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## Bailey approves student services fee recommendations

**Jesus Sanchez**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last Tuesday, UTRGV President Guy Bailey approved as presented the funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2018 submitted by the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC).

The student services fee revenue totals \$12,985,194.

At UTRGV, students pay a \$249.96 student services fee per long semester, which

is \$20.83 per credit hour capped at 12 credit hours.

The university estimated it would collect \$12,358,626 in student services fees based on enrollment.

As of press time Friday, UTRGV reports showed 27,847 students enrolled, an increase of 284 students over Fall 2016.



Guy Bailey

The slight increase in enrollment allowed UTRGV to collect \$626,568 more than what was estimated.

Nick Weimer, assistant dean for administration for Student Success, told *The Rider* each year the SFAC must work with projected

student fee revenue. Weimer said after the

census date of every new year, the university will have the actual amount of student services fee revenue collected. Any surplus money is used to fund one-time requests and needs for the current fiscal year.

Programs funded through the student services fee are based on recommendations of the SFAC.

Student services fees are collected for activities that are

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## #UTRGVforMexico

### Student orgs to collect donations for earthquake victims



Photo Illustration by Albert Monrroy

**Jesus Sanchez**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Although the powerful earthquake that struck Tuesday may have lasted about a minute in real time,

quake that killed thousands of people and destroyed large parts of Mexico City.

Early Tuesday, workplaces across Mexico City had held earthquake readiness drills on the anniversary of the 1985 quake, Rodríguez said.

**“It all happened in a minute, but it felt like it lasted forever. The apartment shook from one side to the other. I didn't know if it was going to collapse.”**

--Isela Rodríguez

for Isela Rodríguez, who was visiting a friend in Mexico City's Colonia Escandón at the time, it felt like an eternity.

The earthquake happened on the 32nd anniversary of the 1985 magnitude 8.0

“My friend had already told me there was going to be a drill,” she said in Spanish in a phone interview with *The Rider* from Mexico City on Wednesday. “The drill passed and the alarms and all the procedures went as planned.



Photo Courtesy Isela Rodríguez

The magnitude 7.1 earthquake struck at 1:14 p.m., causing damage in the states of Mexico, Puebla, Morelos, Guerrero and Oaxaca.

Everything was fine. About a half-hour or hour later, the quake struck. I thought it was part of the drill at first. ... I didn't know what to do. I was circling the apartment complex. I was getting very

worried. ... It all happened in a minute, but it felt like it lasted forever. The apartment shook from one side to the other. I didn't know if it was going to collapse.”

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**Meet the Student Media Team!**



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## MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today

### Vaqueros Ice Cream Bar

The **Student Union** will serve free ice cream with toppings from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Union veranda on the Brownsville campus. For more information, call 665-7989.

### Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament

The **Student Union** will host a free **Yu-Gi-Oh! tournament** from noon to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Loft on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call 665-7989.

## Tuesday

### Marvel vs. Capcom Game Release

The **Student Union** will host a free event to try the new **Marvel vs. Capcom: Infinite video game** from noon to 2 p.m. in its Game Room on the Edinburg campus and in the

PlainsCapital Bank El Comedor in Brownsville. For more information, call 665-7989.

## Wednesday

### Breakfast2GO

The **Baptist Student Ministry** will serve free food, water and

coffee to students from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the Main East front lawn on the Brownsville campus. For more information, call 383-7491.

### Texas Hold'em Tournament

The **Student Union** will host a

free **Texas Hold'em tournament** from 3 to 5 p.m. in its Game Room on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call 665-7989.

## Thursday

### Safe Zone Ally Training

**Student Involvement** will host a free **Safe Zone Ally training** from

4 to 7 p.m. in University Center 306A on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call 665-2660.

### September Dental Panel

The **Pre-Dental Society** will host **Dr. Joey Cazares**, a dentist and president of the **Texas**

**Dental Association**, from 6:45 to 9 p.m. in Student Academic Center 1.101 on the Edinburg campus. For more information, call 665-3251.

--Compiled by Sergio Garcia



## Have an announcement?

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# POLICE REPORTS

*The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Sept. 11 and 13.*



## Sept. 11

**2:47 p.m.:** A student reported that when she arrived home from the UTRGV Brownsville campus, she noticed the plastic cover was missing

from the passenger side mirror of her vehicle. She parked in Lot B2 on the east side of the Old Cotton Compress. There were no signs that it had been intentionally removed and it is unknown if it fell off on the way to her off-campus residence.

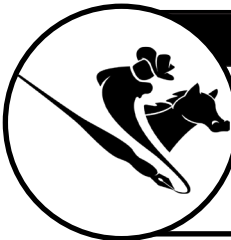
**3:44 p.m.:** A student reported that he had been feeling dizzy and felt a tingling sensation in his mouth. He refused transport by emergency medical services and left campus with his mother to seek evaluation and treatment from a private physician.

**6:43 p.m.:** A student reported damage to his vehicle while it was parked in Lot E21. The vehicle sustained minor damage to the left rear passenger door and running board. Surveillance cameras were reviewed and it was determined the damage did not occur while parked on university property.

**6:48 p.m.:** A student reported he was struck by a golf cart while riding his skateboard on the sidewalk of the Edinburg campus. The driver, who

has not been identified, stopped and provided aid. The student said he was OK and later visited a clinic on his own due to hip pain.

**9:37 p.m.:** A student reported that an unknown caller attempted to scam him out of money by stating that he had an active warrant for his arrest. The student recognized the call as a scam and ceased it. He wanted the incident documented.



## University Police

### Brownsville

#### Dispatch

882-8232

### Edinburg

#### Dispatch

665-7151

Email: [Police@utrgv.edu](mailto:Police@utrgv.edu)  
Campus Emergency: 882-2222

## Sept. 12

**9:58 a.m.:** An officer made contact with a non-affiliated man on the fifth floor of the Student Services Building on the Edinburg campus. Records revealed an active warrant for the man's arrest from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear, an original offense for felony theft and that he is a registered sex offender. He was arrested and booked into the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center. He was also issued a criminal trespass warning for all UTRGV campuses.

**1:20 p.m.:** A faculty member reported

that she slipped and fell, injuring herself while walking toward the Main Building on the Lozano-Banco bridge of the Brownsville campus. She refused emergency medical services.

**5:11 p.m.:** A staff member reported that her vehicle was struck while parked in Lot B2. The vehicle sustained visible damage to the left rear door and quarter panel. The case is under investigation.

## 5:45 p.m.:

A non-affiliated man reported that he was looking for a female friend who was possibly a student on the Brownsville campus to report a family emergency. Upon further investigation, it was learned that she did not want any contact with him. A report was made for

documentation purposes.

## Sept. 13

**10:51 a.m.:** A student reported his vehicle was damaged while parking in Lot E32. The vehicle sustained extensive front-end damage and was towed from the scene. A review of surveillance footage showed the incident occurring and provided a description of the suspect and their vehicle. Officers located the suspect, but the victim chose not to file criminal charges. The incident was referred to Student Rights and Responsibilities for further review.

--Compiled by Britney Valdez

## FEES

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separate from academic functions and that directly benefit students. The fees help support various programs and departments across the university that serve students.

To view the SFAC FY 2018 recommendations, visit [utrgv.edu/sfac](http://utrgv.edu/sfac).

The SFAC is composed of 11 individuals: nine voting, one ex officio and one chair. An ex officio is a non-voting member of a body. The Student Government Association and Bailey appoint each member of the committee. Five members are students, selected by the SGA, and four are university employees, appointed by Bailey.

This year, Weimer will serve as chair of the SFAC.

"I'm very excited about [being the new chair]," he said. "I have never chaired or participated in this particular committee before, but I have been chair of quite a few other university committees in the past. ... I'm excited about the opportunity to work with students, particularly. This is my first time working with a student group that gets to decide how funding is allocated, and we want to make sure that there's a great opportunity to try to get as much funding to the areas that need them to make our services even better."

Weimer said he hopes and expects the new SFAC members will be announced by mid-October and to have a timeline set.

"I plan to send out the SFAC forms [for FY 2019]," he said. "We'll have our first meeting, I project, early in

January as a group to begin reviewing what has been submitted."

In an interview with *The Rider* last Tuesday, Student Success Vice President Kristin Croyle said she encourages students to attend the SFAC meetings and learn about its responsibilities.

"I really appreciate the student members that serve [in the SFAC]," Croyle said. "From year to year, we have amazing student members that really care about student experience and they contribute to really difficult decisions on how to best spend each dollar in making the student experience the best that we can make it."

To download a Fiscal Year 2019 SFAC Funding Request form and view meeting dates and agendas, visit [utrgv.edu/sfac](http://utrgv.edu/sfac).





# Don't fear the dentist Professor earns research grant

**Gabriel Galvan**  
THE RIDER

UTRGV psychological science Professor Laura Seligman has been awarded a \$217,950 grant from National Institutes of Health to research dental phobia.

"National Institutes of Health is one of the major ways the government funds research health issues at universities," Seligman said.

She said the money will be used to fund the planning for a clinical trial, which will be the first to take place at UTRGV.

"First, I have to describe what our clinical trial will look like and how it will impact our knowledge on how we treat children with dental phobia," Seligman said in explaining the grant application process. "Why that's a significant problem, and also detail some of the specifics about treatments and about some of the methodological processes we would use to test if the treatment was effective."

She said it's not uncommon for children to have fear or anxiety about going to the dentist.

"Dental phobia is when that fear is sustained for a long period of time and



UTRGV Marketing and communications  
Laura Seligman

also when it starts interfering with the child's functioning," Seligman said.

Vanessa Candanoza, a first-year graduate student in experimental psychology, is a member of Seligman's research team.

Asked what her role is, Candanoza said she organizes documents and conducts library research.

She spoke about the importance of Seligman's research and what it means to be a part of it.

"It's important to be a part of research, just to be a part of that foundation for science and growing our community," Candanoza said. "This is something that is a soft spot for me as a Hispanic, because this research is targeting our community and bettering it for not only its emotional, but also physical health."

Seligman elaborated on the impact that parents' choices have on their children.

"There is some research that in minority populations, including Hispanic populations and Latino populations, parents tend to take a less preventative stance towards dental care," she said. "By that I mean, some people will bring their child into the dentist when they're not having any problems, but they bring their child in to prevent problems later down the road. That kind of a preventive stance towards dental treatment, where you believe the purpose of the dentist is to help prevent dental problems. Other

people believe that going to the dentist is something you do when you have a problem."

Seligman said some studies show that Hispanics take a treatment approach as opposed to a preventive approach on dental health.

"So, that means that if you are doing that with your child, the first time they go to the dentist they are probably being brought in for treatment, and treatment is probably going to be an uncomfortable or painful experience," she said.

Children in the Valley are more at risk for dental phobia, because of these factors, according to Seligman.

Thomas Ollendick, a Virginia Tech distinguished professor of psychological science, is a co-principal investigator in the research project, meaning he and Seligman "share in the decision-making, and in the work that needs to be done," according to Ollendick.

"We were awarded over \$217,000, and if we are successful in getting the full grant funded, it would be close to a million dollars, and I say that, because it's clear the National Institutes of Health thinks this is very important to do. And we do, too," he said.

# UTRGV brigade helps 900 Nicaraguans

**Nubia Reyna**  
THE RIDER

Twenty-five UTRGV School of Medicine students and two faculty members helped more than 900 community members in Nicaragua in a global brigades program last month.

The group helped Nicaraguans from Susuli Central, El Hatillo and El Zapote, which are small communities with exceptional needs, with consultations related to medical and dental care. Services included pap smears, prescribing medicine, measuring blood pressure and advice on nutrition and weight.

"Our purpose of going over there was to volunteer," biomedical science senior Nitchelle Rodriguez said. "We did consultations, we provided medicine. We also did education talks on health topics like dental hygiene and personal hygiene."

Rodriguez said UTRGV members of the brigades partnered with the local institutions to conduct research and help Nicaraguans with their long-term problems.

"We saw their health models, what are the diseases the community members have," she said. "It is not a one-time visit and they're done. [The organization] keeps up with the patients."

The brigades were divided into more than five stations. They included students, representatives from local institutions and UTRGV Assistant Professor Hugo Rodriguez and Lecturer Maria Castañeda, who served as physicians.

"Going back with my background, because I retired as a physician a few years ago, so going back to practice for me was wonderful," Rodriguez said. "It



Courtesy Photo

Biomedical sciences senior Melanie Vance (left) checks a boy's vital signs in a global brigades program last month. Also shown is UTRGV Assistant Professor Hugo Rodriguez, a retired physician.

was fantastic."

He said this experience helped the students mature and realize how thankful they are to have basic

services, such as running water, which the communities in Nicaragua do not have.

"We helped one of the communities

with a water project to bring water from distance. ... We worked shoulder to shoulder with the community, digging a huge hole to help get the water," Rodriguez said. "They were very pleased with our help."

The former physician said being there and showing empathy and compassion while doing the consultations and interacting with patients in real-life scenarios makes a completely different experience, because students have to improvise.

"I think the experience was a fantastic experience for the kids to apply previous knowledge from different courses in the [Biomedical Science] department to build real scenarios, real intense, real scenarios, so they can have an idea on how to improvise," he said. "You don't know what to expect and you need to improvise."

The professor said seeing people who have nothing and responding with a smile on their face was priceless, even kids with AIDS and a lot of issues made students and faculty realize how blessed and privileged they are for all the things they have and in many cases complaining, because they don't have enough.

"It was touching to see how these people live," Nitchelle Rodriguez said. "Being able to make an impact on them, like they did on us, providing them with health and medicine is truly amazing."

The brigades are a yearly project for the independent research class.

For more information on the brigades, contact Biology Department Chair Frederic Zaidan III at frederic.zaidan@utrgv.edu.



## CAMPUS Q&A

**What student service is the most helpful and why?**



“The tutoring service ’cause it’s always open and you can basically go there at any time. And I guess that’s all I have to say, because I’m a freshman and I don’t know much.”

**Mary Lou Garcia**  
Computer science freshman

“Well, I think the Rec [Center] is the most beneficial, because it contributes to our health and someone who is in good health is a good student.”



**Paul Garate**  
Biomedical science junior

*“Creo que los servicios más beneficiosos en UTRGV serían lo que es el Writing Center porque te ayuda a escribir mejor, te ayuda a tener mejor gramática y también te ayuda cuando hay problemas, como research papers, que son los que tengo que ver mucho yo por ciencias y también creo que el tutoring lab es de bastante ayuda, porque a veces batallas bastante con ciertas cosas y ahí hay más tiempo para que la gente te pueda ayudar y se enfocan más en grupos más pequeños, entonces tienen más ayuda independiente y no solo así como si fuese una clase más grande. Y creo que son una de las dos cosas más [beneficiosas] porque una de dos, mejoras en tus clases y mejoras mientras escribes los papeles para ciertas clases, los cuales te ayudan a entender mejor y poder ser más productivo”.*

**Cristina Cabrera**  
Estudiante de tercer año biología

“I just tried out the Writing Center ... last week ... and it helped a lot. I thought it wasn’t gonna help really. I was very stuck up and I was, like, well, it’s not gonna really help. Like, I know my writing stuff but actually, it was great help. They commented on everything that needed to be changed and they gave advice in how to improve writing and what could be done. I haven’t really discovered many other services, but I think the Writing Center is definitely a really good option.”



**Cesar Cavazos**  
Philosophy freshman

--Compiled by Valeria Alanis and Albert Monrroy

MEANWHILE, IN THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY...



## The struggles of a vegetarian



**Zugay Treviño**  
THE RIDER

There are hundreds of complications only vegetarians and vegans experience. As a vegetarian of almost two years, I have noticed the struggles they face.

Firstly, there are too many jokes. Family and friends constantly taunt with what you can’t have. I wish I had a dollar every time someone said, “Hey, I saved you some chicken. Did you want some?” I would be able to buy at least a new iPhone with the money.

“That cake has meat on it. You can’t eat it” is not any better or original either. Similarly, jokes about when I will gain my vegan powers are popular, too. Lucky for me, I have learned to find them funny.

All jokes aside, people do not always react well when they figure out I am vegetarian. Occasionally, people do assume stereotypes.

The main one is the crazy all-meat-is-murder animal rights activist. For some reason, people think I want, and have time, to slowly convert the entire planet meat-free. I love animals myself and did stop eating meat because of them.

However, if anything, people try to correct my vegetarian ways. In the past, I have been stopped by several adults, who took notice and claimed it is bad. All of these occurred while I kept to myself and did grocery shopping. Other individuals have also remarked I am “wasting food,” or that “I need protein.”

While these were not the worst experiences of my life, the comments were unnecessary, especially since I do not stop others in the meat aisle and claim they are eating too much protein.

Still, the worst is when people say, “You can’t eat that. Wait. What’s the difference between vegetarian and vegan?”

Believe it or not, I have been asked what the difference is almost a dozen times. It makes

my right eye twitch more than everything else combined. I used to think it was common knowledge.

The second stereotype is the “I only eat fat-free, low-carb, gluten-free vegan food” health nut. I am neither of the two stereotypes, and all vegans and vegetarians I have met so far are not either. They are normal people who happen to choose to not eat animal products. The stereotypes made me develop a concern for seeming picky, annoying or ungrateful when eating out.

As it is already, it can be a problem to eat in public, with friends or family. When people ask me what I eat as a vegetarian, I always shrug. Most times I walk into a restaurant or a friend’s house, not even I know what I will eat.

For new vegetarians like me, I have two recommendations. For one, learn to become creative and mix and match meals and sides. I also learned to just take off the meat parts. There is no need to waste food or complicate eating in public.

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# Let us in

[Last Thursday] at the Rec Center in Brownsville I was denied access because I am considered an “Edinburg” student. Although I live in Brownsville, I commute to Edinburg twice a week since all my graduate courses are only offered over there.

I believe this is an issue, since the recreation fee is paid with my tuition. Besides, we shouldn’t be divided, since the whole purpose of this “merge” was to be one university. Hopefully, this issue is addressed. I am sure I am not the only one who is going through this.

**Josie Del Castillo**  
Fine arts graduate student

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# EDINBURG AUTHOR WINS TWO AWARDS

## Inspirational book for students

**Zugay Treviño**  
THE RIDER

Latino Literacy Now has recognized Edinburg resident Emma Gonzalez with two awards for her book, “Field Mice: Memoirs of a Migrant Child.”

The Latino Literacy Now organization, based in California, chose Gonzalez’s book for two awards at the 19th annual International Latino Book Awards, held Sept. 9. Gonzalez won the Most Inspirational Novel Award and the children’s edition won Most Inspirational Book for Young Adults.

Gonzalez said her book is “a nostalgic journey back to the ’50s and ’60s. ... The stories are short vignettes of my memories of the incidents and experiences that I went through as a migrant child.”

“Paths of Pearls,” her upcoming book, continues recounting stories of her life after she settled in Edinburg due to her father’s health. The schools, culture and living in

Edinburg were completely new to her. From around ages 5 to 10, her life had consisted of constant relocating. Before settling, she had been part of one of several pioneer migrant families recruited to go to Colorado.

While growing up, she felt guided by Mother Teresa. She hopes others can find inspiration and guidance in her book.

“It’s for migrant students,” Gonzalez said. “... Really, in general, any student, because it’s applicable to most. The drive to succeed, the drive, the want to be educated, and following your dreams down the road and that education is going to be the way out for you.”

Education is important to Gonzalez. She continued her education and became a crime victim coordinator for Hidalgo County.

“I owe my life to a Japanese farmer in Ovid, Colo.,” she said. “He pulled me out of the fields and told my parents ‘put

her in school.”

From that point on Gonzalez said she never looked back.

As an adult, Gonzalez wrote the book in a year during her free time. She kept a handheld recorder at all times and would document whenever she remembered something important to her. At the end of the day, she would type out her recording and expand it to a full vignette.

Readers can expect more works from her. “Paths of Pearls” is expected to be available by the end of the year. Besides writing her second book, she is looking to have her first book translated into Spanish. She hopes to publish children’s stories. These will be a spinoff of the first book. It will follow Emma, three mice and their adventures.

For more information, visit <http://countyrd34publishings.com/>.

# What should I major in?

*Throughout this academic year, The Rider will explore the programs of study at UTRGV. This is the second installment in our second annual series. The Rider interviewed Fiden-*

**Major:** Rehabilitation Services  
**School:** College of Health Affairs  
**Undergraduate program coordinator:** Fidenacio Mercado, M.S., LCDC  
**Prerequisites:** None  
**Total credit hours needed to graduate:** 120  
**What is rehabilitation services?** “Rehabilitation services, our program, is aimed at teaching students or giving them the skills in case management [and] job placement. We used to be aligned a lot with vocational assessment with the department of accessibility and rehab services, which was D.A.R.S., but now, they are part of the Texas Workforce Commission. So, there’s a lot of confusion with our program, rehab services. ... People think that we’re like O.T. [occupational therapy] or P.T. [physical therapy], but we’re not that kind of rehab. We’re a lot more about working with persons with disabilities. That’s our area of focus, working with persons with disabilities.”  
**Which classes can students expect to take?** “Some of the core courses that relate to the profession are Case Management, we have two sections of that; ... Medical Aspects, that [class] deals primarily with all the medical terminology associated with different types of disabilities; Job Placement, that [class] is geared toward helping persons with disabilities find employment; Assessment in Human Services, the assessment, we broadened it to Mental Health Assessment, so depression inventories, substance abuse disorders or substance use disorders [are included]; and we have two practicums, which is somewhat unique and I think it is what I like most about our program. We are able to give students an internship or practicum experience at the end of the program, so their fourth year, the last semester that they are here, they get clinical experience out in the field doing case

management or job placement and those types of skills.”  
**What skills will students learn by the time they graduate?** “Case management [and] how to complete intakes. Our program is somewhat similar to social work, and I think a lot more people are familiar with social work. Again, the emphasis for us is persons with disabilities. Now, we have three concentrations. ... The general program, concentration in addiction studies, those students are taught very specific skills on how to work with persons who have a substance abuse disorder, so they learn how to identify substance abuse, how to screen for it, and also how to treat it. ... In that track, the idea is that our students are trained to become licensed chemical dependency counselors right after graduation. And our last track is the deaf studies track. The deaf studies track does not train to become interpreters, but they are trained to work with persons who are deaf/hard of hearing. We have four sign language courses that they have to take, so of course, beginning and intermediate sign [language]. The sign language three is medical sign language and sign [language] four is more of the psychosocial, so how to interact with people who are deaf or hard of hearing. So, that’s what makes our program unique, the three concentrations. Every concentration has an aspect of disability, it’s just different forms or different specific types.”  
**What are some possible careers?** “Possible careers would be case manager. A good percentage of our graduates go on to work for Tropical Texas Behavioral Health. At Tropical Texas, they can do case management either with adults, with children or families. Some of our graduates have gone on to work at Goodwill Industries; V.A.I.L., the Valley Association for Independent Living; ... [and] CPS or Family Protective Services. With

*cio Mercado, an undergraduate program coordinator, clinical associate professor and associate director for the School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling.*

the addiction studies concentration, students can graduate and go into addictions counseling, so they can work as LCDC interns, chemical dependency counselor interns. Some of our graduates, through the general rehab [program], will pursue a career in special education, so they do an alternative certification for teaching and then they can become special ed teachers. Again, we’re not a training program for teachers, so we’re not College of Education, but I think the emphasis on disabilities and really knowing the different types of disabilities may have in the classroom helps them be successful in a special ed classroom. Some of our graduates go on to work for Texas Workforce Commission. So, anything that is case management, somewhat related to social work, you can get at the state level, private level or nonprofit level. So, our students have a lot of options when it comes to careers when they graduate.”  
**What salary can a student expect to earn after graduation?** “Salaries are always tricky, because it depends on state or private level. It also depends with experience. So, I know if a student were to go into the education route, usually they’re starting between \$40,000 to \$42,000 a year as an incoming teacher. With Tropical Texas, CPS, other case management-related positions, usually they’re looking at an average of about \$32,000 to \$34,000 a year. So, it’s not a lot of money, compared to other disciplines like nursing or something else, but it is a really rewarding profession in being able to work with people with disabilities and being able to help.”  
**Are there any student organizations related to rehabilitation services?** “Yes, we actually have about seven within our school. So, our school is the School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling. ... Our undergraduate

program used to be over a thousand majors. When we became UTRGV in 2015, we expanded our program to the Brownsville campus, there was not a rehab program at UTB. So, with our expansion to Brownsville and transition to UTRGV, we’re now under about 800 majors, including pre-rehab majors, but because we’re such a large program and we have different concentrations, we have the seven organizations. So, we have the Graduate Rehab[ilitation] Counselors Association ... which is open to all students, undergraduate students included. Then, we have the R.E.H.A.B. Club, Aspiring Substance Abuse Professionals, which is A.S.A.P. So, A.S.A.P. is primarily for those who are addiction studies. We have the Deaf Rehab Club, so those are students that are interested in the deaf studies/hard of hearing. We have Student Accessibility Council. The Student Accessibility Council is part of our school [and] part of our program, but it’s really open to any student on campus who may have accessibility issues on campus, whether it’s accommodations in the classrooms or just accessibility getting around campus. So, that’s really what their focus is. We have the Animal Society. We have a faculty member that loves working with animals and is really an advocate for animal assistance therapy, so that’s what that club focuses on. We have R.E.H.A.B. South, it’s kind of a branch of the R.E.H.A.B. Club, which is primarily at the Brownsville campus. So, the students in the Brownsville campus developed their own organization out there as well. We definitely have an opportunity for students to get involved in organizations. So, all of our organizations are open to any major. You don’t have to be a rehab major to be a part of it. ... [You] get to know more about rehab, our program and profession.”  
*--Compiled by Joahana Segundo*



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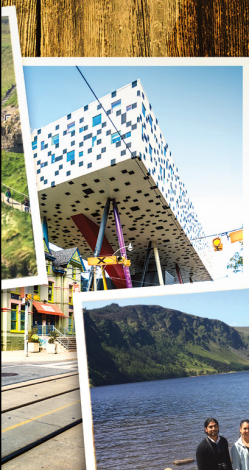
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# TAKING A BOW IN NEW YORK CITY

## A preview of UTRGV's 'Venus in Fur'

**Sydni Salinas**  
A&E EDITOR

She sits, tired from her day but ready to hit her cues, while he stands near his props, jumpy and anxious to start.

They approach each other like husband and wife with a marriage 10 years in, laughing at each other's impatience to get the show on the road.

Hearing the assistant director, Jay, yell "One minute!" the two start to position themselves.

Again, they hear Jay yell. She says, "Go!" but Bruce and Denisce are gone, and onstage are characters Thomas Novachek and Vanda Jordan.

The lights fade--they begin.

"Venus in Fur," written by David Ives, is being taken on by the UTRGV's theatre department. Theatre Professor Richard Edmonson directs his two leads, Denisce Palacios and Bruce Gutierrez, in the hit play.

Intellectual, witty and sexy, it is a play within a play in New York City centered on a director trying to cast his lead actress in his newly written work, "Venus in Fur."

"Venus in Fur" was cast by the end of the spring semester, with Edmonson going with his gut on who could deliver the characters well.

"Once they come into audition, and I hear and see them, then I kind of just have to go with my instinct about who I think will be effective on the stage playing these people," he said.

After the audition process, Palacios, a junior pursuing degrees in international business and political science, with a minor in theatre performance, and Gutierrez, a sophomore majoring in theatre, were cast as the leads.

"We started Aug. 12, and we rehearsed anywhere from four to seven times a week," Edmonson said.

Due to the play's sexual tones, Palacios was fearful of having to go onstage with her revealing costume, but conquered that fear by "reading up on, like, confidence blogs, and trying to motivate myself, like, 'Hey, this is OK, this is my body. Be proud of yourself, be proud of who you are.'"

The play advocates a feminist voice, embracing femininity and making it one's power, putting women in control of their bodies and who they are. She is the cat in the game of cat and mouse.



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international business and political science junior Denisce Palacios and theater sophomore Bruce Gutierrez lead the principal and only roles for "Venus in Fur."

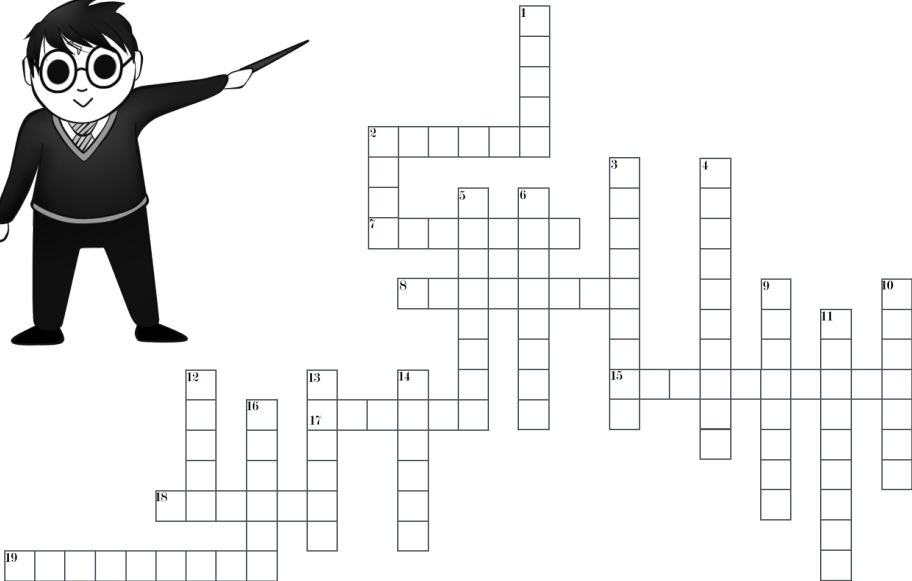


Theatre Professor Richard Edmonson shares some details of the experience of the creative work, from the auditions to the rehearsals.



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### HARRY POTTER TRIVIA



--Created by Sydni Salinas

#### ACROSS

- Malfoy's father
- Sirius Black resides in this prison
- The smartest witch of them all
- This spell makes one less scary and intimidating
- Dumbledore asks, "After all this time?" and Snape responds, "\_\_\_\_\_"
- Hangs out in the women's bathroom
- Wizarding sport that requires a broom

#### DOWN

- Harry's father's name
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lovegood

- He who must not be named
- Harry Potter and friends' sorted house
- A defensive spell/charm that produces one's guardian animal
- Giant serpent, also known as "King of Serpents"
- The Hippogriff Hagrid raises
- Ron's last name
- \_\_\_\_\_ LeStrange
- A free elf
- The phoenix who brings Harry Go-drick's sword
- Made Harry the "Happy Birthday" cake
- The Golden \_\_\_\_\_

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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Animal Therapy Club  
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**President:** Gisselle Solis  
**Vice President:** Tyra McCullough  
**Secretary:** Yaritza Garza  
**Treasurer:** Alayzza Solis  
**Adviser:** Clinical Assistant Professor Denise Silcox  
**Activities:** Stress-reducing events before midterms and finals, such as Paws to Relax, Doggy Yoga during the spring semester, DOGA, and Paws to Read, which uses therapy dogs to help children's confidence in reading.  
**Meetings:** 12:15 to 1 p.m. Wednesday in EHABE 1.124.  
**Membership requirements:** All majors are welcome.  
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--Compiled by Lesley Robles



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Members of the Animal Therapy Club include (from left) Treasurer Alayzza Solis, President Gisselle Solis, Adviser Denise Silcox and Vice President Tyra McCullough.



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Animal Therapy Club's Doggy Yoga session.

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# SB4: lo que necesitas saber sobre esta ley

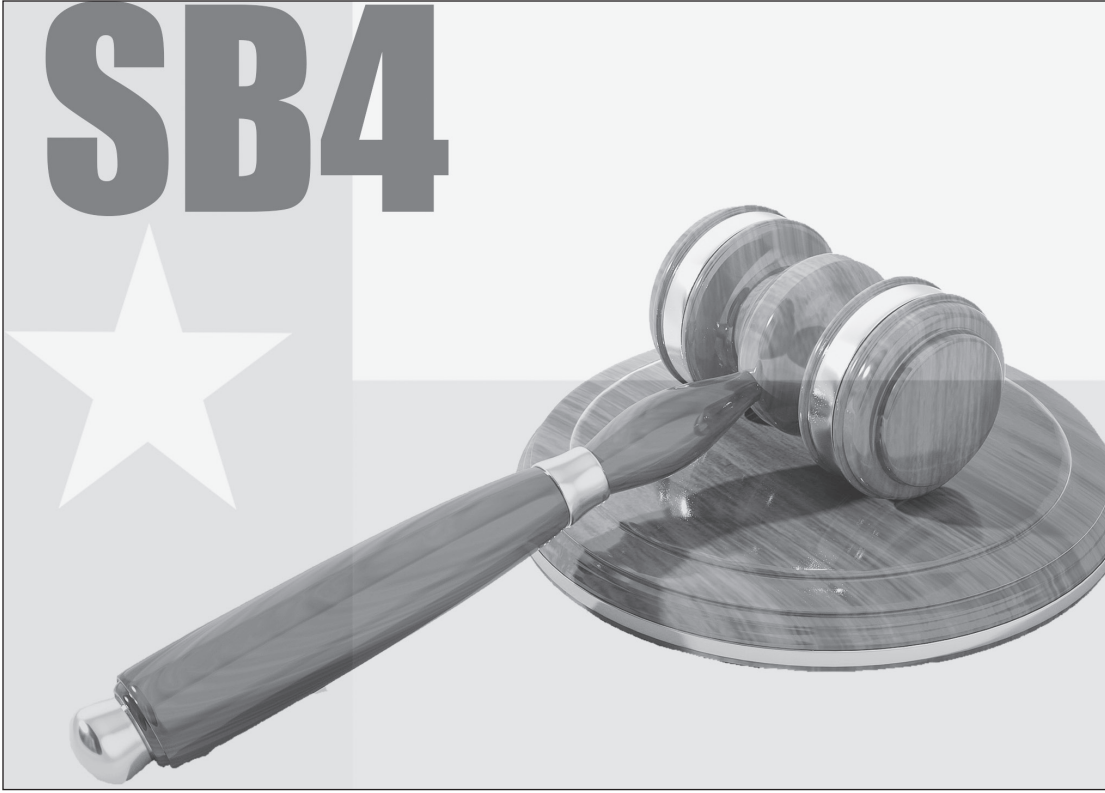
**Eric Montoya**  
EDITOR DE ESPAÑOL

Ya ha pasado casi un mes desde que el proyecto de ley SB4 fue bloqueado mediante una orden preliminar por un juez federal, y secuelas de lo sucedido se pueden percibir en el ambiente.

El proyecto de ley SB4 amenaza a migrantes indocumentados ya que el propósito principal de dicha ley es acabar con las ciudades “santuario”, permitir a autoridades no migratorias indagar sobre el status migratorio de sus detenidos, además de obligar a miembros de los departamentos de policía a colaborar con autoridades migratorias.

Mark Kaswan, profesor de ciencias políticas de UTRGV, dijo que lo que se podría esperar por el momento es que la decisión de Orlando Garcia, el juez principal de la Corte de Distrito de los Estados Unidos para el Distrito Oeste de Texas, sea apelada por el estado.

“Lo que el estado puede hacer es recurrir a la Corte de Apelaciones ... y decir que el juez de distrito estaba equivocado ya sea porque los demandantes, la gente que denuncia, los retadores, no tienen una buena oportunidad de ganar, o no



Jesus Sanchez/Gráfica The Rider

va a causar ningún daño, o, cualquier daño que esta [SB4] cause, será menor que el daño que prevendrá una vez que sea implementada”, dijo Kaswan. “La orden preliminar seguirá en pie hasta que ... el juez decida en contra de los demandantes, en dado caso la ley entraría en vigor, o hasta que haya una orden permanente”.

La ley conocida como *Senate Bill 4* o SB4, fue firmada por el Gobernador de Texas Greg Abbott el 7 de mayo, y fue hecha efectiva el 1 de septiembre por la legislatura de Texas. Aunque las partes más importantes del SB4 fueron bloqueadas por la orden preliminar, otras no lo fueron. Por el momento, “oficiales locales

pueden preguntar sobre el status migratorio” de un detenido, de acuerdo con la página de internet de *ACLU of Texas (American Civil Liberties Union of Texas)*. Sin embargo, el oficial de policía no puede hacer nada con dicha información. Del mismo modo, si un oficial descubre que alguien es indocumentado, dicho oficial

no puede detener al individuo.

De acuerdo con *ACLU of Texas*, “policías locales no están obligados a preguntar sobre el status migratorio—ellos pueden elegir no preguntar. Oficiales locales no enfrentarán cargos si eligen no preguntar sobre el status migratorio”. A pesar de esto, si esta ley llegara a ser implementada, las autoridades encargadas del obediencia de la ley podrían ser castigadas si se averigua que estas no están cooperando con autoridades migratorias.

“El alguacil o los agentes encargados de hacer cumplir la ley pueden ser encarcelados ... y creo que la otra cosa importante es que el estado puede retener financiación”, dijo Kaswan.

De igual manera, Juez del Condado de Cameron Eddie Treviño Jr. explicó que SB4 convierte a los agentes de policía en agentes de migración, el cual en realidad no es su trabajo.

“Básicamente permite que oficiales del estado se conviertan en oficiales federales de inmigración a pesar de que esto no fue para lo que fueron entrenados”, dijo Treviño. “Y amenaza a autoridades y funcionarios electos con penalizaciones

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## #UTRGVconMéxico

### Organizaciones estudiantiles colectarán donaciones para víctimas del terremoto

**Jesús Sánchez**  
EDITOR EN JEFE

A pesar de que el poderoso terremoto que ocurrió el martes pudo haber durado cerca de un minuto en tiempo real, para Isela Rodríguez, quien estaba visitando a una amiga en la Ciudad de México en la Colonia Escandón al momento del terremoto,

se sintió como una eternidad.

El terremoto pasó en el 32 aniversario del terremoto de magnitud de 8.0 de 1985 que mató a miles de personas y destruyó una gran parte de la Ciudad de México.

La mañana del martes, lugares de trabajo en toda la Ciudad de México habían llevado acabo simulacros de preparación en caso de terremoto en el aniversario del terremoto de 1985, dijo Rodríguez.

“Me había dicho mi amiga, o sea, ya me había advertido

que hoy iba a ser el simulacro”, ella dijo en una entrevista por vía telefónica con *The Rider* desde la Ciudad de México el miércoles. “Entonces, ya pasó el simulacro y así, y si sonó la alarma ... ya pues yo salí y pues todo tranquilo, y justo, no sé, media hora a una hora después pues ya, o sea, se vino el temblor. Yo estaba

magnitud impactó a la 1:14 p.m. cerca de Puebla, a aproximadamente 120 kilómetros de distancia del sureste de la Ciudad de México, de acuerdo al *U.S. Geological Survey*.

El jueves, Luis Felipe Puente, coordinador nacional de Protección Civil de la Secretaría de Gobernación, dijo que el número de decesos era 286. Buscadores **c o n t i n ú a n t r a b a j a n d o** desesperadamente para encontrar sobrevivientes en las ruinas de las estructuras que se han colapsado.

Puente dijo en un *tweet* el miércoles pasado que más de la mitad de los fallecidos fueron encontrados en la Ciudad de México y el estado de Morelos.

Además de los estados de México, Puebla y Morelos, personas también murieron en los estados de Guerrero y Oaxaca.

El presidente mexicano, Enrique Peña Nieto, declaró estado de desastre en la Ciudad de México, dispuso



Foto Cortesía Isela Rodríguez

Residentes de las Ciudad de México se unieron después del sismo.

de fondos de emergencia, y ordenó a todos los hospitales a abrir sus puertas a los heridos.

Bernardo Méndez Lugo, director ejecutivo de *americaninmuros.org*, estuvo en la Avenida Álvaro Obregón en la Colonia Roma, un distrito residencial de la Ciudad de México, cuando el terremoto ocurrió.

“No esperábamos que se viera pues un temblor de estas características”, Méndez Lugo dijo durante una entrevista telefónica. “No había nada para preverlo. El hecho de ubicarme en la zona quizás más afectada de la Ciudad de México, pues si, fue una duración que se nos hizo muy larga a los que estábamos en un quinto piso, que en realidad es como un séptimo/octavo piso por los pisos de estacionamiento. Se nos hizo muy prolongado el sismo. Así que salimos por las escaleras para ponernos en el camellón

de la calle, y bueno, hubo desde un principio una gran espontaneidad de los jóvenes. Vi pasar inmediatamente jóvenes con palas y con picos para dirigirse a algunos de los edificios que se derrumbaron en esa misma hora”.

Dijo a *The Rider* que estima que cerca de una docena de edificios se colapsaron en el área.

Méndez Lugo dijo que la movilización y organización de rescate fue lograda más eficazmente que en el terremoto de 1985 gracias a las redes sociales, aplicaciones de celulares y el internet.

“No había celulares ni internet en el ’85”, él dijo. “Así que esa es una diferencia fundamental que logró organizar tanto autoridades como voluntarios, instituciones académicas en el rescate y en el apoyo en las zonas donde quedaron

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“ **Todofueenunminuto. Se hizo eterno. Se movió el departamento de un lado a otro.** ”

--Isela Rodríguez

creyendo que era como parte [del simulacro]. ... Entonces di mil vueltas aquí en el departamento, no sabía qué hacer, me volví loca. Estaba con la perrita de mi amiga, no sabía si sacarla, no sacarla, y todo fue en un minuto. Se hizo eterno. Se movió el departamento de un lado a otro”.

El terremoto con 7.1 de



## MEXICO

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The magnitude 7.1 earthquake struck at 1:14 p.m. near the city of Puebla, about 75 miles southeast of Mexico City, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Late Thursday, Luis Felipe Puente, the country’s civil protection coordinator, said the number of deaths was 286 as searchers continue to work desperately to find survivors in the ruins of collapsed structures.

Puente said in a tweet Wednesday that more than half the dead were found in Mexico City and the state of Morelos.

In addition to the states of Mexico, Puebla and Morelos, people were also killed in the states of Guerrero and Oaxaca.

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto declared a state of disaster in Mexico City, freeing up emergency funds, and ordered all hospitals to open their doors to the injured.

## SB4

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criminales y/o destitución de cargos si el estado no siente que ellos están implementando los requisitos del SB4.”

Juez del Condado de Hidalgo Ramon Garcia dijo que la Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Hidalgo aprobó una resolución oponiéndose al SB4. La razón fue porque esta ley tenía el potencial de causar daño a la comunidad.

“Tiene la habilidad de impactar nuestra área, y nuestra comunidad económicamente. Podría tener el efecto de causar erosión de la confianza pública y de esta forma podría hacer nuestra comunidad menos segura”, dijo Garcia.

Kaswan dijo que es importante que las autoridades tengan una buena relación con la comunidad para poder darse cuenta de los crímenes que están sucediendo.

“Para una fuerza policiaca, es verdaderamente importante fomentar buenas relaciones con la comunidad local porque así es como te enteras de crímenes que están siendo cometidos. Así que, si no te enteras de los crímenes que son cometidos, no puedes llevar a cabo tu función más básica”, dijo

Bernardo Mendez Lugo, executive director of americasinmuros.org, was on Álvaro Obregón Avenue in Colonia Roma, a residential district in Mexico City, when the earthquake struck.

“We didn’t expect to get hit with an earthquake of this magnitude,” Mendez Lugo said in Spanish during a phone interview. “There was no way we could’ve seen it coming. The fact that I was in one of the most affected areas in Mexico City did make the quake feel like an eternity. We were on a fifth floor, which in reality it was the seventh, because of the parking floors. The quake felt like it lasted forever. We exited through the stairs to the street. There were a lot of people running with shovels and axes toward the collapsed buildings in the area.”

He told *The Rider* he estimates about a dozen buildings collapsed in the area.

Mendez Lugo said the mobilization and organization of rescue efforts was achieved more effectively than the 1985 earthquake thanks to social media, cellphone applications and the

Kaswan. “Parte del problema con SB4, y esta es la razón por la que las autoridades están generalmente en oposición hacia esta, es que la aplicación de leyes migratorias no es su prioridad principal, seguridad pública lo es. Aplicar leyes migratorias causa conflictos con intereses de seguridad pública. Dicho esto ... probablemente van a elegir la seguridad pública”.

Treviño dijo que varias universidades dijeron que ellos no se meterían con el status de ningún estudiante, pero esto sí podría pasar si el estado lo pidiera. Sin embargo, esto tendría que pasar bajo una orden legal, dijo él.

“El prerrequisito es que tiene que haber una retención legal, en otras palabras, alguien que haya sido detenido por manejar a exceso de velocidad o por no detenerse en una señal de alto, esto puede desencadenar potencialmente a que esta persona sea deportada y esa es la preocupación”, dijo Treviño. “En el Valle tenemos una gran población de inmigrantes indocumentados, así que la preocupación es que familias serían separadas si se diera el caso de que un padre indocumentado sea deportado, aunque sus hijos hayan nacido aquí en los Estados Unidos”.

Kaswan dijo que la ley SB4 podría incitar a más latinos a votar en el Valle,

*Society For Human Resource Management, American Marketing Association, Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization, Volunteers Around The World, el RGV German Club y la Association of Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business, estarán aceptando donaciones.*

Viveres pueden ser depositados en las cajas de donación localizadas en la oficina de Robert C. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship, Sabal Hall, la International Admission Office en Main Tower, en Life and Health

internet.

“There were no cellphones or internet in 1985,” he said. “That was a fundamental difference that helped authorities and volunteers organize rescue and support efforts in the areas where people were trapped under collapsed buildings.”

At UTRGV, several student organizations are working together to collect donations for victims in Mexico.

Aleyda Meza, president of the International Student Organization at UTRGV, said her club, along with Hack and Make, the Society For Human Resource Management, the American Marketing Association, the Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization, Volunteers Around The World, the RGV German Club and the Association of Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business, will accept donations.

Items may be dropped off in donation boxes located in the Robert C. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship office, Sabal Hall,

y esto causaría un gran cambio en el estado.

“Con ambos, DACA y SB4, pienso que lo que el partido republicano ha logrado hacer es despertar a un gigante dormido, que son los votantes latinos”, dijo Kaswan.” Conservadores en Texas, tienen tasas de participación en elecciones muy altas. En las áreas conservadoras en Texas las tasas de participación en las elecciones están típicamente en el rango de 70-80 por ciento. No tienen espacio para crecimiento. Es muy improbable que ese número aumente. Pero en lugares como el Valle del Rio Grande, las tasas de participación en elecciones están en el rango del 40 por ciento. Hay mucho espacio para crecimiento. Por lo tanto, si podemos motivar a la gente en lugares como el Valle del Rio Grande a que salgan y voten, a que se registren y voten, la política en el estado de Texas nunca sería la misma”.

Garcia dijo que necesitamos hacer todo lo que podamos para asegurar que esta ley no tome efecto y no sea obligatoria.

“Hasta ahora lo han hecho muy bien. Tenemos gente ... que es muy segura de sí misma, que entienden el problema, y entienden el sistema legal”, él dijo. Y ellos han obtenido el apoyo de la comunidad a través de

Sciences Building y en El Comedor en el campus de Brownsville.

La Casa Bella Clubhouse en Brownsville también aceptó donaciones hasta el pasado sábado.

En Edinburg, viveres fueron recolectados en el Newman Catholic Student Center, localizado en 1615 W. Kuhn St.

Rodríguez, quien reside en Monterrey, Nuevo León, México, dijo que esta es la hora donde todos deben reunirse y mostrar su apoyo.

“Los invito a que apoyen, a que

Main Tower’s International Admission Office, the Life and Health Sciences Building and El Comedor on the Brownsville campus.

The Casa Bella Clubhouse in Brownsville accepted donations until Saturday.

In Edinburg, items were collected in the Newman Catholic Student Center, located at 1615 W. Kuhn St.

Rodríguez, who resides in Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico, said this is the time for everyone to come together and show their support.

“I encourage everyone to help and show their support,” she said. “Just like it’s happening here in Mexico City, Puebla and Morelos, it can happen anywhere. Someday, God forbid, this could happen to us. I think there will be a lot of people helping us, so ... two is better than one. That will be my message.”

--Nubia Reyna contributed to this report.

todas estas resoluciones, y han sido capaces de hacer que la corte apreciara sus argumentos legales y dictaminará en nuestro favor”.

Treviño dijo que espera que la inconstitucionalidad de la SB4 sea confirmada y este país siga avanzando hacia adelante.

“Tenemos que seguir presionando y abogando en el nombre de una reforma migratoria justa, ética y moral que lidie con este problema, y la gente que forma parte de él, de una manera justa y racional”, dijo él. “Espero que podamos continuar dejándole saber a nuestros representantes en Texas, alrededor de todo el país y en Washington, que los migrantes indocumentados no vienen aquí a cometer crímenes. Ellos vienen aquí para conseguir un mejor estilo de vida y perseguir el sueño americano para ellos mismos y sus familias. Deberíamos hacer todo lo que podamos para continuar haciéndolos parte de nuestro país y parte de nuestra sociedad, en lugar de tratar de convertirlos en la causa de todo lo que está yendo mal en nuestro país como ciertos políticos lo han tratado de hacer recientemente”.

--Nubia Reyna contribuyó a este artículo.

se solidaricen”, ella dijo. “Así como ahorita está pasando en la Ciudad de México, en Puebla y en Morelos, que fue donde también se sintió así muy fuerte, algún día, Dios no lo quiera, nos puede pasar a nosotros pues también así. Yo creo que va haber mucha gente apoyándonos, entonces, pues nada, es mejor sumar que restar. Ese sería mi mensaje”.

--Nubia Reyna contribuyó a este artículo.

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# Confident entering conference

## Vaqueros ready for WAC season



Lesley Robles/The Rider

Sophomore midfielder Angel Lopez keeps possession against St. Edward’s University in an exhibition match Aug. 20 at the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex. UTRGV lost the match 2-0. In regular season action, the Vaqueros are 3-1-1 and built a three-game win streak. The UTRGV Men’s Soccer Team is set to open Western Athletic Conference play on the road Friday against UMKC and Sunday versus the Air Force Academy. UTRGV was voted to finish eighth in the conference by WAC head coaches.

### Samantha Salazar

THE RIDER

The UTRGV Men’s Soccer Team is in full swing and the Vaqueros are off to their best start since the program was revived three years ago. Now, with the beginning of Western Athletic Conference play just days away, Head Coach Paul Leese and his team are ready for the WAC grind.

While the start of the season was delayed due to Hurricane Harvey, the Vaqueros strung together a streak of three wins, beating Loyola University Chicago 1-0, Northern Illinois University 2-0, and a come-from-behind effort to knock off Our Lady of the Lake University 4-1.

UTRGV was sitting at 3-1-1 before last Friday’s match against San Diego State. Results were not available at press time. And while still early in the year, the team has found a rhythm on the pitch.

Redshirt sophomore and team captain Jaakko Hietikko, a forward with one goal and three assists on the season, said the team feels good after gaining experience in non-conference play.

“We feel good,” Hietikko said. “We have had a couple of good games. We have started better than any other season yet and we actually found our scoring rhythm in the last game. We scored four goals.”

A season ago, UTRGV finished 4-4-2 in conference play, which was good enough for sixth place after being voted to finish 11th out of 11 teams in the Preseason WAC Coaches Poll. This year, the Vaqueros were picked to finish eighth in the conference.

In 2016, Leese’s squad finished 3-2-2 against the seven teams chosen to land ahead of UTRGV,

including a 2-1 victory over WAC champion University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

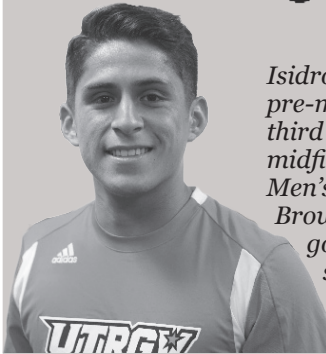
Midway through conference play a year ago, the Vaqueros began to click on the field, finally playing with the rhythm Leese seeks. They hope to carry that momentum over to this year’s season, along with new players and fresh minds.

“I think the fluidity, you could see it was around the halfway point of the conference season, where we started to learn how to play with each other and we were familiar with the team shape,” he said. “Our overall game intelligence, our overall familiarity of how we liked to play was very strong last year. Now, the quicker we can get the new guys into that mentality, the better off we’ll be.”

Although the Vaqueros had a winning record versus the top seven teams in 2016, it was the opposite against lower WAC competition. University of Missouri-Kansas City and Houston Baptist University were voted to finish at the bottom of the conference, but UTRGV came up short against those two teams, losing 2-0 to UMKC and 3-1 to HBU.

“The conference is strong, that’s going to be on any given day, but for me, it is more important to get more consistency against the lower teams,” Leese said. “Those are the teams we probably need to add more points to if we are going to be successful this year in the conference.”

The Vaqueros are set to open up the WAC season with a pair of road games starting Friday against UMKC and Sunday against Air Force Academy. UTRGV’s WAC opener is scheduled for 4 p.m. Oct. 6 at the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex.



*Isidro Martinez is a junior pre-med major in his third year as a forward/midfielder for the UTRGV Men’s Soccer Team. The Brownsville native has one goal on nine shots this season, and is second on the team in shots on goal.*

### If you had a plane ticket to anywhere in the world, where would you travel?

“Thailand. I would travel to Thailand, because of the things there is to do there and how cheap it is and experience.”

**If you were an animal, what animal would you be and why?** “I would be a lion, because since I was small that’s what I would idolize and I got a puppet of a lion, so I guess I would be one.”

**If a song played every time you walked into a room, what song would that be?** “‘Lamento Boliviano’ by Los Enanitos Verdes. It’s rock in Spanish.”

**If you could be any character from any movie or TV show, what character would you be?** “I would be Flash. I guess Flash, I like speedy stuff, so I guess I can say Flash.”

**Who is the funniest person on the team?** “Angel [Lopez] and Carlos [Acevedo]. I live with them and spend most of my time with them, so they make me laugh.”

**Do you have any hidden talents?** “I can move my ears like Dumbo, so yes, I can do that.”

**If you weren’t playing soccer, what sport would you play?** “American football or basketball.”

**You can have one meal with one celebrity, what is your meal and who are you eating with?** “Megan Fox, and the dinner dish, I would say spaghetti and chicken marinara.”

**Would you rather fight 100 duck-sized horses or one horse-sized duck?** “One horse-sized duck.”

--Compiled by Samantha Salazar

### ■ COLUMN

# The heroes America needs



### Bryan Ramos

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Some say the United States has never been more divided than it is today, while some maintain America has never been better than it is now under President Trumpy Dumpty.

I mean, it’s not like there are still people of color treated unjustly, women treated unequally and there certainly is no way there are TIKI torch-wielding Nazis walking the streets of America.

In times of difficulty and despair, the world needs heroes to turn to who can bring people together.

That’s why four of America’s greatest superheroes--Bill Belichick, Greg Popovich, Tim Tebow and Lavar Ball--must unite to prevent Prima Donald, Russian Vlad and “Rocketman” from ending the world as we know it.

Just imagine Belichick in his half-sleeve hoodie drawing up schemes to take out groups of khaki-wearing goofs, Popovich shooting ice grills at egg avatars come to life, Tebow delivering the most motivational prayer at these heathens while Ball swag walks and trash talks their heads off.

Stan Lee couldn’t even dream up a lineup of superheroes this great.

You think Trump can handle himself well when being grilled? These four will take care of him and his white supremacist buddies.

Popovich served five years in the U.S. Air Force and is the most woke head coach in any professional sport. Meanwhile, little Donny cried about bone spurs in his foot that kept him out of serving his country in war; poor little guy. Pop would stare at him dead in the eye until Trump inevitably starts crying uncontrollably. Chalk it up as another W for the Spurs great.

Belichick has been rumored to be a Trump guy, but anybody who cares about their appearance as little as Belichick does could not be rooting for a grown orange baby. He would be the inside man, penetrating the Russian regime to bring them down one by one and not once show any sign of emotion. It’s on to the next foreign dictator.

Tebow would be the kill-them-with-kindness type, and then once he has you close, he betrays your trust, sort of like the way the Catholic Church does.

Then, Big Bad Lavar Ball would bring in the muscle. You ever seen so much swagger in one person? His swagger is on a hundred thousand, trillion. Those are levels so high it will bring the dead animal on Donald’s head back to life, whatever it is.

Donny and crew think they can do whatever they

want? Not if these four have anything to say about it. And these four probably aren’t saying much. Except Tebow, he’s just preaching. Oh, and Lavar, he’s definitely somewhere talking trash.

These are the heroes that America needs.

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