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| Issue 1: The history of the Lipan Apache tribe in Far West Texas is deep and deserves to be told. These stories look at how a historic cemetery in Presidio, where ancestors of the tribe are buried, became a rallying point for descendants who are fighting for a bigger say in how the historic grounds are preserved. | | | | |
| 10/13/21 | Presidio County approves plan for handing over historic cemetery to Lipan Apache Tribe | 6:04 a.m.; 8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m. | 0:00:55 | Officials in a Far West Texas border county have voted to hand over ownership of a historic cemetery to the Lipan Apache Tribe, whose ancestors are buried at the small plot in Presidio, Texas. However, the transfer is still contingent on city officials transferring part of the cemetery land to the county first. |
| 11/03/21 | In Presidio, city and county officials take final steps to transfer historic cemetery to Lipan Apache Tribe | 6:04 a.m.; 8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m. | 0:00:45 | Following a city council meeting on Monday night, Presidio officials transferred ownership of a historic cemetery to the Lipan Apache Tribe. The move is part of an effort by family members and local leaders to preserve the burial ground. |
| 11/30/21 | Lipan Apache tribal members gather in Presidio to celebrate historic land transfer | 6:04 a.m.; 8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m. | 0:01:54 | In late November, members of the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas traveled to the Big Bend region to celebrate Presidio County's transferral of ownership of a cemetery in Presidio to the tribe. They say the land transfer is an important step towards recognizing the area's Indigenous residents and history. |
| Issue 2: In Midland and Odessa, coronavirus deaths rose toward the end of the year and vaccination rates plateaued. The rise in hospitalizations strained already weakened hospital resources. These stories looked at recent surges brought on by variants, and provided readers and listeners with the latest from hospital officials and experts. | | | | |
| 10/15/2021 | COVID deaths continue to rise in the Midland-Odessa area as hospitalizations decline | 6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m. | 0:04:31 | Even as the latest COVID-19 surge in the Permian Basin's largest cities slows, deaths continue to rise. This has health officials continuing to urge locals to get vaccinated, especially as the region's vaccination rates lag behind the state's and nation's. |
| 12/3/2021 | Oil companies are asking Permian Basin residents to get vaccinated for COVID-19 to help defend the industry from the deadly disease | 6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m. | 0:05:17 | Through the Permian Strategic Partnership, some of the largest oil companies in Texas are encouraging Permian residents to get vaxxed — not only to protect themselves from the coronavirus but to help protect the West Texas oil industry. |
| Issue 3: As the only four-year university in the area, Sul Ross State University is the main option for higher education for Big Bend students. In recent years, the university has fallen on shaky financial footing and uncertain leadership. These stories look at the latest wave of problems facing the university. | | | | |
| 11/17/2021 | Sul Ross President Pete Gallego cites family reasons in announcing his resignation | 6:04 a.m.; 8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m. | 0:00:45 | The Alpine native and former lawmaker informed officials with the university's parent system last week that he would resign his post at Sul Ross State University in June 2022, at the end of the current academic year. |
| 11/24/2021 | Outgoing Sul Ross President Pete Gallego facing possible "no confidence" vote by faculty | 6:04 a.m.; 8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m. | 0:00:38 | An internal faculty body at the Big Bend-area university is pushing forward with a process that could result in a non-binding, yet symbolically powerful, resolution calling for Gallego's "immediate removal." But some have raised concerns about the effort being rushed and procedurally flawed. |
| 12/2/2021 | Sul Ross faculty group declines to vote on proposed "no confidence" resolution against Gallego | 6:04 a.m.; 8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m. | 0:01:02 | Faculty members at the Big Bend-area university declined to vote Wednesday on a proposed resolution calling for Sul Ross President Pete Gallego's "immediate removal." |
| Issue 4: Faculty members at the Big Bend-area university declined to vote Wednesday on a proposed resolution calling for Sul Ross President Pete Gallego's "immediate removal." | | | | |
| 11/4/2021 | Big Bend border crossing to Boquillas, Mexico set to reopen later this month | 6:04 a.m.; 8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m. | 0:00:51 | The port of entry, often praised as a success story of U.S. – Mexico relations in the post-9/11 era, is set to reopen on Nov. 17 after being closed throughout the pandemic. |
| 11/08/21 | Presidio and Ojinaga celebrate lifting of border travel restrictions | 6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m. | 0:04:35 | Today, the border reopens to "non-essential travel" for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. After twenty months of restrictions, fully vaccinated Mexicans will now be able to enter the U.S. to shop or visit friends and family. |
| 11/16/2021 | After nearly two years of isolation, Boquillas prepares to reopen | 6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m. | 0:04:54 | In March 2020, the small port of entry connecting the town of Boquillas to Big Bend National Park shut down completely, separating the community from the tourists who sustained it. Over the last 20 months, residents have had to get creative to make ends meet. Now, after watching restrictions lift along the rest of the border earlier this month, they're celebrating the reopening of their own port. |
| 12/20/2021 | Disappeared in the desert: Missing migrants feared dead in cartel feud | 6:42 a.m.; 8:42 a.m.; 4:48 p.m. | 0:09:02 | In late September, thirteen Mexican migrants went missing in the desert west of Ojinaga, where a witness said they were kidnapped by armed men. Now, officials fear the group may have been killed in a rising turf war between cartels vying for control of the human smuggling business. |
| Issue 5: The borderland dialect Caló is a colorful language heard throughout West Texas and beyond. These episodes highlight phrases and words from and explore their meaning with a personal anecdote. These stories are an effort to preserve Caló and educate others about it. | | | | |
| 11/2/2021 | Caló: Le Canto | 12:01 p.m. | 0:03:42 | The Caló expression 'le canta' is this episode's feature. It comes from the Spanish verb cantar, to sing. In Caló it means to speak strongly or with great intention about something. When somebody la canta to somebody else, it's usually to mark a boundary or give a warning, as in to say, "pay attention to what I'm saying because what comes next is action." |
| 11/9/2021 | Caló: The rolas de aquellas | 12:01 p.m. | 0:03:42 | The Caló word for this episode is 'rola,' which means song. It comes from the juke box brand that launched in the 1930s, Rock-Ola. Each song in the Rock-Ola came to be known as a rola, over time so too did the songs that played on the radio or were accessible from vinyl albums, compact discs, and electronic playlists. |
| 11/16/2021 | Caló: Chisgado | 12:01 p.m. | 0:03:28 | Orale, today's episode is about the word, chisgado, an adjective that describes a bad state of mind or, better yet, being out of one's proper mind. It evolved from the Spanish terms, lisiado, which means crippled, and chifado, which means obsessed or perturbed. Caló mashed the two words together and arrived at a term that describes someone acting out of character in a conceited, overdramatic, or otherwise insufferable way. |

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| 11/23/2021 | Caló: ¿Qué onda? | 12:01 p.m. | | This episode is about the word, onda. In modern Spanish it means wavelength or radio signal. In Caló it refers to the state of one's mind or that of the ambiance. It evolved in Caló around the same time the term 'groove' emerged in colloquial English. Today it's a general greeting and an inquiry: you say "que onda" to ask how somebody is doing or about the prevailing groove. |
| 11/30/2021 | Caló: ¿La Chavalada is scared? | 12:01 p.m. | 0:03:31 | Today's word is chavalo. The closest thing in modern Spanish is chavar, to be pesky or bothersome. A chavo in the Caribbean, where Spanish first arrived in the Americas, means a portion of the main unit, as in coin or change. In Mexico, it means a youth or near-adult. In Caló, this logic is extended by reference to a horse, caballo, turning chavo into chavalo, meaning a strong youth or adolescent—more grown than a child but not yet an adult. |
| 12/7/2021 | ¿Clavo con la jura? | 12:01 p.m. | 0:03:54 | Órale, today's Caló word is jura, police. It comes from the Spanish word juramento, pledge or promise. Individuals sworn to uphold the law are jurados (sworn people). The institution they may work for is the jura, same as the universe of jurados. |
| 12/14/2021 | Caló: ¡Apañaron a Givvy! | 12:01 p.m. | 0:03:53 | Today's word of the day is Apañar. It comes from the old Castilian, meaning to cover or hold in your hand. It was brought to the borderlands by Spanish settlers centuries ago, and it survived along with many other archaic words in the isolated villages along the Rio Grande from Colorado to the Gulf of Mexico. In Caló today it means to grab, snatch, or fish something out. When you want to get something, apañalo |
| 12/21/2021 | Caló: Chifla to them that it's over! | 12:01 p.m. | 0:04:21 | The feature for today's episode is a key means of communicating in Caló. It's not a word or term, but rather: whistling. It's relied on almost as much as the most used words or terms in that tongue, like órale and chale. Of course, whistling isn't unique to Caló, or for that matter, to any language or culture. But like the spoken word, Caló has its own way of using whistling to convey ideas and meaning. And there are standard whistled signifiers or codes, comparable to spoken words, that span the spectrum of communication from high compliment to evil curse. |
| Issue 6: The Big Bend region is full of natural and historic wonders -- the desert landscape and roaming wildlife. The area's deep history is worthy of exploring. These stories look at the natural wonders of Far West Texas, from the sky island of the Davis Mountains to the Chihuahuan desert and the stars above. | | | | |
| 10/14/21 | Rotifers: A Microscopic Matriarchy Sustains Aquatic Ecosystems | 7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m. | 0:05:00 | Rotifers are the planet's smallest animals – but they're vital to aquatic ecosystems, including those of the Chihuahuan Desert. Above, a female rotifer, of an undescribed species, from Hueco Tanks – a male is indicated by the arrow. |
| 10/28/2021 | From Mighty to Muted: the Secret History of the Big Bend Rio Grande | 7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m. | 0:05:00 | The Rio Grande, in the words of Tennyson's "Ulysses," is "not now that strength which in old days moved earth and heaven" – it's not the same stream that earned names like "the big river," "the wild river of the north." Of the water that once flowed through the Big Bend reach of the Rio Grande, only about 5 percent remains. The "Great River" has been transformed, by human needs, and choices. |
| 11/11/2021 | In Hidden Genetic and Microbial Realms, Scientists Seek Tools to Safeguard the Bighorns of West Texas | 7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m. | 0:05:00 | Desert bighorn sheep are at home in Texas' fiercest terrain, from limestone escarpments to boulder-strewn volcanic mountains. They can go weeks, even months, without water. They can move swiftly and surely up precipitous cliffs. Each fall, rams – weighing more than 200 lbs – charge one another at high speed and collide headfirst, in uncompromising tests of strength. |
| 11/25/2021 | Chihuahuan Desert Neolithic: Integrating Farming and Foraging in the Prehistoric Past | 7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m. | 0:05:00 | The Three Rivers Petroglyph Site, in southern New Mexico, testifies to the Jornada Mogollon culture, which stretched from present-day El Paso and northern Chihuahua to the West Texas plains. Like prehistoric peoples near present-day Presidio-Ojinaga, the Jornada Mogollon integrated agriculture with time-tested foraging practices, and farmed and built pueblos near playas, in foothills and along mountain streams. |
| 12/16/2021 | Big Cats in the Borderlands: Jaguars Have Returned to the American Southwest | 7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m. | 0:05:00 | After a decades-long absence, jaguars – the largest cats in the Americas – have been sighted in the American Southwest since the 1990s. |
| 12/21/2021 | A Texas astronomer prepares to peer deep into space with the new James Webb Space Telescope | 6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m. | 0:06:02 | Caitlin Casey, an astronomer with the University of Texas and the Big Bend region's McDonald Observatory, will co-lead the largest research project in the first year of the powerful new telescope's operation. |
| Issue 7: In Far West Texas, access to water isn't a guarantee. These stories highlight the ongoing uncertainty some residents face with water security and look at potential solutions in the future | | | | |
| 11/03/2021 | Shafter without water after a fire burns down local pumphouse | 6:04 a.m.;8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m. | 0:00:51 | Over the weekend, Shafter residents lost running water after an electrical fire burned down a pump house that provided the majority of the town's water. Officials are working to restore the supply, but that might not happen for at least a week. |
| 11/29/2021 | Shafter residents weigh options after questions over their access to water emerge | 6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m. | 0:05:23 | At the beginning of November, those living in the ghost town of Shafter found themselves without running water. It was quickly restored, but the outage is causing some to question if they can rely on the town's source of water long term. |
| Issue 8: From city council and horse racing, local elections throughout West Texas have been controversial. What happens during this period will influence the region for years to come, and these stories look at the stakes and results. | | | | |
| 10/22/21 | As early voting begins, Midlanders decide who will lead the city for the next three years | 6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m. | 0:05:51 | Four seats on the Midland City Council are up for grabs this election season. One race is unopposed, in another an incumbent is facing a young challenger and five candidates are jostling for the council's two at-large seats. |
| 10/27/21 | Presidio County voters to consider legalizing betting on horse races | 6:04 a.m.;8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m. | 0:00:45 | A group of investors with ties to Presidio is pushing plans to build a new horse racing track in the West Texas border town, but the plan hinges on local voters legalizing gambling on the races within Presidio County. |
| 11/03/21 | Horse racing, booze and city council seats: Nov. 2 election results in West Texas | 6:04 a.m.;8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m. | 0:00:51 | Voters in the Big Bend approved two local ballot initiatives, while Midland residents voted in two new city council members. |