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Issue 1: In Midland and Odessa, the delta variant of the coronavirus led to a spike in cases and deaths. The rise in cases in the area strained already weakened hospital resources. These stories looked at the surge, and provided readers and listeners with the latest from hospital officials and experts.				
07/23/21	In Midland-Odessa, Health Officials Urge Vaccinations As COVID-19 Cases Spike And The Delta Variant Spreads	6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m.	5:54	Since the beginning of July, hospitals in Midland and Odessa have seen a fast uptick in COVID-19 cases. Currently, Midland-Odessa's vaccination rate has plateaued with only around 37% of eligible residents fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and leaders are pleading with locals to get vaccinated to prevent a new wave of coronavirus cases.
08/06/21	Midland Memorial Pushed To Limits As COVID-19 Surge Intensifies	6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m.	5:54	As healthcare providers work to treat the sick in Midland, staffing shortages are making it harder for Midland Memorial Hospital to provide quality care to patients. Bringing one hospital official to the point of calling the current situation a "crisis."
08/17/21	"We Are Beyond Capacity," Says Midland Hospital Executive	6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m.	5:44	multiple facilities face staffing shortages and vaccination rates have largely plateaued below the state-wide average. In an interview with Marfa Public Radio, one hospital executive in Midland describes the ongoing challenge, saying some patients have expressed regrets about not getting vaccinated.
08/27/21	COVID-19 Update: Cases And Hospitalizations In Midland And Odessa Continue To Spike	6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m.	5:04	In the Permian Basin, hospitals are seeing more COVID-19 patients than ever before while local schools are seeing hundreds of students and staff test positive for the coronavirus. Meanwhile, healthcare providers have made it clear: they're burnt out and have fewer resources now than what was available last year.
09/03/21	Midland Memorial's COVID-19 Hospitalizations Drop, But Still Straining Resources and Staff	6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m.	5:46	Healthcare officials in the Permian Basin are continuing to treat a high number of patients for COVID-19. Throughout August, hospitalizations for the disease at the major hospitals in Midland and Odessa reached record levels, and deaths related to the disease have reached startling numbers.
09/13/21	Midland Memorial Hospital Opens New Mass Vaccination Clinic	6:04 a.m.;8:04 a.m.;3: 32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p. m.	0:51	Midland's only hospital is opening a mass vaccination clinic that officials hope will spur more residents to get vaccinated — and encourage third shots, and eventually boosters, to those who need them.
Issue 2: As vaccination rates in the Big Bend region improve, the area is moving forward with a so-called return to normalcy. But reminders of the pandemic remain. These stories highlight the pandemic's presence - and how local officials are responding.				
7/8/2021	Texas National Guard Returns To Far West Texas For Vaccine Clinic	6:04 a.m.;8:04 a.m.;3: 32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p. m.	0:43	After vaccinating nearly 50 residents in June, the Texas National Guard returns to Big Bend National Park and Terlingua this weekend to hold a second vaccination event. Big Bend officials say this is likely the last time the state will provide a pop-up clinic in the park.
8/6/2021	Big Bend Health Providers Concerned About Statewide Growth in COVID-19 Hospitalizations	6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m.	5:39	Healthcare providers in Far West Texas are bracing for a repeat of last fall, when a prior COVID-19 surge across the state left rural residents with few options for hospital transfers when they needed them.
8/23/2021	Marfa's Trans-Pecos Music Festival To Require Vaccination Proof or Negative COVID Test	6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m.	5:58	The festival at El Cosmico is returning in September after being cancelled last year because of the pandemic, but organizers have announced updated COVID-19 safety protocols that mirror those enacted by other high-profile events around the country.
8/27/2021	West Texas Schools Waver on Mask Rules as Legal Fights Continue	6:04 a.m.;8:04 a.m.;3: 32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p. m.	0:43	School districts from the Big Bend region to the Permian Basin have either retreated from mask mandates or held off from implementing them as broader court fights play out over whether schools even have that power in Texas.
9/1/2021	After Months, State Health Workers Return to Alpine To Administer COVID-19 Vaccines	6:04 a.m.;8:04 a.m.;3: 32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p. m.	0:41	The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold a one-day vaccine clinic in Alpine for residents throughout the Big Bend region, offering first and second doses of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, as well booster shots for those who qualify.
9/23/2021	Chili Cook-Offs Return To Terlingua After Being Cancelled Last Year	6:04 a.m.;8:04 a.m.;3: 32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p. m.	0:56	The annual chili cook-offs usually bring thousands of visitors to the Big Bend, but were cancelled last year because of the pandemic. Now, the two events have gotten the all clear from local officials to host guests in early November.
9/20/2021	Marfa Clinic Sees Uptick in COVID-19 Cases Ahead of Busy Festival Week	6:04 a.m.;8:04 a.m.;3: 32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p. m.	0:41	A recent spike of 15-20 cases in the community of about 1,600 has one local doctor advising Marfans to mask up to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.
Issue 3: A long fight over storing nuclear waste in West Texas saw significant movement this year -- with the state passing legislation to block a storage plan, and the federal government approving it anyways. These stories highlight the state-versus-federal dispute, and what's on the line.				
8/25/2021	Texas Lawmakers Block Nuke Waste Plan, But Feds Could Still Move It Forward	6:04 a.m.;8:04 a.m.;3: 32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p. m.	0:52	The Texas legislature has moved to block a company's plan to ship highly radioactive nuclear waste to West Texas, but federal regulators could still allow the plan to move forward as early as this month.
08/24/2021	State Lawmakers Again Try To Ban Most Dangerous Nuclear Waste As Feds Consider Allowing It At West Texas Site	6:04 a.m.;8:04 a.m.;3: 32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p. m.	0:46	Some advocates say the issue could be headed to legal fights and a state-versus-federal dispute.

Issue 4: Astronomers and community organizers are pushing officials -- and nearby oil and gas companies -- in West Texas to adopt stricter rules on outdoor lighting, part of a broader effort to establish an international dark sky "reserve." These stories highlight those efforts, and the potentially difficult road ahead for the special designation.

7/12/2021	In West Texas, Astronomers Worry About Growing Oilfield Light Pollution	6:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 4:45 p.m.	4:44	A major Texas observatory is trying to convince oil and gas companies to minimize light pollution from things like drilling rigs and gas plants.
07/15/21	Plan for Big Bend "Dark Sky Reserve" Takes Crucial Step Forward With Presidio County Vote	6:04 a.m.; 8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m.	0:46	Astronomers and community organizers have been pushing officials in Far West Texas to adopt stricter rules on outdoor lighting, part of a broader effort to establish an international dark sky "reserve."

Issue 5: These stories highlight the deep history along the Texas-Mexico border, and provide much-needed context for present-day issues throughout the region — like immigration.

7/14/2021	West Texas Officials Join Gov. Abbott's Border Disaster Declaration, Some With Lingering Questions	6:43 a.m.; 8:43 a.m.; 4:50 p.m.	7:08	Several Big Bend counties have agreed to be included in Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's border disaster declaration. The governor's border plans have sparked a mix of support, hesitancy and confusion among West Texas county officials.
7/29/2021	Effort to Create Blackwell School National Historic Site Revived in Congress	6:04 a.m.; 8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m.	0:46	A bipartisan group of lawmakers in the U.S. House and Senate are seeking to turn the Blackwell School in Marfa, Texas into a national historic site that would explore the area's history of segregation.
8/12/2021	Presidio Works To Preserve a Lipan Apache Cemetery And Tell Its Story	6:43 a.m.; 8:43 a.m.; 4:50 p.m.	5:25	In Presidio, a small cemetery just off Market Street appears forgotten, full of overgrown, unmarked graves. But descendants of the Lipan Apache people buried there have been working to protect the site for years. Now, historians and tribal members have joined them to help preserve it — and tell its story.
8/21/2021	Children at West Texas Migrant Shelters Facing Unsafe, Unhealthy Conditions, Attorneys Say	6:04 a.m.; 8:04 a.m.; 3:32:30 p.m.; 4:32:30 p.m.	0:41	A legal filing alleges that children at two emergency migrant shelters in Pecos and El Paso are being held in "inherently unsafe and inappropriate" conditions that violate court-ordered standards.

Issue 6: 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.

7/6/21	Caló: Te Esquineo	12:01 p.m.	3:42	Today's episode features the term 'esquinear,' which is a verb that in English means to corner. In Caló it means to back you up, defend you, block you, blind side. It's the lifeline you want to hear from your carnal or carnala when you're in a difficult situation.
7/13/21	Caló: "Ponle Un Cinco"	12:01 p.m.	3:45	Today's episode is about the expression 'ponle un cinco.' It's modern Spanish and translates to 'put a nickel in it.' The context is an old coin-slot piano that plays when you put a nickel in it. From this expression comes the term poner, which in Spanish means to put or to place. In Caló, the expression means to favor or be on the side of. With it you state your preference for something, as in yo le pongo a los Broncos — I'm for the Broncos.
7/20/21	Caló: Refinando	12:01 p.m.	3:45	Today's episode features the word 'refin,' which means prepared or cooked food. The word for eating is refinando. The closest word in modern Spanish is refinador, but it means refine or make finer and has little to do with food. What's close in old Castilian is the word for sharpen or carve, afinar, the likely link to food in Caló.
7/27/21	Caló: Me pinto un venado	12:01 p.m.	3:36	Today's episode features the complex expression, 'pintar un venado'. It's modern Spanish. In English it means 'paint a deer.' It's used in Caló to say stand somebody up or miss an date. There's a reverse side, pintate un vendao, which means get lost or disappear like a deer. It's a hard saying used when the missed date or demand is heart-felt.
8/3/21	Caló: Camea, No Jala	12:01 p.m.	3:45	Today's episode is about the word 'cameo.' In Spanish it means camel. In Caló it means job or employment. There's a similar term that's sometimes used instead — 'jale.' In Spanish it means to pull, but in Caló it means to operate or function in the way a machine or plan should. Both words are also verbs, as in he didn't go camear because his car wasn't jalando.
8/10/21	Caló: Torcido And In The Pinta	12:01 p.m.	4:21	Today's episode is about the words 'torcido' and 'pinta.' In modern Spanish, torcido means twisted and pinta means painted. In Caló, torcido means, accused, indicted, found out, or outed, and pinta means prison or jail. Torcido is always an adjective, as in 'tainted.' And pinta is always a noun, a place certain.
8/24/21	Caló: Gacho	12:01 p.m.	4:02	Today the focus is going to be on the word 'gacho.' It means undesirable, mean, bad. It's rooted in the French word for left-handed, 'gauche,' which back in time represented the wrong way. That meaning evolved in Caló to the point the term is now very value laden, as in, "Que gacho George. He wouldn't co-sign my car loan. Now I have to buy something gacho."
8/31/21	Caló: Watchas, El Cinco De Mayo	12:01 p.m.	4:03	Today's episode is about the word 'watcha.' It means look at, get my point, or watch out. It comes from the English word, watch. It could very well be the most used word in Caló today, as it's become somewhat of a catchall, watchas.
9/7/21	Caló: El New Year's Eve	12:01 p.m.	3:56	The Caló word for this episode is 'morra.' It means girlfriend. It implies mutual attraction, but it's gender specific. The masculine counterpart, morro, means alternatively dandy and old man. A term that is often used inaccurately in place of morra is ruca, which means wildflower woman, but it implies a one-way opportunistic relationship. In other words, a vato pursues a ruca but not to be a morra.

Issue 7: 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.

07/15/2021	Ocotillos: New Research Reveals the Importance, and Vulnerability, of an Iconic Desert Plant	7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m.	0:05:00	They can live for 400 years, their spiny, twisting stems stretching 20 feet into the sky. Their red flowers bring luscious color to the desert, in even the driest of springs. Ocotillos are found from West Texas to California and the Baja Peninsula – icons not only of the Chihuahuan Desert, but of arid North America itself.
07/29/2021	Kit Foxes: the Desert's Cutest Creature is a Shy, But Tenacious Survivor	7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m.	0:05:00	If they weren't so shy, they'd certainly be among our region's most famous inhabitants. For charisma, for sheer cuteness, kit foxes have few competitors in the wild fauna of the Southwest. But they're mostly nocturnal, and are rarely seen by our species.
08/12/2021	70 Million Years Ago, a River Ran Through It: Tracing the "Paleo Rio Grande" in Big Bend	7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m.	0:05:00	In its jagged confusion of peaks and ranges, its canyons, hoodoos and badlands, Big Bend National Park is a complex landscape. Unsurprisingly, it's a seductive place for geologists. Aspects of the Earth that elsewhere lie concealed and buried are here raised, broken and exposed. And for scientists, these diverse strata tell stories: of an ocean's advance and retreat, of tectonic upheavals and volcanic eruptions, and of vanished creatures – from giant marine reptiles and flying pterosaurs to extinct mammals.
08/26/2021	Coyote Tales: Getting the Facts on the West's Clever, Controversial Canine	7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m.	0:05:00	Predators arouse powerful emotions. You may hold it to be self-evident that every creature is endowed with an inalienable right to exist, or understand scientifically that predators are essential to ecosystems. But when valuable livestock, or a beloved household pet, becomes prey, tolerance for a predator can turn to hatred.
09/08/2021	In Efforts To Restore Fort Stockton's Comanche Springs, Hope Springs Eternal	7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m.	0:05:00	Today, Fort Stockton is pocked with dusty craters and empty canals, but this West Texas town was once known as the "Spring City of Texas." The nickname came from Comanche Springs, which flowed prolifically until the 1950s when groundwater pumping picked up and dried the springs.
09/09/2021	From Drought to Deluge: In 2021, Dry Conditions Give Way to Historic Rains	7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m.	0:05:00	This year's summer rains have transformed our region, to stunning effect. Many ephemeral lakes – including the life-giving playas of the West Texas plains – have filled for the first time in more than a decade. The Salt Lake at Salt Flat – beneath the Guadalupe Mountains – looks like the Caribbean. It's a social media sensation, and law enforcement has had to intervene, to inform swimmers that they're splashing and wading on private property. The grasslands, hills and mountains around Alpine are an electric, almost lurid green. The Chisos Basin, in Big Bend National Park, received more than 10 inches of rain in August alone. And most of September – typically our region's wettest month – lies ahead.
09/16/2021	Salt Flat Lakes: Today's Playas Have a Vast Ice-Age Predecessor	7:45 a.m.;4:45 p.m.	0:05:00	A rainy summer has brought a special beauty to all of West Texas. But the Salt Lakes at Salt Flat – the playas beneath the Guadalupe Mountains – have been the season's stars. The lakes are shallow and short-lived, but they shine like turquoise – and, in still hours, reflect the mountains above. It's not the first time they've filled in recent years – but it is a first in the age of Instagram, and social media introduced a large audience to this sublime scene from remote West Texas.