



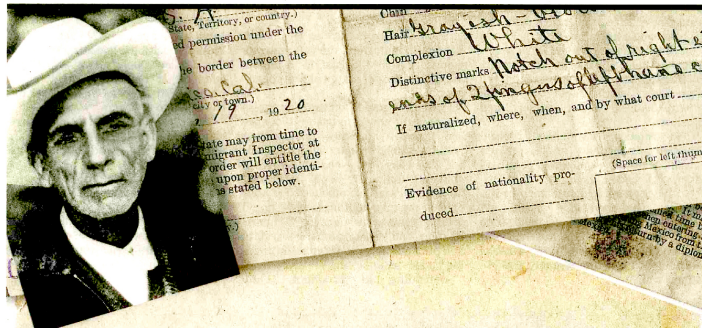
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1918 MASSACRE STILL HAUNTING



Arinda Valencia displays a family photo showing her grandfather, Rosendo Mesa, bottom left, and great-grandfather, Longino Flores, bottom right. They lived in Porvenir, Texas, during the 1918 massacre. Her great-grandfather was one of 15 men and boys gathered up by Texas Rangers and others and executed. Her grandfather's life was saved because he was not in town when it happened. RUDY GUTIERREZ/EL PASO TIMES

15 men, boys from border town were killed

Madlin Meekelburg
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AUSTIN — It has been 100 years since 15 unarmed men and boys from a small border town south of Marfa were executed in the middle of night.

"Men were dragged from their beds, and, without having been given time to dress, were led away in their night clothes to the edge of the settlement, where they were shot to death by the posse," reads an El Paso Morning Times article published on Feb. 8, 1918, almost two weeks after the massacre. "The bodies of the men were found the next day where

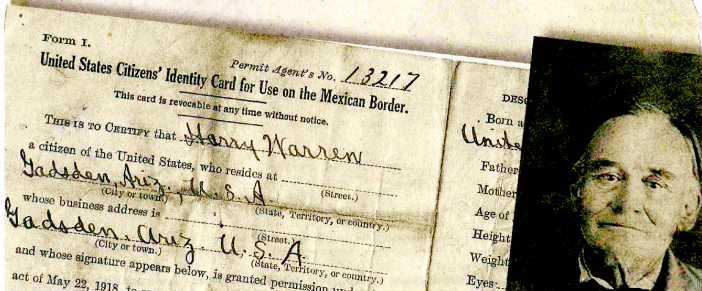
they had fallen, riddled with bullets."

They were killed after a group of Texas Rangers, U.S. Army cavalry soldiers and local ranchers descended on their village, Porvenir, seeking revenge for a deadly attack at a nearby ranch a month earlier — although there was no evidence tying the villagers to it.

Details of the massacre shed light on the daily realities of one of the most violent periods in Texas history. As bandits from Mexico led raids in Texas towns, law enforcement officers responded to

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Dems set to make health care a big issue

Americans view ACA more positively after GOP repeal effort

James Anderson
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DENVER — Republicans on the campaign trail this year will be eager to tout the potential benefits of their tax-cut plan.

Voters like Jeanine Limone Draut, a freelance technical writer in Denver, have something else in mind: health care.

Failed efforts by congressional Republicans last year to repeal former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act not only exposed deep divisions within the party but also revealed core benefits of the law that millions of Americans now take for granted. Draut said she is tired of the attacks and the uncertainty surrounding the law's future.

"As a small-business owner, it just wreaks havoc on how you do business," Draut, an independent, said of the on-again, off-again repeal talk from Republicans. "I don't know if either party has a solution. My vote is pretty closely tied to my livelihood."

Both parties are paying attention, especially after a better-than-expected enrollment season under the health care law. Democrats especially have used health care to go on the attack, and the issue is coming up in congressional races in California, Colorado, Michigan, Washington and elsewhere. A Kaiser Family Foundation poll released Friday found health care as the top issue voters want congressional candidates to address.

Enrollment was especially robust in many of the states that operate their own insurance marketplaces, where enrollment periods were longer than on the federal exchange.

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Maryland, New York and Vermont were among the states that saw enrollment approach or surpass 2017 levels. Minnesota's health insurance exchange set a record for private plans with an enrollment period that was more than two weeks shorter than in 2017.

California's state exchange, the nation's largest, has reported more than 1.2 million renewals for 2018 and an additional 342,000 new customers. Its 2018 enrollment period doesn't end until Wednesday, the same as New York's.

Democrats say the level of consumer interest presents a political opportunity.

"We're definitely making it an issue," said Jason Crow, a Democrat who is challenging five-term Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman in a suburban Denver district.

Crow has criticized Coffman's vote for the GOP tax bill, which eliminated the tax penalty for people who don't get health insurance. That move is expected to undermine the individual insurance market starting next year.

More than 22,000 people enrolled last year for coverage on the state exchange in Coffman's district, which went for Hillary Clinton in 2016.

"People in our district recognize the progress we've made under health care. The fact that 20 million more people have health care matters — it matters a lot," Crow said. "And under Trump, we are now moving in the opposite direction."

Coffman encountered hoots and

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