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Council members get first look at MAC renovation

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MARFA — Marfa City Council Members and city staff got a first look at \$650,000 worth of renovations to the Marfa Activities Center (MAC) this week.

Upgrades, including a new polished concrete floor, tin walls, modern bathrooms, a stage and serving station, were made to the back part of the building, a massive, open space the city rents out for events that also serves as the emergency shelter for the north side of the railroad tracks.

The project began in July and is expected to be completed by contractor 6 Roses Construction at the end of this week, just in time for its first facility rental on Saturday. A MAC grand reopening for the community is forthcoming this spring, city staff said, hopefully coinciding with the completion and opening of the Coffield Park splashpad. (Long awaited updates to the Coffield Park gazebo are still experiencing construction delays.)

The entrance to the MAC rental space, which now features an awning, has been relocated to the back, rather than the side, of the building, and a preexisting hallway that connected the rental venue to the Nutrition Center, pool, and other offices has been walked off.

The old dark green walls and insulation and chicken wire ceiling have been replaced, allowing for a refreshed look. New bathrooms feature honeycomb tile, and a farm-style metal serving station is outfitted with string lights and a butcher block counter.

Tourism Director Jennifer Connors said the building updates were long overdue and should help attract more rental clients. She said she’s looking forward to local occasions filling up the calendar, as well as out of town events like conferences, which will take full advantage of the large structure.

“It’s been the way it was since I was in elementary,” Connors said. “So it’s really nice to see it change. It’s more versatile, neutral colors, I feel like more people will want to utilize our space.”

“We’ve always got comments that it’s a very large space, it’s almost too big, and so now that we have a stage, etc., we’ve utilized it a little more,” she added.

City Council members and Connors also discussed and approved new rental rates for the MAC and USO (Marfa Visitor’s Center) at the council meeting held at the MAC at noon on Tuesday. The last time rental rates were raised was at least 10 years ago, according to city staff.

The city will start enforcing some preexisting policies that

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Marfa High School junior Alejandro Rodriguez goes up for two points as he continues to lead Marfa’s offense this season with points scored.

Local school districts react to possible ICE investigations

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TRI-COUNTY — Local school districts across the Big Bend are grappling with how new federally-mandated immigration enforcement directives might impact their campuses.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) changed guidelines on January 21 to allow Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to make arrests at “sensitive areas,” including schools, churches and hospitals, spaces that had been protected since 2011.

States cannot deny undocumented

children access to K-12 schools — as ruled in the 1982 landmark Supreme Court Case Plyler v. Doe — and schools are prohibited from inquiring about a student’s immigration status.

Local district leaders including Alpine ISD Superintendent Michelle Rinehart and Marfa ISD Interim Superintendent Arturo Alferez said they were assured by local DHS officials that schools are not the focus of current ICE investigations. Other superintendents from Fort Davis and Valentine ISDs and Terlingua CSD said they had not yet been contacted by any federal agency.

DHS and ICE did not respond to a request for comment on agency communications with local school districts.

Alferez said Marfa ISD teachers and administrators have voiced concerns about immigration enforcement officers showing up on campus. “You just don’t want the disruption in the classroom,” Alferez said. “You see what’s happening in bigger cities. You see it on social media, on the news, and you’re like, well, is that gonna happen here?”

“If you’re at our doors and you’re here to pick up students, we’re going to do everything we can to protect

our students,” he added.

Rinehart said the understanding that “there’s truly no changes in terms of immigration actions or the potential for immigration actions on district property” came from DHS officials who the district has “strong partnerships” with, in addition to relationships with Customs and Border Protection officials.

“Historically, federal and state law enforcement don’t conduct immigration actions on district property, and we don’t anticipate that changing moving forward,” Rinehart said.

Rinehart and Alferez said DHS (Continued on page 2)

Years later, death certificates for Porvenir massacre victims still in limbo

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PRESIDIO COUNTY — 107 years ago last Tuesday, 15 men and boys from the small riverside village of Porvenir were rounded up in the middle of the night and shot at close range. Their killers — a posse of Anglo ranchers and lawmen — were never prosecuted, but that night’s tragic events led to a reckoning about policing and race still reverberating in Texas today.

For decades, descendants of those 15 men have sought justice through telling their relatives’ stories, whether in books, social media posts, newspaper articles, documentaries or roadside markers.

Just before the pandemic broke out, they also pushed to have official death certificates issued by Presidio County, which they feel are a small step toward closure for a traumatic event that changed the course of state history.

Five years later, only one of those certificates has been issued. One certificate was denied, and 13 are pending review in probate court. “It is our hope that they are approved and that we can close this chapter, allowing them to finally rest in peace,” descendant Yolanda Mesa wrote in a letter to the The Big Bend Sentinel.

Mesa and others have been frustrated by a process that they feel has been unfairly dragged out by the

county. As of January, there might be reason for hope — since the issue was first raised in 2019, all of the offices involved have turned over, and the new courthouse leadership is hoping to tackle the issue with a fresh set of eyes.

Even with newfound energy, filing death certificates a century after the fact is extremely rare, and there’s little legal precedent to follow. As an exercise in delayed justice, the fight to file death records in Marfa might just make history in its own right.

“The wrong eye”

There’s not much left of Porvenir, and few remember the windy backroads to get there. 107 years

ago, during the Mexican Revolution, it was a bustling village of around 150 people within a day’s ride of a long string of ranches and other small settlements along the river.

When the war broke out, General Pancho Villa was viewed by many in Far West Texas as a sympathetic character. That changed in 1916, when Villistas raided Columbus, New Mexico, and a few months later set their sights on Glenn Springs and Boquillas in what’s now Big Bend National Park. As the conflicts wore on, unscrupulous local characters took advantage of the chaos, giving rise to widespread fear of bandits and looters.

On Christmas Day, 1917, raiders (Continued on page 3)

New Marfa city manager to start in March

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MARFA — Andrea Walter, the City Council’s pick for the next Marfa city manager, will start in her new role next month on Monday, March 3.

Walter was chosen as the final candidate in December after she and City Secretary Kelly Perez, who has been filling in as interim city manager since Mandy Roane’s resignation in September 2024, were both being considered for the top administrative position.

Mayor Manny Baeza said Perez

will stay on as interim city manager until February 28, and he and the City Council appreciate everything she’s done for the city since her employment there began in August 2021. Perez will return to her post as city secretary.

The City Council voted unanimously to officially appoint Walter as the new city manager last week. Her one-year contract with the city will be finalized soon. Walter will be moving from Corpus Christi, where she was most recently working as a business manager for an architectural firm. She owns land in Terlingua Ranch and has lived out

there part time.

Baeza said he believes Walter will be a good fit for the city. He said that she was chosen by city council members for her qualifications, which include project management experience and a Master’s degree in public administration, as well as her demeanor.

He said Walter’s first weeks on the job will involve meeting with city department heads and getting up to speed on the city’s various projects including streets and smart meters. “We’re just trying to finish everything that we have pending right now before taking on any other

projects,” Baeza said.

Walter said she has located a house and is hoping to move to Marfa in mid-February. She said she’s coming armed with a 30-, 60- and 90-day plan and is excited to meet everyone and get to work on city projects.

“I’m ready to listen and hear what everyone has to say, so I can make a game plan and get on board with the City Council and get going, roll my sleeves up,” Walter said. “I hope that everyone in Marfa will enjoy my transparency, my openness and my willingness to work very hard to get everyone on the same page and in the right direction.”

Big Bend Natural History Association hosts 32nd Annual Pioneer Reunion

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BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK — Last Saturday, a crowd packed the Panther Junction Visitors Center for the 32nd Annual Pioneer Reunion, celebrating the descendants of the people who were living in Big Bend before it became a national park. The tri-county was heavily represented, but folks came in from all over the country to visit with friends and share old memories.

The event sprang up in the 1980s as a way to help preserve these stories and to extend an olive branch from the park to the descendants of the region’s first Anglo settlers. Some families who worked land within current-day Big Bend National Park supported the idea of a park — but others cashed their settlement checks with a simmering resentment. “When I was growing up down here, saying ‘National Park Service’ was like cussing,” said emcee and celebrated author Ben English.

This year’s slate of speakers included Laura Bridge, Joel Nelson, and Todd Bureau.

Bridge, granddaughter of Frederick Rice — the author of the spirited cowboy memoir *My Name is Frederick Rice and I Was Born Here* — brought a number of family artifacts to display at the function, including charming portraits, a century-old riding crop and a doll with a few more sharp ceramic edges than would be gifted to a toddler today.

She focused on two areas of special interest: the experience of young schoolteachers in the Big Bend and of “circuit riders,” preachers who roamed the area performing marriages and graveside services in an era where there were no permanent churches south of Marfa and Alpine.

Bridge also talked about the anxieties of living near the river during the Mexican Revolution, when everyone was on high alert for bandits. The circuit riders had a superpower — they seemed to be immune from borderland violence. “The bandits didn’t mess with priests,” she explained.

The stories of the Rice family paint a picture of prosperity in the face of extreme isolation. Then, as now, folks would come back from Marathon or Alpine with their buggies weighed down with goodies from the grocery store and feed supply. “The bottom line to me is community,” she said. “They were just right next door to somebody, they had to be intentional.”

Next, Grammy-nominated cowboy poet Joel Nelson of Alpine gave a talk on his memories of working the Chisos Remuda as a young man, just before serving in Vietnam. He worked for Buck Newsome, a former Border Patrolman with a big heart, quick wit and a crass sense of humor. “He had a way of expressing thoughts and ideas like nobody else I’ve ever known,” he said.

Guiding daily rides up to the South Rim — rain or shine — gave Nelson a completely unique relationship to the land and a repertoire of stories to last a lifetime. “There’s something about having to travel those trails every day in every weather in all kinds of seasons,” he said. “If you don’t, you miss a lot that sticks in your mind.”

Wilderness outfitter and airplane

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ICE investigations

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Photos courtesy of FBI El Paso

FBI El Paso, along with the Department of Justice, assists the Department of Homeland Security with immigration enforcement operations Sunday and Monday in El Paso.

officials told them the focus of enforcement and removal operations are on cases involving violent criminals. “From our conversations with them, with our legal counsel, etc., with different groups across the state, this is what we know that federal agencies focus remains on, investigating immigration cases involving violent criminals and not any kind of school-based intervention,” Rinehart said.

Alferez said that news was a welcome relief. At a school board meeting on Monday he said the district plans to release a statement on the matter to parents via social media soon. “The meeting I had today with a Homeland Security agent, he reassured me, we’re not here to go into the schools. We’re not here to enter churches, we’re part of the community,” Alferez said. “That was very good to know.”

Districts that responded to requests for comment from The Sentinel

said they plan to follow existing policies and procedures regarding law enforcement interactions and the advice of their attorneys in the event of ICE presence on campus.

Rinehart said current processes most districts follow include verifying an officer’s identity, asking for a subpoena or legal documentation about the investigation, sending that information onto the superintendent for review, and more.

Terlingua CSD Superintendent Reagan Reed said, so far, the district has not been notified of any policy change from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) regarding ICE investigations or received any instructions from a law enforcement agency.

“As a staff, we have discussed our adopted procedures and that there have been no changes to the educational rights of our students,” Reed said.

Valentine ISD Superintendent Debbie Engle said her staff has discussed what to do in the event that ICE agents arrive. The actions “follow recommendations from school lawyers,” she said.

Fort Davis ISD Superintendent Graydon Hicks said the district has not changed any of their procedures or protocol regarding law enforcement interactions, and it will “evaluate any such event at the time it happens.”

The advocacy group, the National Immigration Law Center, recently released a fact sheet containing details about the protected areas policy as well as recommendations for school district, hospital and church staff. It can be viewed online at nilc.org/resources/factsheet-trumps-rescission-of-protected-areas-policies-undermines-safety-for-all/

MAC renovation

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The MAC’s new serving station. Construction is expected to wrap this week.



Council members and city staff previewed the new and improved MAC this week.



Staff photos by Mary Cantrell

MAC bathrooms have been updated to include honeycomb tile and showers.

have gone by the wayside, Connors said, including charging a \$50 rental application fee and a \$150 expedited rental application fee for events less than 30 days out. If the capacity of a rental event is 150 people or more, clients will be required to hire private security. (Marfa PD is often paid for that service.) Selling alcohol is not allowed on city property, but many events are BYOB.

Connors also advocated for higher deposit fees, which she said should help alleviate situations she’s dealt with in the past where people leave city spaces a mess or do not clean up in a timely manner.

For the MAC, Council voted unanimously to approve a \$350 deposit fee, up from \$100, and a \$650 rental fee, up from \$500. A locals discount for personal events like weddings, quinceañeras and funerals will now

be available for \$450.

For the USO, council voted unanimously to approve a \$400 deposit, up from \$200, and a \$650 rental fee, up from \$450. That pricing includes the outdoor pavilion, which now has bathrooms.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shafter water board to meet on future plans

SHAFTER — The Shafter Water Supply Corporation Board will meet on Monday, February 10, at 6 p.m. at the Catholic Church in Shafter.

The board will be meeting with Kurt Grant, West Texas coordinator with Communities Unlimited. Grant will be helping the board with its responsibilities and future plans. No other issues will be on the table. The meeting is open to the public, and all residents and property owners of Shafter are encouraged to participate.

Police identify deceased found under Alpine bridge

ALPINE — As first reported on the Facebook page, Alpine Texas Scanner, a dead body was found under a bridge on Holland Avenue in Alpine Sunday afternoon. After notifying kin, the Alpine Police Department updated their initial statement to identify the deceased as James R. Kim, 60 of Alpine.

The department posted the following statement on Sunday:

“On Sunday February 2, 2025 at approximately 1:00 pm, Alpine Police department received a report of a body in Alpine Creek just below the Holland Avenue bridge at the 400 Block West. Officers responded to find the body of a deceased male. An investigation was initiated and at this time foul play is not suspected. Body will be sent off for an autopsy. The identification of the deceased will not be released pending notification of next of kin. Brewster County Sheriffs Office as well as the Texas Rangers assisted. Case is pending further investigation.”

Marfa ISD student success coordinator resigns

MARFA — Marfa ISD School Board trustees accepted the resignation of Student Success Coordinator David Natividad on Monday.

Natividad started in the role, similar to that of a counselor in which he also assisted with testing and college and career readiness, in November 2023. Board President Teresa Nuñez said his last day with the district will be February 26.

Nuñez said the school board discussed opening up the position publicly as well as tapping an existing district employee for the role, stating “we like to grow our own.”

There is an ongoing shortage of counselors nationwide. According to the American School Counselor Association the national average ratio of students to counselors is 385 to 1, while the recommended ration is 250 to 1.

Natividad said he could not yet comment on what he will be doing next. Interim Superintendent Arturo Alferez

said Natividad’s resignation is a loss for the district but a “very understandable and respectable one.”

“We want to wish him the best in his future endeavors,” Alferez said. “As far as moving forward, the leadership team will meet and explore ideas to fill the position.”

Marfa ISD pursuing truancy cases

MARFA — As announced at the start of the 2024-2025 school year, Marfa ISD is pursuing legal action against parents with students deemed truant by issuing citations through Justice of the Peace Dina Jo Marquez.

Junior High and High School Principal Candy Dominguez said truancy is defined by the 90% attendance rule in Texas, which requires students grades K-12 to attend class at least 90% of the time to receive class credit. The rule applies to both excused and unexcused absences, but not legally exempt absences for religious holidays, documented health appointments and more.

Dominguez said she submitted a total of six truancy cases — grades sixth through 12th — to former School Resource Officer King Merritt for the 2024 fall semester. She and Interim Superintendent Arturo Alferez said they are working to notify parents of the issue before it escalates to the JP’s office.

“We currently do not have any truancy cases pending this spring semester 2025; though I have mailed out and personally delivered attendance warning letters,” Dominguez said.

Marquez said in cases that have moved forward, parents are issued a citation for “parent contributing to non attendance,” and required to appear in court. During court proceedings Marquez offers a deferral, which involves two conditions: making sure one’s child is attending school as required and attending counseling, either through the school or the Stay Together program, a free family support service offered by High Sky Children’s Ranch out of Midland.

If a parent is cited a second time for their child’s school absences, it is considered a Class C misdemeanor, Marquez said, and they are required to pay a \$180 fine. Marquez said there have been no cases of a parent being cited a second time.

Dominguez said she feels that legally pursuing truancy cases will “aid in resolving attendance problems.” Attendance rates impact the district’s finances in addition to student learning.

“It is crucial that our students be here for learning to occur,” Dominguez said. “Additionally, we must work as a team to ensure the academic, social and emotional success of all of our kids.”

Attendance numbers shared at a school board meeting this week show that attendance rates are more favorable at the elementary campus, which has a 94.1% attendance rate year to date.

Attendance rates are lower at the junior high and high school campus, coming in around the low 90s for most grade levels and dipping as low as 87% for 9th grade and 88% for 12th grade. The junior high has a 91.34% year-to-date attendance rate while the senior high has a 89.77% year-to-date attendance rate.

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Porvenir massacre

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from Mexico reached the Brite Ranch between Porvenir and Marfa — a prosperous and innovative outfit whose headquarters resembled a small town more than a dusty cattle ranch. Only the foreman and a handful of workers were on the scene to attempt to defend the ranch from the incursion, and three people were killed: two Mexican nationals who were riding in a car with Mickey Welch, the mailman. Property loss included numerous horses, prized saddles and canned goods.

In the aftermath of the raid, rumors circulated that the villagers in nearby Porvenir had been spotted wearing shoes looted from the Brite Ranch store. Some Anglos banded together to attempt to strip the local Mexican population of their weapons. On January 26, 1918, Company B of the Texas Rangers, based in Marfa, traveled to Porvenir to search for the men and returned empty-handed.

Just a few weeks earlier, the Brite family was enjoying Christmas dinner at the home of Buck Pool when they were notified of the raid. Pool was among the posse of local ranchers who — along with Texas Rangers and cavalrymen stationed in Marfa — went to Porvenir on January 28, rounded up a group of men and boys between the ages of 15 and 72, and murdered them.

Once the sun rose on the morning of January 29, 1918, 12-year-old Juan Bonilla Flores went to the house of his schoolteacher Harry Warren to tell him what had happened. Warren took extensive notes and took pains to identify and catalog the dead before they were carried off to be buried across the river.

The scene described by Warren was chilling even among a litany of violence against Mexican Americans during a period of time referred to by historians as la hora de sangre — or “the time of blood.” The Texas Rangers were sent to the border amidst a major influx in refugees from the war and worries that Villista raids would trickle down from the Big Bend into South Texas. Dozens of innocent people were branded as “bandits” and killed, either by the Rangers themselves or by Anglo mobs.

A grand jury declined to indict the Rangers of Marfa’s Company B, but stories of the incident spread to Austin, pushing Governor William Hobby to disband the unit. José Tomás Canales, the sole Mexican American lawmaker in the Texas Legislature at the time, was so moved by the reports that he launched an investigation into Ranger misconduct that led to a

major reduction in agency staffing. Whatever leaps and bounds in civil rights came as a direct answer to Porvenir were little comfort to a generation of traumatized widows and children. Jerry Patterson, a self-proclaimed “amateur historian” who helped spearhead a documentary on the massacre, said there’s a lot to learn about the dark parts of human nature from the event. “If you’re going an eye for an eye, you’re going to get the wrong eye,” he said.

The Porvenir, Texas documentary — directed by the late Andrew Shapter and filmed at Cibolo Creek Ranch — was part of a push to memorialize the event in time for its hundred-year anniversary. At the center of the project was a privately-funded archaeological dig, led by David Keller of Alpine, that expanded the catalog of artifacts and suggested that the U.S. Cavalry may have played a role in the killings.

The film also featured Monica Muñoz Martinez, a historian at UT-Austin who has made it her life’s work to document racial violence in Texas. Martinez — along with a team of historians documenting la hora de sangre under the banner of a nonprofit called “Refusing to Forget” — banded together with descendants of the massacre at Porvenir to advocate for an official state marker near the site.

Martinez and the Refusing to Forget team’s work piggybacked off nearly two decades of efforts by Benita and Buddy Albarado, daughter and son-in-law of Juan Flores, the young boy who had run to Harry Warren’s cabin for help the morning after the massacre. Flores had been plagued by nightmares for decades, and beginning to tell his story seemed to help him cope with the past.

Once the centennial rolled around, what had felt like positive forward momentum was hamstrung by politics. That year, the Texas Observer reported on the conflict between family members, Refusing to Forget, state officials and members of the Presidio County Historical Commission — the latter two of which referred to the former as “militant Hispanics” and even speculating that a planned memorial ceremony was a publicity stunt for then-presidential hopeful Beto O’Rourke.

The issue made enough of a regional splash at the time that it’s easy to forget that the history of Porvenir almost died with Flores.

Before the aluminum roadside marker was cast, it had been normal — at least in Presidio County — to repeat a completely fabricated story. Cecilia

Thompson, who wrote what many consider to be the authoritative History of Marfa and Presidio County, Texas, does mention that Porvenir was a “brutal reprisal” for the Brite Ranch raid and that it resulted in the disbanding of Company B. But she does repeat an untruth: that Porvenir was “a bandit stronghold” where the ranchers and the lawmen killed “30 bandits” in addition to “some innocent inhabitants of the village.”

For a century, rumors circulated about shoes stolen from the Brite Ranch or about a fictional young goatherd from Porvenir who had to be put into witness protection because he was the only one who would tell the truth about the town’s complicity in the raid — anything to suggest that the men killed that night in January deserved it.

“It is our hope that they are approved and that we can close this chapter, allowing them to finally rest in peace”

“We’re learning as we go”

Yolanda Mesa — also a descendant of Juan Flores — knew she was wading into a tense situation when she helped launch the effort to obtain death certificates for those killed at Porvenir. A voracious researcher and advocate for her family, she wanted one last official gesture toward closure.

After a grueling back-and-forth, then-County Judge Cinderela Guevara signed the death certificate for Longino Flores in 2019. The victory was short-lived and bittersweet — just two years later, Guevara would tell The Big Bend Sentinel that it was all a “mix-up” and that she hadn’t realized she was signing a special document.

Adding to the frustration, Guevara then denied the next Porvenir death certificate to cross her desk and declined to give a reason. (Jesus Moralez, who fiercely advocated for that certificate on behalf of his grandfather, Manuel Moralez, has since passed away.)

Presidio County Attorney Blair Park said that the “mix-up” could

be justified, as the forms needed to review the applications are incredibly specialized and rarely used. VS-128, a “Court-Ordered Delayed Certificate of Death,” is not available from the state online. Its use is guided by Section 193.007 of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

Mesa says that it took months for her to even receive the right form from the county. Park said it took just as long for the county to receive those forms from the state, which provides extremely scant information about the process to fill them out. “I’d never even heard of these,” she said.

Park said that it was much more common — and therefore easier — to amend an existing death certificate, a process that descendants of people killed by lynching have undertaken all over the United States. As attitudes about race change and new historical evidence comes to light, it’s a way of setting the record straight for posterity.

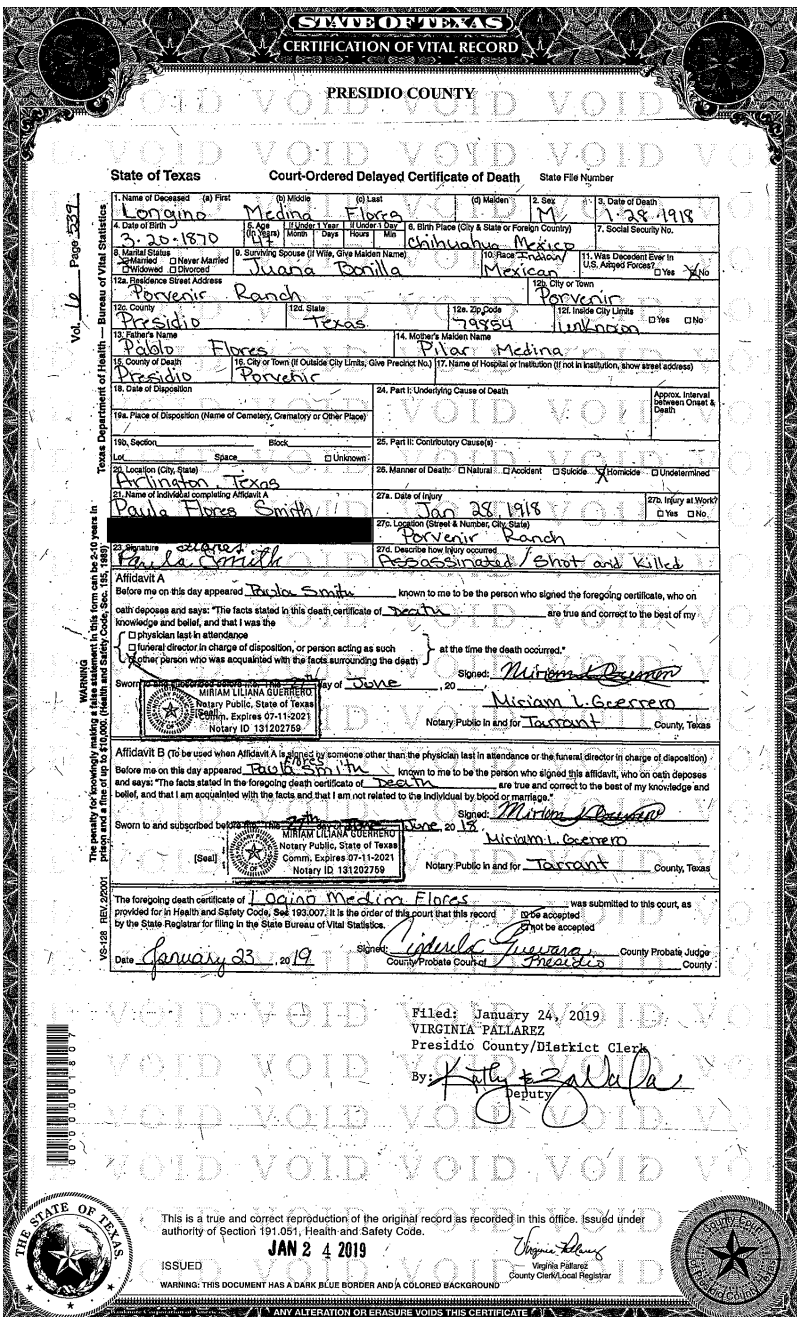
But there was little time for formality in the aftermath of the Porvenir Massacre. Texas had only been requiring the filing of death certificates for a just over a decade when the tragedy occurred. The bodies were buried in Mexico and the survivors fled with no time or desire to travel all the way to Marfa, where the people who had killed their husbands and fathers had their stately town houses.

Mesa also said that she and another descendant were erroneously charged \$257 to file for their death certificates — money that has yet to be refunded. County Clerk Carolina Cataño said that Mesa had been mistakenly assessed the same fees as anyone who makes a probate filing under normal circumstances in Presidio County.

Filing a regular death certificate costs \$1, but the clerk’s office rarely even has to help folks with that — typically, that process is initiated by the justice of the peace and the funeral home.

Cataño said that she had only had one prior experience with a VS-128 filing: a migrant who had passed away unattended in the desert. But even in a county where unattended migrant deaths are a tragically common occurrence, that process was rarely triggered. “We’re learning as we go,” she said.

Douglas Loveday, spokesperson for the Texas Department of State Health Services — which oversees vital statistics — said that it’s uncommon even on the state’s end. “We typically receive delayed death certificates from the courts 1-2 or so years after



A death certificate issued by Presidio County for Porvenir victim Longino Flores in 2019 lists cause of death as “Assassinated/Shot and killed.”

death, because the death was not registered timely and the family needs the death record to proceed with administrative/legal matters,” he wrote to The Sentinel. “We do not typically receive a delayed death certificate that is 100 years or more after death.”

Part of the unique VS-128 process is a pair of required affidavits. Normally, an affidavit would be signed by the “physician last in attendance” or the funeral director. Since no such people ever existed, the law provides for two affidavits signed by “any person who was acquainted with the facts surrounding the death at the time the death occurred,” one of which must be signed by someone who is not related by blood to the deceased.

The penalty for “making a false statement,” per VS-128, is 2-10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Cataño said that she had received

the outstanding applications. “It’s an unusual situation,” she said. “But we’ve done our part. The rest is up to the judge.”

County Judge Joe Portillo said that a hearing would be held in county probate court over the applications but had not yet been scheduled. He declined to comment much further because of his power over the pending proceedings, but said that the issue was on his radar. “There’s boxes that need to be checked,” he said.

Mesa said that she understood the complexity but hoped the county would take the next steps seriously and keep a clear thread of communication. Her personal connection to the tragedy aside, she sees it as a way to right historical wrongs and set the record straight. “This is about a group of men who, over 100 years later, do not have a simple document afforded to anyone who dies in this country,” she said.

Big Bend National Park news

Federal funding freeze, resignation email hits area parks

Last week, folks in parks and conservation work across the country woke up to the news that President Trump had paused federal grant funding. The Trump administration quickly rescinded the freeze, but National Park Service employees across the Big Bend received the same email that federal employees across the country received encouraging voluntary resignation from their positions.

At press time, the park’s Chief of Interpretation Tom VandenBerg had no updates to report concerning staffing at Big Bend National Park, but online forums for federal employees continue to bubble over with controversy.

“When taken together, the cumulative impact of these actions and orders on our national parks and park staff could be devastating and long-lasting,” wrote Theresa Pierno, president of the National Parks Conservation

Association, in a press release. “Our parks already have thousands fewer staff than they did a decade ago, and these actions risk further straining an already overwhelmed Park Service and impacting millions of visitors and local communities.”

Big Bend National Park releases year-end visitor statistics for 2024

The National Park Service recently released year-end numbers for 2024 and reported 561,459 visitors, about a 10% increase from 511,831 the year prior. The number is still short of an all-time 581,221 record in 2021.

Once ranked among the least visited national parks, Big Bend now makes bucket lists around the world. While the half-million statistics are relatively impressive for the park’s own history, the parks that top the list boast millions of visitors each year. Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the busiest in the system, clocked over 13 million visitors last year.

Perhaps the most famous of all the airborne legends to ever sign the register at the Johnson Ranch airfield was Amelia Earhart, who logged her name shortly before her disappearance in 1937.

The Johnson family had been willing to leave their land behind when the park was built, and didn’t return until 1974 to find the giant adobe ranch house melting back into the earth. The sight brought the tough old rancher to tears.

Bureau’s tale cut right to the core of the event — of bringing back to life the folks who gave up their land to preserve the river, the mountains and the desert for posterity. Over the course of protecting the park’s natural resources, many of the marks of human habitation have faded away. “There’s a history that needs to be told about these places,” he said.

Then a week later, Lowe’s Markets declined to comment on the results of the audit.

A January 16 Sentinel story profiled an Alpine couple starting a home-delivery service for groceries from H-E-B, Sam’s Club and Walmart in Odessa. The story noted that they “were frustrated by the high prices, low quality and limited options that plague local supermarkets.”

“It’s certainly disappointing,” said Rob D’Amico, managing editor of The Sentinel. “It’s not about money from newspaper sales. It’s about community. The idea is that when you go into your local grocery store in any small town across Texas, you should see the front pages of your local newspapers on the racks, even if the headlines are uncomfortable for some people.”

BBNP Natural History Association

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mechanic Todd Bureau rounded out the slate of speakers with a piece on the airfield at Johnson Ranch that had been decades in the making. The site — now only accessible via an hours-long journey down a four-wheel drive road — was once the home of Elmo and Ada Johnson, a colorful couple who led a surprisingly rich social life along the Rio Grande. “It was a place where you could eat well and be treated lovely,” Bureau said.

And a bonus during the Prohibition years: “There was always plenty of liquor available.”

In the years leading up to World War II, Johnson Ranch was home to the only civilian-run military airfield in the United States. Its privately-owned status meant that pilots did not have to adhere to military decorum: flyers of all ranks broke bread and hung out on the porch together, target shooting pie pans strung across the opposite bank of the river.

newspapers to their stores any time soon.

The Sentinel ran a story on July 11 about shoppers alleging they were getting charged more than items were marked. The company commented extensively for the story, quickly agreed to look into the allegations and did an audit of the Marfa store.

Lowe’s Chief Operating Officer Alan Buxkemper told The Sentinel at the time that the company works “super hard to make sure that [they] have fair, adequate and accurate pricing,” but that an audit was ordered in light of the complaints. “If there’s a specific reason, my auditors will know, ‘Okay, this is what happened.’ And then we can put a plan together to fix whatever happened,” Buxkemper said.

Opinion

Dear Editor,

Trey Gerfers’ January 30 opinion, “Our Water Matters: Holding the Railroad Commission accountable,” is quick to criticize the Railroad Commission but fails to acknowledge the agency’s significant work protecting public health and the environment from West Texas to all corners of the state.

The Commission, which predates a number of federal agencies that collectively share oversight of the oil and natural gas industry — including the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Interior — has the herculean task of regulating one of the largest natural resource industries in the world and has done so for more than a century.

Despite these challenges, we have been able to provide substantial empirical evidence showing the positive impact and effectiveness of the agency’s work. For example, the flaring rate in Texas has significantly declined over the past five years. Our divisions have successfully overseen the cleanup of abandoned sites, and our industry-funded State Managed Well Plugging Program consistently exceeds high performance standards set by elected legislators. Additionally, we have leveraged technology to enhance transparency by making millions of vital documents readily accessible online to the public.

Recognizing the need for continued progress, we have also sought additional support, recently requesting \$100 million in legislative funding to address emergency and high-cost high priority well plugging efforts.

These are just a few examples of the Commission’s commitment to being one of the most effective regulatory agencies in the world.

While our primary responsibility is to ensure the responsible development of Texas’s natural resources while safeguarding the environment, we cannot fail to acknowledge the oil and gas industry’s role in supporting the state’s economy. The industry contributes billions of dollars annually to the state budget, directly benefiting all taxpayers. As such, it is true that there is a “balance to be struck” between environmental protection and economic sustainability.

Through continuous monitoring, inspections and daily operations, the RRC minimizes risks to public health and safety. Despite what skeptics say, your readers should be aware that more than 1,000 employees at the RRC work tirelessly with one goal in mind — safeguarding Texas residents and the environment in the communities they live in.

Sincerely,
Commissioner Jim Wright
Railroad Commission of Texas

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of Judd Foundation, I would like to celebrate the hard work and dedication of Nicki Ittner and the entire team which keeps the Marfa Public Library open to our community. Through their work Judd Foundation is honored to have launched a physical resource of a selection of Don’s books found in the library at the Block.

Now at Marfa Public Library, you can reserve a copy of more than 200 books from their catalog which are also found in Don’s library. This initiative is the result of a yearlong effort of research and collaboration of the Marfa Public Library small but mighty staff. Thank you to Nicki and Kim Soto, Jasmin Pineda and Luann Williamson.

These books will be housed in the front of the library on a dedicated shelf for members to check out. Beginning this month, 20 copies of one book will be made available for members to take home, keep, and add to their own personal library. This project, and many of our free public programs, has been supported by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Books are the driving force behind one of our community’s most important institutions. As a proud member of the Marfa Public Library since the third grade, I am so grateful to the team behind it for nurturing generations of readers and creating a space for our community to come together in readership.

With thanks,
Rainer Judd
President



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The HEAL Act: A lifeline for Texas’ healthcare crisis

By Sen. César J. Blanco

For too many Texans, finding a doctor isn’t just an inconvenience — it’s an impossibility. In our rural communities and medically underserved areas, families are forced to travel for hours just to see a primary care provider. Pregnant mothers skip prenatal visits, putting their health and their babies at risk. Working parents delay checkups for their children, hoping minor illnesses don’t become serious. Seniors with chronic conditions like diabetes or heart disease go without routine care because there simply aren’t enough healthcare providers nearby.

These aren’t just statistics — they are real people, our friends, our neighbors, our families. And this is a crisis we can no longer ignore.

That’s why I’m proud to champion the HEAL Act — also known as Senate Bill 9-1-1 — because every Texan deserves access to quality, affordable healthcare, no matter where they live. The urgency of this legislation is reflected in its name. Like dialing 9-1-1 in a crisis, SB 9-1-1 represents an emergency.

Right now, Texas faces a staggering healthcare provider shortage. Over 6

million Texans live in primary care shortage areas, where the demand for doctors far outweighs the supply. This means overcrowded emergency rooms, month-long waits for basic appointments, and heartbreaking decisions about whether to spend time and money traveling long distances for care. It means families forced to go without preventative care and treatment until it becomes an emergency. It means patients suffering needlessly because the system is failing them.

The HEAL Act offers a powerful, commonsense solution: remove outdated regulations that prevent advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) from providing care they are fully trained and licensed to give. Right now, APRNs must sign costly, restrictive contracts with doctors just to practice. These agreements don’t make patients safer. They don’t improve care. They only make it harder for APRNs to serve communities that desperately need them.

This isn’t about replacing doctors — it’s about giving Texans more options for high-quality care. The reality is, we don’t have enough doctors to meet demand, and that

won’t change overnight. But we do have thousands of highly skilled APRNs ready to step up and provide care, if only we remove unnecessary roadblocks.

Every time I travel across Texas, I hear the same stories. Parents who spend months trying to find a doctor for their sick child, only to end up driving hours and missing work for a basic checkup. Retired veterans waiting months for treatment, enduring unnecessary pain because they have no other options. Small business owners in rural towns who forgo medical care entirely because the nearest provider is too far away.

These stories aren’t isolated. They are the reality for too many Texans. The good news? We can fix this.

27 states across the country have already embraced this model with great success, increasing access to care while maintaining high-quality standards. Patients in those states are healthier, healthcare costs are lower, and communities are stronger. Texas shouldn’t just follow — we should lead.

This isn’t just about policy — it’s about people. It’s about making sure no Texan is left waiting, suffering, or forced to choose between putting



Senator César J. Blanco

food on the table and getting medical care. It’s about ensuring that whether you live in a major city or a rural town, you can get the care you need, when you need it.

Healthcare is not a privilege; it’s a necessity. The HEAL Act is our opportunity to take meaningful action and give families the care they deserve. Let’s stand together to break down barriers, expand access, build a healthier Texas for generations to come, and pass Senate Bill 9-1-1.

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Popular Alpine tavern to reopen this spring

By ROB D'AMICO
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ALPINE — The death of Harry Mois in September 2022 sent a wave of grief through many Alpine residents who had spent some 15 years visiting his little tavern — Harry’s Tinaja — on Holland Avenue to sip beers with friends. Tourists also streamed in on many days after they read about Harry’s in publications across the country or were intrigued by the bar’s front awning, rows of logs adorned with animal skulls and horns.

Whether visiting or local, many described Harry as the friendliest bartender they’ve met, which is contrary to what you’d expect from someone with a low, gruff, German accent and an often quiet demeanor. Hundreds attended a memorial party at the bar after his death at age 61, and then the speculation began: “What’s to become of Harry’s Tinaja?” was on everyone’s mind. Harry’s son Michael was not intent on running it (and was just in college at the time), so the family sold the building, and it sat vacant with former patrons driving by its dark windows, wondering if and when someone would bring back the warm, welcoming pub.

“I really fell in love with the place. It’s just super cool,” said Tim Wilson, who purchased the property last year and plans to reopen it this spring. “It had a loyal following and the idea was to bring it back, but with new picnic tables. I am going to leave everything else alone.”

Wilson — an El Paso resident who visits Alpine often — also owns Railroad Blues up the street, another popular bar and music venue, as well as the Whiskey Dicks and Soggy Peso restaurant/bars in El Paso and New Mexico.



Photo courtesy of Harry's Tinaja Facebook

Harry’s provided a home away from home for many Alpine residents, and the new owner hopes to keep the atmosphere the same.

“I remember it being open and there was never, ever a dull moment at Harry’s,” said Harry’s son, Michael Mois. “It’s a pretty big deal for me, and I thought it was pretty awesome that [Wilson] is keeping it as Harry’s still. For a little bit I was thinking about taking over, but I was already doing my own thing in college.”

In addition to a long wooden bar backed by several taps where regulars caught up

with each other, Harry’s patio was also a gathering spot where patrons could grab some pop-up food and listen to music on good-weather days.

Wilson said he would have kept the picnic tables, but the insurance company wasn’t keen on old wood with “splinters.” “The tables that are there, unfortunately, have had a lot of asses on them,” he said. “So, I will have some much nicer picnic

tables. That’s probably going to be the nicest thing on the whole property, to be honest with you.”

Staying, Wilson said, will be the long-enduring decor: Walls plastered with antlers, bumper stickers and signs of every variety (including “Don’t Marfa my Alpine”) and beer mugs — the kind of junk that makes people feel at home. The only other thing Wilson said he might do

is “knock the dust off all that.”

According to an obituary published in The Big Bend Sentinel, Mois was born in Schwandorf, Germany, and ultimately became brewmaster at several breweries in Germany and Denmark. After years of traveling — often on motorcycles — he settled in Alpine and opened the Edelweiss Restaurant and Brewery in 2005 at the Holland Hotel.

Mois opened Harry’s Tinaja in 2007, which “quickly became a home away from home for locals,” the obituary said. “Harry had an uncanny and perhaps unmatched ability to bring people of all walks of life together in merriment. He hosted baby showers, bachelor and bachelorette parties, birthdays, retirements, and of course, all the important sporting events, always supported by a loyal team of bartenders whom he loved in his ‘rough around the edges’ way.”

Michael Mois remembers walking from the then-home of the Alpine Christian School he attended on Holland Avenue to stay under the watch of his father at the bar, since his mother Tresa, now deceased, had cancer at the time. “I met a lot of people there and these people impacted my life in a good way,” he said. “And they still are awesome.”

“I can’t tell you the amount of people that have gotten ahold of me one way or another to just ask, ‘Hey, when’s the [reopening] happening?’” he added.

Wilson said he is still handling TABC permitting, but Harry’s should be open in the next couple of months. During that time, he said he’s going to look into photos and other items to recognize the bar’s past. “That’s going to be our next step,” he said, “to put all that kind of stuff on the wall.”

Coyote nonprofit offers advice on sightings

TRI-COUNTY — To address the talk and sightings of coyotes in and around Marfa, here are a few suggestions posted on Facebook from Landes Bell, a zoo and animal guy. “Female coyotes are in estrus now and are attracting groups of males; if you see groups of coyotes that is the reason, it is not a ‘pack’ and only occurs in mid-winter. If you love your cat do not let it out of the house.”

The Protect Coyote organization — a national nonprofit organization based in Northern California whose mission is to promote compassionate conservation and coexistence between people and wildlife — asks, “Has a coyote ever followed you or your dog while you are walking in your neighborhood or the park?” If so, you may have felt afraid, perhaps thought the coyote was stalking you, or that an attack was imminent. But don’t fear. Coyotes are naturally curious animals and often engage in this behavior called ‘escorting.’”

Escorting is when the coyote, sometimes with its mate, makes sure that you are leaving its territory, according to Project Coyote, which added that this behavior is most often seen from early March to late April, when coyote parents are protecting their puppies.

Escorting most often happens in early morning or in the evening, and because they may see dogs as a threat to their babies, “it’s most often seen by dog walkers.”

Breeding season is January through March, and pups are born March through May. The drought here in Far West Texas has changed some of their natural behavior to bring coyotes and other wildlife into towns looking for food or water. Keep a heads up and leave out water if so inclined, advises the nonprofit. Make sure to bring in food you may leave out for cats or other animals inside. Sharing our habitat is an important consideration and challenge.



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Texas gas prices in flux with big gaps between highs and lows

TEXAS — Average gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 1 cent per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.66/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 1.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 17.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 2.4 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.626 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.08/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.29/g, a difference of \$1.21/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.08/g,

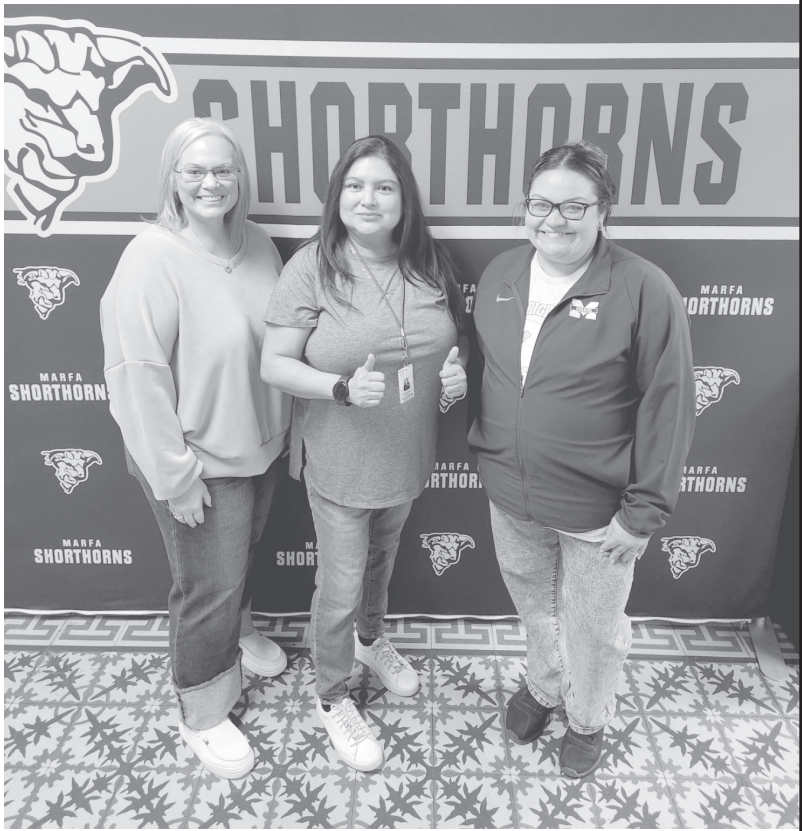
while the highest was \$3.29/g, a difference of \$1.21/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.04/g today. The national average is down 1.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 10.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Marfa ISD Secondary Honors



Marfa Junior High and High School Students of the Month for November and December: from left, Miguel Rey, Dariela Munoz Martinez, Principal Candy Dominguez, Zoey Salgado and Fatima Floresvillar.



Photos courtesy of Candy Dominguez

Marfa High School Teachers of the Month for November and December Ms. Donel Hartnett and Ms. Lora Loya with Principal Candy Dominguez.

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Guitar in the Big Bend concerts this week

TRI-COUNTY — Acclaimed international concert artists Duo Fortis will be coming to Alpine and Marfa for two concerts and a masterclass this week in a program sponsored by Guitar in the Big Bend and Sul Ross State University Music Program.

Performing together as Duo Fortis, Isaac Bustos and Alejandro Montiel (both professors of guitar at the University of Texas at San Antonio), have traveled the world performing and teaching. In the fall season of 2024 alone, Duo Fortis performed and taught in Columbia, Argentina and Chile along with various locations throughout the United States.

Guitar in the Big Bend events are made possible by generous support from The City of Alpine, The Hotel Paisano, West Texas National Bank and Sul Ross State University Music Program.

More information can be found at www.guitarinthebigbend.com, Instagram at @guitarinthebigbend and Facebook at Guitar in the Big Bend.

The schedule for Guitar in the Big Bend 2025 is:

Free Marfa concert
Duo Fortis
February, 7, doors 6:30 p.m., performance at 7 p.m.
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

Alpine Events:
Free Alpine concert
Duo Fortis
February, 8, doors at 5:30 p.m., performance at 6 p.m.
Museum of the Big Bend, Alpine

Masterclass
February, 8 1-3 p.m.
Sul Ross State University, Fine Arts Building

Texas Luthier Display / Presentation
February, 8, 3-5 p.m.
Sul Ross State University, Fine Arts Building

Jeff Davis County residents to exchange ideas on community building

By Jeanine Southerland
For The Big Bend Sentinel

FORT DAVIS – More than 50 local residents attended a community-building meeting Tuesday evening hosted by Jeff Davis County Judge Curtis Evans at Mobile Comunidad’s Mountain View Café to share ideas based on the book 13 Ways to Kill Your Community.

The event was a localized version of the recent Alpine Community Projects summit held in Alpine with the book’s author, Doug Griffiths. Evans and about a dozen other Fort Davis residents attended that January event, which drew more than 200 from throughout the tri-county region.

During the Fort Davis repeat of the program, attendees from businesses, organizations, governmental entities, and nonprofits joined retirees and citizens from varied backgrounds to view a video of the author’s talk and had the opportunity to generate suggestions that could be potentially implemented in Jeff Davis County.

Ideas submitted included promoting the area as a good location for remote jobs, creating a podcast

featuring Fort Davis businesses, connecting students and senior citizens for entrepreneurial mentorships, encouraging new businesses to locate in vacant buildings, and offering more fiber internet, as well as community wifi.

Other topics discussed covered awareness of the area’s water supply, the need for affordable workforce housing, and expanded healthcare access, a focus for Evans. One of the suggestions touted by the author involves neighboring communities working collaboratively on big-picture needs, as well as businesses within communities cooperating to attract new and even competing businesses.

As both the author and Evans mentioned, communities need to find “boomerang” solutions to encourage youth to go to college or gain experience outside of the area and then bring those skills back to their hometowns. Griffiths began and ended his presentation by stating that those who do not want to kill their communities need to find their community’s unique identity and use that in marketing strategies to attract visitors, new residents, and businesses.

Localized versions of the January summit will be hosted in other communities in the tri-county area by mid-February. Feedback from all of the sessions will be gathered, curated, and disseminated by Alpine Community Projects to those who have attended and will be made available online. Additional related meetings and forums will be planned to build on the ideas generated including addressing poverty and managing transportation concerns.

One idea benefiting from the momentum of the community-building discussions in the area is a regional Chamber of Commerce to help local businesses already here, as well as those considering locating here. Those interested in that project can be connected to it by contacting Alpine Community Projects through their website, alpinecommunityprojects.org.

Those interested in becoming involved in future projects in Jeff Davis County can be connected through the office of the county judge or by contacting admin@mobilecomunidad.org.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

February 21, 1947

Mayor Believes Stress Needed On Marfa

Marfa should "tell the world" about its climate and scenic attractions until certain other, desirable attractions are also available to outline to the prospective visitor as reasons for his spending time here. That is the opinion of the mayor of Marfa, H. A. Coffield, who spoke in that tenor to men of the Lions Club, and their ladies, Friday night as the club's second anniversary was celebrated with a dinner in the Colonial Room of Crews Hotel.

The city official urged that business men be fair in their consideration of their business volume these days, making sure that they compare such years as 1946 and early months of 1947 with similar periods in pre-war days rather than with years when the community's trade was abnormal as a result of military population. He continued:— "With what are we going to replace the trade that came with the army? Time will tell. In the meantime, we should stir up what we can, working for civic improvement and as that is done this person and that person will become busier and the entire town will profit. We have community advantages that many towns lack. Instead of bemoaning that which we do not have to attract the visitor we should tell those who would come here of those appealing things that we do have. Some day we'll have more to tell them."

Area planning rather than mere localized promotion was advocated by Mr. Coffield as being practical and wise. He urged that no aid be asked of the federal government at this time. In the course of time, in his opinion, a dam on the Rio Grande will be a reality and will do much for the benefit of this area.



Annual Valentine’s in Valentine set for Feb. 15

VALENTINE — The 13th Annual Valentine’s in Valentine — entitled “Valentine in 3D” — will take place on Saturday, February 15, from 2 p.m. to midnight at the original Mercantile in Valentine.

The musical lineup includes: The Derailers, Doug Moreland Band,

Conjunto Diferencia, David Beebe 3, Desert Undertones and special guest Zor the Fyre God. Tickets and more information can be found at www.valentineinvalentinetc.com or on Instagram @valentineinvalentine.

AROUND THE BIG BEND

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Hike with Homeless Dogs
10am - 11am at Davis Mountains State Park
Help a homeless dog have a great time on the trail!

Ross Bullock
7pm - 9pm at The Ritchey
Come watch Ross Bullock play at The Ritchey, no cover!

Crafts & Drafts
4pm - 8pm at Alcove Social
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Social Dance Class
6pm - 10pm at Granada Theatre
Dance your way into the experience of a lifetime! You are invited to the Granada Theatre for dances including salsa, merengue, cha-cha, waltz, swing and cumbia!

Fri
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First Friday Song Swap
6pm - 9pm at Far West Guitars
First Friday song swap is at Far West Guitars 6pm-dusk.

Retirement Party
5pm - 7pm at Alpine Public Library
The public is invited to come bid farewell and good luck to Alpine Public Library, Children’s Librarian Mary Beth Garrett. Come celebrate her years of service to the children of Alpine, Friday, February 7th from 5-7pm!

Colt Wayne Keeney & Alex Teller
7pm - 9pm at The Ritchey
Come watch Colt Wayne Keeney & Alex Teller play at The Ritchey, no cover!

Sat
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Launch Party - One Tail at a Time
5pm - 8pm at Siempre Marfa
Launch party in celebration of the pets & people of far west Texas.

Cow Dog Open Mic
12pm - 4pm at Cow Dog
Come play a tune or just sit back and enjoy the music with lunch and a cold drink at the Cow Dog Open Mic. Hosted by Rome every Saturday from Noon-4pm.

Ross Fleming
7pm - 9pm at The Ritchey
Come watch Ross Fleming play at The Ritchey, no cover!

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Rock Stars of the Davis Mountains
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AA (online & sometimes in-person)
Saturday at 12:00pm at <https://tinyurl.com/y686nnw2> & sometimes in-person at Marfa Public Library

AA (in-person)
Monday & Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

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OBITUARIES



McCallister

Larry Lee McCallister, age 70, passed away on January 27, 2025, at his home in Alpine, Texas.

Born on February 8, 1954, in Hugoton, Kansas, Larry was the son of Thomas and Dorothy McCallister and the younger brother of Jim McCallister. Throughout his life, the family moved frequently due to job opportunities, living in various parts of New Mexico before moving to Texas. Larry graduated from Fort Stockton High School in 1972, where he was a standout athlete, participating in football, basketball and track. He was also honored with the title of

Mr. FSHS.

After high school, Larry joined the U.S. Army, where he served as a sergeant, primarily stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in the 82nd Airborne Division. Upon his discharge in 1975, he returned to Fort Stockton and worked for Coors. His career eventually brought him to Alpine, where he bought the Crystal Bar in 1987, turning it into a popular gathering place for college students, cowboys, Dallas Cowboys fans, and anyone seeking a good time. After selling the bar, Larry worked many different places including Highland Concrete and later becoming self-employed.

In 1997, Larry married his best friend, Mary, after meeting her at the Crystal Bar eight years earlier. Together, they raised two beautiful daughters.

Larry is survived by his wife, Mary McCallister; daughters, Sydney McCallister and Lyndsey Estepp (and her husband Cooper Estepp); his brother, Jim McCallister, and his wife, Terry McCallister; along with many nieces and nephews. He is

preceded in death by his parents, one nephew, and one niece.

Larry was a man of few words, but his love for his family, dogs, friends, and the Dallas Cowboys was undeniable. He had a passion for fishing, spending time at the lake, and enjoying a whiskey and coke or a cold Coors Light. Above all, Larry was the ultimate “girl dad” and took great pride in supporting his daughters, whether they were competing in sports or involved in FFA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Big Bend Livestock Show Association at PO Box 1342, Alpine, TX 79831 or the Big Bend Amateur Softball Association.

A celebration of Larry’s life was held at the Alpine American Legion on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 2 p.m. All who knew and loved Larry were welcomed to join in celebrating the man, the myth, the legend, Larry McCallister.

Services have been entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home and gifts and condolences may be left by visiting www.alpinememorialfuneralhome.com.



Williams

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” — 2 Timothy 4:7 KJV

Shirley Ann Williams was born in Cleburne, Texas, on June 21, 1966, to Rev. Cordell and Odena Mitchell. Shirley received Jesus as her Savior at an early age and received the Holy Spirit at age eleven. When Shirley was a child a prophethes prophesied that she would receive a healing and miracle ministry that would be called the Healing Revolution and it would go to the nations.

During her junior year of high school she went to Mexico for the entire summer and worked with missionaries throughout Mexico. She played her guitar and taught children the Word of God. She became very fluent in Spanish.

In 1984 she graduated as the valedictorian of Tecumseh High School in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. November 3, 1984, she married the love of her life, Mark O. Williams in Fort Worth, Texas. They eventually moved out west to Brewster County to join her parents

in business. She quickly became an accountant preparing tax returns and eventually became an enrolled agent representing taxpayers to the IRS. She prepared many tax returns for the next 25 years. During these years she also became an E.M.T. with the volunteer emergency services of East Brewster County, and eventually became the director where she served for 18 years. Simultaneously she served as justice of the peace of Precinct 3 for ten years. Shirley wrote many grants for Brewster County. One of these grants secured a brand new outfitted ambulance for the volunteer services. The Mitchell’s businesses grew into a well known source for furniture, flooring, and construction.

Shirley and Mark founded the thriving Grace Christian Fellowship church in 2002 where she co-pastored the ministry until her death. Mark and Shirley led ministry teams to many nations including the Samoan islands, Yucatan Mexico, New Zealand, Australia, Africa, and Puerto Rico. They preached the Word of God and experienced many miracles and signs and wonders followed them. The great commission was not just a passage of verses to Shirley but a way of life.

In 2012, Shirley was diagnosed with cancer and given 90 days to live. Jesus showed her to sweat and in 90 days she was declared cancer free. In 2013, she co-founded the Whole Life Wellness Center to teach others holistic natural ways to obtain healing. She co-authored a book with her husband and parents, Stage 4 Cancer Gone. She

was also featured with her book on Trinity Broadcasting Network’s “700 Club” with Pat Robertson.

In 2017, the cancer returned and Jesus showed her to receive Infiniti Cells (stem cells) and in 90 days her health returned again. With the help from mentors and a great staff that believed God, she expanded the Wellness Center under the name Healing-Revolution nationwide and to other countries — just as she was prophesied to as a young girl.

She was a featured speaker for many well known national and international ministry platforms on TV, radio and social media. Known by many as “Pastor Shirley the Stem Cell Lady.”

Shirley is survived by her parents, Cordell and Odena Mitchell of Midland, Texas; her husband Mark of Alpine, Texas; her three children, daughter Shatiel (Adam) Brant of Carson City, Nevada, daughter Shanee (Josiah) Obbink of Alpine, Texas, and son Vaughn Williams, of Alpine, Texas; Seven grandchildren, Amalee (13) Brant, Jaren (11) Brant, Levi (9) Brant, Aubreigh (6) Obbink, Haizleigh (4) Obbink, Ethan (2) Obbink, and Kaius (1) Brant; her siblings Jonathan (Terry) Mitchell of Big Spring, Texas, and Mark (Jenifer) Mitchell of Midland, Texas; numerous nephews and nieces of her siblings. Preceded in death by her sister Cindy Inderlied and brother-in-law Greg Inderlied.

Funeral services were entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home in Alpine, Texas. Condolences may be left at www.alpinememorialfuneralhome.com.



Winn

Viola Marie Winn, age 83, of Kermit, Texas, went to be with the Lord, January 23, 2025. She was born in Fort Stockton, Texas, on May 9, 1941 to the late Juan Moreno and Camila Carrasco Moreno. She is a graduate of Artesia High School in Artesia, New Mexico, and went on to work for the United States Postal

Service and became a postmaster.

She is survived by her son, Johnny Gonzales and wife Sonya of Hawkins, Texas; daughters Clarissa Zimmerman of Granbury, Texas, Julia Roberson and husband Daniel of Midland, Texas; sisters Pat Deanda and husband Jimmy of Oro Valley, Arizona, Lupe M. Pressey and husband Randall of Tucson, Arizona, Hilda Moreno of Artesia, New Mexico; brothers Ancieto Moreno and wife Sandy of Artesia, Johnny Moreno and wife Rennie of Albuquerque, Oscar Moreno and wife Dominga of Artesia, sister-in-law Valerie Moreno of Ruidoso, New Mexico; grandchildren Victoria Gonzales, Celina Nix, Adrian Gonzales, Caleb Roberson, Fredral Shade, Joseph Gonzales, Brittany Gonzales, XZavier Zimmerman; 19 great-grandchildren, granddaughter-in-law Jena Zimmerman, as well

as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Juan and Camila Moreno, her brother Antonio “Tony” Moreno, and beloved grandson Devon Zimmerman.

Viola was a woman that was full of heart; she never met a stranger, was “mom” to a lot of people, not just her own children, and she loved her community in Kermit. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Viola enjoyed going to the casino to gamble as well as going dancing.

A funeral Mass for Viola will be held February 28, 2025, at 10 a.m. with a Rosary being recited beforehand at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, in Fort Stockton, with inurnment immediately following at St. Joseph’s Catholic Cemetery in Fort Stockton.



Nunez

Ruben Lara Nunez, 83 years old, a proud Vietnam War veteran, passed away on January 6, 2025, in Midland, Texas, after a long battle with fibrosis of the lungs,

which he fought to the end.

He passed at home, the way he wanted to. Ruben was born in Marfa, Texas, to Calistro and Lupe Nunez. Ruben joined the army on December 3, 1964. He served until being honorably discharged on December 2, 1967.

He was the oldest “Big Brother,” survived by three brothers, Oscar, Calistro Jr., and Ramon; three sisters, Lorina, Socorro and Viola (who he loved); his son James I. Nunez; and grandson

James Ruben Nunez and bonus granddaughter Meranda Robles Carrasco (who he cared deeply for).

He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Pearl Nunez, and his

parents, Calistro and Lupe Nunez.

He enjoyed golfing and was a gun enthusiast. He loved watching old Clint Eastwood and Western movies. He was a member of Mid-Cities Church. Due to Agent Orange exposure from the Vietnam War, the last 10 years he spent fighting off an awful lung disease, fibrosis, he was finally promoted up to be with the Lord Jesus and in no more suffering. (Amen to that)

Services will be held either in March or April for both Ruben and Pearl Nunez.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.



Garcia

Armando Oscar Garcia, lifelong resident of Marfa and proud veteran of the United States Army, answered the call to his eternal home on February 1, 2025, while in the company of his loved ones. Born in Marfa on July 23, 1937, to Juanita Garcia, "Mando" attended St. Mary's Catholic School and remained a devoted member of the Parish, serving it as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

With a quarter in his pocket, Mando married the love of his life, Lucila “Lucy” Lujan on January 5, 1957, and had with her four children, Glenn, Edward Samuel, Deborah Marie and Brenda Jo. Soon after he married Lucy, he enlisted in the United States Army, in which he served in active duty for seven years. Mando completed basic training in Fort Hood, Texas, then was stationed in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, as part of the 25th Infantry Division, Tropic Lightning. He deployed to the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility,

serving in combat zones in Cambodia and Laos in the lead up to the Vietnam War.

Armando Garcia retired from active duty, honorably discharged with the rank of staff sergeant in December of 1964, then continued to serve in the Army Reserve/ Texas National Guard for another 13 years. Still not finished serving his country, SSG Garcia was the Presidio County Veterans Affairs officer up until 2005.

He began his insurance career with American National Insurance Company from 1964 to 1972. He had a brief stint operating the Marfa classic, yet non-eponymous, Mando's Restaurant alongside Lucy for two years, then returned to American National Insurance Company from which he retired in 1995. While at American National, his accolades within the company earned him award travel with Lucy at his side to Australia, Brazil, Denmark, France and Switzerland. Mando welcomed numerous children and families into his home as part of Lucy's daycare for over 30 years. His civic service included membership in the Lions Club International, while his political life led to chair of the Presidio County Democratic Party. He was long-time member of the Merced Cemetery Association and played an integral role in acquiring a much needed acre of land for the cemetery for the continued dignified burial and interment of the deceased. For all his service

to church, town, state and country, Mando yet reserved the most for his loved and loving family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Juanita; sons Sammy and Glenn; and wife Lucy, while his legacy lives on in his daughters Deborah Falknor and Brenda Garcia; son-in-law Kenneth Falknor, daughter-in-law Leticia Garcia; five grandchildren, Aaron Daniel Garcia, Andrea Marie Estrada, Marco Samuel Garcia, Jon Michael Fierro, and Steven Alexander Garcia; three granddaughters-in-law, Roxanna Perez, Benita Fierro, and Maria Teresa Garcia; and six great-grandchildren, Diego Andres and Samuel Thomas Estrada, Selenia Fierro, Emile Glenn and Elora Ann Garcia-Perez, and Lucero Inez Garcia.

A funeral service for Armando O. Garcia will be held Saturday, February 8, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marfa, Texas, beginning with a visitation at 8 a.m., Rosary at 9:30 a.m., and a funeral Mass to follow at 10 a.m. Mando will then be laid to rest in Merced Cemetery with full military honors beside Lucy, Glenn and Sammy. Lunch will be provided at the St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall following the services.

Funeral services are entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home in Alpine, Texas. Condolences may be left at www.alpinememorialfuneralhome.com.



Alonzo

Minerva Benavidez Alonzo, aged 71, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas. Born to Domingo Benavidez and Lorenza Abreo Rosa, Minerva was preceded in death by both her parents, sisters Adelinda and Yolanda; brothers Alfredo, Mario, Gilberto; son Juan Luis; her loving partner of 31 years, Jesus Franco; and great-grandchildren Jack, Autumn, Witten, Kailee, and Jayden.

Minerva's life was enriched by her family, including her surviving siblings Abelardo, Eduardo,

Delma, Sandra, Harvey, Lorenza, Veronica and many loving nieces and nephews. Her legacy continues through her children Yvonne, husband Manuel Cabello; Christina, husband Johnny Ramos; Maria, husband Roger Castro; and Guadalupe, husband Nathaniel Morales. She was a proud and wonderful grandmother to Loris; Melinda; Marcos; LeAndra, husband Jack Burcham; Jordan; Araceli; Eddie; Jocelyn; Kristofer; Dominique; Moriah; Sergio; Deven, wife Audrey; Nevaeh; Mario; Amelia; Savannah; Andrew; Michael; Amiah. She was a great-grandmother to Jonathan, Benjamin, Linkin, Madysan, Mia, Lilly, Brooklyn, Emma, Bailey, Marlene, Kayla Marie, Braelyn, Roman, and the soon-to-be-born Ariella.

Residing in Alpine, Texas, for over three decades, Minerva thrived in the company of friends and family, often found enjoying simple pleasures like drinking her morning coffee on her front porch swing, cruising around town, and soaking in tunes with

her partner. Known for her humor, compassion, and her caring and serving heart, she leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness and lifetime of memories. Her hobbies included sewing and crafting talents that she shared generously with others.

Minerva will be dearly missed, but her warmth and spirit will live on through the many lives she touched. Her family and friends are comforted by the memories of her loving and vivacious character.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 3 p.m. with a Rosary following at 7 p.m. at Alpine Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Alpine, Texas. Funeral Mass will be held the following day Friday, February 7, 2025, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church with burial to follow at Holy Angels Cemetery in Alpine, Texas.

=Funeral services were entrusted to Alpine Memorial Funeral Home in Alpine, Texas. Condolences may be left at www.alpinememorialfuneralhome.com.



Garcia

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of **Socorro Aguirre Garcia** of Presidio, Texas,

who peacefully left us at the age of 82 on January 30, 2025, in Odessa, Texas.

Visitation was at Fabian Hall on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Rosary was at 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025, until 9 p.m. at Santa Teresa de Jesus Catholic Church in Presidio, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 6, 2025, at Santa Teresa de Jesus Catholic Church with Father Mike officiating. Burial will follow at Desert Hills cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Eternity Funeral Home.

Socorro was born in El Mulato,

Ojinaga, Chihuahua, to Eleno Aguirre and Manuela Gallegos de Aguirre on May 12, 1942. She went to school in Ojinaga. She married Ignacio Garcia on October, 20 1968, in Ojinaga, Chihuahua. As a homemaker, she dedicated herself to creating a loving and welcoming home for her family. Socorro was a vibrant woman known for her warmth, kindness, and zest for life. She was a constant source of love and joy to those around her. A devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who took great pride in cooking for her loved ones, preparing delicious meals that became the heart of family

gatherings. One of Socorro’s passions was playing cards, a pastime she enjoyed immensely with her cherished friends. Many fond memories were created around the card table, where her laughter and spirited nature brought joy to all. Socorro’s ability to make others feel welcome and valued was one of her many gifts.

Socorro is preceded in death by her parents; two sisters Maria Parra of Phoenix, Arizona, and Josefina Spencer of San Jose, California; and brother Ramon Aguirre of Presidio.

Socorro’s legacy lives on in her family, nieces, nephews, and many

friends who will forever carry the love and wisdom she imparted. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ignacio; sister Maria Jesus Madrid of Las Vegas, Nevada; three sons, Jesus Ignacio (Teresa), Carlos (Carina), Alejandro (Alma Delia); and daughter Veronica Garcia, all of Odessa, Texas; seven grandchildren, Yumira (Isaac), Nattly (Keldric), Roy (Krystal), Xandria, Josue, Carlos and Andrei Ian; five great-grandchildren, Jayleen, Jazlynn and Isaac Marquez Jr., Axel Garcia, and Stella Thomas.

Pallbearers will be Roy, Josue, Carlos and Andrei Garcia, Isaac Marquez and Keldric Thomas.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to Father Carlos Felipe Rodriguez for his support during this time, to her doctors and dedicated staff at Medical Center Hospital, as well express their deepest gratitude to all those who have shared their condolences, love, and support during this difficult time. May God Bless each and every one of you.

Socorro’s memory will live on in the hearts of her loved ones, and her spirit will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of her company. Rest in peace, Socorro. You will be missed but never forgotten.

Classifieds & public notices

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

COUNTY OF PRESIDIO

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DATED: January 3, 2025

and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court, 394th Judicial District, of Presidio County, Texas, by the District Clerk on said date, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 15th of January, 2025, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in March, 2025, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Courthouse door, of said County in the City of Marfa, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Presidio and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. 5198-A; PRESIDIO COUNTY TAX OFFICE v. EDUARDO HERRERA, ET UX

TRACT 1: GEO: 1 10 02700000004003
Lot 30, Block 4, Broadway Addition to the Town of Presidio, Presidio County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 295, Page 243 in the Deed Records of Presidio County, Texas.

TRACT 2: GEO: 1 10 027000000040029
Lot 29, Block 4, Broadway Addition to the Town of Presidio, Presidio County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 277, Page 67 in the Deed Records of Presidio County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 5223-A; PRESIDIO COUNTY v. MARIA MENESES, ALSO KNOWN AS MARIA M. MENESIS, INDIVIDUALLY AND DOING BUISNESS AS KARINA'S FURNITURE, ET AL

TRACT 2: GEO: 1 10 241000000031006
A Tract of land 3 acres, more or less in Abstract 3095, Survey 331, Jesus Vazquez Original Grantee, Presidio County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien recorded in Document No. 2013-065 of the Official Public Records of Presidio County, Texas.

TRACT 3: GEO: 1 10 16400000012002
Lot 20, 21 and 22, Block 12, Plaza Addition to the Town of Presidio, Presidio County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 311, Page 656 of the Official Public Records of Presidio County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 5290-A; PRESIDIO COUNTY TAX OFFICE v. DAVID GOMEZ, ET UX

TRACT 1: GEO: 1 20 23300000006001
Lot 10, Block 6, West Heights Addition, Presidio County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Document #20150000639 in the deed records of Presidio County, Texas.

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties, and costs; subject, however to the right of redemption by the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem said property, or their interest therein, in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

I have appointed the following as agent to conduct the sale, to-wit:

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GARANTIZAN O HACEN NINGUNA REPRESENTACIÓN SOBRE EL TÍTULO DE LA PROPIEDAD, CONDICIÓN, HABITABILIDAD, COMERCIABILIDAD, O IDONEIDAD PARA UN PROPÓSITO PARTICULAR. LOS COMPRADORES ASUMEN TODOS LOS RIESGOS.

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Dated at Marfa, Presidio County, Texas, this the 15th day of January, 2025.

/s/Danny C. Dominguez
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