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Issue 1: As the coronavirus pandemic continued across the country, the Permian Basin saw an uptick in cases along with the rest of the state and country. These stories explore the impacts of the virus in this part of West Texas.					
04/01/20	How Are West Texas Jails Preparing For Coronavirus?	6:45:00 AM; 8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:05:52	We're now beginning to see confirmed cases of the coronavirus in a particularly vulnerable population -- inmates. Over the weekend the Harris County Sheriff's office said at least 1 inmate had coronavirus, while dozens more were showing symptoms consistent with the virus. Other cases have been reported in Dallas County. But what's happening in West Texas?	
4/7/2020	Methane Emissions are being released across the Permian Basin	6:30:00 AM; 8:30:00 AM; 4:31:00 PM	0:00:55	For the last five months, the Environmental Defense Fund has collected emissions data in the Permian Basin. The findings reveal massive amounts of methane -- a powerful greenhouse gas -- being emitted across the country's busiest oil patch.	
4/12/2020	Coronavirus Deaths in the Permian Basin are Starting to Climb	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:36	After holding steady for weeks, the death rate among patients being treated for the coronavirus in Midland and Odessa has started to climb.	
4/14/2020	Domestic Violence Spikes Are Being Reported Throughout the State, Including The Permian Basin	6:34:00 AM; 8:34:00 AM; 4:34:00 PM	0:06:18	As Texans hunker down at home with their families to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, some face dangers inside of their own homes. Local nonprofits in the Permian Basin are reporting an uptick from victims seeking help in dangerous domestic situations. The pandemic and current oil bust can create increasingly dangerous environments for those in abusive relationships.	
4/15/2020	As The Number Of COVID-19 Cases Rise In The Permian, One Writer Is Watching His Hometown Closely	6:34:00 AM; 8:34:00 AM; 4:34:00 PM	0:08:17	In the Permian Basin, oil prices have crashed and more communities are beginning to see the impacts of the bust. Although staggeringly low prices per barrel are nothing new for the region, the coronavirus pandemic is making the situation even more tenuous.	
4/21/2020	Odessa Receives Rapid Result Tests	6:30:00 AM; 8:30:00 AM; 4:31:00 PM	0:00:52	Odessa's state representative Brooks Landgraf recently put out a press release stating the Permian Basin hub would soon be getting five minute COVID-19 test kits. Local health officials say this is true, but the number of tests the community will receive will be limited.	
4/28/2020	The National Guard Comes to Midland for Mobile Coronavirus Testing	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:42	As the number of coronavirus cases continues to rise across the Permian Basin, the Texas National Guard is coming to the region with a mobile coronavirus testing site. The effort is part of a larger deployment of 1,200 troops to rural stretches of the state.	
5/11/2020	Midland Memorial Hospital Is Trying to Hold a Special Sales Tax Election	6:30:00 AM; 8:30:00 AM; 4:31:00 PM	0:00:49	As the coronavirus continues to spread in Texas, Midland's only hospital is preparing to lose several million dollars of federal funding in the next 4 years. While also caring for coronavirus patients and struggling to balance the books, Midland Memorial Hospital has also had to figure out when to hold a special sales tax election to bolster its funding.	
5/27/2020	An Outbreak At a Crane Nursing Home Causes Causes Case Spike	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:48	For weeks, Crane county only had 2 cases of COVID-19, but an outbreak at a nursing home has caused the overall case count to spike. 2 nursing home residents who contracted the virus have died.	

6/19/2020	Coronavirus Cases in Midland and Odessa Increase	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:44	Midland and Odessa are seeing a dramatic increase in COVID-19 cases as the state continues reopening. In the past week alone, over 150 new cases have been confirmed between the two cities.	
6/29/2020	Odessa Rejects Mask Ordinance Proposal	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:30	The City of Odessa considered a mask mandate today/yesterday as the number of suspected and confirmed coronavirus cases has surpassed 800. The city council met to discuss a potential ordinance but ultimately overwhelmingly rejected the proposal.	
Issue 2: In the Big Bend region, a potential wave of coronavirus cases concerned residents and local officials, who have long warned an influx of patients would quickly overwhelm the region's limited medical infrastructure. For months, coronavirus testing was also severely limited. These stories explore the realities of a pandemic in rural West Texas.					
4/3/2020	Big Bend National Park Closes Due to Coronavirus Concerns	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:42	Big Bend National Park---one of the region's biggest tourist attractions--is now closing its doors to visitors until further notice. Park staff made the announcement today and say it's unclear when they'll reopen to the public.	
04/06/2020	As First Case of COVID-19 Is Confirmed in Ojinaga, Presidio Officials Hope Current Measures Will Hold the Line	6:34:00 AM; 8:34:00 AM; 4:34:00 PM	0:08:21	Over the weekend, Ojinaga officials confirmed the Mexican city's first case of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus. Across the border in Presidio Mayor John Ferguson says the news was met with concern. The rural border town of 5,000 has few healthcare resources and is 80 miles from the nearest hospital in Alpine.	
4/7	Blue Origin Wants Workers to Travel to Van Horn During the Coronavirus Pandemic	6:45:00 AM; 8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:05:34	It's been about five months since Blue Origin last tested its New Shepard rocket at its Van Horn facility. The space tourism company — owned by Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos — had pressured employees at its Washington state headquarters to travel to the small West Texas town to carry out the company's next test launch amidst the coronavirus pandemic.	
04/11/2020	There Are Presumptive Cases of COVID-19 In The Big Bend Region. What's That Mean?	6:34:00 AM; 8:34:00 AM; 4:34:00 PM	0:11:04	While there aren't confirmed coronavirus cases in the Big Bend, local health officials have identified presumptive cases in the tri-county area. These presumptive diagnoses are given to individuals who likely have the coronavirus but are exhibiting milder symptoms and don't meet the local threshold for testing.	
05/01/2020	As Region Gains Access To Increased Testing, Brewster County Resident Tests Positive for COVID-19	6:34:00 AM; 8:34:00 AM; 4:34:00 PM	0:12:49	For weeks now, healthcare officials have said statistically the coronavirus was likely already in the region. Because testing has been so limited, local physicians have been identifying so-called presumptive cases of the coronavirus. But the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in the tri-county comes as businesses begin to reopen following Gov. Abbott's announcement lifting restrictions on who could operate during the pandemic.	
06/03/2020	Coronavirus Cases Soar At Fort Stockton's N5 Prison Unit	6:34:00 AM; 8:34:00 AM; 4:34:00 PM	0:07:53	Pecos County officials recently learned of the severity of a coronavirus outbreak at a Fort Stockton prison. The entire county had a total of 28 confirmed cases of the coronavirus at the end of May, but the count spiked to 102 this week after the Texas Department of Criminal Justice reported new cases at the Fort Stockton N5 Unit to the Department of State Health Services.	
06/04/20	Marfans Ordered Chicks During the Coronavirus Pandemic. Now They're Home.	6:45:00 AM; 8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:03:39	In March and April, chick hatcheries across the country had a sudden surge in orders from first-time buyers, including in Marfa.	

06/24/20	With Limited Resources, Far West Texas Is 'Not The Place To Get Sick.'	6:45:00 AM; 8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:05:25	But in the last two weeks, confirmed cases of the coronavirus have steadily climbed in Far West Texas. Local officials say transmission of the virus has largely been through community spread, where residents pass the virus to one another but the exact source of the infection is unknown.	
6/28/2020	Big Bend Patients Are Transferred to the Permian Basin	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:30	Local health officials in the Big Bend have long warned an influx of coronavirus patients would rapidly overwhelm the region's limited medical infrastructure. As case counts continue to rise in Far West Texas, residents are starting to be transferred to higher level care facilities. At least three COVID-19 patients were recently sent from the Big Bend Regional Medical Center to the Permian Basin.	
Issue 3: The oil industry is another victim to the coronavirus pandemic as demand had starkly dropped off due to lack of travel across the world. These stories look at the factors and policy decisions that impact the Permian Basin's economy.					
4/21/2020	West Texas Crude Oil Prices Crash	6:30:00 AM; 8:30:00 AM; 4:31:00 PM	0:00:55	Monday was a dark day for American oil producers. For the first time ever, a barrel of West Texas Intermediate was worthless since oil prices closed below zero dollars.	
4/22/2020	Texas Railroad Commission Discusses Limiting Oil Production	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:43	The Texas Railroad Commission discussed TODAY the possibility of imposing restrictions on the state's oil production. The meeting came on the heels of one of the worst days in the history of Texas crude, when oil prices fell into the negatives. The oil and gas regulator hasn't made any decisions yet, but commissioners seemed open to cutting the state's output by 1 million barrels.	
4/22/2020	Why did Oil Prices go into Negative Territory?	6:30:00 AM; 8:30:00 AM; 4:31:00 PM	0:01:36	After West Texas Intermediate crude prices fell into the negatives on Monday, people across the oil industry are asking themselves... "What happened?" A Permian Basin oil historian gives their perspective on the current price of West Texas crude.	
5/5/2020	Texas Railroad Commission Decides to Reject Oil Production Cuts	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:45	After deliberating for almost a month, the Texas Railroad Commission rejected a proposal to cut oil production by 20 percent in response to crashing prices. The state's oil and gas regulator went back and forth last month as oil prices fell into negative territory and the coronavirus continued to impact demand. In the end, the railroad commission chose to reject the proposed cuts at a meeting	
Issue 4: Cities and towns across the country have struggled with how to balance the safety of their residents while considering the economic ramifications of staying closed. These stories look at the impact of the coronavirus on industries across the region.					
5/1/2020	Midland and Odessa Begin Reopening their Economies	6:30:00 AM; 8:30:00 AM; 4:31:00 PM	0:00:57	As Texas cities prepare to restart their economies, the Mayors of Midland and Odessa are urging residence to proceed with caution. Officials believe if citizens follow state and federal guidelines -- businesses can safely reopen their doors.	
05/06/2020	West Odessa Bar Owner and Protestors Arrested for Illegally Reopening	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:45	On Monday, armed protestors gathered in the unincorporated community of West Odessa to support a bar owner who tried to open her business — violating Governor Greg Abbott's current coronavirus orders. The Ector County Sheriff's Department responded to the gathering and arrested eight individuals.	

5/20/2020	Midland Mayor Says Some Businesses Can Open to 50% Capacity, Against Gov. Abbott's orders	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:44	As Texas continues reopening the economy, the Mayor of Midland says he's allowing many types of businesses to increase to 50% occupancy. That's in direct conflict with the new guidelines set out by Governor Greg Abbott this week. Midland's Mayor says if the state has a problem with Midland's occupancy increase... it can step in and stop it.	
6/5/2020	Gun Rights Activists Return to Odessa to Protest Ector County Sheriff	6:30:00 AM; 8:30:00 AM; 4:31:00 PM	0:00:54	As Americans line city streets across the nation to demand police reform and justice for George Floyd, gun rights activists are heading to Odessa this Saturday. Activists were spurred to action in early May after the Ector County Sheriff arrested armed protesters. They were there to support the then illegal reopening of a bar in West Odessa.	
5/27/2020	Ranchers Brace for Tough Times as Pandemic Hits Beef Industry	6:45:00 AM; 8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:05:30	Some worry the coronavirus pandemic's financial toll on Texas ranchers could wind up rivaling the impacts of a devastating drought from almost a decade ago.	
Issue 5: For several weeks, most of Midland's coronavirus cases were limited to a single hotspot: Midland Medical Lodge. The situation at the nursing home continued to worsen over weeks, with more patients falling ill and dying. These stories look at the unfolding situation and investigates the lack of adherence to well-established CDC guidelines by the home to mitigate the spread of the virus.					
4/21/2020	Midland Medical Lodge Hot Spot	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:46	The City of Midland continues to see its number of COVID-19 cases grow. On Monday, city officials reported the largest single jump in coronavirus cases the Permian Basin city has seen with 21 new cases. The bulk of those cases trace back to a Midland nursing home	
4/27/2020	The situation at Midland Medical Lodge Worsens	6:34:00 AM; 8:34:00 AM; 4:34:00 PM	0:06:50	Over the last few weeks, a nursing home in Midland has become the city's largest cluster of patients infected with COVID-19. It was revealed today that another person has died and 3 more have been infected, bringing the toll up to 40 residents and employees at Midland Medical Lodge who've been diagnosed with the coronavirus. Four residents have died. The cases tied to the nursing facility make up over 40 percent of confirmed cases across all of Midland County and the majority of the area's coronavirus related deaths.	
4/28/2020	Midland Medical Lodge Wasn't Following Guidelines by the CDC	6:45:00 AM; 8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:06:10	Over the last few weeks, a nursing home in Midland has become the city's largest cluster of patients infected with COVID-19. Evidence suggests the nursing home wasn't following proper safety protocols outlined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.	
5/4/2020	Midland Medical Lodge Patients Are Being Transferred to Midland Memorial Hospital	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:42	Over 30 residents at a Midland nursing home, Midland Medical Lodge, have tested positive for the coronavirus in a little over two weeks. What initially began as an outbreak among office workers transformed the nursing facility into the epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic in the city. At least six of the home's residents have died from coronavirus. All of the nursing home's coronavirus cases are now being moved to Midland Memorial Hospital	
5/8/20	Local Health Officials Says Midland Medical Lodge Improperly Quarantined Coronavirus Patients	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:33	A Midland nursing home this week began transferring residents infected with the coronavirus to a local hospital for care. A health official says this was done because the nursing home failed to take the proper steps to quarantine their patients.	
5/8/2020	Midland Medical Lodge's Cases Continue to Grow	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:20	Midland has seen a surge of COVID-19 related deaths as a coronavirus outbreak continues to spread through a local nursing home. Midland Medical Lodge has over 50 infected people and at least 8 deaths.	

5/12/2020	Midland Memorial Hoping to Send Nursing Home Patients Back to Midland Medical Lodge	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:44	Midland Medical Lodge recently transferred all of its confirmed and suspected cases to Midland Memorial Hospital. As the nursing home gets a better handle on the spread of the virus, hospital officials are figuring out when the 20 plus residents can return to the facility.	
5/18/2020	Nursing Home Patients Return to Facility	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:39	As the state along with staff at the nursing home work to get the virus under control, health officials are letting some patients return to their home.	
Issue 6: Prior to the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, several Midland residents were outraged by footage that surfaced of several Midland Police Officers holding a 21-year-old Black man at gunpoint for allegedly running a stopsign. The video raised questions about how the city polices people of color, while demonstrations across West Texas and the country called for an end to police brutality.					
05/20/2020	Video of Tye Anders Held at Gunpoint Emerges	6:30:00 AM; 8:30:00 AM; 4:31:00 PM	0:01:54	On Saturday, a cell phone video was posted online showing multiple Midland Police Officers pointing their weapons at Tye Anders, a 21-year-old black man. Details around the arrest are unclear, but officers say they initially pursued him for running a stop sign. Now, Anders has been charged with evading arrest. The video has raised questions about how minorities in Midland are policed.	
05/22/2020	Tye Anders' Advocates Say His Arrest Reflects History of Racial Profiling in MPD	6:45:00 AM; 8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:03:11	In Midland, a recently surfaced video involving the city's police department is raising questions about how the city polices people of color. Cell phone video posted online last weekend shows multiple Midland Police Officers pointing their weapons at a 21-year-old black man. Details surrounding the arrest are unclear, but the department says they initially pursued Tye Anders for running a stop sign. Advocates for the young man say the department's actions were uneven -- and reflect a history of racial profiling in the Midland.	
05/25/2020	Midland PD Release Footage of Tye Anders Arrest	6:04 AM; 8:04 AM; 3:18 PM	0:00:43	The city of Midland has now released video of Tye Anders' arrest taken by police body and dash cams, after initially refusing to make it public.	
05/27/2020	Midland Will Hold a Town Hall After Anders Arrest	6:30:00 AM; 8:30:00 AM; 4:31:00 PM	0:00:50	The City of Midland is holding a community conversation tomorrow to discuss the controversial arrest of Tye Anders, a young black man who was held at gunpoint by several officers after he allegedly rolled through a stop sign.	
06/01/2020	Midland Protests With Country After Police Killing of George Floyd	8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:04:46	Midland and Odessa this weekend joined cities across the country demonstrating over the killing of people of color by police officers, including George Floyd in Minneapolis, Breonna Taylor in Louisville, and Michael Ramos in Austin. In Midland, several hundred people showed up at the Midland Park Mall. Yesterday's protest comes at an especially uneasy time in the city, where some residents are hurting and are upset over the treatment of Tye Anders -- a 21-year old black man who was held at gunpoint by several Midland Police officers last month after allegedly running a stop sign.	
06/02/2020	Midlanders Say The Police Department Uses Excessive Force on Minorities	6:45:00 AM; 8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:04:01	As people across Texas - and the country - are protesting police violence...in Midland, residents were already questioning how local law enforcement treats people of color. Tye Anders' didn't end with death, but it brought to light other accusations: That the Midland Police Department uses excessive force and racial profiling against the city's black and brown residents.	

06/08/2020	In One Of Alpine's Largest Protests, Hundreds Turn Out To Rally Against The Police Killings Of Black People	6:45:00 AM; 8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:03:55	As demonstrators throughout Texas and the country have taken to the streets, sometimes in crowds numbering tens of thousands, smaller protests are now reaching more rural pockets, including Alpine. Approximately 350 West Texans marched in Alpine over the weekend to protest against systemic racism and the police killings of black people	
06/12/2020	Review Of Midland Police Records Shows Blacks And Hispanics Are Pulled Over At Higher Rates Than White Drivers	6:45:00 AM; 8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:06:17	The Midland Police Department pulled over black and Hispanic residents at consistently higher rates than whites between 2016 and 2019, a Marfa Public Radio review of police records has revealed.	
06/23/2020	Thousands Call For Midland's Robert E. Lee High School To Be Renamed	6:45:00 AM; 8:45:00 AM; 4:45:00 PM	0:05:55	Calls for a Midland high school to be renamed have resurfaced with a petition that has garnered over 5,000 signatures. Robert E. Lee High School was named after the Confederate Civil War General and was established in 1961 — the middle of the Civil Rights Movement.	
ISSUE 7: Diverse wildlife populates West Texas. Sensitive species and invasive species of plants and animals exist in this place, alongside residents and tourists. How does the town of Marfa -- and the surrounding Big Bend region -- handle issues related to conservation, invasive populations, and climate?					
04/02	Adventures in Herpetology in the Big Bend Borderlands	7:45:00 am; 4:45:00 pm	0:05:00	The Chihuahuan Desert is the largest desert in North America, and, in terms of the richness of species, it may be the most biologically diverse desert in the world. That diversity encompasses the range of fauna and flora. There are mammals – and a surprising number of fish – found nowhere else on Earth. Almost a quarter of the world's cactus species are found here. Yet it's no surprise that this sun-blasted place is a particular haven for so-called "cold-blooded" creatures. When it comes to herpetology – the study of reptiles and amphibians – this region is renowned.	
04/09/2020	The Stuff of Science Fiction: Parasitoid Wasps in West Texas	7:45:00 am; 4:45:00 pm	0:05:00	When it comes to the gross-out department, few phenomena can compete with parasitoid wasps. Ranging from a fraction of a millimeter to 2 inches in length, these insects provide for their young in a lurid way: by laying their eggs on, or within, the bodies of other creatures.	
04/23/20	The Big Bend Gambusia: Hot Springs Sustain the Ultimate Big Bend Native	7:45:00 am; 4:45:00 pm	0:05:00	For many Big Bend National Park regulars, it's an essential stop after a day of desert adventuring. To ease into the soothing waters of the park's hot springs, near Rio Grande Village, is pure animal satisfaction. Indeed, these springs were one of the region's first tourist attractions. But the park's thermal springs – there are many – conceal a wonder most blissful soakers never guess at. The Big Bend gambusia is found only in a few warm pools in the park. The lovely, 2-inch fish has escaped brushes with extinction time and again. It's a small creature – with an epic story.	
04/30/20	On the Trail of Dinosaurs in "El Otro Big Bend"	7:45:00 am; 4:45:00 pm	0:05:00	Big Bend National Park's fossils tell a vivid story. But as with all things Big Bend, Texas is only half the tale. Now, a Sul Ross State University professor is expanding our knowledge, with forays to study old rocks, and old bones, across the Rio Grande.	

05/27/2020	Across Millennia, Agave-Baking Has Been A Sacred Touchstone in Desert Life	7:45:00 am; 4:45:00 pm	0:05:00	Agave, and the related succulents lechuguilla and sotol, are the ancient touchstones of human life in our region. The continent's oldest known "earth oven" was found south of Alpine – proof that Indigenous people have been baking agave here – and rendering its otherwise toxic bulbs edible and sweet – since the Ice Age. Agave is sacred in Native traditions – in Chihuahua, the Tarahumara call it "the first plant God created." And its sacred significance endures in our region – the Mescalero Apache hold annual "mescal roasts" as part of coming-of-age rituals for young women.	
05/28/2020	Respect the Rattler: In Rural West Texas, Rattlesnake Awareness is a Must	7:45:00 am; 4:45:00 pm	0:05:00	Rattlesnakes are far from the greatest West Texas hazard – we're at much greater risk behind the wheel of a vehicle. Even in the desert outback, dehydration and inclement weather are far greater dangers. But rattlers are real, and being snake-bit can be a harrowing, and, in rare cases, life-threatening experience. Educating ourselves is just good sense.	
06/04/2020	The Jornada Mogollon: Shedding New Light on an Ancient Chihuahuan Desert Civilization	7:45:00 am; 4:45:00 pm	0:05:00	The little studied society called the the Jornada Mogollon stretched from the Guadalupe Mountains to present-day southern New Mexico and Chihuahua.	