Feds plan large-drone base at Marfa airport

An unmanned aerial vehicle that may be based at the Marfa airport.

These aren’t little drones sold at retail stores for aerial photography or applied in agriculture and industry to monitor crops, animal lands, and construction sites, but actual military drones.

The U.S. military has been seeking a way to increase its use of unmanned aerial systems, or drones.

Further details are revealed in their newly published article in the Biodiversity Data Journal.

The Shepard’s Marfa connection is Josh’s aunt, Jacqueline Northcutt, who several years ago acquired the Old Borunda Restaurant property and who is also a local businesswoman and tax attorney.

The Marfa connection is Josh and Brooke Shepard who lived in Marfa from June 2017 to August of this year and who have a young daughter and three children.

“We found this fish by chance,” said Perkin. “We were conducting a survey that would provide us with genetic data on a specific fish species, but during our work, we found something we didn’t expect.”

“We found a fish that we didn’t expect, and we think it might be a new species,” said Perkin. “It’s a fish that we had never seen before, and it’s a species that we had never found in the Rio Grande before.”

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By FAITH MELGAR

Marfa — The Marfa ISD board recognized the resignation of member Frank “Buddy” Knight during their meeting Tuesday evening.

Knight resigned following his election to the President of the 34th Senate District. A special meeting will be held on Thursday to fill Knight’s post at a special meeting to be held second week of January.

A benefit barbecue has been planned with broken plates and a chance of sales, chances, and drinks will sell for $15 per plate starting at noon Saturday at the Marathon Community Center.

Three cats were rescued from inside. Two were outside the home and firefighters were rescued inside. The Alpine Fire Department and Brewster County deputy sheriff said the blaze was a total of the home.

A fundraiser is Saturday for the couple. The Marathon home of Brewster County Sheriff Deputy Will Drawe and his fiancé Stephanie Miliron. A fundraiser is Saturday for the couple.

The board is soliciting letters of interest from the public ahead of this meeting from anyone who would like to fill the position until the May election.

During the Monday board meeting, the district was also deemed to have a fiscal clean bill of health for the 2017/2018 years.

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The team was recognized at this week’s Marfa school board meeting and asked to share details for the project and their experience. Super- intendent Oscar Aguero asked the students what they thought was the toughest part of the project, and team member Ashley Certain commented that they are “all very independent learners, it made it hard to work together or at all.”

The team agreed the process of trial and error in developing the proposal challenged them to figure out how to work together. Students recounted being sent back to the drawing board to redesign their projects after developing them, and when they realized they would need to figure out ways to move the specimens for transportation to avoid contamination.

The team was also challenged to expand their thinking when advisor Sanders exposed them to the concept of logarithms. Of this experience, Chelsey Lopez commented that the pathogen they selected was an area that is considered to be shiner in the main stem of the Rio Conchos, specifically the endemic species, so they needed to better manage and protect them in the years to come.”

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Dear editor,

Dear St. Mary's Catholic Church supporters,

As with all major activities, meticulous planning and coordinating begins months in advance. I want to acknowledge the dedication of all those working behind the scenes to make our event a success. From the Parish Council and the Finance Council, I greatly appreciate your time, your planning and organizing, and I thank you for so much for all your hard work.

Heartfelt thanks to all who so generously donated money and prizes for sale.

All those prizes were made possible through the fine generosity of the following individuals:

Donors:

Ms. Nora Valerio, Marfa, YETI cooler.

Ms. Corina Campos.

Mr. Mario Rivera, Mr. Eddie Pallarez, Mr. Paul Hunt.

Humberto Cisneros, Eric Sanchez, Mr. Bobby Ramirez, Ms. Corina Campos.

Verecundus Alvarado:

Televisions: Mr. & Mrs. Roy Cataño.

Ms. Sabrina Gonzalez, El Paso, $500; Ms. Alice Rivas, Balloonwise, $100.

My sincere gratitude to those who took the time to go out and sell tickets to all the community members from St. Mary's and beyond who helped contribute to the success of this event.

As a political purpose, not a strategic purpose and a community event, St. Mary’s Catholic Church is proud to announce that a pre-sold ticket will close the airport to all night operations, I can see the UAS operations evolving into daytime ops as well,” said one pilot who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Here’s what he said.

The judge later said he mis- understood that and that Flynn had re- signed as the agent before he joined the Trump administra- tion.

"All along we were an untrustworthy agent of any for- eign country while serving as the national security adviser. Arguably that undermines everything that this flag over here stands for. Arguably you sold our country out."
A Christmas tree as a stamp in time

By LONN TAYLOR

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Exhibitions by Chinti artists in residence open next week

MARFA - The Chinati Foundation invites everyone to attend exhibitions by artists in residence David Balduzzi, Tobias Rodriguez and Rochelle Goldberg next week. Tobias Rodriguez’s exhibition will be held in the eastern portion of the fort on December 28 from 5-7 pm. Two days later, on December 30, Chinati will host Rochelle Goldberg’s exhibition as a part of Light of Part 1” in the Arena from 4-6 pm.

David Balduzzi’s charcoal paintings.

Robert D. Richman paintings based on San Antonio. His small-scale, semi-abstract, semi-figurative works reflect the kind of dimensional illusionism and man-made aspects of the border that has inspired the artist’s paintings of borderlands, crudes, oil, LED lights, steel frames, and much else – that evoke fragmentary scenarios in which boundaries between the animate and inanimate are confused and the artificiality of decay and renewal are difficult to distinguish. The artist’s work for these two exhibitions is a “contradiction,” “a state of flux in which the border between one entity and another is continuously undermined.”

Goldberg’s exhibition at the Chinati Arena on December 30 will feature work that she has made during her time in Marfa.

Also featured with be a charcoal painting by Tobias Rodriguez recipient of 2013 recipient of a Louis Tiffany Award and was the artist in residence at the Atelier Calder in 2017.

Rochelle Goldberg received her MFA from Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. In recent years she’s solo exhibitions include Kunsthalle, Venice (2018); Petrolia, Echkar, Batier (2018); Installations, Miyako Japan Gallery, New York, (2017); Tao, New Hope, Ga, McG (2016). A Worm Filled Body, Panamian Laundry, Montreal (2016); and The Plastic Thingy, Schodack/Most Leding City (2016). Recent group exhibitions include Nature, Cartrita Jeffreys, Vancouver (2015); Zoo Robinsonsuchal, Nessy Falk, Basel (2017); Okayama Art Summer, Okyama, Suckers (2016); and Mirror Cells, Whitney Museum, New York (2016). The artist is a 2015 recipient of the Louis Comfort Tiffany Award and was the artist in residence at the Atelier Calder in 2017.

Rochelle Goldberg is working on a series inspired by natural and man-made aspects of the environment. She builds on-site sculptures made from materials that she has collected in Marfa and elsewhere.

Joe Nick Patoski's new book tells how Austin became weird

AUSTIN - In this genesis history of the “City of the Violet Crown,” author and journalist Joe Nick Patoski’s book, Austin to ATX, The Hipster Pickers, Mackers, and Geeks Who Transformed the Capital of Texas, chronicles the modern evolution of the quirky, hipster, fun-loving, self-consciously different place known as Austin.

The book will be available January 21, 2019, and is published by Texas A&M University Press.

Patoski, a friend of the Big Bend Sentinel and Marfa Public Radio where his Texas music show airs on Saturday night, describes the series of cosmic accidents that tossed together a moshpit of outsiders, free spirits, thinkers, educators,却没有 Blood Orange, musicians, entrepreneurs, artists, and people from other world views to create the atmosphere, the vibe, the slightly of killer zeitgeist that allowed Austin to become the home of both Armadillo World Headquarters and Dell Technologies.

Patoski’s reconceives, prolifically rump through Austin’s recent past and present presents the dots that lead from places like Schot Galoven - Texas oldest

Last chance to see live Nativity

ALPINE – This Thursday and Friday will be the final performances for the Annual Live Nativity, sponsored by Michael's Ministry Ministry in Alpine. The outdoor production, in 2017, will be held at 5 pm, with “tubaing” in costume taking place in the Kokernott Park between 6 and 4:55 pm. No prior notice is needed to be in the production, with costumes provided and no lines to learn.

The outdoor performances will begin with Christmas tunes sung by the High Frontier Choir and will end with refreshments of hot fudge, hot cocoa and homemade cookies for all to enjoy.

Participants are reminded to dress warmly, in layers, and vases are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for your comfort!

Remember to remind their children because they are interested in all the animals, always from the front, but the goats, donkeys and camels love the attention!

Children be careful in approaching all the animals, do not approach to close to the animals. The animals are being fed daily.

The actual production, in its 30th year of existence, begins at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday. The re-enactment is open to all ages of people, the more people the merrier!

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The Children’s Choir and the Kokernott Park will be open to all ages of people, the more people the better.

The play - just show up!
Exhibit of post-Civil War freedom colonies photography in January

ALPINE - Sul Ross State University’s Museum of the Big Bend will present The Upshaws of County Line: An American Family beginning Friday, January 18. The exhibition will feature black and white photographs from Richard Orton’s book The Upshaws of County Line: An American Family and will remain on display until March 24. Orton will have his book The Upshaws of County Line: An American Family available for purchase.

At 10am on Saturday, January 19, SRSU Assistant Professor of History Dr. Savannah Williamson will join Orton, Upshaw, and Ali Ali. At noon on Saturday, January 19, SRSU Assistant Professor of History Dr. Savannah Williamson will join Orton, Upshaw, and Ali Ali. The audience didn't hesitate to stand up for two standing ovations. The show announcement came Saturday morning, giving just enough time for readers and vision to fill the seats that night. It was free to attend but donations were collected for the Crucible Studio of Arts, Allen and his band performed for an hour and a half. While it was the first time the audience heard these songs, they were ti..
Barita Bonollo painting on exhibit at Greasewood

MARFA - Greasewood Gallery at the Hotel Paisano will host a new painting exhibit, “Horizons, oil paintings by Bonita Barlow,” opening Friday, December 21.

In the summer of 1980, Barlow drove back across the country to take a month long summer course offered by Henche at his Cape School of Art. After Hawthorn’s death, Henche took over the school and taught there for over 30 years.

“Henry was in his 80’s when I met him and still a powerhouse. I lived in my car, bathed at the beach and frequently went dumpster diving to find groceries. This is over 50 years.”

In 1999 I started what I call my “Light Sculpture” paintings. These are reflective paintings. They are interactive pieces consisting of oil paint, glass powders, and sometimes gold leaf.” (This work can be found if you search “Bonita Barlow”).

“Through I moved on in my exploration of the light, I find myself regularly returning to the practice of landscape painting to celebrate the beauty that surrounds me in the Southwest. I never tire of playing witness to this expansive dramatic landscape." This show includes inspiration from both west Texas and southern New Mexico.

Barlow was resident artist and director of the Historic Percha Museum and Gallery in Kingston, NM in 2008-2009. In 2010 Barlow’s work was accepted into the Santa Fe Capital Arts Foundation Collection. From 2010 through 2013, Barlow returned annually to Marfa as an artist in residence, culminating in five exhibitions. Barlow currently lives and works in Gila, southern New Mexico.

The exhibition will open on Winter Solstice with an artist’s reception from 6-8 p.m. The exhibition will continue through March 3, 2019. Greasewood Gallery is located in the historic Hotel Paisano on the corner of Texas and Highland Streets in Marfa, Texas. Gallery hours are 8-8 Mon-Sat, 8-6 Sun. For more information, contact gallery director, Vicki Lynn Barge, at 432-729-4034.

FORT DAVIS - The Nature Conservancy’s Davis Mountains Preserve will be open for hiking, biking, picnics, photography, birding and other outdoor activities on selected days for 2019. Hours for open-event weekends are from 8am until 4pm, and hours for open weekend events are from Friday at 8am until Sunday at 4pm as well.

The Davis Mountains Preserve is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Ft. Davis on Hwy. 118 (about 10 miles past McDonald Observatory and about one quarter of a mile past the Lawrences E.

Food is available on site. Restroom facilities and water are on site.

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Bonita Barlow painting

MARFA – Mayor Ann Marie Nacejzger invites everyone to this year’s annual holiday party at City Hall today, December 28, from 4-7pm.

There will be plenty of tamales, cookies, sweets, and other goodies, and Chomut Foundation artists will help folks screen print cards and gift tags.

The Marfa Police Department is in charge of tracking down Santa to make an appearance at the event.

For the second year, the event will include a food drive on behalf of Marfa Food Pantry. Suggested items to donate include canned fish or fruit, peanut butter, canned vegetables (especially corn, beans, and green beans), and dried pasta or rice. For more information, please contact City Hall at 432-759-3158.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

On behalf of the Mayor, City Council, and City Staff

We wish you a holiday season filled with joy and a happy and peaceful new year.

The City of Marfa will be closed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 24th –26th. City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 27th & 28th, at 5pm.

In case of emergency, please use the on call numbers for city departments:

Gas Department (432) 291-5922
Public Works Department (432) 291-2290
Marfa Police Department (432) 729-1841

All other emergencies call Presidio County Dispatch.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT CITY HALL TODAY

Sincerely, Staff of

CITY DRUG ALPINE

Join us for a round of silent auctions at Marathon this Holiday Season!

Saturday, December 29th
Marathon Holiday Ball at the Marathon Community Center
From 7PM to Midnight

The dance is a fund-raiser for Marathon PTO’s Bryan Cultural Enrichment trip. The junior high and high school kids are planning to go to New York City this spring.

There will be a cake auction and we ask that donations be given at the door. Dress fancy or dress casual...just come have fun!

BYOB, music and light refreshments provided.

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Gazelle will be requeried to sign in and out at the Melvor Conservation Center. Camping is only allowed in designated areas, and only on open weekends.

Open Preserve Days: March 15-17, April 13-15, May 18-20, 24-26, June 8-9, 22-23, July 17-19, August 10-11, September 7-8, October 11-13, November 1-2, December 6-7.

Reservations are not required at this time.

For more information, contact Tara Poloskey by email at tara.poloskey@tnc.org or call (432) 426-2190.

Food is available on site. Restroom facilities and water are on site.

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Marfa, Presidio, Alpine & Fort Davis

Wishing You Carloads of Joy

We hope your holiday season is filled with lots of good stuff: happiness, friendship, peace, gratitude, goodwill and more of your favorite things!

Christmas, and thanks for choosing us...Happy New Year's Day, and thanks for choosing us!
VICTORIA, Texas - Vic Morgan, the former president of the University of Houston at Victoria and Sul Ross State University in Alpine, plans to run for mayor of Victoria in 2019, according to the Victoria Advocate newspaper.

He retired as head of the university in August and left Sul Ross State University in Alpine several years ago.

Morgan was initially hired as UBH’s interim president in 2014 before the board of regents for the University of Houston system asked him to stay on the job permanently.

Morgan took over the struggling university after the school’s two previous presidents were fired.

“We kind of fell in love with Victoria,” Morgan said. “We really didn’t expect to stay here. I came drinking beer and beer here about six months while the campus hired a new president.”

Morgan lives in Victoria with his wife, Mary Jane Morgan, who is active on various nonprofit boards. The long-time academic leader said his experience as the head of two public universities prepared him with the leadership skills needed as the head of Victoria’s government.

“University is a wonderful job for a city,” Morgan explained, adding that he worked on issues including infrastructure, policing, growth and budgetary constraints as the head of UBH.

The City of Marfa is extending the deadline to January 8, 2019 to submit letters of interest for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

The Clinic will be closed Thanksgiving Day & Friday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving to all!
New Year’s Eve dance with Bobby Flores

Marfa - Grammy Award recipient, Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band are scheduled to perform on Monday, December 31st at the historic USO Building. This building was built in 1942 and has maintained the original wood dance floor, if these walls could talk. This show will feature an imported crystal chandelier that hangs from the ceiling and three branches. Bobby, along with his six-piece band, featuring his “Trio Fiddle” line, songs to you the very best Christmas, as delicious holiday treats.

Fred-TV’s “Tri-Country” and “Midland Country Music Show,” has received numerous cover reviews from country music lovers everywhere. Bobby performs all over the state of Texas, as well as nationally and Europe. For more about Bobby, please visit his website: www.bobbyflores.com

Bobby is honored to be an inductee into the “Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame” as he just awarded “Traditional Classic Country Male Artist Entertainer of the Year” at the Josie Music Awards at Hollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN in September of 2018. The USO is located at 302 South Highland Ave. This door will open at 8 p.m. and the band is scheduled for 9 p.m. There will be party favors, a photo backdrop for those special photo memories and a champagne toast and Black-Eyed peas on midnight.

Reservations are suggested, as seating is limited. Tickets are $50 each, or reserved table for 8 is $400. This is a cashless event and credit cards will not be available for purchase. For Tickets, email: judy@bobbyfloresband.com

For more info or questions Email: judy@bobbyfloresband.com

HOLIDAY READ ALoud - Saturday’s readers included Allison Scott, Brit Webb (pictured above), Ann School Alliance, which included the first annual bilingual, and guests are provided a cozy space, as well as delicious holiday treats.

As part of the Blackwell School’s calendar for a fantastic year with the touring roster for the Texas Dancechallis since he was 9 years old. He has performed for numerous television shows and major personal appearances, from Austin City Limits, The Grand Ole Opry, TNN Prance in Washington, DC, and several Willie Nelson 4th of July parties.

Bobby can be heard on classic country radio stations across the United States. He is currently featured regularly on the Rubber Band, Los Angeles, and has maintained the original historic USO Building.

On Saturday, December 15th, participants enjoyed the story of Charro Claus and his borderland gift-delivery burros, made hungry by the mouth-watering tale of Marie Nafziger, Genevieve Bassham, and David and Kathleen Mims Walstrom. Attendees were delighted by Hal Carver, director and editor of Story’s “Texas in the Blackwell School Caps a fantastic year with a holiday read aloud

Marfa - For the third year in a row, children, families, neighbors, and readers gathered at the Blackwell School for a Holiday Read Aloud created by Read Big Book.

On Saturday, December 15th, participants enjoyed stories about Christmas and other seasonal holidays read out loud by community members who volunteer for the program. The Holiday Read Aloud combines the Blackwell School’s celebration of Mexico’s Christmas tradition with Read Big Book’s commitment to early literacy development and sharing a love of reading. Stories are bilingual, and guests are provided a cozy space, as well as delicious holiday treats.

This event wraps up a busy year for the Blackwell School Alliance, which included the first annual Blackwell Block Party, the commissioning of a public mural, completing the final edits of a Historic Structure Report, and many community partnerships. Alliance President Gretel Enck notes, “We live in such a supportive community. Our best work is done with great partners like the Read program.” Learn more at www.theblackwellschool.org

Read Big Book is also having a busy year; expanding the successful Read Marta program to schools in Fort Davis, Van Horn, and Slaton. Marfa will open every year on Christmas, keep an eye out for Santa’s Mission: Charm Claus and the Texas Kid. You might spy them and their magical burros flying over the rooftops of Marfa as they cross the border delivering presents. Be sure to send them a big Texas wish.

We are grateful for Apache’s generosity and for all the donations we’ve received so far. We hope to close the year out by meeting the $2 million goal. Donations can be made online at tpwf.org.

The pool at Balmorhea State Park was closed in early 2018 following a structural collapse of a wall caused by years of erosion from the flow of water from the springs. The repairs to the pool at Balmorhea State Park are ongoing. The pool is expected to re-open in early 2019.

Shantel Keys starts New Year’s Eve with Bobby Flores

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will be closed on Monday and Tuesday December 24 & 25 Monday and Tuesday Dec 31 & Jan 1, 2019

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Wishing you healthy holidays and a happy new year.

12 Days of Christmas at the Hotel Paisano Gift Shop continued... Day 8 - Thursday, December 30 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - "Santa Baby, I forgot one thing...a ring…” 10% off all wine books (living & gifts, paper goods not included) Day 9 - Friday, December 31 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - "Grandma got run over by a reindeer... who does that for Christmas?!?" 30% off all barware and drinking glasses Day 10 - Saturday, December 31 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - "Santa, bring me three things... a ring..." 25% off all pricing Day 11 - Sunday, December 31 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. - "Doesn’t everyone go grey...friends tell me to tell you..." 25% off all pricing

Day 12 - Monday, January 2 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. - "An owl just landed on your head..." 25% off all and deep green books

Saturday, December 29 - CLOSED Merry Christmas!

KEL'S PAISANO GIFT SHOP - MON-SAT 9 AM-6 PM 210 N. NORTH HIGHLAND - MARFA 432-729-4134

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Invite the Rotary Club of Marfa 
“Moonlight Carolers”

to lead a sing along of holiday songs at your party or event. (No cost & FREE)

We have 12 well-organized lyric books and will lead you in many of these carols can sing along. Songs include “Sleigh Bells,” “This Old Staircase,” “Frosty the Snowman,” “Deck the Halls,” “Let It Snow” and a dozen more. A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE is equally fun as each singer is assigned one of the 12 Days of Christmas. It’s a Traditional and Fun and No Talent is Required! (Jingle Bells is provided for the vocally challenged.)

Email: burtoncunton@jail.com or call 806-676-8464 to invite us to sing at your holiday celebration

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Learn more about the history of flying in Marfa at the website www.flygliders.com Click on “Landmarks”
Rodney Franklin named Texas State Parks division director

AUSTIN — Rodney Franklin, a 27-year veteran of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has been selected as the Texas State Parks Division Director.

Franklin, previously the Deputy Director of Texas State Parks, succeeds Brent Leisure who recently assumed the role as Interim Chief Operating Officer for TPWD after eight years in the state parks director role.

“Rodney Franklin’s career with the department is a long and distinguished one,” said TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith. “He cut his teeth on the operations of state parks at an early age and has demonstrated an exceptional ability to lead teams and carry out the mission of our nearly 100-year-old state park system. I have complete confidence in Rodney to lead the teams that steward Texas’ 95 state parks, which represent some of the state’s most iconic landscapes and preserve our rich history.”

As director of Texas State Parks, Franklin will oversee a workforce of about 1,350 employees who proudly protect and manage the more than 630,000 acres that comprise the state parks system in Texas. He has complete confidence in Rodney to lead the teams that steward Texas’ 95 state parks, which represent some of the state’s most iconic landscapes and preserve our rich history.”

“Director Franklin has exceptional leadership qualities and proven results,” said Smith. “He will work with a talented team of professionals to support the vision of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to ‘serve the people of Texas by conserving, enhancing and enjoying the natural and cultural resources of Texas.”

“I am extremely honored to have been selected to lead our state parks division,” said Franklin. “I have spent a number of years working with friends, colleagues, partners and organizations dedicated to caring for the special pieces of Texas represented in our park system,” said Franklin. “I look forward to continuing this important work as the Texas State Parks Division Director.”

This Sunday, the gift for all seasons

MAREA - A message of love, joy, peace and salvation delivered by writer and minister Oscar Cobos will be given this Sunday at New Beginnings Church of the Big Bend at 10:30 a.m. New Beginnings is located at West San Antonio and 108 S Hooper St in Marfa.

Oscar Cobos has been involved in several areas of ministry for years including intentionally counseling and at the Brewster County jail.

THE PRESIDIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2019

MAREA OFFICE
8AM - 4PM MONDAY – FRIDAY

PRESIDIO OFFICE
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Big Bend Surgical Associates offers surgical treatment options for people with heartburn or GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease). It’s important to learn your options because when left untreated, acid reflux may lead to more serious conditions, including esophageal cancer. And long-term use of certain medications called PPIs can increase the risk of osteoporosis.

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Dear Santa,

I hope you had a good year! I think I have been good this year. I have been helping my Nana and Grandpa with their work. What I want for Christmas is Fall Fun 50 and a cat. I want it so I can also bring a new job.

From,
Diego González (2nd grade)

Can I get an Xbox, a DS2, and a robot and a game. I want to be like my friend Seth’s four-year-old. I also want an iPhone X because my tablet broke. I want to replace it with a new one. I have also been good this year because I try to do my homework.

From,
Seth Núñez

I have been good this year! I really like Hatchmos. I would like to have a turtle that I can play with. Please bring me a Pet Shop. Thank you. I love Santa.

From,
Allysa García

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year! I really want a new doll. I want to find clothes and shoes and a belt. I can’t always help my grandpa to find stickers.

From,
Ivan Barúa

Dear Santa,

I want to be a Barbie Dream House and Barbie and a thank you! Thank you for the presents each year!

From,
Rayleeah Rodriguez

Wishing all of our customers a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe Happy New Year! From all of us,

BUNS ‘N’ ROSES

Another Christmas is MOVING

The spirit is moving us to say, “Happy you enjoy this holiday.”

Wherever you go, live, work or play, our best wish is for you and your way.

Thank you for choosing us.

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Mrs. Epperson’s Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,

Please bring my Mom and Mrs. Epperson’s Kindergarten Class Christmas Blessings to each of them! Merry Christmas, Santa! Thank you!

From,
Landyn Baeza

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year! Please bring me a Barbie phone, electric scooter, a baby with dolls and blankets. I hope you get to bring Rudolph! Mrs. Epp has lots of snowmen, dresses and sandals. We like her to read to us. I saw your courtroom on Facebook. I just love them! Merry Christmas to All, Mrs. Epp. Thank you!

From,
Alyssa García

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year! I want a computer, a Barbie, and snow. I want to be a doctor so I want doctor things. I will make you cookies and I will leave you some milk. I have been good in school.

Thank you!

From,
Calaí Canales

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year! I want a new coffee cup. I will leave you some milk. Thank you for all the blessings, including love.

As we look back on this glorious season, we see that:

- We’ve had an extra order of thanks for our many dear patrons and friends. Serving you is always a treat for us.

Merry Christmas!

Mando’s Restaurant
Mark & Liz Rodriguez and staff

Closed Dec 22 - 26
Open New Year’s Eve
Closed New Year’s Day

Peace & Joy at Christmas

Wishing you and yours all the rapture this glorious season brings.

And now, at this very end of the year, may God bless you with patience for merry Christmas, blessings, including friends, family, life, friends, family, and Merry Christmas to you all!

From,
Ann Ceniceros
Dear Santa,  

I will have my Dad make you a necklace. I hope you like them. I have a necklace and Mrs. Epp has you and Mrs. Epp with all my heart. To bring Mrs. Epp a present. I love you.

Allan Martinez  

Matthew Marquez

All I want for Christmas is ....

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Keith and Bridge Jarratt,  
Lana, Lauren & John Wesley Jarratt

1. Thou shalt remember to keep Christ in Christmas.  
2. Thou shalt pause in thy business to consider the magnitude of God’s gift of Christ to humankind.  
3. Thou shalt remember that Mary and Joseph found no room in the Inn, and, remembering, give Christ the chief room in thy heart.  
4. Thou shalt participate joyfully in the Christmas activities of thy church.  
5. Thou shalt be of generous heart in answering the appeals of the need outside thy circle of family and friends.  
6. Thou shalt take time to plan for the happiness of those outside thine home.  
7. Thou shalt enjoy, in unhurried calm, the priceless heritage of Christmas carols and great Christmas art.  
8. Thou shalt give of thyself in all thy gifts, giving not for duty, reciprocity, or personal satisfaction, but for the simple joy of sharing.  
9. Thou shalt remember, with patience and understanding, all those to serve thee - the sales people, the postal and delivery people, the newspaper carriers and all others who bear the physical burden of the holiday season.  
10. Thou shalt treat thy children the true meaning of Christmas, of the Prince of Peace who came to show us a way to righteousness and happiness.

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**Education & Sports**

**Sul Ross Freshman wins Saddle Bronc World Championship**

By PAUL SLOCUMB

Lone star freshman Brandon Lansford entered at Sul Ross State University, ranked 10th in the world in the Saddle Bronc World Championship.

Lansford has already earned a world championship reputation of his own.

Competing December 6-10 in saddle bronc, Lansford holds the top spot in both the highest score and the only saddle to receive scores in all three rounds.

The Cowboy, native to an animal science major with a pro-vet focus, had only one qualifier's worth of INFR experience heading into this year's event. But that doesn't mean he couldn't elevate his standing.

"I had the same expectations for this rodeo as I do for all rodeos. I planned on winning and worked hard mentally and physically to achieve it," he said.

Aragon's success is attributed to his dedication and hard work, his father, Carlos Aragon, shared Lansford's excitement.

"I had the same expectations for Brandon because he has worked so hard for it," he said. "It's great to see that he's achieved his goals and accomplished what he set out to do."
Some of the more than 2,500 soccer balls donated for the youth at the Tornillo detention center.

Senator’s holiday gifts for detained children in Tornillo exceeds donation goal

EL PASO - The office of Senator José Rodríguez has exceeded its initial goal of 2,400 soccer balls donated for the “Gifts for Good” drive because of the generosity of people across America, who asked for an opportunity to show the youths that this is who we are,” said Rodríguez. “It has been special to watch people of all religious and political persuasions come together to fulfill the initial goal of 2,400 soccer balls donated for the “Gifts for Good” drive organized by the office of Senator José Rodríguez.

The gifts will be picked up at the Senator’s office and be distributed to the children of the detention center.

Macdonald

Leland Lloyd MacDonald, 87, of Midland, Texas passed away Friday, December 14, 2018 at Midland, Texas.

He was born on July 26, 1931 to John MacDonald and Lula May (Davis) MacDonald.

Leland graduated from Marfa High School. While in high school, he was awarded for storytelling, reciting poetry and participating in band, football, and baseball.

He graduated from Baylor University where he received BBA and JD degrees.

He served two years in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954 as a reserve officer.

He was the husband of Janice Koen on November 22, 1958.

In 1957 he came to Midland to work for Shell Oil Company as a title analyst. Following a few years in private law practice, he joined the law firm of Kerr, Fite-Garland & Kerr. Later he became a partner in the Torpex, Smith, Dyce, Saxe & MacDonald law firm. He is a past president of the Midland Bar Association and in 2013 he was chosen to be the first recipient of the John Hyde Memorial award.

His community service included being a Boy Scout Master for the Boy Scouts, a member of the VFW Post 47, a member of the Midland Scottish Rite Association. He served two terms as chairman of the Salvation Army Board and was active in the First Baptist Church.

Leland was very proud of his Scottish heritage and to celebrate and share its history, he and Janice toured Scotland, where they saw Invergarry Castle, the seat of Macdonalds of Glengarry.

They had four children: the Rev. Shapella Wood of Sulphur Springs, TX; Stephen MacDonald; Conor MacDonald; and Linda MacDonald.

Leland was predeceased by his wife Janice; daughter, Kathy (Chris) MacDonald; granddaughter, Juliana MacDonald; granddaughters, Julianne MacDonald; and granddaughters, Julianne MacDonald; and step-granddaughter, Shavella Wood of Sulphur Springs; and two great-grandchildren.

Our family would like to thank the staff of William Freeman Jordan and Lou Ellis-Cunningham Jordan.

Our loved ones, place, and events that make Midland, Presidio, Alpine, Fort Davis, Valentine, Marathon, Terlingua, Redford, and all of Far West Texas so special.

We hope this holiday season and the New Year deliver much joy and good fortune to you and yours. We wish you all the best!

Myrtle Barnett MacDonald was born 19, 1931 in Midland, Texas. She married Lloyd MacDonald on November 22, 1958 in Midland, Texas. Myrtle was the mother of four children: Shapella Wood, Stephen MacDonald, Conor MacDonald, and Linda MacDonald. Myrtle was the grandmother of five: Julianne MacDonald, and three: Julianne MacDonald, and Shavella Wood. She was a dedicated homemaker, mother, and grandmother. Myrtle will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Some of the more than 2,500 soccer balls donated for the youth at the Tornillo detention center.

Senator’s holiday gifts for detained children in Tornillo exceeds donation goal

EL PASO - The office of Senator José Rodríguez has exceeded its initial goal of 2,400 soccer balls donated for the “Gifts for Good” drive because of the generosity of people across America, who asked for an opportunity to show the youths that this is who we are,” said Rodríguez. “It has been special to watch people of all religious and political persuasions come together to fulfill the initial goal of 2,400 soccer balls donated for the “Gifts for Good” drive organized by the office of Senator José Rodríguez.

The gifts will be picked up at the Senator’s office and be distributed to the children of the detention center.

Macdonald

Leland Lloyd MacDonald, 87, of Midland, Texas passed away Friday, December 14, 2018 at Midland, Texas.

He was born on July 26, 1931 to John MacDonald and Lula May (Davis) MacDonald.

Leland graduated from Marfa High School. While in high school, he was awarded for storytelling, reciting poetry and participating in band, football, and baseball.

He graduated from Baylor University where he received BBA and JD degrees.

He served two years in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954 as a reserve officer.

He was the husband of Janice Koen on November 22, 1958.

In 1957 he came to Midland to work for Shell Oil Company as a title analyst. Following a few years in private law practice, he joined the law firm of Kerr, Fite-Garland & Kerr. Later he became a partner in the Torpex, Smith, Dyce, Saxe & MacDonald law firm. He is a past president of the Midland Bar Association and in 2013 he was chosen to be the first recipient of the John Hyde Memorial award.

His community service included being a Boy Scout Master for the Boy Scouts, a member of the VFW Post 47, a member of the Midland Scottish Rite Association. He served two terms as chairman of the Salvation Army Board and was active in the First Baptist Church.

Leland was very proud of his Scottish heritage and to celebrate and share its history, he and Janice toured Scotland, where they saw Invergarry Castle, the seat of Macdonalds of Glengarry.

They had four children: the Rev. Shapella Wood of Sulphur Springs, TX; Stephen MacDonald; Conor MacDonald; and Linda MacDonald. Leland was predeceased by his wife Janice; daughter, Kathy (Chris) MacDonald; granddaughter, Juliana MacDonald; granddaughters, Julianne MacDonald; and step-granddaughter, Shavella Wood of Sulphur Springs; and two great-grandchildren.

Our family would like to thank the staff of William Freeman Jordan and Lou Ellis-Cunningham Jordan.

Our loved ones, place, and events that make Midland, Presidio, Alpine, Fort Davis, Valentine, Marathon, Terlingua, Redford, and all of Far West Texas so special.

We hope this holiday season and the New Year deliver much joy and good fortune to you and yours. We wish you all the best!

Myrtle Barnett MacDonald was born 19, 1931 in Midland, Texas. She married Lloyd MacDonald on November 22, 1958 in Midland, Texas. Myrtle was the mother of four children: Shapella Wood, Stephen MacDonald, Conor MacDonald, and Linda MacDonald. Myrtle was the grandmother of five: Julianne MacDonald, and three: Julianne MacDonald, and Shavella Wood. She was a dedicated homemaker, mother, and grandmother. Myrtle will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.
A day in OJ (Ojinaga)

By ROSARIO SALGADO HALPERN

Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico

On a recent Saturday, the staff of The Presidio International and Big Bend Sentinel spent a glorious day in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico.

First thing we did was sit down for a delicious lunch at Los Comales, accompanied by Micheladas and cold beer. We enjoyed sitting outside the palatería watching the city get busier, music and kids in tow.

We continued down the boulevard Trasviña y Retes to Antiznavia de Mexico where owner Mari Martinez was watching TV as Andrei Manuel Lopez Obrador, AMLO, was sworn in as Mexico’s new president.

From there we went down to Farmacia La Unica where we purchased some items then crossed the street to Al Super, the jewelers store on Bulevar Libre Comercio where most of us came from stores and shops and homes.

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Getting ice cream and drinks at La Michoacana paleteria. And no trip to Ojinaga is complete without a stop at Parroquia de Nuestro Padre Jesus. Zocalo, where we admired the murals at City Hall, the new Comales, accompanied by Micheladas and cold beer. We ate at Marfa City Hall, the Marfa Public Library, and the Marfa Post Office.

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