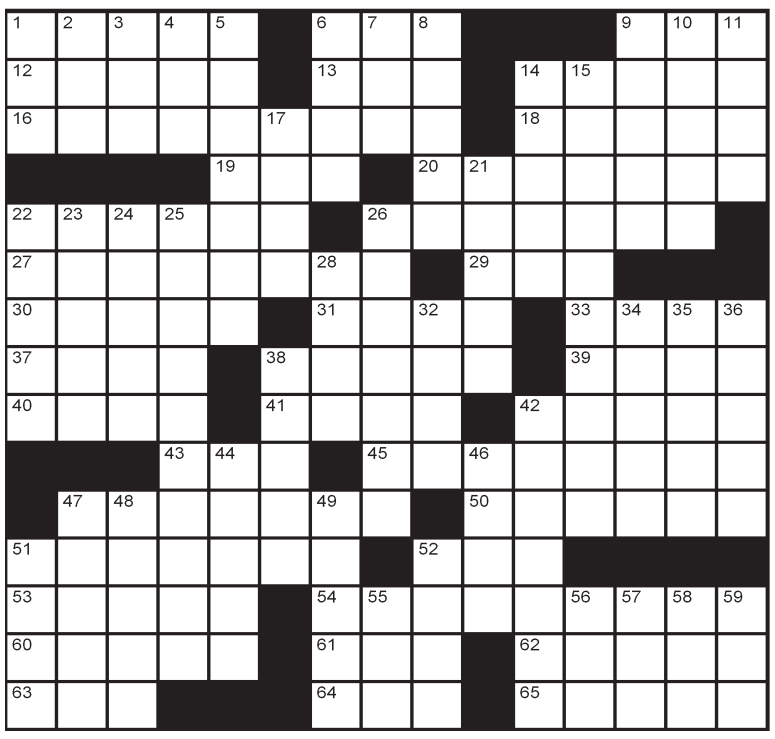
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ACROSS
1 Relative by marriage
6 Super Bowl org.
9 Floor covering
12 New Zealand language in which "waka" means "canoe"
13 Futbol cheer
14 Polynesian Disney princess with a pet pig
16 *Choosing not to join
18 "Der Ring des Nibelungen" and "Odyssey," e.g.
19 Ronan, to Mia Farrow
20 Consumed
22 Uprising
26 Massachusetts home to Hampshire College
27 *Pesto ingredient
29 Section of a timeline
30 Alluded to
31 Campus sports grp.
33 Maryland athlete, for short
37 And others: Abbr.
38 *From long ago
39 Ohio border lake
40 Job-related move, for short
41 Qatar's capital
42 Back half of a vinyl
43 "Just so you know" letters
45 *Quick look
47 Turndown
50 Lavish homes
51 Fresh start
52 Deity
53 Oust, as a tenant
54 *Vast blue expanse
60 Heats up in the microwave
61 Flee
62 "How low can you go?" competition
63 Golfer's peg
64 Tunneling insect
65 "In a bit"

DOWN
1 "if u ask me ..."
2 Brief slumber
3 Parking place
4 Nickname that drops "stotle"
5 "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" actress Kate
6 Morning's end
7 Seasonal illness
8 "They can do what they want"
9 When it ___, it pours
10 Not edited, as a film
11 Shocked reaction
14 Suffix with centi- or kilo-
15 *Performs surgery for
17 Reliable choice
21 Up a lap, say
22 "Copy that"
23 Mexican grilled corn dish topped with cotija cheese
24 Crucial
25 *Famous room in the West Wing
26 What a mocktail doesn't have
28 Tipster's offering
32 EGOT winner Menken
34 Cynthia of 2024's "Wicked"
35 Bus passenger
36 Social equals
38 Lyrical poet
42 "Do me this favor ..."
44 Circular Mongolian tents
46 "Let's hustle!"
47 Vaudeville show
48 Two-wheeler with a pedal assist mode
49 Spanish for "now"
51 Would-be tenant's consideration
52 Decorous dude
55 Kind of joke that may be written on a coffee mug
56 Secretive org.
57 911 responder
58 Civil War prez
59 For love ___ money (for anything, to a Brit)

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AROUND THE BIG BEND

Thursday May 28

Boxing at Maintenant
7:30am-9:00am
Maintenant
1825 Rabbits Rd.
Marfa, TX

Meditation
6:00pm, free and open to all
Marfa Public Library
Community Room
Marfa, TX

Skyline Drive Geology Tour
9:00am-11:00am
Davis Mountains State Park
Park Rd 3
Fort Davis, TX

Friday May 29



Legacy of the CCC Hike
9:00am-11:00am
Davis Mountains State Park
Park Rd 3
Fort Davis, TX

Desert Snakes and Creepy Crawlies
2:00pm-3:00pm
Davis Mountains State Park
Park Rd 3
Fort Davis, TX

Live Music: Hall's Last Call Band
6:30pm-9:30pm
Alcove Social
211 E Holland Ave
Alpine, TX

HWY 90 Music Series: Phil Hamilton
7:30pm-9:30pm
Gage Hotel
102 NW 1st St, Highway 90W
Marathon, TX

Saturday May 30

Water is Life
9:30am-10:30am
Big Bend Ranch State Park
Terlingua, TX

Live Music: Lindsey Bruner with Pete Westfall
7:00pm-10:00pm
Alcove Social, 211 E Holland Ave
Alpine, TX

Sunday May 31



Boxing at Maintenant
9:00am-11:00am
Maintenant
1825 Rabbits Rd.
Marfa, TX

Open Mic Night: Music
5:00pm-8:00pm
Alcove Social
211 E Holland Ave
Alpine, TX

Tuesday June 2

Too-Early Tuesdays Sunrise Hiking at CDRI
8:00am
Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center & Botanical Gardens
43869 State Highway 118
Fort Davis, TX

Meditation
6:00pm, free and open to all
Marfa Public Library
Community Room
Marfa, TX

Adult Children of Alcoholics & Dysfunctional Families (ACA) Meeting
6:00pm-7:00pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
101 E Washington St
Marfa, TX

Shafter mine plan goes to court



ROB D'AMICO

A small museum in Shafter outlines the mining history in the area.

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the late 1890s and through the 1920s and 1930s, but declining silver prices forced it to close in 1942. Through the decades, various companies did exploratory drilling and testing to gauge existing silver deposits and discover new ones. Aurcana acquired the mine in 2008 and made an attempt to start operations again, resulting in a short-lived reopening of the mine from 2012 until 2013, when declining silver prices again forced a closure.

In 2022, Aurcana had a financial meltdown and defaulted on a $28 million loan intended to fund its silver mine in Ouray, Colorado, leaving the future of Shafter's mine uncertain. The company actively listed the Shafter site for sale, and after one unsuccessful purchase by a Canadian company, Black Bear Minerals (formerly James Bay Minerals) made a successful offer.

According to court records, Poindexter's attorneys informed Aurcana of its first right of refusal in October. Aurcana responded that for that right to exist, the property in question would have to be in "final abandonment," meaning no mine activity had taken place for 20 years, and it claimed there had been mine exploration. The plaintiff's attorneys disputed that in the lawsuit and claimed they have received no information from Aurcana to prove it was active on the land.

On November 21, Southwestern Holdings filed for a temporary and permanent injunction in Presidio County District Court to stop the sale to Black Bear Minerals. However, the deed transferring the property to Black Bear Minerals also was filed with the county that day. No hearings are currently set in the lawsuit.

Black Bear Minerals CEO Dennis Lindgren did not respond to a request for comment, but he did speak in a trade publication video in February asserting the company was still moving forward on opening the mine and that "all major permits are officially confirmed and in place." While he didn't detail which permits, a variety of permits are required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for mining operations.

An attorney at Braun & Gresham, representing the plaintiff, declined to comment on the lawsuit.

"Because we have been preparing the site, we are hitting the ground running," Lindgren said in a March video. "We're turning a historical asset into a modern permanent project that is ready to deliver. . . . We set out with a vision for Shafter. Today with the permits in hand and the site ready, that vision is becoming a reality."

OBITUARY

Fixture of local music scenes, Alpine grad



JEFF COWELL passed away after a short illness on May 7, 2026. Born in Alpine on August 1, 1959, he was a graduate of the Alpine High School Class of 1977 and a fixture of both the Austin and Alpine music scenes.

He is preceded in death by his loving parents, Joanna and Lee Cowell, both of Alpine. He is survived by his three siblings: Stephen, Shanna, and Lacie Cowell.

Arrangements are pending, please contact Stephen Cowell at scowell@att.net for more information. Thanks go out to the staff at the ICU of St. David's Round Rock for their care and support.

CLASSIFIEDS AND PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEIZE ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE
Notice is hereby given that the Presidio County Sheriff's Office has taken the following described vehicle into custody pursuant to the authority granted under the Texas Transportation Code, Section 683.011, and/or Section 683.031:

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Said vehicle is being held for the Presidio County Sheriff's Office at 320 N. Highland, Marfa, Texas 79843, (432) 729-4308

To the last known registered owner/ lien holder of the above-described vehicle:
You have the right to reclaim this motor vehicle not later than the 20th day after publication of this notice, on payment of all towing, preservation, and storage charges resulting from placing the vehicle into custody.

Failure to exercise your rights to reclaim the vehicle within the time provided constitutes a waiver of all rights, title, and interest in the vehicle and is a consent to the sale of the abandoned motor vehicle at public auction, or use for the Sheriff's Office purposes as provided for by the Texas Transportation Code Section 683.014 or Section 683.016.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Presidio Independent School District is accepting "**Seal Bids**" for Student Accident Athletic/ Activity Insurance for school year 2026-2027. Bids will be accepted until June 09, 2026, at 3:00p.m. CST. Prospective bidders may secure further information and specifications from Carmen Rubner at crubner@ presidio-isd.net. The **Presidio ISD** reserves the right to reject any and/ or all bids and to waive all formalities and irregularities in bidding. The Sealed Bids will be publicly opened on June 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. CST. However, the bids will not be publicly exposed. Any bid received thereafter will not be considered and will be returned to the proposer unopened. Facsimiles will be accepted prior to the specified deadline. **Presidio ISD** reserves the right to postpone, to accept or to reject any or all bids as it deems to be in its best interest and to waive formalities and reasonable irregularities in proposing. **BID MUST BE ADDRESSED TO**:

Presidio ISD
Superintendent's Office
ATTN: Carmen Rubner
P.O Box 1401
701 East Market Street
Presidio, Texas 79845
crubner@presidio-isd.net
432-229-4228/fax
Plainly Marked: Bid - Student Accident Athletic/Activity Insurance

CITY POSITIONS

The City of Presidio is calling out for Letters of Interest from the public for one seat to the City of Presidio City Council Unexpired Term (one-year).

Open Until June 5, 2026 at 5pm

Must be a registered voter of the municipality and reside at said city for at least six- months, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 22.032.

Please submit your Letter of Interest to the address below:
City of Presidio
City Secretary
P.O. Box 1899
Presidio, TX 79845

Physical Address: 507 W. O'Reilly St., Presidio, Texas

Or email to: bornelas@presidiotx.us

NOTICE OF JOB OPPORTUNITY

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- Perform housekeeping duties, such as cooking, cleaning, washing clothes or dishes, or running errands.
- Provide clients with communication assistance, typing their correspondence or obtaining information for them.
- Plan, shop for, or prepare nutritious meals or assist families in planning, shopping for, or preparing nutritious meals.
- Transport clients to locations outside the home, such as to physicians' offices or on outings, using a motor vehicle.
- Maintain client information or service records.

Education Required: None

Must have at least 6 months of experience working in an occupation involving using knowledge and skills to help others.

NOTIFICATION INTSTRUCTIONS
This notice is being posted in connection with the filing of an application for permanent alien labor certification. **ALL APPLICANTS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE EMPLOYER**. Any person may provide documentary evidence bearing on the application to the regional certifying officer of the Department of Labor. Include the following address:

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