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Marfa
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tackle HOT
grants, city
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MARFA — Marfa City Council members met last week to distribute the first round of hotel occupancy tax (HOT) grants and to schedule interviews for the city manager position.

All council members were present with the exception of Mark Cash. Citizens representing local cultural organizations first spoke in support of their HOT grant applications. Grants are awarded in the fall and the spring; applications for the next round of funding open in March 2025.

Council members then heard funding recommendations from the HOT grant committee, which includes Mayor Manny Baeza, Mayor Pro Tem Raul Lara and Tourism Director Jennifer Connors. The committee is appointed by the City Council and is “comprised of representatives from local tourism, arts, and preservation fields, as well as Marfa citizens,” according to the city’s website.

Per state law, HOT revenue must be spent on promoting tourism activities. The majority of locally collected HOT funds go towards the overall Tourism and Convention Center budget, which pays for salaries, USO building maintenance, advertising and more.

This year, the city budgeted to receive \$745,000 in HOT revenue, up from \$700,000 the previous year. Of that projected revenue, \$35,000 was allocated for arts and culture promotion, \$51,000 for historic preservation events, \$20,000 for advertising and \$12,000 for sports event promotion. The council also budgeted \$80,000 for the historic preservation of buildings.

Line items for arts and culture promotion and advertising have remained the same for the past three years.

Baeza explained that \$17,500 — half of the arts and culture budget line item — had to be spread across entities this grant cycle. He explained that the HOT grant coffers, particularly for advertising reimbursements, were low due to the fact that the city is spending money on upgrading its own facilities for the public, a similar situation as last year.

“It’s been brought to our attention that they’re asking why we don’t have more money for advertising grants. But right now, we just spent \$200,000 on the restrooms out at the USO building, we’re fixing up the MAC building,” Baeza said. “We’re trying to [outfit] Marfa with two very nice venues for people to use for all of these events.”

Council members voted

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Marfa resident Anett Gabriel shows her support for Kamala Harris on Election Day across the street from the USO. The Big Bend Democrats had a tent set up across the street from the polling location where they gave away donuts and hot dogs to anyone who voted.

Tri-county support for Trump nudges up

Only a handful of local races were on the ballot

By ROB D’AMICO
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TRI-COUNTY — Donald Trump supporters increased slightly in the tri-county area in Tuesday’s election in which the former president was elected to a second term over Vice President Kamala Harris.

Trump increased his totals in Presidio County from 32.5% against President Joe Biden in 2020 to 34.44% against Harris on Tuesday. In Brewster County, his support went from 51% to 55.54%. And in Jeff Davis County, Trump only nudged up a tad from 60.1% to 60.8% Without an in-depth analysis

into voter turnout, it’s unclear whether these increases have any significance.

Voter turnout for Presidio County was 46.29% in 2020, but Tuesday’s turnout figures were not immediately available. For Brewster County, turnout was 63.86% in 2020 and 62.27% Tuesday. For Jeff Davis County, turnout was 78.08% in 2020 and 74.92% this election.

With most county races decided in the March primaries, only a handful of local races were on the ballot. Notable were the nine Alpine City Charter amendments, all of which passed. With some Fort Davis ISD mail-in ballots uncounted at *The*

Sentinel deadline, results for two at-large seats were undetermined.

At the state level, Democratic state Rep. Eddie Morales beat Republican Robert Garza with 51.7% of the vote to 48.3%.

All results are unofficial until ballots are canvassed or certified. See www.bigbendsentinel.com/election2024 for county document totals and election updates.

All counties for tri-county represented races
State House District 73
Eddie Morales (D) 51.7%
Robert Garza (R) 48.3%
State Senate District 29

César Blanco (D) 174,457 (uncontested) — 100%

U.S. Congress District 23
Tony Gonzales 62.3%
Santos Limon 37.7%

PRESIDIO COUNTY National races (county results)
President
Kamala Harris (D) 1,288 —65.24%
Donald Trump (R) 686 —34.75%

U.S. Senate
Collin Allred (D) 1,287
Ted Cruz (R) 651
U.S. House District 23

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City of Marfa steps up to fill nutrition center funding gap

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TRI-COUNTY — The City of Marfa is stepping up to fill a funding gap for the nutrition center caused by federal assistance funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) running dry.

The Marfa Nutrition Center is run by the city out of the Marfa Activities Center. The center serves meals to qualifying seniors in the community, currently 105 total clients, 77 who receive home delivery through Meals on Wheels and 28 who receive meals in person.

The nutrition center is funded

by the city in addition to the Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging, a division of the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RIOCOG), which essentially pays the nutrition center for the meals it distributes.

Recently, ARPA funds — pandemic era relief funds handed down from the federal government — awarded to the RIOCOG, roughly \$1,300,000 in 2021-2022, have run out after being spread across multiple years’ budgets.

The funding shortfall has led to a freeze on new clients being added to RIOCOG-supported senior programs, including meal programs, in-home provider services and

transportation services, commonly referred to as TRAX. Before, new clients could be added on from waitlists when space became available.

“At this point — now the waiting list, or interest list, that has been started is just that — because I don’t want to ever cut people off of the program,” said Yvette Lugo, director for the Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging. “The only way to reasonably operate ... is to sustain those that are already participating in the program and not cut them off.”

Marfa Mayor Manny Baeza, who sits on the RIOCOG Board of

Directors, recently heard Lugo’s appeal to local government officials to help cover the costs of new clients if possible. Baeza brought the matter to city council members last week.

Marfa Nutrition Center Director Mark Rodriguez told council members there are currently around 15 to 16 people on Marfa’s waiting list. Baeza said it will cost the city around \$10,000 to make up for the loss of federal funds this year to bring those individuals off of the waiting list, something he advocated for considering the important role of the center in the lives of local

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Commissioner-elect plans a historical commission reboot

By ROB D’AMICO
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PRESIDIO COUNTY — When County Attorney Rod Ponton — who has for years been recognized as chair of the Presidio County Historical Commission — showed up for a commission meeting he set last Thursday at the courthouse, no other members except Robert Arber were present. Without a quorum, Ponton was forced to reschedule the meeting.

But he was then confronted by outgoing Precinct 1 County Commissioner Brenda Bentley and Precinct 1 County Commissioner-

elect Deirdre Hisler, who told Ponton that the meeting hadn’t been posted properly and that his informal method of appointing commission members did not follow state law — therefore his commission did not exist. (Ponton posted the meeting on paper on the courthouse doors for 1:30 p.m., but then later emailed his commission members that it was being moved to 2:30 p.m. — potentially an illegal change.) Hisler told Ponton that the Commissioners Court is going to reboot the body and officially appoint new members in January 2025.

State law says a county “may” appoint a historical commission, and if it does it should be composed of at least seven members with two-year terms who are appointed by a county’s commissioners court every two years in odd-numbered years. That would be this January. Hisler said most of the people currently serving on the commission were appointed in 2020 and their terms expired in 2022.

“The historical commission has been operating somewhat informally, but that’s the way it has been for a long time,” Ponton said. “It’s just informally under my leadership, and we’ll be prepared — and we’ll present bylaws for approval —

and start handling things in a more formal manner.” Under Ponton’s leadership, a variety of members attend meetings, sometimes being formally recognized as commission members, sometimes just as interested citizens.

Ponton said Hisler doesn’t have any authority to make the statements she did at the canceled meeting. “She doesn’t have any business over the commission or the bylaws or anything like that other than trying to impose her will over everything,” Ponton said.

Mona Garcia, who has also served as the chair — or what Ponton and

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Alpine building official approaches council over zoning ordinance concerns

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ALPINE — The City of Alpine’s building official, Robert Ruckēs, approached City Council members at a meeting Tuesday night to seek clarification on a recently-approved ordinance relating to the city’s zoning policies and procedures.

The ordinance was originally presented to council on May 21 — after winning unanimous support from the planning and zoning commission (P&Z) — with the intent of removing a provision in the city code that “provides the ability for the city council or the planning and zoning commission to initiate spot zoning, or non-contiguous, zoning designation,” according to meeting minutes. Spot zoning — a new zoning classification being given to a property that is incompatible with adjacent lots — is illegal in the state of Texas.

At that time, Ruckēs explained to council members that the goal of the building services department was to ensure that citizens were following proper procedures when applying for a potential rezone of their property. Rather than approach council members directly, then potentially make it onto a council meeting agenda, Ruckēs said the building services department preferred to meet with citizens first to explain the process to them, educate them on what constitutes an illegal spot zone and collect the required application fee. From there, applications go to P&Z then to council members for ultimate approval.

P&Z is currently updating the city’s zoning map to reflect all of the rezones that have taken place since 2013, when the map was last updated. The city is also considering the creation of a Comprehensive Plan, a document that would help guide future development.

At the May 21 council meeting, when council members reviewed the original ordinance, they largely agreed that they did not want to be out of compliance with the state law but that they wanted to retain power over rezoning decisions. After some back and forth with City Manager Megan Antrim and Ruckēs, Councilmember Rick Stephens motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with two amendments to allow for a potential noncontiguous zone in the case that it is either “in alignment with the Texas Supreme Court established guidelines,” or “as outlined in the City’s Comprehensive Plan.”

Councilmembers Regan Stone and Eva Martinez also voted in favor of the motion, so it passed 3-2. The directive to add the amendments was given to the city manager, who voiced her support for council members not limiting their options relating to rezoning given a forthcoming Comprehensive Plan.

The amended ordinance came back to council in June, and went through first and second readings on August 6 and 20, at which time it was formally adopted.

On Tuesday, Ruckēs — after reviewing council meeting agendas, minutes and versions of the ordinance — expressed concerns that the council had unknowingly passed a version of the ordinance that did not match their original intent.

He took issue with the ordinance initially being “approved as

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HOT grants

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unanimously to approve the recommendations as presented.

The Marfa100 will receive around \$6,000 for sports event promotion and advertising reimbursement. The Marfa and Presidio County Museum will receive \$10,000 for historic preservation. The Chinati Foundation will receive \$10,000 for historic preservation for Chinati Weekend and \$7,000 in arts and culture promotion and advertising reimbursements for a project with Intertribal Noise.

The Marfa Chamber of Commerce requested \$22,500 and was awarded \$6,000 for three separate events from the arts and culture fund.

In Front Of Us film series, Tierra y Qué gallery, Marfa Live Arts and the Marfa Municipal Alliance for Dead County Folk Singers were each awarded \$2,000 for arts and culture events. Marfa Live Arts received an additional advertising grant of \$2,500 plus \$500 for the use of the USO.

Pat Keesey, of the Marfa Municipal Alliance, reached out the The Big Bend Sentinel following the news of their grant award to state that the band will not be able to hold the event, a New Year’s Eve celebration, as planned due to the fact they were not approved for their required budget, \$7,500.

“The offer was lower than the grant for our debut 2023

NYE event, and less than 33% of what we applied for which still would have been a tight budget for a 20-plus musician show, with a rented sound system, a bar and three bands,” Keesey wrote. “We understand the committee has to spread the money around for other programs that are equally important, but we are sorry to say that we are unable to put an event together like we hosted last year for the budget offered.”

Council members also discussed next steps regarding the city manager position. Previous City Manager Mandy Roane resigned in September; Council then voted to appoint city secretary Kelly Perez as interim city manager and open up applications in early October.

The deadline to apply for the job is 3 p.m. Thursday, November 7. Baeza said as of the meeting time he had received eight applications. Council members and the mayor decided to form a hiring committee, which will meet soon to narrow down applicants before the interview process with the entire city council.

The hiring committee consists of Police Chief Gilberto Carrillo — Councilmember Eddie Pallarez advocated for a city department head to be represented — councilmembers Pallarez and Mark Morrison and the mayor. The special meeting where council members will interview city manager candidates, in closed session, is set to take place at 6 p.m. November 19.

Nutrition center funding

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seniors.

“We can always make budget amendments. I just wish I would have had this information prior to the budget,” Baeza said. “We can cover these costs, I don’t want anyone to go hungry.”

“The clients are happy,” he added. “And those that are homebound, this might be their only contact they have during the day.”

Rodriguez, who used to operate beloved local Tex-Mex restaurant Mando’s, agreed the services the nutrition center provides go beyond a hot meal, including wellness checks and valuable interactions with the community. In

addition to regular nutrition center clients, Rodriguez and his staff also serve walk-ins. He joked that the room is always full on days they make brisket.

Council members agreed to fund the \$10,000 cost of adding all of the waitlist clients to the program and unanimously approved the budget amendment.

Other local nutrition centers impacted include the Sunshine House in Alpine and the Presidio County Nutrition Center.

It is not yet clear what the future of assistance for these programs will look like long term, Lugo said. The RIOCOG is exploring the possibility of creating a nonprofit to support the organization's needs that would be able to

fundraise and solicit donations. But it is also possible that the responsibility for keeping these programs afloat could fall on local governments that are housing them, she said, especially if federal support continues to stagnate as it has recently.

“We’re gonna have to start looking locally,” Lugo said. “I feel like it’s the wave of the future, unless there’s additional dollars that are allocated. Obviously that all depends on the administration that’s in place, whether social service programs for older adults are an important piece of the national budget.”

Historical commission reboot

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Garcia call the “president” of the commission — in the past said she agreed with Ponton that the body has operated in good faith, has done good work and was not trying to exclude anyone. Ponton noted that the commission submitted two historical marker applications to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) that were approved this year — Cibolo Rock (currently Elephant Rock) near Shafter and the historic adobe church in Ruidosa, El Corazon Sagrado de la Iglesia de Jesus (the Sacred Heart of the church of Jesus).

Ponton said the THC recognized him as the commission chair, with his approval needed on marker applications.

Hisler said that during her campaign for county commissioner this spring, constituents came to her to express concern about Ponton’s leadership of the commission and its lack of openness to the community. The issue also came up in a February candidates forum for the county attorney race, which Ponton lost to Blair Park in the March Democratic primary, when a Presidio resident complained of inadequate meeting notices and limited opportunity to give input on historical markers. Ponton told The Big Bend Sentinel at the time that he would strive to be more open by getting meeting agendas posted not only on the courthouse and courthouse annex doors, but also by email to The Sentinel and online. That did not happen, and The Sentinel only learned of the Thursday meeting through Hisler.

Ponton said Hisler could have come to him, expressed an

interest in getting the commission to follow the law with court appointees and help to communicate meeting times. Instead, he said, she got on the August 7 Commissioners Court agenda to ask to be officially appointed to gather names of commissioners nominated for appointment in January. While the court did not vote on the matter, Hisler said she left the meeting feeling that she needed to gather nominations because she said that she’ll have that power in January to put appointments on the agenda, so she needs to collect the names of those interested now.

County Judge Joe Portillo said that making the commission follow the exact letter of state law is not a pressing issue for him, but he understands Hisler’s passion for history with her former role in state parks, and if she puts appointments on the agenda in January, he’ll be happy to formally vote to appoint them. “I haven’t given [the commission] the attention that it deserves. It will eventually be addressed after the dust settles and everyone gets sworn in” on the new Commissioners Court, he said.

Precinct 4 County Commissioner David Beebe said he didn’t think the issue was pressing either in August, but now he’s completely on board with official appointees in January nominations from Hisler or others, he said. Precinct 2 County Commissioner Margarito Hernandez did not return a request for comment.

Ponton said Hisler is trying to replace current commission members for political reasons not necessarily tied to anything to do with history or how he leads the body.

Hisler counters that she — with her long history working for the Texas State Parks & Wildlife Department — understands the importance of following the law, especially since the county works with THC on high-dollar grant projects. Ponton could have easily made the commission more formal and followed the law, and he hasn’t worked to try and make the commission more open, she said. “I come from a bureaucracy, and so I do believe in crossing our T’s and dotting our I’s, and you can expect me to serve as commissioner that does that,” Hisler said. “What is the harm in reaching out to our community to see if people have an interest? Which is what I want to do.”

Ponton and Garcia said they both want to be on the commission moving forward and will submit their names to the county judge for consideration. Ponton previously said many rural counties operate their historical commissions informally without appointments in court. Jeff Davis County Judge Curtis Evans and Brewster County Historical Commission Co-Chair Elizabeth Lewis said they do formal appointments in their commissioners courts every two years as the law stipulates.

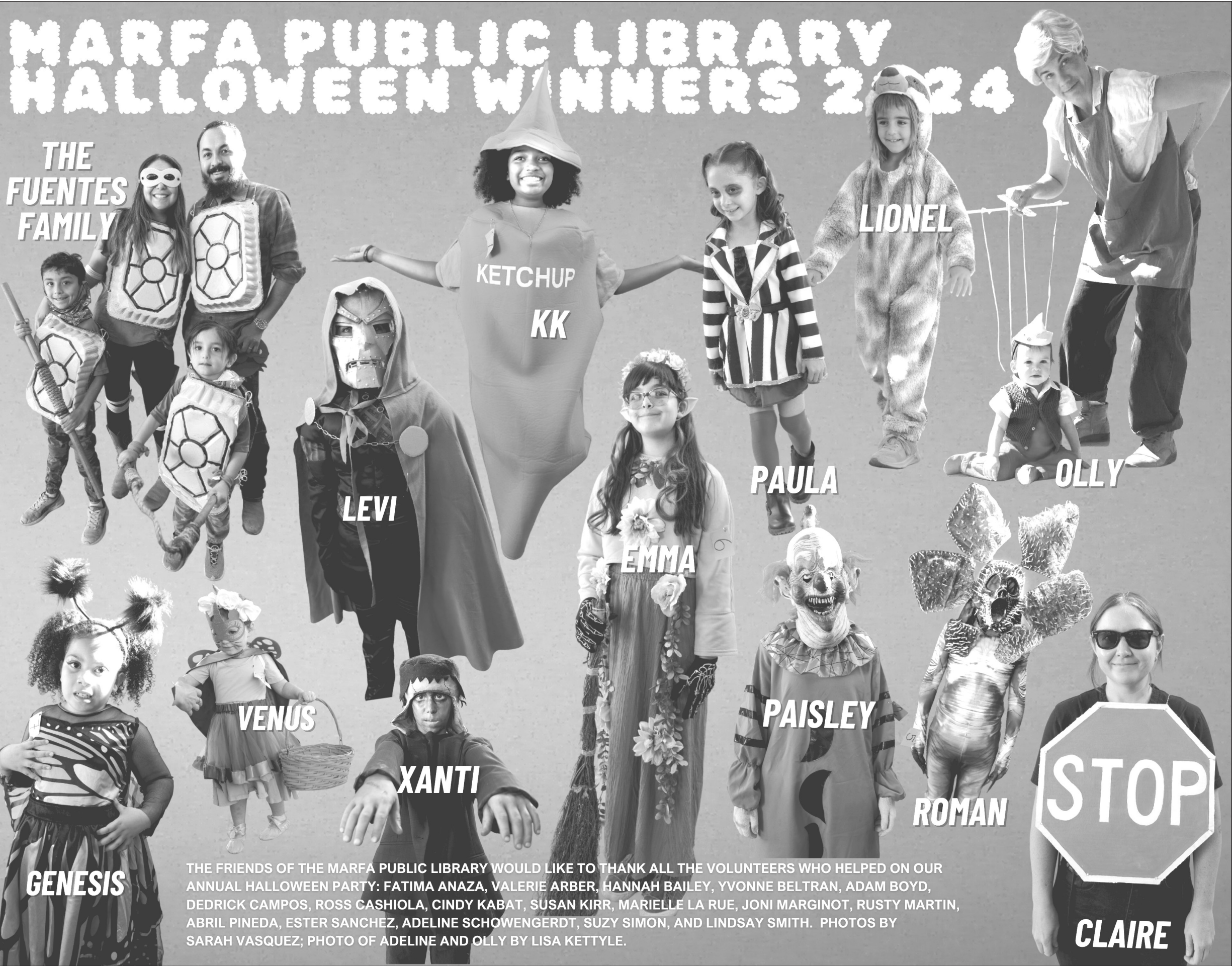
Ponton later clarified that most small counties leave the nomination lists up to the members of their current historical commission. Those members seek any other possible members interested in serving, then present them to their commissioners courts. Evans and Lewis said that’s how it works in their counties.

Ponton said he planned to bring up the matter of collecting

names of those interested in serving at Thursday’s canceled meeting. Now, he said he’s ready to do that, which leaves interested Presidio County residents in the odd position of submitting their information to either Ponton or Hisler, or both.

Hisler said those interested should send her a letter of interest with a resume of their background and how it would fit into the role of a commissioner to P.O. Box 778, Marfa, Texas, 79843 or to deirdrehisler@gmail.com. She said she wants a diverse list of people — all ages and experiences from all over the county — to apply. “I want this truly to be a reflection of what the county looks like,” she said.

On Tuesday, Ponton also decided to make the invitation formal and emailed The Sentinel: “The Presidio County Historical Commission seeks volunteers with a professional commitment to the historic and cultural heritage of Presidio County. Persons interested in serving as commissioners will attend four or more meetings a year, may serve on committees, and must be dedicated to preserving and communicating the rich historical heritage of Presidio County. Interested persons should submit a letter of interest explaining their qualifications to Rod Ponton, Chairman, Presidio County Historical Commission. The Presidio County Commissioners Court will appoint seven or more members by January 2025 to serve for two years. Email information to pontonrod@gmail.com.”



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Election results

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Santos Limon (D) 1,023 — 66.4%
Tony Gonzales (R) 679 — 35%

Local Races
County Attorney
Blair Park 1,513

Sheriff
Danny Dominguez 1,450

County Commissioner Precinct 1
Deirdre Hisler 375

County Commissioner Precinct 3
Frankie Ortiz 221

Tax Assessor-Collector
Nancy Arevalo 1,499

Constable Precinct 1
Estevan “Steve” Marquez 841

Constable Precinct 2
Adan “Pugi” Covos 702

BREWSTER COUNTY
National races (county results)
President

Donald Trump (R) 628—55.34%
Kamala Harris (D) 530—42.89%

U.S. Senate
Ted Cruz (R) 2,415—53.19%
Colin Allred (D) 1,995—43.94

U.S. House District 23
Tony Gonzales (R) 2,576—59.04%
Santos Limon (D) 1,787—40.96%

Local races
County Attorney
Marisol Skelton 2,995

County Commissioner Precinct 1
James Westermann 156

County Constable Precinct 1
Flavio Ybarra 425

Sheriff
Ronny Dodson 934

County Commissioner Precinct 3
Ruben Ortega 289

Tax Assessor-Collector
Sylvia Vega 818

Alpine city charter amendments
PROPOSITION A: CHARTER
REVIEW (Yes on top)
2,025
151

PROPOSITION B: ANNEXATION
1,333
759

PROPOSITION C: ANNEXATION
1,800
306

PROPOSITION D: WARDS OR
DISTRICTS?
1,348
704

PROPOSITION E: CITY
COUNCIL TERMS
1,735
377

PROPOSITION F: MAYOR TIE
BREAKER
1,798
291

PROPOSITION G: VACANCY
FILLING PROCEDURE
1,744
314

PROPOSITION H: CITY
ATTORNEY
1,484
600

PROPOSITION I: MUNICIPAL
JUDGE
1,264
818

Marathon ISD Board of Trustees
Place 2
Andy Lewis (incumbent) 105
Phillip Moellering 83
Steve Griffis 67

Place 4
LeAndra Ramirez 156
Judy Galindo Briones (incumbent)
92

Place 6
Timothy Roberts 149
Gonzalo Hernandez 108

Place 7
Craig Carter (incumbent) 189
Arlene Griffis 77

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY
National races (county results)
President
Donald Trump (R) 659 — 61%
Kamala Harris (D) 420 — 38.9%

U.S. Senate
Ted Cruz (R) 691 — 59%
Colin Allred (D) 477 — 41%

U.S. House District 23
Tony Gonzales (R) 723
Santos Limon (D) 404

Local races
Sheriff / Tax Assessor-Collector
Victor Lopez 820

County Commissioner Precinct 1
Jody Adams 206

County Commissioner Precinct 3
John Davis 205

County Constable
Mike Wright 781

Fort Davis ISD Board of Trustees
(unofficial results with 27 mail
ballots not counted)

District 1
Ben Wilson 48

District 2
Brenda Vargas 56

At-Large (two seats)
Julia Hernandez 137
Tommy Everett 129
Mack Holley 125

TRI-COUNTY
83rd District Attorney
Ori White 5,657

394 District Judge
Monty Kimball 5,786

Alpine zoning

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presented” yet kicked back to P&Z, assigned a different ordinance number, and the phrase “initiated by the council or the planning and zoning commission” never being struck out as it was in the original copy.

“What was presented on May 21 isn't what [passed], it was a completely different ordinance,” Ruckēs said. “I just want to make sure that what y'all are voting for is exactly what's getting put through.”

The final ordinance that passed does state that the ability of council members or P&Z to initiate a spot zone is removed “with exceptions,” the Texas Supreme Court and Comprehensive plan exceptions.

Council members thanked Ruckēs for bringing the matter to their attention. They affirmed that their intention was to follow the procedure recommended by Building Services, where the department is on the frontlines of rezone requests, but

ultimate authority to approve or not lies with City Council.

“I don't want council to lose the ability to do a spot zone, I think in rare and extraordinary cases, that might actually be needed,” Councilmember Darin Nance said. “But that should totally go through the process of starting with you guys.”

Antrim said the issue relates to an ongoing initiative she's working on to establish standard operating procedures for city departments. City Secretary Geo Calderon told council members that the ordinance adoption was “legislatively correct.” “It's a valid ordinance,” Calderon said.

Ruckēs disagreed, and said that the ordinance, because it was technically approved as presented, should have been amended but gone on to a second reading. “What they initially voted on never got back to them,” Ruckēs said.

Calderon said because the change was “substantive,” a new ordinance

number was assigned. He said council members had plenty of time — two weeks — to review the amended ordinance and bring up any issues.

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Ruckēs said as a citizen he is concerned that this scenario had occurred with other ordinances in the

past. Councilmember Stone said he believed that the current council and administration is making progress, and that he values both Calderon and Ruckēs’ feedback, stating Ruckēs is the “best” building official the city has had in a long time. (Ruckēs is the eight building official in the past seven years.)

“I’m guaranteeing a lot of bad things have been done in this council — not by this council, but by tons before us — it's been a mess,” Stone said. “I understand this is getting to you a bit, but the whole point is to clean up the ordinances, help you do what you want to do.”

Council members did not take any action to rescind or re-do the zoning ordinance that Ruckēs took issue with. Councilmember Nance echoed Stone’s sentiments to Ruckēs for bringing the issue up, stating “more eyes is good,” and “hold us accountable for it.”

Music in the park



Tuesday, Oct. 29, the Indian Lodge at Davis Mountains State Park hosted a special concert in the historic lobby. The Cielo Trio, consisting of local musicians, played an hour of classical selections to a packed house. The Indian Lodge renovation project is nearing completion and a reopen date is slated for early 2025.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hospital district declines to purchase mammography machine for hospital

TRI-COUNTY — The Big Bend Regional Hospital District (BBRHD) declined a proposal from the Big Bend Regional Medical Center to purchase a permanent mammography machine for the hospital.

Local healthcare leaders are seeking a solution to the lack of mammography services in the region following the August discontinuation of Mammos on the Move, a mobile mammography program run by company Desert Imaging for 10 years.

The cost of the new mammography machine for the hospital was estimated to cost \$350,000. The hospital was asking the district to invest \$250,000 in the equipment, in addition to \$247,000 worth of

improvements to its X-ray room, which is in sore need of upgrades, according to hospital officials.

The BBRHD board heard the proposal in early October, but decided to table the item, citing more time to consider investing such a large sum of money. At their meeting last week, they declined to move forward with the proposal.

“After consulting with our attorney, BBRHD cannot purchase the mammogram machine for the hospital as the proposal was requested,” said BBRHD Executive Director Lynette Brehm. “Buddy Cavness, our board president, assured the community that although this was not the outcome the hospital (or public) was hoping for, the board remains committed to this issue and will discuss an alternative path forward in the coming weeks and months.”

Brehm did not respond to additional requests for comment on the reasons for the decision. The district is also considering partnering with another mobile mammography program.

Michael Phelan announces Marfa Invitational 2025

MARFA — Michael Phelan, the founder of the Marfa Invitational art fair, announced the event will be taking place May 15-18, 2025, at the Saint George in a post on Instagram this past weekend, with a special “Mi Locale” edition to follow on May 22-25.

The annual event was scaled down and did not include the “fair” aspect of gallerists at Saint George Hall in May 2024 following the loss of the Marfa Invitational’s nonprofit status — which has since been reinstated — and claims from an ex-board advisor alleging Phelan misused donated funds for personal expenses.

Phelan wrote on social media that programming for Marfa Invitational 2025 will span two weeks, and include both an international and local edition. “Marfa Invitational could not be more excited to feature and highlight Marfa’s foremost artists + galleries at this year’s MI LOCALE,” the post states. “Championing Marfa’s leading visionaries ~ introducing to the world at large.”

Sentinels of the sky: The lesser nighthawks at Cementerio Barrio de Los Lipanes

By KOYANA FLOTTE

The sun bore down relentlessly on our brown skin as we labored beneath the harsh, unwavering heat of a summer evening in the Chihuahuan Desert. My nails were chipped, and my wrists and back ached from hours of shoveling dirt and hauling “sentinel stones” — the rocks placed atop burial sites as guardians of those resting beneath. A small group of us gathered united in the task of preparing a resting burial place for an ancestor — a 750-year-old woman, recently returned to the community from El Rancho Chaa, located north of Presidio, Texas.

Mitochondrial DNA — passed down exclusively from mother to child — was extracted from her remains, confirming that she was related to several women from the Big Bend region, establishing many locals of Presidio and the region as linear descendants of other remains that have been found in the area. This woman became the first to be returned and honorably reburied at the sacred mound in the Barrio de Los Lipanes, owned by the Lipan Apache Tribe and now stewarded by local Native American families.

As we toiled, our thoughts were consumed by a relative that we had never met. We envisioned her life, untouched by the arrival of the Europeans. I could feel her presence, thanking us for finally granting her descanso eterno (eternal rest), as our elders would often remind us.

We worked in silence, but we also laughed and shared jokes. A member of the community prepared the offering for our final prayer as the sun dipped low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow preparing to depart. A stillness settled over the burial site, enveloping us as if time had paused, transporting us to another realm where we became witnesses to this sacred moment — as though our ancestors were conveying a message of encouragement and support. We shared our final thoughts, creating space for reflection on the evening and the labor we had devoted that day. When the last voice had spoken, a calm radiated across the landscape. The work for that evening was

complete.

Then, as if responding to our collective reverence to reburying our ancestor or simply following their feeding routine, the lesser nighthawks (Chordeiles acutipennis) began to appear in the sky. They soared around us, swooping low and grazing my long, black hair. One by one, they emerged, gliding silently through the air, their silhouettes almost merging with the dark skies. Initially, their presence was subtle — only a few gliding low over us, dipping and weaving in patterns that felt like a dance of celebration and joy.

But soon, more joined, and they began to swoop closer, acknowledging the importance of this moment and encouraging us to keep going. The lesser nighthawks, guardians and inhabitants of the burial mound, celebrated the return of our ancestor and honored her presence. The birds’ flight, a quiet dance against the fading light, blending with the land — a survival skill shared by the Native people of Far West Texas. Like us, the nighthawks approach life in the desert in accordance with the sunrises and sunsets, their camouflage blending them perfectly with the wames (creosote bush) and the color of the earth.

The approach the lesser nighthawks take to survive and thrive in the desert mirrors the rhythms of the people who live and have lived in the lower Chihuahuan Desert. Like these communities, the nighthawks emerge at dawn and dusk, making efficient use of the cooler hours as the late afternoons and early evenings grow increasingly harsh under the weight of climate change. Watching the birds descend, then rise again in graceful arcs, I understood why our ancestors chose to remain here, bound to the sunsets that held their stories.

“Our ancestors chose the land over anything else,” another elder murmured as we stood together, the final moments of light giving way to a night full of stars. The nighthawks faded one by one, blending back into the darkness. We packed our tools, our exhaustion replaced by a deep, quiet satisfaction. The nighthawk, appearing as a silent witness, had become a symbol of who we are

— a representation of camouflaging, minimalism and migration. In its flight, we connected to those who came before us, reminding us that this work was seen, that it mattered, and that our connection to this land will be everlasting.

When youth and adults seek to reconnect with their identity as Indigenous peoples of the Big Bend — especially those who didn’t grow up in this land — they often ask me about “native names” or “cultural protocols,” curious about traditions and beliefs they can honor to feel proud of who they are. My response is nearly always the same: to understand your culture, begin by immersing yourself in the land. In connecting with the land, we honor and learn about our culture. In those moments when they might feel a sense of loss or detachment from who they are, I tell them to think of the lesser nighthawk and how they teach us about our own lives.

When we look at the pristine nature of the Big Bend, we don’t just see untouched wilderness; we see thousands of years of land stewardship and practices of conservation by the local people. As the oldest continuously farming community in North America, our ancestors were not passive inhabitants but caretakers of land, practicing methods and trading in ways that nurtured and preserved our culture and economy over millennia. When we learn to care for the places where the lesser nighthawks nest, when we advocate for other species at risk like the yellow-billed cuckoo, the black-capped vireo, and the Mexican long-nosed bat, we carry forward these teachings. In the land and its ecology, we can find all of the answers that we seek.

This article is written as part of American Bird Conservancy's Conservation and Justice Fellowship program, in partnership with Big Bend Conservation Alliance and Rio Grande Joint Venture. Dr. Flotte is the 2024 Big Bend Bird Conservation and Culture Community Engagement Fellow working to center Indigenous voices, stories, and language to co-create avian sanctuaries in culturally significant sites within the Chihuahuan Desert.

Construction underway at future Dollar General in Terlingua

By SAM KARAS
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TERLINGUA — Construction is underway on the future Dollar General in Terlingua, located just west of the junction between Highway 118 and FM 170 in Study Butte. The site of the former EMS building has been leveled, and crews are working to clear a space for the store and attached parking lot.

Apart from Aramark, the concessionaire that quietly runs the Terlingua Motor Inn, Dollar General will be the first major chain to operate in South Brewster County.

The news wasn’t welcome to many Terlinguans, who take pride in the uniqueness of their community. Back in August, a small group banded together to organize against the sale, worried about the chain’s impact on

local businesses and citing concern about environmental issues like plastic bags and glowing black-and-yellow signs.

Terlingua is not the first community in the Big Bend to attempt to stop the spread of the chain, which gravitates towards rural, lower-income markets. There are more Dollar General locations in the United States than Walmart and McDonald’s combined — most of them clustered in towns off the beaten path.

In October 2022, over a hundred Alpine residents showed up to a city council meeting to protest a third Dollar General that would be built on former city land. City officials attempted to stall by slowing down the re-platting of the lots, but then City Attorney Rod Ponton cautioned that it wasn’t legal for the city to block a lawful business from purchasing property. (The Dollar General corporation agreed and threatened legal action.)

Terlingua is not an incorporated city, so there was little formal recourse

locals could take beyond begging outsiders to buy the property out from under the chain. Those efforts were not successful, and the closing on the deal took place in September.

One compromise that Terlinguans have already been able to make with the developer is a promise to implement lighting in compliance with the area’s dark sky regulations. “We understand that Big Bend is known for its ‘splendid isolation’ — part of which is being able to view the night sky unmarred by light pollution,” representatives for Kinetic Design and Development wrote. “We hope this letter demonstrates the sincerity of our intent to build a Dollar General store which enhances the local community.”

In an email to The Big Bend Sentinel, Dollar General’s public relations team estimated that the store would be open in spring 2025, “although we understand construction progress may alter this timeline.”

Stained-glass artist Jeff Smith to present at Jeff Davis County Library

FORT DAVIS — Be sure to save the date for a special program featuring local artist Jeff Smith planned for the Jeff Davis County Library on Saturday, November 23, at 1 p.m.

Known for his huge architectural stained glass works, Smith will show images of his designs and speak

about the detailed process of creating them. Several residences and buildings in the tri-county area contain custom-made Smith designs as well as across the U.S. in airports, businesses, churches and universities. The presentation will be sponsored by Friends of the Library and is free of charge.

Locals host fundraisers for Samantha Quintana

MARFA — A menudo sale benefiting Marfa resident Samatha Quintana in her fight against breast cancer will take place from 8 a.m. until sold out this Saturday, November 9, at Prescription Shop Marfa, 105 E. Oak St.

The menudo is made by Celia Del Bosque and costs \$13 for a 32 oz cup. Bake and menudo sales for Quintana also took place last weekend at the Presidio County Sheriff’s Office and Prescription Shop Marfa, respectively.

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THURSDAY

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113: Untitled Exhibition (All Community Welcome)

glitch Gallery x Tribute Labs presenting new work by crypto artist 113.

Food and drinks served.

FRIDAY

10 AM - 12 PM

Le Squig Café with SquigglesDAO

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FRIDAY AT OTHERSIDE

1 - 3 PM

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SATURDAY

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Panel: AI x Generative Art: A Dichotomy or Spectrum?

What is generative art? What is AI art? What is the shared overlap between the two? Hosted by Botto and Le Random. Coffee + light snacks served.

SATURDAY

10:45 - 11:45 AM

Panel: Living with Digital Art

MONA hosts this panel with designers, artists and curators crafting physical and immersive spaces with crypto art in mind. Light food + beverages served.

SATURDAY AT OTHERSIDE

11:30 AM - 1 PM

Sakazuki Experience (Open Session)

Experience a cultural journey celebrating Japanese craftsmanship w/ traditional crafts, curated Santury spirits, and refreshing mocktails.

SATURDAY

12 - 1 PM

Hash Inc: Office Blueprint Pop-Up Shop

Office Blueprint, a Hash Inc. pop-up shop: meticulously designed physical objects. Objects available for viewing and purchase.

SATURDAY

1:30 - 2:30 PM

Every 30 Days Full Set Collectors: Private Luncheon

Your three glitch curators welcome The E30D Full Set Holder community to a private luncheon hosted at glitch. RSVP required.

SATURDAY AT OTHERSIDE

2:30 - 4 PM

Bright Moments CryptoCitizen Meetup

Join us for a Bright Moments reunion and CryptoCitizen meetup. All are welcome. Food & drinks provided.

SATURDAY

3 - 4 PM

Fountain Digital x Flamingo DAO: Private Mixer

By invitation only, co-hosted by leading crypto art brokerage Fountain Digital and leading collector community FlamingoDAO.

SATURDAY

6 - 7:30 PM

Sakazuki Experience (Invite-Only)

Experience a unique evening of intimate storytelling and rare selections, exclusively curated to celebrate Japanese craftsmanship & Santury spirits.

SATURDAY

7 PM

Joe Pease: Exhibition

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OUR WATER MATTERS

Beneficial reuse of produced water

By TREY GERFERS

According to the American Geosciences Institute, "Most oil- and gas-bearing rocks also contain water. When the oil or gas is extracted from these rocks, the water comes out too. This 'produced water' is a byproduct of almost all oil and gas extraction, though the amounts of produced water can vary widely." In 2023, the Texas Produced Water Consortium reported that the Permian Basin alone is generating upwards of 3.9 billion barrels, or over 168 billion gallons, of produced water annually. That's enough water to fill more than 250,000 Olympic-sized pools every single year.

With so much produced water available, many are evaluating the possibility of treating and putting this waste product to other beneficial uses, such as agricultural irrigation, aquifer recharge, and surface water discharge. But, according to Texas Tech law professor Amy Hardberger, "Data gaps exist in the current understanding of the pollutants of concern contained in produced water and the associated public health and environmental risks for each type of reuse."

In her paper titled "The Challenges and Opportunities of Beneficially Reusing Produced Water" published in the Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum, Hardberger explains that the primary pollutants of concern in produced water include "salt content, oil and grease, hydrocarbon related compounds, toxic compounds used in the hydraulic fracturing process, toxic compounds dissolved from natural deposits in the formation, and naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM)." She goes on to point out that "treatment is often very difficult, not possible, or cost-prohibitive" and "neither tests nor risk levels exist for many of the constituents of concern."

Hardberger cautions that "few, if any, regulatory standards are present to manage the human health and environmental risks associated with the reuse of produced water" and "reuse of produced water outside the oil and gas sector is not currently informed with adequate data."

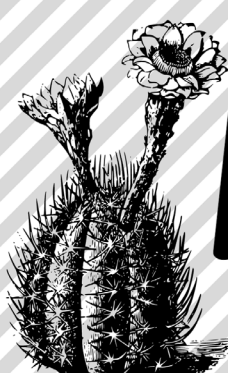
Part of the problem lies in the "reporting loopholes [that] limit the ability to fully understand fracking fluids' chemical composition." In fact, the different chemicals that make up each company's hydraulic fracturing fluids are "subject to trade secret protections." Even if they can be identified, "the risks of many of these chemicals" are "often unknown."

Regardless of the risks, "Treated produced water for agriculture is an oft-promoted reuse scenario," because agriculture is the sector that uses the most water. "However, this use creates many potential exposure pathways," according to Hardberger, and "most chemicals of concern ... in produced water have no regulations set for acceptable exposure concentrations in food or residues on the surface of produce, nor are there safe consumption standards set for fruits, vegetables, or grain."

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Other scenarios involve reusing produced water to recharge depleted aquifers or augment diminished surface waters in the arid regions where most hydraulic fracturing takes place. But caution is warranted here, as well, says Hardberger, because "heavy metals and other trace elements, which are common in produced water, do not biodegrade and accumulate in the environment ... and, if groundwater becomes contaminated, it is difficult to remediate."

Another thorny issue with produced water involves its status under the law. Up to now, produced water has been categorized as waste. But "a transition away from disposal towards beneficial reuse ... triggers a categorization change of the water from a waste to a commodity" prompting a reevaluation of the implications of such a redesignation. "Regulatory decisions related to waste disposal predate the widespread production of shale gas and any contemplation that the resulting wastewater might be utilized in other sectors. Because widespread consideration of these uses is recent, it is unclear how existing rules might apply in reuse situations."

The 1976 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) is the main federal law regulating waste disposal. It is intended to provide "effective cradle-to-grave management of solid and hazardous waste that is protective of human health and the environment," writes Hardberger. "In 1988, the EPA codified rules on oil and gas production wastes, including produced water, to exempt them from RCRA requirements." The idea was to "avoid a chilling effect" on oil and gas production that would have been created "by the additional time and expense associated with regulatory waste disposal. The EPA supported its decision with an assessment that state regulations related to disposal were sufficient to protect human health and the environment." But the "programs, on which the EPA relied, only apply to produced water reuse in a very limited capacity, if at all." In other words, not only is produced water insufficiently covered by current federal regulations, it also escapes the level of scrutiny it merits if it is to be put to other uses. In Hardberger's analysis, "It is antithetical to claim that produced water is part of the solution to fresh water scarcity challenges while still enjoying a regulatory exemption that presupposes a hazardous waste designation."

Yet several states "already reuse or discharge produced water in a limited capacity," reflecting, "a range of comfort levels with implementation," according to Hardberger. Perhaps the best example is New Mexico, which is working closely "with the EPA to facilitate collaboration and ensure the development of reuse strategies protective of human health and the environment" while seeking to "foster resource conservation and economic opportunity." The deliberate, science-based approach of New Mexico "presents a model for other states."

Recent fracking-related disasters in the Permian Basin, including sinkholes, geyser-like blowouts, and a growing toxic lake that could soon submerge part of Highway 1053 north of Fort Stockton, are increasing the pressure on industry to reduce the volumes of produced water it injects back into the ground. However, in the wise words of Hardberger, "Repurposing produced water without a proper understanding of ... the potential impacts may solve one problem while creating many more."

Visit <https://scholarship.law.duke.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1408&am p;context=delpf> to read the full article.

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New arts space Club Nowhere hosts group photography exhibition



Club Nowhere, a new DIY arts venue in town, is opening a photography exhibition this Friday.

MARFA — The work of Far West Texas photographers is the subject of the second exhibition at new local arts space Club Nowhere, where an opening reception will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, November 8.

Club Nowhere is located at 401 S. Highland Avenue, the yellow house next to Cactus Liquors. It opened recently as a “safe space to promote and encourage the creativity of working artists in this community,” per the venue’s website.

The photography exhibition will be up until December 1, with open times and special events — dates forthcoming — taking place throughout the month of November.

Photographers featured include Alaina Walton,

Clara Benson, Cody Bjornson, Cookie Stone, Daniel Marty, Desiree Espada, Hannah Gentiles, Harry Crofton, JD Garcia, Joe Salinas, Kathleen Shafer, Kay Ramming, Lesley Villarreal, Liz Potter, Logan Caldbeck, Rob Brill, Rowdy Dugan, Sarah M. Vasquez, Shea Carley, Tirando Rostros and Valerie Santerli.

Chris Ramming, who used to head up the defunct Casita Bar, is renting the house, and said the project is still in its early days, but, “The idea of this space, currently, is to encourage and showcase creativity and work of regional artists.”

For more information, visit clubnowhere.org/ or follow [@weareclubnowhere](https://www.instagram.com/weareclubnowhere) on Instagram.

Vote unlikely any time soon on Fort Davis church split

By ROB D’AMICO
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FORT DAVIS — The Fort Davis United Methodist Church will not be voting on whether to leave the United Methodist Church (UMC) any time soon, according to Don Holladay, who is serving as temporary pastor of the congregation for the next few months.

“The attempt to exit the denomination has become more difficult, if not impossible, to carry out,” Holladay said. In July, concerns over official church policies on LGBTQ issues had spurred some First United Methodist Church of Fort Davis members to plan a vote on whether to separate from the United Methodist Church (UMC). Initially the church council posted a newspaper ad in the Fort Davis Mountain Dispatch announcing an August 11 vote but then backtracked and decided to allow

the UMC El Paso District superintendent to shepherd the process. Since that time, it’s become clear that a vote isn’t happening, Holladay said.

The congregation — which numbers about 50 people — worships in a historic church in downtown Fort Davis. Holladay said division in church membership about a split continues, and it still is possible the church could vote to disband from the UMC in the future. The congregation would have to then buy the church and form a new nondenominational body or affiliate with the Global Methodist Church, which thousands of churches that have disaffiliated with the UMC over LGBTQ issues have joined — a process that would need a vote of approval at the next UMC General Conference, which won’t be held until 2028, Holladay said.

The UMC’s formal process for disaffiliation ended in December of 2023. The UMC district superintendent for the congregation, Pam Rowley, did not return a call requesting comment.

DRAWING OF THE WEEK



Giselle Torres
10th Grade - Self Portrait, Acrylic

Sudoku & Crossword puzzles:

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

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Solution from last week's puzzle:

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg November 18, 2024

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6 Make a scene silently?
10 What "is" is
14 Comedian Glazer
15 Russia's _____ Mountains
16 Creative thought
17 Effort to limit the right to sue
19 Ben & Jerry's purchase
20 Before, to a poet
21 With
25 50-Across, combo spa service
22 Voices above tenors
23 New York Harbor's _____ Island
25 Questlove's hairstyle
27 NBC comedy show, briefly
29 Hypnotic electronic songs
34 Less good
36 Unit of resistance
37 It's forbidden
38 "Then again," in a text
39 Shinbone
41 Westernmost U.S. territory
42 Capital of Norway
43 Unified
44 Health insurance giant
45 Athlete who tries to clear a high bar

- 49 "____ So Fine" (Chiffons hit)
50 See 21-Across
51 Rust, for instance
53 Brainy
56 London art gallery
58 Wrath
60 Clothing entrepreneur
61 Airport reassignment ... or a phonetic hint to the rearranged first word of 17-, 29- or 45-Across
64 "Let's do this!"
65 High school dance
66 Surname on Shaq's jersey
67 Lrksome sort
68 Safe deposit boxes, in brief?
69 Trivia lovers, say
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2 _____ vera
3 Blue Angels' daring maneuver
4 Info from a spy
5 Dark roofing material
6 "The Lion King" dad
7 Smooth (out)
8 Mexican folk ensemble
9 Majestic tree

- 10 Where first-class passengers may wait
11 Revise
12 City NE of Lake Tahoe
13 Cave-dwelling flyers
18 Middle Eastern dignity
22 Quarterback's "cannon"
24 Letters on a smartphone screen
26 Disaster relief org.
27 Dive like an eagle
28 "That's a lie!"
30 Prominent physics prize
31 Georgian, say
32 Laughable
33 Food _____ (states induced by feasting)
35 Clue from a sneaker
39 Frog relative
40 Sculptures and such from Arctic natives
44 Pop's Grande, to fans
46 Fido's doc
47 Certain Native American symbols
48 C-suite figure
52 Actress Keaton
53 Mess (up)
54 Viral display of humor
55 Hertz competitor
57 Chemistry particle
59 Old-school "OMG!"
61 No. on a transcript
62 Sweetie
63 Trains to Wrigley Field

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Bordo hosts fundraiser for Anthony DeSimone



Marfa’s Anthony DeSimone is the beneficiary of a fundraiser at Bordo on Thursday.

MARFA — Bordo is hosting a fundraiser for Marfa resident Anthony DeSimone’s medical expenses Thursday, November 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. at their restaurant located at 1210 W San Antonio St.

Bordo owners Michael Anthony Serva and Hannah Texie Bailey announced the event on Instagram with the following message:

“This Thursday, we are coming together to fundraise for our very dear friend Anthony DeSimone’s medical expenses. While we want to respect the privacy of him and his family at this time; we also want to give the town and all his friends and loved ones the opportunity to rally around him and show him how much we love him.

“This is a very big deal for us. We usually do special events with little expectation of turnout or success. But we want this night to be truly special, with a big turnout and showout for such an incredibly special person.

“Whether it be his incredible music, acting in local plays, culinary skills, bread baking,

vibrant and daring art, or just his perfect pallet: experience and acumen sourcing and curating wine and spirits at Cactus Liquors ... Anthony, Tony, D, has touched all of our lives in some way, as an artist, a citizen, and friend.

“We wish we were honoring him under better circumstances, but are so to help assist him in his healing, and mending, and getting the care that he needs.”

The night will feature live DJing from Honky Tonk Happy Hour and DJ Rock Pile, projections from VJ Mellow Arms/Wayne Peacock and raffle prizes from local businesses and artists including Harry Crofton, Margaret’s, Wrong, Mira Marfa, Cactus Liquors and many more!

A bar provided by Cactus Liquors and Bordo will be cranking out pizza slices in different flavors, homemade Baja Blast gelato, and fried ravioli with homemade ranch dressing. Please note the Venmo tag — @adesimone — or bring cash. 100% proceeds are going towards Anthony.

Long touchdown receptions aren’t enough to put Horns over the top

MARFA — The Shorthorns put up a fierce fight against the Garden City Bearkats at home Friday night, going into halftime with a close 30-32 score.

Junior back Maverick Milligan put forth a standout performance yet again, delivering several thrilling plays, including an 80-yard touchdown reception, a 50-yard touchdown reception at the edge of his fingertips, and rushing touchdowns of 60 and 40 yards.

Milligan continues to drive the Horns’ offense with his impressive speed and skill, slicing through defenses. Despite a spirited back-and-forth battle, the Shorthorns ultimately fell short in the fourth quarter, marking their fourth consecutive district game loss. The Horns travel to Buena Vista Thursday with a 5 p.m. Junior high game and varsity kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Francisco Rosas capped off his high school cross-country career at the state championships, securing 49th place in a competitive field of 120 runners.

Looking ahead, the Lady Horns are set to face Wildorado in the area championship game this Saturday at a venue that is to be announced. The game kicks off at 11 a.m., and the team hopes to build on their recent impressive district championship win by claiming another gold ball in the area round.



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AROUND THE BIG BEND

Thu
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7

Hike with Homeless Dogs

10:00am - 11:00am at Davis Mountains State Park
Help a homeless dog have a great time on the trail!

Nat Lefkoff

7pm - 9pm at The Ritchey
The Ritchey welcomes Nat Lefkoff Thursday November 7th, 7-9PM! No Cover.

Fri
Nov
8

A Hike Through History

9am - 10:30am at Davis Mountains State Park
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5pm - 9pm at 401 S. Highland Ave.
Opening reception.

Hank Woji Conspiracy

7pm - 9pm at The Ritchey
Come watch Hank Woji play from 7pm - 9pm, no cover!

Sat
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9

Morning Bird Walk

9am - 10:30am at Davis Mountains State Park
Come join us on a birding adventure through the park.

Caroline Sears & Friends

7pm - 9pm at The Ritchey
Come watch Caroline Sears & Friends play from 7pm - 9pm, no cover!

Art in the Park

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Los Yonke Gallos VS Los Tigres de San Antonio

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Sun
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Sunday Slow Stretch with Bailey

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Community Greeted Returned Prisoner With Big Reception

Pfc. Lauriano Jimenez came home Saturday evening after 28 months in a North Korea prison camp. And Marfa turned out to greet him in numbers that far exceeded those out for the only visit to the city of a United States president.

A crowd estimated at 1,500 to 2,000 waited for his arrival at the depot Saturday evening and his arrival by car a few minutes ahead of the train changed the reception not a whit. With the returnee trying to greet his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jimenez and his family, with flashlight bulbs popping and friends offering congratulations, it took some time to sort things out at the depot. Then the former POW was put in a waiting car, the high school band swung into action, a uniformed platoon and color guard stepped out, and the entire procession moved to the USO Building where a reception was held in the soldier's honor.

Noland Kelley, Chairman

There, before a hall packed to capacity, Noland Kelley, chairman of the committee planning the reception, called the group to order and Father Amalio Fernandez gave the invocation. Lucius Bunton, speaking for the community, formally welcomed young Jimenez back home. The 21-year old soldier who privately admitted that he was excited, confused and surprised by the enormous turnout, responded with thanks for the reception and said simply that it was so good to be back, he could hardly believe it had happened. Representing various community organizations, others on the stage then made presentations of various gifts to the former POW —Walter Polsky for the Lions club, Mrs. C.E. Porter for the Pilot club, Scott Peevey for the Chamber of Commerce, Herman Ledbetter for the Rotary club, A.P. Ramirez for the American Legion, Noland Kelley for the Red Cross and Miss Socorro Navarrete for the Violeta club. Another gift was presented for Mr. and Mrs. John Humphreys. With the welcoming group on the stand was Frank Jones, mayor.

Polsky Summarizes

Walter Polsky summarized the sentiment of the various speakers as he made the Lions presentation. "Look out over that crowd, Lauriano," he said. "It's a cross section of Marfa, of America, Presbyterians, Baptists, Irish, Scotch, Spanish—and even a couple of Jews. It's what you have been fighting for, Lauriano—and it's the America that thanks you for your services and the hardships you've been through."

At an interview later at his home surrounded by family and friends, Private Lauriano told something of his life in POW camp for more than two years. "Our tank unit was cut off and surrounded and taken prisoner April 25, 1951," he said. "There were about 350 of us, and we were marched in a roundabout way to Chungsong, North Korea, the trip impossible to estimate, perhaps 200, perhaps 300 miles on foot. We had to carry the sick and wounded or the Chinese would have gotten rid of them, and only 297 of us reached the camp. There were some 1,600 to 1,800 prisoners there, about half Americans."

Ill for a Year

Not long after getting to camp, the Marfa soldier contracted a fever and his illness dragged on for almost a year and dropped him to about 90 pounds in weight before he finally began to recover. He weighed 172 pounds when captured, and still was 22 pounds underweight when repatriated, although he was looking fit and well when he arrived here. "There was no medical care whatever at the camp for the first year and mighty— little pills and hot water — afterward," the former prisoner said. He added, however, that late in 1952 he was permitted a couple of weeks at a primitive "hospital" in a nearby village which helped him to some extent. "Food and living conditions were bad," he said. The food was rice three times a day, without variation—and seldom enough of it. The accommodations were the open ground of the barbed-wire enclosure in good weather, and the dirt floors of open sheds like sheep pens in bad weather.

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DISPATCHES FROM MISD JOURNALISM CLASS

Future of students at MISD

By GISELLE

Lots of Marfa ISD students are so close to being out into the real world and are now starting to think about what they want to do with their lives. Students at Marfa have goals about future jobs and where we are going to live for the rest of our lives. Most students at Marfa ISD wish to attend college for various things. I decided to interview a couple of people on what they would like to be in the future as well as how they see themselves in the future.

First, I interviewed a senior at MISD, Loretta Rivera. I started off by asking her, “What do you plan on doing with your future after you graduate from high school?” Loretta said, “I do plan on attending college; I have a couple of colleges in mind, Texas Tech, Sul Ross and Texas A&M. I plan on studying criminology.” “What kind of jobs would you like to get with your degree?” I asked. “I plan on becoming a lawyer after,” she responded.

“Where do you plan on settling to live for the rest of your life after college?” Loretta began, “Umm, I don’t know exactly where, but I plan on staying in Texas with my lovely husband, and my big house,

out on a ranch,” Loretta finished with a big smile. “Do you plan on having any kids?” I asked. “Yes, I want two kids, three max,” Loretta said.

When I asked her about her future, Ava Flores, a junior at MISD, said, “Well, I plan on attending umm, like nursing school. I lowkey would like to go to TCU or Galveston, somewhere out there, not out here in the country, because I hate the spiders that are here!” On this topic, Ava’s voice started getting louder, and she continued, “I hate — I just don’t ever in my life want to live on a ranch! I live there already, I hate the spiders, I hate the mice, I hate animals! They just get really tiring!” she yelled.

After her outburst, I asked Ava, “What kind of job do you plan on getting with a nursing degree?” She said, “I would like to do, like, radiology, like taking scans and doing ultrasounds. I could also be y’all’s OB/GYN and ultrasound tech! I could see y’all’s babies!” Ava continued, imagining her future, “I would like to have a big house and a nice husband. I would like my husband to play football, like a pro football player also. So I can just be a stay-at-home wife, or I could just be working in nursing,” Ava answered.

“Where do you plan on settling?” I asked. “Somewhere, like, in the Dallas area. Yeah, I don’t want to

be in the country! And if I were to have kids, lowkey I only want like two! Three would be like an emergency, like if I need a girl still,” Ava finished.

I went on to interview Francisco Rosas, a senior at MISD. He said, “I see myself either going to Texas State University at San Marcos, to study psychology, fine arts and creative writing, or doing all of that, but instead of going to Texas State, I would like to go internationally ... even though I don’t think that would ever really happen.”

When I asked about after college, Kiko said, “Umm after I get either a major in psychology or a minor, however it works out, I will find a job at a clinic or maybe even like a hospital that might need a psychologist. I want to help people in general ... I hope to have a family ... and if not I hope to stay single. I also feel like I would like to travel a lot around the U.S. as much as I can. I would also like to travel for work and also just live life to the fullest.”

Next, I interviewed a sophomore at MISD, Itzel Urrutia. She said, “In the future I see myself going to college and majoring in radiology for ultrasounding. And, if not, nursing for babies. I see myself having a good career and hopefully being able to finish college, although it looks like a lot of hard work and a lot of studying!

I think I can do it.” “What college do you plan on attending?” I asked Itzel. She said, “I would like to go to Texas A&M, Texas Tech or just anywhere good! After I graduate with a degree, I plan on working. I would like to live in a big city but, like, live outside of the city! On my own ranch with a house we built and my good working husband and three kids; I see myself richer than ever!” Itzel finished.

Finally, I interviewed Dariela, a sophomore at MISD. She said, “I see myself attending a university, preferably Texas A&M, and I see myself majoring in business and maybe a minor in advertising and marketing. I see myself maybe working at a business firm or a company, maybe even having my own business or company. Financially, I would love to have bank in my bank account! But, I mean, with my career I think I will be good. I want to be in a really good financial state and be financially responsible. I see myself settling down, I would like to be in a not-too-big, or not-too-small town, somewhere in the middle.”

This concludes the future plans of just some of the Marfa high school students, everyone’s lives go in different paths after high school, and we will see these students achieve their goals in the coming years!

Journalism will hold a mock election Tuesday

By JOURNALISM CLASS & GOVERNMENT CLASS

The 2024 Presidential Election is upon us, and in less than a week America will have a new president. On Tuesday, November 5, Marfa JSHS students (with the help of Ms. Powers’ journalism class) will cast their ballots in a mock election.

This is what students in MHS had to say about current Vice President and democratic nominee Kamala Harris, who entered into the race in July when President Biden withdrew from the election.

“I would vote, if I were of age, for Kamala, because I believe her political views are more fair and aligned with my beliefs specifically. But both have their good merits,” said Kiko Rosas.

Antonio, Tenessa, and Marisa are voting for Kamala Harris. Tenessa and Marisa cited women’s rights as the reason they’re voting. Marisa said, “I would vote for Kamala because think about this: I feel like she would be a great president for our country. And I feel like things would be a lot better if she were president instead of Trump because Trump was already president and it didn’t go so well. And he’s also, he’s been convicted ... and Kamala, like, I feel like we should give her a chance to see the first woman president. So that’s mostly why ... So I feel like the main reason I would vote for Kamala too is because she doesn’t want to ban abortions.”

Antonio said he’s voting because of gun laws. Kassandra, Mia and Katana will not be voting in the election. Katana, though, is leaning toward Trump because she wants expanded oil drilling.

This is what students had to say about former President Trump, who was president from 2016-2020 and is

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a Republican. One student said that the economy is the main reason he’d vote for Trump. Inflation under Biden, he said, has made many normal, lower and middle-class Americans suffer.

“I like how he speaks,” said another student, Ayven, a junior. He continued, “Like, he has a weird sense of authority, like, ‘We’re gonna build a wall.’ I liked his shift at McDonald’s, he knows how to get votes.”

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"Lucy" Furlong, born December

20, 1973, in El Paso, Texas, died October 24, 2024, in El Paso. Growing up, Lucy's time was divided between Fort Worth and the family ranch at Kent, Texas. Her pioneer ancestors founded the Long X Ranch in 1885. She attended All Saints Episcopal School and graduated from Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth. She studied at the University of Mississippi and the University of North Texas. Lucy then completed art history studies in Europe. Upon returning to Fort Worth, Lucy made her debut at The Assembly Ball.

A friend to all, Lucy was insightful, compassionate and witty. Her personality was contagious, with her sparkling smile and zest for life. Lucy married Clay Furlong on May 20, 2000. They settled into ranching and raised two fine daughters, Mary Fruzan and Eleanor Elisabeth. She enjoyed travel, life on the ranch, the little house in Pecos and studies at home in El Paso. Lucy was devoted to her daughters and her husband as well as her mother, Mary Joe Goetzke Montgomery. Preceded in death by her father,

Karl Weber, Lucy is survived by her immediate family, cousins and friends too numerous to count. Lucy will be greatly missed, but will always be in the hearts of those who have known her. Funeral to be held at 1 p.m. Friday, November 1, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church. Lucy will be laid to rest beside her grandmother, Mary Fru Reynolds Pealer, as she wished, in Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth. Should donations in her memory be desired, the American Cancer Society (link here) or a charity of one's choice are appropriate.

Festive Halloween fun at the Marfa Public Library

MARFA — All manner of strange creatures, colorful characters and powerful super heroes were on hand last Thursday for the Marfa Public Library Halloween costume contest. Awards included:

Ages 0-4:
Best homemade costume: Oliver Schowengerdt (Pinocchio)
Scariest costume: Paula Cardona (Beetlejuice)
Most Personality: (TIE) Venus Cashiola (Rainbow Butterfly Unicorn Kitty) and Lionel (Sloth)

Ages 5-8:
Best homemade costume: Roman Fuentez (Demogorgon)
Scariest costume: Xanti Galindo

(Frankenstein)
Most Personality: Genesis Johnson (Monarch Butterfly)

Ages 9-12:
Best homemade costume: Emma Van Etten (Mother Nature)
Scariest costume: Levi Cashiola (Dr. Doom)
Most Personality: KK Rodriguez (Ketchup)

Adult/Group:
Best homemade costume: The Fuentes family (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles)
Scariest costume: Paislee (Slim the Clown)
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- o Building #2, - 1,500 SF +/- Structural Steel Guest Cabins - (4) Four combined quest cabins inclusive of bedrooms and restroom facilities.
- o Building #3 - 1,750 SF +/- Pre- Engineered Metal Building Workshop.

For more project information and to request participation in this bidding process, please send an email to tsusbids@benchmarkhouston.com. Please make sure to include your company name, company contact, phone number, and email address.

Virtual bid conference will be held on November 6, 2024 at 10:00AM (CST)

All proposals are due on or before November 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM (CST).

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

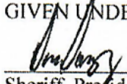
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF PRESIDIO §

By virtue of Tax Warrant issued out of the 394th District Court of Presidio County, Texas in Cause No. 5311-A on the 23rd day of October, 2024, by the Clerk thereof, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at **10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of December, 2024** at the South Door of the Presidio County Courthouse, in Marfa, Texas, the properties described below:

CAUSE NO
5311-A
STYLING
City of Presidio, et al vs. Owners of Various Properties Located Within the City Limits of Presidio, Texas
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Tract 1. Lot 1, Block 9, Bellevue Addition, R299
Tract 2. Lot 1, Block 17, Bellevue Addition, R411
Tract 4. Lot 20, Block 34, Kelly Addition No. 1, R1136
Tract 5. Lot 6, Block 2, Gleim Subdivision No. 2, R999
Tract 6. Lot 5, Block 11, Gleim Subdivision No. 1; SAVE & EXCEPT all minerals, R912
Tract 7. Lot 3, Block 12, Belleaire Addition, in Vol. 264, Pg. 129; SAVE & EXCEPT a tract of land 0.055 acres, more or less, out of Lot 3, Block 12, Belleaire Addition, in Vol. 276, Pg. 202, R219
Tract 8. Lot 14, Block 44, Millington Addition, R21647
Tract 9. Part of Lots 4 and 5, Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12, all of Lot 16, and Part of Lot 17, Block 84, Millington Addition, (MH) R4802
Tract 11. Lot 9, Block 3, Russell Addition, R2322
Tract 12. An undivided 50.0 % interest in Lots 1 through 13, Block 1, Mountain View Addition, R1796
Tract 13. An undivided 50.0 % interest in Lots 1 through 13, Block 1, Mountain View Addition, R1798
Tract 14. Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 12, Sunset Addition, R2392
Tract 15. Lots 5, 6, and 7, Block 12, Sunset Addition, R2394

LEVIED ON the 28th day of October, 2024, as the property of those persons listed above to satisfy taxes, penalties, and interest and all costs of seizure and sale against those persons listed in said Warrant and any other unknown owners in favor of the Taxing Units listed in said Tax Warrants.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS THE 28th DAY OF October, 2024.



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