que dan todo lo que pueden todos los días para proteger al público, defender la Constitución y representar a los Estados Unidos de América”.

Hoff, nativo de Texas, nació y se crió en Sherman. Se graduó de la Universidad Cristiana de Texas en 1991, y luego recibió un título en derecho de la Universidad de Baylor en 1994.

Hoff comenzó su carrera legal como asistente del fiscal de distrito en la oficina del fiscal de distrito del condado de Harris en Houston, donde se desempeñó como fiscal estatal a partir de 1995. Posteriormente, también se desempeñó como fiscal federal adjunta en el Distrito Sur de Texas, donde se unió a una unidad antiterrorista creada después del 11 de septiembre.

Hoff ha pasado 26 años como funcionario público y fiscal, incluidos más de 17 años en el Distrito Oeste de Texas. Desde 2018, se ha desempeñado como Primera Fiscal Federal Auxiliar. Ha procesado una amplia variedad de delitos federales en su carrera, incluidos delitos violentos, tráfico de drogas, violaciones de armas de fuego, robo de identidad, fraude a la atención médica y delitos complejos de cuello blanco.

El Distrito Occidental de Texas incluye 68 condados que abarcan aproximadamente 93,000 millas cuadradas. La Oficina del Fiscal Federal para el Distrito Oeste de Texas tiene oficinas en Austin, Alpine, Del Rio, El Paso, Midland, Waco y San Antonio.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**City of Presidio will be having a General/Special Election for May 1, 2021.**

Applications for Place on the Ballot will be open from January 13th, 2021 to end on February 12th, 2021. We will be filling a Mayoral Seat (Two Years), Two Full Term Seats (Two Years), and One Unexpired Term (One Year).

If you wish to receive an application or more information, please contact the City Presidio City Secretary at: bornelas@presidioctx.us or call 432-229-2201

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