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Four injured in cold weather multi-car pile-up crash on I-10

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JEFF DAVIS COUNTY — Four people were injured — one critically — when over 20 vehicles collided Tuesday morning in a series of mounting pile-up crashes on I-10 west of Pecos due to icy roads.

The initial crash occurred around 8:40 a.m. just west of the I-10/I-20 split in Jeff Davis County, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety, and involved at least 12 vehicles. A series of additional crashes happened as cars continued to collide into the existing pile-ups, per DPS spokesperson Sergeant Steven Blanco. Over 20 vehicles altogether were involved in the incident. The incident remains under investigation by DPS.

The roads were icy and conditions were foggy at the time of the crash, said Blanco, and weather is believed to have been a factor.

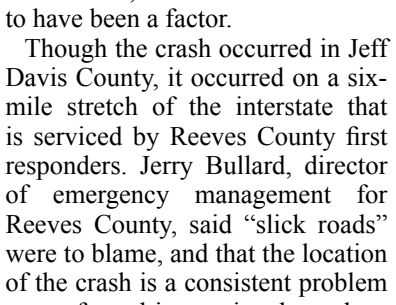
Though the crash occurred in Jeff Davis County, it occurred on a six-mile stretch of the interstate that is serviced by Reeves County first responders. Jerry Bullard, director of emergency management for Reeves County, said "slick roads" were to blame, and that the location of the crash is a consistent problem area for drivers in hazardous conditions.

"This is an area of incident every year," said Bullard.

One person suffered critical injuries in the crash, said Bullard, while three suffered non-critical injuries. The patients were transported to Reeves Regional Health in Pecos. There have been no fatalities as a result of the crash.

Though I-10 eastbound was closed throughout Tuesday as debris was cleared from the roadway, the left lane of the eastbound interstate was reopened that evening, and the roadway was entirely cleared and reopened as of Wednesday morning.

Hazardous driving conditions persisted throughout the region on Wednesday. An ice storm warning was issued for much of West Texas into Thursday morning, including in the area where Tuesday's collision occurred.



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Signage on the Alpine ISD Administration Building remains from the building's previous function as a day care facility managed by Sul Ross State University. It will once again serve the town's youngest constituents as the district prepares to open a day care program this coming fall.

Alpine ISD to open new day care in face of persistent regional child care shortage

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ALPINE — This coming fall, the Alpine Independent School District plans to open a public day care center for preschool-aged children in an effort to alleviate stresses on local parents caused by an ongoing lack of reliable child care options.

The establishment of the center, which will accommodate 50 children ages six months to three years old and likely be housed in the west wing of the district's existing administration building, will be made possible by recently-received grant dollars in the amount of $500,000 from the Texas Workforce Commission and nonprofit Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB).

Alpine, which has been home to larger day care centers in the past, currently lacks a public child care facility. Without that resource, some local parents have had to rely on the help of friends and family and have struggled to secure child care for their children during working hours.

The entire tri-county area is classified by the Texas Workforce Commission as a "child care desert," due to the shortage of licensed child care facilities. In Alpine, the number of preschool-aged children exceeds available child care spots by 9 to 1, according to a press release announcing Alpine ISD's forthcoming day care center.

Dr. Michelle Rinehart, superintendent of Alpine ISD, said she noticed how the lack of child care facilities was negatively impacting families while out meeting with district employees and community members when she first began in her role in June 2021.

"We have had staff who have stepped down from teaching positions because they don't have consistent reliable day care," said Rinehart. "Other businesses were expressing those same concerns."

In an anonymous survey conducted by WSB this fall in order to determine the demand for child care in the area, 82%, or 134 out of 163 parents surveyed, said they had a child under the age of 13 and required child care services. Those surveyed voiced needs for an available, affordable child care entity which followed state regulations. Some stated the child care shortage was detrimental to the town and a limiting factor for many parents in Alpine. One survey participant commented they felt like they shouldn't have to choose between having a job and having a family.

With those challenges in mind, Rinehart began formulating a plan with Alpine Community Projects, a new nonprofit focused on making Alpine a better place for its residents. Efforts by the group to expand child care are headed up by Kirsten Moody and J.D. Newsom. Representatives from the Alpine Business Alliance, City of Alpine and Sul Ross were also involved in conversations.

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Allegations of misconduct emerge against resigned PMDD leaders

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PRESIDIO — Last Wednesday, around two dozen community members attended a meeting of the Presidio Municipal Development District, many armed with allegations against the board's former executive director and president. Their complaints ran the gamut from financial misconduct to personal smears and threats.

It was the latest in a series of tense public meetings about the organization's future — which have yielded an array of explosive allegations about misconduct within the City of Presidio.

PMDD was thrown into tumult two weeks ago when the board's president, Terry Bishop, and executive director, Jeran Stephens, abruptly resigned with a searing joint statement alleging wide-ranging corruption at all levels of city government, painting a scathing portrait of the City of Presidio — including their own board — as "riddled with cronyism, nepotism [and] disregard for ethical behavior at all levels."

In turn, PMDD members and local business owners alike brought their own accusations against the former leaders.

PMDD is an organization dedicated to economic development in Presidio. Formerly known as the Presidio Development Corporation, the board became PMDD in 2012 with the help of the state Legislature. The Legislature designated PMDD as a taxing entity that skims half of a percent in local sales tax "for the purpose of financing development projects beneficial to the district," which are voted on by board members.

Both the organization's bylaws and Texas law governing development districts are relatively vague on what their funding may be used for — though the board has generally focused their efforts on growing local business and improving quality of life for Presidians.

In their resignation letter, Bishop and Stephens alleged they had been thwarted by the city in their efforts to bring business and jobs to Presidio, as well as their personal investigation into local corruption. They felt they were personally hindered by their own board members and "continued interference by outside sources" — who they accused of "violating executive session confidentiality" and "colluding with the City

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Former Marfa and Valentine teacher sentenced to 20 years in prison on child porn charges

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ALPINE — Albert Ackley, a longtime Valentine ISD teacher who formerly taught in Marfa, was sentenced last week to 20 years in federal prison and 15 years of supervised release for distributing child pornography.

Ackley pleaded guilty in August of last year to one count of distribution of child pornography. An additional count of distribution of child pornography and two counts of possession of child pornography were dismissed with prejudice, court records show, meaning they have been dismissed permanently. The plea agreement reached in August was sealed by the court.

The Valentine local was arrested at his home in March of last year when authorities executed a search warrant and found multiple devices containing child sex abuse material. Court records state Ackley distributed 10 files containing child pornography over a messaging app.

The case was investigated by both the Texas Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security Investigations.

"This sentence shows that HSI special agents are laser focused on doing our part to bring to justice those who victimize children," said Special Agent in Charge Francisco B. Burrola of the Homeland Security Investigations El Paso Division. "HSI is most appreciative of the collaborative partnership with the Texas Department of Public Safety that is a force multiplier to combat this horrific crime of child exploitation."

Ackley, 59, was a Valentine ISD employee of 19 years at the time of his arrest in March. A math teacher for the district who taught students in grades 7 through 12, he resigned from the position days after his detainment; nothing incriminating was found on school devices when authorities searched the building, per Superintendent Debbie Engle, and no victims associated with the school were identified.

Prior to his employment in Valentine, Ackley had worked for Marfa ISD — as a math, science and computer teacher, then as the school district's technology coordinator.

Ackley, upon his detainment, confessed to having sexual contact with children in the past, and authorities identified four possible juvenile victims altogether — two of whom had been victims of Ackley while in Marfa, according to the testimony of Texas DPS Special Agent Adam Patterson.

According to Patterson's testimony, Ackley,

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Presidio County reinstates burn ban

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PRESIDIO COUNTY — At last Wednesday's meeting, the Presidio County Commissioners Court voted to reinstate the burn ban for the first time since September. Much-needed fall rains offered a few months of relief, but now Presidio County residents and landowners will once again be expected to contact the county for permission before setting outdoor fires.

County Emergency Management Coordinator Gary Mitschke told commissioners that this is typically a dry and windy time of year. Coupled with an extra-dry weather pattern across the Southwest over the past few years, local officials have reason to exercise caution.

Presidio County has the power to extend or lift the burn ban every 90 days. Failure to comply with the ban can result in fines and criminal charges ranging from class C misdemeanors to second degree felonies, depending on whether fire damage was caused intentionally or unintentionally.

Mitschke explained that he isn't a proponent of keeping the county under a "perpetual ban" — he feels it is important to discuss and lift the ban whenever possible so that residents have to pay attention to regulations and take them seriously. "When we can, we should drop [the ban] so that people realize we don't just keep it in place automatically," he said.

Winter and early spring of each year — long after the monsoon rains and while winds are high — are often considered "wildfire season" in the Big Bend. The latest burn ban will extend until April and includes the anniversary of the Rock House Fire in 2011 — a wildfire that left a 314,444-acre burn scar, so large it could be seen from space.

Mitschke and other emergency management experts around the state use something called the Keech-Byram Drought Index (KBDI). KBDI values take into consideration location, ambient air temperature and the last 24 hours of rainfall. All of these factors can help local officials and climatologists understand the local risk of fire.

Locally, Presidio, Brewster and Culberson counties are considered at higher risk for wildfires on the KBDI scale. Presidio takes the prize: the average KBDI score for the county is 616, which is "often associated with more severe drought and increased wildfire occurrence," per the Texas A&M Forest Service.

Despite its regular place on the discussion docket at Presidio County Commissioners Court, burn bans don't actually hinder that many activities under state laws. Residents in unincorporated areas without trash services can still burn household trash, and outdoor enthusiasts can still light fires for "recreational or ceremonial purposes" — in other words, bonfires and cooking fires.

That doesn't mean that county residents ought to spark up during wildfire season just because they're legally allowed to. At the county's current KBDI value, any burning outdoor fuel can quickly spiral into "intense, deep-burning fires with significant downwind spotting."

Wildfires can take off with the toss of a smoldering cigarette out the window or parking a car with a hot exhaust system over dry grass. Under Texas law any fire left unattended — which includes abandoning a fire pit — can come with hefty legal consequences.

Folks who wish to set outdoor fires beyond the parameters of the law must contact the county. In a place as dry as the Big Bend, wildfires are serious business. "We've gotten lucky the past few years," said Mitschke — but that luck could run out.

PMDD leaders

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Secretary" to interfere with their investigative efforts.

Last week's PMDD meeting had originally been called so that a performance review of Stephens could take place in executive session, roughly a year and a half after she was hired to lead the economic development board. Neither Bishop nor Stephens attended Wednesday's meeting, but board members and their neighbors still took the opportunity to respond to their resignation letter.

Questions arise over filling of vacancies

The drama began at a January 16 Presidio City Council meeting when the Bishop and Stephens, then still president and executive director, pleaded with Council to fill two positions so that they could have a quorum for important upcoming board business. Council ultimately tabled their request after a heated disagreement about how to properly appoint new PMDD members, during which questions arose regarding the truth of Bishop and Stephens' claims around the request.

PMDD board members serve for two years, typically corresponding with the spring election cycle — but there are often vacancies that need to be filled and officially approved by City Council. Bishop's term was set to expire in the spring, along with the term of Board Treasurer Nancy Arevalo.

Stephens had said the rush to turn over the board was to complete important PMDD business involving a company interested in setting up shop in Presidio. But when Councilmember and PMDD Treasurer Arevalo asked for more information about the company that was interested in Presidio, Stephens hesitated.

City Administrator Pablo Rodriguez told the Presidio International that he was not able to confirm the name of the company or even the type of business involved. "Nobody showed up at our doorstep [after her resignation]," he said.

Stephens and Bishop said there were three additional seats that would eventually need to be filled, claiming that Board Secretary Lizette Rohana had resigned in October, and members Christina Juarez and Patrick Manian resigned shortly after. As it turned out, neither Juarez nor Manian tendered their resignations with the city.

That Friday, Council called a special meeting to consider applications for the unfilled positions. Before open session — but while the city's cameras were rolling — Bishop and Stephens resigned.

Their shocking resignation letter, it turned out, would open the floodgates for accusations regarding their leadership of PMDD.

Local business owners accuse former executive director of misconduct

Board Member Manian led Wednesday's meeting and fielded concerns with the help of Secretary Rohana — reinstated by Presidio City Council just after Bishop and Stephens' resignation — as well as Treasurer Arevalo and Board Member Juarez.

H. Cowan, the consultant who brought maquiladora Solitaire Homes to Presidio and Ojinaga, led with searing criticism of both Stephens and her board. He suggested that they had failed so miserably at fulfilling their charter that they ought to disband the organization. "You haven't brought jobs here that I've seen — the slice of sales tax that you get should go back to the city," he said.

In their resignation letter, Bishop and Stephens claimed that "each new attempt to bring new jobs to town [had] been met with resistance and personal judgments about the type of business or type of work being created."

Coach Robert Romero, Alex Jimenez and Omega Jimenez of Presidio Drag Racing attended the meeting to share their side of a conflict with Stephens ahead of the Fourth of July races.

Stephens had approached the organizers weeks before the races to request proof of general liability and race day insurance, safety regulations posted in English and Spanish, contracted security, and past-due payment on their lease. She said that the races would have to be canceled if the organizers couldn't provide the necessary documentation — citing safety concerns that could leave her organization liable in the event of an accident.

Presidio Drag Racing ultimately met Stephens' conditions, but not before an explosive conflict. Romero and the Jimenezes' accusations against Stephens ranged from an abuse of power to name-calling: they alleged that Stephens had threatened to call the police on them and harassed them via text message.

Romero said that the drag races — which draw folks from Mexico and all over the Southwest and regularly sell hundreds of tickets — invest their earnings in track improvements and giving back to the community. Competitors pack local hotels and restaurants, and the group hosts fun events for the community — in the spring, they'll be using the track to spotlight the high school's Solar Car Challenge prototype.

For now, they're not officially recognized by the state of Texas as a nonprofit organization, but they're exploring their options as the races grow beyond informal contests between local friends. "I'm not a lawyer, but I know what's right for the community," said Romero. "I feel like [Stephens] was bullying me."

Omega Jimenez didn't hedge on her organization's right to conduct business in the Industrial Park without interference. "This is our tax money," she said. "I've lived [in Presidio] all my life. I'm going to die here. No outsider is going to come here and tell us how to spend our money."

Accusations of financial misconduct

The Presidio International Drag Strip is located in the Presidio Industrial Park, which had been purchased by PMDD's predecessor organization, the Presidio Development Corporation, in 1999 — the corporation no longer exists, but is still listed as the park's landowner. The question of the land's ownership had been the subject of a crusade waged by Bishop and Stephens, who believed ownership would revert to the state of Texas unless action was taken.

That crusade, and other causes taken up by the resigned PMDD leaders, are now tethered to claims that Bishop and Stephens racked up excessive legal fees, without board input, in pursuit of their causes.

In their resignation letter, Bishop and Stephens said they had been conducting an investigation to prove that Presidio Industrial Park truly belonged to PMDD before they attempted to lease more of it to prospective companies. They claimed ownership of the park was in danger of being reverted to the state of Texas due to "incorrect titles and deeds dating back to 2021."

In the letter, Stephens and Bishop also alleged "potentially illegal real estate transactions" benefitting previous board members, in which "PMDD literally gave them land for free," but did not specify which members. "Investigation of this matter must be completed," their letter continues. "This is not a fast or inexpensive process which any professional or anyone with business experience would comprehend."

At last Wednesday's meeting, Treasurer Arevalo said that the board had originally budgeted $50,000 for legal consultation last year — but ended up more than doubling that number. "I questioned [Stephens] about that and got a lot of pushback," she said.

Arevalo had not yet received invoices for January 2023.

Manian said that he and the rest of his board members never had contact with PMDD's attorneys at Braumiller Law Group of Dallas before conflict among the board really ramped up. "We requested to speak with them and [Stephens] would find ways of pushing us off," he said. "When we finally did get in touch with them, they were very willing to discuss things with us."

Arevalo eventually started refusing to sign checks, which were signed by Bishop instead. The bylaws dictate that — though the treasurer is responsible for bookkeeping — PMDD checks may be written and cashed by any two board members.

Many of the itemized legal expenses went to fighting a proposed diesel transport operation opposed by many Presidio residents, including Stephens. "That was a very important issue and she stood up," said Manian. "The extent of it, I didn't realize until we saw the invoices. I didn't know a number until I saw that $80,000 had been spent. No discussion was had at a board meeting about these expenditures."

Stephens' resignation was another source of bookkeeping headaches. In January, PMDD executive payroll ran in two pay periods from January 1 to 15 and 16 to 31. Stephens was supposed to cash her check for the second half of January on the 31st, but cashed it on the 19th — the day she resigned.

Arevalo said that there was another check written for Stephens' salary, intended to cover payroll from February 1 to 15. That check was missing. "I'm not saying it was signed, but it was missing," Arevalo said. "That's totally unethical."

The legal expenditures were not the only financial issue brought up by the board members. A smaller-scale discrepancy: at their January and February 2022 meetings, Stephens repeatedly brought up the need for a more professional website for PMDD, featuring photos of the region and information about local businesses. "It'll make a huge impact," she said at the board's meeting on February 9, 2022.

At the same meeting, Stephens said that she had sought out bids across the region. She had also asked for a quote from a company in Nacogdoches she had previously done business with — in the interest of transparency, she told the board of their "long-standing relationship."

Because of that relationship, the company — N Data Systems — offered a deal on their services. The board opted to contract with them, and a check for $6,000 was cashed on March 22, 2022. But at the time of Stephens' resignation in January 2023, the website she had pushed for was still not finished.

Board members say open communication was forbidden

Cowan put the blame on the remaining PMDD members for allowing Bishop and Stephens' alleged behavior to go unchecked. "If you knew and didn't stop her, you share some of the blame," he said.

The board members defended themselves, saying that they were prevented from communicating with each other to cross-reference their concerns, which Stephens said violated the Open Meetings Act.

Texas dictates that meetings of governmental bodies must be open to the public, except for "authorized executive sessions," which are not open to the public. Valid reasons for enacting an executive session include discussing pending litigation with attorneys, certain types of real estate transactions, deliberating on hiring or firing employees and evaluating allegations against individual government officials.

Members of organizations subject to the Open Meetings Act are required to attend an hour-long online training. In their resignation letter, Stephens and Bishop said that only two of their board members had completed the training, but did not specify which ones.

The law requires a court order to access official recordings of closed session discussion, but does not prevent closed session attendees from making public statements about those discussions — or seeing each other socially, so long as they don't discuss official agenda items ahead of meetings in an attempt to influence each others' votes.

Wiggle room in the Open Meetings Act doesn't mean that there won't be consequences for airing board business. "The fact that a person may legally discuss what occurred in a closed meeting does not mean that it is advisable to do so," Zindia Thomas of the Texas Municipal League wrote in a guide to the law for elected officials.

According to Board Member Juarez, Stephens insisted that any communication about board business between members had to be channeled through her. "She went even so far as to say we couldn't even talk to each other," she said. "She would say, 'If you have anything to say, you can say it to me, and I will disperse it to everyone else.' It was really intense."

Whether in open or closed session, PMDD bylaws dictate that anyone on the board can add agenda items if submitted to board leadership more than five days in advance of the meeting. "[Stephens] was directing all communications through herself," explained Manian. "She said that the board president [Terry Bishop] had to call meetings and that all agenda items had to be approved through him."

In their resignation letter, Bishop and Stephens said that they felt many of the agenda items requested by their board members were trivial and contrary to the board's purpose. "This community needs to create real jobs and income opportunities before things like skate parks, gardens, river parks on private land, or expensive downtown offices."

Stephens told Marfa Public Radio that she hadn't insisted that all communication go through her — simply that she had advised private discussion among members regarding PMDD business was against the law. Furthermore, she denied having removed submitted agenda items and approving expenditures that were not submitted by the board.

Bishop and Stephens did not return multiple requests for comment from *The Presidio International*.

Despite the many negative allegations made by board members, they also credited their former executive leadership with a series of accomplishments: a shade structure for the city's biggest playground, murals and new equipment at Daly Park and the Presidio Recycling Center, funding for local first responders and the staff at the day care center and the opening of a watermelon farm providing seasonal opportunities for agricultural workers.

Treasurer Rohana offered a personal apology to everyone gathered at the meeting. "I'm sorry to everyone who is upset about this," she said. "We want to move forward. We want to make this right."

Teacher sentenced

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then in his early 30s, told a victim in Marfa who was a minor at the time to "completely undress" in front of him, said Patterson. That victim was identified and interviewed by Patterson. Ackley also told authorities about another, younger victim in Marfa he had encountered around the same time; Patterson said he had spoken to that victim but that she said she did not recall the offense.

Ackley also told DPS he had sexual contact with two female children when he was around 20 years old — one victim was 8 years old and the other was 12 years old.

The identification of those victims spawned a separate DPS investigation. The agency did not return an inquiry on the status of that investigation by press time.

The United States Attorney's Office of the Western District of Texas released a statement upon Ackley's sentencing pledging to "vigorously prosecute" such offenders.

"We will continue to vigorously prosecute those who distribute or create an illegal market for child pornography as they violate the sanctity and innocence of our children," said U.S. Attorney Jaime Esparza of the Western District of Texas.

Brewster County first responders battle Sunny Glen structure fire

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ALPINE — On Monday night, multiple agencies in Brewster County responded to a major structure fire in Sunny Glen. The Alpine and Marathon Volunteer Fire Departments were on scene alongside the Brewster County Sheriff's Office, who kept locals updated on the progress.

Official investigation of the incident is still underway, but Sheriff Ronny Dodson felt that the responders' initial impressions were correct — the BSCO reported that night that the cause of the fire was believed to be a wood stove. "The [homeowner] started a fire and left it unattended," Dodson said. "By the time he got back the house was on fire."

Many Big Bend residents living off the grid rely on wood stoves for heat — but they're not without risks. The United States Fire Administration estimates that wood stoves contribute to over 4,000 residential fires every year — often when sources of fuel are too close to the stove.

Dodson urged caution when setting up heat sources for chilly Brewster County winters. "When you have one of those stoves in your house, you've got to watch it," he said. "It's the same when using electric heaters and generators in your house."

Ten first responders were on the scene Monday night, and dozens of locals expressed appreciation for their efforts via social media. Results of the official investigation are still pending.



Photo courtesy of Brewster County Sheriff's Office

On Monday night, a major house fire broke out in Sunny Glen, likely caused by a wood stove.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF PRESIDIO

394TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
CAUSE NO. 8187

To: DEFENDANT UNKNOWN EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF NARCISA CONTRERAS, DECEASED; DEFENDANTS UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NARCISA CONTRERAS, DECEASED; AND DEFENDANTS KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF ANY INTEREST, RIGHT, OR TITLE IN: A portion of Lot 6, Block 62, Original Townsite of Marfa, Presidio County, Texas, described in that warranty deed recorded in volume 138, page 359 in the real property records of Presidio County, Texas.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO (42) DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION STATED THIS 10th DAY OF February, 2023, AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the petition of plaintiffs at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days, after the date of service of this citation stated this 10th day of February, 2023, before the Honorable Roy B. Ferguson, 394th Judicial District Court of Presidio County, Texas, at the courthouse in the city of Marfa, Texas.

Said petition was filed in said court, on the 31st day of August 2022, in cause number 8187 on the docket of said court and styled:

JOSE MARTIN GUTIERREZ and JESUS GUTIERREZ
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NARCISA CONTRERAS

The nature of this cause is to wit: **CLAIMS FOR ADVERSE POSSESSION AND QUITE TITLE OF THE REAL PROPERTY MORE FULLY AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING: A portion of Lot 6, Block 62, Original Townsite of Marfa, Presidio County, Texas, described in that warranty deed recorded in volume 138, page 359 in the real property records of Presidio County, Texas, AND FOR A DECLARATION OF A FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN PLAINTIFFS JOSE MARTIN GUTIERREZ and JESUS GUTIERREZ AS IS MORE FULLY SHOWN BY PLAINTIFFS' PETITION ON FILE IN THIS SUIT.**

The officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Marfa, Presidio County, Texas this the 15th day of December, 2022.

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By: [signature]

District Court of Presidio County, Texas (Seal)

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This citation was received by me on the 16 day of December, 2022, at 930 o'clock A.m., and was executed by causing the same to be published in the *Big Bend Sentinel*, a newspaper published and of general circulation in Presidio County, in which said proceeding is pending, which newspaper is further described in the publishers affidavit, hereto attached and made a part hereof accompanied by a printed copy of the published citation and returned herewith. Said citation was published once each week for four (4) consecutive weeks beginning on the 12 day of January, 2023, and ending on the 6 day of Feb, 2023.

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Authorized Signature

Sworn and subscribed before me on this the ___ day of _____, 202__.

By:_____, Notary

New day care

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Other school districts in Far West Texas operate day care centers, but for the most part those centers are offered as a service to district employees exclusively, said Rinehart, which seemed too narrow an approach for Alpine.

"We need to bring more community partners in, which also means we need to serve the needs of more [individuals] beyond our own teachers," said Rinehart.

As a result, the day care will base its hours of operation on the broader needs of the community and will likely remain open throughout the summer months, though the overall schedule and holidays will likely align with the school calendar, said Rinehart.

One of the main challenges the informal leadership group is also weighing is the financial viability of a day care business in Alpine. Previous public day cares struggled to strike a balance between charging a fair daily rate locals could afford while staying adequately staffed and meeting state requirements. A day care run by Sul Ross, which at the time of its closure in August of 2021 was only serving faculty and students, was operating at a deficit.

Rinehart said she hopes the collaborative approach to the Alpine ISD child care center will keep it afloat financially, with more stakeholders seeking out more grant funding.

"All of these organizations came to the table and said, yes, we agree, this is a persistent, complex challenge in our community. We're all going to have some kind of skin in the game, whether that's financial or other creative, add-value solutions, so that no one organization has to incur those losses," said Rinehart.

Sul Ross, for example, is exploring ways to fund part-time work study positions for education students to come work at the center. The possibility of local businesses helping to subsidize day care tuition for their employees has been floated. The day care center still needs to raise $200,000 a year in addition to start-up grant funds in order to balance the proposed budget.

Rinehart said the current market rate for day care in Alpine, which Alpine ISD plans to charge for day care tuition, is a rate of $30 to $40 a day per child, or roughly $930 to $1,240 a month. In Alpine, the median annual household income is around $43,000, with 17.4% of the population being considered in poverty, according to 2021 Census data.

Out of the 50 available day care spots, some will be available to the public at large while some may be reserved for district employees or low-income families who will receive subsidies, said Rinehart. While the specifics are still being worked out, Rinehart said affordability is of concern.

"That was important to us too that we would be able to serve as many children from as many different families and realities in Alpine as possible," said Rinehart. "Because one of our big driving focuses here is how can we provide high quality, consistent, reliable day care so that families have more economic opportunities?"

Lynne Crim, who served in several capacities at the Alpine Community Center day care — a longstanding facility that first opened in the 1950s and shuttered recently — including as its director for several years, experienced the financial hardships that come from trying to keep a rural day care program afloat. "It was a struggle just to make ends meet because we couldn't charge city prices," said Crim.

She recalled how the center would host "trike-a thons" every year where kids would earn 10 cents toward their day care fees from a sponsor for every lap they completed around the playground. The Alpine Community Center day care was, in part, supported by the local Methodist Church but had to keep up with added costs of bills and rent payments — money Alpine ISD's new day care will save by being housed within an existing facility.

"It was a service to the community, and we didn't want to keep raising prices if we could somehow avoid it," said Crim. "You can't make money in a rural area like this. Day cares will not make money. The school system has rooms, they're already paid for. There's not going to be any rent."

Retaining staff and attracting substitutes in order to meet state requirements for child-to-caretaker ratios while not being able to offer competitive wages was another hurdle for Crim. Retaining quality day care staff is key to making sure children are having a positive experience, she said.

"It's just not fair for a little kid to come in one day and see one person and the next day a different person. A month later, they're gone and somebody else is there," said Crim.

Alpine ISD plans to be the backbone of the new day care — its employees will be employees of the district and the day care will have access to technical and business management support via the district.

The search for a day care director who will work to get the facility up and running in time for the 2023-24 school year begins this month. The available space, located in what is now the district's administration building, will require minor renovations but acted as a day care in previous years. The 1929 building was constructed as the original Alpine High School and has served the district well in various capacities over the years.

To house the new day care facility, the district will utilize several classrooms currently used as meeting rooms. Existing wooden cubbies in the hallway, a kitchen and smaller breakout rooms may prove useful for the day care space. An outdoor playground will also be brought back into the large parking lot area behind the building.

Rinehart said she anticipates the new day care center will add 11 jobs to the area that she hopes will bring in people passionate about working with very young children.

"We know that there are people here in Alpine and really, truly in the tri-county area, that have a love for children, and we haven't had positions that serve these ages in our school district before," said Rinehart.

At this point, the district does not plan to restrict enrollment to the day care based on home address, and Rinehart has been in conversations with leaders in Marfa and Fort Davis about replicating the model in those communities down the road.

"In so many ways these three communities are so intricately linked. There's people that live here in Alpine and work in Marfa, and vice versa, that the day care would serve well," said Rinehart.

Alpine ISD was the sole entity which responded to a recent request for proposals for a child care facility put out by Workforce Solutions Borderplex, a nonprofit with offices in Alpine and one of 28 public workforce development boards in the state. WSB has overseen child care resources, subsidized day care funding, employer services and more in the area for the past 20 years.

"What we say here is child care is one of the industries that every other industry is in need of," said Marisela Correa, director of family services with Workforce Solutions Borderplex.

Correa said in addition to the lack of housing in the area, the shortage of child care options is among area employers' common concerns. In the survey WSB conducted, Sul Ross students and Big Bend Regional Hospital District employees were among those with dire child care needs.

"[Employers] are not able to retain or recruit people to come and work in the communities because one of the main things [employees] would ask for was child care," said Correa.

WSB, in addition to providing funding to help get the new Alpine ISD child care center up and running, has the ability to support the center financially in the future by purchasing and maintaining indoor and outdoor supplies and equipment such as cribs, toys, carpets, tables and chairs, curriculum and more.

Correa said she is glad to see the Alpine community pulling resources and working together on a child care solution. She, too, sees the opportunity for the program to spread and be replicated across the tri-county area.

WSB will soon hire outreach coordinators to introduce locals to the idea of becoming licensed home day care providers. Correa said the towns of Marfa and Presidio will be target areas for the initiative which aims to help people transition into the profession. Recently, the Small Business Development Center at Sul Ross hosted a webinar on how to start up a licensed home day care business where a lawyer and around 20 attendees went over legal requirements and more.

As it stands, few individuals operate licensed at-home day cares in Alpine. Such programs are only permitted to care for up to 12 children, and infants under one-year-old, due to the amount of care they require, count as two children.

Tara Bingham, who has operated a licensed day care facility out of her home in Alpine for the past seven years, currently has a year-and-a-half long waiting list for new clients.

"It's sad because people will call us, and they're looking for child care, and I wish we could accommodate them, but we just can't," said Bingham. "So many people need child care and there's just not any."

Bingham also runs an afterschool program where kids are provided a snack while they work on their homework and wait to be picked up by their parents. She said she enjoys the business and likes working children and their parents.

"It's rewarding because you watch these children go from [infancy], and they're going off to school, and you know you've played a big part in their first five years of life," said Bingham.

Bingham employs one full-time caregiver and works with a volunteer. She said lately she's noticed more people advertising babysitting services on Facebook, but in her experience, once people find out what all goes into running a home day care, they stop pursuing it.

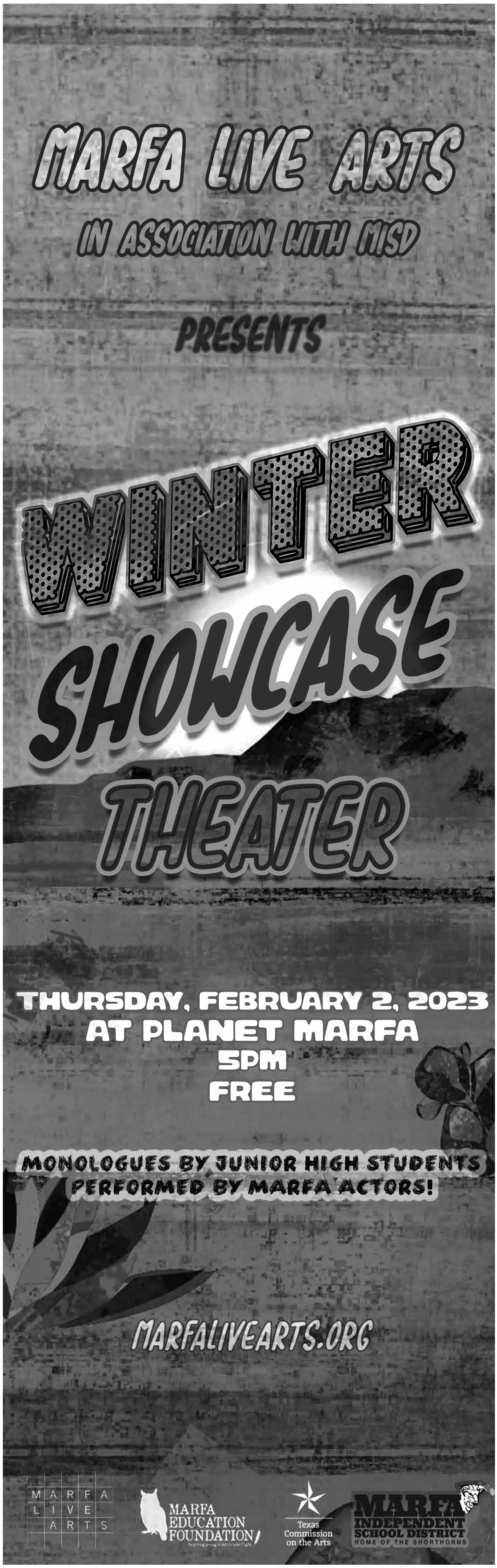
"I think a lot of it is people that just don't know the laws now and what the legalities are watching children," said Bingham. "And then some of them, I think, are just doing it strictly out of desperation. They can't find child care themselves. So they figure well, I'll just watch a couple of children and that will help make ends meet."

As with day care facilities, the safety of home day cares are of paramount concern for parents. Darrell R. Losoya, chief of police for the Alpine Police Department said they do not get a high volume of calls relating to concerns or complaints regarding child care facilities in the area, and while he has worked cases years in the past, none were in relation to existing home day cares. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services makes routine checks on licensed facilities to verify compliance, said Losoya, and APD will begin an investigation if criminal activity is reported.

Bingham said the state inspects her home once a year and Child Protective Services comes around every three to four months.

Bingham charges $20 a day to keep her home day care affordable for clients, a number of which are single parents with limited income, she said. She recently received a grant from Workforce Solutions Borderplex to develop a room just for her infants but said for the most part she has been on her own in terms of funding. Despite the challenges, she said she sees the need for and welcomes more day care providers in the area.

"Anybody that is wanting to do a day care, be it privately or be the school, I think it'll be a big help to the community of Alpine," said Bingham. "I give them all the kudos, because it's a lot of work getting it going, but it's worth it in the end."



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

On January 18, 2023, I resigned my position both as president of the board and as a director on the board of the Blackwell School Alliance. I did this to avoid a potential conflict of interest with my day job.

The Alliance is currently working through a strategic planning process to create a road map for its future. Much enthusiasm and commitment exist to continue the Alliance and to advocate for the stories, experiences and perspectives of Blackwell School alumni. The Alliance will be ready to share more about the new plan at the Blackwell Block Party on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

I hope and intend to continue as a volunteer — hosting open hours, performing building and grounds maintenance, and seeing to other behind-the-scenes tasks that come up — until those duties are turned over to the National Park Service or to other volunteers.

Working with the Blackwell School Alliance in our efforts to save the schoolhouse, make a museum, gain designation as a National Historic Site, and in so many ways save and share these stories, has been the great privilege and honor of my life. I have never done anything as meaningful and satisfying, and working with alumni and dedicated community members has been a source of joy these past seven years.

I thank the Alliance for the trust you placed in me as your president. We all have made a difference.

With great love and appreciation,

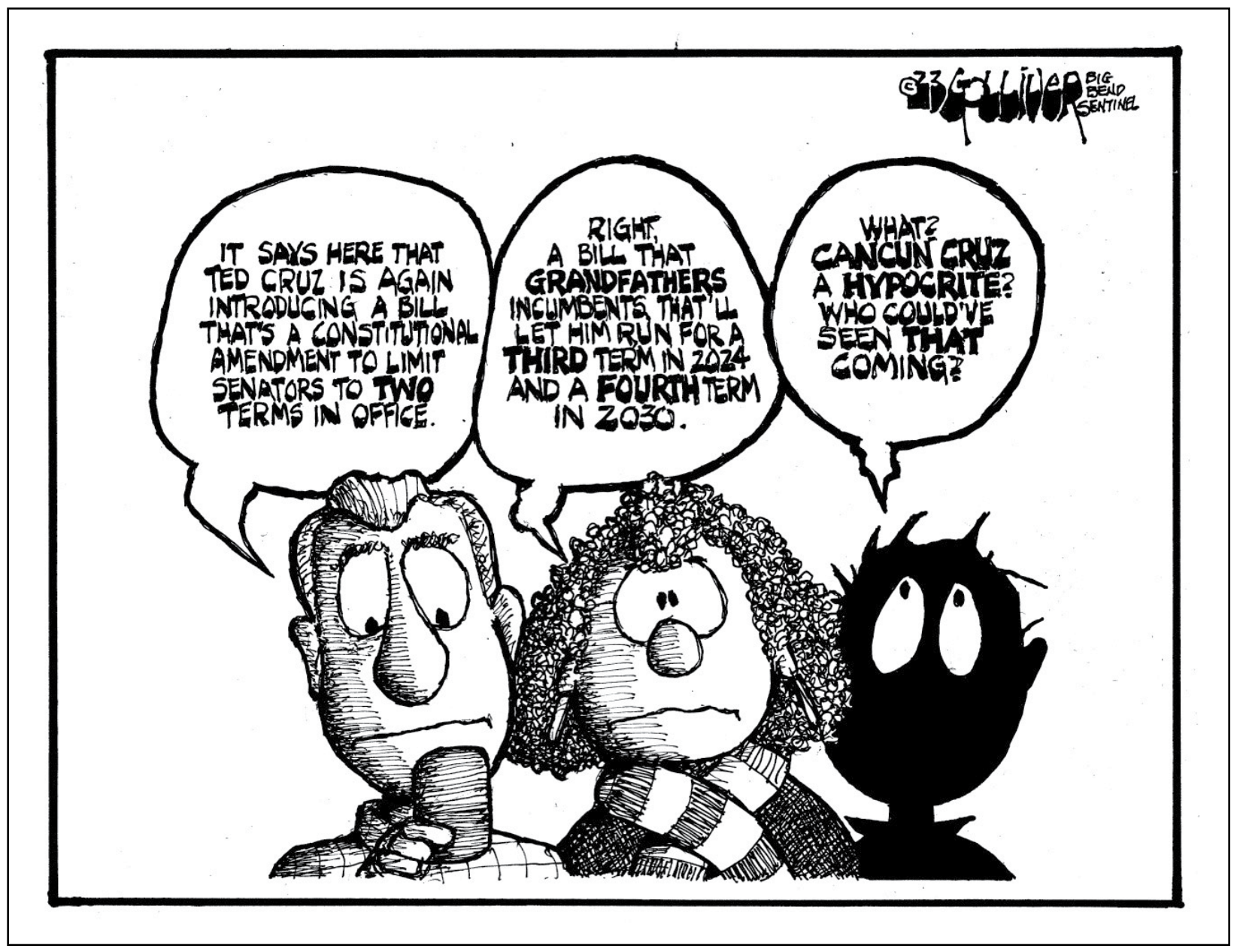
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OUR WATER MATTERS

Transboundary aquifers between Mexico and the United States

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The Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI) at Texas A&M University recently released its latest findings about a poorly understood, but increasingly important, international issue: transboundary aquifers. A TWRI team, led by Dr. Rosario Sanchez Flores, has formulated a "standardized and consistent" methodology to "identify and delineate geological boundaries using surficial geology as the main criterion" as well as "lithological characteristics, hydrogeological features, and topography" to complement the analysis and strengthen the findings. The challenge involved not only identifying the extent of the aquifers themselves, known also as hydrogeological units (HGUs), but also in characterizing their aquifer potential and water quality.

Established in 1952, the TWRI currently functions as "one of 54 institutes within the National Institutes for Water Resources," according to its website, and provides "science-based, community-supported solutions for the state's pressing water quantity and quality challenges." As surface water becomes scarcer due to climate uncertainty, groundwater is rapidly becoming a strategic resource worldwide, especially along the international border between the U.S. and Mexico. Sanchez, a former diplomat with the Mexican Foreign Service who went on to earn a Ph.D. in Water Management and Hydrological Sciences from Texas A&M, started working on transboundary aquifers at the behest of one of her professors, Dr. Gabriel Eckstein. "He was interested in getting me involved with the topic considering my expertise, language and network on the Mexico side," Sanchez recalled, "to work on water across borders, where I can use my strengths." She has been working and publishing on transboundary water issues at an international and binational level since 2006.

Sanchez and her colleagues have identified some 72 HGUs along the U.S.-Mexico border, up from an official count of 11 just eight years ago. Of these 72 HGUs, at least 28 report good aquifer potential and water quality. Fourteen of these 28 HGUs are located between Texas and Mexico, and all of them report good to moderate aquifer potential and good to moderate water quality. These HGUs include the bolsons of Valle de Juarez, Mesilla, Red Light Draw, Green River Valley, Presidio and Redford in Far West Texas. Perhaps the most striking finding in the report for Texans is the assertion that the areas along the Texas-Mexico border "appear to be the most important for transboundary aquifer potential."

The findings reveal "the increasing strategic value of groundwater resources that are shared in the region and that have the potential to become a driver for binational security." However, "the topic has received limited attention at the binational level and even [fewer] funding priorities for continued research." The study reflects two essential realities: 1) transboundary aquifer potential and quality are above average across half of the border region and 2) these shared systems are being used indiscriminately by both countries with no legal framework to protect them against depletion.

The study identifies several binational vulnerabilities, including "no agreement on the number of transboundary aquifers traversing the border … no recognized common methodology … for identifying or delineating the extension of a transboundary aquifer … [and no] formal legal and policy framework … to address transboundary groundwater management in the [U.S.-Mexico] border region."

Any future approach to the issue will be particularly thorny on the Texas side of the border because of the rule of capture, the legal concept that a landowner is entitled to extract all the water from under his land, regardless of impacts on neighbors. According to Sanchez, "The Rule of Capture is totally contradictory to the current water threats we are facing. It works against sustainable use and a sustainable future ... because it assumes there are no limits. It was conceived at a time when we thought water was an endless resource. Today we know it has its limits. So, we need to revise our traditional conceptions and priorities."

As daunting as the challenges may appear, Sanchez and her colleagues also contend that "the transboundary aquifer topic offers an opportunity … to be creative, to propose, to imagine, to learn from each other, to respect differences, but above all, to finally understand that the groundwater sharing notion is not limited to water."

The complete study findings can be found in "Transboundary Aquifers: Challenges and the Way Forward," and more information is available through Texas A&M's Transboundary Water Portal.

Trey Gerfers is a San Antonio native and serves as general manager of the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District. He is also chairman of the Presidio County Water Infrastructure Steering Committee and board president of the Marfa Parks and Recreation Board. Trey has lived in Marfa since 2013.





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The Marfa Studio of Arts to hold "Big Bend Photography Open" exhibition

MARFA — The Marfa Studio of Arts will hold its second "Big Bend Photography Open" exhibition for all residents of the Big Bend Region. Anyone may submit up to three works of any photograph medium including digital, polaroid or alternative photographic techniques. The works can be delivered to the gallery on February 21, 22, and 23 from 1-5 p.m. The artists will be able to install their works in the gallery at that time.

The photographs must be made by residents of the Big Bend Region including Marfa, Alpine, Fort Davis, Valentine, Presidio, Terlingua, Marathon and areas surrounding. The content of the works must reflect Big Bend life which could include landscape, architecture, people, animals, culture, etc.

There is no entry fee but works designated for sale will have a 30% allocation to the MSA to support our programs. Entrants may put in up to 3 works. The photos do not need to be framed but must have some planned mode of installation (can be pinned up or held up with clips, we do not use tape on our gallery walls).

For more information email us at marfastudioarts@gmail.com. Photo by Kristal Cuevas from the BBPO 2022

Marfa Live Arts' Winter Showcase Theater takes place Thursday night at Planet Marfa

MARFA — In January, Marfa Junior High students participated in the seventh annual Marfa Live Arts Playwriting Preparatory Program. Ten of these winning monologues will be presented and brought to life the evening of Thursday, February 2, by Marfa actors Gabriel Chavarría, Fátima Anaza, Amanda Bloom, Annette Mendoza, Lily Aguero and Yoseff Ben Yehuda at the Winter Theater Showcase hosted at Planet Marfa at 5 p.m.

The students who will receive prizes and have their pieces performed are: Abelardo Marquez "The Story of Ice Cream"; Alberto Salgado "I Am The Sun"; Lily Aguero "When I Was Three"; Aubrey Tarr "Never Enough"; Gael Chavira "Without the Stain of the World"; Giselle Torres "Cupcake"; Itzel Jaime "Magic Squirrel"; Dariela Munoz"Dear Old Me"; Asael Zubia "If You Believe"; and Mateo Meza "Fallen Into the Dirt."

Marfa Live Arts arts educator Rachael Tate shares: "Following a week in the classroom playing, exploring and excavating our inner monologues, the students and I are so excited to present a showcase of our time together. While not every piece could be selected for performance, I was incredibly impressed with the articulation of thought and expression in each of the students' writing. We took a series of journeys through mental exploration to reach a place of inner knowing to write from; focusing on the things we know to be true about ourselves and what we believe. Each monologue was sprung from the idea of 'discovery,' or an 'Aha!' moment."

Tate continues: "From the perspectives of unique characters, we asked, what does this character, and we as writers, really need to say? Using the format of a monologue to communicate from a position of need *(I need you to hear)* into a place of desire *(I want you to know)*. It's the telling of a moment so pure and intense that we cannot help but share what we feel, what we are and who we are in that exact moment. The result of that question came through in so many creative and deeply moving articulations which will be performed by local actors in a night of communal storytelling. Come play with us!"

One student described what he liked best about the workshop: "To be honest there was a lot that really let me express myself in these pieces of writing. It let me talk about different things that I enjoy and things that I cherish with great pleasure. And finally, the awareness and positivity that I gained is immeasurable."

The Playwriting Prep Program teaches students how to write key components of a play in preparation for the high school Playwriting Program taught by Marfa Live Arts each spring. In its twelfth year, the annual high school program which will host guest playwright Raul Garza, March 6-10, has resulted in over 1,150 one-act plays written by Marfa students.

More information can be found at www.marfalivearts.org.

'I Went Into a K-Hole and All I Got Was This Lousy T-Shirt' to open at Wrong on February 4

MARFA — Wrong will exhibit Christopher Cascio's "I Went Into a K-Hole and All I Got Was This Lousy T-Shirt" February 4 – March 26. The opening is Saturday, February 4, 4 to 6 .pm. at 110 N Highland Avenue.

Christopher Cascio was born in New Orleans, and lives and works in Houston. He received his BFA at the San Francisco Art Institute and MFA from the University of Houston.

The exhibition includes Cascio's most recent body of work of "quilt paintings" constructed from the artist's T-shirts, which are often well-used as painting rags.

"I've side-stepped painting for the time being to connect with the quilting tradition in a more tangible way. Having created paintings based on quilting patterns as well as quilting my older paintings together, it seemed natural to get into sewing colored fabrics," said Cascio of his new work. "Because I am a hoarder and a T-shirt collector, I had a lot of material to work with. The first quilted 'paintings' came about after a particularly transformative therapeutic ketamine session. Remnants of a failed work I had been creating with image transfers related to this therapy have made their way into the quilts as well."

The work combines complex color theory and motifs based on traditional quilting patterns into painted geometric abstraction. Paintings are largely made using masking tape and aerosol acrylic paint. Some visual themes include sawtooth waves, portals, stairways, crosses and pinwheels.

Over the past decade, Cascio's art has dealt with themes of obsession, compulsion and ritual practice. The work now primarily consists of hard-edge abstraction (paintings) and is influenced by traditional quilting designs. Color and its transformative effects on the human psyche are paramount. The paintings come from a spiritual place and serve as a fount of positive energy for those who take the time to look deeply. The act of painting is curative and creates an aura of healing around the work.

Cascio is an assistant professor of studio art at the Sam Houston State University School of Art and has taught at the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, his alma mater in Houston.

Chris and his partner, Mlee Marie will do a 20-30 minute performance during the opening.

Marfa Public Library hosts free digital literacy classes Thursday, Feb. 9

MARFA — The Marfa Public Library will host a series of free digital literacy classes from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9, to promote basic computer skills in the community.

The combined course will tackle internet, web conferencing and mobile device basics. English and Spanish options will be available. Anyone is welcome to attend the free class.

The library is partnering with the Rio Grande Council of Governments and Connected Nation-Texas for this one-time community outreach initiative to celebrate Digital Literacy Week.

The Marfa Public Library is located at 115 East Oak Street, Marfa. To register, visit https://surveys.connectednation.org/s3/Marfa. For more information, call 432-729-4631.

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Marfa Elementary School University Interscholastic League (UIL) Competition Results



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Kindergarten. Savian Enriquez, Bentley Serrano, Aria Lujan
Not pictured: Jacy Martinez



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1st Grade. Hattie Jo Roane, Hadasa Salgado, Rhine Baeza, Derek Acosta



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2nd Grade. Julia Smith, Serenity Garcia, Emma Van Etten, Elana Marquez, Julion Torres



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3rd Grade. Bottom row: Lucilla Pippen, Brisies Valenzuela, Areceli Ortalejo. Standing: Brazos Baeza, Alex Martinez, Kiara Acosta
Not pictured: Joaquin Arguello-Tamez



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4th grade. Bottom row: Jade Martinez, Lyla Lupino, Matthew Marquez, Mattheiu Bajaran. Standing: Jonathan Torres, Landyn Baeza, Nyla Gonzalez, Dania Fernandez, Fatima Floresvillar. Not pictured: Adiel Zubia



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5th Grade. Bottom row: Nathan Ramos, Giovanni Van Etten, Fabian Marquez, Maricarmen Avila, Mariela Rojas
Standing: Juliet Hinojos, Alayna Vasquez, Francisco Munoz, Axel Utteria, Logan Pippen, Nathaniel Ramos, Diego Labrado, Lea Alvidrez

Results:

<u>Kindergarten</u>
Storytelling: Aria Lujan, Savian Enriquez, Jacy Martinez, Bentley Serrano
Storytelling:
Savian Enriquez: 6th place

<u>1st Grade</u>
Storytelling: Derek Acosta, Rhine Baeza, Hattie Jo Roane, Hadasa Salgado

<u>2nd Grade</u>
Creative Writing: Emma Van Etten, Elana Marquez, Julia Smith
Storytelling: Julia Smith, Elena Marquez, Julion Torres
Creative Writing: Team 1st place
Emma Van Etten: 1st place
Elana Marquez: 3rd place
Julia Smith: 5th place

<u>3rd Grade</u>
Spelling: Alex Martinez, Joaquin Arguello-Tamez, Areceli Ortalejo
Storytelling: Brazos Baeza, Lucilla Pippen, Brisies Valenzuela
Ready Writing: Ariceli Ortelejo, Joaquin Arguello-Tamez, Kira Acosta
Ready Writing: Team 2nd place
Joaquin Arguello-Tamez: 2nd place
Spelling: Team 2nd place
Alex Martinez: 2nd place
Story Telling: Team 2nd place
Lucilla Pippen: 2nd place

<u>4th Grade</u>
Spelling: Dania Fernandez, Fatamia Floresvillar, Adiel Zubia
Number Sense: Matthieu Bajaran, Adiel Zubia, Fatamia Floresvillar, Lyla Lupino
Oral Reading: Jade Martinez, Nyla Gonzalez, Matthew Marquez, Landyn Baeza
Spelling: Team 3rd place
Dania Fernandez: 4th place

<u>5th Grade</u>
Spelling: Diego Labrado, Fabian Marquez, Maricarmen Avila, Nathaniel Ramos
Number Sense: Fabian Marquez, Giovanni Van Etten, Mariela Rojas, Logan Pippen
Ready Writing: Nathaniel Ramos, Logan Pippen
Social Studies: Lea Alvidrez, Logan Pippen, Nathan Stevens, Juliet Hinojos
Oral Reading: Diego Labrado, Giovanni Van Etten, Alayna Vasquez, Fabian Marquez
Maps, Graphs, Charts: Nathaniel Ramos, Maricarmen Avila, Logan Pippen, Axel Utteria
Dictionary Skills: Giovanni Van Etten, Fabian Marquez, Nathaniel Ramos
Listening: Maricarmen Avila, Francisco Munoz, Mariela Rojas, Lea Alvidrez
Dictionary Skills: Team 1st place
Giovanni Van Etten: 1st place
Listening: Team 1st place
Maricarmen Avila 2nd place
Francisco Munoz: 5th place
Leah Alvidrez: 6th place
Maps, Graphs, Charts: Team 1st place
Maricarmen Avila: 1st place
Logan Pippen: 3rd place
Ready Writing: Team 2nd place
Nathaniel Ramos: 2nd place
Social Studies: Team 1st place
Nathan Stevens: 2nd place
Logan Pippen: 3rd place
Lea Alvidrez: 4th place
Spelling: Team 4th place
Maricarmen Avila: 5th place

Sudoku & Crossword puzzles:

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Solution from last week's puzzle:

SOLUTION:

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg January 30, 2023

ACROSS
1 Trevor who hosted "The Daily Show"
5 Bit of matter
9 Colorado ski resort
14 ___-Hoop
15 Island near Java
16 Girl at a ball
17 Small quahogs (In this clue's answer, anagram letters 1-9)
20 Sends out
21 They can be treated with Visine
22 Leftovers
24 Particle hidden in "pistachio nuts"
25 Seaweed inside an uramaki roll
26 Long hikes
27 Stonewall ___
28 Intuit
29 Book part
30 Words before a deal, in poker
32 Car whose name sounds like an arachnid (... letters 5-10)
37 Like the photo "Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima"
38 Australian gem
40 "Cheers!" or "Salud!"
44 Airport org.
45 Small sticks
46 Tomato variety
47 Flabbergast
48 Used mouthwash
49 Complex woman of Greek myth?
51 Take care of
52 The "MB" in Brooklyn's DUMBO (... letters 8-12)
56 Like 57-Across, vis-a-vis Jacob
57 Jacob's twin
58 Corp. big shots
59 Bob Marley, religiously
60 Auto shop cloths
61 High-flying toy

DOWN
1 Carolina Hurricanes' org.
2 "Yes, mon cheri"
3 Secondary personality
4 One may craft a fedora
5 Helps, as a felon
6 Gets bikini lines, say
7 "Yay, Messi!"
8 Guam's region
9 Scantron choices
10 Luna, to the Greeks
11 Continue with the game
12 Krazy Glue company
13 Loch monster, affectionately
18 Facial features in the Rolling Stones logo
19 Jeong of "The Masked Singer"
22 NASCAR sponsor
23 Bad dice throw
24 Like a stare down
27 Up the creek
28 Secretly watch
30 UNC's athletic grp.
31 Lines scanned at checkout, for short
33 Do crisscross applesauce, e.g.
34 Slight decrease
35 Start of a TV series
36 Rock's ___ Against the Machine
39 Trip-inducing drug
40 Quake
41 "How fancy!"
42 Formally revises
43 Perfumed pouch
45 Stadium level
47 Glassblowing, for one
48 "CCCCCCC" for "seven seas," e.g.
50 Reid of "The Big Lebowski"
51 Small setback
53 Hard-rock connector
54 "We ___ Next" (early WNBA campaign)
55 U-turn from WNW

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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SAT, FEB 4: Powerlifting in Kermit
MON, FEB 6: JH Basketball vs Van Horn in Marfa
TUE, FEB 7: HS Basketball vs Van Horn in Marfa

1/30 **Change My Mind!** *by Hanh Huynh*

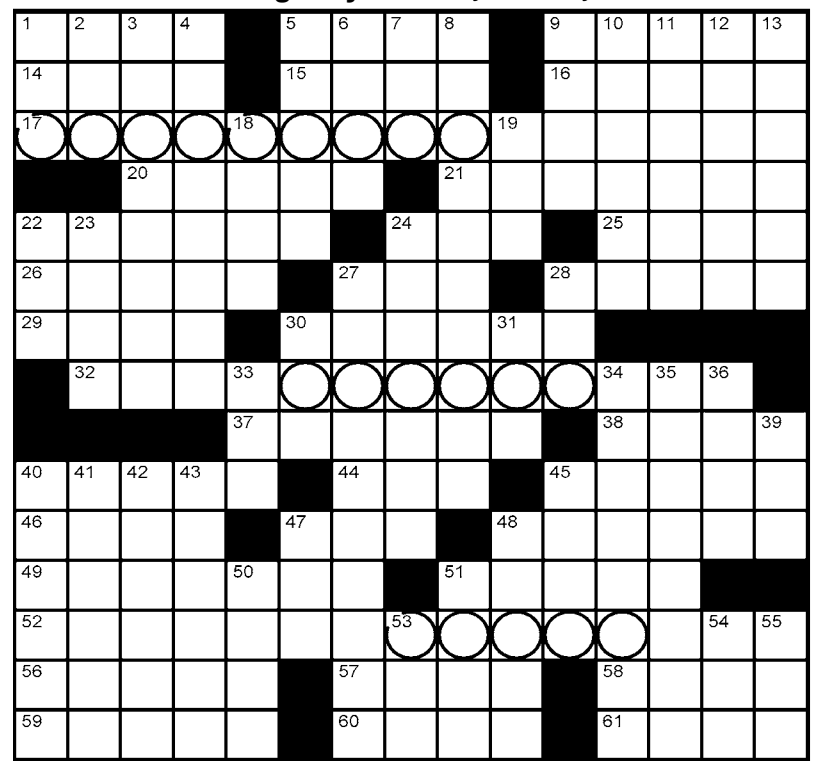




Photo courtesy of The Rotary Club of Marfa

The Rotary Club of Marfa recently made a $1,000 donation to the Marfa Food Bank. The Club makes a donation to the Food Bank every year. Pictured from left to right Martha Bumpas, Marjo Skiles, Genevieve Bassham, and Eddie Pallarez.

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Last Saturday, Adrienne Humblet of Marfa led the Alpine Montessori adolescent class to 1st place at the FIRST robotics competition put on by UTEP in El Paso. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a robotics community that facilitates team-based competitions for kids ages 4-18.
Front Row: Annika Wang, Gus Thompson, Athena Patterson, Mabel Melgaard, Second row: Willa Bamburg, Amelia Ofenstein, Mae Bamburg and Coach Adrienne Humblet

OBITUARY



Hernandez

Ruben Sanchez Hernandez was born at Rancho Peñasquitos in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, on February 13, 1933, to Josephina Sanchez and Tomás Hernández.

One of seven children, he grew up learning every aspect of Mexican ranch life and loved being a vaquero. This was a love he carried with him to Texas where he eventually met and married Maria Jimenez from Presidio. Not long afterwards, their daughter Josephina was born. Maria passed away in an accident and soon thereafter, Ruben met Carmen Ortiz from Ejido Escobias, Chihuahua. In 1957 they married and began making their home in Marfa. The family continued to grow with the birth of Maria Elia, Elsie, Ruben Jr., Armando, Leticia and Tomás. The Hernández family legacy was ensured with the addition of 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Along with being an amazing dad, grandfather, husband, uncle, cousin and brother, Ruben was a great friend to many on both sides of the border. He was always there to make everyone laugh, lend a helping hand, teach you about plumbing, carpentry, auto repair, ranching, and being a good vaquero among many other talents.

He loved being with friends and family, singing most every Mexican song known, whether at a large celebration or at home with close friends and family. But most importantly, he exemplified a strong work ethic and a "never give up" attitude. His many attributes and spirit will live long in our hearts. May he rest in peace as he rides his steed into the sunset one last time.

Services will be held Feb 13, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at St Mary's Catholic Church with interment to follow. A reception will be held at the USO.

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Rios Fierro

Elena Rios Fierro, age 80, of Alpine, Texas, passed away on January 27, 2023, in El Paso, Texas. Elena was born on June 12, 1942, to Ines and Lucia Rios in Paso San Antonio, Manuel Benavides, Chihuahua. She married Felipe S. Fierro Sr. and was the mother of Daniel N. Rios, retired Brewster County Clerk Berta Rios-Martinez, Felipe S. Fierro Jr. and Teresa F. Chavez.

Elena is preceded in death by her parents, her siblings — Juan D. Rios, Carlos D. Rios, Urbano D. Rios, Tomasa R. Tavarez, Ines D. Rios and Elva R. Chavez — and by her beloved husband, Felipe S. Fierro Sr.

Elena is survived by her loving children: Daniel N. Rios (Patricia Valdez-Rios), Berta Rios- Martinez (Mario Martinez), Teresa F. Chavez (Jacob Chavez), and Felipe S. Fierro Jr. (Beverly Dutchover). Grandchildren: Mario Martinez Jr., Christopher Martinez, Lucia Martinez Miller, Julio Martinez, Alexis Chavez, Erin Chavez, Ashley Rios and Victoria Lancaster. Great-Grandchildren: Mia Elena Martinez, Naya Martinez, Miles Martinez, Xenia Martinez, Aurora Martinez, Ivan Martinez and various nieces and nephews.

Elena was a loving, caring and beautiful daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church and was very dedicated to St. Jude and Virgin of Guadalupe. She loved BINGO and scratch off tickets. She had the most beautiful smile and was always happy and making sure her family were alright.

Elena Rios Fierro's funeral services will be held Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 406 S. 6th St., Alpine, with Rosary at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Mass with burial at Holy Angels Cemetery. Father Pablo Matta will conduct the services.

The family requests memorial contributions to be made to The Sunshine House.

Pallbearers will be: Mario Martinez Jr., Christopher Martinez, Julio Martinez, Elizardo Tavarez Jr., Luis Tavarez and Billy Jack Torres,

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Bill Hearne at the Holland Hotel
6:30pm - 9:30pm at Century Bar & Grill at the Holland Hotel in Alpine
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A Few Too Many at Old Gringo
8:00pm - 11:00pm at 101 W. Avenue E in Alpine
Come see what the fun is all about on Thursdays at the Old Gringo!

Fri Feb 3

D.B. Rouse at Old Gringo
8:00pm at 101 W. Avenue E in Alpine
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Sat Feb 4

Makerspace Saturdays
10:00am - 12:00pm at the Alpine Public Library
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Ongoing Weekly Events & Classes

Mira Marfa
Monday: Yin Yoga at 6:00pm
Tuesday: Flexibility Flow at 9:30am; Dance Family at 6:00pm
Wednesday: Astanga Inspired Yoga at 5:30pm
Thursday: Asana Clinic at 6:00pm
Sunday: Primary Series at 10:00am; Dance Family at 6:00pm
105 W Texas St, $15 drop-in fee; no one will be turned away for lack of funds

Big Sky Yoga
Monday: All levels at 6:00pm
Tuesday: Beginner at 10:00am
Wednesdays: All levels at 6:00pm
Thursday: Yin at 6:00pm
Friday: Core at 12:00pm
Saturday: All levels at 10:00am
New location: 105 E Oak #4 (in the ally behind the Wrong Store)

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Tuesday at 6:00pm, Thursday at 9:00am & Saturday at 9:00am @ Big Sky Yoga
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Free Zumba Classes
Monday & Wednesday at 6:00pm at Marfa Public Library

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Saturday at 12:00pm at Marfa Public Library

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TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The County of Presidio will hold a public hearing at 5:05 p.m. on February 8, 2023, at the Presidio County Annex Building located at 300 East O'Reilly Street in the City of Presidio regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for one or more Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grants for Program Year 2023. Presidio County may be eligible to participate in the Community Development Fund, Colonia Fund Construction Program, Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program, Fire, Ambulance & Service Truck (FAST), and/or Downtown Revitalization Program. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The County encourages citizens to participate in the development of TxCDBG application(s) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the Office of the County Judge at P.O. Box 606, Marfa, Texas 79843. Persons with disabilities who may require auxiliary aids or services to attend this meeting should contact the Office of the County Judge at (432) 729-4452 at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements.

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AVISO:
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Notice:

Dr. John Rays last day of seeing patients at Preventative Care Health Services (dba) Presidio County Health Services, Inc. is February 17, 2023

His patients may:
• Remain as a patient at PCHS and be referred to another practicing provider at this clinic.
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•Request a medical records transfer release to another health care provider.

AVISO:
El último día de la Dr. John Rays de ver a los pacientes en Preventative Care Health Services (dba) Presidio County Health Services, Inc. es 17 de febrero de 2023

Sus pacientes pueden:
• Permanecer como paciente en PCHS y ser cita con otro proveedor practicante en esta clínica. Haga una cita con la Dr. Edith Simmons, el Dr. Patrick Daly, el Dr. Mark Dwinell, la Dr. Emily Sliz o William Mason-FNP hoy.
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