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Issue 1: At the end of 2023, a massive leak in West Texas inundated the land in this corner of the Permian Basin with potentially toxic water. These stories look at the leak's impact on the land and the rare efforts at remediation taken by the state.				
1/12/2024	Crane County Leak	8:45 a.m.; 3:44 p.m.	0:03:31	Since last month - just north of Fort Stockton in Crane County - the state has been working to stop a large brine water leak that's turning this corner of the West Texas oil patch into a marshy landscape. It's a familiar scene here - where in the past few years a number of abandoned oil and gas wells have come back to life, spewing toxic water.
1/18/2024	Crane County Leak folo	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:55	For the last several weeks, the state has been working to plug a massive brine water leak in a corner of the Permian Basin, just north of Fort Stockton. The Railroad Commission of Texas, which oversees the oil and gas industry in the state, first investigated the Crane County leak in early December. So far the agency has dug pits to contain the flowing water and has also brought in vacuum trucks to transport the excess water flow away from the site.
1/25/2024	Crane County Leak Halted	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:51	State oil and gas regulators say a large brine-water leak discovered in Crane County last month has stopped flowing. The leak was found in an area of the Permian Basin that's become notorious for abandoned oil and gas as wells spewing potentially toxic water.
2/2/2024	Crane County Blowout Plugged	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:44	After over a month, the state has now plugged the well that caused a large brine water leak in the Permian Basin. According to the Railroad Commission of Texas, which regulates the state's oil and gas industry, in that time the well released thousands of gallons of salt water across Crane County ranchland.
Issue 2: The March primary election in West Texas had closely-watched and competitive races. These stories look at the candidates for some of the more influential seats in West Texas.				
2/12/2024	Midland City Council Special Election	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:25	The Midland City Council is set to vote on the details for a special election to fill a vacant council seat. In January, City Councilman Dan Corrales died unexpectedly, leaving his city-wide council seat open. The council is considering holding the election on May 4th - and if the date's approved that would give Midlanders about a month to file for the election.
2/13/2024	Midland City-Wide Special Election	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:48	The Midland city council has voted to hold a special election in May to fill a vacant seat on the city's governing body.
2/26/2024	83rd DA race	6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 3:44 p.m.	0:03:35	Early voting is underway for the March 5th primaries in Texas, and one of the big races in the Big Bend region is the contest for 83rd District Attorney. That's the top prosecutor in the region - a job that covers multiple counties, whereas many counties in Texas have their own top prosecutor. In the Republican primary - the Incumbent Ori White is running for reelection against challenger Jesse Gonzales - a Fort Stockton attorney. There's no Democratic candidate running - which means this race will be decided in next month's GOP primary.
2/26/2024	83rd DA race C&C	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:45	A former top prosecutor in the Big Bend region is hoping to win back his seat in next month's primary elections. Jesse Gonzales was the 83rd District Attorney in the late 2000's. Now, he's challenging incumbent Ori White in the Republican primary.
3/1/2024	Midland DA race		0:05:45	Early voting is underway for the March 5 primaries in Texas, and in Midland, the next District Attorney will be decided in the Republican primary. That's because there is no democratic candidate running this election. The current DA Laura Nodolf announced last year she would not seek reelection. Now, current assistant DA Kyle McCardle is facing former federal prosecutor Glenn Harwood.
3/5/2024	Election setup	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:51	A look at the the races in the Permian Basin and Big Bend on election day.
3/5/2024	Election Day vox pop 1	3:04:00 p.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:52	We hear from voters in Marfa who are heading to the polls this primary election.
3/5/2024	Election Day vox pop 2	3:04:00 p.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:40	We hear from voters in Marfa who are heading to the polls this primary election.
3/6/2024	Midland County Sheriff Election	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:20	Incumbent Midland County Sheriff David Criner beat out both of his challengers in the March 5th Republican Primary — avoiding a runoff by winning 51.1% of the vote according to election night results.
3/6/2024	Midland County DA results	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:45	Midland voters overwhelmingly chose former federal prosecutor Glenn Harwood as Midland County's next district attorney in the Republican primary. He beat his opponent, Assistant District Attorney Kyle McCardle by over 4,600 votes according to election night results. With no Democratic challenger, Harwood has essentially secured his place as the next Midland County DA.
3/6/2024	Ector County Commissioner Court Races	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:20	In Ector County, incumbent Mike Gardner beat out three Republican challengers in the race for the Ector County Commissioner precinct 1 seat.
3/6/2024	Midland County sheriff	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:35	Incumbent Midland County Sheriff David Criner beat out both of his challengers in the March 5th Republican Primary — avoiding a runoff by winning 51.1% of the vote according to election night results.
3/6/2024	Jeff Davis results	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:24	The Republican primary contest for Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector is headed to a runoff between Victor Lopez and C.W. Stephens. Incumbent Precinct 3 Commissioner John Davis held onto his seat in a challenge against Graydon Hicks - the Fort Davis school superintendent. No Democrats ran for those local-level offices in Jeff Davis County.
3/6/2024	Brewster County results	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:10	In Brewster County's only competitive primary race - Democratic voters reelected Precinct 3 County Commissioner Ruben Ortega to another term over challenger Joe Portillo. No Republicans ran for that seat.

3/6/2024	394th District	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:15	In the Republican primary for the 394th District Judge — which covers Brewster, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties — Monty Kimball has received his party's nomination, receiving roughly 380 votes more than challenger Bill Parham
3/6/2024	83rd Judicial District	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:17	Ori White, the incumbent 83rd District Attorney, has fended off Republican challenger Jesse Gonzalez Jr. The 83rd Judicial District includes Brewster, Jeff Davis, Pecos and Presidio counties. There were no candidates in the Democratic primary for the race - meaning White has effectively secured his reelection.
Issue 3: 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.				
1/3/2024	You're güiliado	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.	0:03:55	Órale, this week's feature is the word, güiliado. It means to be enchanted. It comes from the Nahuatl (Aztec) word for dove, huilotl. There's a near-synonym, chiflado, that's often expressed as a simple whistle, for it comes from the Spanish verb for whistle, but it means to be presumptuous, carried away, or obsessed. Somebody who's said to be güiliado, is said to be in lo
1/10/2024	Did we pistear too much?	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.	0:04:16	Órale, the feature of this week is the word pistear. It means to drink inebriant or become inebriated. There are close-sounding words in both Spanish and Nahuatl, pisto and pizoh, which mean a frittata and flooring respectively. But neither come close to the Caló meaning. There's also the related noun in Caló, pisto, which means a drink or sip of something or hard alcohol itself, as in, he bought of bottle of pisto for himself and a caguama of beer for his ruca. While pistear usually refers to alcohol, Caló-speakers will understand what you mean if you use it in reference to non-alcoholic drinks, but they'll take it as an off-handed reference, as if you're saying the pisto is a substitute for alcohol. "You pistearando, ese? Simón, but just tea."
1/17/2024	Birria not pisto	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.	0:03:24	Órale, the Caló word of the week is birria. It means beer. Although likely from the English, it's lingua franca (common tongue), not Spanglish because the English word and, for that matter, the Italian word for the same, birra, both come from the Germanic word, beer. The Spanish word for birria is cerveza, a very different sounding word and root. And if you're offered birria in Mexico, what's meant is barbecue, not beer. So watchale. Don't order birria in Spanglish if what you want is beer.
1/24/2024	Don't be chiflado	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.	0:03:55	Órale, this week's feature is the word, chiflado. It means to be carried away or assume too much about what somebody else is thinking or intending, usually in romantic situations. It comes from the Spanish verb for whistle, chiflar. The term is often simply stated as a telling whistle.
1/31/2024	No te mandes	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.	0:03:57	Órale, this week's feature is the word, mandado. It means to be cast to hell or, worse yet, to be sent to the one who's awaiting you there, La Muerte, who goes by many pseudonyms, like the bald one (la pelona), the one who's flesh has been rubbed off (la fregada), the boney one (la huesuda), or the toothless one (la mocha). Now, having been mandado to la pelona doesn't mean you're already in hell. You're only on the way there. This is what's emphasized because, while you're mandado, you languish, your impending arrival in hell ever present and predominating. Puro handdog life. Nothing that's good in life will ever happened to you, no love or empathy for you, no joy, nada. Everybody stops counting on you. Why? Cuz you're mandado to the fregada.
2/7/2024	Canijo v. arranque	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.	0:03:50	The featured Caló word of this first episode is canijo. It means dogged, tough, indomitable. It comes from the Latin word for dog, canis, which is also the root for the English word for the same, canine. A canijo shouldn't be confused with an arranque, someone who's fierce or always ready to fight. A canijo is a reluctant warrior who doesn't pick fights but will answer the call. And once engaged, a canijo won't lose. Canijo versus arranque? Bet on the canijo.
2/14/2024	Tirando ojo	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.	0:03:38	Órale, I'm continuing with the story I started last week about a vato who finds peace with his mortal enemy. If didn't hear that episode, know that it ended with the vato, who's very canijo, backing up a sura bully named Quique. The feature for the continuing episode is the expression tirar ojo. In Spanish, it means to throw a look or stare somebody down, as in the common English expression, "throw darts." This term should not be confused with the even more folkloric term dar ojo, which means to put spell on somebody through a bad look. We'll cover that in the future. Meanwhile, tirar ojo is a belligerent stare meant to intimidate or communicate ill will. It's almost like the haka dance of some New Zealand rugby teams, where the players stick out their tongues, bulge their eyes, and contort their faces to project revilement toward their foes. In Caló, that hate and revilement is projected solely through the eyes. You throw everything imaginable through your eyes, like darts, daggers, cinder blocks, or rabid monkeys. If you can't menace, you have to at least be annoying.
2/21/2024	Todo Cuete	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.	0:03:40	Órale, the Caló word for this week is cuete. It means rocket in Spanish, as in take a rocket to the moon. In Caló, it means handgun or drunken. Of course, both nuances can all be used in a single sentence, as in they were all cuetes on New Year's Eve cueteando the stars until the jura came over to check out qué fregados was happening.
2/28/2024	That's how I'm gonna hacerla	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.	0:03:49	Órale, the Caló word for this last episode of the story about a vato who learned to live with his archenemy is hacer. It's Spanish for to do, as in to do something. In Caló, hacer is a contraction of hacerla, which adds to the generic action of doing the idea of a la or known end or destination. It implies a purposeful, focused, not generic, action aimed at attaining an end. It could be walking home, picking up a dagger to do the evil deed, or even meeting your death. You can't hacerla if you're not somehow heading somewhere in particular. Say, you're tired or finished with what brought you here and now wanna go now? You tell everybody, la voy hacer, and they'll understand you're going home.

				Orale, we're going to dedicate the next four episodes to a storied car known as El Pichirilo. There are many more stories about it than four, but we're gonna tell just the most talked-about ones in terms of a few common and, given it's about a ramfla, appropriate Caló words. Pichirilo is, then, the featured word for this first episode. It means a man-made object with a personality, unpredictable and, for that reason, troublesome, but ultimately worthy of another chance. A great electronic speaker that seems to struggle through certain genre of music—maybe also talk shows—is a pichirilo. A car that unpredictably has bad days is a pichirilo. There's neither a similar-sounding nor similar-meaning word in Spanish or English. The closest word in meaning is the slang term, hooptie, which means raggedy car, a vehicle who's only virtue is that it still runs. There's a close-sounding word in Romani, pichirichi, which means joy or pleasure, but there's no certain proof that it's the root. The term pichirilo does not apply to human beings. Why? The word in Caló for people who act that way is sonsos, which as we discussed in a past episode, comes from the verb sonsear, which means to wander off.
3/6/2024	Pichirilo comes to the Southside	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.		0:03:59
3/13/2024	Le puso machín	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.		0:03:43
3/20/2024	Rajón	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.		0:03:37
3/27/2024	Le hubo for El Pichirilo	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.		0:04:10

Issue 4: A new Texas law directly giving police in Texas the power to arrest people suspected of crossing the border illegally on state charges has been cuaght in a legal back-and-forth this year. These stories look at how law enforcement agencies and civils rights groups in the state are responding to SB4.

1/24/2024	SB4 in West Texas	8:45 a.m.; 3:44 p.m.		0:03:52	In West Texas, rural sheriffs may not enforce state's controversial new immigration law
2/8/2024	Texas sheriffs migration	6:04:00 a.m; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.		0:00:45	In West Texas, rural sheriffs may not enforce state's controversial new immigration law
2/18/2024	SB4 Presidio	6:04:00 a.m; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.		0:00:57	Civil rights advocates are urging West Texans to know their rights ahead of a new Texas border enforcement law set to take effect next month.
3/19/2024	Culberson sheriff SB4 react	6:04:00 a.m; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.		0:00:55	The Supreme Court ruled that a controversial Texas immigration law CAN go into effect while a legal battle over it continues. SB4 allows state and local police to arrest people suspected of crossing into Texas illegally from Mexico. In West Texas, Culberson County Sheriff Oscar Carrillo says he supports the law, but he's concerned about its financial impact on rural border counties like his.
3/19/2024	BNHR SB4 react	6:04:00 a.m; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.		0:00:45	Humanitarian groups along the border are condemning the Supreme Court's decision to allow a controversial Texas immigration law to go into effect while legal fights continue.

Issue 5: 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.

1/17/2024	Cemetery marker	6:04:00 a.m; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.		0:00:48	This week saw a major step in the decades-long effort to protect a Lipan Apache cemetery in Presidio, with contractors installing a state historical marker at the site. As Marfa Public Radio's Annie Rosenthal reports, the project aims to recognize the importance of the burial ground.
1/31/2024	Heil pigs and thunder beasts: meet the archaic mammals of West Texas	7:45:00 a.m.; 4:44:00 p.m.		0:04:00	Between the dinosaurs' extinction and the fauna we know today, mammals have gone through a dizzying array of changes.
1/31/2024	BBNP Falcons	6:04:00 a.m; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.		0:00:33	The National Park Service will temporarily close select areas in Big Bend National Park to protect nesting falcons. The affected areas include part of the East Rim trail and East Rim campsites in the Chisos Mountains — as well as some rock climbing areas. The closures will continue through May 31.
2/20/2024	Rare bird	6:04:00 a.m; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.		0:00:28	West Texas-based scientists say they've captured photos of a rare tropical rainforest bird that hasn't been seen in nearly 20 years. The University of Texas at El Paso says a team of its researchers spotted the bird - known as the "Yellow-crested Helmetshrike" - during a trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo.
3/13/2024	Elephant Rock	6:04:00 a.m; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.		0:00:48	Local conservationists are leading an effort to change the name of the Presidio County roadside attraction known as "Elephant Rock."
3/23/2024	cemetery celebration	6:04:00 a.m; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.		0:01:02	Dozens of people were in Presidio to celebrate the completion of the preservation project at an Indigenous burial site. A coalition of architects, local conservationists, and Indigenous residents has spent years working to protect the Lipan Apache — which dates back centuries.

Issue 6: In Far West Texas, a new natural gas pipeline has gotten the approval of federal regulators. Local activists say, the Saguaro pipeline, a 155-mile long pipeline stretching from the Permian to the Rio Grande in Hudspeth County, would have negative impacts on the communities in its path. These stories look at the pipeline's approval and the pushback against it.

2/15/2024	Pipeline approved	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:30	Federal regulators have approved plans for a new major natural gas pipeline through Far West Texas. Oklahoma-based ONEOK is looking to build the Saguaro Connector Pipeline from the Permian Basin to the U.S.-Mexico border in Hudspeth County.
3/18/2024	Pipeline rehearing	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:25	Groups fighting a planned natural gas pipeline through Far West Texas are asking federal regulators to reconsider their approval of the project. Oklahoma-based ONEOK is looking to build the 155-mile Saguaro (suh-GWAR-oh) Connector Pipeline from the Permian to the Rio Grande in Hudspeth County. Regulators approved a federal permit for it last month.
Issue 6: The Big Bend area, from the arts destinations in Marfa to the outdoor recreations in the region's national and state parks, relies heavily on tourism. These stories look at that economy and the impacts it has.				
1/11/2024	Tourism friendly	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:20	Governor Greg Abbott has launched a new program to highlight tourism-friendly towns and cities in the state.
1/19/2024	Big Bend hotels	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:31	A real estate group says it's completed its deal to buy three Big Bend-area hotels. Byways Hospitality announced plans last summer to buy the Holland Hotel and Maverick Inn in Alpine - along with the Hotel Limpia in Fort Davis. The firm said this week it's now finalized that deal - and plans to begin construction on various upgrades to the properties in the coming weeks.
2/2/2024	Big Bend numbers	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:45	Big Bend National Park visitor numbers held steady in 2023 — after hitting a record high two years ago. But as Marfa Public Radio's Annie Rosenthal reports, park officials don't think that means visitation is done climbing.
3/4/2024	Busy Big Bend	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:30	Big Bend National Park says it's expecting another very busy Spring Break season this year - and park officials are warning visitors to plan ahead. The park says it's already seeing record-high visitor numbers for this time of year. Park officials say most campground reservations in Big Bend are already booked up for the Spring Break season.
3/26/2024	Chisos lodge plan	6:04:00 a.m.; 8:04:00 a.m.; 4:04:00 p.m.; 5:04:00 p.m.	0:00:52	Big Bend National Park officials say a planned 2-year project to build a new visitor lodge will have an impact on tourism in the region. The park plans to tear down its existing lodge and build a new one - with construction expected to start next Spring.